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PREFACE.

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A selection, without translations, from the charters of the burgh of Aberdeen, was printed by the Spalding Club in 1842; but this contribution to Scottish municipal history remained without a companion for twenty-nine years. In 1871 the Burgh Records Society issued a volume of charters and other documents relating to the city of Edinburgh, and in 1872 a similar volume dealing with the burgh of Peebles. In 1880 and in 1884, the charters of Dundee and of Stirling were printed for the corporations of these burghs; and in 1883 the Ayr charters were edited for the Ayrshire and Galloway Archæological Association. Apart from a privately printed pamphlet containing translations of the Cupar charters, no other volumes of like character have hitherto appeared in Scotland; but the charters of Glasgow and of Irvine are understood to be in the press.

The volume now issued is the outcome of a report prepared by the editor at the request of the Law Committee of the Town Council of Aberdeen, and embodying four recommendations:—

1st. That the manuscript Chartulary of the Church of St. Nicholas, in the possession of the Council, should be printed. This has been done at the expense of the New Spalding Club.

2nd. That the volumes of letters in the town's archives should be calendared. This undertaking has been approved by the same Club, and its execution entrusted to Mr. A. M. Munro.

3rd. That the town's charters should be printed with translations.

4th. That the Town Council Register, 1398—1884, should be fully indexed.*

The documents that it has been thought desirable to print have been arranged in three groups.

Part I. Fifty-four crown charters and letters patent—from William the Lion's recognition of the burghal status of Aberdeen, down to George III.'s concession of the fishings adjacent to the burgh lands in Kincardineshire. This series of writs is unusually complete and historically interesting, including, as it does, two grants by William, one by Alexander II., two by Alexander III., six by Robert I., two by David II., one by Robert II., one by Robert III., one by James I., four by James II., two by James III., four by James IV., two by James V., three by Mary, thirteen by James VI., four by Charles I., three by Charles II., and one each by Anne, George II., and George III.

Part II. Forty-four Acts of the Scottish Parliament and Privy Council, from the appointment of a circuit court to sit at Aberdeen on the 15th June, 1458, down to the renewal of certain excise dues on the 25th March, 1707. Appended to this is a list of the titles of the principal Acts affecting the burgh, of date subsequent to the Union.

* v. *infra*. p. 407, footnote.

Part III. Twenty-five miscellaneous writs, 1287—1696. The more important of these are the deed of homage by the community to Edward I. (1296); the obligations entered into by the burgh for the ransom of David II. (1357), and of James I. (1424); the earliest extant accounts of the burgh fermes and customs (1328), and the first tax roll of the citizens (1408); the resignations to the burgh of their properties by the Gray Friars (1559) and by the chaplains of St. Nicholas (1575); the earliest narratives of perambulations of the outer marches (1578) and of the inner marches (1696); the deeds constituting the provost and baillies, admirals depute between Dee and Don (1617), and keepers of the Tron (1617) and of the Cran (1629); the endowment of the Grammar School by Dr. Patrick Dun (1631); and the charters erecting Old Aberdeen (1489) and Torry (1495) into burghs of barony.

A fourth part has been devoted to Inventories of Records, illustrating the history of the burgh, and under the charge of the Town Clerk, the Sheriff Clerk, and the Registrar General respectively. Though Aberdeen has been fortunate in having its archives subjected to examination by antiquaries so laborious as Kennedy, so accurate as John Stuart and Joseph Robertson; though many volumes have been devoted by the two Spalding Clubs, and by the Burgh Records Society, to the printing of its annals, municipal, ecclesiastical, educational; yet the amount of material that still remains for the future burgh historian to explore, is truly astonishing. The four published volumes of Selections from the Council Register give, probably, not one-thirtieth of the matter in the manuscript minutes of the period; while the eighty-five volumes of the Burgh Register of

Sasines (1484—1800); the sixty-two volumes of the County Register (1599—1800); the eighty volumes of Sheriff Court Diet books (1503—1800), and Decree books (1597—1800); the forty-nine volumes of Deeds registered in the Burgh Court (1569—1710), and in the Sheriff Court (1606—1766); the Accounts, from the sixteenth century, of the Kirk and Bridge Works, and of the Shore Works; the Baillie Court books; the Propinquity books; the collection of letters—are as yet practically unworked.

The history of Aberdeen has been often attempted: its revision is understood to be now in progress in competent hands. The present volume is intended to serve but as a contribution of material; and hence it would be out of place in the preface to attempt to weave a continuous story from the disconnected threads of these charters and acts. Even a recapitulation of their contents is rendered unnecessary by the ample Table subjoined.

Some reference to one matter has been promised in a footnote (p. 3)—the dates of the three earliest charters. The insertion of a date, by year, was not practised in the time of William the Lion; the regnal year begins to appear under his successor; the *annus domini* not until the reign of the first James. In the absence of more conclusive internal evidence, limits between which the date of a charter must lie, may be deduced from the names of the witnesses. Thus the charter by William, printed on page 3, must have been written when Gilbert was Earl of Strathearn, *i.e.*, not before 1171, and when Andrew was Bishop of Caithness, *i.e.*, not after 1185: this is certainty. It is sealed at Perth, and hence Kennedy thinks it was granted by William in 1179, when advancing to Ross with an army to quell disturbances: this is conjecture.

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The editor has a pleasant duty to perform in acknowledging the co-operation of Mr. A. M. Munro, of the City Chamberlain's Office. All the documents from the burgh archives were transcribed for the press by Mr. Munro, with an accuracy that could not be surpassed: all the proof sheets have been read by him. But the mere work of transcription or of proof reading is but a part of his contribution towards the preparation of the volume. His familiarity with the contents of the Burgh Charter Room made comparatively easy the task of selection; and his intimate knowledge of the municipal history of Aberdeen—a knowledge always at the service of every enquirer—proved of the utmost use in elucidating many obscure points in the earlier deeds. The copious index is entirely due to Mr. Munro.

The editor wishes also to express his sense of the obligation under which he lies, for several suggestions, to Dr. Thomas Dickson, of H.M. General Register House, Edinburgh.

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Feu-charter by provost, baillies, etc., of

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the limits occupied and defined in the annual ridings of the marches,
the waters of Dee and Don and fishings therein as then enjoyed, the
two mills within and the two mills without the said burgh with the
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under the city called Futtie, the port and pier of Aberdeen,
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territory thereof, and of feuing out those parts of the freedom lands

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PART I.
CROWN CHARTERS
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CROWN CHARTERS AND LETTERS PATENT.

I.

W · ð G̃ra Rex Scõff · Om̃ib^o p̃b h̃oib^o toti^o ĩre sue Saluĩ · Sciant p̃sentes ĩ fut'j me Concessisse · ĩ hac Carta mea Confirmasse Burgēsibz meis ð Abdoen · ĩ Om̃ib^o Burgēsib^o ð Morauia · ĩ Om̃ib^o Burgensib^o meis ex aq'lonalj pte de Munch * manētib^o libū ansū suū Tenēdū uⁱ voluerit · ĩ q̃ndo voluerit · Ita libe ĩ q̃ete plenarie ĩ honorifice Sicut añcessores eoz

I.

King William the Lion grants a free Hanse to his burgesses of Aberdeen and others.†

WILLIAM, by the grace of God King of Scots, to all good men ‡ of his whole land, greeting. Know all men, present and to come, that I have granted, and by this my charter have confirmed, to my burgesses of Aberdeen, and to all burgesses of Moray, and to all my burgesses dwelling to the north of the Munth, their free Hanse, to be held where they will and when they will; as freely and peaceably,

* In previous reproductions of the earliest Aberdeen charter (Kennedy's *Annals of Aberdeen*, 1818, Vol. I., Reissue, p. 8; *Appendix to Report on Municipal Corporations (Scotland)*, 1835, p. 6; Gordon's *Description of Bothe Touns of Aberdene*, 1842, p. 29; *The Acts of the Parliament of Scotland*, 1875, Vol. I., Reissue, p. 87) this word has invariably been printed "Munth". It will be seen from the frontispiece that the correct rendering is undoubtedly as above. The interchange of lingual and guttural terminations is not uncommon. Compare the forms, Meneteth, Meneteh, Meneteht.

† See Preface with reference to dates of this and next two charters.

‡ "These styles were borrowed almost verbatim from Anglo-Saxon England. . . . The class of the 'good men,' *probi homines*, does not precisely mean men of morality. Like *libercentes*, the title of *probi homines* has been a great subject of controversy in England, without much fruit from the strife. . . . I think English lawyers have now agreed that *probi homines* may be correctly rendered either vassals or subjects. . . . With us *probus homo* has a similar meaning. I have myself a series of charters and letters in which the owners of certain lands in Moray are styled 'Goodman of Cotts,' 'Goodman of Leuchars'; and that designation lasted for a century or two."—Cosmo Innes' *Lectures on Scotch Legal Antiquities*, p. 35.

tēpe Regē DD. Auj mej Ansū suū libi^o ⁊ honorificēti^o habuerunt · Q^{re}re
phibeo firmi^o Ne q^{is} eos ind̄ vexet aut Disturbet Sup meā plenariā
forisfacturā · Test' · Andr̄ · E^po de Katenes · Comi^o · Duneč · Iustič ·
Gillebto Comi^o · d̄ St^adhern · Comi^o · G · d̄ Aneg^o · Ricardo de Moreuiff ·
Cōstab · Wal^oto de Berket · Ca^m · G · d̄ Maleuiff · Hugōe Giffard · Malisio
fr̄e Comit̄is d̄ St^ah · Apd PERT.

II.

W · di gr̄a Rex Sco^off · E^pis · Ab^btib^o · Co^m · Baroⁿ · Iustič · viceč · p^pōitis ·
Minist' s · ⁊ Om̄ib^o p^bis hōinib; tot; t^re sue c^licis ⁊ laicis ⁊ salt · Sciant p^sen-
tes ⁊ fut'j me in p^petuū quietos clamasse oēs burgenses meos de Aberdon
a tolncio de p^p'is cata^ll̄ suis p totū regnū meū p bono seruicio qd̄ idē bur-

fully and honourably, as their ancestors, in the time of King David, my grand-
father, had their Hanse freely and honourably. Wherefore I strictly forbid anyone
to trouble or disturb them therein, on pain of my full forfeiture. Witnesses :
Andrew, Bishop of Caithness ; Earl Duncan, Justiciar ; Gilbert, Earl of Strath-
earn ; Earl G. of Angus ; Richard of Moreville, Constable ; Walter of Berkeley,
Chamberlain ; G. of Maleville ; Hugh Giffard ; Malis, brother of the Earl of
Strathearn. At PERTH.

II.

*King William the Lion frees his burgesses of Aberdeen from the payment of toll on
their own goods in any part of his Kingdom. 28th August.*

WILLIAM, by the grace of God King of Scots, to the bishops, abbots, earls,
barons, justiciars, sheriffs, provosts,* officers, and all good men of his whole land,
churchmen and laymen, greeting. Know all men, present and to come, that I
have declared all my burgesses of Aberdeen for ever quit of toll on their own
goods throughout my whole kingdom, in return for the good service which the

* "The word *prepositus* cannot be considered equivalent to the modern provost, inasmuch
as it is generally used in the plural, with reference to each burgh of any size. . . . The
officers who accounted for the fermes are, during the first half of the fourteenth century,
generally called *prepositi*, occasionally *ballivi*, the latter name having probably survived from
the period when the collectors of the fermes were Crown officers. . . . Mayor and Alderman
were terms in use as designations of the chief magistrate of the more important burghs."
The Exchequer Rolls of Scotland, Vol. I., 1878, pp. lxxxvi., lxxxvii. In the Scotch MSS. of
the "Leges Burgorum" the term *prepositus* is rendered indifferently "burrow greyff," "aldyr-
man," and "bailie". *Ancient Laws and Customs of the Burghs of Scotland*, Vol. I., 1868,
pp. 5, 25.

genses mej mⁱ fecerūt · Et idō uollo ut nřm p regnū meū dent tolneiu de pp'is catař · suis · ř firmū p'cipio ut ubicūq; in regno meo uenerit' ppetuo a tolneio q'etj sint de pp'is catař · suis · Q'r phibeo firmū nequis in regno meo eos iniuste uexare p'supmat in exigendo ab eis de ppriis catař eoꝝ tolneiu' sup meam plenariā forisfacturam · Test · Rič · Eřo Moraue · Coř · Duncē · Iustič · Gilleř · Coř · de Mař · Witto ř Walřo Capřis meis · Philipř · de Valoř · Alař · řit · Rolland · constab · Witto de Haia · Witto Giffard · Vmifř · de Berkař · Henř · Reuet · Thom · Thancarđ · yuone de veřj ponte · Walř · řit · Sibald · apđ aberdon xxvij · die Auętj.

III.

Alex · dei Gřa Rex Scoř · Eřis · Abbatib^o · Comitib^o · Iustič · vicecomitib^o · Prepositis · Minist's · ř Omib^o probis Hōinib^o Tocius Terre sue · Clericis ř laicis · Saluř · Sciant p'sentes ř fut'i · me Concessisse · ř hac Carta mea confirmasse · burgo meo ř burgensib^o meis de Aberdeř · iura ř libtates que predecessores mei concesserūt burgo ř burgensib^o đ Perř ·

same, my burgesses, have rendered to me. And it is therefore my will that they pay no toll throughout my kingdom on their own goods, and I strictly ordain that wherever they come within my kingdom they be for ever quit of toll on their own goods. Wherefore I strictly forbid anyone within my kingdom to make bold to trouble them wrongously by demanding from them toll on their own goods, on pain of my full forfeiture. Witnesses : Richard, Bishop of Moray ; Earl Duncan, Justiciar ; Gilchrist, Earl of Mar ; William and Walter, my Chaplains ; Philip of Valoines ; Alan, Son of Rolland, Constable ; William of Hay ; William Giffard ; Humphrey of Berkeley ; Henry Reuel ; Thomas Thancarđ ; Yvon of Vipont ; Walter, Son of Sibald. At Aberdeen, the twenty-eighth day of August.

III.

King Alexander II. grants to his burgh and burgesses of Aberdeen the privileges granted by his predecessors to the burgh and burgesses of Perth. 27th February.

ALEXANDER, by the grace of God King of Scots, to the bishops, abbots, earls, barons, justiciars, sheriffs, provosts, officers, and all good men of his whole land, churchmen and laymen, greeting. Know all men, present and to come, that I have granted, and by this my charter have confirmed, to my burgh and to my burgesses of Aberdeen the rights and privileges that my predecessors granted to the burgh

Sciūt · ut habeant forum suum die Sabbati in q^alibet Ebdomada · meamq^e firmam pacem dedi iuste om̄ib⁹ p̄bis hōinib⁹ qui ad forum illā uenient · Et p̄hibeo · ne quis eis ī ueniendo ad forum uel ī redeundo iuriam · uel molestiam · aut g^uamen iniuste īferat · sup meam plenariam forisfacturam · P̄hibeo t̄ firmū ne q^s m̄chator ext^aneus infra vicecomitatū de Aberdeñ · ext^a burgum meum de Aberdeñ · aliqu^d emat uel uendat sup meam defensionem · Set ext^anei merchatores deferant merchat^{as} suas ad burgum meū de Aberdeñ · t̄ eas ibi uendant · t̄ denarios suos implicent · Sī quis uero merchator ext^aneus sup defensionem meā inuent⁹ fūit ī Vicecomitatu de Aberd̄ · aliq^d emens uel uendens · capiat^r · t̄ detineat^r don^c uoluntatē meā de eo p̄cepo · P̄hibeo t̄ firmū · ne Q^s merchator ext^aneus secet pannum suū ad uendendū in foro de Aberdeñ · nisi a die ascensionis dñi usq^e · ad vincula S̄ci Petⁱ infra q⁹s t̄minos · uolo ut ip̄i secent pannū suū · ad uendendū in foro de Aberdeñ · t̄ ibi emant t̄ uendant pannum t̄ alias merchat^{as} suas cōmunī cum burgensib⁹ meis · sicut dñici burgense^s mei · saluis Rectitudinib⁹ meis · Precipio t̄ ut om̄es qui manent in burgo de Aberd̄ t̄ cum b^gensib⁹ meis ad forū cōmunicare uoluerūt cōmunicent cum illis ad auxilia mea reddenda · cui⁹cūq^e hom̄ies sint · P̄hibeo t̄ ne aliqua

and to the burgesses of Perth, that is to say, to hold their market on Saturday in every week ; and I have rightly given my sure protection to all good men who shall come to that market ; and I forbid anyone wrongously to inflict injury or annoyance or inconvenience upon them while coming to market or while returning, on pain of my full forfeiture. I also strictly forbid any stranger merchant to buy or to sell anything within the sheriffdom of Aberdeen outwith my burgh of Aberdeen, in despite of my protection ; but stranger merchants are to bring their merchandise to my burgh of Aberdeen and there sell the same and receive their money ; if, however, any stranger merchant shall, in despite of my protection, be found within the sheriffdom of Aberdeen buying or selling anything, he is to be apprehended and kept in custody until I shall have declared my pleasure regarding him. I also strictly forbid any stranger merchant to cut his cloth for sale in the market of Aberdeen, save from the day of the Ascension of Our Lord to the feast of St. Peter's Chains ; between which terms it is my will that they cut their cloth for sale in the market of Aberdeen, and there buy and sell their cloth and other merchandise in common with my burgesses, in like manner as my proper burgesses : saving my rights. I also ordain that all who dwell in the burgh of Aberdeen and wish to take part with my burgesses in the market, take part with them in paying my dues, whose men soever they be. I also forbid the

taberna habeat' In aliq^a uilla in vicecomitatu de Aberdeñ · nisi ubi miles sit dñs uille · ⁊ in ea manens · ⁊ ibi nō habeat' nⁱ una sola Taberna · Concedo ⁊ eisdem burgensib^o meis de Aberdeñ ut habeant Gildam suā merchatricem · exceptis fullonib^o ⁊ telariis Phibeo ⁊ firmi^o ne Q's manens ext^a burgū meū de Aberdⁱ i vicecomitatu de Aberdeñ · faciat pannum tinctum uel tonsum in vicecomitatu de Aberdⁱ · uel facere faciat · pre^o b'gense^s n'ros de Aberdeñ · qⁱ sunt in Gilda merchatoria · ⁊ qui cōmunicant ad auxilia mea reddenda cū b'gensib^o meis de Aberdeñ · exceptis illis qui de hac libtate cartam suam hucusq^{ue} habue'nt · Q^ore phibeo firmi^o · ne q's i vicecomitatu de Aberdⁱ · facere p'sumat pannū tinctū uel tonsum · sup meā plenariā forisfacturā · Si uero alicui^o pann^o tinctus uel tonsus inuent^o fuit factus sup hāc defensionem · ⁊ precipio vicecomiti n'ro q^otin^o capiat pānum · ⁊ inde faciat scdm qd̄ consuetudo fuit t'p' Regis · DD · pauⁱ mei · Phibeo ⁊ firmi^o · ne q's extraneus extra burgum meum de Aberdeñ · ⁊ emat uel uendat Coria uel lanam nⁱ i burgo n'ro de Aberdeñ · Has autē oēs libertates ⁊ consuetudines illis concedo ⁊ hac Carta mea Confirmo · Saluis libtatib^o ⁊ liberis cōsuetudinib^o · ⁊ q^o ante concessionem istam date fue'nt aliis burgis ⁊ burgensib^o infra balliam de Aberdeñ ·

keeping of any tavern in any town within the sheriffdom of Aberdeen, save where a knight is lord of the town and dwells therein ; and there no tavern, save one only, is to be kept. I also grant to the same, my burgesses of Aberdeen, that they have their merchant guild, the waulkers and weavers being excluded. I also strictly forbid anyone dwelling outwith my burgh of Aberdeen within the sheriffdom of Aberdeen, to make or cause to make cloth dyed or shorn within the sheriffdom of Aberdeen, save my burgesses of Aberdeen who are of the merchant guild and who take part in paying my dues with my burgesses of Aberdeen : with the exception of such as had hitherto their charter securing this privilege ; wherefore I strictly forbid anyone within the sheriffdom of Aberdeen to presume to make cloth dyed or shorn, on pain of my full forfeiture ; if, however, any person's dyed or shorn cloth shall be found, made in despite of this protection, I command my sheriff to seize the cloth and to do therewith as was the custom in the time of King David, my great-grandfather. I also strictly forbid any stranger, outwith my burgh of Aberdeen, to buy or to sell hides or wool, save within my burgh of Aberdeen. All these privileges and usages, however, I grant, and by this my charter confirm to them, without prejudice to the privileges and free usages which before this grant were bestowed on other burghs and burgesses within the bailiwick of Aberdeen. Moreover, I strictly enjoin my

Precipio aũ firmi^ſ baillius meis de Aberdeñ · q^atin^o p̄dictis burgensib^o meis de Aberdeñ · auxiliantes ſint · ⁊ eos iuste manuteneant ad pred̄cas rectas conſuetudines burghi habendas · Et phibeo · ne Q's p̄d̄cos burgenses n̄ros cont^a p̄dictas Rationabiles leges ⁊ Conſuetudies iniuſte uexare p̄ſumat ſup meã plenariam forisfacturam · Teſt^o · Wiſſ · de boſcho Canc̄ll̄ n̄ro · Comite Malcolm̄ · de fif · Walteř · de Lindes · Iohe de Maccusweł · DD · marescall · Walteř · Cuñ · Iordañ · Cumiñ · Heruič · Marescall · DD · de Haſtiġ · Malcolm̄ · pincerna · Rob · de Sco Claro · Apđ Alicht · xxvij. die Februař.

IV.

Alex̄ d̄i gr̄a Rex Scottoꝝ Om̄ibus probis Hominib; Tocius Terre Sue Sal̄m · Nouit̄is nos conſeſſiſſe dediſſe · ⁊ p̄ſenti Carta n̄ra confirmaſſe Burgensib; n̄ris de Aberdeñ Dil̄ctis ⁊ fidelib; n̄ris ut habeant Singulis Annis a Die S̄c̄e Trinitatis Nundinas in Burgo n̄ro de Aberdeñ p̄ duas ſeptimanas continue ſequentes duraturas · cum om̄ibus Iuribus · Libtatib; ·

baillies of Aberdeen to render aid to my foresaid burgesſes of Aberdeen, and rightly to maintain them in poſſeſſion of the foresaid true uſages of the burgh. And I forbid anyone to make bold wrongouſly to trouble my foresaid burgesſes in deſpite of the foresaid reaſonable laws and uſages, on pain of my full forfeiture. Witneſſes: William de Boſcho, my Chancellor; Malcolm, Earl of Fife; Walter of Lindesay; John of Maccuswell; David, Marischal; Walter Cumin; Jordan Cumin; Hervey, Marischal; David of Haſtings; Malcolm, Cupbearer; Robert of Saint Clair. At Alyth, the twenty-ſeventh day of February.

IV.

*King Alexander III. grants to his burgesſes of Aberdeen the right to hold a yearly fair for two weeks from the day of the Holy Trinity. 2nd December [1273].**

ALEXANDER, by the grace of God King of Scots, to all good men of his whole land, greeting. Know ye that we have granted, given, and by our preſent charter confirmed to our burgesſes of Aberdeen, our beloved and truſty, the right to hold a yearly fair within our burgh of Aberdeen to laſt for two conſecutive weeks from the day of the Holy Trinity; with all the rights, liberties, privileges; and uſages

* Alexander III. began to reign 8th July, 1249.

Rectitudinibꝫ · ꝛ ꝑsuetudinibꝫ · ad alias Nundinas nꝛas In Burgis nꝛis ꝑ
Regnum nꝛm constitutas iuste ꝑtinentibus Testibus Wiffo Cumyñ de
Kylbryde · Thoma Ranulphi tunc : Camlario · Reginaldo le Cheñ · Robo
de Cambruñ · Wiffo de Sĕo Claro · Pꝛicio de Grahañ · ꝛ · Wiffo Byseth ·
Apud Kyntoꝝ · Scdo · die Decembꝛ · Anno regni nꝛi · vicesimo q'nto.

V.

Aleĕ dei gꝛa Rex Scott' omnibꝫ probis hominibꝫ toci^o ꝛre ad quos
presentes littere ꝑueniunt : Salm̄ · Sciatis nos burgenses nꝛos de Abirden
ꝛas suas homines suos ꝛ vniꝛsas eoꝝꝫ possessiones ac om̄ia bona sua
mobilia ꝛ imobilia sub fꝛma pace ꝛ ꝑteçione nꝛa iuste suscepisse Qꝛe
firmi^ꝫ ꝑhibem^ꝫ · ne quis eis malum · molestiam · iniuriam seu gꝛuamen
aliquod inferre ꝑsumat iniuste sup nꝛam plenariam forisfacturā · Con-
cessim^ꝫ ꝛ eisdem vt nullus namos suos vel alicui^ꝫ iꝑoꝝ seu hominū suoꝝ
capiat ꝑ alicui^ꝫ debito · plegiagio vel forisfacto · nisi ꝑ suo ꝑꝑ'o debito
plegiagio vel forisfacto · firmi^ꝫ inhibentes · ne quis eos vel aliquē iꝑoꝝ

justly pertaining to our other fairs established in our burghs, throughout our
kingdom. Witnesses : William Cumyn of Kilbride ; Thomas Ranulph, then
Chamberlain ; Reginald le Chen ; Robert of Cambrun ; William of Saint
Clair ; Patrick of Graham ; and William Byseth. At Kintore, the second
day of December, in the twenty-fifth year of our reign.

V.

*King Alexander III. declares his burgesses of Aberdeen to be under his protection,
and their goods to be free from poinding, save for their own debts. 27th
January [127⁶].*

ALEXANDER, by the grace of God King of Scots, to all good men of the whole
land to whom the present letters shall come, greeting. Know ye that we have
rightly taken under our sure peace and protection our burgesses of Aberdeen,
their lands, their men, and their entire possessions, and all their goods movable
and immovable. Wherefore we strictly forbid anyone to make bold wrongously
to inflict upon them any hurt, annoyance, injury or inconvenience, on pain of our
full forfeiture. We have likewise granted to the same that no one shall poind
their goods, whether those of anyone of themselves or of their men, for the debt,
caution, or fine of anyone, save for their own proper debt, caution, or fine ;
strictly forbidding anyone to make bold wrongously to trouble them or anyone

cont^a hanc concessionem n̄ram vexare p̄sumat iniuste sup n̄ram plenariā forisfacturam · Test' · Wiffo Cumyn de kelebrid · Wiffo de S̄co Claro · Symone ffras' · pat'cio de Grahañ ap_d kyncardyñ vicesimo septimo die Januari Anno regni n̄ri vicesimo octauo.

VI.

Robertus dei gr̄a Rex Scottoꝝ Om̄ibus probis hominibꝫ tocius t̄re sue Salfm Sciatis nos dedisse concessisse et hac p̄senti Carta n̄ra confirmasse Burgensibus ⁊ comunitati burgi n̄ri de Abirdeñ Curam ⁊ Custodiam tocius foreste n̄re de Le Stoket cum p̄tinenciis Tenend ⁊ Habend d̄co Burgo Burgensibus ⁊ Comunitati eiusdm ⁊ eoꝝ Heredibus ⁊ Successoribꝫ p̄ om̄es Rectas metas suas ⁊ diuisas cū om̄ibus Libtatibꝫ · cōmoditatibꝫ ⁊ aisiañtis ad d̄cam forestam spectantibus seu de iure vel consuetudine in futurum Spectare valentibus · saluis nobis viridi ⁊ venacione tantū · Concedim^o eciam eidm Burgo n̄ro · Burgensibus ⁊ Comunitati eiusdm · ⁊ eoꝝ Heredibus et Successoribus q̄ nullus Iusticiari^o forestaꝝ n̄raꝝ · nec aliquis

of them in despite of this our grant, on pain of our full forfeiture. Witnesses : William Cumyn of Kilbride ; William of Saint Clair ; Symon Fraser ; Patrick of Graham. At Kincardine, the twenty-seventh day of January, in the twenty-eighth year of our reign.

VI.

*King Robert I. grants to the burgesses of Aberdeen the custody of his forest of the Stocket. 24th October [1313].**

ROBERT, by the grace of God King of Scots, to all good men of his whole land, greeting. Know ye that we have given, granted, and by this our present charter confirmed to the burgesses and community of our burgh of Aberdeen the care and custody of our whole forest of the Stocket with the pertinents ; to be held and had by the said burgh, burgesses, and community thereof, and by their heirs and successors, by all their right meiths and marches, with all the privileges, conveniences, and easements belonging, or which shall in future belong, whether by law or by usage, to the said forest ; reserving for ourselves only the green wood and the game. We also grant to the same our burgh, to the burgesses and community thereof, and to their heirs and successors, that no justiciar of our

* Robert I. began to reign 27th March, 1306.

alius Regni nri cuiuscūq; condiçonis fuit siue status se int^omittat · seu cognicionem heat sup defectibus dçe foreste nre · p^o psonam nram ⁊ Camariū nrm qui p tpe fuit firmi^o inhibentes ne quis cont^a hanc concessionem nram ipos Burgenses vt Comunitatem · hedes suos ut successores vexare psumat iniuste sup nram plenariam forisfacturam · In cui^o Rei testiōm p^osenti Carte nre sigltm nrm pcepim^o apponi · Testibus Edwardo de Bruis Comite de Carrick ⁊ Dño Galwidie fratre nro · David Comite Atholie Constabulario nro Scocie Thoma Ranulphi Comite Moraue nepote nro · Ioħne de Meneteth · Gilbto de Haia · Aleħo de Meyners · ⁊ Robto de Keth Marescallo nro Scocie Militib; · Apud Dunde ⁊ vicesimo quarto die Octobr̄ · Anno Regni nri · Octauo.

VII.

Robtus dei gratia Rex Scottoꝝ · Omnib; Probis Hominib; tocius ĩre sue Sal̄m · Sciatis nos concessisse et hac p^osenti Carta nra confirmasse Burgensib; et Comunitati Burgi nri de Abirden dilectis et fidelib; q ipi Heredes ⁊ Successores sui Nundinas illas quas excercere solebant in festo

forests, and no other person of our kingdom, of whatsoever condition or rank he be, shall interfere with, or take cognisance of the neglect of our said forest, save our own person and our Chamberlain for the time being; strictly forbidding anyone to make bold, in despite of this our grant, wrongously to trouble the same burgesses or community, their heirs or successors, on pain of our full forfeiture. In witness whereof we have ordered our seal to be appended to our present charter. Witnesses: Edward of Bruce, Earl of Carrick, and Lord of Galloway, our brother; David, Earl of Athole, our Constable of Scotland; Thomas Ranulph, Earl of Moray, our nephew; John of Menteith; Gilbert of Hay; Alexander of Meyners; and Robert of Keith, our Marischal of Scotland—Knights. At Dundee, the twenty-fourth day of October, in the eighth year of our reign.

VII.

King Robert I. alters the beginning of the Aberdeen fair from the feast of the Holy Trinity to Low Sunday. 8th December [1319].

ROBERT, by the grace of God King of Scots, to all good men of his whole land, greeting. Know ye that we have granted, and by this our present charter have confirmed, to the beloved and trusty burgesses and community of the burgh of Aberdeen, that the fair which they were wont to engage in on the feast of the

S̄c̄e Trinitatis ex infeodaçone p̄decessoꝝ n̄roꝝ Regum Scocie excerceant decefo teneant ⁊ possideant in d̄co Burgo singulis annis a die d̄n̄ca qua cantat^o quasi modo geniti p̄ vnam quindenam sequentem plene ⁊ continue duraturam sub firma pace ⁊ proteçione n̄ra · In cui^o Rei testiom̄ p̄senti Carte n̄re Sigillum nostrum p̄cepim^o apponi · Testib; · Bernardo Abbate de Abirbrothoc · Cancelllo n̄ro · Thoma Ranulphi Comite Moraue ⁊ D̄no Vallis Anandie ⁊ Mannie · Walfo Senescallo Scocie · Iacobo D̄no de Duglas · Robto de Keth Marescallo n̄ro Scocie · Daudid de Lindsay ⁊ Daudid de Berkelay militib; · apud Berewicum sup Twedam Octauo die Decemb̄r · Anno Regni n̄ri Quarto decimo.

VIII.

Robertus dei gracia Rex Scottoꝝ · Omnib; probis hominib; tocius terre sue Sal̄m : Sciatis Nos de consilio ⁊ ordinaçoe p̄boꝝ Regni nost' cōcessisse ⁊ ad ffeodofirmā assedasse · ac p̄senti carta n̄ra confirmasse burgen-sib; n̄ris ⁊ cōitati burgi n̄ri de Abdene burgū n̄rm de Abdene p̄d̄cm ⁊

Holy Trinity by infestment of our predecessors Kings of Scotland, they, their heirs and successors, shall engage in and otherwise hold and possess in the said burgh yearly from the Sunday on which "*Quasi modo geniti*"* is sung for the space of a fortnight thereafter, to continue fully and without break, under our sure peace and protection. In witness whereof we have ordered our seal to be appended to our present charter. Witnesses : Bernard, Abbot of Arbroath, our Chancellor ; Thomas Ranulph, Earl of Moray, Lord of Annandale and Man ; Walter, Steward of Scotland ; James, Lord of Douglas ; Robert of Keith, our Marischal of Scotland ; David of Lindsay and David of Berkelay, Knights. At Berwick-on-Tweed, the eighth day of December, in the fourteenth year of our reign.

VIII.

King Robert I. grants in perpetual feu to his burgesses of Aberdeen, for a yearly payment of £213 6s. 8d. sterling,† his burgh of Aberdeen and his forest of the Stocket. 10th December [1319].

ROBERT, by the grace of God King of Scots, to all good men of his whole land, greeting. Know ye that, with the advice and approval of the good men of our kingdom, we have granted and set to feufarm, and by our present charter

* "*Quasi modo geniti*"—the opening words of the Introit in the Mass for the first Sunday after Easter.

† See Charter by James VI. of date 17th July, 1617, *postea*.

fforestam nřam del Stoket cū ptinēciis Tenend ĩ habend pđcis burgens^o ĩ cōitati eoꝝ heredibꝫ ĩ successoribꝫ in ppetuū de nob ĩ heredibꝫ nřis in ffeodo ĩ hereditate ĩ in libo burgag^o p omēs rectas metas ĩ diuisas suas cū Molēdinis · Aquis · piscariis · Minuē Custumis · Tolloncis · Curiis · ponderibꝫ · Mensur^o · ĩ cū omibꝫ aliis Libtatibꝫ · Cōmoditatibꝫ · Aysiamētis · Consuetudibꝫ ĩ iustis ptinēciis suis · ad Assedacōem dcoꝝ burgē ĩ fforeste de iure ĩ cōsuetudie sp^ctantibꝫ vel sp^ctare valentibꝫ in ffutur^o · Reddendo inde nob annuatī · vt heredibꝫ nřis · dci burgñ · eoꝝ hedes ĩ successor^o vt s^dcēm est · Ducētas ĩ Tresdecē lib^s · sex solid ĩ octo denar^s stling^o tant^o · in Camām nřam ad duos anni tios · vidlcꝫ Medietatē ad ffest^o Penth ĩ aliā Medietat^o ad ffest^o Sī Martini ī hyeme · p omī alio seruīcō · exactōe · q̄suetudie · seu demand · Volum^o ecīā ĩ q̄cedim^o q̄ dci burgñ nři · hed ĩ successor^o eoꝝ · libe ĩ sine impedimēto c^ocūqꝫ · in Campis Moris · ĩ aliis q̄bꝫcūqꝫ Locis dce fforeste ex^a boscū del Stoket pđcō burg^o de Abdene p^ox adiacentē · possint oīodam culturā face^o · Mansiones ĩ edīficia q̄st^uere · ffocał fode^o · ac alias q̄scūqꝫ q̄moditat^o ex^ocere · p̄fice^o ĩ ordinare · put meli^o viderint expedire · Saluo tant^o nob ĩ hedibꝫ nřis · virid^o g^ossaꝝ arboꝝ in pđcō bosco et venacōe simiļr si in ead fforesta

confirmed to our burgesses and community of our burgh of Aberdeen, our foresaid burgh of Aberdeen and our forest of the Stocket with the pertinents; to be held and had by the foresaid burgesses and community, their heirs and successors, for ever, of us and our heirs in fee and heritage and in free burgage, by all their right meiths and marches, with mills, waters, fishings, petty customs, tolls, courts, weights, measures, and with all other privileges, conveniences, easements, usages, and their just pertinents by law and usage belonging, or which shall in future belong, to the sett of the said burgh and forest; paying yearly therefor the said burgesses, their heirs and successors, to us or to our heirs, as aforesaid, two hundred and thirteen pounds, six shillings and eightpence sterling only, into our Treasury at two terms yearly, half at the feast of Pentecost and the other half at the feast of Saint Martin in winter, in place of all other service, exaction, usage or demand. It is also our will and we grant that our said burgesses, the heirs and successors thereof, freely and without hindrance from anyone, in the fields, moors and other portions whatsoever of the said forest outwith the wood of the Stocket, hard by the foresaid burgh of Aberdeen, may perform every kind of tillage, erect dwelling-houses and other buildings, dig fuel, and exercise, carry out and regulate other conveniences whatsoever, as they shall see fit to arrange: reserving for ourselves and our heirs only the green-growth of the great trees in the foresaid wood, and game like-

casualr^o inuēiat' · Concessim^o ecīā eid burgo n̄o · burgñ 7 Cōitati ei^o d' · hedq̄ 7 ssuccessoribz suis · q̄ n̄t^o Iusticiari^o fforest^o v̄t aliq's ali^o Regni n̄i cui^o cūq̄ q̄dicōis fuerit siue stat^o sup Custodia p̄sent^o Concessionis 7 infeodacōis n̄re · vel sup defectibz ei^o d' se aliq^o lit^o int^omittant aut q̄ḡcoem habeant · nisi tant^o Camāñ n̄r q' p̄ tēpe fuit · Ita tam̄ q̄ q'cūz s̄r hui^o mōi defectibz aut s̄r destcōe · Virid̄ aut Venaçōis in d̄ca fforestā Legalit̄ quict^o fuit · penā hui^o mōi Criminis s̄portet ī pp'a p̄sona 7 n̄t̄s ali^o · Principali tam̄ q̄cessionē 7 infeodaçōe n̄ra in suo Robore f'mit̄ 7 p̄petuo p̄manente · In cui^o Rei Testimoniū p̄sentibz sigillu n̄rm p̄cepim^o apponi · Testibz Willmo 7 Willmo S̄ci Andr̄ 7 Donkeld̄ Epis · Bernardo Ab̄be de Abb̄rothoc^o 7 Cancellar̄ n̄ro Th̄m Ranulph̄ Comit̄ Morauī 7 D̄no Vatt̄ Anand̄ 7 Man̄ · Rob̄to de Keth Mariscañ n̄ro · Gilbto de Haya Const^o n̄ro · Alexandro ffrāz̄ Camāñ n̄ro Militibz : Apud Berwyc s̄r Twed · Decio die Decemb̄ Anno Regni n̄i · Quarto decimo.

IX.

Robtus dei gr̄a Rex Scottoz · Om̄ibz probis hom̄ibz tocius t̄re sue ·

wise, should any such chance to be found in the same forest. We have likewise granted to the same our burgh, the burgesses and community thereof, their heirs and successors, that no justiciar of the forest or any other person of our kingdom, of whatsoever condition or rank he be, shall in any way interfere with or take cognisance of the administration of the present grant and our infeftment, or of infringements thereof, save only our Chamberlain for the time being; but so that whosoever shall be lawfully convicted of such infringements, or of destroying the green wood, or the game in the said forest, shall undergo the punishment of such crime in his own person, and no other: the chief grant, however, and our infeftment remaining in full force strictly and for ever. In witness whereof we have ordered our seal to be appended to these presents. Witnesses: William, Bishop of Saint Andrews, and William, Bishop of Dunkeld; Bernard, Abbot of Arbroath, and our Chancellor; Thomas Ranulph, Earl of Moray, and Lord of Annandale and Man; Robert of Keith, our Marischal; Gilbert of Hay, our Constable; Alexander Fraser, our Chamberlain—Knights. At Berwick-on-Tweed, the tenth day of December, in the fourteenth year of our reign.

IX.

King Robert I. frees his burgesses of Aberdeen from payment of duty on ale and on red fish and white fish. 25th September [1323].

ROBERT, by the grace of God King of Scots, to all good men of his whole

Saſſim · Sciatis nos · concessisse ⁊ hac ꝑſenti Carta n̄ra confirmasse Bur-
gensibꝫ n̄ris de Abirden · q^d ip̄i et eorꝫ Successores Libr · sint ⁊ in ꝑꝑetuum
quieti de om̄ioda assisa seruise ⁊ piscis rubei ⁊ albi · quam assisam tem-
ꝑibꝫ retroactis soluere consueuerunt · Volumꝫ tamen · q^d d̄ci Burgenses · de
ꝑꝑta assisa Waltero de Berkelay Militi nūc vicecomiti n̄ro de Abirden
satisfaciant et plenarie respondeant · q^d diu ibidm n̄r stetit vicecomes ⁊ In
cuiꝫ rei tesst̄iom ꝑſenti Carte n̄re Sigillum n̄rm ꝑꝑcepimus apponi · Tes-
tibꝫ Bernardo Abbate de Abirbrothoc Cancellar̄o n̄ro · Wal̄ro Senescallo
Scocie · Iacobo d̄no de Duglas · Aleꝛo ffras · cam̄ario n̄ro · ⁊ Gilberto de
Haya constabulario n̄ro · Militibꝫ Apud Lacum de Leuyn · vicesimo
quinto die Septembr · Anno Regni n̄ri Octauo decio.

X.

Robtus dei gr̄a Rex Scottoꝝ Iusticiariis · Vicecomitibus · ꝑꝑōitis · et eorꝫ
ballis · cet̄isqꝫ fidelibꝫ suis vniūsis ad quos ꝑſentes Ire ꝑueniunt Salutem ·
Sciatis · q^d concessimus burgensibꝫ n̄ris · et comunitati · Burgi de Abirden ·

land, greeting. Know ye that we have granted, and by this our present charter
have confirmed, to our burgesses of Aberdeen, that they themselves and their
successors shall be free and for ever quit of all manner of duty on ale and on red
fish and white fish, which duty they have been wont to pay in times past. It is,
however, our will that the said burgesses shall pay and fully account for the said
duty to Walter of Berkelay, Knight, our present sheriff of Aberdeen, so long as he
shall continue to be our sheriff there. In witness whereof we have ordered our
seal to be appended to our present charter. Witnesses: Bernard, Abbot of
Arbroath, our Chancellor; Walter, Steward of Scotland; James, Lord of
Douglas; Alexander Fraser, our Chamberlain; and Gilbert of Hay, our
Constable—Knights. At Loch Leven, the twenty-fifth day of September, in the
eighteenth year of our reign.

X.

*King Robert I. grants to his burgesses of Aberdeen all privileges granted by his
predecessors, freeing them from all exactions outwith the burgh. 6th February*
[13²⁹/₃₀].

ROBERT, by the grace of God King of Scots, to justiciars, sheriffs, provosts,
and their baillies, and to all the rest of his trusty subjects to whom the present
letters shall come, greeting. Know ye that we have granted to our burgesses and

omnes libertates consuetudines · et · iura · de · quib; p̄ p̄decessores n̄ros · fuerūt infeodati tempib; retroactis · Ita q̄ de prisīs · cariagiis cap̄conibus · attachiamentis · vexac̄onib; · exī burgū · aut exac̄onib; aliis quib;cumq; nō grauent̄ ab aliquib; Concessimus etiam eisdem plenariam potestatem · capiendi · incarcerandi · et puniendi om̄es illos · qui in d̄co Burgo n̄ro de Abirden armati incedunt cōf̄ statuta n̄ra · et specialit̄ burgorū n̄rorū · Quare firmit̄ phibem^o · ne quis cōf̄ hanc concessionem n̄ram · ip̄os vexare p̄sumat iniuste · Sub pena omniū · que erga nos pot̄unt amitti · In cuius Rei testimoniū has Iras n̄ras sibi fieri fecim^o patentes · Apud Geruan in Carryc · Sexto die ffebruarij · Anno Regnj n̄ri vicesimo t̄tio.

XI.

Robtus dei gr̄a Rex Scottorū · Iusticiarijs vicecomitib; p̄positis ⁊ eorū balliuis cet̄isq; fidelib; suis vniūsis ad quos p̄sentes Ire puen̄int · Sal̄tm Sciatis q̄ concessim^o burgensib; n̄ris et cōitati burgi de Abirden om̄es libertates consuetudines et iura de quib; p̄ p̄decessores n̄ros fuerūt infeodati

community of the burgh of Aberdeen all the privileges, usages and rights in which they were infeft by our predecessors in times past, so that they be not burdened by anyone with rights of carriage, captions, arrestments, annoyances outwith the burgh, or with any imposts whatsoever. We have also granted to the same full power to seize, imprison and punish all those who carry arms in our said burgh of Aberdeen contrary to our statutes, and especially to those of our burgesses. Wherefore we strictly forbid anyone to make bold wrongously to trouble them in despite of this our grant, on pain of all things which can be forfeited to us. In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent. At Girvan in Carrick, the sixth day of February, in the twenty-third year of our reign.

XI.

King Robert I. grants to his burgesses of Aberdeen all privileges granted by his predecessors, freeing them from all exactions outwith or within the burgh. 10th March [13²⁹₃₀].

ROBERT, by the grace of God King of Scots, to justiciars, sheriffs, provosts, and their baillies, and to all the rest of his trusty subjects, to whom the present letters shall come, greeting. Know ye that we have granted to our burgesses and community of the burgh of Aberdeen, all the privileges, usages and rights in which they were infeft by our predecessors in times past, so that they be not inconveni-

tempib; ret^oactis · Ita q de prisis cariagiis capcōnib; attachiamētis vexacionib; ex^a burgū vt infra aut exactionib; alijs qⁱb;cumq; indebitis nō guenē ab aliquib; tempe nūdinax vel temp alio · Concessim^o ecīā eisdem plenariā potestatē capiendi incarcerandi et puniendi omēs illos qui in dco burgo nro de Abirden armati incedunt conē statuta nra ⁊ specialit^r burgoꝝ nroꝝ · Quare firmit^r prohibemus ⁊ ne quis conē hanc cōcessionē nram ipos vexare psumat iniuste sub pena omī q erga nos potunt amitti · In cui^o Rei testioniū has tras nras sibi fieri fecimus patentes · Apud Inchemichell in Galwydia · Dco die Marcij · Anno Regni nri · Vicesimo t^oio.

XII.

Dauid dei grā Rex Scottoꝝ · Omib; probis hōib; tocius t^re sue salm · Sciatis nos concessisse ⁊ ex deliberato consilio nro hac p^resenti carta nra confirmasse burgensib; nris de Abirdene fidelib; nris ⁊ comunitati burgi nri p^rdcī omēs libtates consuetudines ⁊ iura de quib; p p^rdecessores nros Reges Scocie quoscunq; infeodati fuerunt ⁊ quib; iuste ⁊ scdm

enced by anyone at the time of the fair or at any other time with rights of carriage, captions, arrestments, annoyances outwith or within the burgh, or with any non-leviable imposts whatsoever. We have also granted to the same full power to seize, imprison and punish all those who carry arms within our burgh of Aberdeen contrary to our statutes, and especially to those of our burgesses. Wherefore we strictly forbid anyone to make bold wrongously to trouble them in despite of this our grant, on pain of all things which can be forfeited to us. In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent. At Inchmichael in Galloway, the tenth day of March, in the twenty-third year of our reign.

XII.

*King David II. confirms to his burgesses of Aberdeen all the privileges granted by his predecessors. 21st February [134²].**

DAVID, by the grace of God King of Scots, to all good men of his whole land, greeting. Know ye that we have granted, and of our deliberate judgment have by our present charter confirmed, to our trusty burgesses of Aberdeen and to the community of our foresaid burgh, all the privileges, usages and rights in which they were infest by our predecessors, Kings of Scotland, whomsoever, and of which they have, rightly and according to the laws of the burghs, availed themselves ;

* David II. began to reign 7th June, 1329.

leges burgoꝝ vsi sunt oppressione siue subuersione libtatū suarū quas ꝑ guerram n̄ram in absentia n̄ro hucusqꝫ passi sunt non obstante ꝫ licet d̄cī burgenses n̄ri ꝫ comunitas ad instanciam n̄ram vel ex ꝑmissione contra libtates ꝫ iura sua eis ꝫ Regibꝫ Scocie ꝑdecessoribꝫ n̄ris concessa dampna ꝫ iniurias de facto sint ꝑpressi · Volumꝫ tamen qꝫ libtates sue consuetudines ꝫ iura sua sibi ꝫ successoribꝫ suis decepto integra ꝑmaneat ꝫ illesa · Quare firmitꝫ ꝑhibemꝫ ne quis contra hanc concessionem n̄ram ip̄os vexare grauare seu inquietare ꝑsumat sup n̄ram plenariam forisfacturam · In cuiꝫ rei testimoniū ꝑsenti carte n̄re sigillum n̄m ꝑcepimꝫ apponi · Testibꝫ Robto Senescallo Scocie Nepote n̄ro Duncano Comite de ffyf Patricio de Dunbarr Comite Marchie · Robto de Keth Marescallo n̄ro Scocie · Malcolmo fflemingꝫ ꝫ Thoma de Carnoto Cancellario n̄ro Militibꝫ in pleno consilio n̄ro tento · Apud Abirdene vicesimo primo die ffebruarꝫ · Anno regni n̄ri Tercio decimo.

XIII.

Dauid dei gr̄a Rex Scottoꝝ Om̄ibꝫ ꝑobis hominibꝫ suis tocius ꝫre sue Saffm · Sciatis qꝫ remisimꝫ ꝫ totalitꝫ impetuū ꝑdonauimꝫ ac quietum

without prejudice from the oppression or the subversion of their privileges which they have hitherto undergone during our war in our absence. And although our said burgesses and community have in truth suffered losses and injuries at our instance or by our permission contrary to their privileges and rights granted to them by the Kings of Scotland our predecessors; it is, however, our will that their privileges, usages and rights shall henceforth endure for them and their successors undiminished and unimpaired. Wherefore we strictly forbid anyone to make bold in despite of this our grant to trouble or annoy or inconvenience them, on pain of our full forfeiture. In witness whereof we have ordered our seal to be appended to our present charter. Witnesses: Robert, Steward of Scotland, our nephew; Duncan, Earl of Fife; Patrick of Dunbar, Earl of March; Robert of Keith, our Marischal of Scotland; Malcolm Fleming; and Thomas of Charteris, our Chancellor—Knights. In our full Council held at Aberdeen the twenty-first day of February, in the thirteenth year of our reign.

XIII.

King David II. remits to the burgesses of Aberdeen all his illwill and grounds of action against them. 1st July [1345].

DAVID, by the grace of God King of Scots, to all his good men of his whole

clamauim^o om̄ib; burgensib; ⁊ singtis ac comunitati burgi nr̄i de Abirdeñ òem racancorem [*sic*] animi nr̄i quem erga eosdem ⁊ eoꝝ quemlibt habuim^o vel here potim^o ex causa seu moçone quacunq; vsq; in diem confectōnis p̄senciũ vna cum om̄imodis ac̄tonib; petiçōib; ⁊ t̄ansgressio- nib; que eisdem vel eoꝝ alicui ex parte nr̄a aliqualit^o obici potunt . Quare firmit^o phibem^o ne quis eisdem burgensib^o nr̄is ⁊ comunitati burgi p̄dci malum molestiam calumpniã iniuriã dampnũ aut g^uamen aliquod inferat quoquo modo cont^a hanc remissionem pdonaçoem ⁊ quietaclamaçoem nr̄am . In cui^o rei testimoniũ has tras nr̄as sibi fieri fecim^o patentes . Apud Edynburgh p̄mo die Iulij . Anno regni nr̄i Septimo decimo .

XIV.

Robertus dei gr̄a . Rex . Scottoꝝ Om̄ibus pbis hom̄ibus tocius t̄re sue clericis ⁊ laicis Salutē Sciatis nos dedisse concessisse ⁊ hac p̄nti carta nr̄a confirmasse fidelibus nr̄is burgensib; ⁊ cōitati burgi nr̄i de Abyrden totã

kingdom, greeting. Know ye that we have remitted, and have wholly for all time given up, and have declared at rest, as concerns all the individual burgesses and the community of our burgh of Aberdeen, all our illwill which we had or could have had towards them or any one of them, from any cause or motive whatsoever, to the date of the completion of these presents; together with all manner of actions, petitions and charges which could in anyway have been brought at our instance against them or any one of them. Wherefore we strictly forbid anyone to inflict on the same our burgesses and community of the foresaid burgh any hurt, annoyance, misrepresentation, injury, loss or inconvenience, in any manner whatsoever, in despite of this our remission, pardon and acquittance. In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent. At Edinburgh, the first day of July, in the seventeenth year of our reign.

XIV.

*King Robert II. grants to his burgesses of Aberdeen in fee and heritage, in free burgage, the land of Rubislaw resigned by Andrew de Inchesthur. 20th August [1379].**

ROBERT, by the grace of God King of Scots, to all good men of his whole land, churchmen and laymen, greeting. Know ye that we have given, granted, and by this our present charter confirmed, to our trusty burgesses and community

* Robert II. began to reign 22nd February, 1370.

Ūrā tenementi de Rubbyslaw cū p̄tinenciis iacentē iux' burgū n̄m de Abren que fuit Andree de Inchēthur in libo tenemento ⁊ quā idm Andreas nō vi aut metu ductus n° erroř lapsus S; mera ⁊ spontanea voluntate sua nobis p̄ fustū ⁊ baculū sursum reddidit purq; ⁊ simpliciter resignauit ac totū ius ⁊ clameū que in dicta terra cū p̄tinenciis habuit vel habere potuit p̄ se ⁊ heredib; suis omnio q'et' clamauit in p̄petuū Tenend ⁊ habend eisdem burgensibus ⁊ cōitati ac eoz; heredibus ⁊ Successoribus de nobis ⁊ heredibus n̄ris in feodo ⁊ hereditate in libo burgagio p̄ omēs rectas metas ⁊ diuisas suas cū omnibus ⁊ singulis libertatib; cōmoditatib; aysiamentis ⁊ iustis p̄tinenciis suis q'uscunq; ad dēam Ūrā sp̄tantib; seu quomodo iuste sp̄tañ valentib; in futur' adeo libe ⁊ quiete plenarie intege ⁊ honorifice in omnib; ⁊ p̄ omia Sicut p̄dēi burgenses n̄ri p̄dēm burgū n̄m de Abden de nobis ⁊ heredibus n̄ris libius q'etius pleni⁹ integus ⁊ honorificenci⁹ possident atq; tenent ffaciendo inde ānuatim vnā sectā ad ūl' camarie n̄re infra burgū de Abden Et Reddendo inde nobis ⁊ heredibus n̄ris ānuatim in camā n̄ra p̄dicti burgenses n̄ri ⁊ hedes sui ⁊ successores vnū denariū argenti nōie āni reditus ad quodlib; festū Pentecost · si petat' p̄ omnibus alijs fūcijs

of our burgh of Aberdeen, the whole land of the tenement of Rubislaw, with the pertinents, lying beside our burgh of Aberdeen, which belonged to Andrew de Inchesthur in free tenement, and which the said Andrew, not influenced by force or fear, nor led astray by error, but of his own accord and free will, rendered up to us by staff and baton, and purely and simply resigned; and for himself and his heirs wholly renounced for all time all right and interest which he had or could have in the said land with the pertinents. To be held and had by the said burgesses and community and their heirs and successors, of us and our heirs, in fee and heritage in free burgage, by all their right meiths and marches, with all and sundry privileges, conveniences, easements, and their just pertinents whatsoever belonging or which shall in any way in the future justly belong to the said land, as freely and quietly, fully, wholly and honourably, in all and through all, as our foresaid burgesses possess and hold our foresaid burgh of Aberdeen of us and our heirs freely, quietly, fully, wholly and honourably. Making therefor yearly a suit to the chamberlain ayre * within the burgh of Aberdeen, and paying therefor to us and to our heirs yearly in our treasury the foresaid our burgesses and their heirs and successors one silver penny in name of annual rent, at every feast of

* An itinerant court of justice. See the *Ancient Laws and Customs of the Burghs of Scotland*, Vol. I., p. 132.

exaciōibus seu demandis inde nobis ⁊ hōdibus n̄ris aliq^ualit^r faciend^o. In Cui^o Rei Testionū p̄nti carte n̄re n̄rm p̄cepim^o apponi Sigillū. Testibus Ven̄abilib^z in x̄po p̄ribus Wittmo ⁊ Iohane cancellario n̄ro S̄ci andree ⁊ Dunkeldeñ ecclia^z Ep̄is. Iohne p̄mogenito n̄ro de Carr^e Senesc̄ Scocie. Robto de ffyfe ⁊ de Meneteth filio n̄ro ditco. Wittmo de douglas ⁊ de Marr consang'nio n̄ro comitibus. Iacobo de Lyndesay nepote n̄ro carissimo ⁊ Ale^xo de Lyndesay consang'nio n̄ro militibus. Apud Kynrocht in Marr Vicesimo die mensis Augusti. Anno Regni n̄ri Nono.

XV.

Robertus dei gr̄tia Rex Scottorum Omnibus probis hominibus tocius t̄re sue clericis et laicis Saltm. Sciatis nos dedisse concessisse et hac p̄senti carta nostra confirmasse burgensibus ⁊ cornunitati burgi de Abbir-dene licenciam n̄ram specialem faciendi construendi et edificandi vnam domum pro p̄torio suo cum solariis et selariis de longitudine octoginta pedum et triginta pedum in latitudine. vbcumq^z sibi melius placuerit

Pentecost, if it be asked for, in place of all other services, exactions or demands in any way to be made thereupon by us or by our heirs. In witness whereof we have ordered our seal to be appended to our present charter. Witnesses: The venerable fathers in Christ, William and John, our Chancellor, Bishops of the churches of St. Andrews and Dunkeld; John, our eldest born, Earl of Carrick, Steward of Scotland; Robert, Earl of Fife and Menteith, our beloved son; William, Earl of Douglas and Mar, our cousin; James of Lindsay, our dearest nephew; and Alexander of Lindsay, our cousin—Knights. At Kindrocht in Mar, the twentieth day of the month of August, in the ninth year of our reign.

XV.

*King Robert III. grants licence to the burghesses of Aberdeen to build a townhouse. 20th October [1393].**

ROBERT, by the grace of God King of Scots, to all good men of his whole land, churchmen and laymen, greeting. Know ye that we have given, granted, and by this our present charter confirmed, to the burghesses and community of the burgh of Aberdeen, our special licence to make, construct and erect a building to serve as their townhouse, with upper and under floors, eighty feet in length and thirty feet in breadth, wherever within the said burgh shall seem best to them;

* Robert III. began to reign 19th April, 1390.

infra · dictum burgum medio fori eiusdm burgi dūtaxat excepto · Tenend et habend dictam domū p̄torij cum solariis et selariis suis ac p̄tineniis vniūsis dtis burgensibus ⁊ comunitati ac eorū successoribꝫ imp̄petuū in feodo ⁊ hereditate de nobis et h̄edibus n̄ris libe quiete plenarie integre et honorifice bene et in pace · In Cuius Rei testimoniū p̄nti carte Sigillum n̄rm p̄cepimus apponi · Testibus Ven̄abilibus in xp̄o patribus Waltero et Matheo Sancti Andree et Glasguensꝫ ecclesiaꝫ episcopis · Roberto Comite de ffyf ⁊ de meneteth fratre n̄ro carissimo · Archebaldo comite de Douglas domino Galwidie · Jacobo de douglas domino de Dalketh · thoma de Erskine consanĝneis n̄ris dilētis · militibus · Et Alexandro de Cocburn de langtoñ custode magni Sigilli n̄ri · Apud Perth · vicesimo die mensis Octobr · Anno Regni nostri Quarto.

XVI.

Jacobus dei gr̄a Rex scottorum Om̄ibus hominibꝫ clericis et laicis Regni nostri notum facimus nos auctoꝛte nostra Regia teneri et tenore p̄ncium

excepting only the midst of the market place of the same burgh. To be held and had the said building of the townhouse with upper and under floors by the said burgesses and community and their successors for ever in fee and heritage, of us and our heirs, freely, quietly, fully, wholly and honourably, well and in peace. In witness whereof we have ordered our seal to be appended to the present charter. Witnesses: The venerable fathers in Christ, Walter and Matthew, Bishops of the churches of Saint Andrews and Glasgow; Robert, Earl of Fife and Menteith, our dearest brother; Archibald, Earl of Douglas, Lord of Gallo-way; James of Douglas, Lord of Dalkeith; Thomas of Erskine, our beloved cousins—Knights; and Alexander of Cocburn of Langton, Keeper of our Great Seal. At Perth, the twentieth day of the month of October, in the fourth year of our reign.

XVI.

King James I. binds himself to keep the burghs of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundee and Aberdeen scathless of the payment of 50,000 merks undertaken by them for his ransom. 26th March, 1424.†*

JAMES, by the grace of God King of Scots, to all men of our kingdom, churchmen and laymen, we make known, that we by our royal authority are held, and by the

* See the Bond entered into by the Four Burghs, of date 16th February, 1423, *postea*.

† James I. began to reign 4th April, 1406.

firmiter et fideliter obligari dilectis ꝛ fidelibꝫ nris burgensibꝫ videlicꝫ ꝑꝑōitis ꝛ balliuis et comunitatibꝫ quatuor burgorum regni nꝛi ꝑꝑꝛēdi S de Edinburgth Perth Dundē ꝛ Abirden ac eorum hēdibꝫ ꝛ successoribꝫ ad obfuandꝫ ipōs ꝛ hēdes suos ꝛ successores ꝛ eorum quemlibꝫ indempnē seu indempnes de soluōne quinquaginta millium marcaꝫ pro qua suā Soluenda serenissimo primari henrico Regi Anglie pro nra liberaōne ꝑꝑꝛēdi ꝑꝑōiti ꝛ cōitates ꝛ balliui quatuor burgoꝫ ad mandatum nostrum sunt litteratorie obligati ad terminos inde concordatos. Et ad hoc faciendū ut premissum ē sine excepōe reuocatōne aut impedimēto quibuscūqꝫ. Obligamus nos auctoritate nꝛe regie magestatis heredes nꝛos et successores Reges scocie firmiter ꝛ sine fraude ꝑꝛiciū ꝑ tenorem Insup promittimꝫ ꝛ curabimꝫ nos facere omēs et singꝫos ꝑꝑōitos et balliuos ac cōitates ceteroꝫ burgoꝫ regni nostri se heredes suos ꝛ successores sub suis cōibꝫ sigillis obligare in forma sufficienti ꝑꝑōitis et balliuis dꝛoꝫ quatuor burgorum ad assistendꝫ ꝛ adherendum eisꝫ in soluōe dꝛe suāe ꝑꝛēnie in casum et euentum quibꝫ pro ea distringantur siue eā soluāt in toto ꝛ in ꝑte et ad participādū et contribuendꝫ cum eisꝫ iuxta vires in omī onere tā occasione ꝑꝛincipāꝫ soluōis ꝑꝛefate suāe

tenor of these presents are firmly and faithfully bound to our beloved and trusty burgesses, to wit, to the provosts and baillies and communities of the Four Burghs of our kingdom aforesaid, that is to say, of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundee and Aberdeen, and their heirs and successors, to keep them and their heirs and successors, and any one thereof, scathless of the payment of fifty thousand merks; for the payment of which sum to the most illustrious Prince Henry, King of England, for our ransom, the foresaid provosts and communities and baillies of our Four Burghs were at our command bound by writ at the terms therein agreed. And for the performance of this as before set forth, without exception, revocation or impediment whatsoever, by the authority of our Royal Majesty, we bind ourselves, our heirs and successors Kings of Scotland, firmly and without fraud by the tenor of these presents. Moreover we promise and will undertake to cause all and sundry the provosts and baillies and communities of the rest of the burghs of our kingdom to bind themselves, their heirs and successors, under their common seals in sufficient form, to the provosts and baillies of the said four burghs, to assist and adhere to them in payment of the said sum of money in the case and event of their being distrained therefor, or of their paying it in whole or part; and to share and contribute with them according to their ability in every burden, as well in the event of the principal payment of the said sum not being made, as of the charges

pečnie nō solute q^a sūptuū et exp̄nsaꝝ circa factum huīoi obligačois iam factoꝝ ⁊ imposterum fiendoꝝ · In Cuius rei testimonium sigillum n̄rm p̄ntibꝫ iussimus apponi ap^d dūelmiā xxvj die mēs^o marci Anno dñi millesimo quadragētessimo vicesimo quarto et Regni nostri xviii^o.

XVII.

Jacobus dei gratia Rex Scotorum omnibus probis hominibus suis ad quos p̄tes tre puen̄int salutem Sciatis q̄ de avisamento et deliberaci^o Consilii n̄ri concessimus supsedere de Custumis quibuscūq; p̄cipiendis de bonis Anglicorum aliquibꝫ in hoc Regno n̄ro viz · ad burgum n̄rm de perth Et ab hinc in omnibus partibus borialibꝫ Regni n̄ri p̄dicti importandis exceptis solūmodo Custumis pannorum et de qualibet celdra victualiū triginta duobꝫ denariis et de Cado salmonū duobꝫ solidꝫ Et q̄ omnes ligii nostri de partibus p̄dictis viz. de perth et ab hinc ad fines boriales Regni n̄ri supradicti de omnibus Custumis quorūcūq; bonorum Anglicorum p̄soluendꝫ Necnō et de Custumis pisciū vbiq; locoꝝ

and expenses incurred concerning the making of this obligation, both those already made and those afterwards to be incurred. In witness whereof we have ordered our seal to be appended to these presents at Durham, the twenty-sixth day of the month of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand four hundred and twenty-four, and of our reign the eighteenth.

XVII.

*King James II. abolishes all customs on English goods imported at Perth or Northward therefrom, except on cloths, victuals and salmon. 30th July [1446].**

JAMES, by the grace of God King of Scots, to all his good men to whom the present letters shall come, greeting. Know ye that by the advice and recommendation of our Council we have granted the abolition of customs whatsoever levied on any goods of Englishmen in this our kingdom, namely, goods imported at our burgh of Perth and thence in all the Northern parts of our kingdom aforesaid,—excepting only the customs on cloths, and on every chalder of victuals thirty-two pence, and on the barrel of salmon two shillings,—and that all our lieges of the parts aforesaid, namely, of Perth and thence to the Northern limits of our kingdom aforesaid, shall be free and exempt from all customs payable on any English goods whatsoever, as well as from customs on fish in any places

* James II. began to reign 20th February, 1437⁶.

infra Regnū n̄m predictum liberi sint et exempti hac n̄a concessione vsq̄ ad nostram etatem viginti vnus ānorum Et deinde ad n̄am voluntatem absq̄ preiudicio n̄i et mercatorū ligiorumq̄ nostrorum predictorum duratur' Et hoc omnibz quorū infest vel infesse pot̄it in futurum notificamus p̄ p̄ntes Dañ sub magno Sigillo n̄o Apud Edinburgh die p̄ultimo mensis Julij Anno Regni n̄i decimo.

XVIII.

Jacobus dei gr̄a Rex scotorū Omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue clericis et laicis salutem Sciatis nos p̄ sing'larī fauore quem gerim^o erga dilectos n̄ros mercatores burgenses et cōmunitatem burgi n̄ri de Aberdene et pro suis gratuitis fuiciis nobis hactenus multiplici^o impensz dedisse concessisse et hac p̄nti carta n̄a confirmasse p̄ nobis n̄risq̄ heredibus et successoribus p̄ p̄petuo prefatis burgensibus et cōmunitati burgi n̄ri de Aberdene eorūq̄ heredibus et successoribus burgensibus eiusdē burgi vt ip̄i p̄petuis futuris temporibus liberi absoluti ⁊ quieti sint ab om̄i Soluōne custume salis et pelliū subs̄c̄ptarū wlgariū dictarū skorlinge skaldinge futefell lenñwar lambskynnys todskynnys calf-

within our kingdom aforesaid. This our grant to remain in force till we reach the age of twenty-one years, and thenceforward at our pleasure, without prejudice to us and to our merchants and lieges aforesaid. And this we make known by these presents to all whom it concerns, or may concern in time to come. Given under our great seal at Edinburgh, the thirtieth day of the month of July, in the tenth year of our reign.

XVIII.

King James II. relieves his merchants and burgesses of Aberdeen of all customs on salt and skins. 6th December, 1452.

JAMES, by the grace of God King of Scots, to all good men of his whole land, churchmen and laymen, greeting. Know ye that we, for the singular favour that we bear to our beloved merchants, burgesses, and community of our burgh of Aberdeen, and in return for their manifold gratuitous services done to us heretofore, have given, granted, and by this our present charter confirmed, for us and for our heirs and successors for ever, to the foresaid burgesses and community of our burgh of Aberdeen and to their heirs and successors, burgesses of the same burgh, that they be in all time coming free, discharged and quit of all payment of custom on salt and on the skins underwritten, commonly called skorlings, skaldings, futefell,

skynnys cunyngskynnys ottirskynnys et founartskynnys Et mercatores ac burgenses de Aberdene eorūq, heredes et successores dicti burgi burgenses de soluōne dicte Custume salis et pellīū predictarū absoluim^o exoneramus ⁊ quittos clamam^o p nobis et nris successoribus p ppetuo ptea volum^o ac p nobis et nris successoribus concessimus dictis burgensibus et cōmunitati de Aberdene liberā potestatē atq, facultatē vendendi mercandizandi vel in excambiū aut alī pmutandi tam extraneis psonis et non liberis q^a quibuscūq, aliis psonis ⁊ tam infra nrm Regnū q^a extra mercimonia pdicta Salis et pellīū absq, quacūq, custuma per ipos extraneos aut alios quoscūq, quibuscūq, futurē temporibus persoluend Ita q̄ de dictis sale ⁊ pellibus per ipos extraneos a nris burgensibus sup̄dictis emptē seu acquisitē Custuma nullatenus psoluetur Nisi tantū pua Custuma per ipos extraneos et non liberos dictis burgēsibus et cōmunitati de dictis sale et pellibus Retroactis temporibus hactenus debita et psolui consueta Quare

lentrinware,* lamb skins, tod † skins, calf skins, cunying † skins, otter skins, and founart § skins. And the merchants and burgesses of Aberdeen and their heirs and successors burgesses of the said burgh, we, for us and for our successors for ever, discharge, release, and declare free from payment of the said custom on salt and on the foresaid skins. Further we will, and, for us and for our successors, we have granted to the said burgesses and community of Aberdeen free power and privilege to sell, buy, or exchange in barter or otherwise, as well with strangers and unfreemen, as with other persons whatsoever, and as well within our kingdom as without, the foresaid merchandise of salt and skins without the payment of any custom by the said strangers or by any others whatsoever in all time to come; so that on the said salt and skins bought or acquired by the said strangers from our foresaid burgesses no custom shall be paid, saving only the petty custom on the said salt and skins heretofore due and wont to be paid in time past by the said strangers and unfreemen to the said burgesses and community. Wherefore we

* *Skorling, Schoirling.* The skin of a shorn sheep.

Scalding, Skalding. A species of dressed skin formerly exported from Scotland . . .

Qu. if as having the wool taken off by *scalding*.

Futfaill, Futfell, Fitfeal. A species of dressed skin formerly exported from Scotland.

. . . *Footfalls*, I am informed, are the skins of those lambs that have died soon after they were dropped—perhaps *q.* fallen at the dam's foot.

Lentrenware. The name of a kind of skins; those of lambs that have died soon after being dropped; still called Lentrins; *q.* those that have died in Lentrion or Spring.—Jamieson's *Etymological Dictionary*.

† Fox. † Rabbit. § Polecat.

vn̄iſis et ſingulis quorū in̄teſt vel in̄t̄ce poſit ſtrictē ꝑcipiēdo mādamus quatenus in contrariū dicte n̄re donaçonis exoneraçonis et quitclamaçōis nullatenus deuenire ꝑſumāt ſeu corū aliquis deũire ꝑſumat ſub om̄i pena quam erga n̄ram Regiā incurrere poſint ſeu poſit maieſtatē In cui⁹ Rei teſtiōm ꝑntibus n̄ris tr̄is ꝑ ꝑpetuo duraturis n̄im magnū Sigillum apponi precepimus Teſtibus Reuendo in c̄ſto ꝑre Wiflmo eꝑo glaſgueñ Wiflmo d̄no Creichtoune n̄ro Cancellario et conſanguineo predilecto dilectis conſanguineis n̄ris Andrea d̄no le gray maꝑro hoſpicii n̄ri Wiflmo d̄no Som̄vile Alexādro de Narne de Sandfurde n̄rorū Compotorū Rotulatore et maꝑro georgio de Schoriswod Cancellario dunkeldeñ cl̄ico n̄ro apud Strielyne ſexto die menſ decembris Anno Dñi milleſimo quadringen- teſimo quinquaſimo ſecundo Et Regni noſtri decimo ſexto.

XIX.

Jacobus dei gratia Rex Scotorum Om̄ibus probis hōinibus tocius terre ſue clericis ⁊ laicis ſalutem Quia dilecti n̄ri burgenses et cōmunitas burgi n̄ri de Aberdene ſuiꝑ heredes ⁊ ſucceſſores infeodati fuerunt hereditarie

ſtrictly enjoin all and ſundry whom it does or may concern that neither they nor any of them make bold in any degree to contravene our ſaid gift, release and acquittance, under every penalty that they conjointly or ſeverally can incur to our Royal Maieſty. In wiſſness whereof we have ordered our great ſeal to be appended to our preſent letters to remain in force for ever. Wiſſnesses: The reverend father in Chriſt, William, Biſhop of Glaſgow; William, Lord Creichtoune, our Chancellor, and well-beloved couſin; our beloved couſins, Andrew, Lord le Gray, Maſter of our Houſehold; William, Lord Somerville; Alexander of Narne of Sandfurde, our Comptroller; and Maſter George of Schoriswod, Chancellor of Dunkeld, our Clerk. At Stirling, the ſixth day of the month of December in the year of our Lord one thouſand four hundred and fifty-two, and of our reign the ſixteenth.

XIX.

King James II. alters the beginning of the Aberdeen fair to the feaſt of St. Michael de Monte Tumba (16th October). 26th March, 1458.

JAMES, by the grace of God King of Scots, to all good men of his whole land, churchmen and laymen, greeting. Whereas our beloved burgesſes and community of our burgh of Aberdeen, and their heirs and ſucceſſors, were heritably infeſt by

per illustrissimū principem Robertum Regem scotorum predicessorem n̄m aliosq̄ n̄os antecessores de n̄dinis publicis i festo sancte trinitatis a die d̄m̄ca qua cantatur quasi modo genitj et per vnam quidenam sequēn plenarie ⁊ cont̄ie duratūf Nos igitur in fauorem dictorum burgensiū ⁊ inhabitantiū dictum burgū mutauimus et per p̄ntes mutamus detencionē n̄dinay predictarum a dicto tempore ad festum beati michaelis de monte tumba ⁊ tūc inchoand ⁊ tenend ānuatim ⁊ deinde cōtinuand ⁊ duratūf per vnam quidenam plene ⁊ cōtinue ac imediate sequēn adeo libere quiete bene ⁊ in pace sicut dicti burgēses dictas n̄dinas in dicto festo sancte trinitatis temporibus retroactis liberius tenuerunt seu possederunt Quare vn̄sis ⁊ singulis ligiis ⁊ subditis n̄ris stricte precipiendo mādamus ne quis in contrariū deten̄onis ⁊ ifeodāonis n̄dinarū predictarum quicqm̄ attemptare presumat temporibus profuturis sub om̄i pena que competere pot̄it i hac parte Dať sub magno sigillo n̄ro apud Edinburgh vicesimo sexto die mēs^o marcii Anno domini millesimo quadringētesimo quiquagesimo octauo Et Regni nostri vicesimo secundo.

the most illustrious Prince, Robert, King of Scots, our predecessor, and by others our ancestors, in a public fair on the feast of the Holy Trinity, from the Sunday on which "*Quasi modo geniti*" is sung* and for the space of a fortnight thereafter, to continue fully and without break: We, therefore, from favour to the said burgesses and dwellers in the said burgh, have changed, and by these presents do change, the time of holding of the foresaid fair from the said time to the feast of St. Michael de Monte Tumba, to begin and be held yearly on that day, and thereafter to continue and last for the space of a fortnight fully and without break and following immediately thereon, as freely, quietly, well and in peace, as the said burgesses freely held and possessed the said fair on the said feast of the Holy Trinity in times past. Wherefore we strictly enjoin all and sundry our lieges and subjects not to make bold in times to come to attempt anything in opposition to the tenure and infetment of the foresaid fair, under every penalty competent in the circumstances. Given under our great seal at Edinburgh, the twenty-sixth day of the month of March in the year of our Lord one thousand four hundred and fifty-eight, and of our reign the twenty-second.

* Some confusion appears here between the provisions of Alexander III.'s Charter of 2nd December, 1273, and those of Robert I.'s Charter of 8th December, 1319—*q.v.* pp. 8, 11.

XX.

Jacobus dei gratia Rex scotorum Vniuersis et singulis ligiis et subditis nris ad quorum noticias pntes tre puenint salutem Quia Intelleximus q burgenses et mercatores burgi nri de Abirdene q magna dampna t incmoda hactenus perpassi sunt ob exportaconē lane pellium t corriorum extra vicecomitatum nrm de Abirdene In contrariū priuelegiorum t libtatis dictorum burgensium in fraudem nre magne Custume dci burgi Nos Igitur attendē et perpendē infrictionē dicte libertatis et hmod dampna nra t dictorum nroꝝ burgēsiū Cōmisimus t pntiū tenore cōmittim^o prepōito balliuis et burgensibus dicti burgi nri qui pro tempore fuerint eorumq, deputatis liberam facultatem et plenariā potestatē eschaetandi et ad vsum nostrum appropriandi capiendi hmoi bona lanas pelles coria sic extra dictum vicecomitatum t libertatē dicti burgi abducta seu Imposterum forsitā abducenda absq, solucoe nre custume De quibusquid bonis eschaetatē cōcessimus et pntiū tenore concedimus dictis burgensibus burgi nri de Abirdene dimediatatē eschaete eorund

XX.

King James II. empowers the provost, baillies, and burgesses of Aberdeen to escheat wool, skins, and hides exported outwith the sheriffdom of Aberdeen without payment of the great custom. 9th October, 1458.

JAMES, by the grace of God King of Scots, to all and sundry our lieges and subjects to whose knowledge the present letters shall come, greeting. Whereas we have understood that the burgesses and merchants of our burgh of Aberdeen have heretofore sustained very great losses and inconveniences on account of the exportation of wool, skins and hides outwith our sheriffdom of Aberdeen, in despite of the privileges and liberty of the said burgesses, to the detriment of our great custom of the said burgh : We therefore, giving heed to and weighing well the violation of the said liberty and the consequent losses to ourselves and our said burgesses, have entrusted, and by the tenor of these presents do entrust, to the provost, baillies and burgesses of our said burgh for the time being, and to their deputies, free privilege and full power to escheat and to appropriate and take for our own use such goods, wools, skins, hides, as have been thus taken, or shall in time to come chance to be taken, outwith the said sheriffdom and freedom of the said burgh, without payment of our custom. From which escheated goods we have granted, and by the tenor of these presents do grant, to the said burgesses of our burgh of Aberdeen, half the escheat thereof, in return for their

pro eorum laboribus sumptibus ⁊ expens^o faciendis circa eorum eschaetaconem Aliam vero dimedietatē dēc eschaete ad nos importare ⁊ de eisdem bonis ānuatim in nōro scaccario comptum reddere tenebuntur p̄pōit^o et balliui burghi supraditi Quo circa Vniuersis et singulis ligiis et subditis nōris quorum Intest vel intesse poterit stricte precipiendo mandamus q̄tus dictis prepōito balliuis et burgensibus dēc burghi eorumq̄ ministris et fuitoribus in om̄ibus et singulis eschaetacionē dictorum bonorum concernētib; ⁊ deportaconem eorund ad vsus nōros vt premittitur prompte r̄ndeant parcant ⁊ Intendant ⁊ q̄ in contrariū presentium nullatenus deuenire presumant tēporibus profuturis sub om̄i pena que competere pot̄it In hac pte p̄ntibus p̄ nōra volūtate duraturē Datum sub magno sigillo nōro apud Edinburgh nono die mēs; Octobrē Anno Dñi millesimo quadringentesimo quiquagesimo octauo Et Regnj nōri vicesimo scdo.

XXI.

Jacobus dei gratia Rex Scotorum omnibus probis hominibus tocius

trouble, charges and outlays incurred in connection with their escheating. But the other half of the said escheat the provost and baillies of the burgh aforesaid shall be bound to hand over to us, and yearly to render account of the same goods to our treasury. Wherefore we strictly enjoin all and sundry our lieges and subjects whom it does or may concern, promptly to answer, obey and attend to the said provost, baillies and burgesses of the said burgh and their officers and servants in all and sundry matters affecting the escheating of the said goods and the handing over thereof to our uses, as aforesaid; and not to make bold in any degree to contravene these presents in time to come, under every penalty competent in the circumstances. These presents to remain in force during our pleasure. Given under our great seal at Edinburgh, the ninth day of the month of October in the year of our Lord one thousand four hundred and fifty-eight, and of our reign the twenty-second.

XXI.

King James III. grants to his provost, baillies, councillors, and community of Aberdeen in fee and heritage the lands of Cruives resigned by John Banner-man of Elsick. 26th October, 1465.

JAMES, by the grace of God King of Scots, to all good men of his whole king-

terre sue clericis et laicis salutem Sciatis nos dedisse concessisse et hac p̄nti carta n̄ra confirmasse dilectis nostris preposito balliuis consulibus et cōmunitati burgi nostri de Aberdene f̄ras de Crwuis cum pertinēciis jacen̄ infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Aberdene Quequid terre cum pertinenciis fuerunt dilecti nostri Iohannis Bannyrman de Alesike hereditarie Et quas idem Iohannes non vi aut metu ductus nec errore lapsus set sua mera et spontanea voluntate in manus n̄ras apud Striueline coram subscriptis testibus per fustem et baculum ac suos procuratores ad hoc legitime constitutos sursum reddidit pureq̄ simpliciter resignavit Ac totum jus et clameum que in dictis terris cum pertinenciis habuit seu habere potuit pro se et heredibus suis omnino quitiēclamavit imperpetuum Tenend et habend dictas terras de Cruvis cum pertinenciis dictis prep̄oito balliuis consulibus et cōmunitati dicti burgi de Aberdene et eorum successoribus pp̄oitis consulibus et cōmunitatibus eiusdem burgi p̄petuis futuris temporibus de nobis heredibus et successoribus n̄ris in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum per omnes rectas metas suas antiquas et diuisas prout jacent in longitudine et latitudine Cum omnibus et singulis libertatibus cōmoditatibus et asiamētis ac justis pertinenciis quibus-

dom, churchmen and laymen, greeting. Know ye that we have given, granted, and by this our present charter confirmed, to our beloved provost, baillies, councillors and community of our burgh of Aberdeen the lands of Cruives with the pertinents lying within our sheriffdom of Aberdeen: Which lands with the pertinents belonged in heritage to our beloved John Bannerman of Elsick; and which the same John, not influenced by force or fear, nor led astray by error, but of his own accord and free will, did, by staff and baton and by his procurators, lawfully constituted therefor, give up and purely and simply resign into our hands at Stirling in presence of the witnesses underwritten; and did for himself and his heirs wholly renounce for ever all right and interest that he had or could have in the said lands with the pertinents. To be held and had the said lands of Cruives, with the said pertinents, by the said provost, baillies, councillors and community of the said burgh of Aberdeen and their successors, provosts, councillors and communities of the same burgh, in all time to come, of us, our heirs and successors in fee and heritage for ever, by all their true ancient meiths and marches, as they lie in length and in breadth, with all and sundry privileges, conveniences and easements and just pertinents whatsoever, as well not named as named, belonging, or which may in future in any manner justly belong, to the

cūq̄ tam non nominatis q̄ nomiatis ad dictas Ūras cum pertinēciis spectantibus seu quouismodo iuste spectare valentibus in futurum Et adeo libere quiete plenarie integre honorifice bene et in pace in omnibus et per omnia sicut dictus Iohānes aut predicesores sui predictas Ūras cum pertinenciis de nobis aut predicesoribus ūris ante dictam resignaſionem nobis inde factam liberius tenuit seu possedit tenuerunt seu possederunt Refuatīs nobis et successoribus ūris ūiciis oneribus vtilitatib; et emolumentis de dictis terris ante ditam resignaſionem debitis et consuetis In cuius Rei testimoniū p̄nti carte ūre magnū Sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus Testibus Reuerendis in c̄isto patribus Andrea ep̄o glasgueñ Thoma ep̄o Aberdoneñ dilectis consanguineis ūris Andrea d̄no Avandale cancellario ūro colino comite de ergile domino cambell maġro hospicii ūri gilberto domino kennedy Iohanne domino Dernlè Alexandro boide de drumcoll Iohanne de culquhone de eodem ūrorum compotorum Rotulatore militibus magistrę Daud de guthre de kincaldrum thesaurario ūro et Archibaldo quhitelaw Archidiacono morauieñ Secretario ūro apud Striueline vicesimo sexto die mensę Octobris Anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo quinto Et Regni nostri Sexto.

said lands with the pertinents; and as freely, quietly, fully, wholly, honourably, well and in peace, in all and through all, as the said John or his predecessors freely held or possessed the foresaid lands with the pertinents of us and our predecessors before the said resignation made thereon to us. Reserving to us and to our successors the services, burdens, advantages, and emoluments due and customary from the said lands before the said resignation. In witness whereof we have ordered our great seal to be appended to our present charter. Witnesses: The reverend fathers in Christ, Andrew, Bishop of Glasgow; Thomas, Bishop of Aberdeen; our beloved cousins, Andrew, Lord Avandale, our Chancellor; Colin, Earl of Argyle, Lord Campbell, Master of our Household; Gilbert, Lord Kennedy; John, Lord Dernle; Alexander Boide of Drumcoll, John of Colquhon of that ilk, our Comptroller, Knights; Master David of Guthrie of Kincaldrum, our Treasurer; and Archibald Whitelaw, Archdeacon of Moray, our Secretary. At Stirling, the twenty-sixth day of the month of October in the year of our Lord one thousand four hundred and sixty-five, and of our reign the sixth.

XXII.

Iacobus dei gratia Rex Scotorum Omnibus probis hominibus totius terre sue Clericis et laicis salutem Noueritis q̄ pro singulari fauore amore et affectione quos et quam habemus erga dilectos et fideles nostros prepositum balliuos consules et comitatem burgi nostri de Abirdene et pro suis gratuitis seruiciis temporibus exactis nobis exhibitis et impensis Ex auisamento et deliberatione nostri concilii dedimus concessimus et confirmauimus ac p̄ntis carte nostre tenore damus concedimus et confirmamus eisdem prep̄oito balliuis consulibus et burgensibus dicti burgi et eorum successoribus libertatem eiusdem burgi habentibus et habituris vt ip̄i et successores sui predicti liberi fuit pro perpetuo et quitti de omni solucione custumarum salmonum de dicto burgo exeuncium et captorum in aquis de done et dee eisdem liberis burgensibus pertinenciū et pertinere valencium qualitercūq̄, in futurum Saluis et exceptis nobis et successoribus nostris customis salmonū per extraneos ac ligeos nostros libertatem eiusdem burgi non habentes de dicto burgo carcand̄ et habend̄ prius nobis debitis et consuetis Tenendas et habendas dietas customas salmo-

XXII.

King James III. relieves his provost, baillies, councillors, and community of Aberdeen of all customs on salmon caught in Dee or Don save those payable by strangers and unfreemen. 14th December, 1482.

JAMES, by the grace of God King of Scots, to all good men of his whole land, churchmen and laymen, greeting. Know ye that for the singular favour, love and affection which we have towards our beloved and trusty provost, baillies, councillors and community of our burgh of Aberdeen, and in return for their gratuitous services rendered and devoted to us in times past, we have, with the advice and recommendation of our Council, given, granted and confirmed, and, by the tenor of our present charter, do give, grant and confirm to the same provost, baillies, councillors and burgesses of the said burgh, and to their successors having and to have the freedom of the same burgh, that they and their foresaid successors shall be forever free and quit of all payment of customs on salmon exported from the said burgh and caught in the waters of Don and Dee, belonging, or which shall in future in any manner belong, to the same free burgesses. Saving and excepting for us and for our successors the customs formerly due and customary to us on salmon leased and held from the said burgh by strangers and by our lieges not having the freedom of the said burgh. To be held and had the said free customs on salmon by the foresaid

num liberas prefatis preposito balliuis et burgensibus liberis dicti burghi de Abirdene et eorum successoribus predictis de nobis et successoribus nris in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum Libere quiete honorifice integre bene et in pace sine Reuocacione quacunq, aut contradictione aliquali nostri aut successorum nostrorum exceptis prius exceptis quouismodo inde faciend in futurum De quibusquidē customis omnibus salmonū predictorum exceptis prius exceptis customarios nostros dicti burghi ac nostros Receptores compotorum Rotulatores scaccariorum et compotorum auditores ac ceteros officarios nostros pntes et futuros pro nobis et successoribus nostris exonerauimus et tenore pntis carte nostre exoneramus pro perpetuo In cuius Rei testimoniū pnti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus Testibus Reuerendis in cristo patribus Iohanne Epō glasgueñ cancellario nostro Jacobo Epō Dūkeldeñ Andrea electo morauieñ nostri secreti sigilli custode Dilectis auñculis nostris Iohanne comite atholie Dño de baluany Jacobo comite buchanie Dño de ouchtirhouš magno camerario nostro venerabili in cristo patre archibaldo abbate monasterii nostri sancte crucis de Edinburgh thesaurario nostro Dilectis consanguineis nostris thoma Dño Erskin Wifmo Dño borthwik alano Dño cathkert dilectis clericis nostris magistris archibaldo quhitelaw archidiacono laudonie secretario nostro et patricio

provost, baillies and free burgesses of the said burgh of Aberdeen and by their foresaid successors, of us and our successors in fee and heritage for ever, freely, quietly, honourably, wholly, well and in peace, without any revocation or challenge whatsoever to be made thereupon in any way in time to come by us or by our successors, except as before excepted. From all which customs on salmon aforesaid, except as before excepted, we have for us and for our successors discharged, and by the tenor of our present charter do for ever discharge, our customars of the said burgh, and our receivers, comptrollers and auditors of exchequer and accounts and our remaining officials present and to come. In witness whereof we have ordered our great seal to be appended to our present charter. Witnesses: The reverend fathers in Christ, John, Bishop of Glasgow, our Chancellor; James, Bishop of Dunkeld; Andrew, elect of Moray, Keeper of our Privy Seal; our beloved uncles, John, Earl of Athole, Lord of Balvany, James, Earl of Buchan, Lord of Ouchtirhouse, our High Chamberlain; the venerable father in Christ, Archibald, Abbot of our Monastery of Holyrood in Edinburgh, our Treasurer; our beloved cousins, Thomas, Lord Erskine, William, Lord Bothwick, Alan, Lord Cathkert; our beloved clerks, Masters Archibald Whitelaw, Archdeacon of Lothian, our Secretary, and

leiche canonico glasgueñ clerico nostrorum Rotulorum et Registri apud Edinburgh decimo die mensis Decembris Anno Dñi millesimo quadringentesimo octuagesimo secūdo Et Regni nostri vicesimo tertio.

XXIII.

Iacobus dei gracie Rex scotorum Omnibus Probis hominibus suis ad quos pñtes ire perueniunt Salutem Sciatis Nos quodd actum siue decretum per dominos nri consilii inferius descriptos datum et promulgatum vtiq̄ intellexisse sub hac forma

At Edinburgh the xix day of Iunij The yere of god im̄iiij^c lxxxxiiij zeris The lordis of counsale vnderwritin that is to say a maist reuerend and reuerend faderis in god robert archibishop of glasgow george bischop of Dunkeldin nobill and mighty lordis Archibald erle of Angus cancellare of Scotland archibald erle of Ergile Williame erle mschell Iohnne lord glāmys andro lord gray Williame lord borthuik laurence lord Oliphaunt Robert lord lile Iohnne lord drūmond Williame lord of santt Iohnne venerabile faderis in god george abbot of Dunfermling Robert abbot of Kelso george abbot of paslay maister Richard murehede dene of glasgow and secre^t to o' souerane lord maister Iohnne fresale dene of lestaalrig and clerk of ye register s^r duncane fores^t of Skipynch knicht cōptrollare to oure souerane lord Iohnne of Ogiluy sonn and apperand air to Iames lord Ogiluy of Arly s^r Iames Allerdes provost of oure lady kirk of ye heuch and maister richard lausoun Auent ye terme assignit be a bill to the alderman balezeis and cōmīte of aberdene to produce and schew sic richt^e as yai wald vse

Patrick Leiche, Canon of Glasgow, Clerk of our Rolls and Register. At Edinburgh, the tenth day of the month of December in the year of our Lord one thousand four hundred and eighty-two, and of our reign the twenty-third.

XXIII.

King James IV. confirms a decree of the Lords of Council (19th June, 1494) ratifying a Charter by King Robert I. (No. VIII.). 20th June, 1494.

JAMES, by the grace of God King of Scots, to all his good men to whom the present letters shall come, greeting. Know ye that we have fully considered a certain act or decret given and pronounced by the Lords of our Council underwritten, in this form—"At Edinburgh the 19th day of June, &c. . . . but

anent ye clame of the forest of stokket ye castellhill and diuers' vy^ois placis clamyt to pertene to oure souerane lord Oure souerane lordis aduocate and andro Wod comperand for yare interest^e and and ye parte of oure souerane lord Alexander Rede ald^oman of Aberdene and ye procuratour^e of ye said tovn beand pnt The charter and infestment maid to ye said toвне be king Robert the brois' of maist nobill mynde at lenth sene hard and vnderstandin * The lordis of *qsale* y^rwith Ripely avisit decretis and deliueris yat for ocht yat yai have zit sene the said alderman baillies and coñite sall broik and jois' ye said burgh of Aberdene with ye pertinence as yai brokit of before becaus yai clamyt the said bound^e and placis be vertew of ye said charter ay and quhill thai be lauchfully put y^rfra and but p^oudice of oure souerane lord^e Richt *Extract^o de libro actorum per me Iohanne fresale decanū de lestalrig clericum Rotulorum ꝛ regri ac consilii Supremi Dñi nri regis Sub meis Signo et Subscriptione manualibus*

Quodquid actum siue decretū ad omnia et singula in eodem *qtenta* in omibus suis punctis et articulis approbamus Ratificamus et pro nobis et successorib; nris vt p^omissum est *qfirmamus Datum sub testimonio magnj Sigilli nri Apud Edinburgh vicesimo die mēs^e Iunii Anno Dñi millesimo Quadringētesimo Nonagesimo quarto Et Regni nri Septimo.*

XXIV.

Jacobus dei gratia Rex Scotorum Omnibus Probis hominibus suis ad

prejudice of oure soverane lordis richt. Extracted from the book of the Acts by me John Fresale, Dean of Lestalrig, Clerk of the Rolls, and of the Register and Council of our sovereign lord the King; under my sign and subscription manual." Which act or decret and all and sundry contained therein, in all its points and articles we approve, ratify, and for ourselves and our successors as above set forth, confirm. Given under witness of our great seal, at Edinburgh, the twentieth date of the month of June in the year of our Lord one thousand four hundred and ninety-four, and of our reign the seventh.

XXIV.

King James IV. confirms the privileges granted by his grandfather in 1458 (No. XX.). 11th December, 1495.

JAMES, by the grace of God King of Scots, to all his good men to whom

* See No. VIII., p. 12.

quos pñtes tre peruenerint salutem Sciatis q̄ intelleximus q̄ burgeñ et mercatores burgi nñi de Aberdene q̄ magna dampna et incōmoda hactenus perpassi sunt ob exportationem lane pellium et corriorum extra vicecomitatum nñm de Aberdene Incontrarium priuilegiorum ⁊ libertatis dictorum burgensium in fraudem nñe magne custume dicti burgi Nos igitur attendeñ et perpendeñ infrictionem dicte libertatis et huioi dampna nña et dictorum ñrorum burgensium comisimus et tenore pñtium comittim⁹ prepõito balliuis et burgensibus dicti burgi nñi qui pro tempore fuerint eorumq̄ deputatis liberam facultatem et plenariam pñtatem eschaetandi et ad vsum nñm appropriandi et capiendi hmoi bona lanas pelles corria Sic extra dictum Vicecomitatum et libertatem dicti burgi abducta seu Imposterum forsitan abducenda absq̄ solutione nñe custume De quibusquid bonis eschaetatis concessimus et tenore pñtium q̄cedimus dictis Prepõito balliuis ⁊ burgēsibꝫ burgi nñi de Aberdene dimediatatem eschaete corundem pro eorum laboribus sumptibꝫ et expensꝫ faciendis circa eorum eschaetataꝫ [sic] aliam vero dimediatatem dicte eschaete ad nos Importare et de eisð bonis añuatim in nño Scaccario comptum Reddere tenebuntur prepõiti ⁊ balliui burgi supradicti Prout tre pñtatis quond

the present letters shall come, greeting. Know ye that we have understood that the burgesses and merchants of our burgh of Aberdeen have heretofore sustained very great losses and inconveniences on account of the exportation of wool, skins and hides outwith our sheriffdom of Aberdeen, in despite of the privileges and liberty of the said burgesses, to the detriment of our great custom of the said burgh: We therefore, giving heed to and weighing well the violation of the said liberty, and the consequent losses to ourselves and to our said burgesses, have entrusted, and by the tenor of these presents do entrust, the provost, baillies and burgesses of our said burgh for the time being and to their deputies free privilege and full power to escheat and to appropriate and take for our own use such goods, wools, skins, hides, as have been thus taken, or shall in time to come chance to be taken, outwith the said sheriffdom and freedom of the said burgh, without payment of our custom. From which escheated goods we have granted, and by the tenor of these presents do grant, to the said provost, baillies and burgesses of our burgh of Aberdeen one half of the escheat thereof in return for their trouble, charges and outlays incurred in connection with their escheating. But the other half of the said escheat the provost and baillies of the burgh aforesaid shall be bound to hand over to us, and yearly to render account of the same goods to our treasury; according as the letters of privilege addressed aforetime

carissimi ⁊ nobilissimi aui n̄ri dictis Prepōito balliuis ⁊ burgensibus prius desup ꝓfectis in se plenius proportant ⁊ testantur Quare vniuers; ⁊ singulis ligeis et subdictis n̄ris quorum interest vel interesse poterit stricte precipiendo mandamus quatenus dictis prepōito balliui et burgensibus dicti burgi eorumq; deputatis mīstris et fūitoribus in omnib; et singulis eschaetacionem dictorum bonorum concerneñ et deportacionem eorund ad vsus n̄ros vt premititur prompte R̄ideant pareant ⁊ Intendant Et q; incontrarium p̄ntium nullatenus deuenire presumant temporib; profuturis Sub om̄i pena quam erga n̄ram Regiam incurrere poterint maiestatem P̄ntibus pro n̄ra voluntate et deinde vsq; ad n̄ram Speçalem reuocacionem earund duratū Datum sub magno Sigillo n̄ro Apud Abirbrothok vndecimo die mens; Decembre Anno dñi m̄tmo quadrin^{mo} nonagesimo quito Et Regni n̄ri Octauo.

XXV.

Iacobus dei gracia Rex scotorum Omnibus Probis hom̄ibus suis ad Quos p̄ntes littere peruenerint salutem Sciatis Quia Intellexim⁹ q; bur-

by our umquhile most dear and most noble grandfather to the said provost, baillies and burgesses in themselves more fully set forth and attest.* Wherefore we strictly enjoin all and sundry our lieges and subjects whom it does or may concern, promptly to answer, obey and attend to the said provost, baillies and burgesses of the said burgh, their deputies, officers and servants, in all and sundry matters affecting the escheating of the said goods and the handing over thereof to our uses as aforesaid; and not to make bold in any degree to contravene these presents in time to come under every penalty that they can incur to our Royal Majesty. These presents to remain in force during our will, and up to our special revocation of the same. Given under our great seal at Arbroath, the eleventh day of the month of December in the year of our Lord one thousand four hundred and ninety-five, and of our reign the eighth.

XXV.

King James IV. of new grants the privileges granted in 1495 (No. XXIV.) and grants like privileges with respect to victual. 17th August, 1511.

JAMES, by the grace of God King of Scots, to all his good men to whom the present letters shall come, greeting. Know ye that we have understood

* See No. XX., p. 29.

genses et m̄catores burgī n̄ri de abirdene q̄a magna dampna et Incommoda hactenus p̄pessi sunt ob exportacionem lane pelliū corriorum et victualium extra vicecomitatum n̄rm de abirdene Incontrariū priuilegiorū et libertatem dicti n̄ri burgī et burgensiū eiusd' ac contra statuta Itineris n̄re can̄arie et in fraudem n̄re magne custume dicti n̄ri burgī Nos igitur attendē et perpendentes Infrictionem dicti libertatis dampnaq; et Incommoda n̄ra et dictorum burgensiū nostrorum Inde perpessa Cōmisimus tenoreq; p̄ncipiū pro nobis et successorib; n̄ris cōmittimus prep̄ōito balliuis et burgensib; dicti n̄ri burgī nūc p̄ntibus et qui pro tempore fuerint liberā facultatē plenariā p̄tatem et mandatum speciale ad eschaetandum et ad vsum n̄rm applicand' et appropriand' om̄ia h̄mod' bona lanam pelles corria et victulia sic vt premititur per quascumq; personas extra dictum n̄rm vicecomitatū et libertatem prefati n̄ri burgī abducta seu forsan Imposterum abducenda absq; soluōe n̄re magne custume inde debī de quibusquid' bonis vt premititur eschaetatis concessim^o tenoreq; p̄ntiū concedim^o dictis prep̄ōito balliuis et burgeñ de Abirdene dimedietatem eschaete n̄re eorund' bonorum pro ip̄orum laboribus sumptib; et expensis circa eschaetacionē eorund' faciendis Aliam vero dimedietatem dicte

that the burgesses and merchants of our burgh of Aberdeen have heretofore sustained very great losses and inconveniences on account of the exportation of wool, skins, hides and victuals outwith our sheriffdom of Aberdeen, in despite of the privileges and liberty of our said burgh and of the burgesses thereof, and contrary to the statutes of our chamberlain ayre and to the detriment of our great custom of our said burgh: We therefore, giving heed to and weighing well the violation of the said liberty, and the losses and inconveniences thereby sustained by ourselves and by our said burgesses, have entrusted, and by the tenor of these presents do for ourselves and our successors entrust, to the provost, baillies and burgesses of our said burgh, present and to come, free privilege, full power and special mandate, to escheat and to appropriate and apply to our use all such goods, wool, skins, hides, and victuals as have been taken, or shall in time to come chance to be taken, as aforesaid, by what persons soever, outwith our said sheriffdom and freedom of our foresaid burgh, without payment of our great custom thereon due. From which goods escheated as aforesaid we have granted, and by the tenor of these presents do grant, to the said provost, baillies and burgesses of Aberdeen one half our escheat of the same goods, in return for their trouble, charges and outlays incurred in connection with the escheating thereof. But the other half of the said escheat

eschaete nobis Importare et de eisdem bonis ānuatim in scaccario n̄o compotū reddere tenebuntur prepōitus balliui et burgenses suprascript' Quare vniuersis et singulis ligeis et subdictis n̄ris quorum Interest stricte precipimus et mandamus quatenus dictis prepōito balliuis et burgensib; dicti n̄ri b̄gi de abirdene p̄ntib; et futuris eorunq; m̄istris et fuitorib; in om̄ibus et singulis eschaetacionem dictorum bonorū concerneñ et asportacionē eorund' ad vsus n̄ros vt premittitur prompte r̄ndeant pareant et Intendant et q; Incontrariū p̄ntiū nullatenus deuenire presumāt temporib; affuturis Sub om̄i pena que competere poterit in hac parte Ac secund' tenorē aliarū n̄rarum trarum ac litterarū quond' nobilissimi progenitoris n̄ri Jacobi Secundi cuius anime propicietur Deus prefatis prepōito balliuis et burgeñ dicti n̄ri burgi sub n̄ris magnis sigillis prius desuper cōfect' In Cuius Rei testimoniū p̄ntibus n̄ris Iris pro nobis et successorib; n̄ris pro perpetuo in suo robore duraturis magnū sigillum n̄rm apponi precipimus apud Edinburgh decimoseptimo die mens' augusti Anno dom̄i millesimo quingentesimo vndecimo et Regni n̄ri vicesimo quarto.

the provost, baillies and burgesses above written shall be bound to hand over to us, and yearly to render account of the same goods to our treasury. Wherefore we strictly order and enjoin all and sundry our lieges and subjects whom it concerns, promptly to answer, obey and attend to the said provost, baillies and burgesses of our said burgh of Aberdeen, present and to come, their officers and servants, in all and sundry matters affecting the escheating of the said goods and the handing over thereof to our uses as aforesaid; and not to make bold in any degree to contravene these presents in time to come, under every penalty competent in the circumstances, and according to the tenor of our other letters* and of the letters of our umquhile most noble ancestor, James the Second† (on whose soul may God have mercy), addressed thereanent aforesaid under our great seals to the aforesaid provost, baillies and burgesses of our said burgh. In witness whereof we have ordered our great seal to be appended, for us and our successors, to our present letters, to remain in their full force for ever. At Edinburgh, the seventeenth day of the month of August in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and eleven, and of our reign the twenty-fourth.

* See No. XXIV., p. 37.

† See No. XX., p. 29.

XXVI.

Iacobus dei gracia Rex scotorum Omnibus probis hominibus suis ad Quos p̄ites tre peruenerint salutem Sciatis nos Quodd̄ actū siue decretū arbitrale per d̄nos n̄ri consilii inferius descriptos datum et promulgatum vtiq̄ intellexisse sub hac forma

At Edinburgh ye xxiiij day of Ianuare the yere of god j^m v^c ƒ xj zeris We William bischop of Abirdene Andro bischop of Caithnes cōmendator of Kelso thesauraf̄ to oure souerane lord David bischop of Ergile george postulat of ye ylis Edward byschop of Orknay archibald erle of Ergile andro lord gray Iustice generale to our souerane lord and mais¹ gawane Dunbar archidene of Sanctand̄ clerk of Register Iugis arbitratour̄ and amicable compositour̄ cōmonly chosen betuix anc noble and my^{ty} Lord Williā erle of Eroll fef of Abirdene principale on ye ta part and gilbert mēzeis provest of ye burgh of Abirdene Iohnne mar and Iohne colisoun bailzeis of ye sāmyn sh^r Iohne Ruy²-furd knight patrick Lesly Iohnne culane and Iames colisoun burgess; y^{rof} for yame self and as procuratour̄ for ye hale cōnite of ye said burgh constitute under yar cōmoun sele on ye toy² part tuiching ye cōtraversy movit betuix yame anēt ye vse and possessioun allegit to be had be ye saidis provest bailzeis and cōnite and yar predecessour̄ of punysing of trubbil and blude yat happinit amanḡ nyctbour̄ of ye said burgh and anēt yar Iur̄dictioun and priuilege y^{rof} and anēt the stop maid to yame yaruntill as wes allegit in yar complaint be ye said shēff in ye arresting of yare cōburgess; to shēf courtis contrar yar said priuilege and vse and tuiching ye Rycht of ye said mater and all actioun movit or to be movit y^{rapoun} and how ye saidis p̄tiis suld bruke and Ioiss anent ye premiss; in tyme tocum like as Is cōteint in ane cōpromisse maid herapoun in Iugemēt

XXVI.

King James IV. confirms a Decreet Arbitral of the Lords of Council (24th January, 151 $\frac{1}{2}$) anent the jurisdiction of the sheriff and the provost and baillies. 28th January, 151 $\frac{1}{2}$.

JAMES, by the grace of God King of Scots, to all his good men to whom the present letters shall come, greeting. Know ye that we have fully considered a certain act or decret arbitral given and pronounced by the Lords of our Council underwriten, in this form.—“At Edinburgh the twenty-fourth day of January, &c.

in pñs of ye lordis of counsale The saidis ptiis being bundin oblist and Suorne to vnderly fulfill and complete oure decrete sentence and deliuerance or ony five of Us Iugis forsaid ʔ being pnt before Us And yar Richtis Resonis and allegatiounis at lenth be Us herd sene understand and Us deligently and Riply yʔwt auisit havand god befor ws all in ane voce decretis deliueris pñucis and for oure finale sentence and decrete arbitrale ordanis yat in all tyme tocū quhar yar sall happin ony blude to be cōmittit betuix burgess; of ye said burgh and fremen and yat Josis ye priuilege of ye sām̄ amonge yā self within the burgh and fredome That ye provest and bailzeis yarof yat salbe for ye tyme sall know and haif cognitioun yʔapoun like as yai haif done in all tymes bigane And the said shēf nor his successourē nor yar deputis to haif na Intrometting yarwith And quhar blude beis cōmittit in ony tyme tocum within ye said burgh or fredome betuix persouns nocht burgess; duelland owtwith ye samē ʔ nocht joisand ye priuilege yʔof ye said shēf to haif cognitioun and knowledge yʔapoun and quhar yar beis blude cōmittit betuix burgess; of ye said burgh or vtheris joisand ye priuilege of Ye sāmyn and vtheris persouns Remanend outwt ye burgh and fredome the said burgh and ye provest and bailzeis yʔof to haif jurisdiction and cognitioun in that cais; apoun ye burgess; and yame yat josis ye priuilege as said Is And ye said shēf vpoun ye vther persouns noʔ burgess; nor joisand ye said priuilege Resvand alwas to ye said provest and bailzeis and yar successoʔē to know apoun trublance yat beis cōmittit be quhatsūeuir persouns within ye said burgh and fredome like as yai haif done of befor And quhar any burgess; fremen or vtherē joisand ye priuilege of ye said burgh cōmittis blude outwt ye sāmyn ʔ fredome yof in yat cais; ye forsaid shēf and his successorē to haif cognitioun apoun ye said blude alwayis and als wout p̄udice to ye said shēf or ony vther Richt or p̄uilege yʔ he of resoun aw to exers within ye said burgh and fredome And yis oure decrete and sentence to haif ye strenth of ye decrete of ye lordis of ye hale sete becaus' ye said actioun wes q̄promittit to Us Jugis forsaidē In Jugemēt befor ye saidē lordis And it wes ordanit yʔ oʔ decrete to gevin yʔuppoun suld haif siclike strenth as It had bene gevin in Iugemēt be ye lordē of ye hale Sete And yʔfor ordains ʔre; be direct herapoun gif nede beis in dew forme as efferis Extractum de libero [sic] actorum per me magistrum gawinū Dunbar archi-

. . . in due form as effeirs. Extracted from the book of the Acts by me,

diaconū sanctianđ clericū Rotolorū registri ac cōsillii supremi Dñi nři regis sub meis signo et subscriptōne manualibus

Quodquid actū siue decretum arbitrale In omībus et per omīa approbamus ratificamus Et per pītes vt premissum est confirmamus Datum sub testimonio magni sigilli nři apud Edinburgh vicesimo octauo die mēs' Januarii Anno Dñi mllmo Quingentesimo Vndecimo Et Regni nři vicesimoquarto.

XXVII.

Iacobus dei gracia Rex scotorum Omnibus probis hominibus suis ad quos presentes Ire peruenerint salutem Sciatis quia cum auisamento et consensu nři thesaurarij et đnorum compositorum Remisimus preposito balliuis cōmitati burgensibus le scot et lot soluentibus et eorum seruitoribus actualiter remanentibus infra burgum nřm de Abirdene et inhabitantibus intra terras et limites siue marchias burgales eiusdem seu in genere et in specie latoribus pñtium Rancorem animi nři sectam regiam ꝛ omnē actionē quem et quas erga ipos concepimus habemus seu quouismodo in

Master Gavin Dunbar, Archdeacon of St. Andrews, Clerk of the Rolls and of the Register and Council of our sovereign lord the King, under my sign and subscription manual." Which act or decree arbitral, in all and by all, we approve, ratify and by these presents, as above set forth, confirm. Given under witness of our great seal at Edinburgh the twenty-eighth day of the month of January in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and eleven, and of our reign the twenty-fourth.

XXVII.

King James V. remits to the provost, baillies, community, &c., of Aberdeen all ill will and action against them because of their absence from his armies. 7th February, 1527.

JAMES, by the grace of God King of Scots, to all his good men to whom the present letters shall come, greeting. Know ye that, with the advice and consent of our treasurer and lords arbiters we have remitted to the provost, baillies, community, burgesses paying scot and lot,* and their servants actually living within our burgh of Aberdeen, and to dwellers within the burghal lands and boundaries or marches thereof, or in general and in special to the bearers of these presents, our illwill, royal process, and all action which we conceived, have, or could in any

* To pay *scot*, or *scat*, and *lot* = to pay shares in proportion.—*Jamieson's Dictionary*.

futurum habere poterimus pro eorum proditoriis remanentia mora et absentia ab exercitibus nris de sulway ⁊ werk ac aliis nris exercitibus quibuscunq nras contra proclamaciones et mandata desuper direcī Et pro omnibus actione et crimine que eis aut eorum alicui quouismodo imputari poterint Necnon pro omnibus aliis actionibus transgressionibus criminibus et offensis quibuscunq per dictas personas aut earum aliquam aliquibus temporibus retroactis vsq in diem date pñtium cōmissis seu quomodof; perpetratis proditoria traditione in nra persona regia incendio murthuro mulierum raptu cōmī furto fabricatione finctione et importatione false monete in regnū nostrum dispositione eiusdem per importatores ac homicidiis per dictas personas aut earum aliquam post primū diem mensis Ianuarij Anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo vigesimo sexto perpetratis tantūmodo exceptis dūmodo partibus conquerentibus ac dampna passis taliter satisfaciant q nullam super hoc decetero iustam querimoniam audiamus Et supradictos prepōitum balliuos cōmitatem burgenses et eorum seruitores actualiter infra dictum burgum nrm de Abirdene remanētes et inhabitantes intra terras et limites eiusdem suprascripī in genere ⁊ in specie sub firma pace et protectione nra iuste

way have in time to come towards them, because of their treasonable holding back, delay and absence from our armies of Sulway and Werk and from our other armies whatsoever, in opposition to our proclamations, and orders directed thereanent; and be cause of every action and crime which could in any way be imputed to them or to any of them; as well as because of all other actions, transgressions, crimes and offences whatsoever committed or in any way done by the said persons or by any of them in any times bygone until the day of the date of these presents—excepting only treasonable insurrection against our royal person, fire-raising, murder, ravishing of women, common theft, the making, passing and importing into our kingdom of false money, the disposal of the same by the importers, and manslaughters, committed by the said persons or by any one of them after the first day of the month of January in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and twenty-six—provided that they give such satisfaction to the accusers and those who have suffered losses, that we may hear no further just complaint thereanent. And rightly taking under our sure peace and protection the aforesaid provost, baillies, community, burgesses and their servants actually living within our said burgh of Aberdeen and dwellers within the above-written lands and limits thereof in general and in special, we strictly forbid any one to make bold unjustly to inflict any hurt, annoyance, injury or inconvenience on

suscipiēn firmiter inhibemus ne quis eis aut eorum alicui occasione dicī proditoriarū remanencie more et absencie aut aliarum actionū transgressionū criminū et offensarum quarūcunq̄ predicī malum molestiam iniuriam seu grauamen aliquod inferre presumat iniuste super n̄ram plenariam forisfacturam aut mortem eis aut eorum alicui inferat sub pena amissionis vite et mēbrorum In Cuius rei testimoniū has tras n̄ras remissionis pro toto tempore vite prefaī propōiti balliuorum cōmitatis burgensium ⁊ eorum seruitorum ac inhabitanciū terras et limites burgi n̄ri antedicī et cuiuslibet īporum duraturas sub n̄ro magno sigillo sibi fieri fecimus patentes apud Abirdene septimo die mensis februarij Anno domini millesimo Quingentesimo Vigesimo septimo Et regni n̄ri decimo quinto.

them or any one of them on account of the said treasonable holding back, delay and absence, or of other actions, transgressions, crimes and offences whatsoever aforesaid, on pain of our full forfeiture ; or to inflict death on them or any one of them, under penalty of the loss of life and limbs. In witness whereof we have caused to be made patent under our great seal these our letters of remission, to remain in force for the whole time of the lives of the aforesaid provost, baillies, community, burgesses and their servants, and dwellers within the lands and limits of our burgh aforesaid, and of any one of them. At Aberdeen, the seventh day of the month of February in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and twenty-seven, and of our reign the fifteenth.

XXVIII.

*King James V. empowers the provost, baillies, &c., of Aberdeen to fortify the burgh.
3rd September, 1529.*

James be the grace of god king of Scottis To all and sindry oure Iustices chalm̄lains shreffis stewartis ballies Iustice clerkis crowneris and yair deputis And all vy^ois oure officiaris p̄nt ⁊ tocum liegis and subditis quham It efferis quhais knowlege thir oure tres salcum greting Wit ze Us to haue gevin and grantit And be thir oure tres gevis and grantis To ye provest ballies counsale ⁊ cōmunite of oure burgh of Abirdene and yair successouris full power fredome faculte and speciale licence to big joist brouk haue and hald wallis of stane and lyme or Vyirwayis as yai sall think maist expedient with fortalices strenthis fousseis and munitionis about ye said burgh and boundis yairof as yai sall think maist

expedient perpetualie in tyme cūing but ony impediment molestation or truble to be maid to yame yairin be Us or oure successouris be ony maner of way in tyme to cum Nochtwithstanding any lawis actis or statutis maid or to be maid in ye contrar Anent ye quhilkis We dispens' with ye saidē provest ballies counsale and cōmīte and yair successouris foreuir dischargeing zou all ⁊ sindry oure Iustices chalm̄lains shreffis stewartis ballies Iustice clerkis and vy⁹is oure officiaris p̄nt and tocum and zour deputis and all vy⁹is oure liegis subditis foresaidē of all accusatioun trubling and intrometting with the saidis provest ballies counsale and cōmīte yair landis or gudis yairfore And of zour offices in yat part be thir oure tres foreuir Gevin vnder oure priue sele At Edinburgh ye thrid day of Septēber The zeir of god Ane thousand five hundreth twentyne zeris And of oure Regne ye xvj zeir.

Per signaturam manu S. D. N. Regis Subscriptam etc.

XXIX.

Queen Mary of new grants to the provost, baillies, &c., of Aberdeen for thirteen years exemption from great customs on salmon. 12th August, 1543.

Marie be ye grace of god quene of Scottis To oure comptrollare and custumaris of oure burgh of Abirdene now p̄nt and zat salhappin to be for ye tyme and all vy⁹is o^r liegis ⁊ subditis quham it efferis quhais knowlege yir oure tres salcum greting flosamekle as it is vnderstand to oure derrest cousing and tuto^r James erle of arrane lord hāmiltoun protecto^r and gounoure of oure realme That ye provest baillies counsale burgess' and cōmunite of oure said burgh of Abirdene for ye tyme and yair successouris War infest be oure maist nobill gudsh^t king Iames ye ferd of gude mynde quham god assoilze to be fre and quyte ppetualie fra all payment of custumis of salmond passand furth of oure said burgh and tane in ye watteris of done and dee pertenyng and that may pertene to ye fre burgess' of oure said burgh Sauffand and exceptand to him and his successouris ye custumes of salmond aucht and Wont be vtheris his subditis nocht havand ye fredome of oure said burgh as at mair lenth is conteint in o^r said derrest gudsh^{ts} infestment maid and gevin to ye saidis pvest baillies counsale burgess' and cōmunite of oure said bur^t yair-upoun* Be verteu of ye quhilk yai ⁊ yair successouris war in continowale

* See No. XXII., p. 33.

and pecciable possessioun of ye custumes of ye said salmond fre be ye space of fourty foure zeiris quhill laitlic zat Dauid Wod of ye Crag comptrollar for ye tyme to vmquhile o' derrest fader wrangiuslic compellit yame to pay ye saidis custumes of yair salmond to oure said vmquhile derrest fader in contrare ye tennor of ye said infestment And now becaus ye pvest baillies counsale burgess' and qmunite of our said burgh y^t now ar for augmētatioun of oure proffitt and for pleso^r of Us ar content to satisfy Us for ye custumes of ilk berrell of yair salmond The sovme of twa schillingis no^twithstanding yat yai ar infest frelic yairin in maner foirsaid Thairfore with auisse consent and autorite of oure said tuto^r and gouno^r We haue gevin grantit and disponit and be yir oure tres gevis grantis and disponis To ye saidis pvest baillies counsale burgess' and cōmunite of our said bur^t and yair successouris havand or yat salhappin to haue ye fredome yairof All and sindry ye custumes of yair salmond passand fur^t of oure said bur^t and tane in the foirsaidis Watteris of done and dee pertenyng or yat onywyse salhappin to pertene to yame except befoir exceptit for all ye space and termes of threttene zeiris nixt and Immediatlic following ye day of ye dait heirof quhilk day and dait salbe yair entre in and to ye saidis custumes And yaireftir to Indure and pecciable to be broukit and Ioisit be yame vnto ye Ische ⁊ compleit end of ye saidis threttene zeiris with all and sindry qmoditeis fredomes proffittis asiamentis and richtius pertinentis quhatsumeuir pertenyng or richtiuslie may pertene yairto ffrelie quietlie weill and in peax But ony reuocatioun or aganecalling quhatsumeuir Payand during ye saidis threttene zeiris ye saidis provest baillies counsale burgess' and cōmunite of oure said burgh and yair successouris To Us oure successouris comptrollaris customaris chalm^lains or factouris in o^r name for ye custume of ilk barrell of ye said salmond ye sovme of tua schillingis vsuale money of oure realme alanerlie Quhairfoir We charge straitlie and qmandis zow oure said comptrollare and customaris of oure said burgh now pñt and yat salhappin to be for ye tyme And all vy⁹is oure liegis foirsaidis That ze and ilkane of zou decist and ceist fra all molestatioun and trubling of ye saidis provest baillies counsale burgess' and cōite in ye pecciable brouking ⁊ Ioising of ye saidis custumes of salmond thay payand for ye same as said is Bot suffir yame pecciable to brouk ye same during ye said space vnder all pane ⁊ charge yat eftir may follow dischargeing zou and ilkane of zou y^rof and of zoure offices

in yat parte No^twithstanding ony o^r tres or writingis gevin or to be gevin in ye contrare Gevin vnder oure priue seill at Edinburgh ye tuelf day of August The zeir of god j^m v^c fourty thre zeiris And of oure regne ye first zeir.

Per signaturam manu dñi gubernatoris Subscriptam, etc.

XXX.

Maria dei gratia regina scotorum Omnibus probis hominibus suis ad quos pñtes tre peruenerint salutem Quia nobis ac nro charissimo consanguineo et tutori Iacobo duci de chattellerault aranie comiti dño hamiltoun regni nri protectori et gubernatori ac secreti nri consilii dominis certo compertum est prepositum balliuos et cōunitatem ac ciues populares burgi nri de Abirdene in aquarum piscariis de de et done ac in nōnullis terrarum prediis infra libertatem dicti nri burgi jaceñ per quond Inuictissimū robertum bruce scotorum regem et alios ab eo in hiis nris temporibus succedentes predecessores nros nobilissimos recolende memorie quorum animabus propicietur deus multis retroactis seculis infeodatos esse Eas de nobis et predecessoribus nris tenentes pro añua solutione feudi ducentarum tresdecim librarum sex solidorum et octo denariorum nobis ac nris pensionariis quibus nōnulla pars eiusdem feudi in salariū

XXX.

Queen Mary empowers the provost, baillies, &c., of Aberdeen to feu the freedom lands of the burgh and the fishings in Dee and Don. 8th February, 155¹/₂.

MARY, by the grace of God Queen of Scots, to all her good men to whom the present letters shall come, greeting. Whereas it is well known to us and to our dearest cousin and tutor, James, Duke of Chatelherault, Earl of Arran, Lord Hamilton, protector and governor of our kingdom, and to the Lords of our Privy Council, that the provost, baillies and community and inhabitants of our burgh of Aberdeen were many centuries past infest in the fishings of the waters of Dee and Don and in the several estates lying within the freedom of our said burgh, by umquhile invincible Robert Bruce, King of Scots, and others his successors in these our times, our most noble predecessors of cherished memory, on whose souls may God have mercy; holding the same of us and our predecessors by the annual payment of a rental of two hundred and thirteen pounds six shillings and eight pence to us and to our pensionaries, to whom a certain portion of the said

hereditarie assignatur Quas etiam terrarum predia et aquarum piscarias antedicti prepositi et balliui et cōmunitas dicti nri burghi non hiis solum temporibus verum vltra hominū memoriā particulatim diuisas ad inexplicable cōmodum dicti nri burghi conciuibus eiusdem locarunt Non minus tamen nri regni coadiacentes proceres ea inde proficua dicti nri burghi incolis perspicientes euenire Spe eorundem acquirendi sese dicto nro burgo intrudunt inuolunt cōmiscent ac rempublicam eiusdem ita disturbent vt nulla requies nulla deniq; pacifica ciuiū vita suis incolis istis relinquatur Quare ad has turbas euadendas expellendasq; et ad tollendam omnem earum occasionem seu causam precipuam vt ne omnino in futurū quedam sit que procerum animos huic nro burgo allicere quoquo modo possit ac vt resp̄ eiusdem et suus annuus census pro strenuiore tuitione suorum ciuiū augeatur cum sp̄alibus consensu et assensu antedicti nri gubernatoris dñorumq; secreti consilii nri dedimus concessimus et cōmisimus ac pro nobis et nris successoribus tenore p̄tiū damus concedimus et cōmittimus nram plenariam p̄tatem liberam facultatem et licentiam sp̄alem preposito balliuis et consulibus et cōmunitati dicti nri burghi de Abirdene presentibus et futuris ac conciuibus eorundem maiori parti antedictas aquarū piscarias et terrarum predia quas infra libertatem dicti nri burghi

rental is heritably assigned as salary : And which estates and fishings the aforesaid provosts and baillies and community of our said burgh, not only in these times, but beyond the memory of men, to the very great advantage of our said burgh, have let, divided into portions, to the fellow-citizens thereof: Nevertheless the neighbouring nobles of our kingdom, perceiving the profits accruing therefrom to the inhabitants of our said burgh, do, in the hope of acquiring the same, intrude, encroach, mix themselves up with and so disturb the common weal thereof, that there is left for its inhabitants no rest and no peaceful municipal life. Wherefore to avoid and put an end to such disturbances and to remove all occasion and exciting cause therefor, and lest in future there be anything which can in any way allure the nobles to this our burgh, and that the common good thereof, and its annual rental be increased for the more efficient protection of its citizens; with special consent and assent of our aforesaid governor and Lords of our Privy Council, we have given, granted and committed, and for us and our successors by the tenor of these presents do give, grant and commit, to the provost, baillies and councillors and to the community of our said burgh of Aberdeen, present and to come, and to a majority of their fellow citizens, full power, free privilege and special license to lease, rent, let, and, now and at all future times as often as

de nobis et predecessoribus nris in feudifirma tenent habent et possident concuiibus et liberis burgensibus eiusdem nri burgi potissimū hiis quibus de pñti pro firma assedantur et suis heredibus masculis liberis similiter burgensibus etiam dicti nri burgi actualiter incolis et in eo fruentibus libertate priuilegiōrum et mercii mutationem frequentantibus nullis aliis assedandi arrendandi locandi ac in emphiteosim seu feudifirmā nūc et omnibus temporibus futuris quoties vacare contigerit imperpetuū hereditarie dimittendi pro añua augmentatione firmarum earundem antedictis preposito balliuis et consulibus soluenda ac in vsum reijp̄ dicti nri burgi et pro defensione eiusdem applicanda hiis tamen feudifirmariis nullo pacto exemptis a curiis et placitis dicti nri burgi nec a solutione subsidiorum et contributionū (que taxtis et stentis appellantur) neq̄ a debitis obedientiis dicto nro burgo suis officariis gubernatoribus et officia publica gerentibus prius solitis et cōsuetis Prouiso etiam q̄ nulle femine concedetur facultas fruendi seu possidendi antedictis feudis seu vlla ip̄arum parte nec in vitali reditu hereditarie cōiūcta infeodatione nec aliter quouismodo Et ad premissa facienda dedimus et concessimus ac tenore pñtiū pro nobis et successoribus nris damus et concedimus antedictis preposito balliuis et cōmunitati dicti nri

a vacancy shall occur, to give in perpetual heritable emphyteusis or feufarm, the aforesaid fishings and estates, which within the freedom of our said burgh they hold, have and possess in feufarm of us and our predecessors, to the fellow citizens and free burgesses of our said burgh, especially to those to whom they are at present leased for rent and to their heirs male likewise free burgesses and also actual inhabitants of our said burgh, and therein enjoying the freedom of privileges and carrying on trade, and to no others: in return for an annual increase of the said rent to be paid to the aforesaid provost, baillies and councillors, and to be applied to the use of the common good of our said burgh, and for the protection thereof: such feuars, however, to be by no agreement exempted from the courts and pleas of our said burgh, or from payment of subsidies and contributions (which are called taxes and stents) or from the obedience due by use and wont to our said burgh, its officers, governors, and holders of public offices. Providing also that to no woman shall be granted the privilege to enjoy or possess the aforesaid feus or any part thereof, in heritable liferent, conjunct infestment or any other way. And for the carrying out of the premises we have given and granted, and by the tenor of these presents for us and our successors do give and grant, to the aforesaid provost, baillies and community of our said

burgi et eorum successoribus plenariam p̄tatem cōmissarios pro prefatorū feudorum assedatione locatione et dimissione eligendi quibus cōmittetur hereditaria infeofamenta feudifirme piscariarum et prediorum antedicti dandi concedendi et conficiendi cum talibus restrictis et annexis clausulis et conditionibus vt ex eorum animi sententia magis videbitur reiꝑ expedire precipue ne licitum erit cuiquam illorum neue suis heredibus quibus cōtigerit antedicta feuda concedi ea ip̄a aut vllas earum minimas particulas quibuscunq̄ personis vel persone disponere seu alienare preterquam dicti n̄ri burgi in masculis burgensibus et eiusdem mercatoribus et actualibus incolis superius recitatis et si secus fecerint ea eorum feuda dicto n̄ro burgo et eius dispositioni plenarie reuertere et in manibus prepositi balliuorum consulum et cōmunitatis eiusdem pro tempore vacare absq̄ p̄ntis n̄re facultatis et licentie priuilegiorumve eiusdem preiuditio aut grauamine vel quaqua lesione ceteris feudifirmariis supradictis quoquo modo inde sequenda aut inferenda Saluis omni modo et reseruatīs Nobis et successoribus n̄ris feudifirmis predictarum aquarum et piscariarum de eisdem nobis et predecessoribus n̄ris ante p̄tem concessionem prius debitis cum computo earundem in scaccariis n̄ris ānuatim fiendo more solito et consueto In Cuius Rei testimoniū p̄ntibus magnū sigillum

burgh and their successors, full power to choose, for the leasing, letting and giving of the foresaid feus, agents to whom shall be committed [power] to give, grant and complete heritable infeftments of feufarm of the fishings and estates aforesaid, with such stringent and binding clauses and conditions that their intention to benefit the common good may be clearly seen; especially that it shall not be lawful for anyone of them or their heirs to whom it may happen that the aforesaid feus are granted to dispone or alienate the same, or any the least portions thereof, to any person or persons whatsoever except to male burgesses of our said burgh, merchants and actual inhabitants thereof, as above set forth; and if they shall do otherwise, their feus to revert to our said burgh for its free disposition, and for a time to lie vacant in the hands of the provost, baillies, councillors and community thereof, without prejudice or injury or any loss of our present permission or licence or the privileges thereof, to follow or be brought about in any way to the remaining feuars aforesaid. Saving in all respects and reserving for us and our successors the feu-duties of the aforesaid waters and fishings thereof formerly due to us and our predecessors before the present grant, with the account thereof made yearly by use and wont to our exchequer. In witness whereof we have ordered our great seal to be appended

fīrm apponi precepimus Apud Edinburgh octauo die mensis februarii anno dñi millesimo quīgentesimo quinquagesimo primo et regni fīri decimo.

XXXI.

MARIA dei gratia regina scōtorum OMNIBUS probis hominibus TOTIUS terre sue clericis et laicis salutem SCIATIS nos cum auisamento consensu et auctoritate charissimi consanguinei et tutoris nostri IACOBI ducis de Chattellarault aranie comitis domini hamiltoun regni nostri protectoris et gubernatoris quandam cartam feodifirme et donationis factam per dilectos nostros prepositum balliuos consules et cōmunitatem burgi nostri de Abirdene vnanimi consensu et assensu necnon cum nostris expressē facultate et licentia cum auisamento et consensu dicti fīri gubernatoris et dominorum nostri secreti consilii prefatis preposito balliuis consulibus et cōmunitati concess' conciuibus dicti fīri burgi subscriptis eorumq, heredibus et assignatis masculis prefati burgi burgensibus et eiusdem actualiter incolis in eodem liber-

to these presents. At Edinburgh, the eighth day of the month of February in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and fifty-one, and of our reign the tenth.

XXXI.

Queen Mary confirms a feu charter of the fishings of Dee and Don granted (12th September, 1553) by the provost, baillies, &c., of Aberdeen. 15th September, 1553.

MARV, by the grace of God Queen of Scots, TO ALL good men of her WHOLE land, churchmen and laymen, greeting. KNOW YE that with the advice, consent and authority of our most dear cousin and tutor, JAMES, Duke of Chatelherault, Earl of Arran, Lord Hamilton, protector and governor of our kingdom, we have fully considered a certain charter of feufarm and gift — by our command seen, read, inspected and carefully examined, being whole, entire, not erased, not cancelled, nor suspected in any part — made by our beloved provost, baillies, councillors and community of our burgh of Aberdeen, by unanimous consent and assent, as well as by our express privilege and licence granted to the foresaid provost, baillies, councillors and community, with advice and consent of our said governor and the Lords of our Privy Council, — in favour of the underwritten fellow-citizens of our said burgh,

tate priuilegiorum suorum et mercium mutatione vteñ et nullis aliis de omnibus et singulis piscariis aquarum de dee et done acetiam de omnibus et singulis terris subtus specificatis cum suis proficuis pendiculis et pertinentiis solitis et consuetis jaceñ intra libertatem prefati burgi nostri et vicecomitatum nostrum de Abirdene dictis preposito balliuis consulibus et cōmunitati et prefato ñro burgo hereditarie incumbenñ cuilibet eorundem pro suis propriis partibus respectiue prout sequitur videlicet thome Menzes de petfoddellis preposito prefati nostri burgi de tota et integra piscaria dimedii rethis de lie raik et stellis super dicta aqua de die et soliñ et consueñ acetiam de terris de bogfarlay Alexandro ruthirfurd de dimedietate rethis eiusdem piscarie acetiam de terris de rubbislaw thome chalmer et eo deficiente Alexandro chalmer eius filio et heredi apparenti de dimedietate rethis eiusdem piscarie et terris de gardyne dauidi mar de dimedietate rethis eiusdem piscarie et terris de kingishill gilberto Collesoun de dimedietate rethis diete piscarie et terris de frosterhill Alexandro knollis de dimedietate rethis eiusdem piscarie patricio Meyngeis de dimedietate rethis diete piscarie thome meynzeis juniore filio et heredi quondam Andree Menzeis de dimedietate rethis eiusdem piscarie waltero cullane de dimedietate rethis eiusdem Andree

their male heirs and assignees, burgesses of the foresaid burgh and actual inhabitants thereof, making use therein of the liberty of their privileges and of trade, and to no others—of all and sundry the fishings of Dee and Don, and also of all and sundry the lands set forth below, with their profits, pendicles and pertinents used and wont, lying within the freedom of our foresaid burgh and our sheriffdom of Aberdeen, heritably belonging to the said provost, bailies, councillors and community, and to our foresaid burgh: to each his own respective portions as follows, to wit: To Thomas Menzies of Pitfoddels, provost of our foresaid burgh, all and whole the fishing of the half net of Raik and Stellis on the said water of Dee, as used and wont, and also the lands of Bogfairlay; to Alexander Rutherford a half net of the same fishing, and also the lands of Rubislaw; to Thomas Chalmer, and failing him to Alexander Chalmer his son and heir apparent, a half net of the same fishing, and the lands of Gardyne; to David Mar a half net of the same fishing, and the lands of Kingshill; to Gilbert Collison a half net of the said fishing, and the lands of Frosterhill; to Alexander Knollis a half net of the said fishing; to Patrick Menzies a half net of the said fishing; to Thomas Menzies, junior, son and heir of the late Andrew Menzies, a half net of the same fishing; to Walter Cullan a half net of the same; to

leslie de dimedietate rethis eiusdem andree lowsoun et eo deficieñ Johanni lowsoun eius filio et heredi apparenti de dimedietate rethis eiusdem piscarie willmo lioun de dimedietate rethis piscarie de lie midchingill super dicta aqua de dee jacobo collisoun seniori de dimedietate rethis eiusdem Iacobo Kintor de dimedietate rethis eiusdem Iacobo chene de dimedietate rethis eiusdem Alexandro Cullane de dimedietate rethis eiusdem Iohanni nicholsoun et deficieñ eo suisq; heredibus et assignatis thome nicholsoun eius patruo et tutori de dimedietate rethis eiusdem georgio bissate de dimedietate rethis eiusdem gilberto guthre de dimedietate rethis eiusdem georgio meynzeis de dimedietate rethis eiusdem quam Alexander gray nunc occupat magistro roberto andersoun de dimedietate rethis eiusdem dauidi arrate de tertia parte rethis eiusdem magistro thome menzeis de dimedietate rethis piscarie de lie pot super dicta aqua de dee Martino howisoun de dimedietate rethis eiusdem Gilberto mar de dimedietate rethis eiusdem Roberto rettary de dimedietate rethis eiusdem Andree scherare de dimedietate rethis eiusdem Iohanni scherare de dimedietate rethis eiusdem Iohanni leslie de dimedietate rethis eiusdem Thome andersoun et eo deficieñ Iohanni andersoun eius filio et heredi apparenti de dimedietate rethis dicte piscarie Iohanni rolland et eo suisq; heredibus et assignatis deficieñ dauidi rolland eius patruo et tutori de dimedietate

Andrew Leslie a half net of the same ; to Andrew Lowson, and failing him to John Lowson his son and heir apparent, a half net of the same fishing ; to William Lyon a half net of the fishing of Midchingle on the said water of Dee ; to James Collison, senior, a half net of the same ; to James Kintore a half net of the same ; to James Cheyne a half net of the same ; to Alexander Cullan a half net of the same ; to John Nicholson, and failing him, his heirs and assignees, to Thomas Nicholson his uncle and tutor, a half net of the same ; to George Bissat a half net of the same ; to Gilbert Guthrie a half net of the same ; to George Menzies a half net of the same which Alexander Gray now holds ; to Master Robert Anderson a half net of the same ; to David Arrat a third part of a net of the same ; to Master Thomas Menzies a half net of the fishing of Pot on the said water of Dee ; to Martin Howison a half net of the same ; to Gilbert Mar a half net of the same ; to Robert Rattray a half net of the same ; to Andrew Scherar a half net of the same ; to John Scherar a half net of the same ; to John Leslie a half net of the same ; to Thomas Anderson, and failing him to John Anderson his son and heir apparent, a half net of the said fishing ; to John Rolland, and failing him, his heirs and assignees, to David Rolland his uncle and tutor, a half

rethis eiusdem Iacobo collesoun juniore de dimedietate rethis eiusdem Alexandro meynzeis de dimedietate rethis de lie furdis super dicta aqua de dee magro roberto chalmer de dimedietate rethis eiusdem et terris de hesilheid Iohanni Knollis de dimedietate rethis eiusdem patricio cullane de dimedietate rethis eiusdem archibaldo senz' de dimedietate rethis eiusdem Alexandro lowsoun de dimedietate rethis eiusdem roberto crag de dimedietate rethis eiusdem Thome branche de dimedietate rethis eiusdem quam gilbertus kintor nunc occupat roberto mar de dimedietate rethis eiusdem quam Alexander blinschill nunc occupat Iohanni Maly-soun de dimedietate rethis eiusdem quam patricius gray nunc occupat Willmo ferquharsoun de dimedietate rethis eiusdem nunc per andream stevin eorumq; subtenentes suis nominibus occupat respectiue Gilberto meynzeis seniori de dimedietate rethis piscarie super aqua de done Iohanni blak de dimedietate rethis eiusdem piscarie Alexandro Collesoun de dimedietate rethis piscarie eiusdem johanni Irwin de dimedietate rethis eiusdem piscarie et terris dimedietatis ville de schedokisley gilberto malysoun de tertia parte rethis eiusdem piscarie gilberto brabaner de tertia parte rethis eiusdem piscarie dauidi menzeis de sexta parte piscarie de lie criwis super eadem aqua de done Gilberto kintor de sexta parte piscarie eiusdem Alexandro hay de sexta parte eiusdem

net of the same ; to James Colleson, junior, a half net of the same ; to Alexander Menzies a half net of the Foords on the said water of Dee ; to Master Robert Chalmer a half net of the same, and the lands of Hazelhead ; to John Knollis a half net of the same ; to Patrick Cullan a half net of the same ; to Archibald Singer a half net of the same ; to Alexander Lowson a half net of the same ; to Robert Crag a half net of the same ; to Thomas Branche a half net of the same which Gilbert Kintore now holds ; to Robert Mar a half net of the same which Alexander Blinshell now holds ; to John Malyson a half net of the same which Patrick Gray now holds ; to William Farquharson a half net of the same now held by Andrew Steven and their subtenants in their names respectively ; to Gilbert Menzies, senior, a half net of the fishing on the water of Don ; to John Black a half net of the same fishing ; to Alexander Collison a half net of the same fishing ; to John Irvine a half net of the same fishing, and the lands of half the town of Sheddocksley ; to Gilbert Malyson a third part of a net of the said fishing ; to Gilbert Brebner a third part of a net of the same fishing ; to David Menzies a sixth part of the fishing of the Cruives on the same water of Don ; to Gilbert Kintor a sixth part of the same fishing ;

piscarie Alexandro fraser de sexta parte eiusdem piscarie andree Meynzeis et suis^{ue} heredibus et assignatis deficieñ roberto meynzeis de octaua parte eiusdem piscarie Iohanni reid de octaua parte eiusdem gilberto knollis de dimedietate octauae partis eiusdem piscarie ac de dimedietate ville et terrarum de cruvis Gilberto Meynzeis Iuniori de terris de tullo et Iohanni Mar de terris de Kingiswallis quas Iohannes artho^r per se et suos subtenentes nunc occupat cum omnibus et singulis proficuis pendiculis iuribus et pertinentiis earundem quibuscunq; de prefatis preposito balliuis consulibus et cōmunitati burgi nri de Abirdene antedicti in feodifirma hereditate et libero burgagio Tenend de mandato nro visam lectam inspectam et diligenter examinatum sanam integram non rasam non cancellatam nec in aliqua sui parte suspectam ad plenum intellexisse sub hac forma

OMNIBUS hanc cartam visuris vel auditoris Prepositus balliui consules et cōmunitas burgi de Abirdene eternam in dño salutē Quia nos super republica dicti nri burgi mutuo disceptantes ut policia eiusdem augeatur opesq; inopibus nostri burgi incolis facilius accrescant recordantes etiam parlamenti statutorum regni Scotie per quondam

to Alexander Hay a sixth part of the same fishing; to Alexander Fraser a sixth part of the same fishing; to Andrew Menzies, and failing him and his heirs and assignees, to Robert Menzies, an eighth part of the same fishing; to John Reid an eighth part of the same; to Gilbert Knollis a sixteenth part of the same fishing, and a half of the town and lands of Cruives; to Gilbert Menzies, junior, the lands of Tullo; and to John Mar the lands of Kingswells which John Arthur now holds in person and by his subtenants—with all and sundry profits, pendicles, rights and pertinents thereof whatsoever: to be held of the foresaid provost, baillies, councillors and community of our burgh of Aberdeen aforesaid, in feufarm, heritage and free burgage,—in this form:

“TO ALL who shall see or hear this charter, the provost, baillies, councillors and community of the burgh of Aberdeen, eternal greeting in the Lord. Whereas we, taking into consideration the common good of our burgh, in order that the policy * thereof may be increased and that wealth may more easily be acquired by the poor citizens of our burgh, calling to mind also the Acts of Parliament of the kingdom of Scotland, made by umquhile most noble kings of Scots, of cherished

* “*Polecy*, an alteration made in a town for the purpose of improving its appearance.”—*Jamieson's Dictionary*.

nobilissimos scotorum reges recolende memorie penes feudifirmi locationem confectorum vtilitate prefati nri burgi in hac parte vndiq̄ preuisa pensata et considerata longo et diligenti tractatu maturaq̄ deliberatione prehabitis omnes et singulas piscarias nostras aquarum de dee et donec necnon terrarum predia seu villas nras cum earundem pertinentiis jacentes infra libertatem dicti nostri burgi nobis hereditarie incumbenē nostris conciuibus suis heredibus et assignatis masculis burgeñ et actualiter incolis prefati nri burgi in eo libertate priuilegiorum fruentibus et mercium mutationem frequentantibus et nullis aliis pro republica nri burgi et annua rentalis nri augmentatione in feudifirmam seu perpetuam emphiteosim hereditariam locare statuimus decreuimus ordinauimus Noueritis nos igitur vnanimi consensu et assensu premissis suadentibus aliisq̄ causis et occasionibus animos nros rationabiliter mouentibus et remp̄ nram concernentibus acetiam pro certis pecuniarum summis nobis per quosdam conciuēs nostros inferius nominatos in pecunia numerata persolutis ac in vsus necessarios dicti nri burgi pro repub̄ eiusdem totaliter conuersis et applicatis Necnon pro rentalis nostri annua augmentatione ad summam duodecim librarū duorum solidorum et duorum denariorum vsualis monete regni Scotie plusq̄ vnq̄ dicte nre piscarie et

memory, regarding letting to feufarm, the advantage of our foresaid burgh in this matter being kept in view, weighed and considered by means of long and careful discussion and mature deliberation, have ordered, decreed and ordained that all and sundry our fishings in the waters of Dee and Don, as well as our estates or townships, with the pertinents thereof lying within the freedom of our said burgh, belonging to us in heritage, be let in feufarm or perpetual heritable emphyteusis to our fellow citizens, their male heirs and assignees, burgesses and actual inhabitants of our foresaid burgh, therein enjoying the liberty of privileges and carrying on trade, and to no others, for the common good of our burgh, and for the increase of our yearly rental: Know ye, therefore, that we, with unanimous consent and assent, induced by the above considerations and by other reasonable causes and motives influencing us and affecting our common good, and also in return for certain sums of money to be paid to us in coin by sundry of our fellow citizens named below, and to be wholly converted and applied to the necessary uses of our said burgh for the common good thereof, as well as for the yearly increase of our rental by the sum of twelve pounds two shillings and two pence, usual money of the kingdom of Scotland, more than ever our said fishings and lands with their pertinents, whether by way

terre cum suis pertinentiis singulis proficuis computat̄ tam antiq^a firma qu^a quinquennali gressuma nobis aut predecessoribus n̄ris prius persoluebant Cum expressis etiam facultate et licentia serenissime domine n̄re regine Mariæ dei grā scotorum moderne Cum consensu et auisamēto charissimi consanguinei sui et tutoris Iacobi ducis de chattellarault aranie comitis domini hammiltoun regni scotie protectoris et gubernatoris invictissimi et secreti dominorum consilii sub magno sigillo nobis desuper concessis assedasse arrendasse locasse et ad feudifirmam seu perpetuam emphiteosim hereditarie dimisisse et hac p̄nti carta n̄ra confirmasse Necnon tenore p̄ntium assedare arrendare locare et ad feudifirmam seu emphiteosim hereditarie dimittere et hac p̄nti carta n̄ra confirmare eisdem n̄ris conciuibus respectiue subinsertis suisq̄ heredibus et assignatis masculis antedic̄ et nullis aliis omnes et singulas predictas aquarum de dee et done piscarias Necnon omnes et singulas terras n̄ras subscriptas cum suis proficuis pendiculis et pertinentiis solitis et consuetis Videlicet thome menzes de petfodellis * * * [etc. *ut supra*] * * * quas nunc occupat per se et suos subtenentes Iohannes arthur Cum uniuersis et singulis earundem proficuis pendiculis iuribus et pertinentiis quibuscunq̄ prout in n̄ris cartis particulariter ip̄is respectiue desuper confect̄ latius continetur TENENDAS et habendas omnes et

of old rent or of quinquennial grassum, formerly paid to us and to our predecessors; also with express privilege and licence of our most serene lady, Mary, by the grace of God reigning Queen of Scots, with consent and advice of her most dear cousin and tutor, James, Duke of Chatelherault, Earl of Arran, Lord Hamilton, invincible protector and governor of the kingdom of Scotland, and of the Lords of the Privy Council, granted to us as above under the great seal—have set, rented, let and put heritably to feufarm or perpetual emphyteusis, and by this our present charter have confirmed, as well as by the tenor of these presents, we do set, rent, let and put heritably to feufarm or perpetual emphyteusis, and by this our present charter do confirm, to our same respective fellow citizens named below and to their male heirs and assignees aforesaid, and to no others, all and sundry the aforesaid fishings of Dee and Don, as well as all and sundry our lands underwritten, with their profits, pendicles and pertinents, used and wont, to wit: To Thomas Menzies of Pitfoddels . . . [etc., as above, p. 53 *seqq.*] . . . which John Arthur now holds in person and by his subtenants, with all and sundry the profits, pendicles, rights and pertinents thereof whatsoever, as is more fully set forth in our charters, specially executed thereanent to them respectively. TO BE

singulas suprascrip̄t aquarum piscarias et terras cum pertinentiis solitis et consuē prefatis nostris conciuibus respectiue supra nominatis suisq, heredibus et assignatis masculis burgeñ et actualiter incolis dicti ñri burgi in eo libertate priuilegiorum fruētibus et mercium mutationem frequentantibus et nullis aliis de nobis et successoribus ñris prepositis balliuis consulibus et cōmunitate dicti burgi in feudifirma scu emphiteosi ac in libero burgagio imperpetuum per omnes rectas metas suas antiquas et diuisas prout iacent in longitudine et latitudine in bondis et limitibus earundem in boscis planis moris marresiis viis semitis aquis stagnis riuulis pratis pascuis pasturis aucupationibus venationibus piscationibus cuniculis cuniculariis columbariis columbis cum edificiis desuper cōstructis et construendis cum lapicidiis lapidibus lignis et calce cum libero introitu et exitu ac cum omnibus aliis et singulis libertatibus commoditatibus et asiamentis ac iustis suis pertinentiis quibuscunq, tam non nominatis q^u nominatis tam subtus terra q^u supra terram procul et prope ad predictas piscarias et terras cum pertinentiis spectantibus seu iuste spectare valentibus quomodolib̄ in futurum adeo libere quiete plenarie integre honorifice bene et in pace sicut aliq^{ue} piscarie seu terre infra regnum scotie dantur venduntur in feudifirmā dimittuntur seu possidentur sine reuocatione reclamatione aut

HELD and had all and sundry the above-written fishings and lands, with the pertinents used and wont, by our foresaid fellow citzens above named respectively, their male heirs and assignees, burgesses and actual inhabitants of our said burgh, therein enjoying the freedom of privileges and carrying on trade, and by no others, of us and our successors, provosts, baillies, councillors and community of the said burgh, in feufarm or emphyteusis and in free burgage for ever, by all their right ancient meiths and marches as they lie in length and in breadth, in the bounds and limits thereof, in woods, plains, moors, marshes, roads, paths, waters, pools, streams, meadows, pastures, pasturages, hawkings, huntings, fishings, rabbits, rabbit-warrens, dovecots, doves, with buildings thereon constructed or to be constructed, with quarries, stones, firewood and lime, with free ish and entry, and with all and sundry other liberties, conveniences and easements and just pertinents whatsoever, as well not named as named, as well below the ground as above the ground, far and near, belonging, or which may in any way in future justly belong, to the foresaid fishings and lands, with the pertinents, as freely, quietly, fully, wholly, honourably, well and in peace as any fishings or lands within the kingdom of Scotland, are given, sold, put to feufarm, or possessed,

contradictione aliquali nostrum nostrorum successorum seu aliorum quorumcunq̄. REDDENDO inde annuatim prefati n̄ri conburgenses superius recitati sui heredes et assignati masculi nobis et successoribus n̄ris seu collectoribus pro tempore pro h̄m̄oi piscariis et terris supraspecificatis firmas annuas seu pecuniarum summas respectiue subscriptas viz Quicunq̄ possessor hereditarius vniuscuiusq̄ piscarie dimedii rethis de lie raik et stellis antedic̄t summam octo librarum trium solidorum et duorum denariorum vsualis monete regni scotie que prius in rentali n̄ro computando antiquam firmam cum gressuma ad summam septem librarum sexdecim solidorum et sex denariorum annuatim solum extendebat et sic augmentando dictum n̄rm rentale annuatim ad summam sex solidorum et octo denariorum monete antedecte Quicunq̄ possessor hereditarius vniuscuiusq̄ piscarie dimedii rethis de midchingill summam sex librarum quindecim solidorum et decem denariorum que prius in rentali n̄ro computando antiquam firmam cum gressuma ad summam sex librarum duodecim solidorum et sex denariorum annuatim solum extendebat et sic augmentando dictum n̄rm rentale annuatim ad summam trium solidorum et quatuor denariorum Quicunq̄ possessor hereditarius tertie partis rethis de mydchingill summam quatuor librarum decem solidorum et septem denariorum que prius in rentali n̄ro computando antiquam firmam cum gressuma ad summam quatuor librarum octo solidorum et quatuor denariorum solū extendebat annuatim et sic augmētando dic̄t n̄rm rentale annuatim ad summam duorum solidorum et trium denariorum Quicunq̄ possessor hereditarius cuiuslibet piscarie dimedii

without any revocation, reclamation or challenge by us, our successors, or others whatsoever. PAYING therefor yearly our foresaid co-burgesses above set forth, their male heirs and assignees aforesaid, to us and our successors, or to the collectors for the time, for such fishings and land above specified, the annual rents or sums of money respectively underwritten, to wit : Every heritable possessor of each half net of the fishing of the Raik and Stells aforesaid the sum of eight pounds three shillings and two pence usual money of the kingdom of Scotland, which formerly, in estimating the old rent with grassum in our rental, extended only to the sum of seven pounds sixteen shillings and six pence yearly, thus increasing our said rental yearly by the sum of six shillings and eight pence money aforesaid ; for each half net of the fishing of Midchingle £6 15s. 10d., formerly £6 12s. 6d., an increase of 3s. 4d. ; for a third part of a net of Midchingle £4 10s. 7d., formerly £4 8s. 4d., an increase of

rethis de ly pot summam quatuor librarum et duorum solidorum que prius rē tali n̄o computando antiquam firmam cum gressuma ad summam quatuor librarum annuatim solum extendebat et sic augmentando dictum n̄m rentale annuatim ad summam duorum solidorum Quicunq; possessor hereditarius cuiuslibet piscarie rethis de lie furdis summam triginta trium solidorum et sex denariorum que prius in rentali n̄o computando antiquam firmam cum gressuma ad summam triginta duorum solidorum annuatim solum extendebat et sic augmentando dict n̄m rentale añuatim ad summā octodecim denariorum Quicunq; possessor hereditarius cuiuslibet piscarie dimedii rethis aque de don summam nouem librarum et sexdecim solidorum que prius in rentali n̄o computando antiquam firmam cum gressuma ad summam nouem librarum et duodecim solidorum annuatim solum extendebat et sic augmentando dictum n̄m rentale annuatim ad summam quatuor solidorum Quicunq; possessor hereditarius cuiuslibet tertie partis rethis piscarie de don summam sex librarum decem solidorum et octo denariorum que prius in rentali n̄o computando antiquam firmam cum gressuma ad summam sex librarum et octo solidorum annuatim solum extendebat et sic augmentando dictum n̄m rentale annuatim ad summam duorum solidorum et octo denariorum Quicunq; possessor hereditarius cuiuslibet piscarie sexte partis de lie cruvis summam quatuor librarum trium solidorum et quatuor denariorum que prius in rentali n̄o computando antiquam firmam cum gressuma ad summam quatuor librarum añuatim solum extendebat et sic augmentando dictum n̄m rentale annuatim ad summam trium solidorum et quatuor denariorum Quicunq; possessor hereditarius cuiuslibet piscarie octaue partis de lie cruvis summam trium librarum et duorum solidorum que prius in rentali n̄o computando antiquam firmam cum gressuma ad summam trium librarum annuatim solum extendebat et sic augmentando dictum n̄m rentale annuatim ad summam duodecim [*sic*] solidorum Quicunq; possessor here-

2s. 3d.; for each half net of the fishing of the Pot £4 2s., formerly £4, an increase of 2s.; for each net of the fishing of the Foords £1 13s. 6d., formerly £1 12s., an increase of 1s. 6d.; for each half net of the fishing in the water of Don £9 16s., formerly £9 12s., an increase of 4s.; for each third part of net of the fishing of Don £6 10s. 8d., formerly £6 8s., an increase of 2s. 8d.; for each sixth part of the fishing of the Cruives £4 3s. 4d., formerly £4, an increase of 3s. 4d.; for each eighth part of the fishing of the Cruives the sum of £3 2s., formerly £3, an increase of 2s.; for each sixteenth

ditarius cuiuslibet piscarie dimidii octaue partis de lie cruvis summam triginta unius solidorum que prius in rentale n̄o computando antiquam firmam cum gressuma ad summam triginta solidorum annuatim solum extendebat et sic augmentando dictum n̄m rentale annuatim ad summam duorum denariorum Quicunq; possessor hereditarius dictarum terrarum de bogfarlay summam trium librarum decem solidorum et octo denariorū que prius in rentali n̄o computando antiquam firmam cum gressuma ad summam trium librarum et quatuor solidorum annuatim solum extendebat et sic augmentando dictum n̄m rentale annuatim ad summam sex solidorum et octo denariorum Quilibet possessor hereditarius dictarum terrarum de rubbislaw summam quatuor librarum sex solidorum et octo denariorum que prius in rentali n̄o computando antiquam firmam cum gressuma ad summam quatuor librarum annuatim solum extendebat et sic augmentando dictum n̄m rentale annuatim ad summam sex solidorum et octo denariorum Quilibet possessor hereditarius dictarum terrarum de gardin summam quinq; librarum et sex solidorum que prius in rentali n̄o computando antiquam cum gressuma ad summam quatuor librarum et sexdecim solidorum annuatim solum extendebat et sic augmentando dictum nostrum rentale annuatim ad summam decem solidorum Quilibet possessor hereditarius dictarum terrarum de frosterhill summam quinquaginta vnus solidorum et quatuor denariorum que prius in rentali n̄o computando antiquam firmam cum gressuma ad summam quadraginta octo solidorum annuatim solum extendebat et sic augmentando dictum n̄m rentale annuatim ad summam trium solidorum et quatuor denariorum Quilibet possessor hereditarius dictarum terrarum de hesilheid summam trium librarum septem solidorum et quatuor denariorum que prius in n̄o rentali computando antiquam firmam cum gressuma ad summam trium librarum et quatuor solidorum solum extendebat et sic augmentando dictum n̄m rentale annuatim ad summam trium solidorum et quatuor denariorum Quilibet possessor hereditarius dictarum ter-

part of the fishing of Cruives £1 11s., formerly £1 10s., an increase of 1s.; for the lands of Bogfarlay £3 10s. 8d., formerly £3 4s., an increase of 6s. 8d.; for the lands of Rubislaw £4 6s. 8d., formerly £4, an increase of 6s. 8d.; for the lands of Gardin £5 6s., formerly £4 16s., an increase of 10s.; for the lands of Frosterhill £2 11s., formerly £2 8s., an increase of 3s.; for the lands of Hazlehead £3 7s. 4d., formerly £3 4s., an increase of 3s. 4d.; for the lands of

rarum de kingiswallis tantundē per omnia sicuti possessor hereditarius de hesilheid Quilibet possessor hereditarius dimedietatis ville et terrarum de schedokisley tantundem per omnia sicuti possessor hereditarius de hesilheid Quilibet possessor hereditarius dictarum terrarum de tullo tantundem per omnia sicuti dictus possessor de hesilheid cum augmentatione quatuor denariorum Quilibet possessor hereditarius dimedietatis ville de cruvis summam quadraginta vnus solidorum et octo denariorum que prius in rentali nro computando antiquam firmam cum gressuma ad summam quadraginta solidorum annuatim solum extendebat et sic augmentando dictum rentale annuatim ad summam vigintie denariorum vsualis monete regni scotie plusq, vnq, dicte piscarie et terre antedicti respectiue cum suis pertinenciis nobis aut predecessoribus nris prius persoluebant Quilibet possessor hereditarius dictarum terrarum de kingishill summam quadraginta solidorum que prius in rentali nro vltra memoriam hōnum nihil persoluebant ad duos anni terminos vsuales penthecostes viz et sancti martini in hieme per equales portiones nomine feodfirme necnon quilibet de nouo intrans ad hñoi piscarias seu terras duplicabit feudfirmam antedicti in suo primo introitu ad easdem tantum pro omni alio onere seruitio seculari exactione seu demanda que de predictis piscariis et terris cum suis pertinenciis aliquialiter exigī poterint aut requiri PROUISO tamen per omnia q dicti nri conciuēs sui heredes et assignati masculi antedicti nullo modo sint exempti a curiis et placitis dicti nri burgi nec a solutione subsidiorum et contributionum que tax-

Kingswells, as for Hazlehead ; for half the town and lands of Sheddocksley, as for Hazlehead ; for the lands of Tullo, as for Hazlehead with four pence additional ; for half the town of Cruives £2 1s 8d., formerly £2, an increase of 1s. 8d. upon what the fishings and lands aforesaid formerly paid to us or our predecessors ; for the lands of Kingshill £2, which formerly beyond the memory of man paid nothing—at the two usual yearly terms, namely, Pentecost and St. Martin in winter, in equal portions in name of feu-duty, as also every one entering of new on fishings or lands shall pay a double feu-duty aforesaid at his first entry thereto only, in place of all other burden, secular service, exaction, or demand, which could in any way be exacted or required from the foresaid fishings and lands with their pertinents. PROVIDING, however, through all, that our said fellow citizens, their male heirs and assignees aforesaid, shall be in no way exempt from the courts and pleas of our said burgh or from payment of the subsidies and contributions which are called taxes and stents, or from the due

tis et stentis appellantur neq̄ a debitis seruiciis et obedientiis dicto n̄o burgo n̄is officiariis gubernatoribus et publica officia gerentibus prius solitis et consuetis prouiso etiam q̄ non erit licitum vlli femine vtendi fruendi nec possidendi antedictas piscarias seu terras nec vllam partem aut proficuum earundem in vitali reditu hereditate coniuncta infeodatione nec aliter quouismodo ad hec non licebit dictis n̄is conciuibus suis heredibus aut assignatis nec eorum alicui duas dimediatates rethium siue duas piscarias neq̄ duas villas terrarum insimul hereditarie possidere quouis priuilegio licentia vel auctoritate vllis temporibus affuturis insuper non erit licitum dictis nostris conburgensibus heredibus suis aut assignatis nec eorum tenentibus terras modo non cultas prefatarum terrarum supra recitatarum cum suis pertinentiis de nouo arrare manurare colere vrere nec seminare quouismodo in futurum (dempto possessore hereditario dictarum terrarum de kingishill et suis heredibus et assignatis antedictis eorumq̄ tenentibus quibus licitum erit laborare arrare et seminare easdem terras infra limites specificatas in carta n̄ra particulari desuper cōfecta prout in eadem continetur attento q̄ h̄m̄oi terre de p̄nti sunt penitus vaste deserte et steriles nullum fructum producentes) et q̄ ceteri n̄ri conburgenses conuicini et incole dicti n̄ri burgi p̄ntes et futuri gaudebunt et fruuntur priuilegiis solitis pascendi ani-

service and obedience formerly used and wont to our said burgh, our officers, governors and those holding public offices; providing also that it shall not be lawful for any woman to use, enjoy or possess the foresaid fishings or lands or any part or profit thereof in liferent, heritage, conjunct infeftment or any other way; further, it shall not be lawful for our said fellow citizens, their heirs and assignees, or for any one of them, to possess in heritage two half nets, or two fishings, or two townships of lands at the same time, in virtue of any privilege, licence or authority in any time to come; moreover, it shall not be lawful for our said coburgesses, their heirs or assignees, or their tenants, in any manner in future of new to plough, manure, cultivate, burn or sow portions not already under cultivation of the foresaid lands above set forth with their pertinents (excepting the heritable possessor of the said lands of Kingishill and his heirs and assignees aforesaid and their tenants, for whom it shall be lawful to till, plough and sow the same lands within limits specified in our special charter executed thereanent, as is set forth in the same, because these lands at present are almost waste, desert and sterile, producing no fruit); and that the rest of our coburgesses, neighbours and inhabitants of our said burgh, present and to

malia et pecora ac proliciendi fodiendi et ducendi glebas focalia turbaria cespites bruaria et id genus quid comburendum infra cōmuniam dicti burgi toties quoties opus fuerit modo et forma quibus ante pñtis carte confectionem gaudebant et possidebant Vterius si contigerit dictos nostros concius eorum heredes aut assignatos masculos antedictos seu eorundem aliquem deficere in solutione dictarum feudifirmarum respectiue annuatim erminatim ut premittitur ad terminos suprascriptos vel saltem infra viginti dies immediate post quemlibet terminum dumodo ad hoc legitime requisitū fuerint seu fuerit per collectorem dicti burgi pro tempore q̄ illis casibus et quolibet eorum occurrē delinquentes seu delinquens cadent seu cadet a iure hñoi infeodationis in [sic] carta sibi desuper confecta erit in se nulla inualida et omnino expirata RESERUANDO tamē per omnia prefatas piscarias et terras cum suis pertinentiis personis que de presenti easdem respectiue in assedatione habent durantibus annis et terminis suarum assedationum cursuris dumtaxat Saluis etam et reseruatīs prefate supreme domine nre regine et suis successoribus feudifirmis annuis seruitiis burgagiis inde debitis et consuetis et nos vero dicti prepositus balliui consules et cōmunitas de Abirdene et nri successores omnes et singulas aquarum piscarias et terras superius recitatas

come, shall enjoy and have the benefit of the customary privileges of feeding animals and flocks, and of casting, digging and leading earth, firewood, peats, turf, heath, and all kinds of fuel within the commony of the said burgh, as often as need shall be, in manner and form as before the execution of this present charter they enjoyed and possessed : Further, if it shall happen that our said fellow citizens, their male heirs and assignees aforesaid, or any one thereof, fail to pay the said feu-duties due at the respective yearly terms as aforesaid, at the terms above-written, or at least within twenty days immediately following any term, while legally requested to pay by the collector of the said burgh for the time, in that case and as often as it occurs the delinquent or delinquents shall lose the right of infestment, and the charter proceeding thereon shall be null, void, and altogether without effect. RESERVING, however, in all respects, the foresaid fishings and lands with their pertinents to the persons who at present have the same respectively in lease, while the years and terms of their lease are still to run. Saving and reserving also to our foresaid supreme lady, the Queen, and to her successors, the annual feu-duties, burgage services thereon due and customary. And we, the said provost, baillies, councillors and community of Aberdeen and our successors shall warrant, acquit and for ever defend all and sundry the fishings

cum suis proficiuis pendiculis et pertinentiis solitis et consuetis prefatis n̄ris conciuibus supra nominatis suis heredibus et assignatis masculis antedictis et nullis aliis in omnibus et per omnia forma pariter et effectū ut premissum est varantizabimus acquietabimus et imperpetuum defendemus IN CUIUS rei testimonium p̄ntibus maioris partis commissariorum n̄rorum pro tempore subscriptionibus manualibus roborāf Sigillum n̄rm appendi cōmune fecimus apud Abirdene duodecimo die mensis Septembris anno domine m̄llmo quingētesimo quinquagesimo tertio Coram testibus domino Iacobo barclay māgro Edwardo menzes Capellanis magris Andrea harvey Toma Young Gilberto murray Ioanne Nicholoun et Ioanne Kennedy notariis publicis cum diuersis aliis

QUAMQUIDEM cartam feodifirmam et donationem in eadem contenf in omnibus suis punctis et articulis conditionibus et modis ac circumstantiis suis quibuscunq, in omnibus et per omnia forma pariter et effectū ut premissum est Cum auisamento consensu et auctoritate dicti n̄ri carissimi consanguinei et tutoris approbamus ratificamus ac pro nobis et successoribus n̄ris pro perpetuo confirmamus saluis nobis et successoribus n̄ris firmis feudifirme iuribus et seruitiis dictarum terrarum et piscariarum cum suis pertinentiis ante p̄ntem n̄ram confirmationem nobis debitis et consuetis INSUPER cum auisamento consensu

and lands above set forth, with their profits, pendicles and pertinents used and wont, for our foresaid fellow citzens above-named, their male heirs and assignees aforesaid, and for no others, in all and through all, in like form and effect as aforesaid. IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have caused our common seal to be appended to these presents, strengthened by the subscriptions of the greater part of our commissaries for the time: at Aberdeen, the twelfth day of the month of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and fifty-three, before witnesses: Sir James Barclay, Master Edward Menzies, chaplains; Masters Andrew Harvey, Thomas Young, Gilbert Murray, John Nicholson, and John Kennedy, Notaries Public, with divers others."

WHICH charter, feufarm and gift therein contained, in all its points and articles, conditions and forms, and circumstances whatsoever, in all and through all, in like form and effect as aforesaid, with advice, consent and authority of our said most dear cousin and tutor, we do approve, ratify, and for us and our successors for ever confirm: reserving to us and our successors our feu-duties, rights and services of the said lands and fishings with their pertinents, due and customary to us before our present confirmation. MOREOVER, with advice, consent and authority

et autoritate n̄ri gubernatoris antedicti ex n̄ra reginali potestate et autoritate regali volumus concedimus ac pro nobis et successoribus n̄ris decernimus et ordinamus q̄ hec presens nostra confirmatio tanti erit roboris valoris et efficacie conciuibus dicti n̄ri burgi suprascriptis eorumq̄ heredibus et assignatis predictis et eorundem cuilibet ac sic eadem per nos sub n̄ro magno sigillo in maiori forma eis et eorum cuilibet ante sasinas per ip̄os de prefatis piscariis et terris respectiue captas data et concessa fuisset non obstanti sasinis per ip̄os de eisdem ante p̄ntem n̄ram confirmationem susceptis IN CUIUS rei testimonium huic p̄nti carte n̄re confirmationis magnum sigillum n̄m apponi precepimus TESTIBUS reuerendissimo in christo patre Iohanne Archiep̄o Sancti Andree thesaurario n̄ro dilectis n̄ris consanguineis Georgio Comite de huntlie ac morauia domino gordoun et badzenauch cancellario n̄ro archibaldo comite ergadie domino cambell et lorne venerabili in Christo patre Georgio cōmendatario monasterii n̄ri de dunfermling n̄ri secreti sigilli custode dilectis nostris familiaribus mātris toma marioribankis de ratho n̄rorum rotulorum reḡri ac consilii clico johanne bellenden de auchnoule n̄ra iusticiarie clico et alexandro leuyngstoun de donypace n̄re cancellarie direttore Apud Edinburgh decimo quinto die mensis sep-

of our governor aforesaid, of our own queenly power and royal authority, we will, grant, and for us and our successors decree and ordain, that this our present confirmation shall be of as great strength, power and efficacy for the fellow citizens above-written of our said burgh, their heirs and assignees aforesaid, and any one thereof, as if the same had been given and granted by us under our great seal in greater form to them and each one of them before the sasines taken by them on the foresaid fishings and lands respectively, notwithstanding that the sasines were taken by them thereupon before our present confirmation. IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have ordered our great seal to be appended to this our present charter of confirmation. WITNESSES: The most reverend father in Christ, John, Archbishop of St. Andrews, our Treasurer; our beloved cousins, George, Earl of Huntly and Moray, Lord Gordon and Badenoch, our Chancellor; Archibald, Earl of Argyle, Lord Campbell and Lorne; the venerable father in Christ, George, Commendator of our Monastery of Dunfermline, Keeper of our Privy Seal; our beloved familiar Masters Thomas Marjoribanks of Ratho, Clerk of our Rolls, Register and Council; John Bellenden of Auchnoule, our Justice Clerk; and Alexander Livingston of Donypace, Director of our Chancery. At Edinburgh, the fifteenth day of the month of September

tembris anno domini milimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo tertio Et regni nostri vndecimo

XXXII.

Iacobus dei gr̃a Rex scotorum Omnibus probis hominibus Totius terre sue clericis et laicis salutem Sciatis nos pro ardenti zelo quem ob intertenendam poletiam et bonū ordinem inter subditos ñros gerimus precipue vero intra burgum nostrum de abirdene Intelligentes itaq̃ q̃ super omnia Munus erga deum (cuius prouidētia regimini ñro preponimur) amplecti obuincti sumus Ac pro sustentatione hospitalitatis pauperibus mutilatis Impotentibusq̃ personis orphanis et parentibus destitutis infantulis preseruande sollicitos fore Cum auisamento et consensu charissimi auunculi ñri Jacobi morauie comitis domini abirnethe et ñri regni ac ligeorum ñrorum regentis dedisse concessisse et hac p̃nti carta ñra confirmasse hereditarie dilectis ñris preposito balliuis consulibus et cōmunitate burgi ñri de abirdene eorumq̃ successoribus Imperpetuū Totum et integrum

in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and fifty-three, and of our reign the eleventh.

XXXII.

*King James VI. grants to the provost, baillies, etc., of Aberdeen, the habitation of the Minor Friars of the burgh to be converted into a Hospital. 30th December, 1567.**

JAMES, by the grace of God King of Scots, to all good men of his whole land, churchmen and laymen, greeting. Know ye that from the ardent zeal which we have for the encouragement of polecy and good order among our subjects, but especially those within our burgh of Aberdeen; and recognising therefore that above all things we are bound to fulfil our duty towards God, by whose providence we are placed in our government; and anxious for the upholding of hospitality to the poor, the maimed, and the impotent, and to orphans and infants deprived of their parents; with the advice and consent of our very dear uncle, James, Earl of Moray, Lord Abernethy, Regent of our kingdom and of our lieges, we have given, granted, and by this our present charter confirmed in heritage to our beloved provost, baillies, councillors and community of our burgh of

* See Resignation by the Minor Friars to the Corporation, 29th December, 1559, *postea*.

habitaculum siue mansionem jaceñ intra dictum nostrum burgum cum hortis et pertinentiis eiusdem ad fratres minores dicti burgi olim spectañ per ipsosq̄ inhabitat^o ad effectum q̄ prefati prepositus balliui consules et cōmunitas idem in hospitale pro receptione dict^o pauperum mutilatarum et Impotentium personarum orphanorum et infantulorum parentibus destitutorum predict^o conuertere possent et non alias Pro quoquidem etiam effectu nos tenore presentium dict^o mansionem habitaculum et hortos earundem in vnū perpetuum hospitale facimus creamus et erigimus Nouū hospitale de abirdene omni tempore affuturo nuncupand^o Teneñ et habeñ totum et integrum dictum habitaculum et mansionem cum hortis et pertinentiis earundem dictis preposito balliuis consulibus et cōmunitati eorumq̄ successoribus ad effectum predictum de nobis et successoribus nris in feodo et hereditate Imperpetuū Cum potestate ipsis cum dicto habitaculo et mansione intromittendi Idem et hortum eiusdem vel aliquam earundem partem prout ipsis ad effectum superius specificatum videbitur bonū et expediens alterandi mutandi dimoliendi reformandi et reparandi in omnibus que pro asiamento et receptaculo dict^o pauperum et Impotentium personarum cōmoda esse poterint leges ac constitutiones pro obseruatione dicti hospitalis in bono et decenti

Aberdeen and their successors for ever, all and whole the habitation or dwelling-house lying within our said burgh, with the yards and pertinents thereof, formerly belonging to the Minor Friars of the said burgh and by them inhabited; to the end that the foresaid provost, baillies, councillors and community should convert the same into a hospital for the reception of the said poor, maimed, and impotent, for orphans and for infants deprived of their parents as aforesaid, and no otherwise. For which purpose also we by the tenor of these presents make, create, and erect the said dwelling-house, habitation, and yards thereof into a permanent hospital to be called in all time to come the New Hospital of Aberdeen. To be held and had all and whole the said habitation and dwelling-house with yards and pertinents thereof, by the said provost, baillies, councillors and community, and their successors, for the foresaid purpose, of us and our successors in fee and heritage for ever; with power to the same of intromitting with the said habitation and dwelling-place and yard thereof, or any part of the same, as shall seem to them good and expedient for the purpose above specified; of altering, changing, demolishing, reforming, and repairing in all things which may be convenient for the easement and shelter of the said poor and impotent; of making and issuing laws and constitutions to be observed in the said hospital

ordine faciendī et promulgandī que adeo valibiles tantiq[ue] [sic] efficacīe erunt ac si cedem in hac presenti nra infeodatione latius erunt expresse Cum omnibus et singulis aliis libertatibus cōmoditatibus proficuis et asiamentis ac iustis suis pertinentiis quibuscunq[ue] tam non nominat^o q̄ nominat^o ad predict^o habitaculum et mansionem cum hortis et pertinēti earundem spectān̄ seu iuste spectare valeñ quomodolibet in futurum deo libere in omnibus et per omnia sicuti aliqua hospitalia in quibuscunq[ue] partibus regni nri per quoscunq[ue] nostros progenitores temporibus preteritis fundata dotata et erecta sunt sine aliqua reuocatione [sic] aut contradictione quacunq[ue] Reddendo inde ānuatim dicti prepositus balliui consules et cōmunitas dicti burghi ardentes et deuotas suas preces òpotenti deo p̄ statu prospero nri et successorum nrorum tantum In Cuius rei testimoniū huic presenti carte nre magnū sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus Testibus reuerendissimo in xp̄o patre Iohanne archiepo sanctiandree et dilectis nostris consanguineis Iacobo comite de mortoun domino dalkeith cancellario nro Wilelmo comite mariscalli dño keith Venerabili in xp̄o patre Iohanne priore monasterii nri de coldinghame nri secreti sigilli custode dilectis nris familiaribus consiliariis Magistro Iacobo makgill de rankelour nethir nrorum rotulorum registri ac consilii clerico

in good and decent order, which shall be of as great force as if the same had been set forth at greater length in this our present infestment: With all and sundry other liberties, conveniences, profits, and easements and their just pertinents whatsoever, as well not named as named, belonging, or which shall in any way in future belong, to the foresaid habitation and dwelling-house, with the yards and pertinents thereof; as freely, in all and through all, as any hospitals in any parts whatsoever of our kingdom by any of our ancestors whatsoever in times past have been given, endowed and erected: without any revocation or challenge whatsoever. Paying therefor yearly the said provost, baillies, councillors and community of the said burgh, only their zealous and special prayers to Almighty God for the prosperity of us and our successors. In witness whereof we have ordered our great seal to be appended to this our present charter. Witnesses: The most reverend father in Christ, John, Archbishop of Saint Andrews; and our beloved cousins, James, Earl of Mortoun, Lord Dalkeith, our Chancellor; William, Earl Marischal, Lord Keith; the venerable father in Christ, John, Prior of the Monastery of Coldingham, Keeper of our Privy Seal; our beloved familiar councillors, Master James Magill of Nether Rankelour, Clerk of our Rolls, Register, and Council; and John Ballenden of Auchnoule, Knight, our Justice Clerk.

et Iohanne bellendeñ de authnoule milite nre iusticiarie clerico Apud Edinburgh penultimo die mensis decembris anno domini millesimo quingentesimo sexagesimo septimo Et regni nostri primo

XXXIII.

Iacobus dei gratia Rex Scotorum Omnibus probis hominibus Totius terre sue clericis et laicis salutem Sciatis nos statum et conditionem pauperum intra regnũ nrm perpendentes cõmiseratione erga eos cristiana et paterna pietate inducti presertim pro sustentatione pauperum hospitalium et gymnasiorum aliorumq; piorum vsuum intra burghum nrm de Abirdene ac vt sustententur Igitur cum auisamento dñorum nri secreti consilii dedisse concessisse disposuisse et hac pñti carta nra confirmasse Predilectis nris preposito balliuis consuli et cõmunitati dicti nri burghi de Abirdene ac eorum successoribus imperpetuũ Omnes et singulas croftas terras tenementa et alia subscripta que perprius tam ad fratres predictores

At Edinburgh, the thirtieth day of the month of December in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and sixty-seven, and of our reign the first.

XXXIII.

King James VI. grants to the provost, baillies, etc., of Aberdeen, all the properties of the Black and of the White Friars, and of other ecclesiastical bodies within the burgh, for the support of a Hospital and other pious uses. 26th October, 1583.

JAMES, by the grace of God King of Scots, to all good men of his whole land, churchmen and laymen, greeting. Know ye that we, weighing well the state and condition of the poor within our kingdom, influenced by Christian pity and fatherly affection towards them, especially for the upholding of the poor's hospitals and gymnasia and other pious uses within our burgh of Aberdeen, and in order that they may be kept up, have therefore, with the advice of the Lords of our Privy Council, given, granted, dispoñed, and by this our present charter confirmed, to our well beloved provost, baillies, council and community of our said burgh of Aberdeen and their successors for ever, all and sundry the crofts, lands, tenements and others under-written, which formerly belonged either to the Friars Preachers

quam fratres albos lie quhyte freiris de Abirdene pertinuerunt Ac nunc nobis tanq^a pars proprietatis n^{re} corone per ordinem generalem desuper susceptum pertinent Acetiam in manibus n^{ris} virtute n^{re} vltime generalis reuocationis de eisdem confecte deuenerunt viz illam croftam voca^t lie zaird croft Iaceⁿ inter terram et croftam Adami Mar ex orientali lie womānishill ex occidentali domū gilberti andersoun appellatum lie blak freiris mans^o et templum ex australi et lacum ex boreali partibus Croftam terre voca^t lie sowcroft Iaceⁿ inter viam publicam ex orientali lie denburne ex occidentali croftam georgii harrow ex australi et viam cōmunem ex boreali partibus Croftam voca^t craigwell croft Iaceⁿ inter croftam ma^gri gilberti bisset ex orientali croftam georgii Watsoun ex occidentali croftam Andree Dun ex australi et viam publicam ex australi [boreali?] partibus Tres porcas lie riggis terrarum Iaceⁿ prope lie Crabstane Inter porcas terrarum diue trinitatis ex orientali croftam Alexandri leich ex occidentali viam publicam ex australi ac croftam georgii Watsoun ex boreali partibus Croftam voca^t Cunyngarhillis Iaceⁿ inter cunicularium de Abirdene ex orientali viam publicam ex occidentali croftam gilberti Williamesoun ex australi et lie gallowhillis ex boreali partibus Duas

or to the White Friars of Aberdeen, and now belong to us as part of the property of our crown, through the general order thereanent, and also came into our hands in virtue of our last general revocation executed with respect to the same—namely : That croft called the Yard Croft, lying between the land and croft of Adam Mar on the east, the Womanshill on the west, the house of Gilbert Anderson, called the Blackfriars Manse and Kirk, on the south, and the Loch on the north ; the croft of land called the Sow Croft, lying between the public road on the east, the Denburn on the west, the croft of George Harow on the south, and the common road on the north ; the croft called Craigwell Croft, lying between the croft of Master Gilbert Bisset on the east, the croft of George Watson on the west, the croft of Andrew Dun on the south, and the public road on the south [north?]; three rigs of land lying near the Crabstane between the parks of the Holy Trinity on the east, the croft of Alexander Leith on the west, the public road on the south, and the croft of George Watson on the north ; the croft called Cunnigarhills, lying between the rabbit warren of Aberdeen on the east, the public road on the west, the croft of Gilbert Williamson on the south, and the Gallowhills on the north ; two parks of land called Filthy Coppis,*

* In earlier deeds the name of this croft appears as 'Filycope' (1477) and 'Phillecop' (1529). The form 'Fill the Cap' is used in the 17th century.

porcas terrarum vocaſ filthy coppis Iaceñ inter futismyre ex orientali viam publicam ex occideñ croftam Alexandri cullane ex australi et croftam Ioannis Irwing ex boreali partibus Duas porcas terrarum lie riggis Iaceñ in fluris inter lie gallowhillis ex orientali publicam viam ex occideñ croftas Alexandri Malysoun ex australi et croftam olim ad gilbertum kintor pertineñ ex boreali partibus Porcam terre vocaſ barbouris croft Iaceñ inter viam publicam ex orientali lie crukit myre ex occidentali croftam maġri Roberte lūmidane ex australi et croftam Alexandri Rutherfurde ex boreali partibus Vnam porcam terre Iaceñ inter cōmune cunicularium ex orientali croftam Willelmi vmphray ex occidentali vinellam vocaſ garrakis Wynd ex australi et croftam Alexandri Cullane ex boreali Vnam porcam terre Iaceñ in fittieland Inter cōmune cunicularium ex orientali torrentem vocaſ ye trinitie burne ex occidentali croftam gilberti gray ex australi et croftam Iacobi blak ex boreali Vnam porcam Iaceñ prope lie gallowgaitheid inter lie gallowhillis ex orientali viam publicam ex occidentali croftam Andree Iak ex australi et croftam Andree Malysoun ex boreali vna cum omnibus et singulis terris croftis horreis mansionibus et hortis ad predictos fratres predicatores perprius pertinentibus Acetiam omnes et singulas croftas terras et

lying between Futtie's Mire on the east, the public road on the west, the croft of Alexander Cullane on the south, and the croft of John Irving on the north; two rigs of land lying in the Floors, between the Gallowhills on the east, the public road on the west, the crofts of Alexander Malyson on the south, and the croft formerly belonging to Gilbert Kintor on the north; the park of land called Barbour's Croft lying between the public road on the east, the Crooked Mire on the west, the croft of Master Robert Lumsden on the south, and the croft of Alexander Rutherfurd on the north; one park of land lying between the common rabbit warren on the east, the croft of William Umfray on the west, the vennel called Garrakis Wynd on the south, and the croft of Alexander Cullane on the north; one park of land lying in the land of Futtie between the common rabbit warren on the east, the stream called the Trinity Burn on the west, the croft of Gilbert Gray on the south, and the croft of James Black on the north; one park of land lying near the Gallowgaithead between the Gallowhills on the east, the public road on the west, the croft of Andrew Jack on the south, and the croft of Andrew Malyson on the north; together with all lands, crofts, barns, dwelling-houses and yards, belonging formerly to the foresaid Friars Preachers. And also all and sundry crofts, lands, and others under-written pertaining and belonging to the

alia subscrip̃ ad fratres albos vocaĩ lie quhyte freiris de Abirdene spectan et pertineĩ viĩ Croftam vocaĩ lie dowcat croft Iaceĩ inter croftam martini howesoun ex orientali croftam vocaĩ langlandis ex occidentali viam publicam ex australi et croftam georgii Watsoun ex boreali Croftam vocaĩ langlandis Iaceĩ inter croftam maĩri gilberti bisset ex orientali croftam duncani Donaldsoun ex occidentali viam publicam ex australi et croftam martini howesoun ex boreali Croftam vocaĩ Pyno'nuke Iaceĩ inter lie Denburne ex orientali et croftas gilberti Menzeis ex occidentali fyndmark ex australi et viam publicam ex boreali croftam vocaĩ ladycroft Iaceĩ inter lie pynour croft ex orientali croftam Martini howesoun ex occidentali croftam maĩri Iacobi burnet ex australi et croftam diui Ioannis ex boreali Croftas vocaĩ cuttingis Iaceĩ inter croftam maĩri Iacobi burnet ex orientali croftam Martini howesoun ex occidentali Terras gilberti menzeis senioris ex australi et octo rodas lie ruddis ex boreali partibus Octo rodas seu particatas lie ruddis Iaceĩ inter croftam georgii Watsoun ex orientali croftam gilberti gray ex occideĩ croftam martini howesoun ex australi et viam publicam ex boreali Croftam vocaĩ pringillis croft Iaceĩ inter croftam Ioannis Andersoun ex orientali Roblaw ex occidentali croftam gilberti gray ex australi et croftam

White Friars of Aberdeen, namely: The croft called the Dowcot Croft, lying between the croft of Martin Howeson on the east, the croft called Langlands on the west, the public road on the south, and the croft of George Watson on the north; the croft called Langlands, lying between the croft of Master Gilbert on the east, the croft of Duncan Donaldson on the west, the public road on the south, and the croft of Martin Howeson on the north; the croft called Pynour-neuk, lying between the Denburn on the east, and the crofts of Gilbert Menzies on the west, the Fyndmark on the south, and the public road on the north; the croft called Lady Croft, lying between the Pynour Croft on the east, the croft of Martin Howeson on the west, the croft of Master James Burnet on the south, and the croft of Saint John on the north; the crofts called Cuttings, lying between the crofts of Master James Burnet on the east, the croft of Martin Howeson on the west, the lands of Gilbert Menzies, the elder, on the south, and the eight roods on the north; eight roods or particates, lying between the croft of George Watson on the east, the croft of Gilbert Gray on the west, the croft of Martin Howeson on the south, and the public road on the north; the croft called Pringill's Croft, lying between the croft of John Anderson on the east, Rubislaw on the west, the croft of Gilbert Gray on the south, and the croft of

gilberti collesoun ex boreali partibus Vnam croftam Iaceñ inter croftam georgii Watsoun ex orientali croftam fratrum predicatorum ex occidentali croftam Duncani donaldsoun ex australi et croftam mağri gilberti bisset ex boreali vnacum omnibus aliis et singulis terris croftis ānuis redditibus horreis tenemētis et mansionibus ad predictos fratres albos pertinentibus Iaceñ infra vicecomitatum nřm de Abirdene Necnon cum omnibus et singulis terris tenementis domibus edificiis ecclesiis capellis hortis pomeriis croftis ānuis redditibus fructibus deuoriis emolumētis firmis elemosinis pecunia largitoria et obitus lie daill siluer et obittis et āniuersariis quibuscunq, que quouismodo pertinuerunt seu pertinere dīnoscentur ad quascunq, capellanas prebendas seu alteragia in quibuscunq, ecclia capella seu collegio infra libertatem dicti burgi nři de Abirdene per quamcūq, personā seu patronū fundā in quarum possessione capellani et prebendarii earundem perprius extiterunt vbicunque infra regnū nřm Iacent vel ĩpřibus retroactis percipi consueuerunt Acctiam cum omnibus et singulis terris domibus et tenementis intra dictum nřm burgum et libertatem eiusdem cum omnibus ānuis redditibus de domibus edificiis terris seu tenementis Intra dictum nřm burgum datis dotatis ac

Gilbert Colleson on the north; one croft lying between the croft of George Watson on the east, the croft of the Friars Preachers on the west, the croft of Duncan Donaldson on the south, and the croft of Master Gilbert Bisset on the north; together with all and sundry other lands, crofts, annual rents, barns, tenements, dwelling-houses, belonging to the foresaid White Friars, lying within our sheriffdom of Aberdeen; as well as with all and sundry lands, tenements, houses, buildings, churches, chapels, yards, orchards, crofts, annual rents, fruits, duties, emoluments, rents, alms, daill silver * and obits, and anniversaries whatsoever, which in any way belonged or are distinguished as belonging to chaplainries, prebends, or altarages whatsoever, founded by person or patror: whatsoever, in church, chapel or college whatsoever, within the freedom of our said burgh of Aberdeen, in possession of which the chaplains and prebendaries of the same formerly were, wheresoever within our kingdom they lie, or in times past used to be gathered; and also with all and sundry lands, houses and tenements within our said burgh and freedom thereof, with all annual rents from houses, buildings, lands or tenements within our said burgh, given, endowed and founded to

* *Daill Silver*—Money for distribution among the clergy on a foundation. *Jamicson's Dictionary*.

fundatis quibuscunq, capellaniis alteragiis ecclesie mortuariis seu āniuersariis vbicunq, infra regnū n̄rm existeñ Necnon cum omnibus et singulis annuis redditibus aliisq, deuoriis quot antea percipi consueuerunt seu acclamari poterint per quamcunq, ecclesiam extra dictum n̄rm burgum a preposito et balliuis eiusdem de eorum republica seu cōmuni bono Tenendas et habendas Omnes et singulas prenōiatas terras croftas tenementa hortos mansiones ac alia tam particulariter quam generaliter supra scrip̄t cum suis pertinentiis predictis preposito balliuis consuli et cōmunitati ac successoribus suis de nobis et successoribus n̄ris Imperpetuū prout Iacent in longitudine et latitudine In domibus edificiis boscis planis moris marresiis viis semitis aquis stagnis riuolis pratis pascuis et pasturis molendinis multuris et eorum sequelis Aucupationibus venationibus piscationibus petariis turbariis carbonibus carbonariis cuniculis cuniculariis columbis columbariis fabrilibus brasinis brueriis et genestis siluis nemoribus et virgultis lignis tignis lapicidiis lapide et calce Cum curiis et earum exitibus herezeldis bludewitis et mulierum merchetis Cum cōmuni pastura libero introitu et exitu Ac cum omnibus aliis et

chapeltries, alterages, church burials or anniversaries whatsoever, wheresoever in existence within our kingdom ; as well as with all and sundry annual rents and other duties, which used formerly to be gathered or could be claimed by any church whatsoever outwith our said burgh, from the provost and baillies thereof, out of their general fund or common good. To be held and had all and sundry the aforementioned lands, crofts, tenements, yards, mansions, and others above set forth as well in detail as generally, with their pertinents, by the foresaid provost, baillies, council and community, and their successors, of us and our successors for ever, as they lie in length and breadth, in houses, buildings, forests, plains, moors, marshes, roads, paths, ponds, streams, meadows, pastures and pasturages, mills, multures and their sequels, hawkings, huntings, fishings, petaries, turbaries, coals, coal-pits, rabbits, rabbit-warrens, pigeons, dovecots, smithies, brew houses, heath and broom, woods, groves and thickets, firewood, timber, quarries, stone and lime, with courts and their issues, herizelds, bloodwits, and merchets of women,* with common pasture, free ish and entry, and with all other and sundry

* "*Herizeld* or heriot is the best horse or ox—the best animal—the best aucht—*optimum averium* of the vassal, which became the property of the lord on his decease."

Bloodwit "means the jurisdiction in assaults where there is bloodshed, and where the *wite* or fine was to the lord of the court. The fine varied one-third as the wound was above or below the breath."

singulis libertatibus cōmoditatibus proficuis asiamentis ac Iustis suis pertinē quibuscunq, Tam non nōiatis quam nominatis tam subtus terra quam supra terram procul et prope ad predicī terras croftas tenementa hortos mansiones ac alia suprascripī cum suis pertinē spectañ seu Iuste spectare valeñ quomodolibet in futurum libere quiete plenarie integre honorifice bene et in pace sine aliqua reuocatione contradictione Impedimento aut obstaculo aliquali Cum p̄tate dictis preposito balliuis consuli et cōmunitati ac successoribus suis per se ipsos suosq, collectores quos constituere placuerint prefatos ānuos redditus fructus deuoria proficua et emolumenta quecumq, percipiendi et leuandi vbicunq, antea percipi consueuerunt ac eadem pro sustentatione pauperum hospitalium et gymnasiorum aliosq, vsus pios intra dictum n̄m burgum applicandi dictas terras et tenementa tenentibus assedandi et locandi ac eos remouendi Adeo libere sicuti prebendarii capellani et alii suprascripti eisdem antea gaudere et possidere poterint ad effectum et vsum antedictum Ad hec

liberties, conveniences, profits, easements, and their just pertinents whatsoever, as well not named as named, as well under the ground as above the ground, far and near, belonging, or which may justly belong in any way in time to come, to the foresaid lands, crofts, tenements, yards, mansions, and others above-written, with their pertinents; free, quietly, fully, wholly, honourably, well and in peace, without any revocation, challenge, hindrance, or obstacle of any kind; with power to the said provost, baillies, council and community, and their successors, of gathering and uplifting, by themselves and by their collectors, whom they shall please to appoint, the foresaid annual rents, fruits, duties, profits and emoluments whatsoever, wheresoever they used formerly to be gathered, and of applying the same to the support of the poor's hospitals and gymnasia, and to other pious uses within our said burgh, of setting and letting the said lands and tenements to tenants, and of removing these, as freely as the prebendaries, chaplains and others above-written could formerly enjoy and possess the same for the purpose and use aforesaid.

Merchets of women. "Some learning has been brought to show that, on the Continent, this tax—*mercheta mulierum*—represented an ancient seignorial right—the *jus primæ noctis*. I have not looked carefully into the French authorities; but I think there is no evidence of a custom so odious existing in England; and in Scotland, I venture to say that there is nothing to ground a suspicion of such a right. The merchet of women with us was simply the tax paid by the different classes of bondmen and tenants and vassals, when they gave their daughters in marriage, and thus deprived the lord of their services, to which he was entitled *jure sanguinis*." Cosmo Innes' *Scotch Legal Antiquities*, pp. 54, 60, 53.

See also the *Transactions of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland*, Vol. III., p. 56.

considerantes quam magna fraude fratres prebendarii et capellani supra-scripti post aboletam papisticam religionem et superstitionem alienauerunt delapidauerunt et resignarunt in manibus particulariū hominū terras croftas ānuos redditus tenementa et alia respectiue perprius mortificata Ac q̄ diuersi n̄ri liegii Ius ad quasdam terras tenementa et ānuos redditus antea mortificā pretenderunt et acclamarunt per breuia capelle n̄re ac alias sasinam eorundem tanq̄ heredes eorum predicessoribus qui easdem antea dotarunt susceperunt que sequnta sunt partim negligentia officiariorum dicti n̄ri burghi ac partim collusione fratrum prebendariorum et capellanaū superius spectificā Ideo nos cum auisamento dictorum dñorum tenore p̄ntis carte n̄re rescindimus et ānullamus omnes et singulas tales alienationes dispositiones et sasinas quouismodo datas et confectas in alterationem et mutationem prioris propositi intentionis et mentis fundatorum earundem et eas in particulares vsus cōuertendo Sic q̄ eadem ad vsus suprascriptos conuerti et applicari poterint Quamquidem declarationem volumus tanti valoris roboris et effectus fore Ac si persone obtentores dictarum dispositionū particulariter vocate fuissent ac earum infeofamenta ordinario Iuris cursu seu processu rescinderentur Necnon cum auisamento antedicto vnimus et incorporamus omnes et

Further, taking into consideration how dishonestly the friars, prebendaries and chaplains above-written, after the abolition of the popish religion and superstition, alienated, damaged and resigned into the hands of private persons, the lands, crofts, annual rents, tenements, and others respectively, formerly mortified, and that diuers of our lieges have asserted and claimed, by brieves of our chancery, the right to certain lands, tenements and annual rents formerly mortified, and otherwise have obtained sasine of the same as heirs of their predecessors who formerly gifted the same ; which happened partly through the negligence of the officials of our said burgh, and partly through the collusion of the friars, prebendaries and chaplains above mentioned : We, therefore, with the advice of the said lords, do, by the tenor of our present charter, rescind and annul all and sundry such alienations, dispositions and sasines, in whatsoever manner given and completed in alteration and change of the former purpose, intention and design of the founders, and for the conversion of the same to particular uses, so that the same may be converted and applied to the uses above-written, which declaration it is our will shall be of equal value, strength and effect as if the grantees of the said dispositions had been individually summoned and their infestments rescinded by ordinary course or process of law. Moreover, with the advice aforesaid, we unite

singulas terras croftas tenementa domus edificia templa templorum hortos capellas pomeria hortos ānuos redditus fructus deuoria proficua emolumēta firmas elemosinas obitus aniuersaria cum suis pertinen in vnū corpus nřam fundationem de Abirdene in futurum nūcupandū Ac volumus q vnica sasina semel per predictos prepositum et balliuos vel eorum aliquem apud pretoriū dicti nři burgi Adeo sufficiens erit sasina pro perpetuo in futurū ac si eadem super particularibus terris croftis tenementis et aliis supradictis suscepta fuisset Non obstante distantia locorū Et q in diuersis locis seu partibus Iacent Preterea uolumus q fratres prebendarii et capellani ab antiquo prouisi ante aboletam superstitionem antedictam per hanc pñtem infeodacionem non preiudicentur sed ipīs vsus dictorum fructuū et deuoriorum durante eorum vita tantum Secundum ratam reseruamus Quare tenore pñtis carte nře mandamus computorum rotulatori collectori generali pñtibus et futuris eorumq collectoribus et factoribus ac ōnibus aliis interesse pretendentibus vt nemo eorum presumat fructus deuoria et alia particulariter suprascripta pro aliquo tempore preterito seu futuro percipere seu leuare nec Impedimētum aliquod predictis preposito balliuis consuli cōmunitati et successoribus suis in pacifica gauisione et possessione eorundem inferre

and incorporate all and sundry the lands, crofts, tenements, houses, buildings, temples, temple yards, chapels, orchards, yards, annual rents, fruits, duties, profits, emoluments, rents, alms, obits, with their pertinents, into one body to be styled in time to come our foundation of Aberdeen. And it is our will that a single sasine, taken once for all by the foresaid provost and baillies, or any one of them, at the townhouse of our said burgh shall be as effective a sasine for ever in time to come as if the same had been taken on the individual lands, crofts, tenements, and others above-written, notwithstanding the distance of the places, and that they lie in diverse places or parts. Further, it is our will that the friars, prebendaries, and chaplains of old provided for, before the abolition of the superstition aforesaid, shall not be prejudiced by this present infestment, but we reserve for them, according to their shares, the use of the said fruits and duties, during their lives only. Wherefore, by the tenor of our present charter, we direct the comptroller, collector general, present and to come, and their collectors and agents, and all others professing to be interested, that none of them shall make bold to gather or uplift the fruits, duties, or others above set forth in detail for any period past or to come, or to hinder in any way the foresaid provost, baillies, council and community, and their successors, from peacefully

preterea requirimus dños nři consilii et sessionis alias nřas literas in quatuor formis ad instantiam prepositi balliuorū consulum et cōmunitatis dicti nři burgi dirigere Ad causandum eos eorumq; factores ac alios eorum nominibus de omnibus et singulis prenōiatis terris croftis tenementis domibus edificiis fructibus deuoriis et aliis particulariter suprascriptis ac nullis aliis in futurum responderi ad effectus supra specificatos In Cuius rei Testimoniū huic pñti carte nře magnum sigillum nřm apponi precepimus Testibus predilecto nřo consanguineo et consiliario Colino Argadie comite dño Campbell et lorne etc Cancellario ac Iusticiario nřo generali Reuerendissimo ac venerabilibus in xřo patribus Patricio Sancti-andree Archieřo Roberto cōmendatario mo^{ri} nři de dunfermeling nřo secretario Waltero cōmendatario prioratus nři de blantyre nři secreti sigilli custode dilectis nřis familiaribus et consiliariis Alexandro hay nřorum rotulorum regri ac consilii clerico Iodouico bellendeñ de Auchnoule milite nře Iusticiarie clerico Et Roberto Scott nře Cancellarie direttore Apud Striuiling vicesimo sexto die mensis Octobris Anno dñi millesimo quingentesimo Octuagesimo tertio Et Regni nři decimo septimo

enjoying and possessing the same. Further, we require the Lords of our Council and Session to direct our other letters in four forms* at the instance of the provost, baillies, councillors and community of our said burgh, to cause them and their factors and others in their names in future to account for all and sundry the before-named lands, crofts, tenements, houses, buildings, fruits, duties, and others above written in detail, and no others, to the effect above specified. In witness whereof we have ordered our great seal to be appended to this our present charter. Witnesses: Our well-beloved cousin and councillor, Colin, Earl of Argyll, Lord Campbell and Lorne, etc., our Chancellor and Justiciar General; the very reverend and the venerable fathers in Christ, Patrick, Archbishop of Saint Andrews; Robert, Commendator of our Monastery of Dunfermline, our Secretary; Walter, Commendator of our Priory of Blantyre, Keeper of our Privy Seal; our beloved familiars and councillors, Alexander Hay, Clerk of the Rolls, Register, and Council; Lewis Bellenden of Auchnoule, Knight, Clerk of our Justiciary; and Robert Scott, Director of our Chancery. At Stirling, the twenty-sixth day of the month of October in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and eighty-three, and of our reign the seventeenth.

* *Letters in four forms.* "The first was a charge to pay or perform, without any certification; the second was a charge to the same effect, but with certification that horning would follow; the third was horning; the fourth was caption."—*Stair's Institutions*, IV. 47, § 2.

XXXIV.

JACOBUS Dei gratia Rex Scotorum OMNIBUS probis hōibus totius terre sue clericis et laicis Salutem SCIATIS NOS quandam cartam et infeofamentum feudifirme assedationis et locationis factam datam et concessam per quond' Gavinū Episcopum Abirdoneñ cum expressū auisamento consensu et assensu decani et capituli ecclie cathedralis Abirdoneñ dilectis nostris quondā Gilberto Menzeis preposito balliuis consilio et communitati burgi n̄ri de Abirdene pro tempore et suis successoribus prepositis balliuis consilio et communitati dicti n̄ri burgi pro tempore De totis et integris terris de Ardlair cum vniuersis suis pertineñ Iaceñ infra dominium et schirā de Clate comitatum de Gareoche ac Vice n̄m de abirdene ad sustentationem manutionem reparacionem et quum opus fuerit Reedificationem noui lapidii pontis super fluuio seu aqua de Die prope idem n̄m burgum de Abirdene inter terras de Kincorth ad abbatem et conuentū de Abirbrothok spectañ ex aus-

XXXIV.

King James VI. confirms to the provost, baillics, etc., of Aberdeen, a grant made (4th December, 1529) by Bishop Gavin Dunbar of the lands of Ardlair, for the upkeeping of the Bridge of Dee. 12th May, 1587.

JAMES, by the grace of God King of Scots, to ALL good men of his whole land, churchmen and laymen, greeting. KNOW YE THAT WE have fully considered a certain charter and infeftment of feufarm, assedation and lease—by our command seen, read, inspected and diligently examined—being whole, entire, not erased, not cancelled or suspected in any part thereof—made, given and granted by umquhile Gavin, Bishop of Aberdeen, with express advice, consent and assent of the dean and chapter of the cathedral church of Aberdeen, to our beloved Gilbert Menzies, provost, the baillies, council and community of our burgh of Aberdeen for the time being and their successors, provosts, baillies, council and community of our said burgh for the time; of all and whole the lands of Ardlair, with their entire pertinents, lying within the lordship and parish of Clatt, the earldom of Garioch, and our sherrifdom of Aberdeen, for the up-keeping, maintenance, repair, and, when it shall be necessary, the rebuilding of the new stone bridge across the river or water of Dee, near our burgh of Aberdeen, between the lands of Kincorth, belonging to the abbot and

trali et terras de Ruderistoun ad heredes quondā Henrici Leicht olim de barnis spectāñ ex boreali partibus earundem Teneñi de dicto episcopo et suis successoribus pro solutione ānuatim viginti sex solidorum et octo denariorum nomine feudifirme tantum de Mandato n̄o visam lectam inspectam et diligenter examinatam sanā Integram non rasam non cancellatam nec in aliqua sui parte suspectam Ad plenū intellexisse sub hac forma

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris vel auditoris Gavinus miseratione diuina Abirdoneñ Ep̄us Salutem in Dño Sempiternam Noueritis nos cum consensu et assensu ac auisamento decani et capli n̄re eccie cathedralis Abirdoneñ ad hoc specialiter die capitulari per sonū campanę maioris vt moris est caplr congregatorum vocatisq̄, vocandis et interesse habēñ et pretendēñ precedente solemnī tractatu matura deliberatione prehabita ecclesieq̄, n̄re cathedralis Abirdoneñ atq̄, reipublice ac regni Scotie vtilitate consideratis dedisse concessisse alienasse ac imperpetuum confirmasse Necnon dare concedere alienare et hac p̄ñti carta n̄ra confirmare imperpetuum dilectis nostris Gilberto Menzeis preposito balliuis consilio et communitati burgi de Abirdene et suis successoribus prepositis balliuis consilio et communitati pro tempore eiusdem burgi de Abirdene [totas et integras terras de Ardlraie

convent of Arbroath, on the south side, and the lands of Ruthricston, belonging to the heirs of umquhile Henry Leith, late of Barnes, on the north side thereof; to be held of the said bishop and his successors for an annual payment of twenty-six shillings and eight pence, in name of feu-duty only—in this form:—

“To all who shall see or hear this charter, Gavin, by divine mercy Bishop of Aberdeen, eternal greeting in the Lord. Know ye that, with consent and assent and advice of the dean and chapter of our cathedral church of Aberdeen, specially assembled as a chapter for this purpose, on a chapter day, by sound of the greater bell, as is the custom; and all being summoned who should be summoned, and who have, or pretend an interest, after previous solemn discussion, mature deliberation, and consideration of the wellbeing of our cathedral church of Aberdeen, and of the commonwealth and kingdom of Scotland, we have given, granted, alienated and for ever confirmed, and do give, grant, alienate, and by this our present charter for ever confirm, to our beloved Gilbert Menzies, provost, the baillies, council and community of the burgh of Aberdeen, and to their successors, provosts, baillies, council and community for the time being of the said burgh of Aberdeen, All and whole our lands of Ardlair, with

cum vniuersis suis pertineñi Iaceñ infra dominium et schirā de Clate comitatum de Garcoche ac Vicē n̄m de abirdene] ad sustentationem manutensionē reparationem et cum opus fuerit Reedificationē noui lapidij pontis super fluuio seu aqua de Die prope idem burgum de Abirdene inter terras de Kincorth ad abbatem et conuentum de Abirbrothok ex australi et terras de Ruderistoun ad heredes quond' Henrici Licht olim de barnis spectañ ex boreali partibus Quequidem terre de Ardlair cum pertinentiis allegaī fuerūt perprius hereditarie pertinere Andree Levingstoun* de solmys ac de nobis et etiam n̄ra ecclesia cathedrali Abirdoneñ per seruitiū feodifirme tente in capite Et ob non exhibitionem seu ostentationem carte sue infeodationis dictarum terrarum nobis vt de jure tenebatur per nostros legitimos processus prout iuri congruit prefato Andrea ceterisq̄ omnibus ad easdem terras cum pertinentiis interesse habentibus seu jus in eisdem quomodolibet habere pretendeñ ad instantiam n̄ram super premiss' legitime citatis sepiusq̄ vocatis suisq̄ contumacijs legitime accusatis cuius ob quā causam et alias rationabiles causas nobis et successoribus n̄ris ad perpetuo in proprietate permanendum adiudicate fuerāt ac laps̄ anno et die ad plegium

their entire pertinents, lying within the lordship and parish of Clatt, earldom of Garioch and sheriffdom of Aberdeen, for the upkeeping, maintenance, repair, and, when it shall be necessary, the rebuilding of the new stone bridge across the river or water of Dee, near the same burgh of Aberdeen, between the lands of Kincorth, belonging to the abbot and convent of Arbroath, on the south side, and the lands of Ruthrieston, belonging to the heirs of umquhile Henry Leith, late of Barnes, on the north side: which lands of Ardlair, with the pertinents, were alleged formerly to pertain in heritage to Andrew Livingston of Solmys, and were held in chief of us, and also of our cathedral church of Aberdeen, by the service of feufarm; and by reason of his not exhibiting or producing to us his charter of infestment of the said lands, as by right he was bound to do, the foresaid Andrew, and all others having interest in, or pretending in any way to have right to the said lands, with their pertinents, being agreeably to justice cited by our processes of law anent the premisses at our instance, and often summoned, and lawfully accused of contumacy; wherefore, and for other reasonable causes [the said lands] had been adjudged to us and to our successors, to remain in property for ever, and, after the lapse of the cautionary year and day having been neither

* So in *Registrum Magni Sigilli*: but "Elphinston de Selmys" in *Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis*, Spalding Club Edition, Vol. I., p. 393.

minime dimiss̄ seu petitis [*sic*] in rem judicatā transierunt Et quas etiam terras de Ardlair cum pertinentijs idem Andreas non vi aut metu ductus nec errore lapsus de sua mera libera ac spontanea voluntate pro quadam certa summa pecunie per nos eidem Andree in sua magna et vrgenti necessitate persoluta in manibus n̄ris tanquā in manibus domini superioris earundem cum omni iure et iuris clameo titulo proprietate et possessione si quod quem aut quam habet habuit aut habere potuit in seu ad huiusmodi terras cum pertinentijs per fustum et baculum ad perpetuam remanentiam pure et simpliciter resignavit cessit et dimisit prout in processibus et instrumentis publicis desuper confectis latius continetur Teneñ et habeñ totas et integras terras n̄ras de Ardlair predic̄ cum pertineñ supradictis prepositis balliuis et communitate de Abirdene et burgi predic̄ et suis successoribus prepositis balliuis et communitate pro tempore eiusdem burgi de nobis et successoribus nostris Ep̄is Abirdoneñ in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum per omnes rectas metas suas antiquas et diuisas prout iacent in longitudine et latitudine in boscis planis moris maresijs viis semitis aquis stagnis riulis pratis pascuis pasturis mol̄ndinis multuris et eorum sequelis aucupationibus venationibus piscationibus petarijs turbarijs carbonarijs colum-

restored nor claimed, became so finally. And which lands of Ardlair, with the pertinents, the said Andrew, not influenced by force or fear, nor led astray by error, but of his own accord and free will, in return for a certain sum of money paid by us to the said Andrew in his great and urgent need, did, for ever, by staff and baton, purely and simply resign, grant and demit into our hands, as into the hands of the superior thereof, with all right and claim of right, title, property and possession which he has, had, or could have, in or to such lands, with the pertinents, as in the processes and public instruments thereanent executed is more fully set forth. To be held and had all and whole our foresaid lands of Ardlair, with the pertinents, by the above-mentioned provosts, baillies and community of Aberdeen and the foresaid burgh, and by their successors, provosts, baillies and community for the time being of the same burgh, from us and our successors, bishops of Aberdeen, in fee and heritage for ever, by all its true ancient meiths and marches, as they lie in length and in breadth, in forests, plains, moors, marshes, roads, paths, ponds, streams, meadows, pastures, pasturages, mills, multures and their sequels, hawkings, huntings, fishings, petaries, turbaries, coal pits, dovecots, rabbits, rabbit warrens, yards, orchards, stone and

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lime, quarries, smithies, brew houses, broom and heath; with courts and their
 issues, herizelds, bloodwits, and merchets of women, with common pasture used
 and wont, free ish and exit; and with all and sundry other liberties, easements,
 and their just pertinents whatsoever, as well not named as named, as well
 under the earth as above the earth, far and near, belonging, or which may
 in any way come to belong in future to the foresaid lands, with their perti-
 nents; and as freely, quietly, fully, wholly, honourably, well and in peace,
 without any hindrance, revocation or challenge, in all and through all, as any
 such lands within the kingdom of Scotland are had, held or possessed.
 Paying therefor yearly the above-named provost, baillies and community of
 the foresaid burgh of Aberdeen, and their successors, provosts, baillies and
 community for the time being of the same burgh of Aberdeen, for ever, to us and
 our successors, bishops of Aberdeen, twenty-six shillings and eight pence usual
 money of the kingdom of Scotland, at the two customary yearly terms, the feasts,
 namely, of Pentecost and St. Martin in winter, by two equal portions, due to us
 yearly before the said resignation or recognition, together with the upkeeping,
 maintenance, repair, construction and rebuilding, when need be, of the foresaid

seu fluuio de Die per nos strati structi et edificati secundum vim tenorem effectum et continentiam cuiusdem obligationis per prepositum balliuos et communitatem burghi de Abirdene prefat̄ desuper nobis pro se et suis successoribus nobis et successoribus n̄ris episcopis Abirdonen facte prout in eadem de data Apud Abirdene die decimo quarto mensis Decembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo vigesimo nono latius continetur nomine feudifirme tantum pro omni alio onere seruitio exactione vel demanda que de dictis terris cum pertineñ quouismodo exigī poterint vel requiri Et nos antedictus Gavinus Abirdoneñ Ep̄s n̄riq̄, successores episcopi Abirdoneñ Omnes et singulas predictas terras de Ardlaire cum pertineñ prefatis preposito balliuus et communitati dicti burghi de Abirdene et suis successoribus prepositis balliuus et communitati eiusdem pro tempore In omnibus et per omnia forma pariter et effectū vt premissum est contra omnes mortales warrantizabimus acquietabimus et imperpetuum defendemus In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum autenticum necnon sigillum cōmune capti n̄ri Abirdoneñ predic̄ huic presenti carte n̄re in signum sui consensus sunt appensa Et eandem manu n̄ra et manibus decani et canonicorum Abirdoneñ capituli Abirdoneñ pro tempore p̄tium subscriptimus [*sic*]

new bridge across the water or river of Dee, by us built, constructed and erected, according to the tenor, effect and contents of a certain obligation, made to us thereanent by the provost, baillies and community of the burgh of Aberdeen aforesaid, for themselves and their successors, to us and our successors, bishops of Aberdeen, as in the same, of date, at Aberdeen, the fourteenth day of the month of December in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and twenty-nine, is more fully set forth, in name of feufarm only, in place of all other burden, service, exaction or demand, which from the said lands, with the pertinents, could in any way be exacted or demanded. And we, the foresaid Gavin, Bishop of Aberdeen, and our successors, bishops of Aberdeen, shall against all living warrant, acquit and for ever defend all and sundry the foresaid lands of Ardlaire, with the pertinents, to the foresaid provost, baillies and community of the said burgh of Aberdeen, and their successors, provosts, baillies and community thereof for the time being, in all and through all, in like form and effect as aforesaid. In witness whereof our authentic seal, as well as the seal of our chapter of Aberdeen, are appended to this our present charter in sign of their consent; and we have subscribed the same with our hand, and with the hands of the dean and canons of Aberdeen of the chapter of Aberdeen for the time being. At the

Apud ciuitatem Abirdoneñ decimo quarto die mensis Decembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo vicesimo nono Coram testibus Viž nobili et potenti domino Georgio comite de Huntlic venerabili patre Georgio priore de Plusquardin coadiutorum [*sic*] nō et successore nobilibus venerabilibusq̄ et discretis viris magistris et dominis Waltero Ogilvie de Monycalbek Johanne Keith de Ravyniscraig Hectore Boetio sacrarum literarum possessorum [*sic*] colegij Abirdoneñ primario Willielmo Hay earundem literarum bachalario Willielmo Hay et Dauide Makesoun notarijs publicis cum diuersis alijs

QUAMQUIDEM cartam feudifirme et infeofamentum assedationem et locationem in eadem contentā in oībus suis punctis et articulis conditionibus et modis ac circumstantijs suis quibuscunq̄ in omnibus et per omnia forma pariter et effectu vt premissum est Approbamus Ratificamus ac pro nobis et successoribus nris pro perpetuo CONFIRMAMUS Salvis et reseruatis nobis et successoribus nris juribus seruitijs ac precibus prenoīatarum terrarū ante hanc pītem confirmationem inde solui solitis et consuetis Preterea Volumus et concedimus ac pro nobis et successoribus nris pro perpetuo Decernimus et ordinamus q̄ hec pñs nra confirmatio est et erit tanti roboris fortitudinis et efficacie dictis preposito balliuis consulibus et communitati dicti nri burgi de Abirdene et eorum suc-

city of Aberdeen, the fourteenth day of the month of December in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and twenty-nine, before witnesses, namely, the noble and potent lord, George, Earl of Huntly; the venerable father, George, Prior of Pluscarden, our coadjutor and successor; the noble and venerable and discreet men, masters and sirs, Walter Ogilvie of Monycabock, John Keith of Ravenscraig, Hector Boece, Professor of Divinity and Principal of the College of Aberdeen, William Hay, Bachelor of Divinity, William Hay and David Mackesson, Notaries Public, with diverse others."

WHICH charter of feufarm and infeftment, assedation and lease therein contained, in all its points and articles, conditions and forms, and its circumstances whatsoever, in all and through all, in like form and effect, as aforesaid, we approve, ratify, and for us and our successors for ever CONFIRM—saving and reserving for us and our successors our rights, services and prayers of the above-named lands, used and wont to be paid before this present confirmation. Further, we will and grant, and for us and our successors for ever decree and ordain, that this our present confirmation is and shall be of as much strength, force and efficacy, to the said provost, baillies, councillors and community of our said burgh of Aberdeen,

cessoribus pro ipsorum perpetua et hereditaria gausionem et possessionem prefatarum terrarum de Ardlair cum suis pertinens; Acsi eadem per nos aut predecessores nros per cartam nram confirmationis nro sub magno sigillo in maiori forma aut per bullas et prouisiones in curia Romana ante sasinam de predictis terris per ipsos suscepti Et ante acta parliamenti leges et constitutiones in contrarium facti data et confirmata fuisse non obstante eisdem seu aliquibus penis et clausulis in eisdem contenti Circa qua et omnia alia pericula et inconuenientias quascunq, que contra dictam cartam et infeofamentum feudifirme quouismodo obijci poterint Nos pro nobis et successoribus imperpetuum per pntes dispensamus IN CUIUS rei testimonium huic pnti carte nre confirmationis Magnum sigillum nrm apponi precepimus Testibus (vt in alijs cartis consimilis date precedenti) Apud Halyrudhous duodecimo die mensis Maij anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo octuagesimo septimo Et regni nri vicesimo.

and their successors, for their perpetual and heritable enjoyment and possession of the foresaid lands of Ardlair, with their pertinents; as if the same had been made, given and confirmed by us or our predecessors, by our charter of confirmation under our great seal in the greater form, or by bulls or provisions in the Roman court, before the sasine of the said lands taken by them, and before the Acts of Parliament, laws and constitutions to the contrary; notwithstanding the same or any penalty and clauses therein contained, with which and all other risks and inconveniences whatsoever, which, in despite of the said charter and infeftment of feufarm, could in any way be incurred, We, for us and our successors, do for ever by these presents dispense. IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have ordered our great seal to be appended to this our present charter of confirmation. WITNESSES [as in other preceding charters of same date*]. At Holyrood House, the twelfth day of the month of May in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and eighty-seven, and of our reign the twentieth.

XXXV.

King James VI., after his Revocation, ordains a charter to be made to confirm the charter of 30th December, 1567 (No. XXXII). 1587.

Oure Souerane Lord eftir his perfyte age of xxi zeiris compleit† and generall reuocatiō maid in parliament‡ Ordains ane chartor to be maid

* See *Registrum Magni Sigilli*, Vol. V., p. 400. † 19th June, 1587. ‡ 29th July, 1587.

vnder the greit seill in ye mair forme Ratefeand apprevand and for his hienis and his successoris perpetualie confermand the infestment grātīt be oʳ said souerane lord w^t consent of his dairest cousing vñqll James erle of Murray lord abirmethy his regent for the tyme to the prouest baillies counsall & cōmunitie of the burt of Abirdene of all and hail the place and mansioun w^t the zairds and ptinents yrof qlk wes sumtyme occupyt and Inhabite be the gray freirs of ye said burt erectit be his hienes in ane hospitall for supporte of ye pure Impotent and orphaling as the samyn of the dait the penult day of December J^m v^c lxxvij zeiris And of his Regne the first zeir at mair lenthē As alswa oʳ said souerane lord of his princelye clemencie for the zeill he beris for Intertenying of polycie and gud ordor amāg his subjectis And specilie wⁱⁿ the burt of Aben Vndirstanding alswa That aboue all thingis his hienes is obliste to be thankfull to god be quhais puidence he is preferrit to his governament And being cairefull & soliste for the sustenta^{un} of hospitalitie of pure Impotent mutilat persones orfalingis and zoung infantis destitute of parentis To haue gevin and grantit and disponit and confermit heritable to the prouest baillies counsall and cōmunitie of ye said burt of Abirdene and to thair successoris for euir all and hail That duelling place or mansioun liand wⁱⁿ ye said burt w^t the zairdis and ptinents yrof qlk sumtyme ptenit to the gray freiris of the said burt and ues inhabite be them To the effect That the saidis prouest baillies counsalle and cōmunitie may convert the samyn in ane hospitall for resaitē of the saidis pure mutilat and Impotent persones orfalingis and infantis destitute of parentis For the qlk effect We be thir pñtis makis treatis and erectis the said Mansioun duelling place and zairdis In ane ppetuall hospitall To be callit in all tymes cūinge the neu hospitall of abirdene To be haldin and to be had all and hail ye said duelling place or Mansioun w^t the zairdis and ptinents yrof to the saidis prouest baillies & counsall & cōmunitie and thair successoris to the effect forsaid of Us & oʳ successoris in fie & heritage for euir With power to them To Intromet w^t the said duelling place or Mansioun And to alter change dimolische Reforme and Repaire the samyn for the cishment and resaitē of the saidis pure and Impotent psones as zai sall think expedient Lawes & Constitutionis for obserua^{un} of the said hospitall in gude ordor To mak and set suo the qlk salbe als valiabill & of als grite effect as gif the samyn had bene expressit at mair len^t in this pñt infestment W^t all and sindrie vtheris

liberties eismentis and Richteous pntinentis q'sumeuir Gevand thairfor
zeirlic The saidis puest baillies counsall & cōmunitie of the said burt
ardent and diuote prayeris to the omnipotent god for the prosperous
state of oʳ said souerane lord and his successoris allanerly And that the
said chartor be exteneit in the best forme wʳ all claus̄s neidfull Sub-
screyuit be oʳ said souerane lord At the day of 1587.

[Signed] JAMES R̄.

XXXVI.

*James VI. ordains the members of the town council of Aberdeen to be elected yearly.
20th July, 1591.*

James Be the grace of god king of Scottis To oure aduocat and all
vyeris oʳ liegis and subdittis quhome it efferis Quhais knowlege yir
oʳ tres salcum greting Wit ze Us considering the guid trew and thank-
full seruice done to Us and oʳ predicesor̄e be ye provest bailleis and
counsall of oʳ burt of Abirdene alsweill in ye wyis' and prudent govern-
ment of ye saiñ According to ye ancient custome liberteis and
priuileges yairof Inviolable obseruit past memorie of man As in yair
reddie and dewtefull obedience gevin pruif of from tyme to tyme
toward vs be exponying of yair landis and lyifis in oʳ seruice and re-
pressing of dyveris rebellionis and vproiris movit at sundrie tymes in ye
north pairtis of yis oʳ realme And we vnderstanding yat ye cheif grund
and caus of the long flurischeing of oʳ said burt in peace tranquillitie and
guid seruice towardis Us Consistit in a guid and substantious counsall of
ye gravest wyis' and discret Inhabitantis of oʳ said burt best dispost and
affectit to oure obedience qlkis hes contenuit in ye saiñ office sen yair
first electioun vnalterit or changeit be ye space of fourtie or fyftie zeiris
According to ye lovabill consuetude of oʳ said burt Inviolable obseruit
the space of a hundreth zeiris befoir Qlk consuetude of ye contenwing of
yair counsall efter yair first lauchfull electiō vnto ye tyme of yair deceis
Except yai had been tryit or fund giltie of sum cryme meriting depriva-
tioun Is ratefeit and approvin be dyveris actis and constitutionis of oʳ said
burgh And hes bene maist wyislie and prudentlie establishit be yair pre-
dicesor̄e for avoiding of grit dangeris and Incōuenientis qlkis vyerwyis
myt haue fallin out within oʳ said burgh be ye zeirlic changeing and

alteratioun of ye said counsall Qlkis cheiflie suddit be dyveris vnquiet and ambitious personis To ye effect that ye government of o^r said burth suld be deuolut in ye handis of outlandis men of grit clannis and surnames qlkis compass^e and dwellis round about o^r said burth And hes be all means baith directlie and indirectlie aspyrit to ye reule and government of ye samyn Expres' agains o^r actis of parliament Inhibiting and dischargeing ye electioun of outlandis men In provest bailleis or auldermen wⁱⁿ burgh In ye qlk cais o^r said burgh suld rather becum a monople thrallit and astrictit to yat factioun and clan qlk suld happin to be preferit to ye government Nor a fre burgh To ye vtterwrak and detriment yairof In consideratioun quhairof and yat o^r act of parliament^{*} maid anent ye changeing of ye zeirlie counsall hes nevir zit tane effect wⁱⁿ o^r said burgh Bot ye personis anes lauchfullie chosin vpoun counsall hes contenuit yairon vnto ye tyme of zair deceiss Alwyis subiect to ye tryall of ye ny^bouir' of o^r said burgh And incais of ony falt or cryme the sam^e hes bene ordorlie tryit vpoun ye gyld court day efter ye electioun of ye magistratis yairof And being fund giltie yai haue bene removit and depriuit and vyeris placeit in yair rowmes qrvpoun hes followit a grit tranquillitie and concord w^t o^r said burgh And in respect of mony vyer Incōuenientis qlk ye zeirlie changeing of ye said counsall may carie w^t it Namelie ye abrogatioun of ye auld Lawis and statuteis of o^r said burgh The disturbance of ye cōmoun peace yairof The tūmle disordo^r and discentioun yat micht follow yairvpoun w^t ye infinite confusioun and perrell qlk cōmounlie accumpantis all new changeis and imitationis In cōmoun welthis^{*} We haue allowit and be yir o^r tres allowis of yat pūit electit counsall of o^r said burth and Willis and declaris yat ye saiñ counsall sall remane and stand efter ye ancient consuetude and custome yairof in all tyme cumying And incais of yair deceiss or tryit vnvorthines That ye remanēt of ye counsall elect vyeris in yair places It being alwyis vnderstand yat ye saiñ counsall be zeirlie heirefter electit be voit of counsall and sic vyer ceremonieis as ar accustomed in electioun of magistratis within burgh Notwstanding of o^r act of parliament maid anent ye zeirlie change and electioun of magistratis within burgh Anent ye qlk We haue dispensit and be yir o^r tres dispensse in yat pairt concerning ye changeing of ye counsall allanerlie Renūceand and dis-

* *Acts of Parliament of Scotland*, Vol. II., pp. 95, 244, 252.

chargeand all actioun and persute competent to Us or oʳ successorē twiching ye contraventioun of oʳ said act of parliament yairant Dischargeing zow oʳ said aduocat of all persute movit or to be movit agains ye said counsall for contraventioun of ye saiñ act And not fulfilling of ye saiñ in yat point And of zor office in that pairt be yir oʳ tres Gevin vnder oʳ privie seill At falkland the twentie day of July The zeir of god j^m v^c fourescoir ellevin zeiris And of oʳ rignne the twentie foʳ zeir

Per signaturā Manibus S. D. N. Regis
ac cancellarij subscripti

XXXVII.

King James VI. exempts the provost, baillies, etc., of Aberdeen from attendance at certain assemblies. 16th May, 1592.

James Be ye grace of god king of Scottis To all and sindrie our Shreffis stewartis Iustice Iustice clerkis thesaurare aduocate and all vyeris Iugeis and ministeris of our Law yair deputtis and officiaris present and to cum liegis and subdittis quhome it effeiris quhais knowlege yir our tres salcum greting WIT ZE WS vnderstanding that the Provost baillieis counsall and cōmunitie of oure burgh of Abirdene ar oftymeis atteichit and summondit to pas vpoun inqueistis assyis to our burgh of edinburgh and vyeris pairtis outwith yair boundis and jurisdictionis in crymeis cōmittit far distant fra yame quhair of yai ar altogidder ignorant and yat yai had ane expemtioun to the effect vnderwrittin gevin and grantit to yame be Us with avise of vmqle oʳ ryt traist causing James erle of mortoun Lord dalkeith etc Regent to Us oure realme and liegis for ye tyme As the samin exemptioun of the dait at Abirdene ye third day of september ye zeir of god j^m v^c thriescoir fouretene zeiris dewlie and ordourlie past admittit in the Iustice court holdin at our said burgh of Abirdene immediatlē yaireftir be umqle S^r Iohne bellenden our Iustice clerk for ye tyme at mair lenth beiris As alswa considdering how vpoun ye occasioun of commissionis of Lieutennendreis and Iusticiareis grantit in faouris of ye nobilmen of ye cuntrie or to vyeris for administratioun of Iustice passing vpoun oure rebellis and disorderit

personis for revenge of privat querrellis and contraverseis betuix pairtie and pairtie ye saidis Provest bailleis counsall and cōmunitie ar oftymeis drawin furth of yair awin toun to vyeris pairtis of ye cuntrie to ye gryte hazard of yair lyveis and wrak of yair guidis Albeit yat according to ye libertie of frie burgh quhairwith yai and yair pridicessorē ar infest and foundit yai aucht onlic to attend vpoun oure self being in ye feildis in propir persoun or with oure Lieutennent in defence of oure realme agains forane nationis And haucand consideratioun that oure said burgh of Abirdene lyis within ye north pairtis of oure realme far distant fra Ws And of ye gude trew and thankfull service done to Ws and oure predicessoris be ye Prouest bailleis counsall and communitie of oʳ said bur^t alsweill in tyme of weir as of peace and of yair reddy and dewtifull obedience towardis Ws quhairof we haue daylie pruif and experience and respecting yair guid mynd to continew yairin heirefter THAIRFORE We haue gevin and grantit and be yir our tres gevis and grantis to ye Provest bailleis counsalle cōmunitie burges^s craftismen and indwellaris of oure said burgh of Abirdene pñt and to cum Speciall licence to remane and abyde at hame fra all raidis conventionis oistis assembleis armeis gatheringis wapinschawingis or weris to be maid be ony oure Iustices be commissioun of Lieutennendrie Iusticiarie or vyer commissioun quhatsumevir to be grantit be Ws or oure successorē or meiting of yame in ony pairt within oure realme in tyme cūming except yat ayer oure self be pñt in propir persoun or yat our lieutennent accompaneit with ye remanent of oure realme be vpoun ye defence of ye cuntrie agains forane nationē or y^t oʳ self pas for repressing of rebellē and traitorē agaisis oure persoun within Ye cuntrie And fra all comperane or passing vpoun any assyis^s or inqueistis in quhatsumevir crymeis or actionis (except sick crymes as ar cōmittit within oure said burgh fredome yairof and tua myles about ye same) Exemis and dischargeis yame and ilkane of yame yairfra during all ye dayis of yair lyvetymes And willis and grantis yat yai in doing yairof sall incur na payne skaith cryme nor danger in yair personis landis or guidis nor be callit nor accusit yairfore criminalie nor ciuilie be ony maner of way in tyme cūming notwithstanding ony our actis statutis ordinanceis tres proclamationis or chargeis quhatsumevir speciall or generall maid or to be maid in ye contraire Anent Ye quhilke and all panis contenit yairintill We haue dispensit and be yir oure tres dispens^s with ye Provest bailleis counsall cōmunitie burges^s craftismen

and indwellaris of our said burgh pnt and to cum for evir DISCHARGE-
 ING heirfore zou all and sindrie oure Shreffis stewartis Iustice Iustice
 clerkis thesaurare aduocate and all vyeris Iugeis and ministeris of
 o^r lawis zoure deputtis and officiaris pnt and to cum Off all calling
 accusing atteiching arreisting summondng warning pointing trubling
 or onywyse intrometing w^t ye saidis Provest baillieis counsall cōmunitie
 burges^s craftismen and indwellaris of oure saide burt pnt and to cum
 yair landis or guidis in onywyse in tyme cūming for yair said remaining
 and abydeing at hame fra oure saidis raidis armeis and vyeris forsaidis
 and fra all and sindrie inqueistis and assyis^s to be cōmittit as said is and
 of z^r offices in yat pairt be yir oure tres GEVIN vnder oure Privie seill At
 dalkeith ye sextene day of Maii The zeir of god j^m v^c fourescoir tuelff
 zeiris And of our Regne ye twentie fyve zeir

Per signaturam Manibus S. D. N. Regis
 Ac secretarii Subscriptam etc etc etc

XXXVIII.

*King James VI. grants licence to the provost, baillies, etc., of Aberdeen to remain
 at home from the army. 23rd October, 1594.*

We be ye tenno^r heirof gevis and grantis o^r Licence to the prouest
 baillies counsalle communitie and hail inhabitantis of o^r burgh of Abir-
 dene and fredome thairof To remane and byde at hame fra oure pnt
 oist and armye conuenit at o^r said burgh of Abirdene and appointit to
 pas fordware with us to ye north pairtis of o^r realme without ony pane
 cryme skaith or dangeir to be Incurrit be yame y^rthrow in thair psonis
 landis guidis or geir Nochwithstanding quhatsumeuir o^r actis statutis or
 pclamationis maid or to be maid in ye cōtraire Q^ranent and all panes
 q^rtenit y^rintill we dispens be yir pntis Gevin vndir o^r signet and Sub-
 scriyuit w^t o^r hand At abirdene ye xxijij day of October and of o^r reigne
 ye xxvijij zeir 1594

JAMES R.
 I. T. Canc^ltrius

XXXIX.

King James VI. grants power to the provost, baillies, etc., of Aberdeen to feu part of a road between the Kirk and the Forecroft. 17th March, 159⁴.

JAMES be the grace of god king of Scottis To all and sundrie our leigis and subditis quhome it effereis Quhais knowlige thir our letteris Salcum Greiting WIT ZE WS efter our age of tuentie fyve zeiris And all our reuocationis als will speciall as generall With aise and consent of our thesaurair Vnderstanding how the provest bailleis counsall and cōmunitie of our burgh of Aberdene ar of mynd and purpos to joyne the paroche kirk of o^r said burgh contigue with the remanent of the samyne burgh hous^s tenementis and biggingis thair of for the policie and decoratioun of the said toun ffor the quhilk effect necessair it is to thame to sett in feu Rentall or vtherwys to the nichtbouris of the said toun or sum vtheris That pairt of the gait and way betuix the wester zaird dyke of the said kirk and the foircroft sumtyme belangand to the blak freiris of Aberdene with vtheris pairtis round about the said kirkzaird togidder with vther waist places of the said burgh ffor bigging of hous^s and tenementis thairupoun Quhairby not onlie sall the boundis of the said burgh be enlairgit in hous^s and policie Bot also the said parroche kirk salbe circuit with tenementis and biggingis according to the maner of sindrie vtheris our burrowis within our Realme And We being of gude mynd and purpose to further and incurage the provest bailleis counsall and cōmunitie of our burgh foirsaid to the performance and accomplishment of the said gude work THAIRFORE with aise and consent foirsaid efter our aige and reuocationis abouewritin To haue gevin grantit and disponit and be thir our Letteris gevis grantis and disponis to the provest bailleis counsall and cōmunitie of our said burgh of aberdene present and to cum and thair successouris Express licence libertie and facultie to sett out to the nichtbouris of our said toun Or to onie vther persoun or personis in few rental tak or simpill alienatioun As the saidis provest bailleis counsall and cōmunitie sall think expedient That pairt of the said gait and way betuix the wester zaird dyke of the said kirk and the said croft sumtyme belonging to the blak freiris of Aberdene with vtheris pairtis round about the said

kirkzaird Togidder with vther waist places of oure said burgh ffor biggingis housis and tenementis To be maid and biggit thairupoun And to that effect To designe the samyne bigginges housis and tenementis sua to be biggit vpoun the samyne be particulair places boundis meithis and merchis AND ALS to have gevin grantit and disponit and be thir oure Letteris gevis grantis and disponis full power to the personis to quhome the pairtis befoir specifeit Salbe sett out as said is To mak and big housis tenementis and biggingis thairupoun According to the particulair designationis rychtis and titlis to be maid to thame thairanent be the saidis provest bailleis counsall and cōmunitie Lykeas also we with consent foirsaid efter oure aige and reuocationis befoirspēt be thir oure letteris for us and oure successouris Now as gif the pairtis befoir mentionat war alreddy set out and than as now Ratifie approve and perpetuallie confirmis All and quhatsumeuir fewis rentallis takis and vtheris dispositionis to be maid be the saidis provest bailleis counsall and cōmunitie of aberdene and thair successouris pñt and to cum of the samyne partis or Onie portioun thairof And Lykwyis be thir presentis We for us and oure successoures Renunce and simpliciter discharge all action criminall and ciuile Quhilk we or oure foirsaidis may have agains thame for setting out of the pairtis befoirmentionat or onie portioun thairof narrowing of the foirsaid gait and way or for purprusioun or for quhatsumeuir vther caus Quhilk we or oure foirsaidis may lay to thair charge thairanent Renunceand the samyne simplr for eur PROVIDING alwayis That the saidis provest bailleis counsall and cōitie and thair successouris Leve ane sufficient passage in that pairt of the said toun betuix the wester zaird dyke of the said kirk and the foirsaid foircroft ffor entre and ischue to our said toun According to the sicht and discretioun of the saidis provest bailleis and counsall AND forder we for us and oure successouris be thir oure lres with auise and consent foirsaid now efter oure aige and reuocationis abouewrittin Ratifie and approve All and quhatsumeuir dispositionis Licences and tollerances maid gevin and grantit be the saidis provest bailleis and counsall of oure said burgh and thair predicessouris in onie tyme bigane Or to be maid gevin and grantit be thame and yair successouris in onie tyme cumyng To onie personis induellaris within oure said burgh ffor bigging amplifeing and extending of the boundis of the housis and tenementis vpoun onie pairt of the streitis wayis or Cōmoun gaitis of

oure said burgh of Aberdene or round about the samyne And sall neur move questioun querrell or actioun thairnent agains thame nor thair successouris nor zit agains the saidis personis To quhome the saidis dispositiouns Licences and tollerances hes bene and salbe maid gevin and grantit And quha hes biggit or sall big According thairto Or thair airis Bot renunes and simplf dischargis the same for Us and oure successoures now and in all tyme cūing · GEVIN vnder oure privie Seill at Halyruidhous the Sevintene day of March The zeir of god J^m v^e fourescorefourtene zeiris And of oure Reiginne the twenty aucht zeir

Per Signaturam Manibus S. D. N. Regis etc Subscriptam etc

XL.

King James VI. grants to the provost, baillies, etc., of Aberdeen, for five years, certain dues upon goods and shipping. 8th August, 1596.

JAMES be the grace of god king of Scottis To the lordis of oure counsall and Sessioun And all and sundrie merchantis marineris inhabitantis and induellaris within oure burgh of Aberdene and all vtheris oure liegis fremen and vnfremen and vtheris strangearis of quhatsumeuir vther natioun resortand and repairand to the said port harberic and heavin of oure said burgh Greiting WIT ZE US vnderstanding that the bulwark peir schoir heavin and harbric of the burgh of Aberdene Is be occasioun of tempestuous wedder Invndatioun of fluidis vehemencie of stormis grit streamis and hie springis now becum ruynous and decayit Quhilk wes befor weill and substantiouslie biggit be the grit chargis of the inhabitantis of oure said burgh Sua that gif the samme be not repairit and helpit in tyme The samyne wer abill altogidder to perish To the grit hurt of the inhabitantis of oure said burgh and vtheris resortand and repairand yairto THAIRFORE and for ye cōmoun weill of oure said burgh and for ye helping bigging repairing and making of the said bulwark peir schoir and harbric and for the cōmoditie of all oure liegis alswele fremen and vtheris within oure Realme as straungiris of quhatsumeuir natioun resortand and reparand with thair schippis Laidiningis and gudis To and fra the said port and heavin of Aberdene

To have gevin and grantit and be the tennour of thir oure letteris gevis and grantis Licence to the provest bailleis counsall and cōmunitie of oure said burgh of Aberdene pñt and to cum To vplift the impost toirst and exactioun following To be vplifit resaut and vsit be the thesaurair of oure said burgh for the tyme in thair names To the effect foresaid During the space of fyve zeiris nixt following the day and date heiroyf That is to say of ilk tun gudis loissit in ye said heavin tua schillingis at the incuming and at ye laidining and outganging Tua schillingis And of the veschell Tuelf penneis for the tun at the incuming and tuelf penneis at the outganging And that of all sort of geir Except cole Lyme sklait and frestone quhilk is ordanit to be fre of the said impost Item of ilk chalder victuall dischargit or lossit within ye said harberie tua schillingis at the Incuming and of ilk chalder victuall transportit furth thairof tua schillingis and of the veschell tuelf penneyis ilk chalder incūing or loissing and tuelf penneis at hir outganging and laidinyng Item ane tre of ilk hundreth loisit or Ladinit within the said harberie WITH POWER to the saidis provest and bailleis To ask crave resave intromet with and vptak Be thame selffis thair thesaurair in thair name and vtheris thair officiaris and seruandis The forsaid impost toirst and exactioun induring ye space foirsaid And gif neid beis to poynd and distreinze thairfore ffrelie quietlie wele and in peax But oure reuocatioun or again calling quhatsumeuir QUHAIRFORE we charge straitlie and cōmandis Zou all and sundrie the mirchantis marineris inhabitantis and induellaris within oure said burgh of Aberdene And all vyeris oure liegis fremen and vnfremen and vtheris strangearis of quhatsumeuir vther natioun resortand and repairand to the said port harberie and heavin of oure said burgh That ze reddilie ansuir inteind obey and mak thankfull payment To the saidis provest and bailleis thair thesaurer officiaris seruandis and collectouris pñt and to cum And to nane vtheris in the premissis during the said space And yat ze mak na stop trubill nor impediment to thame in the executioun of the samyne and vptaking of the deuteis foirsaidis to the effect abouespecifeit COMMANDING also zou the saidis Lordis of oure counsall and sessioun To grant and direct oure vtheris Letteris of poinding and horning vpoun ane simpill charge of sex dayis allanerlie ffor ansuiring thame thairof in sic competent and dew forme as effeiris GEVIN vnder oure previe seill At Dumfermling the Aucht day of

August The zeir of god J^m v^c fourscore sextene zeiris And of oure
Reignne the thretty zeir

Per signaturam manibus S. D. N. Regis etc subscriptam

XLI.

*King James VI. grants licence to the provost, baillies, etc., of Aberdeen to remain
at home from the army at Dumfries. 18th March, 1597.*

We vnderstanding that o^r weilbelouittis the prouest baillies counsall
and cōmunitie of o^r burgh of abirdene his satisfcit and pait to Archibald
prymrois writter o^r collecto^r appointit for ressaiving of the taxatioun
ordanit to be vplifit wⁱⁿ the sy^refdomes of abirdene Banff elgin and
forres for intertenying of o^r Lieutenant and garinsons on ye west
bordo^re of o^r realme in ye moneth of Marche instant and Licence
grantit to ye inhabitantis of o^r saidis sy^refdomes to remane at hame
fra o^r raid and army ordanit to haue q^uenit at drumfres vpoun the
first day of Marche instant Off the sowme of Twa hundreth pund^e
money for the taxatioun of o^r said burgh Q^rfoir we haue dispensit and
be the tenno^r heirof dispens^s with the said^e prouest baillies counsall &
cōmunitie of o^r said burgh of abirdene for y^r nocht convenig at drum-
fres vpoun ye day aboue^wttin And gevis and grantis thame Licence to
remane at hame fra o^r said raid and army And uills and grantis that
they sall nocht be callit nor accuseit thairfoir criminalie nor ciuillie be
ony maner of way in tyme cūing Nor incur ony skaith or danger thair-
throw in y^r personis land^e nor gud^e Notwithstanding q^usumeuir o^r actis
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xviij day of Marche And of o^r Reigne the xxxj zeir 1597

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XLII.

Iacobus dei gratia Rex Scotorum Omnibus Probis hominibus Totius terre sue clericis et laicis Salutem Sciatis Quia nos in memoriam reuocantes feruentem illam magnāq; sollicitudinem quam nři nobilissimi progenitores recolende memorie temporibus retroactis in erectione burgorum infra regnū nřm susceperunt quorum multitudine magna pars ciuilitatis seu ornamenti cōmodi emolumenti ac decoris eiusdem indies augetur et consistit Inter quorum numerum pro bono fideli et gratuito seruitio per burgenses et inhabitantes burgi nři de Abirdene dictis nřis nobilissimis progenitoribus Impenso Cuius consideratione Ac pro singulari fauore et affectu per ipsos dicto burgo burgensibusq; eiusdem habito et declarato Ipsi nři progenitores ab antiquo dictum burgum In vnū liberum burgum regalem crexerunt Ac eidem burgo burgensibus et Inhabitantibus eiusdem Totas et integras terras vocatas forestam nřam de stockett cum silua earundem partibus pendiculis et suis pertinentiis cum molendinis aquis piscariis minutis customis telloniis curiis ponderibus mensuris

XLII.

King James VI. confirms sundry charters granted by his predecessors, and of new erects the burgh of Aberdeen into a free royal burgh, with all privileges pertaining thereto. 14th August, 1601.

JAMES, by the grace of God King of Scots, to all good men of his whole kingdom, churchmen and laymen, greeting. Know ye that calling to mind that great and earnest care which in times past our most noble ancestors of cherished memory bestowed on the erection within our kingdom of burghs, by the number of which a great part of the refinement or ornament, advantage, gain and glory of the same is formed and increased from day to day; in the number of which, in return for the good, trusty and gratuitous service rendered to our said most noble ancestors by the burgesses and inhabitants of our burgh of Aberdeen, and because of the singular favour and regard had and declared by them for the said burgh and the burgesses thereof, these our ancestors did of old time erect the said burgh into a free royal burgh, and did give, grant and dispone to the same burgh, the burgesses and inhabitants thereof, all and whole the lands called our Forest of Stocket, with the wood of the same, and their parts, pendicles and pertinents, with mills, waters, fishings, petty customs, tolls, courts, weights, measures, free

libero portu omnibusq; aliis priuilegiis libertatibus comoditatibus ac Iustis pertinentiis valentibus ad aliquem alium liberum burgum regalem intra regnū nrm Ac sicuti Idem nunc per prepositum balliuos consules et cōmunitatem dicti nri burgi eorum tenentes aliosq; eorum nominibus per ipsorum Ius ac dispositionem possidentur dederunt concesserunt et disposuerunt quāuis maxima pars antiquorum infeofamentorum et evidentiārum eiusdem ut notorie et manifeste nobis constat per Incursiones et Iniuriam anglorum tempore combustionis dicti nri burgi ac castri eiusdem Combusta et destructa fuerunt paucis preseruatis Exceptis infeofamentis subsequētib; dicī nro burgo per nros predicesores faci et concess^o viz Vno infeofamento per quondam Alexandrum regni nri Regem pro tempore dato et concesso predicto nro burgo burgensibusq; eiusdem continente et proportante licitum non fore aliquo peregrino mercatori quicquam intra vicecomitatum nrm de Abirdene emendi aut vendendi sed apud dictum nrm burgum ac ibidem eadem vendendi ac eorum pecuniam impendendi cum diuersis aliis libertatibus et priuilegiis in eodem infeofamento expressis de data apud Alich vicesimo septimo februarii Alia carta confecta per Daudem Regem pro tempore nri regni prefato nro burgo Confirmando ones libertates eidem concess^o per ali-

carriage, and all other privileges, liberties, conveniences and just pertinents belonging to any other free royal burgh within our kingdom, and as the same are at present possessed by the provost, baillies, councillors and community of our said burgh, their tenants and others in their names by reason of their right and disposition, although the chief part of the old infeftments and evidents thereof, as is openly and accurately known to us, was burnt and destroyed by the invasions and ravages of the English at the time of the burning of our said burgh and castle thereof, saving a few preserved infeftments, made and granted to our said burgh by our predecessors, as follows, viz. : An infeftment given and granted by umquhile Alexander, sometime King of our realm,* to the foresaid burgh and burgesses thereof, providing and setting forth that it should not be lawful for any stranger merchant to buy or to sell anything within our sheriffdom of Aberdeen save at our said burgh, where they should have the right to sell the same and to expend their money, with divers other liberties and privileges mentioned in the same infeftment, dated at Alyth the twenty-seventh of February; another charter executed by David, sometime King of our realm,† confirming to our fore-

* See No. III., p. 5.

† See No. XII., p. 17.

quos eius antecessores Scotie reges Alia carta concessa et confecta per quondam charissimū n̄m proauū Iacobum quartum Regem n̄ri regni dignissime memorie Contineñ q̄ nulla corea pelles nec victualia extra vicecomitatum n̄m de Abirdene transportata fuerint absq̄ solutione magne custume nobis earundem debīt de data Apud Edinburgh decimo septimo die mensis Augusti Anno Dñi millesimo quingentesimo vndecimo et eius regni Anno vicesimo quarto Alia carta confecta per quond̄ charissimam n̄ram matrem cum consensu gubernatoris huius regni pro t̄pre Dando concedendoq̄ plenariam p̄tatem ac cōmissionem preposito balliuis consulibus ac cōitati dicti n̄ri burgi Salmonū piscarias super aquis de Die et done Ac terras infra libertatem et cōmuniam dicti n̄ri burgi hereditarie in feudifirma locandi et assedandi specialibus personis in eadem carta specificatis et contentis Alia carta feudifirme facta per prepositum balliuos et cōmunitatem dicti n̄ri burgi quibusdam eiusdem burgensibus de predictis salmonū piscariis super aquis de die et Done Terrasq̄ infra eiusdem libertatem de data Apud Abirdene duodecimo die mensis septembris Anno Dñi millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo

said burgh all liberties granted thereto by any of his ancestors Kings of Scotland ; another charter granted and executed by our umquhile dearest great-grandfather, James the Fourth, King of our realm,* of most worthy memory, providing that no skins, hides or victuals should be exported out of our sheriffdom of Aberdeen without payment to us of the great custom due thereon, dated at Edinburgh, the seventeenth day of the month of August in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and eleven, and of his reign the twenty-fourth ; another charter executed by our umquhile dearest mother, with the consent of the Governor for the time being of this kingdom,† giving and granting to the provost, baillies, councillors and community of our said burgh full power and commission to let and set heritably in feufarm the salmon fishings on the waters of Dee and Don, and the lands within the freedom and cōmmony of our burgh, to particular persons specified and provided in the same charter ; another charter of feufarm made by the provost, baillies and community of our said burgh ‡ in favour of certain burgesses thereof of the foresaid salmon fishings on the waters of Dee and Don, and lands within the freedom of the same, dated at Aberdeen, the twelfth day of the month of September in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and

* See No. XXV., p. 38.

† See No. XXX., p. 48.

‡ Engrossed in No. XXXI., p. 56.

tertio Ac alia carta per nos facta preposito balliuis consulibus et cōitati dicti n̄ri burgi de ānuis redditibus firmis feudifirmariis āniversariis altaragiis terris piscariis ac capellaniis que ad capellanos ecclie parochialis de Abirdene antea pertinuerunt Ac etiam q̄ nobis satis et sufficienter constat q̄ prepositi balliui et consules dicti n̄ri burgi continuo omnibus temporibus retroactis vltra hominū memoriā Computum et solutionem in Scaccario n̄ro fecerunt Sicuti adhuc faciunt de sūma ducentarum tredecim librarum sex solidorum et octo denariorum vsualis monete regni n̄ri pro firmis burgalibus eiusdem burgi que recepta et allocata fuit in computis n̄ri Scaccarii per auditores eiusdem ānuatim ōnibus t̄p̄ribus preteritis Respectu ac consideratione cuius nos non minus q̄ antecessores n̄ri animati et inclinati in presidium ac defensionem priuilegiorū ac libertatum omnī burgorum n̄rorū intra regnū n̄rm in genere Sed presertim predicti n̄ri burgi de Abirdene Pro bono fideli et gratuito seruitio non solum n̄ris nobilissimis antecessoribus Verū etiam nobismet ip̄is per prepositum balliuos consules cōitatem dicti n̄ri burgi eorumq̄ predicesores Impenso Cuius multiphariam continuo omnibus temporibus retroactis absq̄ defectione t̄p̄re aliquo ab eorum fideli debitaq̄ obedientia vti fideles subditos decet bonū sufficiensq̄ experimentum

fifty-three; and another charter made by us* in favour of the provost, baillies, councillors and community of our said burgh, of the annual rents, feu-duties, anniversaries, altarages, lands, fishings, and chaplainries which formerly belonged to the chaplains of the Parish Church of Aberdeen: and also because it is fully and sufficiently known to us that the provosts, baillies and councillors of our said burgh, without intermission in times past beyond the memory of men, rendered (as they still render) account and payment to our Exchequer of the sum of two hundred and thirteen pounds six shillings and eightpence, usual money of our kingdom, which was received and entered in the accounts of our Exchequer by the auditors thereof year by year in all times past: In respect and consideration whereof we, disposed and anxious, no less than our ancestors, to guard and defend the privileges and liberties of all our burghs within our kingdom in general, but especially of our foresaid burgh of Aberdeen, in return for the good, trusty and gratuitous service rendered not only to our most noble ancestors, but also to ourselves, by the provost, baillies, councillors and community of our said burgh and their predecessors, of which we have good and sufficient proof in their trusty and dutiful obedience in all times past, without fail at any time, as becomes faithful

* See No. XXXIII., p. 71.

habemus Ideo Nos eorum non Immemores sed deliberata Intentione vti nos ex principali nro honore ac officio decet eadem recompensare vnde dicti prepositus balliui consules et comunitas maiorem occasionem habeant cum ardenti bonaq; affectione in eorum fideli seruitio debitaq; obedientia Indies magis perseuerare et continuare Ratificauimus approbauimus ac pro nobis et successoribus nris pro perpetuo confirmauimus Tenoreq; pntis carte nre Ratificamus approbamus ac pro nobis et successoribus nris pro perpetuo confirmamus prenōiatas Cartas donationes et dispositiones cum omnibus et singulis libertatibus priuilegiis et Immunitatibus in eisdem contentis confect et concess^s per dictos quondam Reges Alexandrum Daudem ac Iacobum nros nobilissimos antecessores recolende memorie Ac per prefatam nram charissimam matrem et nosmet ipsos praedicto burgo ac burgensibus eiusdem Necnon predictam cartam feudifirme per prefatos prepositum balliuos consules et comunitatem dicti burghi quibusdam particularibus personis burgensibus eiusdem de prefatis salmonū piscariis et terris In omnibus et singulis capitibus punctis clausulis articulis ac conditionibus in eisdem contentis Secundum formam et tenorem earundem in omnibus punctis Ac decernimus et declaramus eadem adeo valida efficacia ac sufficientia

subjects : We, therefore, not unmindful of them, but with deliberate intent, as becomes our honour and duty as a prince, to make return for the same, whence the said provost, baillies, councillors and community may have greater occasion to persevere and continue with ardent and great affection in their faithful service and dutiful obedience, more and more from day to day, have ratified, approved, and for ourselves and our successors for ever have confirmed, and by the tenor of our present charter do ratify, approve, and on behalf of ourselves and our successors for ever do confirm, the above-mentioned charters, gifts and dispositions, with all and sundry liberties, privileges and immunities contained therein, executed and granted by the said umquhile Kings, Alexander, David and James, our most noble ancestors of cherished memory, and by our dearest mother aforesaid, and by ourselves to the foresaid burgh and burgesses thereof. As well as the foresaid charter of feufarm by the foresaid provost, baillies, councillors and community of the said burgh to certain individual burgesses thereof, of the foresaid salmon fishings and lands ; in all and sundry heads, points, clauses, articles and conditions contained therein, according to the form and tenor thereof in all points. And we decree and declare the same to be as valid, effective and sufficient for the said provost, baillies, councillors and community, and their

fore dictis preposito balliuis consulibus et cōmunitati eorumq̄ successoribus perpetuo ōnibus temporibus affuturis Ac si eadem ad longum in hac p̄nti n̄ra carta inserta et express^o fuerunt non obstaſ q̄ eadem hic minime inserta sunt Penes que nos pro nobis et successoribus n̄ris pro perpetuo per p̄ntis carte n̄re tenorem dispensamus Insuper pro causis superius specificatis aliisq̄ causis occasionibus et considerationibus nos mouentibus De Nouo Ereximus ac per p̄ntis n̄re carte tenorem erigimus predictum burgum de Abirdene In unū liberum burgum regalem Ac dedimus concessimus disposuimus et confirmauimus ac tenore p̄ntis carte n̄re pro nobis n̄risq̄ successoribus damus concedimus disponimus ac pro perpetuo confirmamus Prenōiato burgo ac preposito balliuis consulibus et cōmunitati eiusdem eorumq̄ successoribus Omnes et singulas prenōiatas terras cōmunes ad eundem burgum pertinentes cum partibus pendiculis et suis pertinentiis ab antiquo vocaſ forrestam n̄ram de stockett et siluam eiusdem cum suis pertinentiis intra limites et bondas earundem sicuti eadem nūc occupantur et possidentur ac ānuatim equitari et perambulari solent per dictos prepositum balliuos consules et cōmunitatem Vna cum aquis de Dee et Done respectiue salmonū piscariis super eisdem infra et per ōnes bondas et partes earundem sicuti eadem per

successors for ever in all time to come, as if the same were inserted and set forth at length in this our present charter, notwithstanding that the same are not here inserted, wherewith we, for us and our successors, by the tenor of our present charter do for ever dispense. Moreover, for the causes above set forth and for other causes, reasons and considerations moving us, we have of new erected, and by the tenor of our present charter do erect, the foresaid burgh of Aberdcen into a free royal burgh; and we have given, granted, disposed, and confirmed, and by the tenor of present charter we, for us and our successors, do give, grant, dispone, and for ever confirm to the above-named burgh, and to the provost, baillies, councillors and community thereof and their successors, all and sundry the above-named common lands belonging to the same burgh, with parts, pendicles and their pertinents, called from of old our Forest of Stockett, and the wood thereof, with their pertinents within the limits and bounds of the same; as the same are now occupied and possessed, and are wont to be annually ridden and walked by the said provost, baillies, councillors and community; together with the waters of Dee and Don respectively, the salmon fishings therein, within and through all the bounds and parts thereof, as the same are at present occupied and enjoyed by the foresaid provost,

prefatos prepositum balliuos consules et cōmunitatem eorum tenentes et seruitores suis nōibus pro p̄nti occupantur et gauisi sunt Vna cum cōmunibus molendinis viž duobus illis molendinis infra dictum n̄m burgum vocaī lie Over et neyr mylnis Ac aliis Duobus molendinis extra eundem burgum vocaī lie Iustice mylnis cum multuris et sequelis eorundem de omnibus granis crescentibus infra territorium dicti burgi et libertatem eiusdem Ac ad burgenses et inhabitantes dicti burgi pertineñ Vna cum lie castelhill lie grene medow suburbe vocaī fittie portu propugnaculo ac lie peir de Abirdene ancoragiis et deuoriis eisdem pertinentibus Ac etiam minutis customis lie bell custome tolloneis customis solitis vsitatis et consuetis Ac cum curiis ponderibus mensuris ōnibusq; aliis libertatibus priuilegiis et Immvnitatibus que ad prefatum burgum antea spectarunt et pertinuerunt Cum p̄tate etiam infra prefatum n̄m burgum liberas nūdinas ac dies forales lie mercat dayis habendi custodiendi et tenendi Ac vinū ceram lie Wadd pelles corca ac omne aliud genus mercantiarum intra eundem burgum emendi ac vendendi ac cum libertate et potestate plura molendina granorum ac ventosa lie Windmylnis Intra dictum n̄m burgum libertatem et territorium eiusdē edificandi et construendi Talesq; partes predicī cōmuniū terrarum prefate

baillies, councillors and community, their tenants and servants in their names ; together with the public mills, namely, those two mills within our said burgh called the Upper and Nether Mills, and other two mills outwith the same burgh, called the Justice Mills, with the multures and sequels thereof of all grain growing within the territory of the said burgh and the freedom thereof, and belonging to burgesses and inhabitants of the said burgh ; together with the Castlehill, the Green Meadow, the suburb called Fittie, the haven, the blockhouse, and the pier of Aberdeen, the anchorages and duties belonging thereto, and also the petty customs, the bell custom, tolls, customs used, wont and habitual, and with courts, weights, measures, and all other liberties, privileges and immunities, which formerly belonged and pertained to the foresaid burgh ; with power also to have, keep and hold within our foresaid burgh a free fair and market days, and to buy and sell wine, wax, wadd,* skins, hides, and every other kind of merchandise within the same burgh ; and with liberty and power to build and erect more grain mills and wind mills within our said burgh, the freedom and territory thereof, and to set and let for the use and advantage of said burgh such parts aforesaid of the

* *Wadd*, *Woad*, used in dyeing.—*Jamieson's Dictionary*.

foreste de stockett que hactenus minus locantur pro utilitate et cōmodo dicti n̄ri burgj assedandi et locandi Ac cum omnibus aliis et singulis libertatibus et priuilegiis quibuscunq; ad eundem spectantibus seu iuste spectare et pertinere valentibus Ac quorum dictus burgus et burgenses eiusdem aliquibus t̄p̄ribus retroactis in possessione extiterunt Cumq; predictis ānuis redditibus feudifirmariis anniversariis altaragiis capellaniis terris piscariis que ad capellanos ecclie parochialis de Abirdene antea pertinuerunt Vna cum etiam tam amplis et magnis priuilegiis libertatibus et Immunitatibus sicuti per nos aut aliquos n̄ros antecessores burgis n̄ris de Edinburt Perth Dundie aut alicui alio burgo intra regnū n̄m aliquibus t̄p̄ribus preteritis die date p̄ntis carte n̄re precedentibus donata concessa et disposita sunt TENEN̄ ET HABEN̄ Totum et integrum burgum predictum terras cōmunes ab antiquo vocaī forrestam n̄fam de stocket siluam eiusd cum partibus pendiculis et suis pertineñ aquis salmonū piscariis de Dee et Done ac molendina multuras portus propugnaculum montem castralem suburbus [*sic*] vocaī fittie tellonijs custumis lie bell custome ānuis redditibus feudifirmas alteragia capellanas ac alia supra specificata priuilegia libertates et Immunitates quecunq; eidem spectaī et pertineñ de nobis et successoribus n̄ris in liberum burgum regalem hereditarie Imperpetuum Vna cum ōnibus et singulis aliis libertatibus

common lands of the aforesaid Forest of Stocket as heretofore have not been let ; and with all and sundry other liberties and privileges whatsoever belonging, or which shall come rightly to belong and pertain to the same, and of which the said burgh and burgesses thereof were in possession in any times past ; and with the aforesaid annual rents, feu-duties, anniversaries, altarages, chaplainries, lands, fishings which formerly belonged to the chaplains of the Parish Church of Aberdeen ; and together with as full and extensive privileges, liberties and immunities as were given, granted and dispoed by us or by any of our ancestors to our burghs of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundee, or any other burgh within our kingdom in any times past prior to the date of our present charter. TO BE HELD AND HAD all and whole the foresaid burgh, the common lands from of old called our Forest of Stocket, the wood thereof, with parts, pendicles and their pertinents, waters, salmon fishings in Dee and Don, and mills, multures, havens, blockhouse, Castlehill, suburb called Fittie, with tolls, customs, bell custom, annual rents, feu-duties, altarages, chaplainries, and other above specified privileges, liberties and immunities whatsoever, belonging and pertaining thereto, of us and our successors in heritage for ever as a free royal burgh ; together with all and

privilegiis cōmoditatibus proficuis asiamentis ac Iustis suis pertineñ quibuscunq, tam non nōiatis q^u nōiatis quam nōiatis [*sic*] tam subtus terra quam supra terram procul et prope ad predicī burgum terras aquas salmonū piscarias molendina portus propugnaculum telonias custumas ānuos redditus feudifirmas alteragia capellanias ac alia particulariter et generaliter rēue prescripī cum suis pertineñ spectañ seu Iuste spectare valeñ quomodolibet in futurum libere quiete plenarie integre honorifice bene et in pace Sine aliqua reuocatione contradictione Impedimēto aut obstaculo quocunq, REDDENDO Inde ānuatim nobis et successoribus nris nrisq, computorum rotulatoribus nōie nro Predictam sūmam ducentarum tredecim librarum sex solidorum et octo denariorum vsualis monete regni nri In terminis solutionis eiusdem solitis et consuetis tanquam antiquam diuoriam seu ānuū censum pro firmis burgalibus dicti nri burgi solui solī et consueī ac in scaccario nro per auditores eiusdem ānuatim ōnibus temporibus retroactis recepī et allocat vna cum suma viginti solidorum monete antedictē In augmentationem rentalis nri plusq^u vnq^u predicī burgus prepositus balliui consules et cōmunitas pro eodem aliquibus temporibus preteritis persoluere consueuerunt Nomine firmarum burgalium tantum absq, aliqua alia exactione onere questione demanda

sundry other liberties, privileges, conveniences, profits, easements and their just pertinents whatsoever, as well not named as named, as well under the ground as above the ground, far and near, belonging, or which shall in any way in future justly belong, to the foresaid burgh, lands, waters, salmon fishings, mills, havens, blockhouse, tolls, customs, annual rents, feu-duties, altarages, chaplainries and others set forth above in special and in general respectively with their pertinents; freely, quietly, fully, wholly, honourably, well and in peace, without any revocation, challenge, hindrance or obstacle whatsoever. PAYING therefor yearly to us and to our successors, and to our comptrollers in our name, the foresaid sum of two hundred and thirteen pounds six shillings and eightpence usual money of our kingdom, at the terms of payment used and wont in the same, as the ancient duty or annual mail for the burghal rents of our said burgh used and wont to be paid, and received and allocated in our Exchequer by the auditors thereof annually in all times past; together with the sum of twenty shillings money aforesaid in augmentation of our rental more than the foresaid burgh, provost, baillies, councillors and community were ever accustomed to pay for the same in any times past, in name of burghal rents only, without any other exaction, burden, question, demand or secular service, which could in any way be rightly exacted or required

seu seruitio seculari que de predicto burgo per quoscunq̄ Iuste exigī poterunt quomodolibet vel requiri Insuper Promittimus fideliter in verbo principis hanc n̄am cartam et infeofamentum in proximo n̄o parlamēto Ratificare et approbare Ac ad causandam actum n̄i parliamenti super eadem extendi Inibi contineñ etiam Nouam dispositionem cum auisamento trium regnī n̄i statuū de dictis cōmunibus terris ab antiquo vocaī n̄a foresta de Stockett siluamq̄ eiusdē salmonū piscariis infra dictas aquas de Dee et Done aliisq̄ supra expressis Prefatis preposito balliuis consulibus et cōmunitati burgi n̄i de Abirdene eorumq̄ successoribus pro solutione dicte ānue deuoric pro eiusdem firmis burgalibus in moneta supra specificaī In Cuius Rei Testimoniū huic p̄nti carte n̄e confirmationis et noue donationis magnū sigillum n̄m apponi precepimus Testibus predilectis n̄is consanguineis et consiliariis Joanne marchione de hamiltoun comite Arraine dno Aveñ etc Ioanne comite de Montrois' dno grahame etc Cancellario n̄o Georgio comite mariscalli dno keith etc regni n̄i mariscallo Dilectis n̄is familiaribus consiliariis dn̄is Iacobo Elphinstoun de barntoun n̄o secretario Ricardo Cokburne Iuniore de Clerkingtoun n̄i secreti sigilli custode militibus Maḡro Ioanne Skene n̄orum rotulorum reḡri ac consilii clerico Dño Ioanne

from the foresaid burgh by any whatsoever. Moreover, we faithfully promise, on the word of a prince, to ratify and approve this our charter and infeftment in our next parliament, and to cause an act of our parliament * therein to be extended thereupon, containing also the new disposition, with the advice of the three estates of our kingdom, of the aforesaid common lands from of old called our Forest of Stocket and the wood thereof, the salmon fishings in the said waters of Dee and Don, and others above set forth, to the foresaid provost, baillies, councillors and community of our burgh of Aberdeen and their successors, for payment of the said annual duty for the burghal rents thereof in money above specified. In witness whereof we have ordered our great seal to be appended to this our present charter of confirmation and new grant. Witnesses : Our well-beloved cousins and councillors, John, Marquis of Hamilton, Earl of Arran, Lord Avon, &c. ; John, Earl of Montrose, Lord Graham, &c., our Chancellor ; George, Earl Marischal, Lord Keith, &c., Marshal of our kingdom ; our beloved familiar councillors, Sir James Elphinston of Barnton, our Secretary ; Sir Richard Cockburn, younger of Clerkington, Keeper of our Privy Seal, Knights ; Master John Skene, Clerk

* See Act of Parliament of 11th July, 1606, *postea*.

Cokburne de Ormestoun milite nře Iusticiarie clerico et Mađro Willelmo Scott de Elie nře Cancellarie directore Apud falkland decimo quarto die mensis Augusti Anno dni millesimo sexcentesimo primo Ac anno Regni nři Tricesimo quinto

XLIII.

JACOBUS Dei gratia Rex Magne Britannie Francie et Hibernie fideiq; defensor OMNIBUS Probis hominibus totius terre sue clericis et laicis Salutem SCIATIS Quia in Parlamento nřo tento Apud Burgum nřm de Edinburgh Vigesimo Octauo die mensis Junii proxime elapsi anno domini millesimo sexcentesimo decimo septimo instante Nos et Parlamento nři status Intelligentes quod nobilissimi nři predicessores digne memorie Burgum nřm de Abirdene vnum vetustissimorum et celeberrimorum Regni nři Scotie burgorum erexerunt et fundarunt ac amplis priuilegiis libertatibus et immunitatibus donarunt TENENŠ de nřis

of our Rolls, Register and Council; Sir John Cockburn de Ormeston, Knight, Clerk of our Justiciary; and Master William Scott of Elie, Director of our Chancery. At Falkland, the fourteenth day of the month of August in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and one, and of our reign the thirty-fifth.

XLIII.

King James VI. confirms sundry charters granted to the burgh by himself and by his predecessors. 17th July, 1617.

JAMES, by the grace of God King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, TO ALL good men of his whole land, churchmen and laymen, greeting. KNOW YE that, in our Parliament held at our burgh of Edinburgh on the twenty-eighth day of the month of June last,* in the current year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and seventeen, We and the estates of our Parliament, considering that our most noble predecessors of worthy memory erected and founded our burgh of Aberdeen, one of the most ancient and most renowned burghs of our kingdom of Scotland, and endowed it with full privileges, liberties and immunities, TO BE HELD of our predecessors for annual

* See Act of Parliament of 28th June, 1617, *postea*.

predicessoribus pro annua solutione summe ducentarum tredecim librarum sex solidorum et octo denariorum burgalis firme in infeofamentis et evidentiis dicto burgo desuper confectis specificate et contente Et quamuis in quibusdam dictorum antiquorum infeofamentorum dicta firma burgalis exprimitur Sterlingorum moneta esse Nihilominus Prepositi Balliui Consules nec Communitas dicti nri burgi de Abirdene ac ipsorum predicessores nunquam aliter assueti aut in usu fuerunt soluere nobis vel nris computorum rotulatoribus sed sūmam ducentarum tredecim librarum sex solidorum et octo denariorum currentis et vsualis monete regni nri Scotie solummodo Cuius summe computum factum fuit in nro scaccario annuatim vltra hominum memoriam Et si dictus noster burghus vrgeretur et gravaretur in añua solutione dicte firme burgalis in moneta Sterlingorum hoc casu idem ad extremam ruinam tenderet Respectu quod omnes cōmunes terre et redditus ad eundem nrm burgum pertinē dictam firmam burgalem in moneta Sterlingorum persoluere minime sufficientes sunt AC QUOD Nos ex respectu per nrm cartam sub nro magno sigillo de data apud Faulkland decimo quarto die mensis Augusti anno dni millesimo sexcentesimo primo dedimus concessimus et disposuimus Dicto nro burgo Omnes et singulas terras

payment of the sum of two hundred and thirteen pounds six shillings and eightpence of burgh rent, set forth and contained in the infeftments and evidents thereupon executed in favour of the said burgh ; and although in certain of the said ancient infeftments the said burgh rent is stated to be sterling money,* nevertheless the provosts, baillies, councillors and community of our said burgh of Aberdeen and their predecessors have never been accustomed or in use to pay to us or our comptrollers saving only the sum of two hundred and thirteen pounds six shillings and eightpence current and usual money of our kingdom of Scotland, the account of which sum has been rendered annually to our treasury beyond the memory of man ; and if our said burgh were oppressed and burdened with the annual payment of the said burgh rent in sterling money, in this case the same would thereby be brought to utter ruin, inasmuch as all the common lands and the rents pertaining to our said burgh are wholly insufficient to discharge the said burgh rent in sterling money ; AND THAT we, inasmuch as by our charter under our great seal, dated at Falkland, the fourteenth day of the month of August in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and one,† gave, granted and disposed to our said burgh all and sundry the lands, mills, houses,

* See No. VIII., p. 12.

† No. XLII., p. 100.

molendina domos piscationes aquas et ipsum burgum Omniaq̄ alia priuilegia libertates Imunitates et alias cōmoditates quascunq̄ que quouis tempore ad dictum n̄m burgum spectarunt et pertinuerunt Teneñ de nobis et n̄is successoribus in libero burgagio Pro annua solutione dicte sūme ducentarum tredecim librarum sex solidorum et octo denariorum vsualis monete Regni n̄i Scotie et Viginti solidorum eiusdem monete in augmentationem n̄i rentalis Prout in dicto n̄o infeofamento de data predicta Contineñ n̄m ratificationem omnium aliorum priorum iurium et evidentiaram dicto burgo n̄o concess^o latius continetur; Quamquidem cartam postea nos in n̄o parlamento Temo Apud Perth Nono die mensis Julii Anno d̄ni millesimo sexcentesimo sexto Ratificauimus ET NOS VERO et parlamenti n̄i status volentes quod dicta n̄ra donatio et erectio concess^o dic̄i n̄o burgo de Abirdene Ita formaliter expedita sit iuxta leges n̄as vt eadem efficax sit preposito balliuis consulibus et cōmunitati eiusdem burgi ac sufficiens jus ipsius eorumq̄ successoribus omnibus temporibus affuturis pro solutione dicte sūme et firme burgalis ducentarum tredecim librarum sex solidorum et octo denariorum vsualis monete regni n̄i scotie et viginti solidorum eiusdem monete pro augmentatione solummodo Igitur NOS Virtute

fishings, waters, and the burgh itself, and all other privileges, liberties, immunities, and other conveniences whatsoever, which at any time belonged and pertained to our said burgh, to be held of us and our successors in free burgage for annual payment of the said sum of two hundred and thirteen pounds six shillings and eightpence usual money of our kingdom of Scotland, and twenty shillings of the same money in augmentation of our rent, as is set forth at greater length in our infetment of date aforesaid, containing our ratification of all other former rights and evidents granted to our said burgh; which charter we afterwards ratified in our Parliament held at Perth on the ninth day of the month of July in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and six. AND WE IN TRUTH and the estates of our Parliament, wishing that our said gift and erection granted to our said burgh of Aberdeen be so expedē in due form, according to our laws, that the same may be effectual for the provost, baillies, councillors and community of the said burgh, and a sufficient right for them and their successors in all time to come, for payment of the said sum and burgh rent of two hundred and thirteen pounds six shillings and eightpence usual money of our kingdom of Scotland, and twenty shillings of the same money for augmentation only. WE therefore, in virtue of our said Act of Parliament, with the advice and consent of

dicti nri acti parliamenti cum auisamento et consensu omnium eiusdem parliamenti statuum pro nobis et successoribus nris Ex certa scientia dissoluimus A Corona nra et eiusdem annexationibus dictum nrm burgum de Abirdene Cum omnibus et singulis ipsorum terris forrestis siluis aquis salmonum piscationibus super aquas de Dee et Done Molen-
dinjs astrictis multuris castris pratis lacubus rupibus viridariis lie Linkis portubus lie heavins et portis propugnaculis aggeribus lie blok-hous et bulwarkis Anchoragiis et lie bell customes Minutis customis et vectigalibus lie toll et small customes ponderibus mensuris lie trone wechtis and measouris Omnibusq; aliis proficuis casualitatibus et deuoriis quibuscunq; que quouis tempore ad dictum nrm burgum de Abirdene perprius spectabant et pertinebant Vna cum predicta firma burgali et annua deuoria ducentarum Tredecim librarum sex solidorum et octo denario-
rum contenī in quibuscunq; infeofamentis seu euidentiis dicī nro burgo concess^o Cuiuscunq; designationis dicī firme burgales sint vel monete Sterlingorum seu vsualis monete regni nri Scotie Ad hunc effectum Vt nos de Novo dare concedere et disponere poterimus Dictis Preposito Balliuis Consulibus et Communitati dicti burgi de Abirdene ac ipsorum successoribus Dictum burgum cum omnibus et singulis suis terris forrestis siluis aquis salmonum piscationibus super Dic et Done Molen-

all the estates of the said Parliament, for us and our successors, of certain knowledge have dissevered from our Crown and the annexations thereof, our said burgh of Aberdeen, with all and sundry their lands, forests, woods, waters, salmon fishings on the waters of Dee and Don, mills, astrict multures, castles, meadows, lochs, hills, links, havens and ports, blockhouses and bulwarks, anchorages and bell customs, petty customs and tolls, tron weights and measures, and all other profits, casualties and duties whatsoever, which formerly at any time belonged and pertained to our said burgh of Aberdeen; together with the aforesaid burgh rent and annual duty of two hundred and thirteen pounds six shillings and eightpence contained in any infeftments or evidents whatsoever granted to our said burgh (of whatever designation the said burgh rents may be—sterling money or the usual money of our own kingdom of Scotland): To this effect, that we may of new give, grant and dispone to the said provost, baillies, councillors and community of the said burgh of Aberdeen, and their successors, the said burgh with all and sundry their lands, forests, woods, waters, salmon fishings upon Dee and Don, mills, astrict multures, castles, lochs, meadows, links, blockhouses, bul-

dinis astrictis multuris castris lacubus pratis viridariis lie linkes propugnaculis aggeribus lie blokhous bulwarkis anchoragiis minutis customis et lie bell customis ponderibus lie trone wechtis et measouris aliisq̄ proficuis casualitatibus et diuoriis quibuscunq̄ que quouis tempore preterito ad dictum n̄m burgum de Abirdene spectabant seu pertinebant Teneñ de nobis et n̄ris successoribus in libero burgagio pro annua solutione dicte s̄me ducentarum tredecim librarum sex solidorum et octo denariorum et viginti solidorum pro dicta augmentatione Totaliter existeñ vsualis monete Regni n̄ri Scotie solummodo Cum tam amplis priuilegiis Immunitatibus et libertatibus quam alius quivis burgus intra dtum regnum n̄m Scotie habet Ac ordinamus nouam donationem prefatis Preposito Balliuis Consulibus et cōmunitati dicti burgi sub n̄ro magno sigillo post dictam n̄ram dissolutionem desuper conficiendam Quamquidem cartam ita expediendam Nos cum auisamento predicto per dictum n̄ri parliamenti actum ac si eadem tunc perfecta fuisset Ratificauimus approbauimus et confirmauimus In omnibus suis capitibus articulis et clausulis Ac voluimus et declarauimus dictam n̄ram cartam dictam n̄ram dissolutionem subsequuturam esse validum et perpetuum jus predic̄ Preposito Balliuis et Cōmunitati dicti burgi de Abirdene p̄ntibus et futuris pro ipsorum possessione gauisione et fruitione

warks, anchorages, petty customs and bell customs, tron weights and measures, and other profits, casualties and duties whatsoever, which at any time past belonged or pertained to our said burgh of Aberdeen ; to be held of us and our successors in free burgage for the annual payment of the said sum of two hundred and thirteen pounds six shillings and eightpence, and twenty shillings for the said augmentation, the whole in the usual current money of our kingdom of Scotland only ; with as full privileges, immunities and liberties as are possessed by any other burgh within our said kingdom of Scotland. And we order a new gift to the foresaid provost, baillies, councillors and community to be executed thereupon, under our great seal, after our said dissolution. Which charter so to be expedē we, with the advice aforesaid, have, by the said Act of our Parliament, ratified, approved and confirmed in all its heads, articles and clauses, as if the same had been then completed. And we have willed and declared our said charter to follow on our said dissolution to be a valid and perpetual right for the foresaid provost, baillies and community of our said burgh of Aberdeen, present and to come, for their possession, use and enjoy-

dicti burgi n̄ri ac omnium et singularum terrarum forrestarum molen-
dinorum siluarū salmonum piscationum customarum casualitatum
lie Trone wechtis priuilegiorum libertatum im̄unitatum ac aliarum
deuoriarum quarumq; in eadem carta conten̄t pro solutione dicte firme
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orum vsualis monete regni n̄ri Scotie et viginti solidorum eiusdem
monete in augmentationem dicti n̄ri rentalis solūmodo et non amplius
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expressa fuisset ac eo non obstante Penes q nos pro nobis et successoribus
n̄ris cum auisamento et consensu predicto in perpetuum dispensauimus
Prout dictum parlamenti actum latius proportat ET NOS MULTUM
SOLICITI de vigente et florente statu dicti n̄ri burgi de Abirdene et
Reipublice eiusdem et exinde recordantes plurima bona officia et
seruitia nobis per prepositum balliuos consules et cōmunitatem eiusdem
tanquam n̄ros obsequiosos et fidos subditos omnibus opportunitatibus
prestita et impensa Quapropter nos nunc post omnes n̄ras reuocationes
ex certa scientia et proprio motu Cum speciali auisamento et consensu
predilecti et fidelis n̄ri consanguinei Joannis Comit̄is de Mar Domini
Erskyn̄ Principalis Thesaurarii Computorum rotulatoris et collectoris

ment of our said burgh, and of all and sundry lands, forests, mills, woods,
salmon fishings, customs, casualties, tron weights, privileges, liberties, im-
munities and other duties whatsoever contained in the said charter, in return
for the payment of the said burgh rent of two hundred and thirteen pounds
six shillings and eightpence usual money of our kingdom of Scotland, and
twenty shillings of the same money in augmentation of our said rent only, and no
more ; as if our said charter had been already expedite and inserted in detail in
our said act, and notwithstanding [the non-insertion], wherewith we, for ourselves
and our successors, with advice and consent aforesaid, have for ever dispensed, as
the said Act of Parliament sets forth at greater length. AND BEING GREATLY
SOLICITOUS for the wellbeing and prosperity of our burgh of Aberdeen and the
common good thereof, and furthermore, calling to mind the very many good
offices and services discharged and rendered to us on all occasions by the
provost, baillies, councillors and community as our dutiful and trusty subjects ;
now, therefore, after all our revocations, of certain knowledge and of our own
accord, with the special advice and consent of our well-beloved and trusty
cousin, John, Earl of Mar, Lord Erskine, High Treasurer, Comptroller and

gñalis huius Regni nři Scotie et cum consensu familiaris nři consiliarii Domini Gedionis Murray de Eliebank militis thesaurarii computorum rotulatoris et collectoris gñalis deputati Nec non cum consensu et assensu Reliquorum dñorum secreti concilii nřorum commissionerum eiusdem Regni nři Scotie RATIFICAUMUS approbauimus ac pro nobis et successoribus nřis pro perpetuo confirmauimus tenoreq̄ pñtium cum auisamento consensu et assensu predicto Ratificamus approbamus ac pro nobis nřisq̄ successoribus pro perpetuo confirmamus Omnes et quascunq̄ cartas infeofamenta precepta sasinarū instrumenta confirmationes .acta sententias decreta donationes exemptiones iura titulos securitates literas scripta euidentias concessionem libertates cōmoditates imūnitates et priuilegia in eisdem contenī factē et concessū seu confirmatē per nos nřosq̄ nobilissimos predicesores Reges et Reginas huius Regni nři vel per eorum Gubernatores Regentes et Dños sessionis pro tempore Predicto nřo burgo de Abirdene Preposito Aldermanis Balliis Decanis gilde Thesaurariis Consulibus Burgensibus et Cōmunitati eiusdem ac ecclesiis ministris et hospitalibus dicti burgi eorumq̄ successoribus ex quacunq̄ forma seu formis contenta seu contentis data seu datis sint rex^{ue} Et presertim minime gñalitatē antedictē preiudicāñ particulares

Collector General for this our kingdom of Scotland, and with the consent of our familiar councillor, Sir Gideon Murray of Eliebank, Knight, Depute Treasurer, Comptroller and Collector General, as well as with the consent and assent of the remanent lords of the privy council, our commissioners for our same kingdom of Scotland, WE HAVE RATIFIED, approved, and for us and our successors for ever confirmed, and by the tenor of these presents, with the advice, consent and assent aforesaid, do ratify, approve, and for us and our successors for ever confirm, all and each the charters, infestments, precepts, instruments of sasines, confirmations, acts, sentences, decreets, gifts, exemptions, rights, titles, securities, letters, writs, evidents, grants, liberties, conveniences, immunities and privileges contained therein, made and granted or confirmed by us and by our most noble predecessors the kings and queens of this our kingdom, or by their governors, regents, and lords of session for the time being, to our foresaid burgh of Aberdeen, the provost, aldermen, baillies, deans of guild, treasurers, councillors, burgesses and community thereof, and to the churches, ministers and hospitals of the said burgh, and their successors, of whatsoever form or forms, content or contents, date or dates, they be respectively; and especially, in no way prejudicing the generality aforesaid, the particular charters, infestments,

cartas infeofamenta confirmationes decreta donationes exemptiones acta scripta euidencias aliaꝫ subtus specificata concessiones libertates imunitates et priuilegia rexieue in eisdem contenē viꝫ CARTAM per quondam Alexandrum Regni nꝛi Regem pro tempore datam et concessam predicto nꝛo burgo burgensibusꝫ eiusdem continentē et proportantē licitum non fore aliquo peregrino mercatori quicquam intra vicecomitatum nꝛm de Abirdene emendi aut vendendi sed apud dictum nꝛm burgum Ac ibidem eadem vendendi ac eorum pecuniam impendendi cum priuilegio et libertate Gildrie vulgo anc Gildrie burgensibus et mercatoribus dicti nꝛi burgi diversisꝫ aliis libertatibus et priuilegiis in eadem carta expressis de data Apud Alich vicesimo septimo Februarii ALIAM CARTAM Confectam per Dauidem Regem pro tempore nꝛi Regni prefato nꝛo burgo confirmando omnes libertates eidem concessꝫ per aliquos nꝛos antecessores Scotie Reges ALIAM CARTAM concessam et confectam per quondam charissimum nꝛm proavum Jacobum quartum Regem nꝛi Regni dignissime memorie continē ꝫ nulla corea pelles nec victualia extra vicecomitatum nꝛm de Abirdene transportata fuerint absꝫ solutione magne custume nobis earundem debite de data Apud Edinburgh decimo septimo die mensis Augusti anno dñi millesimo

confirmations, decreets, gifts, exemptions, acts, writs, evidents and others, set forth below, the grants, liberties, immunities and privileges respectively contained therein, viz.: A CHARTER given and granted by umquhile Alexander, sometime king of our realm,* to our foresaid burgh and the burgesses thereof, providing and purporting that it should not be lawful for any stranger merchant to buy or to sell anything within our sheriffdom of Aberdeen, save at our said burgh, where they should have the right to sell the same and to expend their money, with privilege and liberty of a Guildry to the burgesses and merchants of our said burgh, and with divers other liberties and privileges set forth in the same charter, dated at Alyth the twenty-seventh of February; ANOTHER CHARTER, executed by David, sometime king of our realm,† confirming to our foresaid burgh all the liberties granted thereto by any of our ancestors kings of Scotland; ANOTHER CHARTER, granted and executed by our umquhile dearest great-grandfather James the Fourth, king of our realm,‡ of most worthy memory, providing that no skins, hides or victuals should be exported outwith our sheriffdom of Aberdeen without payment to us of the great custom due thereon, dated at Edinburgh the seventeenth day of the month of August in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and

* See No. III., p. 5. † See No. XII., p. 17. ‡ See No. XXIV., p. 36.

quingentesimo vndecimo et eius Regni anno vicesimo quarto ALIAM CARTAM confectam per quond̄ charissimam n̄ram matrem cum consensu gubernatoris huius regni n̄ri pro tempore Dando et concedendo plenariam p̄tatem et commissionem Preposito Balliuis consulibus et com̄unitati dicti burghi n̄ri de Abirdene Salmonum piscarias super aquas de dee et done Ac terras infra libertatem et com̄uniam d̄ti n̄ri burghi hereditarie in feudifirma locandi et assedandi specialibus personis in eadem carta specificatis et contentis ALIAM CARTAM feudifirme factam per Prepositum Balliuos Consules et com̄unitatem dicti n̄ri burghi quibusdam eiusdem burgensibus De predictis salmonum piscariis super aquis de Dee et Done Terrisq̄ infra eiusdem libertatem de data apud Abirdene duodecimo die mensis septembris anno d̄ni millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo tertio ALIAM CARTAM factam et concessam per quondam Robertum secundum pro tempore n̄ri Regni Scotie Regem Burgensibus et com̄unitati d̄ti n̄ri burghi de Abirdene eorumq̄ successoribus de totis et integris terris tenementi de Rubislaw cum pertinentiis iaceñ juxta burgum n̄rm de Abirdene Teneñ in feodo hereditate et libero burgagio de data apud Kindrocht in Mar vigesimo

eleven, and of his reign the twenty-fourth; ANOTHER CHARTER, executed by our umquhile dearest mother,* with the consent of the Governor for the time being of this kingdom, giving and granting full power and commission to the provost, baillies, councillors and community of our said burgh of Aberdeen to let and set heritably in feufarm the salmon fishings on the waters of Dee and Don, and the lands within the freedom and commonty of our said burgh, to particular persons specified and provided in the same charter; ANOTHER CHARTER of feufarm made by the provost, baillies, councillors and community of our said burgh,† in favour of certain burgesses thereof, of the foresaid salmon fishings on the waters of Dee and Don, and the lands within the liberty of the same, dated at Aberdeen the twelfth day of the month of September in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and fifty-three; ANOTHER CHARTER made and granted by umquhile Robert the Second, sometime king of our realm of Scotland,‡ to the burgesses and community of our said burgh of Aberdeen, and their successors, of all and whole the lands of the tenement of Rubislaw, with the pertinents lying close to our burgh of Aberdeen, to be held in fee, heritage and free burgage, dated at Kindrocht, in Mar, the twentieth day of the month of August, and the ninth year of

* See No. XXX., p. 48. † Engrossed in No. XXXI., p. 56. ‡ See No. XIV., p. 19.

die mensis Augusti Et Regni sui Anno Nono ALIAM CARTAM concessam per quondam Jacobum tertium pro tempore n̄ri Regni scotic Regem dignissime memorie dictis Preposito Balliuis consulibus et com̄unitate prefati burgi n̄ri de Abirdene eorumq̄ successoribus De totis et integris terris de Cruiffis cum pertinentiis jaceñ infra vicecomitatum n̄m de Abirdene de data Apud Sterling vigesimo sexto die mensis Octobris anno d̄ni millesimo Quadringentesimo sexagesimo quinto Et Regni sui sexto DONATIONEM et Priuilegium Concess̄ per quondam Jacobum pro t̄pre dicti n̄ri Regni Regem dignissime memorie Sub suo priuato sigillo Burgensibus et fratribus gilde dicti n̄ri burgi de Abirdene pro arrestatione apprehensione et punitione quorumcunq̄ forrestellatorum infra vicecomitatum n̄m de Abirdene De data Apud Perth Quarto die mensis Februarii et anno Regni sui vicesimo quinto DECRETUM Arbitrale inter burgenses gilde dicti n̄ri burgi de Abirdene et artifices eiusdem concerneñ eorum libertates ac pro compositione omnium contraversiarum inter eosdem datum et pronunciatum per

his reign; ANOTHER CHARTER granted by umquhile James the Third, sometime king of our realm of Scotland,* of most worthy memory, to the said provost, baillies, councillors and community of our foresaid burgh of Aberdeen, and their successors, of all and whole the lands of Cruives, with the pertinents, lying within our sheriffdom of Aberdeen, dated at Stirling the twenty-sixth day of the month of October in the year of our Lord one thousand four hundred and sixty-five, and of his reign the sixth; A GIFT and privilege granted by umquhile James, sometime king of our said realm,† of most worthy memory, under his privy seal, to the burgesses and guild brethren of our said burgh of Aberdeen, for the arrest, apprehension and punishment of any forestallers whatever within our sheriffdom of Aberdeen, dated at Perth the fourth day of the month of February, and in the twenty-fifth year of his reign; A DECREET Arbitral between the guild burgesses of our said burgh of Aberdeen and the craftsmen thereof ‡ concerning their liberties and for the settlement of all disputes between the same, given and pronounced by

* See No. XXI., p. 30.

† This Gift is not extant. The only King James found executing charters at Perth on February 4th in the twenty-fifth year of his reign, is the first of that name. See *Registrum Magni Sigilli*, vol. ii., p. 41; Feb. 4, 1430^o. The *Registrum Secreti Sigilli* extends no further back than the reign of James IV.

‡ See the Decreet Arbitral *postea*.

Alexandrum Cullen Daudidem Meinzeis duos balliuorum dti burgi nri pro ire et per Alexandrum Forbes comissionarios pro parte Prepositi Balliuorum et fratrum Gilde eiusdem electos ex parte vna ac etiam per Georgium Elphingstoun deaconum conventorem lie deacon convenar Joannem duncane vestiariium et Alexandrum Ronaldsoun pistorem commissionarios pro artificibus dicti burgi nri electos ex parte altera Nec non per magrum Alexandrum Cheyne Rectorem de Snaw et commissionarium de Abirdene lie odisman et oifisman equaliter per dictos comissionarios nominatum de data Apud Abirdene septimo die mensis Julii anno dñi millesimo quingentesimo octuagesimo septimo Vna cum literis procuratorialibus et submissione super quibus dictum decretum latum fuit inserta et regrata in libris comissariatus de Abirdene septimo die mensis Julii anno immediate supra dicto LITERAS exemptionis per nos sub nro secreto sigillo datas et concessas Preposito Balliuis consulibus comunitati Burgensibus artificibus et inhabitantibus dicti nri burgi pntibus et futuris ab omnibus equitationibus conventionibus exercitibus et guerris infra dtum Regnum nrm Scotie vulgo lie Raides conventiones Oists assembleis armeis gatherings Wapinshawings or waris demptis vbi nos

Alexander Cullen, David Menzies, two baillies of our said burgh for the time being, and by Alexander Forbes, commissioners for the provost, baillies and guild brothers thereof, chosen on the one part, and also by George Elphinston, deacon convener, John Duncan, tailor, and Alexander Ronaldson, baker, commissioners chosen for the craftsmen of the said burgh on the other part, as well as by master Alexander Cheyne, Rector of Snaw and Commissary of Aberdeen, oddman and oversman, named equally by the said commissioners, dated at Aberdeen the seventh day of the month of July in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and eighty-seven, together with the procuratorial letters and submission upon which the said decret was based, inserted and registered in the commissary books of Aberdeen on the seventh day of the month of July in the year above written; LETTERS of exemption given and granted by us under our privy seal* to the provost, baillies, councillors, community, burgesses, craftsmen and inhabitants of our said burgh, present and to come, exempting them from all raids, conventions, oists, assemblies, armies, gatherings, wapinshaws or wars, except

* See No. XXXVII., p. 92.

et successores n̄ri vel in propria persona vel per nostros locum tenentes cum reliquis n̄ris subditis d̄ti n̄ri Regni pro defensione eiusdem contra exterarum nationum sumus vel q̄ nos pro repressione rebellium et traditorum contra n̄ram personam infra d̄tum Regnum n̄rin camus Ac etiam eximendo ipsos ab omni comparendo vel cundo super aliquibus assisis vel inquisitionibus in quibuscunq̄ criminibus et actionibus Exceptis criminib⁹ infra d̄tum n̄rm burgum libertatem eiusdem et duo miliaria circa eundem commiss⁹ de data Apud Dalkeith decimo sexto die mensis Maii Anno D̄ni millesimo quingentesio nonagesimo secundo et Regni n̄ri anno vigesimo quinto Cum tris publicationis desuper concess⁹ Vnacum acto de libris n̄ri Justiciarii extracto virtute cuius dicte litere n̄re exemptionis in Curia Justiciaria infra pretorium Edinburgi per quondam Dominum Willielmum hart de Prestoun militem n̄rm Justiciarium pro tempore secundo die mensis Decembris anno d̄ni millesimo sexcentesimo decimo quinto Tenta producte et admissae fuerunt PRIVILEGIŪ licentiam et libertatem per nos sub d̄to n̄ro secreto sigillo concessam Preposito Balliuis Consulibus et cōmunitati dicti n̄ri burgi p̄ntibus et futuris eorumq̄ successoribus Quasdam vastas

when we and our successors, either in proper person or by our lieutenants, are present with the rest of our subjects of our said kingdom for the defence thereof against foreign nations, or when we pass within our said kingdom for the repression of rebels and traitors against our person; and also exempting them from all comparing or passing upon any assizes or inquests on any crimes or actions whatever, except crimes committed within our said burgh, the freedom thereof and two miles around the same: dated at Dalkeith the sixteenth day of the month of May in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and ninety-two, and of our reign the twenty-fifth, with the letters of publication granted thereupon; together with an act extracted from the books of our justiciary in virtue whereof our said letters of exemption were produced and admitted in the Justice Court held within the courthouse at Edinburgh, by the late Sir William Hart of Preston, Knight, our justiciar for the time being, on the second day of the month of December in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and fifteen; A PRIVILEGE, licence and liberty * granted by us under our said privy seal to the provost, bailies, councillors and community of our said burgh, present and to come, and their

* See No. XXXIX., p. 95.

partes et loca dicti n̄ri burgi vicinis eiusdem vel cuicunq̄, aut quibuscunq̄, persone aut personis in feudifirma rentalī assedatione vel simplici alienatione assedandi et disponendi contineñ etiam ratificationem omnium priorum dispositionum licentiarum et priuilegiorum per nos vel predicesores n̄ros ipsis concess^o de data Apud Halieruidhous decimo septimo die mensis Martii anno dñi millesimo quingentesimo nonagesimo quarto CARTAM factam datam et concessam per nos Preposito Balliuis consulibus et comunitate dicti n̄ri burgi de annuis redditibus firmis feudifirmis anniuersariis altaragiis terris piscariis et capellaniis que olim ad capellanos Ecctie parochialis Sancti Nicolai de Abirdene spectabant cum omnibus tenementis croftis mansionibus lie dail siluir et aniuersariis quibuscunq̄, que antea pertinuerunt ad quascunq̄, capellanas prebendaria et alteragia in quacunq̄, ecclesia capella vel collegio infra libertatem dicti n̄ri burgi de Abirdene per quascunq̄, personas aut patronos fundai vbicunq̄, jacent infra dtum Regnum n̄rm Scotie vel quocunq̄, tempore preterito leuari solebant de data Apud Striuiling vigesimo sexto die mensis Octobris anno dñi millesimo quingentesimo octuagesimo tertio Quequidem carta

successors, empowering them to set and dispone in feu, rental, tack, or simple alienation, certain waste parts and lands of our said burgh to the neighbours thereof, or to any person or persons whatsoever ; containing also a ratification of all former dispositions, licences and privileges granted to the same by us or by our predecessors ; dated at Holyrood the seventeenth day of the month of March in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and ninety-four ; A CHARTER made, given and granted by us* to the provost, baillics, councillors and community of our said burgh of the annual rents, rents, feu-duties, anniversaries, altarages, lands, fishings and chaplainries, which of old belonged to the chaplains of the Parish Church of Saint Nicolas of Aberdeen, with all tenements, crofts, dwelling-houses, dail silver and anniversaries whatsoever, which formerly pertained to any chaplainries, prebends and altarages whatsoever in any church, chapel or college whatsoever within the freedom of our said burgh of Aberdeen, by whatsoever person or patrons founded, wheresoever they are situated within our said kingdom of Scotland, or whensoever in time past they used to be uplifted ; dated at Stirling the twenty-sixth day of the month of October in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and eighty-three ; which charter was afterwards

* See No, XXXIII., p. 71.

postea in decimo tertio nōo parlamento tento apud Edinburgh vigesimo primo die mensis Julii Anno dñi millesimo quingentesimo nonagesimo tertio Ratificata fuit AC ETIAM CARTA per nos factam datam et concessam Preposito Balliis Consulibus et cōunitati dicti nri burgi de Abirdene eorumq; successoribus Non solum Ratificando et approbando sex particulares cartas inibi expressas Verum etiam de nouo dando concedendo et disponendo dictum burgum cum terris molendinis piscariis custumis libertatibus et priuilegiis rex^{iae} inibi specificatis de data Apud Faulkland decimo quarto die mensis Augusti anno dñi millesimo sexcentesimo primo Et Regni nri anno Tricesimo quinto VNACUM Omnibus et singulis aliis cartis infeofamentis concessionibus donationibus priuilegiis imunitatibus et iuribus parliamentorum generalis conventionis secretiq; consilii actis sententiis decretis per nos nrosq; nobilissimos progenitores seu per quamcunq; aliam personam seu personas factis et concessę ad et in fauorem aldermani Prepositi Balliuorum Consiliariorum et cōunitatum dicti nri burgi de Abirdene pro tempore eorumq; predicesorum et successorum quorumcunq; erga et concernē erectionem antedti nri burgi In vnum liberum burgum regale cum omnibus iuribus

ratified in our thirteenth parliament, held at Edinburgh on the twenty-first day of the month of July in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and ninety-three. AND ALSO A CHARTER made, given and granted by us* to the provost, baillies, councillors and community of our said burgh of Aberdeen, and their successors, not only ratifying and approving six particular charters therein set forth, but also of new giving, granting and disposing the said burgh, with lands, mills, fishings, customs, liberties and privileges respectively therein specified; dated at Falkland the fourteenth day of the month of August in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and one, and of our reign the thirty-fifth. TOGETHER WITH all and sundry other charters, infeftments, grants, gifts, privileges, immunities and rights, acts of parliaments, general convention, and privy council, sentences, decreets, made and granted by us and by our most noble ancestors, or by any other person or persons whatsoever, to and in favour of the alderman, provost, baillies, councillors and community of our said burgh of Aberdeen for the time being, and their predecessors and successors whatsoever, with respect to and concerning the erection of our burgh aforesaid

* See No. XLII., p. 100.

titulis et priuilegiis ad id spectañ per leges et consuetudinem n̄i Regni Ac de om̄ibus terris domibus tenementis forrestis siluis moris marresiis com̄unitate aquis salmonum piscariis molendinis astrictis multuris castris pratis lacubus montibus viridariis propugnaculis anchoragiis minutis custumis Bell-customis et Trone wechtis ponderibus mensuris aliisq̄, proficuis casualitatibus et diuoriis quibuscunq̄, que ad dictum n̄m burgum antea spectabant et quas ipsi vel eorum predecessores aut authores vllō tempore preterito possidebant seu utebantur AC volumus et concedimus ac pro nobis et, successoribus n̄is cum auisamento predic̄i decernimus et ordinamus quod antedicta generalitas specialitati minime damno seu preiudicio fuerit et quod specialitas generalitati nullatenus derogauerit eamve preiudicauerit Et quod hec p̄ns n̄a confirmatio et premissorum approbatio sit et om̄ibus temporibus fuerit tanti roboris valoris et in se efficacie et effectus in omnibus respectibus dicto n̄o burgo de Abirdene ac p̄posito Balliuis consulibus burgensibus et com̄unitati eiusdem eorumq̄, successoribus ac si omnia et singula anted̄ta infeofamenta dispositiones donationes concessiones confirmationes iura tituli securitates decreta exemptiones literē scripta acta et evidentie omnesq̄,

into a free royal burgh, with all rights, titles and privileges belonging thereto by the laws and custom of our kingdom; and of all lands, houses, tenements, forests, woods, moors, marshes, commonty, waters, salmon fishings, mills, astrict multures, castles, meadows, lochs, hills, links, blockhouses, anchorages, petty customs, bell customs and tron weights, weights, measures, and other profits, casualties and duties whatsoever, which formerly belonged to our said burgh, and which they or their predecessors or authors possessed or made use of in any time past. AND we will and grant, and for us and our successors, with advice aforesaid, decree and ordain, that the generality aforesaid shall be no injury or prejudice to the speciality, and that the speciality shall in no way detract from or prejudice the generality; and that this our present confirmation and approbation of the premises is, and at all times shall be, of as much strength, force, self efficacy and effect, in all respects, to our said burgh of Aberdeen, and the provost, baillies, councillors, burgesses and community thereof, and their successors, as if all and sundry the foresaid infeftments, dispositions, gifts, grants, confirmations, rights, titles, securities, decreets, exemptions, letters, writs, acts and evidents, and all gifts, liberties, con-

donationes libertates comōditates imūnitates et priuilegia aliaq̄ generaliter seu specialiter in eisdem contenē ad longum de verbo in verbum hic insererentur Non obstañ quod ratione multitudinis numerositatis longitudinis et eorum prolixitatis minime hic inserta sunt Super quibus nos pro nobis et successoribus n̄ris dispensauimus ac per p̄ntis carte n̄re tenorem cum consensu predic̄ pro perpetuo dispensamus PRETEREA Nos absq̄ damno derogatione seu preiudicio dic̄ cartarum infeofamentorum iurium decretorum actorum titulorum libertatum priuilegiorum aliorumq̄ tam specialiter quam ḡnāliter superius expressē ac pro earundem maiore corroboratione accumulando iura iuribus pro bono fideli et gratuito seruitio nobis n̄risq̄ nobilissimis progenitoribus per præpositum balliuos consules et comūnitatem dicti n̄ri burghi eorumq̄ predicesores prestito et impenso ac vt ipsis in dicto seruitio perseverandi meliorem occasionem prebeamus DE NOUO cum auisamento et consensu predic̄ dedimus concessimus creximus et disposuimus Tenoreq̄ p̄ntis carte n̄re pro nobis et successoribus n̄ris de nouo damus concedimus erigimus et disponimus predilectis n̄ris et fidelibus seruatoribus Preposito balliuis consulis Burgensibus et comūnitati dicti burghi n̄ri de Abirdene

veniences, immunities and privileges, and others in general or in special contained therein, were here inserted at length, word by word, notwithstanding that by reason of their multitude, number, length and prolixity they have not been here inserted; wherewith we, for ourselves and our successors, have dispensed, and by the tenor of our present charter, with consent aforesaid, do for ever dispense. FURTHER, without hurt, disparagement or prejudice to the said charters, infeftments, rights, decreets, acts, titles, liberties, privileges, and others in general or in special above set forth, and in further corroboration thereof, heaping rights upon rights, in return for the good, faithful and gratuitous service done and rendered to us and to our most noble ancestors by the provost, baillies, councillors and community of our said burgh and their predecessors, and in order to afford them better occasion for persevering in the said service, we have OF NEW given, granted, erected and disposed, and by the tenor of our present charter we, for us and our successors, do of new give, grant, erect and dispone to our well-beloved and trusty servants the provost, baillies, councillors, burgesses and community of our said burgh of Aberdeen and their successors for ever, ALL and whole

eorumq̄ successoribus pro perpetuo TOTUM et integrum antedctum burghum de Abirdene cum meniis muris fossis portis viis plateis passageis ōnibusq̄ et singulis domibus edificiis hortis tenementis croftis acris et rudis infra territoriū et libertatem eiusdem Ac etiam omnes et singulas terras cōmunes ad dtum n̄m burghum spectāñ cum ōnibus moris marresiis pratis partibus pendiculis et pertineñ ab antiquo vocāī forrestā de Stockat et siluam eiusdem intra limites metas et bondas earundem Sicuti eadem nunc occupantur et possidentur ac añuatim equitari et perambulari solent per p̄dctos Prepositum Balliuos consules et cōitatem Totas et integras dictas terras de Rubislaw ac etiam totas et integras dtas terras de Cruiffis cum toftis croftis domibus edificiis partibus pendiculis et pertineñ earund̄ Totas et integras omnesq̄ et singulas aquas de dee et done et salmonum piscarias earund̄ infra et per omnes bondas partes et limites eiusdem sicuti eedem per prefatos Prepositum Balliuos consules et cōunitatem eorumq̄ tenentes et seruitores pro p̄nti occupantur et gauise sunt et specialiter salmonum piscarias super dicta de dee vulgo nuncupaī lie Raik et Stellis Midchingill Pott et fuidis ex vtroq̄ latere eiusdem aque et prout dicte piscarie vna ab aliis dis-

the foresaid burgh of Aberdeen, with ramparts, walls, ditches, gates, ways, streets, passages, and all and sundry houses, buildings, yards, tenements, crofts, acres and roods within the territory and freedom thereof; and also all and sundry common lands belonging to our said burgh, with all moors, marshes, meadows, parts, pendicles and pertinents from of old called the Forest of Stocket, with the wood thereof, within the limits, mciths and boundaries of the same; as the same are now occupied and possessed, and are wont to be annually ridden and walked by the foresaid provost, baillies, councillors and community; all and whole the said lands of Rubislaw, and also all and whole the said lands of Cruives, with tofts, crofts, houses, buildings, parts, pendicles and pertinents thereof; all and whole, conjointly and severally, the waters of Dee and Don and the salmon fishings thereof, within and through all boundaries, parts and limits thereof, as the same are at present held and enjoyed by the said provost, baillies, councillors and community and their tenants and servants; and especially the salmon fishings on the said water of Dee commonly called the Raik and Stells, Midchingle, Pott, and Foords on both sides of the same water, and as the said fishings are

tincte et cognite sunt et etiam jacent et bondantur a lie bar et wattermouth dicti nri burgi de Abirdene vsq; ad lie Brigwatter spectaſi Willicmo forbes de Bairnes apud pontem de Dec Ac similiter salmonum piscarias super dicſ aqua de done vulgo nuncupaſi the Kingis Cavill eiusdem acque de done Tam subtus quam supra pontem eiusdem vulgo aboue and beneth the brig yairof cum ōnibus et singulis salmonū piscariis de lie Cruiffis prout eodem piscarie et lie Cruiffis rexiue bondantur et jacent a lie Wattermouth dicte aque de done vsq; et donec venerit ad torrentem vocaſi Cruiff burne vna cum ōnibus et singulis aliis salmonum piscariis aliisq; piscationibus quibuscunq; super dicſ aquis de dee et done intra et per omnes bondas earundem rexiue superius expressis ad dictum nrm burgum spectaſi et quarum ipsi eorumq; predicesores in vsu et possessione fuerunt et cum ōnibus et singulis lie Inchis et scheillis intra et super dictis aquis de dee et done ac cum libertate et priuilegio casas edificandi vulgo lie schealis trahendi dissipandi et arifaciendi retia vulgo drawing spreading and drying of nettis ex vtroq; latere dictarum aquarum rexiue prout dictus noster burgus eorumq; predicesores possessores et occupatores dictarum piscariarum similiter in vsu et possessione antea fuerunt cumq; etiam libertate et priuilegio habendi cymbas vulgo lie

distinguished and known one from the others, and as the same lie and are bounded from the bar and watermouth of our said burgh of Aberdeen to the Brig water at the Bridge of Dee, belonging to William Forbes of Barns; and likewise the salmon fishings on the said water of Don, commonly called the King's Cavill of the same water of Don as well above as below the bridge thereof; with all and sundry salmon fishings of the Cruives, as the said fishings and Cruives respectively are bounded and situated from the watermouth of the said river of Don till it comes to the stream called the Cruive burn, with all and sundry other salmon fishings and other fishings whatsoever on the said waters of Dee and Don, within and through all the bounds thereof, respectively above set forth, belonging to our said burgh, and of which they and their predecessors were in use and possession; and with all and sundry inches and sheills within and upon the said waters of Dee and Don, and with liberty and privilege to build huts, commonly called sheills, to draw, spread and dry nets on both banks of the said waters respectively, as our said burgh and their predecessors, possessors and occupiers of the said fishings, were formerly in use and possession of the like; as also with liberty

ferrie boittis vnam vel plures super dictis aquis de Dee et Done et in quibuscunq; locis et partibus earundem pro transportatione n̄orum subditorum eorumq; bonorum et animalium prout eedem per dictos Prepositum Balliuos et consules dicti n̄ri burgi designabuntur et prout ipsis magis expediens et visum fuerit cum ōnibus diuoriis feodis et cōmoditatibus ad dictas cymbas lie ferrie boittis iuste spectañ Omnia et singula molendina cōmunia dicti n̄ri burgi viz Duo illa molendina infra dtum n̄rm burgum vocaī lie ouir et nather mylnis alia duo molendina extra eundem burgum vocaī lie Iustice mylnis et alia duo molendina jaceaī infra libertatem dti n̄ri burgi Vnum eorundem vocaī the new mylne on buckisburne et aliud vocaī the new mylne vpone the den burn cum molendino ventoso apud lie Gallowgaitheid dicti n̄ri burgi cum multuris et sequelis dtorum molendinorum de ōnibus granis crescentibus super omnibus et singulis croftis acris et terris cōmunibus dti burgi et infra territorium et libertatem eiusdem et de omnibus granis ad burgenses et inhabitantes dicti n̄ri burgi spectañ aquam et ignem infra eundem patientibus vulgo thoilling fyre and watter within the same Totum et integrum montem castri lie greinmedow suburbem vocaī futtie cum capellis earundem ōnibusq; cymbis et albis piscationibus eid incumbēñ

and privilege to have ferryboats, one or more, on the said waters of Dee and Don, and in any places and parts thereof whatsoever, for carrying across our subjects and their goods and beasts, as the same shall be appointed by the said provost, baillies and councillors of our said burgh, and as shall seem to them best and most expedient, with all duties, fees and advantages justly belonging to the said ferryboats; all and sundry common mills of our said burgh, to wit, those two mills within our said burgh called the Upper and Nether Mills, other two mills outwith our said burgh called the Justice Mills, and other two mills lying within the freedom of the said burgh, one thereof called the New Mill on Buxburn and the other called the New Mill on the Denburn, with the Wind Mill at the Gallowgatehead of our said burgh; with multures and sequels of the said mills from all grain growing on all and sundry crofts, acres and common lands of the said burgh, and within the territory and freedom thereof, and from all grain belonging to burgesses and inhabitants of our said burgh, tholing water and fire within the same; all and whole the Castlehill, the Green Meadow, the suburb called Futtie, with the chapels thereof, and all ferryboats and white fishings pertaining thereto;

Vnacum propugnaculo portu ac lie peir de Abirdene aqueductibus et passagiis eiusdem cum libertate et priuilegio onerandi et exonerandi naues et cymbas aliaq̄ vasa quecunq̄ in dtis aquis de Dee et done ex vtroq̄ latere corundem et ad quaslibet partes et loca ac toties quoties dictis Preposito Balliuis consulibus et comunitati placuerit Ac etiam leuandi et recipiendi omnes minutas custumas anchoragias et lie schoir siluir aliasq̄ deuorias adeo libere in omnibus respectibus sicut burgus noster de Edinburgh eorumq̄ collectores apud portum et lie pier de Leith leuant et recipiunt Et vt per quemcunq̄ alium liberum burgū nrm regalem apud quoscunq̄ portus maris infra dictum regnum nrm scotie leuantur Et presertim leuandi et recipiendi omnibus temporibus futuris Tres solidos monete regni nri Scotie de qualibet twнна bonorum vulgo of everie Tunn guidis exportat̄ et importat̄ in quacunq̄ nauī cymba vel alia vasa infra dictū portum et lie harberie de Abirdene pro reparatione edificatione et sustentatione propugnaculi lie bulwark eiusdem applicandi in perpetuum prout dicti prepositi balliui consules et comunitas earumq̄ collectores his multis annis preteritis in vsu et possessione fuerunt totam et integram custumam vulgo vocat̄ lie Bell custome dti nri burgi minutas custumas et tolloneas custumas eiusdem solitas et consuetas vna cum

together with the blockhouse, haven and pier of Aberdeen, the mill dams and channels thereof, with liberty and privilege to load and discharge ships and boats and other vessels whatsoever in the said waters of Dee and Don, on either side thereof, and at any parts and places whatsoever, and as often as shall seem proper to the provost, baillies, councillors and community; and also to uplift and receive all petty customs, anchorages and shore silver, and other duties, as freely in all respects as our burgh of Edinburgh and their collectors uplift and receive at the haven and pier of Leith, and as the same are uplifted by any other our free royal burgh at any seaports within our said kingdom of Scotland; and especially to uplift and receive in all time coming three shillings money of our kingdom of Scotland from every tun of goods exported and imported in any ship, boat or vessel whatsoever, within the said haven and harbour of Aberdeen, to be applied to the repair, building and upholding of the bulwark thereof for ever, as the said provosts, baillies, councillors and community and their collectors have been in use and possession for these many years past; all and whole the custom commonly called the bell custom of our said burgh, the petty customs and toll customs thereof

ponderibus lie Trone wechtis dicti n̄ri burgi feodis et diuoriis eisdem spectañ cumq̄ omnibus aliis ponderibus et mensuris libertatibus priuilegiis et imunitatibus ad dtum n̄rm burgum quouismodo pertineñ Et cum plena et libera potestate tenendi curias infra dictum n̄rm burgum territorium et libertatem eiusdem pro justicie administratione et transgressorum punitione secundum qualitatem eorum offensionū iuxta leges et practicam huius regni n̄ri toties quoties opus fuerit Et leuandi exitus amerciamenta et eschetas d̄tarum curiarum cum bludewctis toties quoties contigerint Tam infra dtum n̄rm burgum libertatem et territorium eiusdem quam infra portum et fluxum maris lie heavin harberie and fludemark dti n̄ri burgi Et huiōi exitus eschetas et bludewetas ad rem publicam dti n̄ri burgi applicandi AC ETIAM cum speciali p̄tate priuilegio et libertate dictis Preposito Balliuis consulibus et burgensibus gilde dicti n̄ri burgi eorumq̄ successoribus imperpetuum habendi frequentandi vtendi et exercendi vulgo the tred and traffiq̄e of merchandice ac emendi et vendendi vulgo lie Blok by top and sell vinum ceram lie wade pelles coria ac omne aliud genus mercantiarum

used and wont, together with the tron weights of our said burgh, fees and duties belonging thereto, and with all other weights and measures, liberties, privileges and immunities in any way pertaining to our said burgh; AND with full and free power to hold courts within our said burgh, the territory and freedom thereof, for the administration of justice and the punishment of transgressors, in proportion to the nature of their offences according to the laws and practice of this our kingdom, as often as shall be necessary; and to uplift the issues, fines and escheats of the said courts with bloodwits as often as they shall occur, as well within our said burgh, the freedom and territory thereof, as within the haven, harbour and floodmark of our said burgh, and to apply such issues, escheats and bloodwits for the common good of our said burgh. AND ALSO with special power, privilege and liberty to the said provost, baillies, councillors and guild burgesses of our said burgh and their successors for ever, to have, essay, use and exercise the trade and traffic of merchandise, and to block, buy, top and sell* wine, wax, wadd, skins, and every other kind of merchandisè and goods, as well of this our kingdom as of any foreign nation

* *Block*, to bargain, to exchange; *top* or *tape*, to sell in small quantities or by retail.—*Jamieson's Dictionary*.

et bonorum tam huius regni n̄ri quam cuiuscunq; extranee nationis Non solum infra predtum n̄m burgum territorium et libertatem eiusdem verum etiam infra per omnes bondas vicecomitatus n̄ri de Abirdene Tam regalitatem quam regale Necnon habendi et tenendi infra dtum n̄m burgum et libertatē eiusdem pro perpetuo Vnam mercatoriam Gildriam vulgo anc merchand Gildrie cum curiis gilde consilariis membris et jurisdictione ad eandem pertineñ libertatibus et priuilegiis eiusdem eschetis et exitibus dictarum curiarum similinodo et adeo libere in omnibus et per omnia sicuti per nos n̄rosue predcessores cuicunq; alio libero burgo regali infra dtum regnum Scotie conceditur ac cum omnibus aliis immunitatibus et libertatibus que de legibus huius n̄ri regni ad eorum mercimonii exercitum vel ad curias gilde et Bursas spectant seu spectarunt Necnon infra predtum n̄m burgum habendi tenendi vtendi gaudendi et exercendi hebdomadati duas dies publicas forales viz Diem Mercurii et diem Saturni vna cum duabus liberis nundinis Bis in anno Vnam earundem ad festum Penthecostes et aliam ad festum diui Nicolai cum tholloneis et customis earundē incipiendi tenendi et continuandi secund vsum et consuetudinem vsitaī et consueī

whatever; not only within our foresaid burgh, the territory and freedom thereof, but also within all bounds of our sheriffdom of Aberdeen, as well regality as royalty;* as well as to have and hold for ever, within our said burgh and the freedom thereof, a Merchant Guildry, with guild courts, councillors, members, and jurisdiction pertaining thereto, liberties and privileges thereof, escheats and issues of the said courts in like manner and as freely, in all and through all, as is granted by us or our predecessors to any other free royal burgh whatsoever within the said kingdom of Scotland, and with all other immunities and liberties which by the laws of this our kingdom belong or belonged to the exercise of their merchandise, or to guild courts and burses; as well as to have, hold, use, enjoy and exercise within our foresaid burgh, every weck, two public market days, namely, Wednesday and Saturday, together with two free fairs twice in the year, one thereof at the Feast of Pentecost, and the other at the Feast of St. Nicolas,† with the tolls and customs thereof, to begin, hold and continue according to the use and

* *Royalty*, territory immediately under the jurisdiction of the king; *regality*, territory the jurisdiction over which has been granted by the king to a subject.

† 6th December.

ET cum libertate et P̄tate plura molendina tam ventosa quam granorum et fullonum infra dtum n̄m burgum libertatem et territorium eiusdem edificandi et construendi talesq; partes predic̄i cōmuniū terrarum prefate forreste de Stockat que hactenus minime locantur pro vtilitate et cōmodo dicti n̄i burgi assedandi et locandi Precipiendo mandando et inhibendo omnibus personis tam regalitatis quam regalis (burgensibus gilde dicti n̄i burgi de Abirdene minime existeñ) Ne presumant vsurpare exercere seu occupare exercitium mercantiarum vulgo the tred and traffiq; of merchandice aut aliquod priuilegium seu punctū ad vnum liberum burgum regalem pertineñ infra libertatem et bondas dti n̄i burgi et viētum eiusdem Sub pena incarcerationis personarum et forisfacture et eschete eorum bonorum et mercantiarum vbicunq; eadem apprehendi poterint INSUPER Nos cum auisamento et consensu predicto dedimus et concessimus Tenoreq; p̄ntis carte n̄re damus et concedimus pro nobis et successoribus n̄is plenam p̄tatem cōmissionem et n̄ram authoritatem Prefatis Preposito Balliuis et consulibus dti n̄i burgi de Abirdene eorumq; successoribus acta statuta et Ordinationes pro cōmuni bono et proficuo dti n̄i burgi ac manutentione libertatū et

custom used and wont. AND with liberty and power to build and construct more mills, as well windmills as grain and fulling mills, within our said burgh, the freedom and territory thereof, and to set and let such parts of the foresaid common lands of the foresaid Forest of Stocket as are not already let, for the profit and advantage of our said burgh: Enjoining, commanding and forbidding all persons, as well in regality as in royalty (not being guild burgesses of our said burgh of Aberdeen), that they do not make bold, within the liberty and bounds of our said burgh and the sheriffdom thereof, to usurp, exercise or appropriate the trade and traffic of merchandise or any privilege or point pertaining to a free royal burgh, on pain of imprisonment of their persons and of forfeiture and escheat of their goods and merchandises, where-soever the same can be seized. MOREOVER, with advice and consent afore-said, we have given and granted, and by the tenor of our present charter do give and grant, for us and our successors, to the foresaid provost, bailies and councillors of our said burgh of Aberdeen, and their successors, full power, commission and our authority to make and publish acts, statutes and ordinances for the common good and profit of our said burgh, and for the maintenance of the liberties and privileges thereof, to be observed and fulfilled

privilegiarum ejuſdem per omnes burgenses et inhabitantes dñi nři burghi ac omnes alias personas eundem frequentañ et reparañ observanda et perimplenda Sub talibus penis prout ipsis magis videbitur expediens faciendi et edendi ac eadem acta et ordinationes cū omnibus parliamentorū nřorum ġnralium conventionū et secreti consilii actis burgorum constitutionibus et omnibus eorum propriis actis decretis et sententiis datis seu dandis in fauorem dicę eorum libertatū debite obseruari causandi et ad finalem executionem ponendi et prosequendi infra territorium et libertatē dñi nři burghi de Abirdene et vicecōitatum eiusdem predicę Cum spēiali etiam p̄tate dictis Preposito Balliuis et consulibus personas dicę eorum privilegiis actis constitutionibus decretis et sententiis contravenientes vocandi prosequendi arrestandi et incarcerandi Ac cum eorum bonis intromittendi et eadem escheatandi Quequidem eschete bona et exitus nos pro nobis et successoribus nřis cum consensu predto damus et concedimus comūni vsui dñi burghi nři de Abirdene et ad supportationem comūniū rerū et operum ejuſdem cum omnibus exitibus et amerciamētis curiarū penes que dicę contravenientes incurere contigerint ET SIMILITER Nos cū auisamento et consensu predicę Dedimus concessimus et

by all burgesses and inhabitants of our said burgh, and by all other persons frequenting and repairing to the same, under such penalties as shall seem most expedient to them; and to cause the same acts and ordinances to be duly observed, with all acts of our parliaments, of general conventions, and of privy council, constitutions of the burghs, and all their own proper acts, decreets and sentences made or to be made in favour of their said liberties, and to put and prosecute the same to final execution, within the territory and freedom of our said burgh of Aberdeen and the sheriffdom thereof aforesaid; also with special power to the said provost, baillies and councillors to summon, prosecute, arrest and imprison persons contravening their said privileges, acts, constitutions, decreets and sentences, and to intromit with their goods, and to escheat the same, which goods and issues of escheat we, for us and our successors, with consent aforesaid, give and grant for the common use of our said burgh of Aberdeen, and for the upholding of the common affairs and works thereof, with all issues and fines of the courts which the said contraveners shall happen to incur. AND LIKEWISE, with advice and consent aforesaid, we have given, granted and disposed, and by the tenor of our present charter, for us and our successors, do give, grant and

disposuimus Tenoreq̄ p̄ntis carte n̄re pro nobis et successoribus n̄ris damus concedimus et disponim^o prefatis preposito Balliuis consulibus et com̄unitati dti n̄ri burgi de Abirdene eorumq̄ successoribus Omnes et singulos ānuos redditus firmas feudifirmas ānuas deuorias alteragia terras piscarias tenementa domos croftas et capellantias que antea ad capellantias [capellanos? cf. p. 122, l. 10] dicte ecclie parochialis diui Nicolai de Abirdene spectabant cum omnibus tenementis croftis mansionibus lie dail siluir et ānniversariis quibuscunq̄ que antea pertinuerunt ad quascunq̄ capellantias prebendaria et altaragia in quacunq̄ ecclia capella vel collegio infra libertatem dti burgi n̄ri de Abirdene per quascunq̄ personas aut patronos fundat̄ vbiunq̄ jacent infra dtum regnū n̄m Scotie vel quocunq̄ tempore preterito leuari solebant Totam et integram mansiones locum domos edificia hortos et eccliam que ad franciscanos vel fratres minores dicti burgi vulgo Grayfreiris antea spectabant ac etiam cōem lacū dti n̄ri burgi infra et per omnes bondas et partes eiusdem nec non montes vulgo nuncupat̄ lie Woman hill Playfeddill Sanctkathareins hill hedonishill et gallowhillis Vnacum viridariis et campis vulgo lie Linkis dti n̄ri burgi prout jacent in longitudine et latitudine ab ostio vulgo the wattermouth

dispone, to the foresaid provost, baillies, councillors and community of our said burgh of Aberdeen, and their successors, all and sundry annual rents, rents, feu-duties, annual dues, altarages, lands, fishings, tenements, houses, crofts and chaplainries, which formerly belonged to the chaplains of the Parish Church of Saint Nicolas of Aberdeen, with all tenements, crofts, dwelling-houses, dail silver and anniversaries whatsoever, which formerly pertained to any chaplainries, prebends and altarages whatsoever, in any church, chapel or college whatsoever, within the freedom of our said burgh of Aberdeen, by whatsoever persons or patrons founded, wheresoever they lie within our said kingdom of Scotland, or whensoever in time past they were wont to be uplifted; all and whole the dwellings, place, houses, buildings, yards and church, which formerly belonged to the Franciscans or Minor Friars of the said burgh, commonly called the Gray Friars; and also the common loch of our said burgh, within and through all bounds and parts thereof; as well as the hills commonly called the Woman Hill, Playfield, St. Katharine's Hill, Hedonis Hill and Gallowhills; together with the greens and fields commonly called the Links of our said burgh, as they lie in

of Dee vsq̄ ad ostium vulgo the Watermouth of Done cum teneñ tenañ libereq̄ teneñ scrutiis om̄m et singularū predic̄ terrarum et piscariarum partibus pendiculis et pertineñ quibuscūq̄ ac cum om̄ibus aliis et singulis libertatibus im̄unitatibus juribus et priuilegiis quibuscunq̄ ad eund̄ spectañ et quorum dti prepositus balliui consules et cōitas eorumq̄ predicesores aliquib^o t̄p̄ribus retroactis poss̄ne extiterunt Vna etiam cum tam āplis et magnis priuilegiis libertatibus et im̄unitatib^o sicuti per nos aut aliquos n̄ros antecessores burgis n̄ris de Edinburt Perth Dundee aut alicui alio burgo regali infra dtū regnū n̄m Scotie quouis t̄p̄re preterito diem datāq̄ p̄ntis carte n̄re precedēñ donata concessa et disposita sunt cumq̄ om̄ibus iure titulo interesse jurisclameo proprietate et possessione que nos vel predicesores aut successores n̄ri habuimus habemus seu quouismodo habere clamare aut p̄ndere poterimus aut poterint in et ad predtum burgum n̄m de Abirdene terras acras croftas terras cōes molendina multuras piscarias castra lacum prata montes viridaria propugnaculum anchoragia lie Toll et Bell customes lie Trone-wchthis mensuris ānuos redditus mansionem locum domos hortos

length and breadth from the watermouth of Dee to the watermouth of Don; with tenants, tenandries,* and services of free tenants, of all and sundry the foresaid lands and fishings, with all parts, pendicles and pertinents whatsoever, and with all and sundry other liberties, immunities, rights and privileges whatsoever belonging thereto, and of which the said provost, baillies, councillors and community, and their predecessors, were in possession in any times past; also together with as full and great privileges, liberties and immunities as were given, granted and disposed by us or by any of our ancestors to our burghs of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundee, or any other royal burgh within our said kingdom of Scotland, at any time past preceding the day and date of our present charter; and with all right, title, interest, claim of right, property and possession, which we or our predecessors or successors had, have, or in any way may claim or pretend to have, in or to our foresaid burgh of Aberdeen, lands, acres, crofts, common lands, mills, multures, fishings, castles, loch, meadows, hills, links, blockhouse, anchorages, toll and bell customs, tron weights, measures, annual

* "*Cum tenentibus, tenandriis*—with tenants and tenandries, seems to give the grantee only the rights of a landlord over a free tenant, though no doubt there were services exacted from the freest tenant by the lord—service in harvest, carriages, labour on the roads of the barony."—Cosmo Innes' *Scotch Legal Antiquities*, p. 49.

et eccliam que olim ad dtos fratres franciscanos seu Minores spectabant aliaq, tam sp̄caliter quā ḡnaliter supra recitaī vel ad aliquā partem pendiculū aut portionem carundem firmas proficua casualitates et deuorias eiusmodi quorūcunq, ānorū et terminorū preteritorū aut futurorum pro quacunq, causa facto aut occasione preterita diem datāq, p̄ntis carte n̄re precedēn renūciando quiete clamando et simpliciter exonerando eisđ cū ōnibus actione instantia et executōne nobis vel successoribus n̄ris competēn seu competere valeñ prefatis Preposito Balliuis Consulibus et cōunitati d̄ti burgi n̄ri suisq, successoribus ac in fauorem eorū pro nūc et in perpetuū cum pacto de non petendo ac cum supplemento ōniū aliorū defectuū objectionū et imperfectionū quorūcunq, tā non noīā quā noīā p̄ntium preteritorū quā futurorū quos nos tanq^a pro express̄ in hac p̄nti carta n̄ra haberī volumus ac desuper pro nobis et successoribus n̄ris in perpetuum dispensamus VLTERRIS cum auisamento et consensu predicto ex n̄ra regia p̄tate autoritate regali certa scientia et proprio motu vniuimus ānexauimus et incorporaui⁹ tenoreq, p̄ntis carte n̄re pro nobis et successoribus n̄ris vniuimus ānexamus et incorporamus ad et cū d̄to burgo n̄ro de Abirdene

rents, dwelling, place, houses, yards and church which of old belonged to the said Franciscan or Minor Friars, and others above recited as well specially as generally, or to any part, pendicle or portion thereof, renouncing, quit-claiming, and simply upgiving to the same, the rents, profits, casualties and duties thereof for any years or terms whatsoever bygone or to come, for any bygone cause, deed or occasion whatsoever, preceding the day and date of our present charter, with all action, instance and execution competent, or that may be competent to us or our successors against the foresaid provost, baillies, councillors and community of our said burgh, and their successors, and in their favour now and for ever, with the agreement of not seeking, and with supplement of all other defects, objections and imperfections whatsoever, as well not named as named, present, bygone and to come, which we wish to be held as set forth in this our present charter, and wherewith we, for us and our successors, do for ever dispense. FURTHER, with advice and consent aforesaid, of our royal power, regal authority, certain knowledge and free will, we have united, annexed and incorporated, and by the tenor of our present charter, for us and our successors, do unite, annex and incorporate to and with our said burgh of Aberdeen, the liberties and privileges thereof,

libertatib^o et priuilegiis eiusdem ones et singulas predtas terras acras croftas ̄ras cōes molendina multuras piscarias castra lacū prata montes viridaria propugnaculū anchoragia lie toll et bell customes lie trone wechtis mensuras ānuos redditus mansionem domos hortos aliaq̄ gñaliter et pārter supra recitaī ac volum^f et concedimus ac pro nobis et successoribus n̄ris decernim^o et ordinam^o Quod vnica sasina virtute huius p̄ntis carte n̄re preposito aut vni balliuorū d̄ti n̄ri burgi apud crucem foralem eiusd̄ per terre et lapidis fundi deliberationem danda et concedenda Stabit et erit sufficiens sasina dic̄i Preposito Balliuis consulibus et cōitati d̄ti burgi eorumq̄ successoribus ōni t̄pre futuro pro toto et integro d̄to burgo omnibusq̄ et singulis ̄ris dōibus edificiis hortis tenementis portis croftis acris rudis terris cōmuniis Terris de Rubislaw et terris de Cruiffis salmonū piscariis super d̄tis aquis de Dee et done molendinis multuris monte castri futtie propugnaculo portu lie havin peir et schoir lie Bell custome toll et small customes lie Trone wechtis mensuris ponderibus pratis lacu viridariis montibus anchoragiis ānuis redditibus mansionibus libertatibus priuilegiis aliisq̄ specialiter et gñaliter supra mentionaī adeo libere in ōnibus respectibus ac si d̄tus

all and sundry the foresaid lands, acres, crofts, common lands, mills, multures, fishings, castles, loch, meadows, hills, links, blockhouse, anchorages, toll and bell customs, tron-weights, measures, annual rents, dwelling place, houses, yards and others, generally and particularly set forth above; and we will and grant, and, for us and our successors, decree and ordain, that a single sasine, to be given and granted in virtue of this present charter to the provost or to one of the baillies of our said burgh, at the market cross thereof, by the delivery of earth and stone, shall stand and be a sufficient sasine to the said provost, baillies, councillors and community of the said burgh and their successors in all time to come, for all and whole the said burgh, and for all and sundry lands, houses, buildings, yards, tenements, gates, crofts, acres, roods, common lands, lands of Rubislaw and lands of Cruives, salmon fishings on the said waters of Dee, and Don, mills, multures, Castlehill, Futtie, blockhouse, haven, pier and shore, bell custom, toll and petty customs, tron-weights, measures, weights, meadows, loch, links, hills, anchorages, annual rents, dwelling places, liberties, privileges and others, specially and generally mentioned above, as freely in all respects as if the said burgh and others above written lay together and side by side, and not in divers places and parts, and also as if

burgus aliaq̄ prescripti simul et contigue et non in diuersis locis et partibus jacerent ac etiam si particulares sasine apud quilibet partem et locū earund̄ cum omnibus solemnitatibus requisitis caperentur Et non obstaſi iisd̄ Super quibus nos pro nobis et successoribus nr̄is dispensauimus ac per p̄ntis carte nr̄e tenorem pro nūc et in perpetuum dispensamus Sic q̄ sasina nunc modo et forma supra expressē capienda Stabit ac in se erit valida t̄tima et sufficiens absq̄ aliqua alia sasina de eisdem aut de aliqua earund̄ parte in posterum suscipienda **TENEN ET HABEN** Totum et integrum dt̄m nr̄m burgum de Abirdene cum omnibus et singulis terris domibus edificiis hortis tenementis portis propugnaculo portu lie Bulwark peir et schoir croftis acris rudis terris com̄uniis Terris de Rubislaw et Cruiffis Salmonū piscariis super dt̄is aquis de Dee et Done molendinis multuris monte castris pratis et suburbe callit futtie cum capellis cymbis et albis piscationibus lie Bell Custome Toll et small customes lie tron wechtis mensuris lacubus montubus viridariis anchoragiis customis annuis redditibus mansionibus libertatibus priuilegiis aliisq̄ sp̄cialiter et ġnaliter supra mentionā prefatis Preposito Balliuis Consulibus et com̄unitati dicti nr̄i burgi eorumq̄ successoribus de nobis nr̄isq̄ successoribus in feodo hereditate ac

particular sasines were taken on every part and place thereof, with all the requisite solemnities; and notwithstanding the [omission of the] same, where-with we, for ourselves and our successors, have dispensed, and by the tenor of our present charter do now and for ever dispense; so that a sasine now taken in the mode and form above set forth shall stand and be in itself valid, lawful and sufficient, without the execution in time to come of any other sasine thereupon, or on any part thereof. **TO BE HELD AND HAD**, all and whole, our said burgh of Aberdeen, with all and sundry lands, houses, buildings, yards, tenements, gates, bulwark, haven, pier and shore, crofts, acres, roods, common lands, lands of Rubislaw and Cruives, salmon fishings on the said waters of Dee and Don, mills, multures, Castlehill, meadows, and suburb called Futtie, with chapels, boats and white fishings, bell custom, toll and petty customs, tron-weights, measures, lochs, hills, links, anchorages, customs, annual rents, dwelling places, liberties, privileges and others, specially and generally mentioned above; by the foresaid provost, baillies, councillors and community of our said burgh, and their successors, of us and our successors, in fee, heritage and free burgage for ever, by all their

libero burgagio in perpetuū per ōnes rectas metas suas antiquas et diuisas prout jacent in longitudine et latitudine in domibus edificijs boscis planis moris marresiis viis semitis aquis stagnis riuolis pratis pascuis et pasturis molendinis multuris et eorum sequelis aucupationibus venationibus piscationibus petariis turbariis carbonibus carbonariis cuniculis cuniculariis columbis columbariis fabrilibus brasinis brueriis brueriis [sic] et genestis Siluis nemoribus et virgultis lignis tignis lapicidiis lapide et calce Cum curiis et earū exitibus herezeldis bludewetis et mulierum marchetis cum cōi pastura liberoꝝ introitu et exitu ac cum ōnibus aliis et singulis libertatibus cōmoditatibus proficuis asiamentis ac iustis suis pertineñ quibuscunꝝ tā non noīā quā noīā tam subtus Ūra quā supra Ūram procul et prope ad predicī burgum Ūras aliaꝝ predicī cum pertineñ spectañ seu iuste spectare valeñ quomodolibet in futurum libere quiete plenarie integre honorifice bene et in pace absꝝ vlla reuocatione contradictione impedimento aut obstaculo aliquali REDDENDO inde annuatim nobis n̄risꝝ successoribus n̄risꝝ computorum rotulatoribus n̄ro noīe predictam summam ducentarum tredecim librarum sex solidorum et octo denariorū vsualis monete huius regni n̄ri scotie In terminis solutionis eiusdem solitis et consuetis Tanquam antiquam diuoriam seu

ancient right meiths and marches, as they lie in length and breadth, in houses, buildings, woods, plains, moors, marshes, roads, paths, waters, ponds, streams, meadows, pastures and pasturages, mills, multures and their sequels, hawkings, huntings, fishings, petaries, turbaries, coals, coal pits, rabbits, rabbit warrens, doves, dovescots, smithies, brewhouses, heath and broom, woods, groves and thickets, firewood, timber, quarries, stone and lime, with courts and their issues, herezelds, bloodwits, and merchets of women, with common pasture and free ish and entry, and with all and sundry other liberties, conveniences, profits, easements and their just pertinents whatsoever, as well not named as named, as well under the ground as above the ground, far and near, belonging, or which may in any way justly belong in time to come, to the foresaid burgh lands and others aforesaid, with pertinents; freely, quietly, fully, wholly, honourably, well and in peace, without any revocation, challenge, hindrance or obstacle of any kind. PAYING therefōr yearly to us and to our successors, and to our comptrollers in our name, the foresaid sum of two hundred and thirteen pounds six shillings and eightpence usual money of this our kingdom of Scotland, at the terms of payment thereof used and wont, as

ānuū censum pro firmis burgalibus d̄ti n̄ri burgi solui soliē et consuef
 Ac in scaccario n̄ro per auditores eiusd̄ annuatim oībus t̄p̄ribus retroactis
 recep̄t et allocat̄ vna cū suā viginti solidorum monete anted̄te in aug-
 mentānem rentalis n̄ri nomine firmarum burgalium Tantū absq̄ aliqua
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 predicto burgo aliisq̄ supra scrip̄t aliqualiter exigi poterint quomodolibet
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 et consiliariis Jacobo Marchione de hamiltoun comite arranie d̄no Evañ
 etc Georgio Mariscalli comite d̄no Keith etc Regni n̄ri Mariscallo
 Alexandro comite de dumfermling d̄no fyvie etc n̄ro Cancellario Thoma
 d̄no Bynning etc n̄ro secretario dilectis n̄ris familiaribus consiliariis
 D̄ño Ricardo Cockburne juniore de Clerkingtoun n̄ri secreti sigilli custode
 Georgio Hay de Netherliff n̄rorum rotulorū rēgri ac consilii clerico
 Joanne Cockburne de Ormestoun n̄re justiciare clerico Et Joanne scott de
 Scottistarvet n̄re cancellarie direttore militibus APUD Faulkland decimo
 septimo die mensis Julii anno d̄ni millesimo sexcentesimo decimo
 septimo Ac Annis regnorum n̄rorum Quinquagesimo et decimo quinto

the ancient duty or annual mail, by way of burgh rents of our said burgh,
 used and wont in all times past to be yearly paid, and received and allocated
 in our exchequer by the auditors thereof; together with the sum of twenty
 shillings money aforesaid in augmentation of our rental in name of burgh
 rents only, without any other exaction, burden, question, demand or secular
 service which could be in any way exacted or required of the foresaid burgh
 and others above written. IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have ordered our great
 seal to be appended to this our present charter. WITNESSES: Our well-
 beloved cousins and councillors, James, Marquis of Hamilton, Earl of
 Arran, Lord Avon, etc.; George, Earl Marischal, Lord Keith, etc., Mar-
 shall of our Kingdom; Alexander, Earl of Dunfermline, Lord Fyvie, etc.,
 our Chancellor; Thomas, Lord Binning, etc., our Secretary; our beloved
 familiar councillors, Sir Richard Cockburn, Younger of Clerkington, Keeper of
 our Privy Seal; George Hay of Netherchft, Clerk of our Rolls, Register, and
 Council; John Cockburn of Ormeston, our Justice Clerk; and John Scot of
 Scotstarvet, Director of our Chancery, Knights. AT Falkland, the seventeenth
 day of the month of July in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred
 and seventeen, and in the years of our reigns the fiftieth and the fiftieth.

XLIV.

JACOBUS Dei gratia Magne Britannie Francie et Hybernie Rex Fideiq, defensor OMNIBUS probis hominibus totius terre sue clericis et laicis salutem SCIATIS nos cum aisamento et consensu predilecti nri consanguinei et consilarii Joannis comitis de Mar dñi Arskene et Garioche etc magni thesaurarii computorum rotulatoris collectoris gñalis ac nri thesaurarii nřarum novarum augmentationum infra regnum nřm Scotie necnon predilecti nri consilarii dñi Gedionis Murray de Eliebank militis nri thesaurarii computorum rotulatoris collectoris gñalis et thesaurarii nřarum novarum augmentationum deputati infra dictum nřm regnum dominorumq, nřorum comissionariorum infra eiusdem regnum nřm dedisse concessisse et in feudifirma hereditarie disposuisse et hac pñti carta nřa confirmasse tenoreq, eiusdem cum avisamento et consensu predicĩ dare concedere et in feudifirma hereditarie disponere ac pro nobis et successoribus nris pro perpetuo confirmare dilectis nris dño Thoma Menzeis de Cultis militi preposito Willielmo Gray Thome Forbes Roberto Johnstoun et Gilberto culleñ

XLIV.

King James VI. confirms to the provost, baillies, etc., a grant made (12th July, 1612), by Master Duncan Liddell, of the lands of Pitmedden, for the maintenance of poor scholars. 20th August, 1617.

JAMES, by the grace of God King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, TO ALL good men of his whole land, churchmen and laymen, greeting. KNOW YE, that with advice and consent of our well-beloved cousin and councillor, John, Earl of Mar, Lord Erskine and Garioch, etc., high treasurer, comptroller, collector-general, and our treasurer for our new augmentations within our kingdom of Scotland, as also of our well-beloved councillor, Sir Gideon Murray of Eliebank, Knight, our depute treasurer, comptroller, collector-general, and treasurer for our new augmentations within our said kingdom, and of our Lords Commissioners within our same kingdom, we have given, granted and heritably disposed in feufarm, and by this our present charter have confirmed, and by the tenor thereof, with advice and consent aforesaid, do give, grant and heritably dispone in feufarm, and for us and our successors for ever do confirm, to our beloved Sir Thomas Menzies of Cults, Knight, provost; William Gray, Thomas Forbes, Robert Johnston, and Gilbert

Balliuis et magistratibus Burgi nri de Aberdene pro se et nomine consilii et communitatis dicti burgi et eorum successoribus prepositis balliuis magistratibus consilio et communitati dicti burgi ad vsum infrascripti et pro sustentatione pauperum studiosorum in modo subsequenti OMNES et singulas villam et terras de Pitmedden cum domibus edificiis hortis toftis croftis partibus pendiculis et pertineñ petariis pratis lesuris cum comunitate ac coi pastura eiusdem et piscaria salmonum dictis terris spectañ et privilegio eiusdem supra aqua de Done ac cum libera potestate fodiendi lucrandi et transportandi glebas et focalia de glebario de Dyce jaceñ in parochia de Dyce et vicecomitatum de Aberdene necnon decimas garbales oim et singularum predictarum ville et terrarum cum partibus pendiculis et pertineñ nunc cum trunco annexatas vnitas et incorporatas eo fine vt cum dictis terris omni tempore futuro inseparabiliter remaneant QUEQUIDEM villa et terre de Pitmedden salmonum piscatio aliaq suprascripti per quondam Magrum Duncanum Liddell Doctorem Medicine acquisita fuerunt ad hunc finem vt pro sustentatione sex pauperum studentium in collegio Abirdonensi fundari et mortificari possent Ac per ipsum Georgio Strauchane in Glithno in

Cullen, baillies and magistrates of our burgh of Aberdeen, for themselves, and in name of the council and community of the said burgh, and to their successors, provosts, baillies, magistrates, council and community of the said burgh, for the use underwritten, and for the maintenance of poor scholars in manner to follow. ALL and sundry the town and lands of Pitmedden, with houses, buildings, yards, tofts, crofts, parts, pendicles and pertinents, petaries, meadows, leasures, with commonty and common pasture thereof, and the salmon fishing belonging to the said lands, and the privilege thereof on the water of Don, and with free power to cast, win and lead peats and fuel from the peat moss of Dyce, lying in the parish of Dyce and sheriffdom of Aberdeen, as also the teind sheaves of all and sundry the aforesaid town and lands, with parts, pendicles and pertinents, now annexed, united and incorporated with the stock, to the end that in all time to come they may remain inseparable from the said lands. WHICH town and lands of Pitmedden, salmon fishing and others above-written were acquired by the deceased Master Duncan Liddell, Doctor of Medicine, to the end that they might be devised and mortified for the maintenance of six poor students in the College of Aberdeen; and by him were conveyed in feu to George Strachan in Glithno; to be held of us and

feudifirma alienate fuerunt Tencñ de nobis et successoribus n̄ris in feudifirma et hereditate pro solutione certi annui redditus nobis faciē Ac aliarum reddituum subscrip̄i pro sustentatione dictorum studiosorum Queq; alienatio facta dicto Georgio Strauchane per nos t̄time confirmata fuit QUASQUIDEM terras salmonum piscationē aliaque suprascrip̄i dictus Georgius Strauchane per suos procuratores et t̄ras procuratoriales ad hunc effectum t̄time constituī in manibus dñorum commissioneriorum regni n̄ri Scotie p̄tatem habentium resignationes n̄ro noīe recipiēdi tanquam in manibus n̄ris īmediati superioris apud Edinburgum resignavit cum omne jure titulo et interesse jurisclameo proprietate aut possessione que et quas dictus Georgius Strauchane in et ad predictas terras piscationes aliaq; supradicta aut aliquam earundem partem omni tempore affuturo habuit habet seu quouismodo habere potuit in favorem et pro hoc novo feudifirme infeofamento dictis preposito balliis consilio et communitati dicti burgi de Abirdeñ et eorum successoribus per nos in debita et competenti forma dando et concedendo QUEQUIDEM decime garbales dictarum terrarum aliarumq; suprascrip̄i antea ad rectoriam de Kinkell tanquam pars patrimonii eiusdem pertinuerunt et quas Maḡr Joannes Walker rector de Kinkell cum avisamento et consensu Reuerēdi

our successors in feufarm and heritage, in return for a certain annual rent to be paid to us, and for other rents underwritten towards the maintenance of the said poor scholars; which conveyance made to the said George Strachan was lawfully confirmed by us. WHICH lands, salmon fishing and others above-written the said George Strachan, by his procurators and procuratorial letters to that end lawfully constituted, did resign at Edinburgh in the hands of the Lords Commissioners of our kingdom of Scotland, empowered to receive resignations in our name, as in the hands of us, the immediate superior, with all right, title and interest, claim of right, property, or possession, which the said George Strachan had, has, or in any way could have in all time to come, in and to the foresaid lands, fishings and others above-written, in favour of, and for this new infeftment of feufarm to be given and granted by us in due and competent form to, the said provost, baillies, council and community of the said burgh of Aberdeen and their successors. WHICH teind sheaves of the said lands and of others above-written formerly belonged to the parsonage of Kinkell as part of the patrimony thereof, and which Master John Walker, parson of Kinkell, with advice and consent of the Reverend Father in God,

in Deo patris Joannis Archiepiscopi Sancti Andree patroni dicte rectorie ac episcopi et capituli ecclie cathedralis Abirdoneñ in manibus dictorum dñorum cōmissionariorum regni nři Scotie dictam p̄tatem habentium tanquam in manibus nřis demisit extradonavit resignavit ad hunc effectum vt predicte decime pro meliori mortificatione dictarũ terrarum de Pettmeden et decimarum earundem ad sustentationem dictorum studiosorum omni tempore affuturo disponerentur conjugerẽtur et cum trunco seu stipite vnirentur secundum voluntatem et intencionem dicti quondam Mağri Duncani Liddell mortificatoris earundẽ apud [sic] per suas procuratores et lr̄as procuratoriales eorum manibus subscriptas ad effectum supra specificaĩ cum õni jure et titulo dicto Mağro Ioanni et suis successoribus rectoribus de Kinkell ad dictas decimas terrarum suprascripĩ competentibus Quamquidam mortificationem dictarum terrarum et decimarum earundem nos in nřo parlamento * * * * * ratificamus approbamus et confirmamus * * * * * TENENDAS ET HABENDAS omnes et singulas predictas villam et

John, Archbishop of St. Andrews, patron of the said parsonage, and of the bishop and chapter of the Cathedral Church of Aberdeen, did demit, upgive, resign, in the hands of the said Lords Commissioners of our kingdom of Scotland, empowered as above, as in our hands, to this effect, that the fore-said teinds, for the better mortification of the said lands of Pitmedden and the teinds thereof towards the maintenance of the said scholars in all time to come, might be disponed, conjoined and united with the stock or , conform to the will and intencion of the said deceased Master Duncan Liddell, the mortifier thereof, at , by his procurators and procuratorial letters subscribed by their hands, to the end above set forth, with all right and title competent to the said Master John and his successors, parsons of Kinkell, to the said teinds of the lands above-written. Which mortification of the said lands and teinds thereof we in our parliament * * * do ratify, approve and confirm.*

To BE HELD AND HAD all and sundry the foresaid town and lands of Pit-

* Liddell's Deed of Mortification, 12th July, 1612, and the ratifying Act of Parliament, 28th June, 1617, will be printed in the *Fasti Academicæ Mariscallanæ*, to be issued by the New Spalding Club.

terras de Petmedden cum domibus edificiis hortis toftis croftis partibus pendiculis et pertinẽ petariis pratis lesuris cum cõi pasturagio et comũnitate earundem et salmonum piscaria eiusdem spectanẽ et priuilegio eiusdem supra dicta aqua de Don cum libera p̃tate fodiendi lucrandi et transportandi glebas et focalia in dicto glebario de Dyce vna etiam cum dictis decimis garbalibus dictarum terrarum partibus et pendiculis earundem nunc vniũ annexã et incorporaã cum stipite vt dictum est prefatis preposito et balliuis consilio et communitati dicti burgi de Abirdene eorumq; successoribus De nobis et successoribus ñris in feudifirma et hereditate imperpetuum per omnes rectas metas suas antiquas et diuisas prout jacent in longitudine et latitudine in domibus edificiis boscis planis moris maresiis viis semitis aquis stagnis rivolis pratis et pasturis molendinis multuris et eorum sequelis Aucupationibus venationibus piscationibus petariis turbariis carbonibus carbonariis cuniculis cuniculariis columbis columbariis fabrilibus brasinis et genestis silvis nemoribus et virgultis lignis tignis lapicidiis lapide et calce cum curiis querelis herezeldis bluidewitis et mulierum merchetis cum cõi pastura libero introitu et exitu Ac cum omnibus aliis et singulis libertatibus commoditatibus proficuis asiamentis

medden, with houses, buildings, yards, tofts, crofts, parts, pendicles and pertinents, petaries, meadows, pastures, with common pasturage and commony thereof, and salmon fishing belonging thereto, and the privilege thereof on the said water of Don, with free power to cast, win and lead peats and fuel in the said peat moss of Dyce, together also with the said teind sheaves of the said lands, parts and pendicles thereof, now united, annexed and incorporated with the stock, as said is; by the foresaid provost and baillies, council and community of the said burgh of Aberdeen and their successors; of us and our successors in feufarm and heritage for ever, by all their true ancient meiths and marches, as they lie in length and in breadth, in houses, buildings, forests, plains, moors, marshes, ways, paths, ponds, streams, meadows and pastures, mills, multures and their sequels, hawkings, huntings, fishings, petaries, turbaries, coals, coal pits, rabbits, rabbit warrens, doves, dovecots, smithies, brewhouses and broom, woods, groves and thickets, firewood, timber, quarries, stone and lime, with courts, actions, herizelds, bloodwits, and merchets of women, with common pasture, free ish and entry, and with all and sundry other liberties, conveniences, profits, easements and their just pertinents whatsoever, as well

ac justis suis pertinē quibuscunq̄ Tam non noīatis quam noīat tam subtus terra quam supra terram procul et prope ad predic̄ terras decimas aliaq̄ particulariter supra recitaī cum pertinē spectaī seu juste spectare valeī quomodolibet in futurum libere quiete plenarie integre honorifice bene et in pace Sine aliqua revocatione contradictione impedimento aut obstaculo quocunq̄ REDDENDO annuatim dicti prepositus balliui consules et communitas dicti burgi de Abirdene Nobis et successoribus n̄ris pro dictis ville et terris de Petmeddeñ salmonum piscaria decimis aliisq̄ supradictis summam sex librarum vsualis monete regni Scotie ad duos anni terminos festa viz̄ Penthecostes et Sancti Martini in hyeme per equales portiones et dictis sex studiosis dicti collegii annuatim post eorum p̄ntationem vt dictum est octuaginta quatuor bollas victualiū currentis mesure cuius dimedia pars sit ex pollenta altero vero ex pharina Viz̄ vniciuq̄ ex dictis sex studiosis quatuor decem bollas predicti victualii boni et sufficientis mercimonii de granis super dictas terras de Pitmeddeñ annuatim crescentibus ad terminos solutionis firmarum vsitatos et consuetos Necnon soluendo pro dictis decimis rectori de Kinkell et suis successoribus jus ad id habentibus summam octo librarum monete Scotie annuatim ad festum Sancti Martini in

not named as named, under the earth and above the earth, far and near, belonging, or which may in future in any way come to the foresaid lands, teinds and others particularly set forth above; freely, quietly, fully, wholly, honourably, well and in peace, without any revocation, challenge, impediment or obstacle whatsoever. PAYING yearly the said provost, baillies, councillors and community of the said burgh of Aberdeen to us and our successors for the said town and lands of Pitmedden, salmon fishing, teinds and others above named, the sum of six pounds usual money of the kingdom of Scotland, at two terms in the years, the feasts, to wit, of Pentecost and St. Martin in winter, by two equal portions; and to the six scholars of the said college yearly after their presentation, as said is, eighty-four bolls of victual, current measure, half meal, half malt, viz., to each of the said six students fourteen bolls of the foresaid victual, good and sufficient stuff, of grain growing on the said lands of Pitmedden yearly, at the terms of payment of rent used and wont; as well as paying for the said teinds to the parson of Kinkell and his successors, having right thereto, the sum of eight pounds money of Scotland annually at the feast of St. Martin in winter; and also to the minister actually serving the cure in

hyeme Ac etiam ministro Curam actualiter ad ecclesiam de Dyce seruiente quatuor bollas victualium nempe duas farine et duas pollenti sufficientis mercimonii ad festum purificationis vulgo Candilmes nūcupāi et deliberando dictam rectoriam de Kinkell p̄ntem et suos successores ab omnibus taxationibus de dictis decimis exigendis noīe feudifirme tantum pro omni alio onere exactione questione vel deuoria que de dictis terris aliisq̄ suprascriptis exigi poterit quomodolibet vel requiri PROVISO etiam quod non licebit dictis p̄posito balliuus consilio et communitati dicti burgi de Abirdene p̄ntibus aut futuris predictas decimas garbales ad vllm alium vsum quam pro sustentatione dictorum sex studiosorum applicare et si in contrarium fecerint hec p̄ns mortificatio dictarum decimarum nulla erit æaq̄ ad rectoriam de Kinkell cuius olim pars fuerant revertentur IN CUIUS REI testimonium huic p̄nti carte n̄re Magnum Sigillum apponi precepimus TESTIBUS (vt in aliis cartis consimilis date precedēñ) Apud Edinburgum Vigesimo die Mensis Augusti Anno Dñi Millesimo Sexcentesimo Decimo-septimo Annis regni n̄ri Quinquagesimo primo et Decimo quinto

the church of Dyce four bolls of victual, two meal, two malt, sufficient stuff, at the feast of the Purification, commonly called Candlemas, and freeing the said present parsonage of Kinkell and his successors from all taxes levied on the said teinds in name of feufarm only; for all other burden, exaction, question or duty could in any be exacted or demanded from the said lands and others above written. PROVIDING also that it shall not be lawful for the said provost, baillies, councillors and community of the said burgh of Aberdeen, present or to come, to apply the foresaid teind sheaves to any other use than for the maintenance of the said six scholars, and if they shall act otherwise this present mortification of the said teinds shall be null, and the same shall revert to the parsonage of Kinkell, of which they had formerly been part. IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have ordered our great seal to be appended to this present charter. WITNESSES (as in other charters of same date).* At Edinburgh, the twentieth day of the month of August in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and seventeen, and in the years of our reign the fifty-first and fifteenth.

* Recorded in *Registrum Magni Sigilli*.

XLV.

CAROLUS Dei gratia magne Britannie Francie et Hybernie Rex fideiq, defensor OMNIBUS Probis hominibus Totius terre sue clericis et laicis Salutem SCIATIS Quia dilectus noster Magister Patritius Dwne medicine Doctor ac Primarius novi collegii Abredoneñ emit et acquisivit sibi in vitali reddito pro omnibus sue vite dieb⁹ et post ejus obitum tunc destinañ et destinand ad pios vsus via mortificationis per ipsum nominand quovis tempore ante ejus decessum TOTAS et integras terras et villam de Ferriehill tam solarem quam vmbralem dimidietatem cum lie ailhouss et smiddicroftis earundem cum molendino terris molendinariis multuris et sequelis cumq, omnibus et singulis domibus edificiis hortis toftis croftis teneñ tenañ libere teneñ servitiis partibus pendiculis et pertineñ suis quibuscunq, jaceñ infra parochiam de Sanct Machar et vicecomitatum nostrum de Abirdeine TENENÑ DE NOBIS et succes-soribus nñis hereditarie in feudifirma Et que olim de priore et conventu Sancte trinitatis de Abirdein tente fuerunt pro añua solutione

XLV.

King Charles I. confirms to the provost, baillies, etc., a grant made (3rd August, 1631), by Master Patrick Dun, of the lands of Ferryhill, for the maintenance of teachers in the Grammar School. 20th July, 1633.*

CHARLES, by the grace of God King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, TO ALL good men of his whole land, churchmen and laymen, greeting. Know ye that our beloved Master Patrick Dun, doctor of medicine and principal of the new College of Aberdeen, did buy and acquire, for himself in liferent for all the days of his life, and then after his death destined and to be destined to pious uses by way of mortification to be named by himself at any time before his death, ALL and whole the lands and town of Ferryhill, as well the sunny as the shady half, with the alehouse and smithy crofts thereof, with the mill, mill lands, multure and sequels, and with all and sundry houses, buildings, yards, tofts, crofts, tenants, tenandries, services of free tenants, parts, pendicles and their pertinents whatsoever, lying within the parish of St. Machar and our shire of Aberdeen; TO BE HELD OF US and our successors, heritably in feufarm, and which were formerly held of the prior and convent of the Holy Trinity of Aberdeen for an annual payment of the sum of twenty pounds usual money of

* See the Charter by Patrick Dun, *postea*.

sumē viginti librarum vsualis monete hulus regni nostri Scotie ad duos anni terminos festa viꝝ pentecostes et sancti Martini in hyeme per equales portiones prout in carta et infeofamento facī et concessꝫ per Patritium Hepburne Apud molendinum de Ess[lemont] hereditarium proprietarum dicī ʒrarum molendini aliorumqꝫ predicī cum avisamento et consensu Magistri Willielmi Hepburne apud molendinum de Abirdour ejus fratris germani et Duncani Wilsonē burgeñ burgi nostri de Abirdein pro se ipso ac onus in se suscipiē pro Georgio et Willielmo Wilsones ejus filiis ʒtimis et per ipsos omnes vnamini consensu et assensu prefato Magistro Patritio Dwne in vitali reddito Et postea ad pios vsus per ipsum destinañ et mortificañ quovis tempore durante sua vita de data Apud Abirdene quarto die mensis Junii anno domini millesimo sexcentesimo vigesimo nono cum precepto sasine in eadem carta contento et sasina desuper sequuta latius continetur ET similī dictus Magister Patritius Dwne jamdudum acquisivit sibi suisqꝫ heredibus assignatis subtenentibus et adjutoribus a principali cōmune procuratore et reliquis membris nꝛi collegii de Abirdene et a diacono ecclesie cathedralis ejusdem vnam assedationem decimarum garbaliū dictarum ʒrarum de Ferriehill et ʒrarum molendinariarum cum toftis croftis partibus

this our kingdom of Scotland at two terms of the year, the feasts, to wit, of Pentecost and St. Martin in winter, by equal portions, as is more fully set forth in the charter and infestment made and granted by Patrick Hepburne, at the Mill of Esslemont, heritable proprietor of the said lands, mill and others aforesaid, with advice and consent of Master William Hepburne, at the Mill of Aberdour, his brother german, and of Duncan Wilson, burgess of our burgh of Aberdeen, for himself, and taking the burden on himself for George and William Wilson, his lawful sons, and all for themselves, with unanimous consent and assent, to the foresaid Master Patrick Dun, in liferent, and afterwards for pious uses to be destined and mortified by himself at any time during his life ; dated at Aberdeen the fourth day of the month of June in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty-nine, with the precept of sasine contained in the same charter, and the sasine thereupon following. AND likewise the said Master Patrick Dun did long since acquire for himself and his heirs, assignees, subtenants and helpers, from the principal, common procurator and remanent members of our College of Aberdeen, and from the deacon of the Cathedral Church thereof, an assedation of the teind sheaves of the said lands of Ferryhill and mill lands, with the tofts, crofts, parts, pendicles and pertinents

pendiculis et pertinē earundem pro omnibus diebus vite dicti principalis et pro spatio quinque annorum post ejus decessum pro ānua solutione quinquaginta mercarum mo^{te} hujus regni n̄i Scotie ad dictum terminum Sancti Martini IN quaquidem assedatione dicti Magistri et membra dicti collegii astrinxerunt et obligaverunt se ipsos et suos succōres post expirationem dicte assedationis subscribere et tradere dicto Maḡro Patritio Dwne et suis predicī vnam novam assedationem dicī decimarum garbaliū debite extensam pro vita titularis pro tempore representāñ diaconum de Abirdene et pro spatio quinque annorum post ejus decessum Et sic a nova assedatione ad alteram novam assedationem toties quoties dicte assedationes expirabunt pro perpetuo omnibus temporibus affuturis pro solutione dicte ānue divorie quinquaginta mercarum Ac sub conditionibus et provisionibus in dicta assedatione latissime specificat̄ prout eadem facta finita et perfecta per modum contractus de data Apud dictum n̄m Collegium de Abirdein vigesimo octavo die mensis Maii vltimo elapsi anno domini millesimo sexcentesimo trigesimo tertio etiam latius proportat QUEM AD MODŪ secundum dictam hereditariam dispositionem dicī trarum de Ferriehill aliorumq̄ predicī et jus dicī decimarum garbaliū earundem per dicī

thereof, for all the days of the life of the said principal and for the space of five years after his death, for a yearly payment of fifty merks money of this our kingdom of Scotland at the said term of St. Martin; IN which assedation the said masters and members of the said College bound and obliged themselves and their successors after the expiry of the said assedation to subscribe and deliver to the said Master Patrick Dun and his foresaids a new assedation of the said teind sheaves duly extended for the life of the titular for the time being representing the deacon of Aberdeen and for the space of five years after his death; and thus from new assedation to other new assedation, as often as the said assedations shall expire, for ever in all time to come, for payment of the said yearly duty of fifty merks; and under conditions and provisions specified at length in the said assedation, as the same was made, finished and completed by the nature of the contract dated at our said College of Aberdeen the twenty-eighth day of the month of May bypast in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and thirty, more fully sets forth. WHEREBY, according to the said heritable disposition of the said lands of Ferryhill and others aforesaid, and the right to the said teind sheaves thereof conquest and acquired by the said

magrūm Patrītiūm Dwne vt supra conquestū et acquisitū dictus magister Patrītius per ejus fr̄as mortificationis per ipsum faci et subscrip̄i de data tertio die mensis augusti anno domini millesimo sexcentesimo trigesimo primo declaravit notumq; et manifestum fecit ejus voluntatem penes mortificationem dicti fr̄arum et decimarum earundem fore pro sustentatione quatuor ludimagistrorum in schola gram̄aticali predic̄i burgi nostri de Abirdein pro perpetuo omnibus temporibus affuturis ET ad hunc effectum dictus Magister Patrītius Dwne ad honorem dei omnipotentis et pro beneficio ecclesie et reipublice dedit concessit disposuit et pro perpetuo mortificavit preposito ballivis consulibus et com̄unitate dicti burgi nr̄i de Abirdene et eorum suc̄coribus prepositis ballivis consulibus et com̄unitati ejusdem omnibus temporibus affuturis pro sustentatione dictorum quatuor ludimagistrorum in eorum schola gram̄aticali modo et sub conditionibus ac cum clausulis provisionibus et limitationibus in eadem mortificatione conten̄i TOTAS et integras dictas villam et terras de Ferriehill cum molendino fr̄is molendinariis multuris et sequelis earundem cum dictis lie ailhouss et Smyddie croftis domibus edificiis hortis toftis croftis teneñ tenañ libere teneñ servitiis partibus pendiculis et pertineñ vna cum dictis decimis garbalibus earun-

Master Patrick Dun as above, the said Master Patrick, by his letters of mortification made and subscribed by himself, of date the third day of the month of August in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and thirty-one, did declare and make known and manifest his will in the said mortification of the said lands and teinds thereof to be for the maintenance of four teachers in the grammar school of our foresaid burgh of Aberdeen for ever in all time to come ; AND to this effect the said Master Patrick Dun, to the honour of Almighty God and for the benefit of the church and the commonwealth, did give, grant, dispone and for ever mortify to the provost, baillies, councillors and community of our said burgh of Aberdeen and their successors, provosts, baillies, councillors and community thereof in all time to come, for the maintenance of the said four teachers in their grammar school in manner and under the conditions and with the clauses, provisions and limitations contained in the said mortification, ALL and whole the said town and lands of Ferryhill, with the mill, mill lands, multures and sequels thereof, with the said alehouse and smithy crofts, houses, buildings, yards, tofts, crofts, tenants, tenandries, services of free tenants, parts, pendicles and pertinents, together with the said teind sheaves thereof, included with

dem cum trunco inclusis jaceñ vt supra Teneñ de nobis et sucçoribus nostris nunc imēdiatis superioribus dicē Ƴrarum virtute acti nři ānexationis Ƴrarum ecclesiasticarum huius regni nostri Scotie patrimonio corone nostre In puram et perpetuam elemosinam ac in feudifirmā pro ānuā solutione feudifirme in dicta carta contenē modo et forma latissime in dictis hris mortificationis specificā et contenē prout eedem litere mortificationis de data predicti in libris nostri consilli et sessionis pro meliore preservatione earundem inserte et reğrate decimo octavo die mensis Iulii instantis anno domini millesimo sexcentesimo trigesimo tertio etiam latius proportant ET NOS maxime volentes atq; curam habentes corroborare ratificare et approbare premissa Necnon alios incitare ad hujusmodi bonam resolutionem et propositum IGITUR cum avisamento et consensu predilecti et confisi nři consanguinei et consiliiarii Willielmi comitis de Mortoun Domini Dalkeyth et Abirdour etc nři magni thesaurarii computorum rotulatoris collectoris generalis seu novarum nřarum augmentationum the^{rii} infra hoc regnum nřm Scotie Ac etiam predilecti nři et confisi consanguinei et consiliiarii Ioannis Comitis de Traquair dñi de Lintoun et Caberstoun nři deputati in dictis officiis necnon reliquorum dñorum et aliorum nři scaccarii dicti regni

the stock, lying as above : To be held of us and our successors now immediate superiors of the said lands by virtue of our act of annexation of the church lands of this our kingdom of Scotland to the patrimony of our crown, in pure and perpetual alms, and in feufarm, for a yearly payment of feuduty contained in the said charter, in manner and form most fully specified and contained in the said letters of mortification, as the same letters of mortification of date aforesaid, inserted and registered, for the better preservation thereof, in the books of our Council and Session on the eighteenth day of the month of July now current in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and thirty-three, do more fully set forth. AND WE, earnestly desiring, and paying heed to, the confirmation, ratification and approbation of the foresaid, as also to the inducing of others to the like resolution and design, have THEREFORE, with advise and consent of our well-beloved and trusty cousin and councillor, William, Earl of Mortoun, Lord Dalkeith and Aberdour, etc., our high treasurer, comptroller, collector-general or treasurer of our new annexations within this our kingdom of Scotland, and also of our well-beloved and trusty cousin and councillor, John, Earl of Traquair, Lord of Lintoun and Caperstoun, our depute in the said offices, as well as of the remanent lords and

nri Scotie nostrorum comissionariorum RATIFICAVIMUS approbavimus et hac pnti carta nra confirmavimus tenoreq̄ ejusdem Ratificamus approbamus ac pro nobis et successoribus nris pro perpetuo confirmamus dictam cartam infeofamentum et jus dici rurarum et decimarum per dici Magrum Patritiu vt supra conquest et acquisit vnacum dicta mortificatione per ipsum desuper fact et concess de datis et contentis resp̄iue supra expressis In omnibus et singulis suis capitibus clausulis conditionibus circumstantiis et provisionibus resp̄iue et secundum formas et tenores hujusmodi ET VOLUMUS ac concedimus et pro nobis et suc̄oribus nostris decernimus et ordinamus quod p̄ns hec nostra Ratificatio et confirmatio est et erit adeo bona valida sufficiens et effe p̄fato Magistro Patritio Dvne durante sua vita et post ejus decessum dictis preposito ballivis consulibus et comunitati dicti burgi nri de Abirdeine et eorum suc̄oribus pro erectione stablitione et conservacione dicte mortificationis ac pro fruicione gavisione et possessione dici rurarum et decimarum ad vsum predic̄ ad quem date et mortificate sunt Ac si dicta carta assedatio decimarum et mortificatio hujusmodi et earum quelibet verbatim et per expressum in hac pnti confirmatione nra specialit̄ expresse et inserte fuissent Non obstān eadem Quocirca

others our commissioners of our exchequer of our said kingdom of Scotland, RATIFIED, approved, and by this our present charter confirmed, and by the tenor thereof do ratify, approve, and for us and our successors for ever confirm the said charter, infeftment and right of the said lands and teinds conquest and acquired by the said Master Patrick as above, together with the said mortification made and granted thereupon by him, of dates and contents respectively above set forth, in all and sundry their heads, clauses, conditions, circumstances and provisions respectively, and according to the forms and tenors thereof. AND WE WILL and grant, and for us and our successors decree and ordain, that this our present ratification and confirmation is and shall be as good, valid, sufficient and effective to the said Master Patrick Dun during his lifetime, and after his death to the said provost, baillies, councillors and community of our said burgh of Aberdeen and their successors, for the erection, establishment and preservation of the said mortification and for the benefit, enjoyment and possession of the said lands and teinds for the use aforesaid to which they were given and mortified; as if the said charter, assedation of teinds and mortification thereof, and each of these, verbatim and at length, were specially inserted and set forth in this our present confirmation, notwithstanding

et cum omnibus aliis defectibus objectionibus et imperfectionibus quibuscunq̄ que contra jus dict̄ terrarum et decimarum nunc vt supra mortificā allegari aut proponi poterunt nos cum consensu predict̄ pro nobis et succ̄oribus n̄ris dispensavimus tenoreq̄ p̄ntis carte n̄re dispensamus in perpetuum IN CUIUS REI testimonium huic p̄nti carte n̄re confirmationis magnum sigillum n̄m apponi precepimus TESTIBUS predilectis n̄ris consanguineis et consiliariis Iacobo Marchione de Hamiltoun Comite Arraine et Cantabrigie Domino Aven et Innerdaill etc Georgio Comite de Kinnowle vicecomite de Dupline Dño Hay de Kynfawins dicti regni n̄ri Scotie magno Cancellario Willielmo Mariscalli comite Dño Keyth et Altrie ejusdem regni nostri mariscallo Thoma Comite de Hadintoun Dño Bynning et Byris n̄ri secreti sigilli custode Willielmo Comite de Stirling vicecomite de Cannada Dño Alexander de Tulliebodie n̄ro secretario principali Dilectis n̄ris familiaribus consiliariis Dominis Ioanne Hay de Laud n̄rorum rotulorum reḡri ac consilii clerico Georgio Elphingstoun de Blythiswood n̄re justitiarie clerico et Ioanne Scott de Scottistarvett n̄re Cancellarie direttore militibus Apud Halyruidhous vigesimo die mensis Iulii anno Domini millesimo sexcentesimo trigesimo tertio et regni n̄ri anno Nono

[the omission] of the same, wherewith, and with all other defects, objections and imperfections whatsoever, that could be alleged or brought forward against the right to the said lands and teinds now as above mortified, we with consent aforesaid, for us and our successors, have dispensed, and by the tenor of our present charter do dispense, for ever. IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have ordered our great seal to be appended to this our present charter of confirmation. WITNESSES: Our well-beloved cousins and councillors, James, Marquis of Hamilton, Earl of Arran and Cambridge, Lord Avon and Innerdaill, etc.; George, Earl of Kinnoul, Viscount Duplin, Lord Hay of Kinfauns, High Chancellor of our said kingdom of Scotland; William, Earl Marischal, Lord Keith and Altrie, Marischal of our said kingdom; Thomas, Earl of Haddington, Lord Binning and Byres, Keeper of our Privy Seal; William, Earl of Stirling, Viscount of Canada, Lord Alexander of Tulliebodie, our Chief Secretary; our beloved familiar councillors, Sir John Hay of Laud, Clerk of our Rolls, Register and Council; Sir George Elphinston of Blythswood, our Justice Clerk; and Sir John Scott of Scotstarvet, Director of our Chancery, Knights. At Holyrood House, the twentieth day of the month of July in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and thirty-three, and of our reign the ninth.

XLVI.

Carolus Dei gratia Magne Britannie Francie et Hibernie Rex fideiq, Defensor OMNIBUS probis hominibus totius terre sue clericis et laicis Salutem SCIATIS NOS (exacta provecta nra etate et revocatione nostra tum speciali tum generali in parlamento eque ac extrafacta pluribus his annis preterita) recolentes antecessores nros illustrissimos memorie non moriture burgum de Aberdene (qui est de antiquissimis et illustrissimis qui sunt in hoc regno nro Scotie burgis) in liberum et regium burgum erexisse ipsisq, prefecto Ballivis consiliariis burgensibus et communitati eiusd eorumq, successoribus eundem burgum cum nonnullis terris hereditatibus tenementis domiciliis structuris molendinis piscationibus privilegiis libertatibus et immunitatibus eidem spectan et pertinean per valida infeofamenta jura et securitates ipsis eorumq, predecessoribus desuper fact et concess dedisse et concessisse prout in iisdem latius habetur juxta que dti prefectus Ballivi consilarii burgean et communitas dti nri burgi eorumq, predecessores tenent et tenuerunt dtum burgum

XLVI.

King Charles I. confirms the privileges granted to the burgh by his predecessors. 9th September, 1638.

CHARLES, by the grace of God King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, TO ALL good men of his whole land, churchmen and laymen, greeting. KNOW YE THAT WE—(having these many years bypast attained our full age, and having made, thereto and beyond, our revocation both special and general in parliament), calling to mind that our most illustrious ancestors, of immortal memory, erected the burgh of Aberdeen (which is one of the most ancient and most illustrious burghs in this our kingdom of Scotland) into a free and royal burgh, and gave and granted to the provost, baillies, councillors, burgesses and community thereof, and their successors, the same burgh, with several lands, heritages, tenements, houses, buildings, mills, fishings, privileges, liberties, and immunities, belonging and pertaining thereto, by valid infestments, rights and securities made and granted thereupon to them and their successors, as is set forth at greater length in the same, according to which the said provost, baillies, councillors, burgesses and community of our said burgh, and their predecessors, hold and have held in all time past the said burgh, lands, mills, fishings, and others per-

Tras molendina piscationes aliaq, eidem pertineñ libertates et privilegia eiusd omni t̄pre preterito vnde et ex erectione eiusdem burgi in burgum liberum et regium et dotatione cum libertatibus et privilegiis antedict̄ prefatum burgum virtute industria et cura proborum virtuteq, preditorum ipsius incolarum facta est civitas populosa humanitate et fama celeberrima supra alios quoscunq, burgos et civitates in boreali parte dicti n̄ri regni plurimum elevata Queq, ad hospitium et alimentum subditis n̄ris (in conventionibus anni terminis aliisq, tam publicis q^m privatis consiliis et conventionibus ibid̄ habitis) suppeditandum abunde sufficit que deniq, oppressos n̄ros subditos ex partibus borealibus et montanis iuxta dtum burgum jaceñ cum huc venerint vt in asylo propugnare admodum valeat adeo vt civilitate proba gubernatione et cura magistratum dicti burgi ipse florentissimus evasis maximo incolarum aliorunq, circumcirca subditorum n̄rorum commodo quorum liberi educationem in literis artibus et vocationibus omnis generis copiosam habent NOS IGITUR solliciti magis vt indies vigeat dtus burgus et amplientur et dilatentur ipsius redditus libertates et securitates eidem et predecessoribus fac̄ quam vt quovis modo minuantur cum speciali avisamento

taining thereto, the liberties and privileges thereof; whence, and from the erection of the said burgh into a free and royal burgh, and the endowment thereof with liberties and privileges aforesaid, the aforesaid burgh, through the virtue, industry, and diligence of the worthy and virtuous citizens thereof, has become a populous city, most famous for learning and repute, much extolled above any other burghs or cities whatsoever in the northern part of our said kingdom; and which affords abundant supply for the lodging and entertainment of our subjects (at the term meetings and at other councils and meetings held there, both public and private); which, in fine, is well able to defend as in a sanctuary our oppressed subjects when they resort thither from the northern and highland parts lying near the said burgh; so that by the culture, good government, and diligence of the magistrates of the said burgh, the same has become most flourishing, to the very great advantage of the inhabitants and our other subjects thereabout, whose children have ample education, in letters, arts, and callings of all kinds—WE THEREFORE, being desirous rather that the said burgh should flourish from day to day, and that the rents, liberties, and securities granted thereto and to the predecessors should be increased and extended, than that they should in any way be diminished, with the special advice and consent of our well-beloved and most

et consensu predilecti et fidelissimi n̄ri consanguinei et consiliarii Joannis Comit̄is de Traquair D̄ni Lintoun et Caberston principalis n̄ri thesaurarii computorum rotulatoris et collectoris dicti regni n̄ri Scotie novarumq; n̄rarum augmentationum the^{rii} necnon fidelis nostri consiliarii Domini Jacobi Carmichaell de eodem Militis Baronetti n̄ri deputati in iisdem officiis ac reliquorum D̄norum et aliorum n̄rorum commissionariorum n̄ri Scaccarii eiusdem regni n̄ri RATIFICASSE approbasse et hac p̄nti carta n̄ra confirmasse tenoreque eiusdem ratificare approbare ac pro nobis et successoribus n̄ris pro perpetuo confirmare CARTAM factam datam et concessam per quond charissimum patrem n̄rum JACOBUM Dei gratia Magne Britannie Francie et Hibernie Regem memorie non moriture cum avisamento et consensu sui principalis the^{rii} thesaurarii deputati et reliquorum D̄norum sui secreti consilii commissionariorum suorum pro t̄pre sub eius magno sigillo de data apud Falkland decimo septimo die mensis Julii anno D̄ni millesimo sexcentesimo decimo septimo per quam dtus quondam noster charissimus pater cum avisamento et consensu supredto pro causis inibi contentis non solum ratificavit approbavit et confirmavit omnes et singulas cartas infcofamenta sasine

trusty cousin and councillor, John, Earl of Traquair, Lord Linton and Caberston, our high treasurer, comptroller and collector for our said kingdom of Scotland, and treasurer of our new augmentations, as also of our trusty councillor Sir James Carmichael of that ilk, baronet, our depute in the same offices, and of the remanent Lords and others our Commissioners of our Exchequer of the same our kingdom, HAVE RATIFIED, approved, and by this our present charter confirmed, and by the tenor thereof do ratify, approve, and for us and our successors for ever confirm, a CHARTER * made, given and granted by our umquhile dearest father JAMES, by the grace of God King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, of immortal memory, with advice and consent of his high treasurer, treasurer depute, and remanent Lords of his Privy Council, his commissioners for the time under his great seal, dated at Falkland the seventeenth day of the month of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and seventeen : Whereby our said umquhile dearest father, with advice and consent aforesaid, for causes therein contained, not only ratified, approved, and confirmed all and sundry charters, infestments, precepts of sasine, instruments, confirmations, acts, sen-

precepta instrumenta confirmationes acta sententias decreta donationes exemptiones iura titulos securitates literas scripta evidencias concessionēs libertates commoditates immunitates et privilegia inibi mentionā faci concess^o vel confirmā per dicī quond n̄rum charissimū patrem suosq̄, illustrissimos predcessores Reges et Reginas Scotie vel per eorum gubernatores Regentes aut Dominos sessionis pro t̄pre prefato burgo n̄ro de Aberdene preposito Ballivis senioribus decanis gilde thesaurariis conciliariis burgensibus et cōitati eiusdem ecclesiisq̄, ministris et hospitiiis lie hospitalls suisq̄, successoribus cujuscunq̄, forme vel formarum contente vel contentarum date vel datarum rextiue eedem sunt Et specialiter absq̄, preiudicio ġnalitatis antedici particulares cartas infeofamenta confirmationes decreta donationes exemptiones acta scripta evidencias aliaq̄, specialiter et particulariter in dicta carta mentionā concessiones donationes privilegia libertates et immunitates rextiue inibi contenta cum oībus et singulis aliis cartis infeofamentis concessionibus donationibus privilegiis immunitatibus iuribus parliamentorum actis conventionibus ġnalibus secreti consilii sententiis et decretis daī et concess^o per dtum quond n̄rum charissimum patrem eiusq̄, illustrissimos progenitores vel per aliq^m aliam personam aut personas Ad et in favorem Prepositi

tences, decreets, gifts, exemptions, rights, titles, securities, letters, writs, evidents, grants, liberties, advantages, immunities, and privileges therein mentioned, made, granted, or confirmed by our said umquhile dearest father, and by his most illustrious predecessors, Kings and Queens of Scotland, or by their governors, regents, or Lords of Session for the time, to our foresaid burgh of Aberdeen, the provost, senior baillies, deans of guild, treasurers, councillors, burgesses and community thereof, and to the churches, ministers, and hospitals, and their successors, of whatsoever form or forms, content or contents, date or dates, respectively the same are; and especially, without prejudice of the generality aforesaid, the particular charters, infestments, confirmations, decreets, gifts, exemptions, acts, writs, evidents, and others specially and particularly mentioned in the said charter, the grants, gifts, privileges, liberties, and immunities respectively therein contained, with all and sundry other charters, infestments, grants, gifts, privileges, immunities, rights, acts of parliament, general conventions, sentences and decreets of Privy Council, given and granted by our said umquhile dearest father and by his most illustrious ancestors, or by any other person or persons, to and in favour of the provost, senior baillies, councillors and community of our said

seniorum Ballivorum consiliariorum et cōitatis dicī burgi n̄i de Aberdene pro t̄p̄e suorumq̄, predicessorum et succōrumq̄, quorumcunq̄, de erectione eiusd̄ n̄i burgi in libero burgo regio cum oībus iuribus titulis et privilegiis ad eund̄ spectān̄ et incumbēn̄ per leges et consuetudinem dti regni n̄i Scotie cumq̄ oībus t̄ris tenementis forrestis sylvis moris marresiis cōitatibus aquis salmonū piscationibus molendinis astrictis multuris castris pratis lacubus montibus viridariis munitoriis lie Blockhous̄ anchoragiis customis lie bell customs aliisq̄, customis ponderibus lie tron wegthes mensuris et aliis proficuis casualitatibus et divoriis quibuscunq̄, que per prius ad dtum burgum n̄um de Aberdene pertinuerunt et que illi eorumve predicessores vel authores quovis t̄p̄e retroacto possidebant et vtebantur SED ETIAM dtus quond̄ noster charissimus pater cum consensu predicī de novo dedit concessit crexit et disposuit prefatis Preposito Ballivis consiliariis burgeñ et cōitati dicti burgi n̄i de Aberdene suisq̄, successoribus imperpetuū TOTUM et integrum dtum burgum de Aberdene cum precinctu muris fossis lie fousies portubus viis plateis passagiis oībusq̄, et singulis domibus edificiis hortis tenementis croftis acris et rudis t̄rarum infra t̄ritorium dicti n̄i burgi Et similiter omnes et singulas terras cōmunes ad dtum burgum n̄um

burgh of Aberdeen for the time being, and their predecessors and successors whatsoever, concerning the erection of our said burgh into a free royal burgh, with all rights, titles, and privileges thereto belonging and pertaining according to the laws and custom of our said kingdom of Scotland, and with all lands, tenements, forests, woods, moors, marshes, commonities, waters, salmon fishings, mills, astrict multures, castles, meadows, lochs, hills, links, blockhouses, anchorages, bell customs and other customs, tronweights, measures, and other profits, casualties and duties whatsoever, which formerly pertained to our said burgh of Aberdeen, and which they or their predecessors or authors possessed and used at any time past : BUT ALSO our said umquhile dearest father, with consent aforesaid, of new gave, granted, erected and dispoñed to the foresaid provost, baillies, councillors, burgesses and community of our said burgh of Aberdeen and their successors for ever, ALL and whole the said burgh of Aberdeen, with the precinct, walls, fousies, havens, ways, streets, passages, and all and sundry houses, buildings, yards, tenements, crofts, acres and roods of land, within the territory of our said burgh ; and likewise all and sundry common lands belonging and pertaining to our said burgh, with all moors, marshes, meadows, parts, pendicles and

spectaŋ et pertineŋ cum oibus moris marresiis pratis partibus pendiculis et pertineŋ ab antiquo forrestum de Stoket nuncupaŋ cumq; sylva eiusd infra limites merchias et bondas hūmōi prout eedem per dicī Prepositum Ballivos consules et cōitatem tunc occupabantur et possidebantur et ānuatim equitari et perambulari vtebantur TOTAS et integras terras de Rubbislaw TOTAS et integras t̄ras de Cruiffes cum toftis croftis domibus edificiis partibus pendiculis et pertineŋ earund TOTAS et integras aquas de Die et Done et salmonū piscarias earund infra et per integras bondas partes et limites hūmōi prout eedem tunc per dtum Prepositum Ballivos consules et cōitatem eorumq; tenentes et servos occupabantur et possidebantur Et nominatim salmonū piscarias super dtis aquis de Die et Done spēaliter et particularit̄ in d̄ta carta mentionā et express infra bondas merchias et limites et possess modo in eadem carta specificaŋ vna cum oibus et singulis casis lie Scheills et Insches infra et supra dicī aquas de Die et Done Ac cum privilegio et libertate edificandi casas lie Scheills trahendi spargendi et arefaciendi retas ex vtrisq; lateribus dicī aquarum rextiue sicuti dtus burgus noster Prepositus Ballivi consules et cōitas eiusd suiq; predicesores possessores et occupatores dicī piscationum perprius in vsu et possessione fuerunt

pertinents of old called the Forest of Stocket, and with the wood thereof, within the limits, marches and bounds thereof, as the same were then occupied and possessed, and in use to be ridden and walked by the said provost, baillies, councillors and community; ALL and whole the lands of Rubislaw; ALL and whole the lands of Cruives, with the tofts, crofts, houses, buildings, parts, pendicles and pertinents thereof; ALL and whole the waters of Dee and Don, and the salmon fishings thereof, within and through the whole bounds, parts and limits thereof, as the same were then occupied and possessed by the said provost, baillies, councillors and community, and their tenants and servants; and the salmon fishings on the said waters of Dee and Don, specially and particularly mentioned and set forth by name in the said charter, within the bounds, marches and limits, and possessed in the manner specified in the same charter, together with all and sundry sheills and inches within and upon the said waters of Dee and Don; and with privilege and liberty to build sheills, to draw, spread, and dry nets on both sides of the said waters respectively, as our said burgh, the provost, baillies, councillors and community thereof, and their predecessors, possessors and occupiers of the said fishings, were formerly in use and possession; as also with

Necnon cum privilegio et libertate tenendi et habendi cymbas lic ferrie boatts vnam vel plures super dtas aquas de Die et Done et in quibuscunq locis et partibus earund pro transportatione nrorum leigiorum et subditorum bonorumq et bestiarum vbi dti Prepositus Ballivi et consules antedti nostri burgi designabunt et ipsis visum fuerit cum oibus divoriis feodis et commoditatibus dtis cymbis spectaam incumbentibus OIA et singula coia molendina dti burgi viz Duo molendina infra dtum burgum nrum superiora et inferiora molendina nuncupaam alia duo molendina extra dtum burgu nrum lie Justice Mylnes nuncupaam et duo alia molendina jaceam infra libertatem dti burgi nri vnum eorund novum molendinum nuncupaam super Buksburne et aliud novum molendinu nuncupaam super torrentem lie Denburne et ventimolam apud Gallowgaitheid dicti nri burgi cum multuris et sequelis dicam molendinorum oium granorum super oibus et singulis croftis acris et Yris coitatis dti burgi nri et infra libertatem et Yritorium eiusd cresceam et oium granorum ad burgenses et inhabitatores dicam burgi nri spectaam et pertineam focum et aquam infra eund patieam TOTUM et integrum montem castri lie Castel hill viridariu lie Greine pratum et subvrbem vocaam Futtie cum capella ejusd oibusq cymbis et piscationibus alborum piscium eisd spectaam cumq navium statione

privilege and liberty to hold and have ferry boats, one or more, on the said waters of Dee and Don, and in any places and parts thereof whatsoever, for carrying our lieges and subjects, and goods and beasts, where the said provost, baillies and councillors of our aforesaid burgh shall appoint and see fit, with all duties, fees and advantages belonging and pertaining to the said ferry boats; ALL and sundry common mills of the said burgh, namely: two mills within our said burgh called the Upper and Nether Mills, two other mills outwith our said burgh called the Justice Mills, and two other mills lying within the freedom of our said burgh, one thereof called the New Mill on Buxburn, and the other called the New Mill on the Denburn, and the Windmill at the Gallowgatehead of our said burgh, with the multures and sequels of the said mills from all grain growing on all and sundry the crofts, acres and lands of the community of our said burgh, and within the freedom and territory thereof, and from all grain belonging and pertaining to the burgesses and inhabitants of our said burgh, tholing fire and water within the same; ALL and whole the Castlehill, Green Meadow, and suburb called Futtie, with the chapel thereof, and all boats and fishings of white fish

portu propugnaculo et littore dñi burgi aqueductibus et passagiis eiusd libertatibus et privilegiis hūmōi spēaliter in dta carta mentionā VNA CUM TOTIS et integris custumis lie bell-customes aliisq custumis et toloniis pti nri burgi vsitaē et consueē cum ponderibus lie tron-weē dñi burgi nri feodis et divoriis eisdem spectaā cumq ōibus aliis ponderibus et mensuris libertatibus privilegiis et immunitatibus ad dtum burgum nrum spectaā ET SPECIALITER quasdam libertates privilegia et immunitates in dta carta mentionā Dñtum burgum nrum et gubernationem ejusd concerneñ per quam cartam antedici etiam dantur conceduntur et disponuntur memoratis Preposito Ballivis consulibus et cōitati dicē burgi nostri de Aberdene suisq successoribus omnes et singuli annui redditus feudifirme annue divorie alteragia terre piscationes tenementa domus crofte et capellanie que ab antiquo ad capellanos Sⁱ Nicolai ecclie parochialis Aberdoneñ spectabant cum ōibus tenementis croftis mansionibus lie daill silver et āniversariis quibuscunq que perprius ad quascunq capellanas et alteragia in quacunq ecclia capellania [capella? v. p. 178, l. 4] vel collegio infra libertatem dñi burgi nri de Abd pertinuerunt per quamcunq personam vel patronum fundaē vbicunq eidem infra dtum regnū nrm Scotie

belonging thereto, and with the station for ships, haven, block-house, and shore of the said burgh, milldams and channels thereof, the liberties and privileges thereof specially mentioned in the said charter; TOGETHER WITH ALL and whole the bell customs and other customs and tolls of our said burgh, used and wont, with tron weights of our said burgh, fees and duties belonging thereto, and with all other weights and measures, liberties, privileges and immunities belonging to our said burgh; AND ESPECIALLY certain liberties, privileges and immunities mentioned in the said charter, concerning our said burgh and the government thereof; By which charter aforesaid are also given, granted and disponed to the said provost, baillies, councillors and community of our said burgh of Aberdeen and their successors, all and sundry annual rents, feu-duties, annual duties, altarages, lands, fishings, tenements, houses, crofts, chaplainries, which from of old belonged to the chaplains of the Parish Church of Saint Nicholas of Aberdeen, with all tenements, crofts, dwelling-houses, daillsilver, and anniversaries whatsoever, which formerly pertained to any chaplainries and altarages whatsoever, in any church, chapel, or college whatsoever, within the freedom of our said burgh of Aberdeen, by whatsoever person or patron founded, wheresoever the same lie within our said

jacent aut quovis t̄pre preterito levari seu percipi solebant NECNON tota et integra mansio domus edificia horti et ecclia que perprius ad Franciscanos dti burgi n̄ri pertinuerunt ET SIMILITER cōmunis lacus eiusd̄ burgi per omnes bondas et partes hūmōi et montes vocaī Womanhill Playfeild St Katherineshill Heidingishill et Gallowhill cum campis et viridariis dti burgi lie Linkes nuncupaī prout eidem jacent in longitudine et latitudine inter ostium fluvii lie Wattermouth dte aque de Die ad ostium fluvii lie Wattermouth dicī aque de Done cum teneñ tenañ libereq̄, teneñ servitiis omnium et singularum predicī terrarum et piscationū cum partibus pendiculis et pertineñ earund̄ vna etiam cum oībus et singulis aliis libertatibus immunitatibus iuribus et privilegiis quibuscunq̄, d̄to burgo n̄ro spectañ et incumbeñ et quorum dicī Prepositus Ballivi Senatus et cōitas eiusd̄ burgi suive predicessores quovis t̄pre preterito in possessione fuerunt AC ETIAM cum tam amplissimis et magnis privilegiis et immunitatibus sicuti burgis n̄ris de Edinbur^t Perth Dundie vel aliquibus aliis burgis regiis infra dtum regnū n̄rum Scotie per dtum quond̄ charissimū n̄rum patrem suosve antecessores quovis t̄pre preterito dicm̄ date antedicī cartē precedeñ concedebantur Et Vnivit ānexavit et Incorporavit ad et cum d̄to burgo

kingdom of Scotland, or whensoever in time past they were wont to be uplifted or gathered ; AS ALSO all and whole the dwelling place, house, buildings, yards and church which formerly pertained to the Franciscans of our said burgh ; AND LIKEWISE the common loch of the same burgh by all the bounds and parts thereof, and the hills called Womanhill, Playfield, St. Katherine's Hill, Heading Hill, and Gallow Hill, with the fields and greens of the said burgh, called the Links, as the same lie in length and in breadth between the watermouth of the said water of Dee and the watermouth of the said water of Don ; with tenants, tenandries and services of free tenants of all and sundry the foresaid lands and fishings, with the parts, pendicles and pertinents thereof, and with all and sundry other liberties, immunities, rights and privileges whatsoever belonging and pertaining to our said burgh, and of which the said provost, baillies, council and community of the same burgh or their predecessors have been in possession at any time past ; AND ALSO with as full and great privileges and immunities as were granted to our burghs of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundee, or to any other royal burghs within our said kingdom of Scotland, by our said unquhile dearest father or his ancestors at any time past, preceding the day of the date of the aforesaid charter : And he united, annexed

n̄ro de Aberdene libertatibus et privilegijs eiusd̄ oēs et singulas predic̄
 ūras acras croftas ūras communes molendina multuras pisca^ones castrum
 lacum pratum montes viridarium propugnaculum lie Bulwark anchoragia
 tolonias custumas lie Bell costumes pondera et mensuras lie trone-
 wegghtes et measoures ānuos redditus mansiones domos hortos aliaq̄
 ḡnaliter et particularit̄ supra express^o cum privilegio dandi sasinam
 hūmōi apud Crucem foralem d̄ti burgi n̄ri preposito vel alicui Ballivorum
 eiusdum Que sasina stabit et sufficiens fore ordinatur d̄tis Preposito
 Ballivis consulibus et cōitati dicti burgi n̄ri pro toto et integro d̄to
 burgo oibusq̄ et singulis terris domibus edificiis aliisq̄ sp̄caliter et ḡna-
 liter inibi mentionā modo et forma inibi express^o TENENĎ per dic̄
 Prepositum Ballivos Senatū et Cōitatem d̄ti burgi nostri de Aberdene
 suosq̄ successores in feodo hereditate et libero burgagio imperpetuum
 prout d̄ta carta de data prescrip̄t in se latius proportat Cum precepto
 sasine et sasine instrumento desuper sequeñ et cum acto dissolutionis
 fact̄ in Parlamento ten̄ apud Edinburgh vigesimo octavo die mensis
 Junii anno Dñi millesimo sexcentesimo decimo septimo cui acto carta
 supra mentionā relationem habet et desuper fundatur et conceditur

and incorporated to and with our said burgh of Aberdeen, the liberties and
 privileges thereof, all and sundry the foresaid lands, acres, crofts, common lands,
 mills, multures, fishings, castle, loch, meadow, hills, green, bulwark, anchorages,
 tolls, bell customs, tron weights and measures, annual rents, dwelling-places,
 houses, yards, and others, generally and particularly set forth above, with privilege
 to give sasine thereof at the market cross of our said burgh, to the provost or any
 one of the baillies thereof; which sasine shall stand, and is ordained to be suffi-
 cient, to the said provost, baillies, councillors and community of our said burgh,
 for all and whole the said burgh and all and sundry lands, houses, buildings
 and others, specially or generally therein mentioned, in manner and form
 therein set forth; To BE HELD by the said provost, baillies, council and
 community of our said burgh of Aberdeen, and their successors, in fee, heritage
 and free burgage for ever, as the said charter of date above written in itself
 at greater length purports: With the precept of sasine and instrument of
 sasine following thereon, and with the act of dissolution made in the parlia-
 ment held at Edinburgh on the twenty-eighth day of the month of June, in
 the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and seventeen; to which act
 the charter above mentioned relates, and is thereupon founded and granted:

ET SIMILITER cum oībus et singulis aliis cartis infeofamentis preceptis sasine instrumentis confirmationibus actis sententiis decretis donationibus exemptionibus iuribus titulis securitatibus fris scriptis evidentiis concessionibus libertatibus commoditatibus immunitatibus et privilegiis inibi mentionatis factis concessis vel confirmatis per nobilissimos nōs predecessores quondā WILLIELMUM REGEM Scotie quondā ALEXANDRUM REGEM secundum quondam ALEXANDRUM REGEM tertium quondā ROBERTUM REGEM primum quondā DAVIDEM REGEM eius filium quondam ROBERTUM REGEM secundum quondā ROBERTUM REGEM tertium quondā JACOBUM REGEM primum quondam JACOBUM REGEM secundum quondā JACOBUM REGEM tertium quondā JACOBUM REGEM quartum quondam JACOBUM REGEM quintum quondam MARIAM REGINAM eius filiam et dtum quondā n̄m charissimū patrem JACOBUM REGEM sextum optime memorie vel per eorum aliquos aut per aliquos alios eorum predecessores Reges et Reginas Scotie vel per eorum Regentes Gubernatores aut Dños sessionis pro t̄pre prefato burgo n̄o de Aberdene Preposito senioribus Ballivis Decanis gilde the^{riis} consulibus burgensibus et inhabitatoribus dti burgi n̄i eccl̄iisq̄ ministris et hospitiiis lie hospitalls eiusd̄ burgi suisq̄ successoribus cujuscunq̄ forme aut formarum contente aut contentarum date aut datarum eodem sunt de et super

AND LIKEWISE with all and sundry other charters, infeftments, precepts, instruments of sasine, confirmations, acts, sentences, decreets, gifts, exemptions, rights, titles, securities, letters, writs, evidents, grants, liberties, advantages, immunities and privileges therein mentioned, made, granted, or confirmed by our most noble predecessors, umquhile WILLIAM, KING of Scotland, umquhile KING ALEXANDER II., umquhile KING ALEXANDER III., umquhile KING ROBERT I., umquhile KING DAVID, his son, umquhile KING ROBERT II., umquhile KING ROBERT III., umquhile KING JAMES I., umquhile KING JAMES II., umquhile KING JAMES III., umquhile KING JAMES IV., umquhile KING JAMES V., umquhile QUEEN MARY, his daughter, and our said umquhile dearest father KING JAMES VI. of excellent memory, or by any of them, or by any others their predecessors, kings and queens of Scotland, or by their regents, governors, or lords of session for the time being ; to our foresaid burgh of Aberdeen, the provost, senior baillies, deans of guild, treasurers, councillors, burgesses and inhabitants of our said burgh, and to the churches, ministers and hospitals of the same burgh, and their successors, of whatsoever form or forms, content or contents, date or dates,

erectione dñi burgi nři de Aberdene in libero burgo regio cum õibus iuribus titulis et privilegiis eidem per leges et praxsin dicti regni nři Scotie spectandę et incumbendę ac cum õibus domibus ırıs tenementis forrestis silvis moris marresiis communitatibus aquis salmonum piscationibus molendinis astrictis multuris castris pratis lacubus montibus viridariis propugnaculis anchoragiis minutis customis lie Bell customes aliisq; customis ponderibus et mensuris lie weghtes and measoures proficiis casualitatibus et divoriis quibuscunq; que perprius ad dtum burgum nřnum pertinuerunt Et que per dicę Prepositum Ballivos Senatium et Cõitatem suosve predicesores aut authores quovis ıpre preterito possidebantur et vtebantur ET VOLUM^o et concedimus et pro nobis nřisq; successoribus cum avisamento et consensu predicę decernimus et ordinamus quod predicę ġnalitas minime dirogabit spęalitatem nec specialitas ġnalitatem Et quod hec pñs nřa confirmatio et ratificatio premissorum est et omni ıpre affuturo erit tanti valoris roboris efficacie et effectus in õibus respectibus dicto burgo nřo de Aberdene Preposito Ballivis Consulibus et Cõitati eiusdem suisq; succõoribus ac si dicta carta cum sasine precepto et acto dissolutionis supramentionaę omnesq; et singule alie carte infeofamenta dispositiones concessiones confirmaones jura tituli et

the same are ; of and regarding the erection of our said burgh of Aberdeen into a free royal burgh, with all rights, titles and privileges thereto belonging and pertaining by the laws and practice of our said kingdom of Scotland, and with all houses, lands, tenements, forests, woods, moors, marshes, commonties, waters, salmon fishings, mills, astrict multures, castles, meadows, lochs, hills, links, block-houses, anchorages, petty customs, bell customs, and other customs, weights and measures, profits, casualties and duties whatsoever, which formerly pertained to our said burgh, and which at any time past were possessed and used by the said provost, baillies, council and community, or their predecessors or authors. AND WE WILL, and grant, and for us and our successors, with advice and consent aforesaid, we decree and ordain that the foresaid generality shall in no way detract from the speciality, or the speciality from the generality ; and that this our present confirmation and ratification of the premises is, and in all time to come shall be, of as much force, strength, efficacy and effect in all respects to our said burgh of Aberdeen, the provost, baillies, councillors and community thereof, and their successors, as if the said charter, with the precept of sasine and the act of dissolution above mentioned, and all and sundry other charters, infest-

securitates decreta exemptiones lre scripta acta evidentie donationes libertates commoditates immunitates privilegia aliaq̄ particulariū et ġnaliter inibi mentionaī ad longum de verbo in verbum in hac p̄ti carta n̄a insererentur (non obstaī ratione multitudinis numeri longitudinis et prolixitatis hūmōi eedem in hac p̄ti carta n̄a minime insererentur) penes que nos pro nobis et successoribus n̄is dispensavimus ac per p̄tis carte nostre tenorem dispensamus imperpetuū INSUPER (absq̄ lesione derogatione aut preiudicio antedict̄ prioribus cartis infeofamentis iuribus decretis actis titulis libertatibus privilegiis et aliis particulariū et ġnaliter supra expres̄ et pro majori corroboracione earund̄ accumulando iura iuribus) nos pro bono fidei et gratuito servitio nobis nobilissimisq̄ n̄is progenitoribus per Prepositum Ballivos Senatū et Cōitatem dicti n̄i burgi de Aberdene suosq̄ predicesores prestito et impenso et vt in posterum in dicto servitio melius persistent DE NOVO dedimus concessimus creximus disposuimus et hac p̄ti carta n̄a confirmavimus tenoreq̄ eiusdem cum avisamento et consensu predict̄ damus concedimus erigimus disponimus et hac p̄ti carta n̄a confirmamus dilectis et fidelibus n̄is servitoribus Preposito Ballivis Consulibus burgensibus et

ments, dispositions, grants, confirmations, rights, titles and securities, decreets, exemptions, letters, writs, acts, evidents, gifts, liberties, advantages, immunities, privileges, and others, particularly and generally mentioned therein, were inserted at length, word by word, in this our present charter (notwithstanding that by reason of the multitude, number, length, and prolixity thereof, the same have not been inserted in this our present charter), wherewith we, for us and our successors, have dispensed, and by the tenor of our present charter do dispense, for ever. MOREOVER (without hurt, disparagement or prejudice to the foresaid former charters, infestments, rights, decreets, acts, titles, liberties, privileges, and others particularly and generally set forth above, and, in further corroboration thereof, heaping rights upon rights), in return for the good, faithful and gratuitous service done and rendered to us and to our most noble ancestors by the provost, baillies, council and community of our said burgh of Aberdeen, and their predecessors, and in order that hereafter they may the better persist in the said service, we have OF NEW given, granted, erected, disponed, and by this our present charter confirmed, and by the tenor thereof, with advice and consent aforesaid, do give, grant, erect, dispone, and by this our present charter confirm, to our beloved and trusty servants the provost, baillies, councillors, burgesses, and

Cōitati dicti burghi n̄ri de Aberdene suisq̄ succōribus TOTUM et integrum p̄dictum burgum n̄rum de Aberdene cum p̄cinctu muris fossis portubus viis plateis passagiis ōibusq̄ et singulis domibus edificiis hortis tenementis croftis acris et ̄ris infra ̄ritorium et libertatem eiusd̄ burghi n̄ri Et similiē omnes et singulas p̄dictā terras communes ad d̄tum n̄rum burgum spectant et pertineñ cum ōibus moris marresiis pratis partibus pendiculis et pertineñ ab antiquo forrestam de Stokett vocatā cum sylva eiusd̄ infra limites merchias et bondas h̄mōi prout eodem pro p̄nte possidentur et occupantur et ānuatim per dic̄ Prepositum Ballivos Senatum et coitatem equitari et perambulari solent Totas et integras p̄dictā terras de Rubslaw Totas et integras p̄dictā ̄ras de Cruiffes cum toftis croftis domibus edificiis partibus pendiculis et pertineñ earund̄ Totas et integras p̄dictā aquas de Die et Done cum salmonum piscariis earund̄ infra et per integras bondas partes et limites h̄mōi prout eidem pro p̄nti per dic̄ Prepositum Ballivos Senatum et Cōitatem suosq̄ tenentes et servitores possidentur et occupantur Et sp̄cialiter p̄dictas salmonū piscarias supra dic̄ aqua de Die vocatā lie Raik Stellis Midchingill Pott et Fuirds ex v̄trisq̄ lateribus anted̄te

community of our said burgh of Aberdeen, and their successors, ALL and whole our foresaid burgh of Aberdeen, with the precinct, walls, fousies, havens, ways, streets, passages, and all and sundry houses, buildings, yards, tenements, crofts, acres and lands within the territory and freedom of our same burgh; and likewise all and sundry the foresaid common lands belonging and pertaining to our said burgh, with all moors, marshes, meadows, parts, pendicles and pertinents, from of old called the Forest of Stocket, with the wood of the same, within the limits, marches and bounds thereof, as the same are at present possessed and occupied, and in use to be yearly ridden and walked by the said provost, baillies, council and community; all and whole the foresaid lands of Rubislaw; all and whole the foresaid lands of Cruives, with the tofts, crofts, houses, buildings, parts, pendicles and pertinents thereof; all and whole the foresaid waters of Dee and Don, with the salmon-fishings of the same, within and through the whole bounds, parts and limits thereof, as the same are at present possessed and occupied by the said provost, baillies, council and community, and their tenants and servants; and especially the foresaid salmon-fishings on the said water of Dee, called the Raik, Stells, Midchingle, Pot and Foords, on both sides of the foresaid

aque et vt predicī piscarie distinguantur absq; aliis distincte cognoscantur sicuti etiam jacent et bondantur ab ostio fluvii lie Bar et Wattermouth dicī nři burgi de Aberdene ad aquam lie Bridgewater apud pontem de Die olim ad Willielmā Forbes de Barnes spectāñ et pertinēñ Nec non salmonū piscationem super aqua de Done vocā King's Cavill antedte aque de Done tam supra q^m infra pontem eiusd cum oibus et singulis salmonum piscariis de lie Cruiffes prout dta piscaria et lie cruves rextiue bondantur et jacent ab ostio fluvii lie wattermouth dte aque de Done ad torrentem vocā cruif burne cum oibus et singulis aliis salmonū piscariis aliisq; piscariis quibuscunq; supra dicī aquas de Die et Done et per omnes bondas et limites earund rextiue supra express ad dtum burgum nřum spectāñ et incumbēñ et vt illi suiq; predicesores casd possidere solebant ac cum oibus aliis piscariis tam salmonū q^m alborum piscium in aqua salsa scu mari int^o dta ostia fluviorum lie mouthes de Die et Done et apud dicī ostia fluviorum antedicī aquarum ex vtrīsq; lateribus earund Ac etiam cum oibus et singulis casis et lie insches et scheils infra et super dicī aquis de Die et Done cumq; libertate ac privilegio edificandi casas lie scheills et scheillings et trahendi dispergēdi et arefaciēdi

water, and as the foresaid fishings are distinguished and distinctly known from each other, as the same lie and are bounded from the bar and watermouth of our said burgh of Aberdeen to the Bridge Water at the Bridge of Dee formerly belonging and pertaining to William Forbes of Barnes; as also the salmon-fishing on the Water of Don called the King's Cavill of the foresaid water of Don, both above and below the bridge thereof, with all and sundry the salmon-fishings of the Cruives, as the said fishing and the Cruives respectively are bounded and lie from the watermouth of the said water of Don to the stream called the Cruive Burn, with all and sundry other salmon-fishings and other fishings whatsoever on the said waters of Dee and Don, and through all the bounds and limits thereof respectively set forth above, belonging and pertaining to our said burgh, and as they and their predecessors were wont to possess the same, and with all other fishings, as well of salmon as of white fish, in the salt water or sea between the said mouths of Dee and Don, and at the said mouths of the foresaid waters, on both sides thereof; and also with all and sundry inches and sheils within and upon the said waters of Dee and Don, and with liberty and privilege to build sheils and sheillings, and to draw, spread and

retas ex vtrisque lateribus dicte aquarum tam super viis nostris quam super aliis commodissimis locis et partibus prope dicte aquas sicuti dictus burgus noster suique predecessores possessores et occupatores dicte piscinarum easdem perprie possidebant et gaudebant Nec non cum libertate et privilegio habendi cymbas lie ferrie boates vnam vel plures super dictis aquis de Die et Done ad ostia fluviorum lie watter mouthes de Die et Done ubi habent proprias piscarias pro transportatione liegiorum et subditorum nostrorum eorumque bonorum et bestiarum ut ipsis visum fuerit cum omnibus divoriis feodis et commoditatibus dictis cymbis lie ferrie boates spectantem et incumbentem Omnia et singula predicta communia molendina dicti burgi nostri de Aberdene videlicet predicta duo molendina infra eundem burgum vocantur superius et inferius molendina alia duo molendina extra dictum burgum nostrum vocantur lie Justice Mylnes et alia duo molendina jacent infra libertatem dicti burgi nostri vnum eorum novum molendinum nuncupantur super torrentem lie Bucksburne et alterum novum molendinum nuncupantur super torrentem lie Denburne cum dicto ventimolo apud dicte lie Gallowgaitheid dicti burgi nostri Necnon tota et integra duo molendina maritima lie Schoir et sea mylnes noviter edificata et constructa per dictum Prepositum Ballivos Senatium et Communitatem antedicti burgi nostri

dry nets on both sides of the said waters, both upon our highways and upon other most convenient places and parts near to the said waters, as our said burgh and their predecessors, possessors and occupiers of the said fishings formerly possessed and enjoyed the same; as also with liberty and privilege to have ferry boats, one or more, on the said waters of Dee and Don, at the watermouths of Dee and Don where they have their own fishings, for carrying across our lieges and subjects and their goods and beasts, as they shall see fit, with all duties, fees and advantages belonging and pertaining to the said ferry boats; all and sundry the foresaid common mills of our said burgh of Aberdeen, to wit, the two foresaid mills within the same burgh called the Upper and Nether Mills, other two mills outwith our said burgh called the Justice Mills, and other two mills lying within the freedom of our said burgh, one of these called the New Mill on the Buxburn and the other called the New Mill on the Denburn, with the said windmill at the said Gallowgatehead of our said burgh, as also all and whole two shore or sea mills newly built and erected by the provost, baillies, council and community of our foresaid burgh, since the date of their last infeftment

post datam vltimi eorum infeofamenti supra scripti virtute pñtis carte nre ratificati et approbati cum privilegio et libertate illis edificandi plura molendina ad eorum arbitrium cumq̄ multuris et sequelis dici molendinorum oium granorum super omnibus et singulis predtis croftis acris et terris communiis dicti burgi nri et infra territorium et libertatem eiusd cresceñ oiumq̄ granorum ad burgenses et inhabitatores eiusdem burgi spectañ et pertineñ vel per illos aliquasve alias personas importañ seu importand focum et aqua inibi patieñ Totum et integrum predtum castrum montem viridarium pratum et subvrbem vocañ Futtie cum capella eiusd oibusq̄ cymbis et albis piscationibus huñoi spectañ cumq̄ dto propugnaculo portu et littore de Aberdene et lie mylne dames et passagiis eiusd Ac cum libertate et privilegio onerandi et exonerandi loading et lossing naves cymbas aliaq̄ vasa quecunq̄ in dtis aquis de Die et Done ex vtrisque lateribus earund in quibuscunq̄ locis aut partibus et toties quoties visum fuerit prefatis Preposito Ballivis Consulibus et Coñtati Et similiter levandi et recipiendi omnes minutas customas anchoragia et lie schoir silver aliasq̄ divorias tam libere in oibus respectibus sicuti dtus burgus noster de Edinburgh sui q̄ collectores apud portum et littus de Leith recipiunt et levant et tam libere sicuti eidem per

above written, ratified and approved by virtue of our present charter, with privilege and liberty to them to build more mills at their pleasure, and with the multures and sequels of the said mills from all grain growing on all and sundry the foresaid crofts, acres and common lands of our said burgh and within the territory and freedom thereof, and from all grain belonging and pertaining to burgesses and inhabitants of the same burgh, or imported or to be imported by them or by any other person, tholing fire and water therein; all and whole the foresaid Castle-hill, Green Meadow, and suburb called Futtie, with the chapel thereof, and all boats and white fishings belonging thereto, and with the said blockhouse, haven and shore of Aberdeen and the mill dams and channels thereof; And with liberty and privilege to load and loose ships, boats and other vessels whatsoever in the said waters of Dee and Don, on both sides thereof, in any places or parts whatsoever, and as often as shall seem fit to the foresaid provost, baillies, councillors and community; and likewise to uplift and receive all petty customs, anchorages and shore silver, and other dues, as freely in all respects as our said burgh of Edinburgh and its collectors receive and uplift at the haven and shore of Leith,

aliquem alium liberum burgum regium apud quemcunq, portum seu littus infra dtum regnum nrum Scotie levantur et percipientur Et spcaliter cum ptate levandi et percipiendi tpre futuro summam trium solidorum vsualis mo^{te} dti regni nri Scotie ex qualibet tunna lie Tunne bonorum exporta^t et importa^t in quacunq, nave cymba vel aliqua vasa infra dtum portum et stationem de Aberdene pro reparatione edifa^one et sustenta^one antedti propugnaculi lie Bulwark applicand sicuti dic^t Prepositus Ballivi Senatus et Coitas sui^q, collectores eadem his multis annis retroactis fruebantur et possidebant Nec non totas et integras predtas custumas voca^t lie Bell customes dti burgi nri minutas custumas tonias et alias custumas vsita^t et consue^t cum ponderibus lie Trone weghtes dti burgi nri feodis et divoriis iisdem spectaⁿ cumq, oibus aliis ponderibus et mensuris libertatibus privilegiis et imunitatibus ad dtum burgum nrum aliquat^u pertineⁿ et spectaⁿ Ac etiam cum ptate libera curias infra dtum burgum nrum tritorium et libertatem eiusd tenendi pro administra^one justicie et delinquentium et transgressorum punitione secundu qualitatem suorum dilictorum legibus et praxi dti regni nri Scotie conforme Et exitus amerciamenta et eschaetas dtarum curiarum

and as freely as the same are uplifted and gathered by any other free royal burgh at any haven or shore whatsoever within our said kingdom of Scotland; and especially with power to uplift and gather in all time coming the sum of three shillings usual money of our said kingdom of Scotland from every tun of goods exported or imported in any ship, boat or other vessel whatsoever within the said haven and station of Aberdeen, for the repair, building and upholding of the bulwark thereof, as the said provost, baillies, council and community and their collectors have enjoyed and possessed the same these many years past; as also all and whole the foresaid customs called the bell customs of our said burgh, the petty customs, tolls and other customs used and wont, with the tron weights of our said burgh, fees and duties belonging thereto, and with all other weights and measures, liberties, privileges and immunities in any way pertaining and belonging to our said burgh; and also with free power to hold courts within our said burgh, the territory and freedom thereof, for the administration of justice and the punishment of delinquents and transgressors, according to the nature of their offences, conform to the laws and practice of our said kingdom of Scotland, and [to uplift] the issues, fines and escheats of the said courts with

cum bludewitis toties quoties contigerint tam infra dtum burgum n̄m libertatem et t̄ritorium eiusdem q^m infra portum et stationem et fluxum maris lie floodemark dti burgi et infra dicē aquas de Die et Done in partibus earundem Quarum predte piscarie virtute p̄tis carte n̄re disponantur Et dicē exitus eschætos amerciamenta et bludewitas ad vtilitatem et commodum dti burgi n̄ri applicandi Ac etiam cum speciali p̄tate privilegio et libertate dicē Preposito Ballivis Consulibus et burgen̄ gilde dti burgi n̄ri suisq̄ succōribus imperpetuū vtendi frequentandi et exercendi negotia^{em} mercaturam et cōmercium et emendi et vendendi in magnis et minutis vinum ceram lie wad pelles coria oīaq̄ alia genera mercimoniorum et bonorum tam dti regni n̄ri Scotie q^m aliarum nationū quarumcunq̄ extranearum non solum infra dtum burgum n̄m territorium et libertatē eiusd̄ sed etiam intra per et pre [*sic*] integras bondas et limites vice^{tus} n̄ri de Aberdene tam intra Regalitem q^m regalem vel regium Nec non tenendi et habendi imperpetuū infra dtum burgum et libertatem eiusd̄ gildriam mercatoriam cum gilde curiis consiliis membris et iurisdictionibus hūmōi incumbē Exitus et eschaetas dicē curiarum levandi et percipiendi similiter adeoq̄ libere in oībus respectibus et per oīa sicuti in similibus

bloodwits as often as they shall occur, both within our said burgh, the freedom and territory thereof, and within the haven and station and floodmark of our said burgh, and within the said waters of Dee and Don, in the parts thereof where the fore-said fishings are disponed by virtue of our present charter, and to apply the said issues, escheats, fines and bloodwits to the utility and advantage of the said burgh; and also with special power, privilege and liberty to the said provost, baillies, councillors and burgesses of guild of our said burgh and their successors for ever, to use, resort to, and exercise business, traffic and commerce, and to buy and sell in great and small quantities, wine, wax, wad, skins, hides and all other kinds of merchandise and goods both of our said kingdom of Scotland and of any other foreign nation whatsoever, not only within our said burgh, the territory and freedom thereof, but also within and through the whole bounds and limits of our sheriffdom of Aberdeen, within both the regality and the royalty; as also to hold and have for ever within the said burgh and the freedom thereof a Merchant Guildry, with guild courts, councils, members and jurisdictions pertaining thereto, to uplift and gather the issues and escheats of the said courts, in like manner and as freely in all respects, and through all things, as in like cases is

per nos n̄osve predicesores alicui alio libero burgo regio infra dtum regum n̄m Scotie conceditur cumq̄ oibus et singulis aliis libertatibus et immunitatibus per leges hūmōi dic̄i negotia^{on}ibus commerciis mercaturis gilde curiis et burse spectañ seu iuste spectare valeñ Et similī tenendī habendī vtendi exercendī et fruendī infra dtum burgum n̄m hebdomadatim duo publica fora lie mercatis vīz die Mercurii et die Saturni Secundum consuetudinem vsitatum et consuetum Cum quatuor liberis nundinis ānuatim inchoañ teneñ et continuañ in dic̄i burgo Quarum prima ad festum Pen^{tes} Secunda ad festum S^{te} trinitatis Tertia ad festum sancti Michaelis ac quarta et vltima ad festum sancti Nicolai Quarum nundinarum singule durabunt per spatium octo dierum Ac etiam cum libertate et p̄tate edificandi et construendi plura molendina tam ventimola q^m granorum et fullonum molendina infra dtum burgum libertatem et v̄ritorium eiusd̄ Et locandi et assedandī hūmōi partes dic̄i v̄rarum suarum coñni dte forreste de Stoket que hactenus non assedantur et locantur ad vtilitatem et commodum dti burgi n̄i per assedationes longas vel infefamenta feudifirme pro solu^{ne} feudifirmarum precipiendo mandando et inhibendo oibus personis tam regalitati q̄ regali (burgensibus gilde dti burgi n̄i de

granted by us or our predecessors to any other free royal burgh within our said kingdom of Scotland, and with all and sundry other liberties and immunities belonging, or that can justly belong by the laws thereof, to the said business, commerce, traffic, guild courts and merchant court; and likewise to hold, have, use, exercise and enjoy within our said burgh every week two public markets, to wit, on Wednesday and on Saturday, according to the custom used and wont, with four free fairs yearly, to be begun, held and continued in the said burgh, whereof the first at the Feast of Pentecost, the second at the Feast of the Holy Trinity, the third at the Feast of St. Michael, and the fourth and last at the Feast of St. Nicolas, every one of which fairs shall last for the space of eight days; and also with liberty and power to build and erect more mills, as well windmills as grain and fulling mills within the said burgh, the freedom and territory thereof; and to let and set such parts of their said common lands of the said Forest of Stocket as are not already set and let, for the profit and advantage of our said burgh, by long tacks or infefments of feufarm, for payment of the feu-duties, enjoining, commanding and forbidding all persons, both in regality and royalty (not being burgesses of guild of our said burgh of Aberdeen), that they do not make bold,

Aberdene m̄e existeñ) vt non presumant vsurpare nec exercere negotiamem commercium et mercaturam vel quodvis privilegium aut punctum eiusd̄ libero burgo regio incumbēñ infra libertatem et bondas d̄ti burgi et Vice^{us} n̄ri antedicti sub pena incarcerationis personarum suarum et forisfacture et eschaete bonorum et mercimoniorum suorum vbiunq; apprehendi poterint PRETEREA nos cū avisamento et consensu predic̄ dedimus et concessimus tenoreq; p̄ntis carte n̄re pro nobis n̄risq; successoribus Damus et concedimus plenam p̄tatem commissionem et auctatem n̄ram prefatis Preposito Ballivis et Consulibus d̄ti burgi n̄ri de Aberdene suisq; suc̄coribus faciendi et publicandi acta statuta et ordina^ones pro cōi bono et proficuo eiusd̄ burgi et defensione privilegiorum in [*sic*] libertatum hūmoi per oēs burgenses et inhabitatores d̄ti burgi n̄ri omnesq; alias personas ad eundem reparañ et frequentañ observanda sub similibus penis ut ipsis visum fuerit Necnon causandi d̄ta acta statuta et ordina^ones cum oībus parliamentorum actis actisq; ḡn̄alium conventionū et secreti consilii cumq; constitu^onibus burgorum oībusq; suorum propriorum actorum in favorem libertatum eorum dañ vel dand̄ debite observari et prosequi et finali exequutione poni infra

within the freedom and bounds of the said burgh and our sheriffdom aforesaid, to usurp or exercise business, commerce and traffic, or any privilege or point thereof, pertaining to a free royal burgh, on pain of imprisonment of their persons, and of forfeiture and escheat of their goods and merchandise, wheresoever they can be seized. FURTHER, with advice and consent aforesaid, we have given and granted, and by the tenor of our present charter, for us and our successors, do give and grant, to the foresaid provost, baillies and councillors of our said burgh of Aberdeen, and their successors, our full power, commission and authority to make and publish acts, statutes and ordinances for the common good and profit of the said burgh, and in defence of the privileges and liberties thereof, to be observed by all burgesses and inhabitants of our said burgh, and by all other persons repairing to and frequenting the same, under like penalties as shall seem fit to them; as also to cause the said acts, statutes and ordinances, with all acts of parliaments, and acts of general conventions and of Privy Council, and with constitutions, of the burghs, and all [provisions] of their own proper acts made or to be made in favour of their liberties, to be duly observed and followed and put to final execution within the freedom and territory of our said burgh of Aberdeen and the sheriff-

libertatem et territoriū dñi burgi nři de Aberdene et Vice^{tas} eiusd
 predicī Ac etiam cum spēali potestate dicī Preposito Ballivis et consulibus vocandi prosequendi arrestandi et incarcerandi personas delinquentes et contravenientes predicī privilegia acta statuta decreta et sententias et cum eorum bonis intromittendi et ead bona eschaectandi Que bona et exitus ita eschaectand nos pro nobis nřisq̄ successoribus cum avisamento et consensu predicī Damus et concedim⁹ ad comunem vsum dñi burgi nři de Aberdene et ad suppedita^o nem rerum cōium et operum eiusd cum oībus exitibus et amerciamentis curiarum quibus dñi delinquentes forsitan incidere contigerint et incurrere ET SIMILITER nos cum avisamento et consensu antedto dedimus concessimus et disposuimus tenoreq̄ pñtis carte nře damus concedimus et disponimus prefatis Preposito Ballivis Consulibus et Cōitati dñi burgi nři de Aberdene suisq̄ sucčoribus omnes et singulas ūras domos tenementa hortos tenementa templaria cum omnibus pertineñ earund iaceñ infra precinctum dñi burgi nři de Aūd que perprius ad quascunq̄ abbacias prioratus preceptorias ministeria capellanas prebendarias alteragia aliaq̄ beneficia pertinuerunt vna cum integris feudifirmis aliisq̄ divoriis huñoi omni ĩpre affuturo cum dicto burgo nřo tanq^m partem eiusd

dom thereof aforesaid; and also with special power to the said provost, baillies and councillors, to summon, prosecute, arrest and imprison persons transgressing and contravening the foresaid privileges, acts, statutes, decreets and sentences, and to intromit with their goods, and to escheat the said goods, which goods and issues so to be escheated we, for ourselves and our successors, with advice and consent aforesaid, do give and grant to the common use of our said burgh of Aberdeen, and for the support of the common affairs and works thereof, with all issues and fines of the courts which the said transgressors shall happen to fall into or incur. AND LIKEWISE, with advice and consent aforesaid, we have given, granted and disposed, and by the tenor of our present charter do give, grant and dispone, to the foresaid provost, baillies, councillors and community of our said burgh of Aberdeen, and their successors, all and sundry lands, houses, tenements, yards, templar tenements, with all the pertinents thereof, lying within the precinct of our said burgh of Aberdeen, which formerly pertained to any abbeyes, priories, preceptories, monasteries, chaplainries, prebends, altarages and other benefices whatsoever, together with the whole feu-duties and other duties thereof in all time coming, to remain with and pertain to our said burgh as a part

remancū et pertinē cum p̄tate dic̄ Preposito Ballivis et Consulibus suisq̄ successoribus tanq̄m Ballivis n̄ris in hac parte intrandi et recipiendi hērios vassallos et tenentes earund̄ super resigna^onein vel per servitium et retornatum aut per traditionem fixule et tenelle lie hespe et staple similiter eodemq̄ modo sicuti illi aliq̄ n̄ri regales burgi d̄ti regni n̄ri Scotie inhabitatores hērios pro^{rios} et possessores quarumcunq̄ r̄rarum et tenementorum infra territorium et precinctum hūmoi intrare et recipere solent NECNON dedimus et concessimus ac disposuimus tenoreq̄ p̄ntis carte n̄re cum avisamento et consensu predic̄ damus concedimus et disponimus prefatis Preposito Ballivis Consulibus et Cōitati suisq̄ suc̄oribns oēs annuos redditus feudifirme firmas et ānuas divorias de predic̄ domibus hortis tenemētis templariis aliisq̄ tenementis predic̄ debiī et solvi solc̄ et consueī cum p̄tate illis intro-mittendi et desuper disponendi de oībus annis et r̄minis futuris et ead̄ ad commune bonū d̄ti burgi n̄ri applicandi AC ETIAM dedimus concessimus et disposuimus tenoreq̄ p̄ntis carte n̄re cum avisamento et consensu pred̄to damus concedimus et disponimus prefatis Preposito Ballivis Consulibus et cōitati suisq̄ successoribus omnes et singulas capellanas alteragia et ānuos redditus perprius ad dic̄ capellanas

thereof; with power to the said provost, baillies and councillors, and their successors, as our baillies in this part, to enter and receive the heritable vassals and tenants thereof, on resignation, or by service and retour, or by delivery of hasp and staple, in like manner as they and our other royal burghs of our said kingdom of Scotland are wont to enter and receive the inhabitants, heritable proprietors and possessors of any lands and tenements whatsoever within the territory and precinct thereof. AND ALSO we have given and granted and disposed, and by the tenor of our present charter, with advice and consent aforesaid, do give, grant and dispone, to the foresaid provost, baillies, councillors and community, and their successors, all annual rents, feu-duties and annual duties due and used and wont to be paid from the foresaid houses, yards, templar tenements, and other tenements aforesaid; with power to them to intromit therewith and dispone thereupon, for all years and terms to come, and to apply the same to the common good of our said burgh. AND ALSO we have given, granted and disposed, and by the tenor of our present charter, with advice and consent aforesaid, do give, grant and dispone, to the foresaid provost, baillies, councillors and community, and their successors, all and sundry chaplainries, altarages and annual

[? capellanos, *v.* p. 162, l. 14] sancti Nicolai antedti ecclie parochialis Abredonensis pertineñ et spectañ cumq, oibus anniversariis et lie daill silver quibuscunq, que perprius ad quascunq, capellanas prebendarias et alteragia pertinuerunt in quacunq, ecclia capella vel collegio infra libertatem dñi burgi nñi de Abd per quascunq, personam vel personas fundat vbicunq, jacent infra dñum regnum nñum vel quocunq, tpe preterito levari seu percipi solebant cumq, tota et integra predta mansione loco domibus edificiis hortis et ecclia que perprius ad Franciscanos dñi burgi nñi pertinuerunt cum oibus divoriis et redditibus huñoi et ad premissa pertineñ de omnibus annis et terminis futuris Ac cum dño lacu cõi antedicti burgi nñi infra et per omnes bondas et partes eiusd predtisq, montibus lie Womanhill Playfeild St. Katherines hill Heidinghill et Gallowhill nuncupañ cum viridariis et campis lie Linkis dñi burgi nñi prout jacent in longitudine et latitudine inter ostium fluvii lie Wattermouth de Die ad ostium fluvii lie Wattermouth de Done cum teneñ tenañ libereque teneñ servitiis oium et singularum predictrarum et pisciarum cum partibus pendiculis et pertineñ earund cumq, oibus et singulis aliis libertatibus immunitatibus iuribus et privilegiis quibuscunq, ad dñum burgum spectañ et incumbẽ et quorum dicẽ

rents formerly pertaining and belonging to the said chaplains of our foresaid parish church of Saint Nicolas in Aberdeen, and with all anniversaries and daill silver whatsoever, which formerly pertained to any chaplainries, prebends and altarages whatsoever, in any church, chapel or college whatsoever, within the freedom of our said burgh of Aberdeen, by whatsoever person or persons founded, wheresoever they lie within our said kingdom, or whensoever in time past they were wont to be uplifted or gathered; and with all and whole the foresaid dwelling, place, houses, buildings, yards and church which formerly pertained to the Franciscans of our said burgh, with all duties and rents thereof, and pertaining to the premises, for all years and terms to come; and with the said common loch of our foresaid burgh, within and through all bounds and parts thereof, and the foresaid hills called Woman Hill, Playfield, St. Katherine's Hill, Heading Hill, and Gallow Hill, with the greens and links of our said burgh, as they lie in length and breadth between the watermouth of Dee and the watermouth of Don, with tenants, tenandries and services of free tenants of all and sundry the foresaid lands and fishings, with parts, pendicles and pertinents thereof, and with all and sundry other liberties, immunities, rights and privileges whatsoever, belonging and pertaining to the

Prepositus Ballivi Senatus et Communitas eiusd̄ suiq̄, predecessores quovis t̄pre preterito in usu et possessione fuerunt cumq̄, etiam tam amplissimis et magnis privilegiis ac immunitatibus quam per nos n̄rosq̄, predecessores dt̄is burgis nostris de Edinburgh Perth Dundie aliisq̄, burgis regiis infra dt̄um regnum nostrum Scotie quovis t̄pre preterito diem date p̄ntis carte n̄re precedeñ dantur conceduntur et disponuntur Cumq̄, omni iure titulo interesse iurisclameo proprietate et possessione quacunq̄, que seu quas nos predecessores vel successores nostri in et ad dt̄um burgum n̄rum de Aberdene terras acras croftas terras communes molendina multuras piscationes castrum lacum pratū montes viridaria propugnacula anchoraḡia tolonias custumas lie bell customs pondera lie trone wegghtes mensuras ānuos redditus mansionem locum domos hortos et ecclias que olim ad dic̄t̄ Franciscanos pertinuerunt aliaq̄, particulariter et ḡñaliter supra recitaẽ vel ad aliquam partem pendiculum aut portionem earundem census firmas casualitates proficua et divorias hūmōi de quibuscunq̄, annis seu t̄minis preteritis aut futuris pro quibuscunq̄, factis causis seu occasionibus preteritis diem date p̄ntis carte n̄re precedeñ habuimus habemus aut quovis modo in futurum habere clamare aut p̄ndere poterimus aut poterint Renunciando quiete

said burgh, and of which the said provost, baillies, council and community thereof, and their predecessors, were in use and possession at any time past; and also with as full and great privileges and immunities as are given, granted and disposed by us and our predecessors, at any time past preceding the date of our present charter, to our said royal burghs of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundee, and other royal burghs within our said kingdom of Scotland; and with all right, title, interest, claim of right, property and possession whatsoever, which we, our predecessors or successors, had, have, or in any way in time to come may have, claim, or assert, in and to our said burgh of Aberdeen, the lands, acres, crofts, common lands, mills, multures, fishings, castle, loch, meadow, hills, links, blockhouses, anchorages, tolls, bell customs, tron weights, measures, annual rents, dwelling, place, houses, yards and churches which of old pertained to the said Franciscans, and others particularly and generally above recited, or to any part, pendicle or portion thereof, maills, rents, casualties, profits and duties thereof, of any years or terms whatsoever past or to come, for any past deeds, causes or occasions whatsoever preceding the date of our present charter: renouncing, relinquishing, and altogether upgiving the same, with all action,

clamando et simplicit^r extra donando eadem cum omni actione instantia et executione nobis et successoribus n^ris eocirca competeñ vel competere valeñ Memoratis Preposito Ballivis Consulibus et Cōitati dicti burghi n^ri de Aberdene suisq; successoribus pro nunc et imperpetuum cum pacto de non petendo ac cum supplemento oⁱum defectuum obiectionum et imperfectionum quarumcunq; tam non noⁱatarum q^m noⁱatarum preteritorum p^{ri}ntium et futurorum quos tanquam pro express^o in hac p^{ri}nti carta nostra haberi volumus penes que nos pro nobis n^risq; successoribus dispensavimus ac per p^{ri}ntis carte n^re tenorem dispensavimus [*sic*] imperpetuum PRETEREA ratificavimus approbavimus et hac p^{ri}nti carta n^ra confirmavim^o Tenoreq; eiusdem ratificamus approbamus ac pro nobis n^risq; succōribus pro perpetuo confirmamus ACTUM et statutum dicti burghi n^ri per dtos Prepositum Ballivos Senatum et Cōitatem eiusdem faci vnde statuitur et ordinatur quod nullum mollitum polentum ad forum dicti n^ri burghi feretur p^{ri}ntabitur nec venabitur in eodem private vel publice quodquidem actum et statutum est de data vndecimo die mensis Januarii Anno Dⁿⁱ millesimo sexcentesimo vigesimo octavo Et nos perfecte intelligentes quod dtum actum et statutum non solum concordat cum actis et statutis omnium burgorum regionum dicti

instance and execution competent or that can be competent thereanent to us or our successors, in favour of the foresaid provost, baillies, councillors and community of our said burgh of Aberdeen, and their successors, now and forever; with the paction of not requiring, and with the supplement of all defects, objections and imperfections whatsoever, both not named and named, past, present and to come, which we will to be held as set forth in this our present charter, wherewith we, for ourselves and our successors, have dispensed, and by the tenor of our present charter do dispense, forever. FURTHER, we have ratified, approved, and by this our present charter have confirmed, and by the tenor thereof do ratify, approve, and, for us and our successors, for ever confirm, an Act and statute of our said burgh, made by the said provost, baillies, council and community thereof, whereby it is statute and ordained that no ground malt shall be brought or presented to the market of our said burgh, or sold therein, privately or publicly; which act and statute is dated the eleventh day of the month of January in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty-eight; and we, perfectly understanding that the said act and statute not only accords with the

regni n̄ri Sed etiam aptum et necessarium est pro bono et commodo dicti burgi n̄ri **IGITUR** volumus et ordinamus quod nullum mollium polentum importabitur nec venabitur infra eundem burgum private vel publice per quascunq̄ personam vel personas infra libertatem dicti burgi vel extra incolañ sub pena confiscationis cujuscunq̄, mollii polenti quod importabitur per quascunq̄ personam vel personas contra tenorem antedicti acti statuti et ordinationis n̄re predicti infra predictum burgum cum potestate dictis Preposito et ballivis confiscandi dtum polentum et huñoi ad eorum vsum applicandi **ET NOS** **CONSIDERANTES** quod dictus quondam noster charissimus pater beate memorie per eius infeofamentum supraspecificaī ratificavit et disposuit d̄to burgo n̄ro de Aberdene omnes alias libertates iura et privilegia tam amplas et amplissime quam dtis burgis n̄ris de Edinbur et Perth qui sunt Vicecomites coronatores et pacis Iusticiarii intra se et quod magna est necessitas vt dicī burgus noster de Aberdene habeat possideat et fruatur dtis privilegiis et hoc specialiter pro causis et respectibus subsequēñ vīz quod dictus burgus noster de Aberdene in Burgum et civitatem copiosam et populosam crevit et devenit in quo magna et quotidiana est mercatura et mercium mutatio

acts and statutes of all the royal burghs of our said kingdom, but is also fit and necessary for the good and advantage of our said burgh, do **THEREFORE** will and ordain that no ground malt shall be imported or sold within the said burgh, privately or publicly, by any person or persons whatsoever dwelling within or outwith the freedom of the said burgh, under pain of confiscation of any ground malt whatsoever that shall be imported within our said burgh by any person or persons whatsoever against the tenor of the foresaid act, statute, and our ordinance aforesaid; with power to the said provost and baillies to confiscate the said malt and to apply the same to their own use. **AND** **CONSIDERING** that our said umquhile dearest father, of blessed memory, by his infeftment above specified, ratified and disposed to our said burgh of Aberdeen all other liberties, rights and privileges as full and as fully as to our said burghs of Edinburgh and Perth, which are sheriffs, coroners and justices of the peace within themselves; and that there is great necessity that our said burgh of Aberdeen should have, possess and enjoy the said privileges, and this especially for the causes and reasons following, to wit, because our said burgh of Aberdeen has grown and become a rich and populous burgh and city, wherein is great and daily traffic and exchange of wares,

magnusq; concursus liegiorum et subditorum n̄orum tam nobilium et generosorum virorum aliorumq; incolantiū in partibus borealibus dicti regni n̄ri in oībus eorum conventionibus aliisq; magnis et gravibus rebus quam aliorum cūm populorum ad fora mundinas et mercaturam infra dtum burgum n̄rum et apud portum eiusdem reparantiū et nōiatim quod dic̄ burgus noster situatur prope montes et montanos in quibus sunt rebelles multi et homines male affecti lie Brokin men qui dtum burgum frequentant quiq; pugnando et litigando in eodem pacem eiusdem omnesq; congregationes itimas conventiones et mercaturas liegiorum et subditorum n̄orum infra eundem perturbant Et quod vicecomites dti vice^{tus} n̄ri de Aberdene infra bondas cuius dictus burgus noster iacet ānuatim de Baronibus et generosis rusticis eligentur qui cum eorum deputatis ruri habitant et p̄ites omnibus ip̄ribus non sunt pro exequutione eorum officiorum iis in hac parte incumbēi prout de iure congruit vnde dtus burgus noster inhabitatores eiusd̄ aliūq; leigii n̄ri inibi commorañ graviter perturbantur et preiudicantur **IGITUR** et pro remedio huñoi proq; multis bonis officiis veris et gratuitis servitiis nobis d̄toq; quondam n̄ro charissimo patri optime memorie aliisq; n̄ris nobilissimis progeni-

and great concourse of our lieges and subjects, both nobles and gentlemen and other dwellers in the northern parts of our said kingdom in all their meeting and other great and weighty affairs, and of other common people repairing to the markets, fairs and traffic within our said burgh, and to the haven thereof; and especially because our said burgh is situated near the hills and mountains, wherein are many rebels and disaffected (broken) men, who frequent the said burgh, and who, by fighting and striving therein, disturb the peace thereof, and all the lawful assemblies, meetings and traffickings of our lieges and subjects within the same; and because the sheriffs of our said sherriffdom of Aberdeen, within the bounds of which our said burgh lies, are chosen yearly from the barons and country gentlemen, who, with their deputies, live in the country, and are not at all times present for the discharge of their duties incumbent on them in this matter, conform to law, whence our said burgh, the inhabitants thereof and others, our lieges dwelling therein, are seriously disturbed and prejudiced: We THEREFORE, both for remedy thereof and in return for the many good offices, true and gratuitous services rendered and performed in times past to us and to our said umquhile dearest father, of excellent memory, and to our other most noble ancestors, by

toribus ĩpribus retroactis per dtos Prepositum et Ballivos dti burgi nři de Aberdene suosq̄, prediccessores prestitis et impensis ac pro diversis aliis magnis respectibus bonis causis et considerationibus nos movcē ex certa nřa scientia proprioq̄ motu cum avisamento et consensu predicť Dedimus concessimus et disposuimus tenoreq̄ pñtis carte nře damus concedimus et disponimus dictis Preposito Ballivis Consulibus et Cōitati dicti burgi nři de Abd suisq̄, sucťoribus Prepositis Ballivis Consulibus et Cōitati eiusđ imperpetuū Officia vicecomitis coronatoris et pacis Justiciarii infra dtum burgum nřum de Aberdene integrasq̄ bondas terrarum cōium acrarum crostarum molendinorum aquarum piscariarum montium viridariorum portuū stationū viarum platearum passagiorum aliorumq̄ iisdem pertineñ jaceñ infra precinctum et territorium dti burgi nři cum oibus et singulis libertatibus privilegiis feodis casualitatibus divoriis immunitatibus et commoditatibus ad đta officia Vice^{tis} Coronatoris et pacis Justiciarii de iure et regni nři consuetudine spectañ et incumbēñ ET FECIMUS creavimus constituimus et ordinavimus tenoreq̄ pñtis carte nře cum avisamento et consensu predicť facimus creamus constituimus et ordinamus Prepositum dti burgi nři de Aberdene electum et eligendum in perpetuū VICE-

the said provost and baillies of our said burgh of Aberdeen, and their predecessors, and for divers other weighty reasons, good causes and considerations moving us, from our certain knowledge, and of our own accord, with advice and consent aforesaid, have given, granted and disponed, and by the tenor of our present charter do give, grant and dispone, to the said provost, baillies, councillors and community of Aberdeen and their successors, provosts, baillies, councillors and community thereof for ever, the offices of sheriff, coroner and justice of the peace within our said burgh of Aberdeen, and whole bounds of the common lands, acres, crofts, mills, waters, fishings, hills, links, havens, stations, ways, streets, passages, and others pertaining thereto, lying within the precinct and territory of our said burgh, with all and sundry liberties, privileges, fees, casualties, duties, immunities and advantages belonging and pertaining, by law and the custom of our kingdom, to the said offices of sheriff, coroner and justice of the peace. AND WE HAVE MADE, created, constituted and ordained, and by the tenor of our present charter, with advice and consent aforesaid, do make, create, constitute and ordain, the provost of our said burgh of Aberdeen, chosen and to be chosen for ever, SHERIFF AND CORONER principal, and the baillies of our same burgh

COMITEM et CORONATOREM principalem et Ballivos eiusdem burghi nri electos et eligendos anuatim Vice^{tes} et Coronatores deputatos conjunctim et divisim sub illo dtosq, Prepositum et Ballivos diti burghi nri anuatim electos et eligendos conjunctim et divisim omni tpe affuturo pacis justiciarios infra dtum burgum rras cōes eiusd aliaq, supra script̄ eod̄ spectan̄ et incumben̄ imperpetuū cum plena et libera p̄tate illis eorumq, deputatis conjunctim et divisim curiam et curias tam criminales quam civiles toties quoties ipsis visum fuerit infra dtum burgum rras cōes molendina piscarias moras vias plateas pas-sagia aliaq, supra express̄e vel super aliq^m partem bondarum predi- c̄ tam contra eorum vicinos burgeñ et inhabitatores dict̄ bondarum q^m contra alias personas ad dtum burgum nr̄um de Aberdene et rritorium eiusd̄ resortañ et frequentañ qui pro quacunq, causa crimine aut offenso criminali vel civili per illos infra dic̄ burgum nr̄um bon- das et rritorium eiusd̄ vel quamcunq, partem huñoi fac̄ et commiss̄ attachiabuntur affigendi affirmandi inchoandi et tenendi et quoties opus fuerit continuandi et p̄ditum officium Vice^{tes} exercendi et vtendi pro quibuscunq, aliis actionibus causis offensis crimine seu criminibus contingeñ contra omnes personas capiend et attachiandas

chosen and to be chosen yearly, sheriffs and coroners depute, conjointly and severally under him ; and the said provost and baillies of our said burgh, chosen and to be chosen yearly, conjointly and severally in all time coming, justices of the peace within our said burgh, the common lands thereof and others above written belonging and pertaining thereto, for ever ; with full and free power to them and their deputies, conjointly and severally, to fix, sanction, begin and hold, and as often as need be continue, a court and courts, both criminal and civil, as often as shall seem fit to them, within the said burgh, common lands, mills, fish- ings, moors, ways, streets, passages, and others above set forth, or upon any part of the bounds aforesaid, both against their neighbour burgesses and the inhabi- tants of the said bounds and against other persons resorting to and frequenting our said burgh of Aberdeen and the territory thereof, who shall be attached for any cause, crime or offence whatsoever, criminal or civil, done and committed by them within our said burgh, the bounds and territory thereof, or any part thereof whatsoever ; and to exercise and use the foresaid office of sheriff for any other actions, causes, offences, crime or crimes whatsoever that may happen against all persons to be taken or attached within our said burgh of Aberdeen, the common

infra dtum burgum nrm de Abd Vras cōes molendina piscarias stationem littus vias plateas passagia aliaq̄ particulari^r supra recitata ad eund̄ spectan̄ justitiam administrandi Sectas dic̄ Vice^{is} curiarum vocandi conveniendi et convincendi absentes ameriandi transgressores delinquentes et offensores comburgensium et inhabitañ aliosq̄ transgressores et delictores ad mortem vel per exulānem flagella^onem super manū et buccam combustionem aliamve penam in aliquo alio burgo regio vsitatam puniendi secund̄ qualitatem eorum delictorum et legibus dti regni nostri concordāñ membra et administratores dti vicecomitis curiarum necessaria faciendi creandi et constituendi ex burgensibus dti burgi nri solūmodo et de nullis aliis extra dic̄ burgum eligendis et imponendis et dtum officium Vice^{is} infra dic̄ burgum nrm de Abd et bondas eiusd̄ predtas exercendi et vtendi similī adeoq̄ libere in oibus respectibus sicuti aliquis alius vicecomes infra aliquem alium burgum dti regni nri idem officium Vice^{is} in suo burgo exercet ET SIMILITER cum p̄tate dic̄ Preposito et Ballivis dti burgi nri de Abd suisq̄ successoribus Prepositis et ballivis eiusd̄ predta officia coronatoris et pacis Justiciarii infra eund̄ burgum integrasq̄ terras possessiones aquas portum stationem aliasq̄ partes

lands, mills, fishings, station, shore, ways, streets, passages, and others particularly recited above, belonging thereto; to administer justice; to call, convene and convict the suits of the said sheriff courts; to fine absentees; to punish transgressors, delinquents and offenders of co-burgesses and inhabitants, and other transgressors and criminals, by death, or by banishment, flogging, branding on the hand and cheek, or any other punishment used in any other royal burgh, according to the nature of their crimes, and agreeably to the laws of our said kingdom; to make, create and constitute the necessary members and administrators of the said sheriff courts from out of the burgesses of our said burgh only, and from no others to be chosen and appointed outwith the said burgh; and to exercise and use the said office of sheriff within our said burgh of Aberdeen and the bounds thereof aforesaid, in like manner and as freely in all respects as any other sheriff within any other burgh of our said kingdom exercises the same office of sheriff within his own burgh: AND LIKEWISE with power to the said provost and baillies of our said burgh of Aberdeen, and their successors, provosts and baillies thereof, to use and exercise the foresaid offices of coroner and justice of the peace within the said burgh and whole lands, possessions, waters, haven, station, and other parts thereof above

eorund prescript̄ et integras bondas libertates et t̄ritoriū hūmōi cum oībus libertatibus privilegiis immunitatibus et commoditatibus eis̄ incumbeñ vtendi exercendi similiter adeoq̄ libere sicuti aliqui alii coronatores et pacis Justiciarii talia officia Coronatoris et pacis Justicie in aliquo alio vice^{tu} burgo vel jurisdictione infra dtum regnum n̄rum vtuntur et exercentur ET SIMILITER nos cum avisamento et consensu p̄d̄to pro causis suprascrip̄t̄ proq̄ diversis aliis magnis respectibus bonis causis et considera^onibus nos moveñ ex certa n̄ra scientia proprioq̄ motu Dedimus et concessimus tenoreq̄ p̄tis carte n̄re damus et concedimus plenariam p̄tatem warrantum et libertatem prefatis Preposito ballivis et consulibus dti burgi n̄ri de Ābd suisq̄ suc̄coribus per semetipsos vel per eorum Decanū gilde aliasve personas quas ānuatim noīabant et constituerint pondera et mensuras lie weghtes mettes and measoures subtus specificaf̄ infra bondas anted̄ti burgi n̄ri totiusq̄ vice^{tu}s n̄ri de Aberdene ac infra oīa communia fora et nundinas tam burgo q^m ruri infra bondas dti burgi et vice^{tu}s n̄ri de Ābd visitandi inquirendi scrutandi et experiendi AC FECIMUS et constituimus tenoreq̄ p̄tis carte n̄re cum avisamento et consensu p̄d̄to facimus et constituimus prefatos Prepositum Ballivos et Senatum dti burgi n̄ri suosq̄

written, and whole bounds, freedoms and territory thereof, with all liberties, privileges, immunities and advantages pertaining thereto, in like manner and as freely as any other coroners and justices of the peace use and exercise such offices of coroner and justice of the peace in any other sheriffdom, burgh or jurisdiction within our said kingdom. AND LIKEWISE, with advice and consent aforesaid, for the causes above written, and for divers other weighty reasons, good causes and considerations moving us, from our certain knowledge, and of our own accord, we have given and granted, and by the tenor of our present charter do give and grant, full power, warrant and liberty to the foresaid provost, baillies and councillors of our said burgh of Aberdeen, and their successors, by themselves or by their dean of guild, or other persons whom they shall yearly nominate and appoint, to visit, inspect, search and try the weights, mettes and measures under specified, within the bounds of our foresaid burgh and our whole sheriffdom of Aberdeen, and within all common fairs and markets, both burghal and landward, within the bounds of the said burgh. AND WE HAVE MADE and constituted, and by the tenor of our present charter, with advice and consent aforesaid, do make and constitute the foresaid provost, baillies and council of our said burgh,

sucçores visitatores inquisitatores scrutatores et experitores öium mensurarum aliarumq; predicç infra bondas dñi burghi et Vice^{us} nři de Abd dando concedendo et cõmittendo illis suisq; sucçoribus predicç plenariam p̄tatem et privilegium notandi et signandi öia vasa mensuras et pondera magna et minuta subscrip̄ vulgariter to mark and stamp all firlottes peckes pund-weghtes stane-weghtes elvewandis quart pynt choppin and mutchekin stopes öiaq; alia emoi cū signo et sigillo ferreo vel eneo cum leone et corona impress^o secundā diversas mensuras lie standerts per actum parlamenti nři prescrip̄ et constituē et öia feoda et divorias de et pro eisā debit̄ et vsitaē percipiendi NECNON cum consensu pred̄to ratificavimus approbavimus et hac p̄nti carta nřa confirmavimus tenoreq; p̄ntis carte nře pro nobis nřisq; sucçoribus ratificamus approbamus ac pro perpetuo confirmamus actum secreti concilii facē Apud Ha^{los} decimo quinto die mensis Julii anno Dñi millesimo sexcentesimo decimo nono quoquid̄ acto Dñi secreti concilii concluderunt et ordinarunt vnam constantem mensuram pro salmonibus per et pre vniversum regnum nřum Scotie solummodo fore et hoc secundum antiq^m men-

and their successors, visitors, inspectors, searchers and triers of all measures and others aforesaid within the bounds of the said burgh and our sheriffdom of Aberdeen, giving, granting and committing to them and their successors aforesaid full power and privilege to mark and stamp all vessels, measures and weights, great and small, underwritten, commonly called firlots, pecks, pound weights, stone weights, ell wands, quart, pint, choppin and mutchkin stoups, and all others of that kind, with an iron or brass stamp and seal, with the lion and crown impressed thereon, according to the divers standards prescribed and appointed by act of our parliament; and to gather all fees and duties used and wont therefrom and therefor. AND ALSO, with consent aforesaid, we have ratified, approved, and by this our present charter confirmed, and by the tenor of our present charter, for us and our successors, do ratify, approve and for ever confirm, an act of the Privy Council made at Holyrood House on the 15th day of the month of July in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and nineteen,* whereby the Lords of the Privy Council concluded and ordained that there should be only one constant measure for salmon through and over our whole kingdom of Scotland, and that according to the ancient measure commonly called the old

* See the Act of Privy Council, *postea*.

suram vulgo lie auld gadge et Standert de Abd decem gallones lie gallones continē cum qua mensura oēs liegii et subditi nři salmones eorum oī ĩpre futuro recipere et deliberare debent modo forma et sub penis in đto acto nři concilii contenĳ prout đtum actum de data prescripĳ in se latius proportat IN OMNIBUS et singulis suis capitibus punctis clausulis articulis circumstantiis et conditionibus inibi contenĳ secund formam et tenorem eiusđ in oībus punctis AC VOLUMUS et concedimus ac pro nobis nřisq, sucđoribus pro perpetuo decernimus et ordinamus qđ hec pńs ratificatio antedđti acti concilii tanti erit valoris roboris efficacie et effectus ac si idem actum nři secreti concilii ad longum in hac pńti carta nřa insereretur penes qđ nos pro nobis nřisq, sucđoribus dispensavimus tenoreq, pńtis carte nře dispensamus imperpetuū AC ETIAM cū consensu predđto fecimus constituimus et ordinavimus tenoreq, pńtis carte nře facimus constituimus et ordinamus prefatos Prepositum Ballivos et Senatum đti burgi nři de Abd suosq, sucđores imperpetuū custodes đte mesure lie Gage et Standert de Aberdene ad mensurand et gadgiantđ recipiendđ et deliberand salmonū infra đtum burgum nřum constituĳ et signatores et gadgiatores dicĳ mensurarum doliorū et salmonū vasorum AC per pńtis carte nře tenorem damus et

gauge and standard of Aberdeen, containing ten gallons, with which measure all our lieges and subjects ought to receive and deliver their salmon in all time coming, in manner, in form and under the penalties contained, in the said act of our council, as the said act of date aforesaid in itself at greater length purports, IN ALL and sundry its heads, points, clauses, articles, circumstances and conditions therein contained according to the form and tenor thereof in all points. AND WE WILL and grant, and for ourselves and our successors for ever, decree and ordain that this present ratification of the foresaid act of council shall be of as great force, strength, efficacy and effect as if the said act of our Privy Council were inserted at length in this our present charter; wherewith we, for ourselves and our successors, have dispensed, and by the tenor of our present charter do for ever dispense. AND ALSO, with consent aforesaid, we have made, constituted and ordained, and by the tenor of our present charter do make, constitute and ordain the foresaid provost, baillies and council of our said burgh of Aberdeen, and their successors for ever, keepers of the said measure, the gauge and standard of Aberdeen, appointed for measuring and gauging, receiving and delivering salmon within our said burgh, and stampers and gaugers of the said measures, barrels

disponimus prefatis Preposito Ballivis et Consulibus dñi burgi nři de Abd suisq; sucčoribus oia feoda divorias et commoditates de et pro custodia antedte mesure lie gadge et standert et signa^one dicī mensurarum doliurū et salmonū vasorum debiī vsitaī et consuēt NECNON cum consensu predicī pro nobis nřisq; sucčoribus damus et concedimus plenam p̄tatem et privilegium dicī Preposito et Ballivis dñi burgi nřisq; sucčoribus oēs personas infra dtum burgum vteñ et gereñ arma illegitima et prohibita per leges regni nři et consuetudines burgorum geri vehi aut vti secund tenorem carte concess per dtum quond Regem Ro^{tum} Primū burgeñ et Cōitati dñi burgi nři de Abd pro ĩpre et clause inibi specificaī desuper confecī capiendī apprehendendi incarcerandi et puniendi sicuti dicī Prepositus et ballivi suiq; predicessores idem perprius possidebantur et vtebantur ET QUIA ecclie sancti Nicolai vetus et nova Ecclia Franciscanorum ecclia collegiata vocaī capella sancte Catharine capella sancti Niniani super montem castri capella S^{ti} Clementis Ecclia de Futtie nuncupaī infra dtum burgum nřm de Aberdene libertatem et ĩritoriū eiusd

and salmon-vessels. AND by the tenor of our present charter we give and dispone to the foresaid provost, baillies and councillors of our said burgh of Aberdeen and their successors, all fees, duties and advantages, due, used and wont, of and for the keeping of the foresaid measure, the gauge and standard, and for the stamping of the said measures, barrels and salmon-vessels. AND ALSO, with consent aforesaid, for us and our successors, we give and grant to the said provost and baillies of our said burgh and their successors full power and privilege to take, apprehend, imprison and punish all persons within the said burgh using and carrying arms unlawfully and as prohibited by the laws of our kingdom and the usages of the burghs to be carried, borne or used, according to the tenor of a charter granted by the said umquhile King Robert the First to the burgesses and community of our said burgh of Aberdeen for the time being,* and of a clause therein specified, made thereanent; as the said provost and baillies and their predecessors formerly possessed and used the same. AND WHEREAS the old and new churches of Saint Nicolas, the church of the Franciscans called the College Church, Saint Catherine's Chapel, Saint Ninian's Chapel on the Castlehill, Saint Clement's Chapel called the Church of Futtie, lie within our said burgh of Aberdeen, the freedom and territory

* See Nos. X. and XI., pp. 15, 16.

jacent Ad quas ecclias et capellanas dicī Prepositus Ballivi Senatus et Cōitas eiusd̄ burgi n̄i suiq̄, predecessores oībus īpribus retroactis quando vacare contigerint Ministros et capellanos eligere p̄itare nominare et providere solebant et illis persolvere stipendia (nulla alia stipendia nec victus habentes) Igitur proque causis suprascrip̄t nos cum consensu p̄d̄to ratificavimus approbavimus et hac p̄iti carta n̄ra confirmavimus tenoreq̄, eiusd̄ ratificamus approbamus ac pro nobis n̄risq̄, suc̄oribus pro perpetuo confirmamus antedict̄ vsum consuetudinem et possessionem que d̄ti Prepositus Ballivi Senatus et Cōitas dicī burgi n̄i de Ābd̄ suiq̄, predecessores in eligendo nōiando p̄itando et providendo Ministros et capellanos antedict̄ eccl̄iis et capellis et capellaniis earund̄ quando vacare contigerint Et volumus concedimus proq̄, nobis n̄risq̄, suc̄oribus pro perpetuo decernimus et ordinamus q̄d̄ d̄ti Prepositus Ballivi Senatus et Cōitas dicti burgi n̄i de Ābd̄ suiq̄, suc̄ores omnibus īpribus affuturis anted̄tum privilegium vsum et consuetudinem observabunt et exercebunt et in futurum vt in īpribus retroactis in eorum iure et pōne h̄m̄oi permanebunt atq̄, ministros capellanos aliasq̄, personas ad curam serviend̄ apud dicī eccl̄ias et capellas in futurum (vt in īpribus

thereof; to which churches and chaplainries the said provost, baillies, council and community of our said burgh and their successors in all times past have been in use whenever a vacancy occurred to choose, present, nominate and provide ministers and chaplains, and to pay them stipends (they having no other stipends or livings): THEREFORE, and for the causes above written, with consent aforesaid, we have ratified, approved, and by this our present charter confirmed, and by the tenor thereof do ratify, approve, and for us and our successors for ever confirm, the foresaid use, custom and possession, which the said provost, baillies, council and community of our said burgh of Aberdeen and their predecessors [had] in choosing, nominating, presenting and providing ministers and chaplains for the foresaid churches and chapels, and the chaplainries thereof, whenever a vacancy occurred. And we will grant, and, for us and our successors for ever, decree and ordain that the said provost, baillies, council and community of our said burgh of Aberdeen and their successors in all time coming shall observe and exercise the foresaid privilege, use and custom, and, in the future as in times past, shall remain in their right and possession thereof, and shall choose, present, nominate and provide ministers, chaplains, and other persons to serve the cure at the said churches and chapels in future (as in times past) without any hin-

preteritis) eligent p̄ntabunt n̄oiabunt et providebunt absq̄ vllō impedimento molestia perturba^one vel contradic^one Et volumus et ordinamus vt Ep̄us abredoneñ et ordinarius pro t̄pre recipeat et admittat ministros et personas per dic̄i Prepositum ballivos et Senatum dti burghi n̄ri suosq̄ suc̄cores eligendos n̄oiandos et p̄ntandos in et ad ecclias et capellas servitium earund et functionem aptos et qualificados existeñ Et illis institutionem et collationem si opus fuerit in debita forma absq̄ obstaculo seu impedimento quocunq̄ desuper dabit PRETEREA cum consensu p̄redito ex certa n̄ra scientia proprioq̄ motu vnivimus annexavimus et incorporavimus tenoreq̄ p̄ntis carte n̄re pro nobis n̄risq̄ suc̄coribus vnimus annexamus creamus et incorporamus in ad et cum d̄to burgo n̄ro de Abd terrisq̄ molendinis multuris piscariis anchoragiis portu statione aliisq̄ libertatibus et privilegiis eiusd̄ predic̄i eid̄ burgo concess̄ Tota et integra p̄red̄ta officia vice^{tis} Coronatoris et pacis Justiciare infra bondas et limites predic̄i et jurisdictionem hūmoi cum d̄tis eschaetis amerciamentis exitibus et aliis libertatibus et privilegiis earundem predic̄i Necnon d̄tum officium visitandi inquirendi scrutandi et experiendi mensuras et pondera sup̄rascrip̄i intra bondas sup̄raspecificaī cum d̄to privilegio observandi dic̄i mensure lie gadge et Standart predic̄i salmonū doliorum et

drance, annoyance, trouble or challenge. And we will, and ordain, that the bishop of Aberdeen and ordinary for the time being shall receive and admit ministers and persons to be chosen, nominated and presented by the said provost, baillies and council of our said burgh and their successors in and to the churches and chapels, being fit and qualified for the service and function thereof: and if need be he shall give them institution and collation thereupon in due form without any obstacle or hindrance whatsoever. FURTHER, with consent aforesaid, from our certain knowledge and of our own accord, we have united, annexed and incorporated, and by the tenor of our present charter, for us and our successors, do unite, annex, create and incorporate, in, to, and with our said burgh of Aberdeen, and the lands, mills, multures, fishings, anchorages, haven, station and other liberties and privileges thereof aforesaid, granted to the said burgh,—all and whole the foresaid offices of sheriff, coroner and justice of the peace within the bounds and limits aforesaid and jurisdiction thereof, with the said escheats, fines, issues and other liberties and privileges thereof aforesaid; as also the said office of visiting, inspecting, searching and trying the measures and weights above written, within the bounds above specified, with the said privilege of observing the said

vasorum ac huñoi signandi et gadgeandi cum oibus feodis privilegiis commoditatibus et immunitatibus ad dtum officium spectañ et incumben cumq̄ predto privilegio eligendi noñandi pñtandi et providendi dic̄ ministros et capellanos ad ecclias et capellas predic̄ et quamlibet earund quotiescunq̄ in futurum vacare contigerint modo prescrip̄ IN VNUM liberum burgum regium nunc et omni t̄pre futuro BURGUM de ABERDENE nuncupand̄ Ac volumus et concedimus proq̄ nobis et succ̄oribus n̄ris decernimus et ordinamus qd̄ dic̄ Prepositus Ballivi Decanus gilde The^{rius} Consules burgeñ et Coitas dicti burgi n̄ri de Aberdene suiq̄ succ̄ores omni t̄pre affuturo libere et pacifice possidebunt fruentur et gaudebunt eund̄ burgum oēsq̄ et singulas predtas t̄ras acras croftas terras cōes molendina multuras silvas piscarias aquas castrum pratum lacum montes viridaria propugnacula anchoragia tolonias et custumas lie Bell costumes pondera lie trone wegtes mensuras annuos redditus mansionem domos hortos vias plateas passagia aliaq̄ sp̄caliter et gñaliter supra mentionañ cum oibus et singulis libertatibus privilegiis immunitatibus et commoditatibus iisdem spectañ et incumben cumq̄ predtis officiis vice^{tis} coronatoris et pacis Justiciarie infra bondas et limites pre-

measure, the gauge and standard of the foresaid salmon barrels and vessels, and of stamping and gauging the same, with all fees, privileges, advantages and immunities belonging and pertaining to the said office; and with the foresaid privilege of choosing, nominating, presenting and providing the said ministers and chaplains to the churches and chapels aforesaid and every one thereof, as often as a vacancy shall occur in future, in manner above written,—INTO ONE free royal burgh to be called now and in all time com̄ing the BURGH of ABERDEEN. And we will, and grant, and, for us and our successors, decree and ordain that the said provost, baillies, dean of guild, treasurer, councillors, burgesses and community of our said burgh of Aberdeen, and their successors in all time coming, shall freely and peacefully possess, hold and enjoy the said burgh, and all and sundry foresaid lands, acres, crofts, common lands, mills, multures, woods, fishings, waters, castle, meadow, loch, hills, links, blockhouses, anchorages, tolls and customs, bell customs, weights, tron weights, measures, annual rents, dwelling-place, houses, yards, ways, streets, passages, and others, specially and generally above-mentioned, with all and sundry liberties, privileges, immunities and advantages belonging and pertaining thereto; and with the foresaid offices of sheriff, coroner and justice of the peace within the bounds and limits aforesaid and

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 rario Senatui burgensibus et Communitati eiusdem burgi nostri suisq;

jurisdictions thereof; and with the said escheats, issues, fines and other liber-
 ties and privileges thereof above written; as also the said office of visiting,
 inspecting, searching and trying the measures and weights above specified within
 the bounds aforesaid, and also the said privilege and liberty of keeping and
 observing the foresaid measure, the gauge and standard, of the said salmon barrels
 and vessels, and of stamping and gauging the same, with all fees, privileges,
 advantages and immunities belonging and pertaining to the said office; and
 also the foresaid privilege and liberty of presenting, nominating, choosing and
 providing ministers and chaplains to the foresaid churches and chapels, and to every
 one of them, as often as a vacancy shall occur in future, in manner and form above
 written, with all their pertinents (which for brevity sake are not repeated in this our
 present charter) in fee, heritage and free royal burgh for ever. AND WE WILL, and
 grant, and for us and our successors, with advice and consent aforesaid, for
 ever decree and ordain, that a single sasine once given in virtue of this our pre-
 sent infestment, to the provost and one of the baillies of our said burgh of Aber-
 deen, at the market cross thereof, shall stand and be a sufficient sasine to the fore-
 said provost, baillies, dean of guild, treasurer, council, burgesses and community

suc̄oribus imperpetuum pro toto et integro antedicto burgo proq̄ oībus et singulis preddis terris molendinis possessionibus aquis piscariis officiis annexis connexis incorporationibus aliisq̄ particulariter et ḡnaliter supra recitaā ab antiquo ad dtum burgum pertineñ et virtute p̄ntis carte n̄re daā et concess̄ vtq̄ premittitur hūmōi burgo vniñ et annexaā similiter adeoq̄ libere in omnibus respectibus ac si dictus burgus noster aliaq̄ supra-scripta insimul et contigue iacerent et non in diversis locis et partibus ac etiam si particulares sasine apud quamlibet partem aut locum earundem cum oībus solemnitatibus requisitis capte fuerint et non obstañ hūmōi penes que nos pro nobis et successoribus nōstris cum avisamento et consensu predicto dispensavimus ac per p̄ntis carte n̄re tenorem dispensamus imperpetuum Sic quod vnica sasina nunc capienda modo quo supra stabit et in se valida f̄tima et sufficiens erit absq̄ aliqua alia sasina hūmōi vel de aliqua earundem parte in futurum capienda TENENDUM et HABENDUM totum et integrum predictum nostrum burgum de Aberdene cum omnibus et singulis antedictis terris domibus edificiis hortis tenementis portu propugnaculo littore croftis acris rudis terris communibus terras de Rubslaw et Cruiffes Salmonum piscarias super dictis

of our said burgh and their successors for ever, for all and whole the foresaid burgh, and for all and sundry the foresaid lands, mills, possessions, waters, fishings, offices, annexes, connexes,* incorporations, and others, particularly and generally recited above, from of old pertaining to the said burgh, and given and granted in virtue of our present charter, and united and annexed to the said burgh as above set forth; in like manner and as freely in all respects as if our said burgh and others above written lay together and contiguous, and not in divers places and parts, and also as if particular sasines had been taken upon every part and place thereof, with all requisite solemnities, and notwithstanding [the omission] thereof, wherewith we, for us and our successors, with advice and consent aforesaid, have dispensed, and by the tenor of our present charter do dispense for ever; so that a single sasine now to be taken in manner as above shall stand and be in itself valid, lawful and sufficient, without any other sasine to be taken thereof, or of any part of the same, in future. TO BE HELD AND HAD all and whole our foresaid burgh of Aberdeen, with all and sundry foresaid lands, houses, buildings, yards, tenements, haven, blockhouse, shore, crofts, acres, roods, common lands, the lands of Rubis-

* "*Annexes and connexes*, a legal phrase denoting everything in any way connected with the right or property referred to." Jamieson's *Dictionary*.

aquis de Die et Done molendinis multuris castro montibus pratis suburbæ vocat̃ Futtie cum capellis cymbarum piscariis customis lic Bell-customes toloniis minutis customis ponderibus lic trone-weghtes mensuris lacubus viridariis anchoragiis ānuis redditibus mansionibus officiis vicecomitis Coronatoris et pacis Justiciarie eschaetis amerciamentis cum dicto officio visitandi inquirendi perscrutandi et experiendi dictas mensuras et pondera infra bondas supra specificat̃ cum feodis et divoriis huñoi ac cum dicto officio custodiendi et observandi antedtam mensuram lic Standart et Gadge Salmonum doliorum et vasorum eiusdemq̃ sig̃andi et gadgeandi cum feodis et privilegiis huñoi ac cum potestate et privilegio eligendi nominandi et p̃ntandi ministros et capellanos dictis ecclesiis et capellis proq̃ aliis particulariter et generaliter suprascrip̃ cum omnibus libertatibus privilegiis et pertineñ Memoratis Preposito Ballivis Decano gilde Thesaurario senatui burgensibus et Communitati antedicti burgi ñri de Aberdene suisq̃ suc̃coribus De nobis et successoribus ñris in libero burgo regio feodo hereditate libero burgagio libero Vicecomitis officio libero Coronatoris officio et libero pacis Justiciario infra bondas predic̃ imperpetuum per omnes rectas metas suas antiquas et divisas prout iacent in longitudine et latitudine in domibus edificiis

law and Cruives, the salmon fishings on the said waters of Dee and Don, with mills, multures, castle, hills, meadows, the suburb called Futtie, with chapels, boat fishings, customs, bell customs, tolls, petty customs, weights, tron weights, measures, lochs, links, anchorages, annual rents, dwelling-houses, offices of sheriff, coroner and justice of the peace, escheats, fines, with the said office of visiting, inspecting, searching and trying the said measures and weights within the bounds above specified, with the fees and duties thereof, and with the said office of keeping and observing the foresaid measure, the standard and gauge, of salmon barrels and vessels, and of stamping and gauging the same, with the fees and privileges thereof, and with power and privilege to choose, nominate and present ministers and chaplains to the said churches and chapels, and for others, particularly and generally above written, with all liberties, privileges and pertinents: by the said provost, baillies, dean of guild, treasurer, council, burgesses and community of our foresaid burgh of Aberdeen and their successors; of us and our successors in a free royal burgh, fee, heritage, free burgage, free office of sheriff, free office of coroner, and free justice of the peace, within the bounds aforesaid, for ever; by all their right meiths, ancient and divided, as they lie in length and

boscis planis moris marresiis viis semitis aquis stagnis rivolis pratis pascuis et pasturis molendinis multuris et eorum sequelis aucupationibus venationibus piscationibus petariis turbariis carbonibus carbonariis cuniculis cuniculariis columbis columbariis fabrilibus brasinis brueriis et genestis silvis nemoribus et virgultis lignis tignis lapicidiis lapide et calce cum curiis et earum exitibus amerciamentis herezeldis bludewitis et mulierum merchetis cum cōi pastura liberoq, introitu et exitu cumq, furca fossa * sok sak thoill theme vert wraik waith wair vennysoun in-fangtheiff outfangtheiff pitt et gallows ac cū oibus aliis et singulis liber-

breadth, in houses, buildings, woods, plains, moor's, marshes, ways, paths, waters, ponds, streams, meadows, pastures and pasturages, mills, multures and their sequels, hawkings, huntings, fishings, petaries, turbaries, coals, coal pits, rabbits, rabbit warrens, doves, dovecots, smithies, brew houses, heath and broom, woods, groves and thickets, firewood, timber, quarries, stone and lime, with courts and their issues, herezelds, bloodwits and merchets of women, with common pasture, free ish and entry; and with right of pit and gallows, sok, sak, thol, them, greenwood,

* "*Furca et fossa*—the right of pit and gallows, the true mark of a true baron in the ancient time, who had *curia vite et membrorum*, jurisdiction in life and limb. It was not the peculiar taste of our barbarous ancestors: all feudal lords through feudal Europe were equally fond and proud of the right of executing those whom they had first convicted and sentenced to death. . . . The Gallowhill is still an object of interest, and, I fear, of some pride, near our old baronial mansions; and I know some where the surrounding ground is full of the remains of the poor wretches who died by the baron's law. Perhaps the *fossa*—the pit—was for the female thief; for women sentenced to death were, for the most part, drowned."

"*Sac* is the abbreviation of *sacu*, and means *placitum*—a plea or suit at law, and the jurisdiction or right of judging in litigious suits. *Soc* again strictly denotes the district included within such a jurisdiction."

"*Thol* has sometimes been supposed to mean exemption from toll or custom. . . . But in the common case I confess I prefer the interpretation which makes *Thol*—the definite, technical privilege—the right of exacting the duty rather than the right of refusing to pay it."

"*Them* is explained by Kemble as warranty, a word which has a very great variety of meanings in connexion with jurisdictions and forms of process of old. . . . Some bond of mutual warranty, such as was known in England under the name of *frank pledge* . . . to such a system this old word *Them* may apply."

"*Infangthef* is a short way of expressing the right to judge and punish a thief caught 'with the fang' within the grantee's jurisdiction. *Outfangthef*, which is much less common, gave the same power over a thief caught beyond the jurisdiction of the lord, he being followed and caught with the fang."

Cosmo Innes' *Scotch Legal Antiquities*, pp. 55-59.

tatibus commoditatibus proficuis asiamentis ac iustis suis pertineñ quibuscunq̄ tam non nominañ quam nominañ tam subttus terra q^m supra terram procul et prope ad predicñ terras burgum aliaq̄ rextiue particulariter suprascrip̄ cum vniversis et singulis suis privilegiis et pertineñ quibuscunq̄ predicñ spectañ seu iuste spectare valeñ quomodolibet in futurum libere quiete plenarie integre honorifice bene et in pace sine aliqua revocatione contradictione impedimento aut obstaculo quocunq̄ REDDENDO inde ānuatim dicti Prepositus Ballivi Decanus gilde Thesaurarius Senatus burgenses et Communitas dicti burgi nostri de Aberdene suiq̄ successores nobis et successoribus n̄ris nostrisq̄ Thesaurariis et comptorum rotulatoribus n̄ris nominibus Summam ducentum et quatuordecim librarum sex solidorum et octo denariorum vsualis monete dicti regni n̄ri Scotie tanquam antiquam divoriam et censum augmentationemq̄ eiusdem pro censibus burgagiis dicti burgi nostri solvi solitam et consuetam et in scaccario nostro per auditores eiusdem ānuatim temporibus retroactis ad terminos solutionis vsitatos et consuetos receptam et allocatam nomine census burgalis secundum tenorem dicti ultimi infeofamenti huiusmodi specialiter supra mentionati NECNON PRO dictis officiis Vicecomitis Coronatoris et pacis Justiciarie aliisq̄

wreck, waif, seaware, venison, infangthef, outfangthef, and with all and sundry other liberties, advantages, profits, easements and their just pertinents whatsoever, both not named and named, both under the earth and above the earth, far and near, belonging, or which may in any way justly belong in time to come, to the fore-said lands, burgh, and others respectively, particularly above written, with all and sundry their privileges and pertinents whatsoever aforesaid, freely, quietly, fully, wholly, honourably and in peace, without any revocation, challenge, hindrance or obstacle whatsoever. PAYING therefor yearly the said provost, baillies, dean of guild, treasurer, council, burgesses and community of our said burgh of Aberdeen, and their successors, to us and our successors, and our treasurers and comptrollers in our names, the sum of two hundred and fourteen pounds six shillings and eight pence, usual money of our said kingdom of Scotland, as the ancient duty and maill and augmentation thereof, by way of burgh maills of our said burgh, used and wont in times past to be yearly paid, and received and allocated in our exchequer by auditors thereof at the terms of payment used and wont, in name of burgh maill, according to the tenor of the said last infetment thereof, specially above mentioned. AS ALSO FOR the said offices of sheriff, coroner and justice of

iurisdictionibus supra specificatis debitam et ittam Justitie administrationem in iisdem officiis et iurisdictionibus omnibus t̄pibus futuris vnacum servitio burgagio vsitato et consueto tantum pro omni alio onere exactione que de predicto burgo aliisq̄ prescrip̄i cum pertineñ per quoscunq̄ iuste exiḡi poterint quomodolibet vel requiri IN CUJUS REI TESTIMONIUM huic p̄nti carte n̄re confirmationis magnum sigillum n̄rm apponi precepimus TESTIBUS Reverendissimo in Christo Patre et predilecto n̄ro Consiliario Joanne S^{ti} Andree Archiepiscopo et n̄ro Cancellario predilectis n̄ris Consanguineis et Consiliariis Jacobo Marchione de Hamiltoun Comite Arranie et Cantabrigie Domino Aven et Innerdail &c Roberto Comite de Roxburgh Dñō Ker de Cessfurde et Cavertoun &c n̄ri secreti sigilli custode W^{mo} Comite de Sterling Vice^{te} de Cannada Domino Alex^r de Tulliebodie &c nostro secretario dilectis nostris familiaribus consiliariis Dominis Joanne de Barro Hay n̄rorum rotulorum reḡri ac consilii clerico Joanne Hamiltoune de Orbiestoun n̄re Justiciarie clerico et Joanne Scott de Scottistarvett nostre Cancellarie direttore Militibus apud Otlandis nono die mensis Septembris anno Domini millesimo sexcentesimo trigesimo octavo et anno regni nostri decimo quarto

the peace, and other jurisdiction̄ above specified, the due and lawful administration of justice in the same offices and jurisdictions in all time coming, together with burgage service used and wont only, in place of all other burden and exaction, which could in any way be justly exacted or required by any whatsoever from the foresaid burgh and others above written with the pertinents. IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have ordered our great seal to be appended to this our present charter of confirmation. WITNESSES: The most reverend father in Christ, and our well-beloved councillor, John, Archbishop of Saint Andrews, and our Chancellor; our well-beloved cousins and councillors, James, Marquis of Hamilton, Earl of Arran and Cambridge, Lord Aven and Innerdail, &c.; Robert, Earl of Roxburgh, Lord Ker of Cessford and Caverton, &c., Keeper of our Privy Seal; William, Earl of Stirling, Viscount of Canada, Lord Alexander of Tulliebodie, &c., our Secretary; our beloved familiar councillors, Sir John Hay of Barro, Clerk of our Rolls, Register, and Council; Sir John Hamilton of Orbieston, our Justice Clerk; and Sir John Scott of Scotstarvet, Director of our Chancery, Knights. At Otlands, the ninth day of the month of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and thirty-eight, and of our reign the fourteenth.

XLVII.

Carolus etc Quia nos considerantes ecclesiam Sancti Nicolai infra bur-
gum n̄rum de Aberdene esse principalem et precipuam ecclesiā parochia-
lem dicti n̄ri burgi et perprius fuisse propriam ecclesiam episcopatus
Abredonci atq̄ nunc nomen et titulum episcopatus dissolutum et sup-
pressum esse per leges et acta parlamenti n̄ri huius n̄ri regni e pio et
regio n̄ro amore ad augendam et promovendam religionem infra dictum
nostrum regnum nobis benigne visum est dare fundare mortificare et dis-
ponere dictam ecclesiam Sancti Nicolai cum omnibus decimis rectoriis et
vicariis eiusdem preposito ballivis consulibus et communitati dicti nostri
burgi nunc p̄ntibus eorumq̄ successoribus omni tempore affuturo Igitur
nos cum avisamento et consensu predilectorum nostrorum consanguin-
eorum et consiliariorum Joannis Comit̄is de Loudoun d̄ni Terrinzean et
Mauchline n̄ri cancellarii Archibaldi Marchionis de Argile et reliqua in
communi forma etc Deditimus concessimus fundavimus mortificavimus et
disposuimus tenoreq̄ p̄ntium cum avisamento et consensu predicto damus

XLVII.

*King Charles I. grants to the provost, baillies, etc., their parish church of St.
Nicholas. 11th November, 1641.*

CHARLES, etc. Whereas, considering that the church of St. Nicholas within
our burgh of Aberdeen is the chief and principal parish church of our said
burgh, and was formerly the proper church of the bishopric of Aberdeen,
and that now the name and title of the bishopric have been dissolved and
suppressed by the laws and the acts of our parliament of this our kingdom, it
has seemed right to us, from our pious and royal regard for the increase and
promotion of religion within our said kingdom, to give, found, mortify and dis-
pone the said church of St. Nicholas, with all the teinds thereof, parsonage
and vicarage, to the provost, baillies, councillors and community of our said
burgh now in office, and to their successors in all time to come: Therefore,
with advice and consent of our well-beloved cousins and councillors, John
Earl of Loudon, Lord Terrinzean and Mauchlin, etc., our chancellor, Archi-
bald Marquis of Argyll, and the rest in ordinary form, etc., we have given,
granted, founded, mortified and disposed, and by the tenor of these presents,
with advice and consent aforesaid, do give, grant, found, mortify and dis-
pone, to

concedimus fundamus mortificamus ac disponimus dictis preposito Ballivis consulibus et communitati dicti burgi nri de Aberdene nunc p̄tibus eorumq̄ successoribus omni tempore futuro Totam et integram predictam ecclesiam Sancti Nicolai cum oibus decimis rectoriis et vicariis eiusdem vnacum jure patronatus et p̄ta^onis ministrorum eidem toties quoties eadem vacare et occurrere contigerit in futurum remansu^r cum dictis preposito ballivis consulibus et communitate dicti nri burgi eorumq̄ successoribus imperpetuum omni tempore futuro Et similiter nos cum consensu predicto vnimus et annexamus dictam ecclesiam Sancti Nicolai et decimas rectorias et vicarias eiusdem cum dicto jure patronatus eiusdem ad predictum nostrum burgum de Abd Et ordinamus quod vnica sasina eiusdem nunc semel capienda per dictos prepositum ballivos consules et communitatem dicti nri burgi apud crucem foralem eiusdem stabit valida efficax et sufficiens erit sasina eiusdem eis imperpetuum omni tempore futuro absq̄ vlla necessitate nove sasine eiusdem capiende quocunq̄ tempore postea in futurum Tenend^a dictam ecclesiam Sancti Nicolai et omnes decimas rectorias et vicarias eiusdem cum jure patronatus dicte ecclesie et p̄ta^onis ministrorum ad eand^m prefatis preposito ballivis

the said provost, baillies, councillors and community of our said burgh of Aberdeen now in office, and to their successors in all time to come, all and whole, the foresaid church of St. Nicholas, with all the teinds thereof, parsonage and vicarage, together with the right of patronage and presentation of ministers thereto, as often as the same shall happen to occur and be vacant in future, to remain with the said provost, baillies, councillors and community of our said burgh, and their successors for ever in all time to come. And, likewise, with consent aforesaid, we unite and annex the said church of St. Nicholas, and the teinds thereof, parsonage and vicarage, with the said right of patronage thereof, to our foresaid burgh of Aberdeen. And we ordain that a single sasine thereon, once now taken by the said provost, baillies, councillors and community of our said burgh, at the market cross thereof, shall stand and be a valid, effective and sufficient sasine thereon for them for ever in all time to come, without any necessitate for a new sasine to be taken thereon at any time afterwards. To be held, the said church of St. Nicholas, and all the teinds, parsonage and vicarage thereof, with the right of patronage of the said church and of presentation of ministers thereto, by the foresaid provost,

consulibus et communitati dicti n̄ri burgi eorumq̄ successoribus de nobis et n̄ris successoribus in puram elimosinā imperpetuū Reddendo inde preces Deo omnipotenti pro n̄ro et successorum n̄rorum felici et prospero regno necnon sustentando ministrum apud dictum ecclesiam parochialem in quantum decime dicte parochie Sancti Nicolai extendi poterint Proviso q̄d p̄ntes sint absq̄ prejudicio n̄re annuitatis et provisionis ministrorū stipendiorum Vobis etc Apud Halyruidhous vndecimo die mensis Nōris anno D̄ni millesimo sexcentesimo quadragesimo primo Et regni n̄ri anno decimo septimo

XLVIII.

Carolus etc Quia nos considerantes secundum n̄rum warrantum et directionem examinaⁿem factam fuisse de conditione ministrorum burgi n̄ri de Aberdene et scholarum grammaticæ et musicæ ac typographi eiusdem burgi n̄ri et de suarum provisionum communitate Post quam examinaⁿem relatio facta fuit quod super et vltra instantem

baillies, councillors and community of our said burgh, and their successors in pure alms for ever. Rendering therefor prayers to Almighty God for a happy and prosperous reign to us and to our successors, as also paying stipend to the minister of the said parish church in so far as the said teinds of the parish of St. Nicholas can allow. Providing that these presents are without prejudice to our annuity and provision from ministers' stipends. To you, etc. At Holyrood House, the eleventh day of the month of November in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and forty-one, and of our reign the seventeenth.

XLVIII.

King Charles I. grants to the provost, baillies, etc., for support of the ministers of the burgh, the annual sum of £100 sterling from the rental of the Bishopric of Ross. 18th November, 1641.

CHARLES, etc. Whereas, considering that, according to our warrant and direction an examination was made into the condition of the ministers of our burgh of Aberdeen, and of the grammar and song and writing schools of our said burgh, and into the common fund for their allowances, after which examination, a report was made that over and above the present

prouisionem requiritur pro competenti sustenta^one ad vsus predictos annualis summa tricentarum triginta duarum librarum quindecem solidorum et septem denariorum monete strivilingeñ sicut relatio subscripta ab iis quibus commissa fuit potestas examinandi latius proportat Et nos considerantes magna damna a dicto burghi n^o de abd sustenta in suis nuperrimis turbula^onibus quibus omnimodo inhabiles facti sunt subeundi onus suorum ministrorum et solarum sustentati^onis sine n^o auxilio et supplemento Et nos quodammodo graciose placati vt eorum necessitas in eisdem supportatur et suppleatur Nos ideo graciose placati sumus concedere dicto burgo n^o de Abirdene pro sustenta^one suorum ministrorum annuaem summā centum librarum monete strivilingeñ et securitatem de eisdem eis dare modo sequenti Igitur nos cum avisamento et consensu predilectorum n^orum consanguineorum et consiliariorum Joannis Comitis de Lowdown dñi terrinzeane et mauchline n^{ri} magni Cancellarij huius regni n^{ri} Scotiæ etc et reliqua in cōmuni forma Dedimus concessimus mortificavimus et disposuimus tenoreq̄ pñtium cum avisamento et consensu predic^t damus concedimus mortificamus et disponimus preposito ballivis consiliarijs et communitati dicti n^{ri} burghi de Aberdene suisq̄ successoribus pro

allowance, there is needed for adequate support of the foresaid uses an annual sum of three hundred and thirty-two pounds fifteen shillings and seven pence, sterling money, as the report subscribed by those to whom was committed the power to examine more fully sets forth; And, considering the great losses sustained by our said burgh of Aberdeen, in its most recent disturbances, whereby [the inhabitants] are altogether unable to bear the burden of supporting their ministers and schools without our aid and supplement; And, being graciously pleased that their need therein should be relieved and cherished: We therefore have been graciously pleased to grant to our said burgh of Aberdeen for the support of their ministers an annual sum of one hundred pounds sterling money, and to give them security therefor in manner following. Therefore, with advice and consent of our well-beloved cousins and councillors, John, Earl of Loudon, Lord Terrinzeane and Mauchline, our high Chancellor of this our kingdom of Scotland, etc., and the rest in ordinary form, have given, granted, mortified and disposed, and by the tenor of these presents, with advice and consent aforesaid, do give, grant, mortify and dispone to the provost, baillies, councillors and community of our said burgh of Aberdeen,

vsu auxilio et supplemento sustenta^onis suorum ministrorum Totam et integram annuam divoriam centum librarum monete strivilingeñ āuatim levañ et percipieñ de primis et prōptioribus censibus feudi-firmæ firmis decimis et decimarum divorijs nuperrimi episcopatus Rossensis vel de aliqua eiusd parte Et specialiter de particularibus terris et locis subsequentibus Viž de davata et dimidia davata terrarum de Cullicudden dimidia davata terræ de Culbo davata terræ de wester Culbo davata terræ de Idoll quarteria siue quarta parte terrarum de Wodheid St. Mairtene Craighous et Balblair dimidia davata terræ de Kinbeachie terris de Vrqr̄t Essie Inchchulter Kenloch glas Balracoule Auchnagaid Bothmore Kinkell Annes terris de Arthour-seir Craigheid et easter Rachrie terris de Syressar Arconduch Kin-curdie Kilchoane Strommady et Little Moy terris de Alves Tarbert molendino de Tarbert Dibbidill molendino de Rosqueine terris de Kildermoir Auchnaculleine et de terris dñi de Lovat in prioratu de Bewlie Cum potestate prefatis preposito ballivis consilarijs et com-

and to their successors, and for the use, aid and increase of the income of their ministers, All and whole annual duty of one hundred pounds sterling money, to be uplifted and gathered yearly from the first and readiest maills, feu duties, teinds, and teind duties, of our late bishopric of Ross, or from any part thereof; and especially from the particular lands and places following, viz., from the davach* and half davach of the lands of Cullicudden, the half davach of land of Culbo, the davach of land of Wester Culbo, the davach of land of Udale, the quarter or fourth part of the lands of Woodhead, St. Martins, Craighouse and Balblair, the half davach of land of Kinbeachie, the lands of Urquhart, Ethie, Inchcoulter, Kinlochglass, Balracoul, Auchnagaid, Boathmore, Kinkell, Alnes; the lands of Ardersier, Craighead and Easter Raddery; the lands of Syressar, Arcandeith, Kincurdy, Kilchoane, Strommady and Little Moy; the lands of Alves, Tarbat, Mill of Tarbat, Dibidale, Mill of Rosskeen; the lands of Kildermorie, Auchnaculleine; and from the lands of Lord Lovat in the priory of Beaul: with power to the aforesaid provost, baillies, councillors and community of our said burgh of Aberdeen, and to their successors,

* *Davach*. "A measure of land known chiefly oyer the north-eastern counties. . . . It seems to follow that . . . half a davach consisted of two ploughs, and that a whole davach would be equal to four ploughs." Cosmo Innes' *Scotch Legal Antiquities*, pp. 271-3. Cf. *Proc. Soc. Ant. Scot.*, xviii., 258; xx., 200.

munitati dicti burgi n̄ri de ab̄d suisq̄ successoribus levanae predicti census feudifirmæ firmas decimas et decimaram divorias dicti particulariū t̄rarum aliorumque suprascript̄ a feoditarijs feudifirmarijs tenentibus assedatoribus aliisq̄ humōj debitoribus de croppa et anno Dñi millesimo sexcentesimo quadragesimo primo et ānuati omni tempore futuro eademq̄ vsibus predictis applicandi sicut nos cum consensu predicti dissolvimus predicti census feudifirmæ firmas decimas et decimarum divorias a dicto episcopatu Rossensi et beneficio eiusd̄ et annexavimus eadem dicto burgo n̄ro de ab̄d omni tempore affuturo ad vsus predictos Vobis etc Apud Halyrudhous decimo octavo die mensis Nōris āno Dñi millesimo sexcentesimo quadragesimo primo et regni n̄ri āno decimo septimo

XLIX.

King Charles II. ordains a letter to be expedē, confirming to the provost, baillies, etc., the grant made (18th November, 1641) by King Charles I. 10th April, 1661.*

Our Sovereigne Lord Ordaines An Letter to be made and expedē vnder his Ma^{ties} great Seals of his ancient Kingdome of Scotland In due form : Ratifying and approveing : Likeas, his Ma^{tie} hereby Ratifies and approves, an former Guift made and granted by his Ma^{ties} royall ffather (of ever blessed Memory) In favours of his ancient Burgh of Aberdene, and of the Ministers and Schooles thereof, of the date at Hallyrudhouse, the 18th day of November, 1641; And Giving,

to uplift the aforesaid maills, feu duties, teinds and teind duties of the said particular lands, and of others above written, from the feuars, tenants, lessees and others in debt thereto, for the crop and year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and forty-one, and annually in all time to come; and to apply the same to the uses aforesaid. And we, with consent aforesaid, dissolve the foresaid maills, feu duties, teinds and teind duties, from the said bishopric of Ross, and the benefit thereof, and annex the same to our said burgh of Aberdeen in all time to come, for the uses aforesaid. To you, etc. At Holyroodhouse, the eighteenth day of the month of November in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and forty-one, and of our reign the seventeenth.

* No. XLVIII., p. 201.

Granting, and of new disponcing, Likeas, his Ma^{tie} by these presents Gives, Grants, and of new dispones, To and in favours of the Provost, Baillies, Councello^{rs}, and Community of the said Burgh, and their successors ffor the vse, help, and behoofe of the Ministers thereof and other pious vses; All and haill an yearely Pension of an hundreth pounds sterling, To be payd yearely, out of the first and readiest Rents, ffewfermes, Teinds, and other ductyes whatsoever, of, or belonging, to the late Bishoprick of Rosse, or any part of the sam^y, And Especially of the lands and Others particularly designed and expressed, in the said Guift. With power to the said Provost, Balives, Councillors and Comunity of Aberdene foresaid, and their successors, To ask, crave, receive, intromett with, and vptake the pension aboue written from the ffewars, ffewfermers, Tennants and others lyable in payment for the sam^y; And that of all yeares and cropes bygane vnpayd; And siclike yearely and termely in tyme comeing, and the same to apply allenerly, to the vses foresaid, Conforme to the Tenor of the said former Guift, In every particular point and Clause, therein contained. And the said Letter be further extended in the best forme, with all clauses necessary: And these presents, to bee a sufficient warrant to the Director of the Chancellary and the Keeper of the great Seale, to write, and append the sam^y without passing any other Register or Seales. Given at Our Court, at Whitehall, the tenth day of Aprile 1661 and of our Regine, the 13th yeare.

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*King Charles II. ordains a letter of gift to be extended conveying to the provost, baillies, etc., the patronage of the church of Newhills. [Circa 1666.]**

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As also considering that by severall Charters Gifts, and Graunst, Maid by OUR SOVERAIGNE LORD His said vmq^{ll} father and others his Highness prediccors KINGS, AND QUEENS OF SCOTLAND In favours of the Provost, Baillies, Councill, and Comunitie of the said Burgh of Aberdcin, They have the right of Patronadge of all churches, Cheplenries Altarages and others builded, erected, and founded within

* The beginning of the document is torn.

the said Burgh, and limits therof AND Being now informed that ther wes ane kirk laittlie builded Be the deceast George Davidsons burges of the said Burgh vpon the bounds, and within the friedome of the foirsaid Burgh and territories therof, Called the kirk of Newhills, or Caplehills, And w^{ch} kirk is laittlie erected in ane Paroch kirk in all tyme coming, Be the Lords Comissioners for plantatione of kirks And valeuatione of teynd, And that the s^d George Davidsons for the mantinence of a Minister to serve the Cuir att the said kirk did Mortefie the towne and Lands of Newhills with ther pertinents hail rents, and Casualties thereof Holdin be him of the said Burgh of Aberdein, in frie Burgage Quhairthrough the Comon Good and Interest of the said Burgh Is in some pairt prejudged, and damnesied, In regard the Lands Mortefied, will not be lyable to bear stent and Impositiones, As the rest of ther Comone Lands does, And that they will want ane vassall to watch and ward with them, and to be lyable to all burdens, as the other Inhabitants are AND SICLYK Considering that the right of Patronadge Advocatione and Donacione, of the said kirk perteens, and belongis TO OUR SOVERAIGNE LORD By the Priveledge of the Croune, As not being appoynted, and determined be the said deceast George Davidsons, Founder, and Mortifier befor his deceass THERFOR OUR SOVERAIGNE LORD, With advyce of His Ma^{ties} Right trustie Cusings and Cowncillors Iohne Earle of Rothes etc Heigh Chancelor of Scotland, Iohne Earle of Lauderdaill soll Secretarie of Stait, Iohne Earle Tweddaill, Allexandr Earle of KinCarden, William Lord Bellendine, His Ma^{ties} Thesaurer deputt, William Lord Cochron his Ma^{ties} trustie Councillo^r Sr Robert Murray lait Justice Clerk, His Ma^{ties} Comissioners for the Thesaurie, Comptrollerie, and Thesaurie of new augmentationes within His kingdome of Scotland, And also with advyce and Consent of the Lords and others Comissioners of the Excheq^r of the said kingdome ORDAINES Ane Letter of Gift to be maid vnder his Ma^{ties} great Seall In dew and competent forme To his Heighness Lovits The Provost, Baylies, Councill, and Comunitie of the sd Burgh of Aberdeen and ther successors in all tyme coming, off the Advocatione, Donacione, and right of Patronage off the said new erected parochine and paroch kirk of Newhills, or Caplehills, hail privileges, Imunities, and Casualties thereto belonging, Or that is knowene to belong to aney others Patrons of parochines and parish

Churches within this said kingdome of Scotland WITH power to the sds Provest Baylies, and Cowncill of the sd Burgh of Aberdein To present Ministers for serving the Cuir att the said Kirk, To the said Mortefied steepend and mantinence, and to the provisiones granted and appoynted furth of the nixt adjasent parochine of Old Machar, for the better provisione of the Minister serving the cuir att the said new erected kirk, And to the Manse, and Gleb provyded or to be provyded to the saids Ministers, fruits, rents, emoluments, and dewties therof, teins, Customes and Casualties belonging therto And that the said Gift be farder extended in the best forme GIVEN ATT * * *

LI.

CAROLUS Dei gratia magnæ britannîe Franciæ et hiberniæ Rex fideiq̄ defensor Omnibus probis hominibus suis ad quos præsentēs literæ n̄ræ pervenerint Salutem SCIATIS Quia Nos animo nostro revolventes deploratam et tristem conditionem antiqui n̄ri burgi de Aberdein ejusq̄ civium in hoc antiquo Regno nostro Scotiæ ex gravi onere æris alieni per eos debiti eorum propriis mortificationibus aliisq̄ vsibus piis per eos contractis extruendo eorum portum instaurando eorum ecclesias et pontes de Don et dee et diversa alia publica opera eorumq̄ gravia damna tempore calamitoso nuper tumultum et rebellionis perpessa

II.

King Charles II. grants to the provost, baillies, etc., certain excise duties for a term of eleven years. 30th September, 1678.

CHARLES, by the grace of God King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, to all his good men to whom our present letters shall come, greeting. KNOW YE that we, reflecting on the deplorable and sad condition of our ancient burgh of Aberdeen and its citizens, in this our ancient kingdom of Scotland, owing to the heavy burden of debt due by them to their own mortifications and other pious uses, incurred by them in constructing their harbour, restoring their churches and the bridges of Don and Dee, and diverse other public works; and their heavy losses suffered in the late disastrous

Annui redditus quorum quidem debitorum excedit et exhaurit eorum publicum ærarium adeo ut si eorum creditores executione legum contra eos vterentur vna cum ruina cōmercii et paupertate civium dicī burgus et nostra gubernatio prope interitum esse videtur IDCIRCO Nos cupientes opem ferre Magistratibus et cōmunitati dicī burgi nostri de Aberdein Quoad solutionem dicī utq̄ eorum opera manufactoria instaurentur et cōmercium foveatur et noster gubernatio in dicto burgo adjuvetur proq̄ eorum incitamento ad persistendum in nostro servitio in posterum DEDIMUS concessimus disposuimus Tenoreq̄ præsentium pro causis antedicī et diversis aliis rationibus Nos moveñ Damus concedimus et disponimus præposito balivis et consulibus dicti burgi nostri de Aberdein nomine communitatis ejusdem Impositionem quatuor denariorum monetæ hujus Regni nostri Scotiæ super vnoquoq̄ pincto cerevisiæ concoctæ venditæ vel infra dicī burgum et libertates ejusdem absumptæ summam quinquaginta librarum monetæ prædicī super vnoquoq̄ dolio lie Tunn vini Gallici Sūmam Quinquaginta librarum monetæ prædicī super vnoquoq̄ dolio lie Butt vini Saccati seu hispanensis vel vini Rhenensis Summam duorum solidorū super vnoquoq̄ pincto vini exotici vocaī lie brandie wyne vel lie strong-

time of tumults and rebellion, the annual interest of which debts exceeds and exhausts their public revenue, so that if their creditors were to put the laws in execution against them, in addition to the ruin of the commerce and the destitution of the citizens, the said burgh and our government would be almost destroyed: We THEREFORE, being desirous to assist the magistrates and community of our said burgh of Aberdeen in the said payment, and in order that their manufactures should be restored and their commerce encouraged and our government in the said burgh upheld, and to incite them to continue in our service in the future, HAVE GIVEN, granted, disposed, and, by the tenor of these presents, for the causes aforesaid, and for diverse other reasons moving us, do give, grant and dispose to the provost, baillies and councillors of our said burgh of Aberdeen, in name of the community thereof, an impost of four pence, money of this our kingdom of Scotland, upon every pint of ale, brewed, sold or consumed within the said burgh and the liberties thereof; the sum of fifty pounds money aforesaid upon every tun of French wine; the sum of fifty pounds money aforesaid upon every butt of sack, or of Spanish or Rhenish wine; the sum of two shillings upon every pint of

waters et aquavite sive importaſ concocti vel vendiſ infra dicſ burgum CUM potestate dictis Magistratibus exigendi prædictam Impositionem super cerevisia zitho sive ad ratam viginti solidorum monetæ prædicſ super vnaquaꝫ bolla polenti concocti per quamcunꝫ personam seu personas intra dictum burgum et libertates ejusdem vel ad ratam quatuor denariorum super vnoquoꝫ pincto cerevisiæ et zithi potabilis vtrumcunꝫ eorū eis efficacius videbitur ET SIMILITER imponendi et exigendi Summam Tredecem solidorum et quatuor denariorum monetæ prædicſ super cadavere cujusꝫ bovis Summam duodecem solidorum monetæ prædicſ super cadavere cujusꝫ vaccæ Summam octo solidorum monetæ prædicſ super vnoquoꝫ vitulo pretii octo librarum Summam sex solidorum monetæ prædicſ super vnoquoꝫ vitulo minoris pretii Summam octo solidorum monetæ prædicſ super vnoquoꝫ porco Summam duorum solidorum ñotæ prædicſ super vnoquoꝫ vervece sūmam vnus solidi Scotici pro vnoquoꝫ agno quem contigerit vendi in publico foro dicſ burgi CUNCTÆ quæquid impositiones solvendæ sunt per venditores vini cerevisiæ zithi lic Brandie aquavite strongwaters per concoctores polenti invectores ejusdem et per laniones in dicto

foreign wine called brandy-wine or strong waters, and of aqua vitæ, whether imported, distilled or sold within the said burgh. WITH power to the said magistrates to exact the foresaid impost upon ale and beer, either at the rate of twenty shillings money aforesaid upon every boll of barley malted by any person or persons whatsoever within the said burgh and the liberties thereof, or at the rate of four pence upon every pint of ale and drinking beer, whichever of these shall seem to them more effective; AND LIKEWISE to impose and exact the sum of thirteen shillings and four pence money aforesaid upon the carcase of every ox, the sum of twelve shillings money aforesaid upon the carcase of every cow, the sum of eight shillings money aforesaid upon every calf of the value of eight pounds, the sum of six shillings money aforesaid upon every calf of less value, the sum of eight shillings money aforesaid upon every pig, the sum of two shillings money aforesaid upon every sheep, the sum of one shilling Scots for every lamb, that shall chance to be sold in the public market of our said burgh. ALL which imposts are to be paid by the sellers of wine, ale, beer, brandy, aqua vitæ, strong waters, by the malters of the barley or importers thereof, and by the butchers in our said burgh of Aberdeen and

burgo nostro de Aberdein et libertatibus ejusdem rextive ET quæquidem impositio super vino cerevisia aliisq; liquoribus antedictis declaratur esse et fore absq; præjudicio ordinariæ excisæ et annuitatis Nobis per actum parliamenti concessæ Et Nos volumus et declaramus impositiones antedictas et vnamquamq; earundem persistere et vim habere pro spatio vndecem annorum post primum diem mensis Novembris proxime futuri millesimo sexcentesimo septuagesimo octavo A quo tempore præsentis hæ literæ nostræ inchoature sunt et dictæ impositiones incipient CUM plena potestate præposito balivis et consulibus dicti burgi nostri eorumq; successoribus in dictis officiis de tempore in tempus duram annis et spatio supra expresso eorumq; colectoribus nominandis et eorum auctoritate muniendis levandi et exegendi antedictas imposiōnes pro solutione debitorum dicti burgi Idq; vel super cerevisia et zitho vel super bolla pollenti ut dictum est et super vino lie brandie aquavite et strongwaters carne et cadaveribus ad publicum forum allatis ut particulariter supra exprimitur Et acceptilationes desuper concedendi Ac pro eisdem namandi et distringendi Et generaliter cuncta alia eatenus gerendi et exercendi pro efficaci solutione faciendū earundē Similiter adeoq; libere sicut Magistratū et

the liberties thereof respectively. AND every impost upon wine, beer and other liquors aforesaid is declared to be, now and henceforth, without prejudice to the ordinary excise and annuity granted to us by Act of Parliament. And we will and declare that the imposts aforesaid and everyone thereof shall continue and have force for the space of eleven years after the first day of the month of November next to come, one thousand six hundred and seventy-eight, from which date these our present letters shall come into force and the said imposts shall begin. WITH full power to the provost, baillies and councillors of our said burgh, and their successors in the said offices, from time to time within the years and space above set forth, and to their collectors to be nominated and strengthened with their authority, to uplift and exact the foresaid imposts for the payment of the debts of the said burgh, and that either upon beer and ale, or upon the boll of barley as aforesaid, and upon wine, brandy, aqua vite and strong waters, flesh and carcases brought to the public market, as particularly set forth above; and to grant discharges thereupon; and to poind and distrain therefor; and generally to do and execute all other things thereanent for bringing about the effectual payment

consules cujusvis alterius burgi nostri Regalis infra hoc Regnum nostrum facere potuerat vel facere potuerit virtute quarumcunq; literarum privilegii similis naturæ per nos cuivis eorum concessę IN CUJUS REI TESTIMONIUM præsentibus magnum sigillum nostrum appendi mandavimus APUD Aulam nostram de Whytehall Trigesimo die mensis septembris Anno Domini Millesimo Sexcentesimo septuagesimo octavo et anno Regni nri Trigesimo

LII.

Anna Dei gratia Magnæ Britanniæ Franciæ et Hiberniæ Regina fideiq; defensor, OMNIBUS probis hominibus totius terræ suæ Clericis et laicis Salutem, Sciatis nos cum avisamento et consensu [ut in alijs Cartis consimilis datæ præcedē] Dedisse, concessisse disposuisse et hac præsentī Carta nostra Confirmasse, Tenoreq; ejusdem Dare concedere disponere, et pro nobis et successoribus nostris pro perpetuo

of the same; in like manner and as freely as the magistrates and councillors of any other our royal burgh within this our kingdom can or could do in virtue of any letters of privilege whatsoever of like nature granted by us to any one of them. IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have ordered our great seal to be appended to these presents. AT our court of Whitehall, the thirtieth day of the month of September in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and seventy-eight, and of our reign the thirtieth.

LII.

Queen Anne grants to the provost, baillies and dean of guild the teinds of the Cruives, within and below, in the Don for payment of the yearly feu-duties: £38 Scots to the Minister of St. Nicholas, and 11s. 8d. to the Crown. 31st July, 1702.

ANNE, by the grace of God Queen of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, TO ALL good men of her whole land, churchmen and laymen, greeting. Know ye that with advice and consent [as in other previous charters of like date*] we have given, granted, disposed, and by the present charter have confirmed, and by the tenor thereof do give, grant, dispose, and

* Recorded in *Registrum Magni Sigilli*.

Confirmare Joanni Allardice præsentī præposito burgi de Aberdein, Alexandro Ray, Joanni Ross, Alexandro Drem et Alexandro Forbes de Ludquharn ballivis et Jacobo Catanach decano gildæ dicti burgi et eorum successoribus præposito ballivis decano gildæ Concilio et Communitati ejusdem burgi pro usu et beneficio Communitatis ejusmodi, sine ulla redemptione reversione seu regressu in perpetuum, TOTAM et integram Salmonum piscationem subtus specificat̃, VIZ: OMNES et singulas Salmonum pisces cum pertineñ quæ olim pertinuerunt ad EPISCOPUM ABERDONIEÑ tam ratione decimarum quam temporalium jurium vel ullo alio modo prædeñ et capieñ quibuscunq̃ temporibus infra [*sic*, cf. p. 214] piscationem de lie Cruives tam infra [*sic*] dict̃ lie Cruives quam infra eandem Super aquam de Don extendeñ in numero ad Sextam Salmonum piscem et Septimam Salmonum piscem omnium piscium cujuscunq̃ generis Salmonum piscium et cujuscunq̃ alterius generis piscium VIZ: lie laxes grilses trouts et aliorum piscium quorumcunq̃ predeñ et capieñ super dict̃ piscatione ut prædicitur cum privilegijs et pertineñ ad eandem spectañ Jaceñ in parochia de St Marchar [*sic*] et vicecomitatu de Aberdein QUÆQUIDEM piscatio Salmonum perprios hæreditarie pertinuit ad Jacobum Gordon de Seatoun, et per illum

for us and our successors for ever confirm, to John Allardyce, for the time being provost of the burgh of Aberdeen, Alexander Ray, John Ross, Alexander Drem, and Alexander Forbes of Ludquharn, baillies, and James Catanach, dean of guild of the said burgh, and their successors, provost, baillies, dean of guild, council and community of the same burgh, for the use and benefit of the said community, without any redemption, reversion or withdrawal for ever, ALL and whole the salmon fishing under specified—namely, ALL and sundry the salmon with the pertinents which formerly belonged to the Bishop of Aberdeen, to be caught or taken by way of teinds or of temporalities, or in any other way, at any time whatsoever, within the fishing of the Cruives, as well within the said Cruives as below the same on the water of Don, extending in number to the sixth salmon fish and the seventh salmon fish of all fishes of any kind, salmon fishes and any other kind of fish, viz.: lax, grilse, trout and other fishes whatsoever caught and taken on the said fishing as aforesaid, with the privileges and pertinents belonging thereto, lying in the parish of St. Machar and sheriffdom of Aberdeen; WHICH salmon fishing formerly belonged in heritage to James Gordon of Seaton, and by him and his lawful procurators in his name specially constituted for this pur-

ejusq; legitimos procuratores ejus nomine ad hunc effectum specialiter constitutū virtute procuratoriæ resignationis contenī in dispositione concessā ab illo Jacobo Moir de Stonywood ejusq; hæredibus et assignatis de data tertio die mensis Decembris anno Domini millesimo sexcentesimo nonagesimo octavo, Cum omni debita reverentia et humilitate uti decet pure et simpliciter ut moris est per fustim et baculum debite et legitime resignā fuit in manibus dicī Dominorum Commissionariorum nostri Thesaurarij et Scaccarij, potestatem et commissionem habentē a nobis recipere resignationes et desuper concedere nova infeofamenta, tanquam in manibus nostris immediati legitimi superioris ejusdem tanquam deveniē in locum Episcopi Aberdoniē virtute acti parlamenti Episcopatum aboliē apud Edinburgum decimo die mensis Julij instantis in favorem et pro hoc novo nostro infeofamento earundem faciend et concedend dictis præposito ballivis et decano gildæ dicti burghi de Aberdein pro seipsis, et in nomine et tanquam representant Concilium et Communitatem ejusdem et eorum successoribus in loco et officio, hæreditarie et irredimabiliter omni tempore futuro Et hoc tanquam assignatis et jus habend prædictæ dispositionis et procuratoriæ resignationis inibi contenī virtute dispositionis et assignationis illis con-

pose, by virtue of a procuratory of resignation contained in a disposition granted by him to James Moir of Stonywood and his heirs and assignees, of date the third day of the month of December in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and ninety-eight, with all due reverence and humility, as is becoming, purely and simply, as is the custom, by staff and baton, was duly and lawfully resigned into the hands of the said Lords Commissioners of our Treasury and Exchequer, having power and commission from us to receive resignations, and thereon to grant new infeftments, as in the hands of us the immediate lawful superior thereof (as coming in place of the Bishop of Aberdeen, by virtue of the Act of Parliament abolishing Episcopacy), at Edinburgh the tenth day of July current, in favour of, and in order that this our new infeftment thereof might be made and granted to, the said provost, baillies and dean of guild of the said burgh of Aberdeen, for themselves and in name of and as representing the council and community thereof, and their successors in place and office, heritably and irredeemably in all time to come : And this as to the assignees and those having right to the foresaid disposition and procuratory of resignation therein contained, by virtue of the disposition and assignation granted to them by the said James

cess per dictum Jacobum More ea circa de data decimo quinto die mensis Maij anno Domini millesimo septingentesimo primo TENEN de nobis et Successoribus nostris modo Subscrip̄ Et hoc in tali debita et competentī forma uti congruit Sicuti authentica instrumenta desuper suscepta in manibus Magistri Arthur Forbes notarij publici latius proportant. TENEN et HABEN dic̄ piscationem cum pertineñ ejusmodi quibuscunq̄, tam ratione decimarum quam jurium temporalium seu ullo alio modo capieñ et predeñ quocunq̄, tempore intra piscationem dic̄ lie Cruives tam bene intra dic̄ lie Cruives quam infra eandem super dic̄ aquam de Don extendeñ ad sextam et septimam piscem omnis generis piscium predeñ super dic̄ aqua, dictis præposito ballivis et decano gildæ et eorum successoribus pro usu et beneficio communitatis dicti burgi, De nobis et successoribus nostris superioribus ejusmodi, in feodo et hereditate in perpetuum, per omnes rectas metas suas antiquas et divisas prout jacent in longitudine et latitudine, et sicut tales pisces capiuntur per omnes partes et bondas dic̄ piscationis supra dicta aqua de Don cum omnibus partibus et privilegijs, etc. REDDENDO inde annuatim dicti præpositus ballivi decanus gildæ, Concilium et communitas dicti burgi de Aberdeen præsentī rectori de St. Nicolas et ejus

More thereanent, of date the fifteenth day of the month of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and one : To be held of us and our successors in manner subscribed, and this in such due and competent form as accords, as the authentic instruments therefrom taken in the hands of Master Arthur Forbes, notary public, more fully set forth. TO BE HELD AND HAD the said fishing with the pertinents thereof whatsoever, to be caught or taken, whether by way of teinds or of temporalities, or in any other way, at any time whatsoever, within the said fishing of the Cruives as well within the said Cruives as below the same upon the said water of Don, extending to the sixth and seventh fish of all kinds of fishes caught upon the said water, by the said provost, baillies and dean of guild and their successors, for the use and benefit of the community of the said burgh, of us and our successors superiors thereof, in fee and heritage for ever, by all their right meiths, ancient and divided, as they lie in length and breadth, and as such fishes are taken through all the parts and bounds of the said fishing on the said water of Don, with all the parts and privileges, etc. PAVING therefor yearly the said provost, baillies, dean of guild, council and community of the said burgh of Aberdeen to present rector of St Nicholas, and his

successoribus curam serviē apud dicē Ecclesiam tanquam jus habēñ virtute dispositionis concess^o per Patricium Episcopum de Aberdein de data decimo quarto die mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo sexcentesimo et decimo tertio summam viginta octo libras monetæ Scotiæ. ET similiter Reddendo nobis et successoribus nostris tanquam deveniēñ in locum dicti Episcopi summam undecem solidorum et octo denario- rum monetæ prædicī ad duos anni terminos festa VIZ. pentecostes et Sti Martini hieme per æquales portiones nomine feudifirmæ, ET si con- tigerit dicē præpositum, ballivos, decanum gildæ, Concilium et com- munitatē dicti burgi seu eorum successores deficere in solutione præ- dictæ feudifirmæ annuatim et terminatim ut prædicatur sicut unus terminus curret in alium non soluñ, Tunc illi duplicabunt dictam feudifirmam, ET si duo termini current in tertium non soluñ post legiti- mam requisitionem eacirca faciend, TUNC præsens infeofamentum nos- trum cadet et expirabit et postea nullius valoris aut momenti erit. ET in eo casu legitimum erit nobis nostrisq, prædicī super dicta piscatione ad placitum disponere, pro omni alio onere, etc. INSUPER vicecomiti et ballivis suis de Aberdein, necnon dilectis nostris

et eorum quilibet conjunctim et divisim vicecomitibus

successors serving the cure of the said church, as having right by virtue of the disposition granted by Patrick, Bishop of Aberdeen, of date the fourteenth day of the month of April in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and thir- teen, the sum of twenty-eight pounds money of Scotland: And likewise paying to us and our successors, as coming in place of the said Bishop, the sum of eleven shillings and eight pence money aforesaid at two terms of the year, viz., the feast of Pentecost and of St Martin in winter, by equal portions in name of feufarm. And if it shall happen that the said provost, baillies, dean of guild, council and com- munity of the said burgh, or their successors, fail to pay the foresaid feu-duty yearly and termly as aforesaid, so that one term shall run into another unpaid, then they shall double the said feu-duty; and if two terms shall run into a third unpaid, after the lawful requisition to be made thereanent, then our present infetment shall fall and expire, and shall afterwards be of no strength or moment. And in that case it shall be lawful for us and our foresaids to dispoñe the said fishings at pleasure, for all other, etc. Moreover, to the sheriff and his baillies of Aberdeen, as also to our beloved and each of them conjointly and severally our sheriffs of the shire of Aberdeen in this part

nostris in hac parte vicē de Aberdein specialiter constituē Salutem, Vobis præcipimus et mandamus quatenus præfāt præposito Joanni Allardyce, ballivis decano gildæ, Concilio et communitati dicti burghi de Aberdein, vel eorum certo actornato latori presentium, sasinam dicī Salmonum piscationis cum pertinēci ejusdem quibuscunq̄ jaceñ ut præfertur secundum formam et tenorem antedictæ Cartæ nostræ quam de nobis inde habent juste haberi faciatis sine dilatione. Et hoc nullo modo omittatis. Ad quod faciendum vobis et vestrum cuilibet conjunctim et divisim vicecomitibus nostris vicē de Aberdein in hac parte antedicti, committimus potestatem. IN CUJUS rei testimonium huic presenti Cartæ nostræ Magnum Sigillum nostrum appendi mandavimus, Testibus [ut in alijs Cartis consimilis data præcedē] Apud Edinburgum trigesimo primo die mensis Julij anno Domini millesimo septingentesimo secundo et anno regni nostri primo.

LIII.

GEORGIUS Dei Gratia Magnæ Britanniaë Franciaë et Hiberniaë Rex fideiq̄ defensor OMNIBUS probis hominibus totius terre sue clericis et

specially constituted, greeting: We charge and command you without delay to give in due form to the foresaid provost, John Allardyce, the baillies, dean of guild, council and community of the said burgh of Aberdeen, or their undoubted attorney bearing these presents, sasine of the said salmon fishing, with the pertinents thereof whatsoever lying as aforesaid, according to the form and tenor of our foresaid charter, which they have of us thereupon; and this in no wise to omit. For which end we grant power to you and each one of you, conjointly and severally our sheriffs of the shire of Aberdeen in this part aforesaid. In witness whereof we have ordered our great seal to be appended to this our present charter. Witnesses [as in other previous charters of like date]. At Edinburgh, the thirty-first day of the month of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and two, and of our reign the first.

LIII.

King George II. grants to the provost, baillies, etc., the teinds of the parish of St. Nicholas. 16th June, 1737.

GEORGE, by the grace of God King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, TO ALL good men of his whole land, churchmen and

Laicis Salutem QUIA Nos considerantes Ecclesiam Sancti Nicolai intra burghum de Aberdeen esse principalem Ecclesiam parochialem dicē civitatis et olim fuisse propriam Ecclesiam Episcopi Abredonensis Et quod sup-presso in Scotia Episcopatu Carolo primo Regi beatæ memoriæ benigne visum est ad pastores curæ apud dicē Ecclesiam inservientes melius sup-peditandos et sustentandos DARE et MORTIFICARE Præposito Balivis Consiliariis et Communitati dicti Burgi de Aberdeen eorumq; in officio Successoribus Totas et integras Decimas Rectorias et Vicarias dicē Ecclesiæ et parochiæ Sancti Nicolai Secundum Cartam sub magno Sigillo Scotie concessã undecimo die Novembris anno Domini Millesimo Sexcentesimo quadagesimo primo Que Carta decimo septimo die dicē mensis Novembris in Parlamento Scotie ratificata fuit et Sasina dicē Communitati desuper data Et quod mense Aprilis Anno Domini Millesimo Sexcentesimo Sexagesimo primo Carolus Secundus Rex beatæ memoriæ warrantum sub manu sua regali concessit pro carta confirmationis omnium priorum donationum aliorumve jurium per Regios suos Prædecessores in favorem dicē civitatis concessã quod ineffi-

laymen, greeting. WHEREAS We, considering that the church of St. Nicholas, within the burgh of Aberdeen, is the chief parish church of the said city, and was formerly the proper church of the bishop of Aberdeen, and that on the suppression of Episcopacy in Scotland it seemed fit to King Charles I. of blessed memory to GIVE and MORTIFY to the provost, baillies, councillors and community of the said burgh of Aberdeen, and their successors in office, for the better support and maintenance of the ministers serving the cure in the said church, all and whole the parsonage and vicarage teinds of the said church and parish of St. Nicholas, according to the charter granted under the great seal of Scotland on the eleventh day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and forty-one,* which charter was ratified in the Parliament of Scotland,† and sasine thereon given to the said community, on the seventeenth day of the said month of November, and that in the month of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and sixty-one, King Charles II. of blessed memory granted a warrant under his royal hand for a charter of confirmation of all former gifts or other rights granted by his royal predecessors in favour of the said city,‡ which was rendered void

* No. XLVII., p. 199.

† No. XXV., p. 258.

‡ No. XLIX., p. 204.

cax redditum fuit quoad decimas per Restitutionem Episcopatus anno Domini millesimo Sexcentesimo Sexagesimo secundo ET NOS ETIAM Considerantes quod jus dicī decimarum per Leges in Nos revertit et nunc n̄ræ Regiæ donationis et Dispositionis est Et quod dicī decimæ ad sustentandos pastores curæ infra dicī parochiam inservientes naturaliter designantur Et quod applicatio earundem in dicī usum ad Relevium dicī Magistratum et Communitatis magnopere tenderet qui nullam Stipem habentes pro maxima parte pastorum Stipendorum solvenda pecunias hunc in finem mutue accipere necessario coguntur ex quo debitum Communitatis valde auctum est et semper crescere oportet ET NOS ex Regia nostra Benignitate et Benevolentia Volentes decimas dicī parochiæ magistratibus et Communitati dicī Burgi De Novo Dare et Mortificare ad pastores apud dicī Ecclesiam curæ inservientes melius suppeditandos et sustentandos Et Communitatem pro tanto de Stipendiis pastoribus ejusdem solubilibus relevandam Igitur Et tanquam insigne nostræ Regiæ Benevolentiæ erga magistratus et Incolas dicī Civitatis Iudicium Et pro multis magnis et insignibus Servitiis per illos nobis nostrisq; Regiis prædecessoribus factis et præstitis Nos cum

with respect to the teinds by the restoration of Episcopacy in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and sixty-two; AND WE ALSO, considering that the right to the said teinds did by law revert to us and is now in our royal gift and disposal, and because the said teinds are naturally designed to maintain the ministers serving the cure within the said parish, and because the application thereof to the said use would tend very greatly to the relief of the said magistrates and community, who, having no endowment for paying the greater part of the ministers' stipends, are of necessity compelled to borrow money therefor, whereby the debt of the community has been much increased and must always continue to increase; AND WE, of our royal favour and benevolence, wishing of new to give and mortify the teinds of the said parish to the magistrates and community of the said burgh for the better support and maintenance of the ministers serving the cure in the said church and for the relief of the community *pro tanto* from payment of the ministers' stipends: Therefore, and as a prominent mark of our great favour for the magistrates and inhabitants of the said city, and in return for many great and eminent services done and rendered by them to us and our royal predecessors, We, with special advice and consent of Matthew Lant, Esquire, lord chief baron

speciali Avisamento et consensu Mathei Lant Armigeri Domini capitalis Baronis Scaccarij nostri in illa parte Magnæ Britaniæ Scotia vocaē Domini Ioannis Clerk de Pennycuick Georgii Dalrymple Thome Kennedy et Edwardi Edlin Armigerorum reliquorum Baronum dicē Scaccarij Dedimus Concessimus Mortificavimus Et pro perpetuo Confirmavimus Sicuti tenore præsentium cum avisamento et consensu prædicē Damus Concedimus et Mortificamus Et pro nobis nostrisq; Regiis Successoribus pro perpetuo Confirmamus nostris dilectis Præposito Balivis Consiliariis et Communitati dicē civitatis de Aberdeen nunc præsentibus eorumque successoribus pro perpetuo omni tempore futuro Totas et integras Decimas dicē parochialis Ecclesiæ et parochiæ Sancti Nicolai Rectorias et vicarias cum integris proficuis Libertatibus et pertinentibus earundem ET NOS VOLUMUS et Declaramus Quod hæc præsens Carta nullo modo intelligetur tanquam donatio ullius additionalis Stipendii pastoribus dicē Burgi plusquam pro præsentibus illis a Magistratibus et Communitate stabilitur Sed vera intentio et significatio hujus donationis est quod dicē decimæ in solutionem dicē Stipendiorum pro tanto applicando sint ob relevium Communitatis et Incolarum dicē Burgi de iisdem Stipendiis ad dicē decimarum valorem et extentum Et nos cum consensu prædicē unimus et annexamus dicē decimas ad

of our Exchequer in that part of Great Britain called Scotland, John Clerk of Pennycuick, George Dalrymple, Thomas Kennedy, and Edward Edlin, esquires, remanent barons of the said Exchequer, have given, granted, mortified and for ever confirmed, as by the tenor of these presents, with advice and consent aforesaid, We give, grant and mortify, and for us and our royal successors for ever confirm, to our beloved provost, baillies, councillors and community of the said city of Aberdeen at the present time, and their successors for ever in all time to come, All and whole the teinds of the said parish church and parish of Saint Nicholas, parsonage and vicarage, with whole profits, liberties and pertinents thereof. AND WE WILL and declare that this present charter is in nowise to be understood as a gift of any additional stipend to the ministers of the said burgh over and above what is at present guaranteed to them by the magistrates and community, but the true intention and meaning of this gift is that the said teinds be applied *pro tanto* in payment of the said stipends to relieve the community and inhabitants of the said burgh from the same stipends, to the value and extent of the said teinds. And we with

dic̄ Burgum de Aberdeen ET ORDINAMUS quod unica Sasina capiend̄ per dic̄ Præpositum Balivos Consiliarios et Communitatem apud crucem forealem dic̄ Burgi de Aberdeen vel super solo cujusvis partis vel portionis dic̄ terrarum intra dic̄ parochiam Sancti Nicolai per traditionem manipuli Graminis vel Segitis dic̄ terrarum solummodo sine ullo alio symbolo Est et erit valida et sufficiens Sasina pro dic̄ totis et integris decimis Rectorijs et vicarijs pro perpetuo omni tempore futuro absq; necessitate novam Sasinam postea capiendi TENEND̄ et HABEND̄ dic̄ totas et integras Decimas Rectorias et vicarias dic̄ parochiæ quæ jacet in vicecomitatu de Aberdeen dic̄ præposito Balivis Conciliariis et Communitati dic̄ Burgi eorumque Successoribus De nobis nostrisq; Regiis Successoribus in puram Elemosinam pro perpetuo cum libero introitu et exitu ac cum omnibus aliis libertatibus proficuis et commoditatibus ad easdem spectantibus Libere quiete bene et in pace sine ulla revocatione obstaculo aut impedimento quocunq; REDDENDO inde præces Deo Omnipotenti pro nostro et nostrorum Reginum Successorum felici et prospero Regno Necnon applicando dic̄ decimas in solutionem Stipendiorum pastoribus dic̄ Burgi stabilī et Relevando dic̄ Com-

consent aforesaid unite and annex the said teinds to the said burgh of Aberdeen. AND WE ORDAIN that a single sasine to be taken by the said provost, baillies, councillors and community at the market cross of the said burgh of Aberdeen, or upon the ground of any part or portion of the said lands within the said parish of St. Nicholas, by delivery of a handful of the grass or corn of the said lands only without any other symbol, is and shall be a valid and sufficient sasine for all and whole the said teinds, parsonage and vicarage, for ever in all time to come, without the necessity of taking a new sasine afterwards. TO BE HELD AND HAD all and whole the said teinds, parsonage and vicarage, of the said parish, which lies in the shire of Aberdeen, by the said provost, baillies, councillors and community of the said burgh and their successors, of us and our royal successors, in pure alms for ever, with free ish and entry, and with all other liberties, profits and advantages belonging thereto, freely, quietly, well and in peace, without any revocation, obstacle or hindrance whatsoever. RENDERING therefor prayers to Almighty God for a happy and prosperous reign for us and our royal successors; as also applying the said teinds to pay the stipends guaranteed to the ministers of the said burgh, and relieving the said community and inhabitants from the said stipends to

munitatem et Incolas de dic̄ Stipendiis ad dic̄ decimarum valorem et extantum PRÆTEREA NOS VOLUMUS ET DECLARAMUS quod hæc præsens Carta cuius personæ seu personis jus seu titulum ad decimas dic̄ parochiæ vel ullius ejusdem partis per assedationem seu aliter haberi nullatenus lædet seu præjudicabit Insuper vicecomiti et Balivis suis de Aberdeen nec non Dilectis nostris

Et vestrum cuilibet conjunctim et divisim vicecomitibus nostris viç de Aberdeen in hac parte specialiter constituam salutem Vobis Præcipimus et mandamus Quatenus Præposito Balivis Conciliariis et Communitati dic̄ Civitatis de Aberdeen nunc præsentibus eorumq̄ Successoribus pro perpetuo omni tempore futuro vel eorum certo Actornato latori præsentium Sasinam Totarum et integrarum Decimarum dic̄ parochialis Ecclesiæ et parochiæ Sancti Nicolai Rectoriarum et vicariarum cum integris proficuis libertatibus et pertinentiis earundem (sub declaratione tamen supramentionatâ) Secundum formam et tenorem antedic̄ Cartæ nostræ quam de nobis inde habent unionis annexationis et dispensationis prædic̄ juste haberi faciatis sine dilatione Et hoc nullo modo omittatis ad quod faciendum vobis et vestrum cuilibet conjunctim et divisim vicecomitibus nostris viç de Aberdeen in hac parte antedic̄ Committimus potestatem In

the value and extent of the said teinds. FURTHER, WE WILL AND DECLARE that this present charter shall in nowise hurt or prejudice any person or persons having right or title by tack or otherwise to the teinds of the said parish or of any part thereof. Moreover, to the sheriff and his baillies of Aberdeen and to our beloved and to each one of you, conjointly and severally, our sheriffs of the shire of Aberdeen, in this part, specially constituted, greeting: We charge and command you without delay to give in due form to the provost, baillies, councillors and community of the said city of Aberdeen for the time being, and their successors for ever in all time to come, or their undoubted attorney bearing these presents, sasine of all and whole the teinds of the said parish church and parish of St. Nicholas, parsonage and vicarage, with whole profits, liberties and pertinents thereof (under, however, the declaration aforesaid), according to the form and tenor of our foresaid charter of union, dispensation and annexation aforesaid, which they have of us thereupon; and this in nowise to omit. For which end we grant power to you and each one of you, conjointly and severally, our sheriffs of the shire of

cujus rei testimonium huic præsentî Cartæ nostræ sigillum nostrum per unionis tractatum custodiend et in Scotia vice et loco magni Sigilli ejusdem utend ordinaï appendi mandavimus Testibus prædilecto nostro consanguineo Carolo Comite de Selkirk nobis ab Archivis et Registris clerico et prædilectis nostris Andrea Fletcher de Milntown nostræ Justiciariæ clerico et Roberto Kerr Armigero nostræ cancellariæ direttore Apud Aulam Nostram de St. James's decimo sexto die mensis Iunij anno Domini millesimo septingesimo trigesimo septimo Regniq, nostri anno undecimo

LIV.

GEORGIUS TERTIUS Dei gratia Britanniarum Rex fidei defensor OMNIBUS probis hominibus totius terræ suæ Clericis et Laicis salutem SCIATIS Quod Nos propter favorem quem habemus erga prædilectos nostros Præpositum Balivos Thesaurarium Concilium et Communitatem

Aberdeen in this part aforesaid. In witness whereof we have ordered to be appended to this our present charter our seal ordained by the treaty of Union to be preserved and used in Scotland in stead and in place of the great seal thereof. Witnesses: Our well-beloved cousin, Charles, Earl of Selkirk, clerk of our archives and registers; and our well-beloved Andrew Fletcher of Milntoun, our Justice Clerk; and Robert Kerr, Esquire, Director of our Chancery. At our Court of St. James', on the sixteenth day of the month of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty-seven, and of our reign the eleventh.

LIV.

King George III. grants to the Treasurer of Aberdeen, for behoof of the provost, baillies, etc., the right of salmon fishing in the sea adjacent to the burgh lands in Kincardineshire. 1st February, 1804.

GEORGE the THIRD, by the grace of God King of Britain, Defender of the Faith, TO ALL good men of his whole land, churchmen and laymen, greeting. KNOW YE that for the favour which we have towards our well-beloved provost, baillies, treasurer, council and community of the city of

Civitatis de Aberdeen cum speciali avisamento et consensu Roberti Dundas Armigeri curiæ Scaccarii nostræ in hac parte regni nostri Magnæ Britanniæ Scotia vocata Capitalis Baronis Fletcheri Norton Armigeri Domini Joannis Dalrymple Hamilton M^cGill Baronetti Archibaldi Cockburn et Georgii Buchan Hepburn Armigerorum dic' Scaccarii nostri remaneñ Baronum DEDIMUS Concessimus et Disposuimus sicuti nos per præsentēs cum avisamento et consensu prædic' Damus Concedimus et Disponimus et pro Nobis nostrisque regiis successoribus in perpetuum CONFIRMAMUS dicto Thesaurario Civitatis de Aberdeen atque successoribus suis hunc Magistratum gesturis pro commo dicti Præpositi Balivorum Thesaurarii Concilii et Communitatis dictæ Civitatis et eorum Assignatis hæreditarie et irredimabiliter **JUS SALMONUM PISCATIONIS** in Mari adjacenti terris in quibus dictus Thesaurarius pro commo prædicto stat hæreditarie infeodatus et sasitus in Vicecomitatu de Kincardine per Littus Maris jacentibus **ATQUI** per præsentēs specialiter providetur et declaratur quod dic' Jus Piscationis non extendetur versus septentrionem ultra promontorium voca' Girdleness nec versus meridiem ultra Lapidem Numero decimo signatum in quadam Ichnographia dic' terrarum et Littoris Maris in

Aberdeen, with the special advice and consent of Robert Dundas, Esquire, Chief Baron of our Court of Exchequer in that part of our kingdom of Great Britain called Scotland; Fletcher Norton, Esquire; Sir John Dalrymple Hamilton M^cGill, Baronet; Archibald Cockburn and George Buchan Hepburn, Esquires, remanent Barons of our said Exchequer, **WE HAVE GIVEN**, granted, and disposed, as we by these presents with advice and consent aforesaid do give, grant and dispone, and for us and our royal successors for ever **CONFIRM** to the said treasurer of the city of Aberdeen, and his successors who shall hold this office, for behoof of the said provost, baillies, treasurer, council and community of the said city, and their assignees, heritably and irredeemably, **THE RIGHT OF SALMON FISHING** in the sea adjacent to the lands in which the said treasurer stands heritably infest and seised for the foresaid behoof, lying in the shire of Kincardine along the sea-shore: **BUT** by these presents it is specially provided and declared that the said right of fishing shall not extend northward beyond the promontory called the Girdleness, nor southward beyond a stone marked with the number ten in a certain plan of said lands and sea-shore lodged in our said Court of Exchequer: **WITH**

dicta Curia Scaccarii nostra collocata CUM potestate dicto Thesaurario suisque prædictis talibus Cymbis et Retibus utendi quales ad eandem Piscationem aptas fore judicaverint Atque omnes alios cohibendi nequando intra dictos limites piscentur ET NOS volumus et concedimus et pro Nobis nostrisque regiis successoribus decernimus et ordinamus Quod sasina per dic' Thesaurarium suosque prædic' suscipienda nunc et in omni tempore futuro supra Ripas dic' Piscationum per traditionem Retis et Cymbæ est et erit valida et sufficiens Sasina pro dicta Salmonum Piscacione sine usu cujusvis alius symboli Quocirca Nos dispensavimus et per præsentem in perpetuum dispensamus TENEÑ et HABEÑ dictam Salmonum Piscacionem supra disposi: cum privilegiis prædic' per dic' Thesaurarium suosque prædictos de Nobis regiisque nostris successoribus in libera alba firma feodo et hæreditate in perpetuum REDDENDO INDE ANNUATIM dicto Thesaurario suisque prædictis Nobis nostrisque regiis successoribus summam unius denarii monetæ Scotiæ in Prætorio Municipali de Aberdeen ad terminum Pentecostes annuatim si petatur tantum Et hoc pro omni alio onere exactione demanda seu servitio seculari quæ pro dic' Salmonum Piscacione quovismodo exigi sive imperari potuerint INSUPER Vicecomiti et Balivis suis de Kincardine Necnon dilectis

power to the said treasurer and his forsai'ds to use such cobbles and nets as they may judge to be fit for the same fishing, and to restrain all others at any time from fishing within the said limits. AND WE will and grant, and for us and our royal successors decern and ordain, that a sasine to be taken by the said treasurer and his foresai'ds on the banks of the said fishings, by delivery of net and cobble, now, and in all time coming, is and shall be a valid and sufficient sasine for the said salmon fishing, without the use of any other symbol, wherewith we have dispensed, and by these presents do dispense for ever. TO BE HELD and HAD the said salmon fishing above disposed, with the privileges foresaid, by the said treasurer and his foresai'ds of us and our royal successors in free blench-farm fee and heritage for ever. PAYING THEREFOR YEARLY the said treasurer and his foresai'ds to us and our royal successors the sum of one penny of Scots money in the Burgh Court-house of Aberdeen, at the term of Pentecost yearly, if asked only: And this in place of all other burden, exaction, demand or secular service which for the said salmon fishing could be any wise exacted or demanded. MOREOVER, to the

nostris et vestrum cuilibet conjunctim et divisim Vicecomitibus nostris Vicecomitatus de Kincardine in hac parte specialiter constitut: Salutem vobis præcipimus et mandamus Quatenus præfato Thesaurario Civitatis de Aberdeen vel suo certo Actornato latori præsentium atque successoribus suis hunc Magistratum gesturis pro commodo dicti Præpositi Balivorum Thesaurarii Concilii et Communitatis dictæ Civitatis Sasinam præfati Juris Salmonum Piscationis supra deposi: cum privilegiis prædic: secundum formam et tenorem antedictæ Cartæ nostræ quam de Nobis inde habet et dispensationis prædic: juste haberi faciatis sine dilatione Et hoc nullo modo omittatis Ad quod faciendum vobis et vestrum cuilibet conjunctim et divisim Vicecomitibus nostris Vicecomitatus de Kincardine in hac parte antedic: committimus potestatem IN CUJUS REI TESTIMONIUM huic præsentî Cartæ nostræ Sigillum nostrum per Unionis Tractatum custodiendū et in Scotia vice et loco Magni Sigilli ejusdem utendū ordinat: appendi mandavimus TESTIBUS PRÆDILECTIS nostris Domino Frederico Campbell Nobis ab Archivis et Registris Clerico Davide Rae de Eskgrove Armigero nostræ Justitiariæ Clerico et Domino Jacobo

sheriff and his baillies of Kincardine, as also to our beloved

and any one of you, conjointly and severally, our sheriffs of the shire of Kincardine, in this part specially constituted, greeting: We charge and command you without delay to give in due form to the foresaid treasurer of the city of Aberdeen, or his undoubted attorney bearer of these presents, and his successors holding this office, for behoof of the said provost, baillies, treasurer, council and community of the said city, sasine of the foresaid right of salmon fishing above disposed, with the foresaid privileges, according to the form and tenor of our foresaid charter which he has of us thereupon, and of the foresaid dispensation; and this in nowise to omit. For which end we grant power to you and each one of you, conjointly and severally, our sheriffs of the shire of Kincardine in this part aforesaid. IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have ordered to be appended to this our present charter our seal ordained by the Treaty of Union to be kept and used in Scotland in stead and in place of the great seal thereof. WITNESSES: OUR WELL-BELOVED Lord Frederic Campbell, clerk of our archives and registers, David Rae of Eskgrove, Esquire, our Justice Clerk, and Sir James St. Clair Erskine of

St. Clair Erskine de Sinclair Baronetto nostræ Cancellariæ Directore APUD Aulam nostram de St. James's primo die mensis Februarii Anno Domini millesimo octingentesimo et quarto regnique nostri anno quadragesimo quarto

Sinclair, Baronet, Director of our Chancery. AT our Court of St. James's, the first day of the month of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four, and of our reign the forty-fourth.

PART II.
ACTS OF PARLIAMENT
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I.

The Parliament appoint the Lords of Session to sit annually at Aberdeen. 6th March, 1457.

INPRIMIS as to þe artikill of the Sessione it is seyne speidfull to þe king ande þe thre estatē þ^t it be cōtynuit to þe nixt þliamēt in manⁿ as eft^l folowys That is to say þe lordē of the Sessione sall syt thrys^o in þe 3e^r ilk time xi dais in þir thre placē Edinburghe perthe and abyrdene The nowmⁿ of þe þsōis þt sall sit salbe ix haifande power and votis in þe deliūance of caus^o of ilke Estate thre and þe clerk of þe Regest^l The Sessione nowe nixt to begin ʒ be haldin at abirdene þe xv day of Junij and cōtinuande xl dais The secunde Sessione to begyne at perthe þ^o eft^l þe v day of october and cōtinew vþⁿ xl dais The thride Sessione to begyn in Edinburghe þe xiiij day of februarē next þ^o eft^l and q^tinew xl dais The lordē þ^t ar chosyne to þe first Sessione in abyrdene ar þir The Bischope of Ros^o catnes^o or m^rray þ abbot of de^r dene Dauid bane and mais^t wal^t ydyll for þe clergy þe Erle of Errole þe lorde glām^ys ande þe lord forbes^o for þe baroⁿys Jhone of fyffe Andro mēzeis and wal^t thomsone of Inūnes for þe burowys

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II.

The Parliament appoint the measure of Hamburg, after the old assise of Aberdeen, to be the standard barrel for fish. 1st June, 1478.

Item becaus^o It is hevili m^rm^rit ʒ þ Realme gretly skland^oit be strangerē ʒ vþ^ois þ^t byis salmond of þe mynising of vesschiatt ʒ barellis þ^t þe salmond Is pakit In It is statut ʒ ordanit þ^t i time to cū all salmonde be pakit i barellis of þ measu^r of hamburg^e est^l þe ald assise of Abirdene And na smallā^r barett no^r vescheff And þt na coup within þe Realme mak smallā^r barett to pak fische i þā þe said measu^r of

hamburgh ⁊ ald assise of aberdene And gif ony dois ī þe cōtrā of þ's
 In time to cū þe first sellar̄ þ' sellis þe fische of fals^o paking ī sic small
 barellis sall tyne þe fische And be oūr soūai lord̄e escaete And þt þe
 kinḡe custumar̄e salbe sercheor̄e hērūppoñ ī Ilk tovne And als^o It salbe
 a poynt of ditte* ī tyme to cū

III.

*The Privy Council ordain the provost, baillies, etc., to uphold the Friars' Places
 for the common good of the burgh. 15th February, 1562.*

Mairour hir Hienes, be the avyse of hir Counsale foirsaid, hes statute
 and ordanit that all annuellis, males and dewiteis within fre burrowis
 or utheris townis of this realme, alsweill pertenynge to chapellanreis,
 prebendariis as to freris, togidder with the rentis of the freris landis
 quhairvir thai be, setting and disponynge thairupoun, be intromettit
 with and takin up be sik as hir Grace sall depute thairto, for employng
 of the same be hir Hienes to hospitaliteis, scolis, and utheris godlie
 uses as sall seme best be hir Hienes, be the avyse of hir Counsale:
 And knawing that nathing is mair commodious for the said hospitalitie,
 nor the places of freris, as ȝit standand undemolissit, as als to the inter-
 tenynge of scolis, collegis, and utheris usis foirsaidis, ordanis the Provest
 and Baillies of Abirdene, Elgin in Murray, Invernes, Glasgow, and
 utheris burrowis of this realme quhair the samyn ar nocht demolissit,
 to interteny and uphold the saidis freris places standand in the saidis
 townis, upon the commone gudis thair of, and to use the samyn to the
 commone weill and service of the saidis townis, ay and quhill the
 Quenis Majestie be forther avysit, and tak finale ordour in sic thingis;
 nochtwithstanding ony uther gift, title, or interes, gevin to quhatsumevir
 personis of the saidis places, with thair yardis, orchardis, and pertinentis,
 be our Soverane Lady of befoir.

IV.

*The Privy Council absolve the community for any acts done under the ascendancy of
 Huntly. 12th July, 1569.*

At Abirdene the xii day of Iulii the ȝeir of God j^mv^clxix ȝeris, my
 Lord Regentis Grace commandit and ordanit the lettre and discharge

* *Dittay*, the ground of indictment,

following, subscrivit with his hand, to be insert and registrat in the bukis of Secreit Counsale ad perpetuam rei memoriam, of the quhilk the tennour followis :—We havand consideratioun of the procedingis of the burgessis and inhabitantis of the burgh of Abirdene, anent the assisting, contributioun, and stent making in tyme bipast, with George Erl of Huntly, and his complices partakaris, contrair our Soverane Lordis authoritie, understanding the samyn done be feir and compulsiou, thair gude mynd and will beand to the trew service of our Soverane. Thairfor we, with avise of the Lords of Secreit Counsale, dischargeis for evir all actioun and cryme that ony wayis may be imput to the burgessis of the said burgh, and indwellaris in the samyn, and all our Soveranis officiaris present and to cum, of all proceeding contrair thame twicheing the premissis ; alwayis at thir presentis extend nocht nor comprehend the burgessis and indwellaris of the same burgh that hes acceptit compositur for the samyn crymes, nor 3it the personis that ar summond or to be summond for fals cryme at ony tyme ; and thir presentis to be insert in the bukis of Secreit Counsall in forme of Act, with extension necessar. Subscrivit with our hand at Abirdene the xii day of Iulii the 3eir of God j^mv^lxix 3eris.

V.

The Privy Council issue injunctions to the provost, baillies, etc., in furtherance of the principles of the Reformation. 18th August, 1574.

The quhilk day comperit Gilbert Meinzeis of Cowlie, Maister Patrik Rutherfurde, Maister George Middiltoun, and Alexander Chalmer, Baillies of Aberdene, quhilkis uer admoneist be my Lord Regentis Grace in presence of the Lordis of Secreit Counsall, in maner and to the effect following :—

That thay suld inhibite and expreslie punishe the superstitious keping of festuall dayis usit of befor in tyme of ignorance and papistrie, and all playis and feisting at thay tymes.

That thai punishe the blasphemaris and abusaris of Godis name, and appoint sum honest and godlie personis to note the offendouris, lifting the panys contenit in the Acts of Parliament, and apprehend the same according thairto.

That thai permitt na mercat to be keptit uithin the toun nor fredome

thairof upoun the Sabbath day, quhairby the people may be withdrawin fra the serving of God, under the pane of escheting of the guidis that salbe presentit to the saidis mercattis, conforme to the Act of Parliament maid thairanent; gevand, grantand, and committand to the saidis Provost and Baillies commissioun, power, and charge sa to do, as thai will answer upoun thair obedience.

That the persounis knawin and suspectit to haif and keip ymagerie or utheris monumentis of ydolatrie be chargeit to present the same.

That the organis with all expeditioun be removed out of the kirk, and maid profite of to the use and support of the pure, and that the preystis stallis and bakkis of altaris be removed furth of the places quhair thai now remane, and situat in the partis of the kirk quhair men may be best easit be thame to heir the sermonis, and sic thingis as servis not for that use to be utherwyise disposit or maid money of.

That the pure be not defraudit of the almus collectit at the kirk dur, bot the same to be distributit as is the custum in the utheris reformit kirkis of this realme; and that thair be contributioun maid be all the parochynaris for leting and reparatioun of the paroche kirk, according to the Act of Parliament maid thairanent, quhairanent ordanis the Provost and Baillies to do diligence.

That the hail place, alsweill kirk as the rest, sumtyme pertening to the Gray Freiris—except samekle as is thocht requisite for the ludgeing of the pure—be roupit to the maist avale, and sett in few heretabillie to sic as will gif maist 3eirlie dewitie thairfore, and the same to be fully applyit to the use and sustentatioun of the pure.

That the Provost and Baillies in thair awin houssis tak cair upoun the godlie rewlling thairof, and admonishe all utheris thair nichtbouris to do the like, and that thai cullour nor foster not the vices and slaunderis of thair tenentis and houshald servandis, bot further the correctioun of thaim as thai sal happin to offend, ather be ordour of the kirk or the magistrattis, as the cause requyris.

That the Provost, Baillies, and Counsall of Abirdene uptak fra Iames Leslie, present possessour of the croft and myre pertening to the lipperfolk betwix New and Auld Aberdene, the 3eirlie dewitie thairof, off the fyve 3eiris bigane confessit awand be him; and thairwith and sic uther collectioun as may be had, to caus the said hous be theikkit and reparit

for the ressett of the said lipperfolk in tyme cuming ; and efter the end of the ane 3eiris tak now clamyt be the said Iames Leslie, to caus rowp the said croft and myre quha will gif maist 3eirly dewitie thairfore fra thre 3eir to thre 3eir, and to caus the hail proffite that may be had thairof be employit upoun the uphalding of the said hous and sustentation of the lipperfolkis that salbe thairin.

VI.

The Privy Council approve a bond or obligation to loyalty and good service presented by the community of Aberdeen. 31st August, 1574.

The quhilk day, in presence of my Lord Regentis Grace and Lordis of Privie Counsall, comperit Maister Robert Lummsiden in name of the Provost Baillies and Communitie of the Burgh of Abirdene and gaif in this bond and obligatioun underwrittin,—subscrivit be Mr. Iohne Kennedy commoun clerk of the said burgh, and under the commoun seill of the samyn,—and desyrit the samyn to be actit and registrat in the buikis of Secreit Counsall, to have the force and strenth of ane act and decret of the Lordis thairof in tyme cuming, and letters and executoriallis to be direct thairupoun in forme as efferis ; quhilk desyre my Lord Regentis Grace finding ressonable, ordanit the same to be insert and registrat in the saidis buikis to the effect foirsaid, off quhilk the tennour followis : Be it kend till all men be thir present letters,—We, the Provest, Baillies, Counsall, and Communitie of Abirdene, to be bundin and oblist, and be the faith and treuth in oure bodyis faithfullie bindis and oblissis us, to the richt excellent, richt heich and nichtie Prince Iames the Sext, be the grace of God King of Scottis, our Soverane Lord and his richt traist cousing Iames Erll of Mortoun Lord of Dalkeith Regent to his Hienes, his realme and liegis ; that forsamekle as for the removing of the lait publict troublis and civile weir quhairwith this realme wes sa lang grevit and inquietit to the displeasure of Almichtie God, the danger of his trew religioun, hurt and prejudice of our Soverane Lord and hail commoun of this realme,—the said Lord Regent hes brocht to pas and concludit ane gude and godlie Pacificatioun, thairby—for publict quietnes caus ; remitting not only greit and haynous crymes and offences to the personis properlie comprehendit in the said Pacificatioun, bot to divers

utheris, quhilkis notwithstanding the same nicht justlie have been punist with rigour and extremitie ; for quhilk favour and clemencie ressavit be us amangis utheris, we sall in all tyme cuming continew faithfull and obedient subjectis to our Soverane Lord, his auctoritie and Regent foirsaid, and sall never knaw of ony tressoun, rebelloun, skaith or danger, to be conspirt attemptit or interprisit aganis the same within or without this realme, quhilk we sall not reveill to his Hienes and his said Regent with all possibill diligence, and tak, apprehend and present all suspect persounis and writtingis, cuming in the realme or intending to depart thairfra be our port, in tyme cuming ; and als that we sall na wyis resett, supple, assist, fortefie, schaw favour or mantene, ony of our Soverane Lordis present declarit tratouris and notorius rebellis, or utheris strangearis or borne subjectis of the realme that heirefter sall happin to conspire, usurp and rebell agains his Hienes, his said Regent and auctoritie, bot sall resist and repres thame to our utter power ; and gif we be not abill to withstand thair force and invasioun, we sall remove our selffis,oure familieis and guidis furth of the said burgh to the partis of the realme than abyding in oure Soverane Lordis obedience, and concur with his faithfull liegis, to the defence and preservatioun of his estait and autoritie ; quhairthrow the saidis declarit tratouris, rebellis, conspiratouris, and tribularis of the common weill, strangearis or utheris, sall not be aidit, suppleit, furnesit, harbureit or intertenit be us nor our moyen, or voluntary be our guidis, directlie or indirectlie. And in like maner that we sall on na wyis elect or admitt ony persoun or personis to the offices of Provestrie, Baillierie, Thesaurarie, Denerie of Gild, Commoun Clerkschip, or to be of the Counsall of the said Burgh at the Feist of Michaell—Michaelmes nix to cum—or thairefter in tyme cuming, bot sic personis as ar knawin zealous professouris of the trew and Christiane religioun, now publictlie precheit and be law establishit within this realme, and that hes bene and is knawin to be ernist and affectionat weilwillaris to the advancement and furthsetting of his Hienes auctoritie and service, as we sall answer to God and his Hienes upoun our allegiance and dewitie—under the pane of twentie thowsand pundis to be pait be us to his Majesties use, and tinsall of the fredome of the said Burgh for us and oure successouris perpetuallie. And attour we are content and consentis that this oure

band and obligatioun be actit and registrat in the buikis of our Soverane Lordis Previe Counsall and Sessioun, or ather of thame to have the strenth of ane Act, and decreit of the Lordis thair of, and that letters and executorialis be direct thairupoun in forme as efferis. In wites of the quhilk thing, to this our present band, promise and obligatioun subscrivit be our commoun clerk at command, the commoun seill of our said Burgh is to be hungin. at the same Burgh the last day of August, the ȝeir of God j^mv^c threscoir and fourtene ȝeiris. Sic subscribitur: Ita est Magister Joannes Kennedy notarius publicus ac scriba burgi de Aberdene de mandato Prepositi, Ballivorum, Consulium, et Communitatis ejusdem burgi manu propria.

VII.

The Burgh's obligation to build a Hospital is recorded in the Register of Privy Council. 3rd September, 1574.

Be it kend till all men be thir present letters, We, the Provost, Baillies, Counsall, and communitie of the burgh of Abirdene; that forsamekill as oure Soverane Lord, with advise and consent of his rycht traist cousing, James Erll of Mortoun, Lord of Dalkeyth, Regent to his Hienes, his realme and liegis,—considering our procedingis in the resetting, assisting, contributioun and stent making with George Erll of Huntlie, Adam Gordoun of Auchindoun his broder, thair complices, tenentis, servandis, dependentis and partakaris during the tyme of the lait rebellious and conspiracy aganis his Hienes and his autoritie, being of mynd for publict quietnes caus, to reduce all his Hienes subjectis to his full obedience respecting oure humble offeris faythfullie to continew in our dewitifull obedience, loyaltie and trew service to his Hienes and his autoritie in tyme cuming as oure band and obligatioun to that effect deliverit to my Lord Regentis Grace beris; and for certane compositioun hes dischargeit us for evir all actioun and cryme that may onywayis be imput to us for the caussis and crymes abouewrittin, as in the discharge thairupoun at mair lenth is expressit; of quhilk compositioun my Lord Regentis Grace of his mere favour and clemency, and in respect of oure trew service to be maid in tyme cuming hes frelie dischargeit to us the sowme of ane thowsand markis, and als hes

grantit ane uther thowsand markis of our said compositioun to the bigging and reparatioun of ane Hospitall within our said burgh for the harbring and ressett of the puyr and impotent personis of the same; thairfoir to be bundin and obleist, and be the tennour heirof faythfullie bindis and obleissis us and oure successouris, to bestow and employ the said sowme of anc thowsand markis money foirsaid upoun the bigging and reparatioun of the said Hospitall within our said burgh, within the space of fyve 3eris eftir the dait heirof; quhilk we sall demonstrat and mak cleirlic knawin be true compt to oure Sovereane Lord and his Regent at the end of the saidis fyve 3eris, but farder delay, fraude or gyle; and heirto we bind and obleissis us, as said is, in the stratest forme and sickir style of obligatioun that can be devisit or maid,—na remeid nor exceptioun of law to be proponit or allegeit in the contrair, renunceand the same for us and oure successouris for evir; and ar content and consentis that this obligatioun be actit and registrat in the bukis of Previc Counsale to have the strenth of ane Act and decreit of the Lordis thairof, and that letteris and executorialis be direct thairupoun in forme as efferis: In witnes of the quhilk thing we have causit our commoun clerk be our commoun vote and consent subscribe this our band and obligatioun at the said burgh of Abirdene, the thrid day of September the 3eir of God j^mv^clxxiiii 3eris, and alsua our commoun seill is affixt to the same. Sic subscribitur. Ita est Magister Joannes Kennedy notarius publicus ac scriba burgi de Abirdene de mandato Prepositi Ballivorum Consulum ac Communitatis dicti burgi teste manu propria subscripsit.

VIII.

The Parliament appoint the Lords of Session to sit at Aberdeen. 6th December, 1577.

Item for mantenyng of Justice, halding of þis realm in peax and tranquillitie and vnder obedience Necessy^r it wer ane sessioun to be sett done in Abirdene to þe nombre of sex lordꝝ w^t ane president and to assigne and limitat certaine boundꝝ to þat sessioun And gif Abirdene be not maist convenient ony vþer place within þis realme quhair necessitie requiris maist Sua tua saitis may be made for þe furtherance of Justice within þis realme.

IX.

The Privy Council revoke a right to fishings in Don in an infestment obtained during the King's minority by George Auchinleck of Balmanno. 22nd June, 1580.

Anent the supplicatioun p̄tit to the kingis maiestie and lordis of secreit counsale be the prouest counsale and cōm̄vntie of the bur^t of Aberdene Makand mentioun That quhair his hienes progenitor king Robert of gude memorie quha restis w^t god sumtyme beand wⁱn the said bur^t persaving the barrennes and sterilitie of the cuntrie quhair the said bur^t is situat and the gret honestie p^rof Togidder w^t the fervent lufe schawin be thame to his hienes and his progenitor^e then and at all tymes of befoir Considdering alsua thair bauld manheid in the Recouring and distroying of the strong castell biggit and mantenit thair be the englismen sumtyme for danting and suppressing of the bur^t and cuntrie Vpoun thir respectis dotit the said bur^t and cōm̄vntie p^rof of his boun- tiffull liberalitie and clemencie with certaine cōmoditeis liberteis and immvnteis for the ayd and support of the same And namelie with ane pece ground callit the stokkat adiacent to the bur^t and the salmound fischeing^e of the same bur^t vpoun the wattris of dcy and done for ȝeirlie paiement to his grace and his successor^e of thre hundreth and tuentie m^okis vsuale money of this Realme in name of feuferme as thair infestment thair of proportis* According to the quhilk they and thair predi- cesso^re hes peciabilie bruikit and joisit the saidis salmound fischeingis of the same bur^t continewallie sen the obtenig of thair said infestment without impediment or molestatioun of any persoun Q^u laitlie within thir five ȝeiris lastbipast that george auchinlek of balmanno havand the lande of polgony and murto^r liand contigue to the salmound fischeingis of Done on the north and nor'eist side of the said^e fischeing^e purchest ane p̄dit new infestment of the saidis land^e including thairin salmound fischeing per modū de nouo damus qlk he nor his prediesso^re neuir had in ony infestment befoir Bot maist wranguslie purchest and gevin be his moder broder the erll of mortoun then being Regent of his hienes Realme and liegis not onlie to the gret dampnage and detriment of his hienes the cōm̄vntie forsaid and thair posteritie Bot alsua to the gret

* See No. VIII., p. 12.

preiudice of his ma^{ties} 3eirlie reueneu and patrimony of his Croun In sa far for the said prouest counsale and cōm̄vniteis p^t that gif the said george be sufferit to cum in possessioun (in the qlk as 3it he neur cam) of the said new p̄ndit conqueist of the said fischeing Thay and thair successo^re will be debarrit and stoppit fra all salmound fischeing on that wattir in all tymes cūing in respect he p̄ndis his said new fischeing to be betwix thame and the sea and in the sey forganis the watter mouth of Done thair scarring and debarring of the salmound fischis wth cobillis arns and nettis stopping thame to entir in the wattir and thairby chaising of thame agane in the mayne sey to the said^e prouest counsale and cōm̄vniteis vter heirschip and wrak seing that without the industrie and cōmoditie of salmound na bur^t nor inhabitant of bur^t culd weill be thair bot desert solitude And as concerning his hienes p^t in preiudice of his patrimony they can not be abill to pay the 3eirlie feuferme of thre hundreth and tuentie m̄k^e to his hienes gif they inlaik the cōmoditie q^rfoir the same is payit mairouir his ma^{tie} will inlaik the 3eirlie dewitie and custume of the salmound fische qlk now is payit 3eirlie gif the salmound be not takin bot stayit and impeidit be the impediment foirsaid For the maist speciall dewitie and custume of the said bur^t consistis in the custume of salmound 3eirlie as the cheker comptis testifies Sua ar they not onlie hurt and dampnifit be this new infetment of the nouo damus Bot alsua his hienes patrimony is and wilbe meikle hurt p^rby Humilie thairfoir desyiring oure souerane lord that for releiff of his awin conscience Redres of the said^e prouest counsale and cōm̄vnitie and reteiñg his ma^{ties} awin richt and 3eirlie rent that his hienes wald prouide remeid heirto be reuoking of the said p̄ndit new infetment of de nouo damus for the causse foirsaid^e lykeas at mair lenth is contenit in the said supplicatioun Quhilk being red sene and considerit be his ma^{tie} and lordis of secreit counsale and they having respect not onlie to the scaith sustenit be the said^e prouest counsale and cōm̄vnitie be granting of the said new infetment of the said^e fischeingis Bot alsua that his hienes is and wilbe gretlie preiudgit p^rby respectand thairw^hall the cōmoditie that sall redound to his ma^{ties} self be making of the said reuocatioun Hes thairfoir eftir mature aduise and deliberatioun Reuoikit cassit annullit and dischairgit lyke as his ma^{iestie} be thir p̄ntis with auise of the Lordis of his secreit counsale Reuokis cassis annullis and dischairgis the said new infetment of de nouo damus sa far as the sa^{m̄} extendis or may extend

to the saidē fischeingis allanerlie as gevin to the said george in his ma^{tes} minoritie not onlie to the scaith of the saidē prouest counsale and cōmvnitic Bot alsua to the gret hurt of his hienes awin ȝeirlie rent Declairand the sañ w'hall that followis or may follow thairvpoun tuicheing the said fischeingis to haue bene fra the begyning and to be in all tyme cūing of nane availl force nor effect in iudgment or outwith q^euir the samin beis product

X.

The Parliament appoint the provost and baillies justices for the waters of Dee and Don. 29th November, 1581.

Oure Souerane Lord, and thre estatis of this present parliament, Ratefeis and appreis all actis maid be his hines, and his maist noble progenitouris, anent þe destructioun of cruuis and ȝaris, slauchter of reid fische, smoltis, and þe fry of all fishes. And ordains the samy to haue effect and executioun in time cūing. And becaus it is vnderstand to his hines and his saidis thre estatis, That albeit panes and trauellis wes tane to cast done and distroy the saidis cruuis and ȝaris, ȝit in default of the execusioun of þe panis cōtenit in the saidis actis vpoun the contravenaris þairof, The saidis cruuis and ȝaris ar not haldin down nor onie vþir thing in effect (appointit to be done in the saidis actis) put in executioun throw þe defalt, and negligence of þe ordinar officiaris, To quhome þe executioun thairof wes q^mittit. Thairfoir oure Souerane Lord wth aduise of his saidis thre estatis hes maid q^stitute and ordanit, and be the tenoure of this present Act, makis constitutis and ordanis the personis efter specifeit w'hin þe boundis particularlie followand his hines Justices in that pairt, To þe effect vnderwrittin: They are to say . . . The schiref of abirdene and his deputis, and þe provest and bailleis of abirdene for the watterris of dee and done . . . Gevand, grantand and cōmittand to þe saidis Justices, in þat pairt, cōiunclie, and seueralie w'in þe boundis particularlie aboue written full power Speciall cōmand, expres bidding and charge: To Inquire and tak vp dittay of all persounis, contravenaris of the saidis actis of parliament, wthin the boundis Particularlie aboue-written, alsweill þe principall offendaris, as thair maisteris, landislordis ⁊ resettaris, and to call thame to vnderly þe law, Thairfoir in þe tolbuy^t of the heid burgh of cuerie schire, or vþir place cōvenient at

þe discretioun of þe saidis Justices, and put thame to þe knowlege of ane assyse, As they be fundin culpabill or Innocent to minister iustice vpoun thame conform to þe lawes of þis Realme. The panes cōtenit in the saidis actis, to rais and vplift, and of þe samyn to mak compt^o, Reknȳg and payment to oure souerane lord, and his hines thesaurair in his chekker. And to þe effect, That þe executioun of the saidis actis sall no^t be neglectit as in tymes bypast. Ordanis twa ordiner iustice courtis to be halden ȝeirlie, The ane the first day of februar, and þe vþir at þe first day of [August], or þe nixt lawfull dayis thair- efter following besyde vþir cowrtis to be haldin at vþir dayis, quhen occasioun seruís at þe discretioun of þe saidis iustices. And in cais þe saidis iustices or onie of thame failȝe in doing thair exac diligence for executioun of þis present Cōmissioun at twa tymes euerie ȝeir as said is, being callit and convic thairfoir befoir o^r Souerane lord^e iustice principall or his deputis at þe instance of [his] hines aduocat. Euerie ane of thame sall incur þe pane of twa hundre^t pundis to be vpliftit of thame be his hines thesaurair, to his maiesteis vse. Be it alwayis vnderstand, That þis present act^o nor nathing thairin contenit, salbe preiudiciall to his hines subiectis, being dewlie infest and in possessioun of halding of cruuis, lynis or loupis wⁱⁿ fresche watteris, Bot that they may vse, Jois, bruik, and occupy þe same in tyme cūing, according to þair richtis, kepand þe setterdayis slop and sic distance betwix euerie hek, as þe actis of pliament appoyntis. And in cais they failze þ^oin to be accusabill and suffer punischment, as the remanent transgressouris of þe saidis actis.

XI.

The Parliament ratify the revocation of the grant to George Auchinleck. 29th November, 1581.*

Forsamekill as Anent the supplicatiouñ geiuiñ in be the prowest baillies counsale and cōwnitie of the burgh of aberdene to the kingis ma^{tie} and thrie estatis of parliament Makand mentioun, That quhare wpouñ thair supplicatiouñ presentit to his hienes and lordis of secreit counsale At dūnottir þe xxij day of Junij the ȝeir of god

* See No. IX., p. 237.

v^e and fourescoir ȝeiris declaring how his mat^{eris} predecessoures had dotit the said burgh w^t certane Cōmodeteis liberteis and Immuneteis for the support of the continewance thair of namelie w^t ane pece of ground callit the stokkat adiacent to the said burgh and w^t the Salmond fischeingis of the samȳ burgh w^{pou}n the watteris of die and done for ȝeirlie payment of thrie hundreth and twentie nīkis money of this realme to be payit in name of fewferme to his hienes and his successo^{re} And how that thay had bene trublit in bruiking of þair saidis fischeingis be ane pretendit infestment purchest be george Auchinlek of balmāno In the tyme of the regentrie of vmq^{le} James erte of mortouñ mother brother to the said george fra o^r said souerane lord w^t consent of the said vmq^{le} erte of þe landis of polgonye and mvrto^r lyand Contigue to the said Salmond fischeingis of done And including in the said pretendit infestment Salmond fischeingis be ane claus (de nouo damus) ȝc^o insft thairin Cautelouslie to questiouñ the saidis complenaris auld infestment and possessiouñ of thair saidis fischeingis brukit and possessit be thame of before but impediment señ thair first obtenīg thair of And thairbye tending nocht onlie to preiuge thame of thair saidis fischeingis and former ry^t þ^o of foirsaid Bot als to tak fra o^r said souerane lord and his successoures the patremonie of the few maill foirsaid of the saidis fischeingis and to demineis and stay the samȳ and ȝeirlie customes of salmond fishes takin and to be takin wⁱn the saidis fischeingis being the maist speciall dewtie of the said burgh detbund to be payit ȝeirlie to o^r said souerane lord and successoures testefeit be the chaker comptis Quhairw^{pou}n and for vtheris gude ressones rehersit in the said supplicatiouñ It thañ plesit o^r said souerane lord being at dunottir as said is To revoik ca^s ānull and discharge w^t aduise of the lordis of his hienes secreit counsale thañ present the said pretendit new infestment of de nouo damus ȝc^o safar as the Samȳ extendis or may extend to the saidis fischeingis allanerlie as gewin to the said george in his hienes minoritie no^t onlie to thair skaith Bot als to the greit hurt of his maiesteis awin ȝeirlie rent declaring the samȳ w^t all that followit or may follow þ^o w^{pou}n tuiching the saidis fischeingis to haue bene fra the begynīg And to be in all time cūmīg of nane awaill force nor effect^o in iugement or outw^t quhare-euir the samȳ beis productit As ane decret and act^o of secreit Counsale of

the dait foirsaid heir pñt to schaw at mair lenth proportis And als at halyruidhous the xxiiij day of Januar last bipast o^r said souerane lord wth aduise of the lordis of secreit counsall foirsaid thā qvenit Ratefeit and apprewit the said reuocatiouñ and act^o of secreit Counsale maid pairwpoun in all effectis respectis and conditiones expressit thairin And als thañ of new Revoikit cassit ānullit and dischargit the said new pretendit infestmēt (de nouo damus) ʔc^o Sa far as the samy extendis or may extend to the saidis fischingis In maner at lenth abouewrittin And atto^r thā Ordanit the saidis Reuocationes and approbatioun to be ratefeit in his hienes nixt parliament w^t new reuocatiouñ gif neid beis thā to be maid thairin in corroboratiouñ of the saidis complenaris ry^t and securetie and his hienes Cōmodetie of the few maill foirsaid As ane act^o and decreit of secreit Counsale maid ʔ^oanent including the said former act^o off the dait At halyruidhous the said xxiiij day of Januar last bipast heir radye to schaw at mair lenth dois testefie Desyring maist humblie thairfore o^r said souerane lord and thrie estatis foirsaidis to sic and consider the saidis former actis of Reuocatiouñ and haill contentis thairof And in respect^o of the samy and ressonable caus thairin expressit That his hienes of new in this pñt parliament wth aduise of the saidis estatis wuld revoik cas; ānull and discharge the said pretendit new infestment gewin be dispositioun and claus (de nouo damus ʔc^o) To the said george Auchinlek aud vtheris thairin contentit of quhatsumeū dait the samy be Sa far as the samy extendis or may extend to the saidis fischeingis allanerlie as gewin to the said george and vtheris ʔ^oin nominat^o In his hienes minoritie No^t onlie to the skaith and detriment of the said bur^t Cōmodeteis and priuilegis ʔ^oof Bot als to the greit hurt of his ma^{teis} ʔeirlie rent And to declare the Samy now as of before w^t all that hes followit or may follow ʔ^owpouñ tuiching the said fischeing To haue bene fra the begynig and to be In all tyme cūmig null and of nane awaill force strenth nor effect^o in Jugemēt nor outw^t quhairē the samy hes bene or beis productit and schawin At at mair lenth In qtenit in the said supplicatiouñ Q^{tk} being sene and considerit first be the lordis of articles And thairefter be the kingis g and estatis. OURE SAID SOUERANE LORD w^t aduise of the saidis thrie estatis of this pñt parliamēt REVOIKIS cas; ānullis and discharges the said

pretendit new infestment gewiñ be dispositioun and claus (de nouo damus &c^o) to the said george auchinlek and vtheris thairin contentit of quhatsumeu dait the samy be Sa far as the samy extendis or may extend to the saidis fischeingis allanerlie As gewin to the said george and vtheris þ'in nominat^o In o^r said soucrane lordis minoritie no^t onlie to his hienes skaith and detrement of the said burgh But als to the greit hurt of his ma^{tes} awin 3eirlie Rent And thairfore Decernis And declaris the samy now as of before with all that hes followit or may follow thairwpouñ Tuiching the saidis fischingis To haue bene fra the begynig And to be in all tyme cumig null & of nane awaill force strenth nor effect^o In Jugement nor outw^t quhairu the samy hes bene or beis productit and schawiñ, And ordanes lres of publicatioun to be direct^o heirvpouñ gif neid beis in forme as efferis.

XII.

The Parliament appoint a just standard for salmon to be kept at Aberdeen. 22nd May, 1584.

Item our Souerane lord with auise of the thrie estatis of þis present Parliament Ratefijs and appreis all and syndrie [actis and] statutis maid be his hienes and his predicessouris concerning the measure of salmound, hering and quheit fish: gageing, burning, and measuring thairof, And to þe effect the saidis Actis may be the better kepit, And for eschewing of defraud of the saidis measuris, and of fals and vniust paking of salmound, hering and quhit fish, quhilk is mekle vsit be vnfremen, fisharis and vtheris slayaris of þe said fische to þe great hurt of [the fremen], burgess, and merchandis and haill cōmoun weill of þis realme Thairfoir it is statute and ordinit That thair be ane iust measure and standert for the salmound maid be þe burrowis conforme to þe auld actis of parliament, and the samyn to remane at þe burgh of Aberdene. And siclike that thair be ane iust standert and measure for hering and quheit fish, quhilk salbe brint, and remane in the keping of þe provest and baillies off Edinburgh. And that all salmound treis hering treis, and quhiet fish treis vniuersallie throw the realme Salbe of the þe measure and gage foirsaid. And that ilk burgh sall ressaue ane patroun of þe gage and measure foirsaid, and sall caus thair cowparis within thair boundis to mak thair treis con-

forme to þe said measure and þe same to be brint be þe toune Irne and cowparis Irne on baith þe endis, and vpoun þe stop beside the bung. And incace ony salmound, hering or quheit fish be pakit in vther treis nor of þe iust gage foirsaid, brint and markit as said is, The samyn salbe escheat to our souerane lord, And ordinis the principall stapill of salmound fra die northe to be at þe burghis of Aberdene and Elgine, And the principall stapill of hering and quheit fish slane be the Inhabitantis within the watter of forthe to be in leithe within þe priuilege and fredome of þe burgh of Edinburgh and within the port and hevin of Creill, And the stapill of salmound hering and quheit fish slane benorthe fyvisness⁹ to þe watter of die To be at dundie or perth. And that þe saidis proveist and baillies of Edinburgh Aberdene, Craill, Elgine perthe and dundie sall appoint ane discrete man to be visito^r, wraker, gagear and birnar of the saidis treis, and appoint to him ane ressounable duetie [of] ilk last thairof for his lawbouris, That all vnfremen, fisharis and slayeris of hering and quhytfish duelland within [the boundis of] the watter of forthe on baith þe syidis to þe watter mouth of Tay bring thair hering and quheit fishe to be slane be thame in tyme cūming to þe portis of leithe or Craill. And at þe west syid to Air and dumbritane deuidand þe boundis betuix and þe clochestane, thair to be gageit, markit and sawld to þe frie burgess; of þis realme. And that na fisharis or vtheris vnfremen sell thair said hering or quheit fishe to ony strangeairis or vnfremen or carie the same furth of this realme to ony vther cuntreis to be sauld be thame selffis vnder the pane of eschaeting of all thair movable guidis, The ane half to o^r souerane lordis vse, and the vper half to þe burrowis quha Sall qvict thame be vertew of thair Commissionis.

XIII.

The Parliament grant a tax for the upkeping of the Bridge of Don.

29th July, 1587.

Anent the supplicatioun gevin in to o^r souerane lord and thre estaittis of this pñt parliament be þe prouest baillies counsall and cōmunitie of the burgh of Aberdene Makand mētioun That quhair o^r souerane lordis maist noble progenitouris considering the guid

fruce done at all tymes be þe said burgh dotit the sami w^t diuers; cōmodities liberties and Immvnties for þe aid and support þairof qlk þai haue broukit in all tymes bigane And be resson of þe barrennes and sterilitie of þe cuntrie quhair þe said burgh is situat þair is na fertilitie of cornis nor victuallis growand about þe said burgh Nor zit within ten or tuelf mylis distant þ^ofra bot sic as growis in the cuntries of buchane and gareoch and vþeris be north the said burgh qlkē cūis resortis and repairis to þe said burgh be þe brig of done qlk is þe onlie passage and way that þe haill furnessing of þe victuallis repairing of merchandis cuntriemen and vþeris strangeris to þe said burgh and vþeris partis tounis and cuntries be south þe said toun of Aberdene is maid be þe brig of done being tua mylis distant fra the said burgh zit neurtheles being now fast decaying and þe north end þairof alreddie fallin doun quhairthrow þe rest of þe samyñ is likelie to fall suddenlie lyk as present liein tyme of windie and tempestuus weather na man is liable to travell þairoñ nather on fute nor hors; The qlk decay and rewine of þe said brig as þe samī wilbe maist dānabill to þe haill baronis gentilmen and vtheris o^r souerane lordis lieges duelland in þe north partis and in vse to frequēt to þe said burgh for selling of þ^o victuallis and vther traffick, of merchandice as also to all sic as duellis be north þe same in all countries cūing and resorting to the south partis of the realm sua will þe samī tend to þe wrak and destructioun of þe said burgh gif þe same be not preventit be sum solide and substantious ordour in this pñt parliament vīz be þe granting of ane taxatioun throuchout þe haill north cuntrie for reparatioun of þe said brig to the qlk taxatioun þe saidis prouest baillies counsall ⁊ cōmunitie ar willing to contribute according to thair power and habilitie albeit þai ar vtherwyse oblist w^t vphalding of þe brig of die and thairthrow maid þe mair vnhable to help to þe reparatioun of þe said brig of done As the said supplicatioun at mair lenth beiris Oure souerane lord w^t avise and consent of the thric estaittis of this pñt parliamēt hes gevin and grantit full power and cōmissioun to the erle of huntlie the erle of erroll þe erle marschall þe laird of auchindoun þe laird of vry the laird of reviniscrag the laird of drum the laird of essilmonth þe laird of fouerne þe laird of vchquhone and ane cōmissioner for þe said burgh of Aberdene or ony thrie of thame cōiūclie to pas to þe brig of done at ony

tyme thay pleis appoint and thair to visie and cōsider þe said brig and to confer þairvpone w^t þe maist honest ancient landit gentilmē nixt adiacent þ^oto and sic gif þe said brig possible may be helpit and be quhat best moyen þe same may be done and to report þair opinioun and procedingis in the premiss^o to þe lordis of secreit Counsall And incais^o efter þair said report the said brig beis fundin possible to be mendit and repairit Oure said Souerane lord w^t aduise foirsaid gevis and grātis full power and cōmissioun to þe lordis of secreit counsall to grāt and appoint ane ressounable generall stent and taxatioun vpone sic pairtis of þe cuntrie as þai sall think maist expedient for help and support of þe said decayit brig and to mak speciall act and ordināce vpone þe said taxatioun Contening þe forme and ordo^r of payment and ingaddering of þe samyñ.

XIV.

The Privy Council grant an indemnity to the burgh for its furnishing of the rebel Earls. 4th August, 1589.

Forsameke as it is undirstand to the Kingis Majestie and Lordis of his Secreit Counsaill that George, Erll of Huntley, Francis, Erll of Erroll, and David, Erll of Craufurde, in the moneth of Aprile last bipast, repairit within the burgh of Abirdene, with sic a force of his Hienes subjectis in arms as the provest, baillies and inhabitantis of the said burgh, wer not able at that tyme to resist, bot, for eschewing of mony and dangerous inconvenientis, cheiflie the rasing of fyre, birning and distructioun of thair houssis, exponing of thair guidis in pray, bereving of thair lyveis and sindrie utheris violenceis quhairwith thai wer threatned, in end compellit not onlie to grant ressett to the saidis Erllis and thair compliceis within thair said toun, bot urtherwise to supporte and furneis thame, aganis thair willis, and upoun na deliberat mynd ather to allow and approve thair treasonable dealing, nor yit to participat with thame thairin, continewand alwayes thair affectionat myndis towardis his Hienes, as thay and thair predicessouris had at all tymes done to his Majestie and his predicessouris of befor, —quhairof his Hienes, immediatlie eftir his repairing to the said burgh, finding gude and sufficient prufe, not onlie be [thair ?] advanceing and delivering to George, Erll Mairshael, be his Hienes commandi-

ment, of divers grite sowmes of money, bot als in thair personall service and reddines to the advancement of his Hiens authoritie and service chieflie aganis the saidis Erllis and thair compliceis, besydis the furnishing of werkmen, with thair werklumes, and sindrie utheris preparationis for the dimolissing and douncasting of thair houssis and strenthis ;—his Majestic thairfoir, accepting and allowing of the bipast behaviour of the saidis provest, baillies and inhabitantis of the said burgh, thair constant and affectionat myndis towardis his Hiens at all tymes, hes decernit and declairt and, be thir presentis, with advise of the saidis Lordis of his Secretit Counsaill, decernis and declairis, thame and every one of thame to be free and unaccusable for thair ressett and furnishing grantit to the saidis Erllis and thair compliceis in maner and at the tyme foirsaid ; like as his Majestic, with advise of the saidis Lordis, remittis, renunceis, and dischargeis all actioun and caus criminale and civile quhilkis his Hiens had, hes, or ony wise may have, aganis them for the samin : exonerung thame be thir presentis off all pane and dangeir that may be imputt to thame thairthrow for evir ; dischargeing his Hiens justice, justice-clark, thesaurair, advocatis, and all utheris his officiaris and ministeris of his lawis, off al calling accuseing or onywayes proceding aganis thame for the samin, and of thair offices in that parte : and that thir presentis be als sufficient for the suretie of thair lyveis, landis, guidis, and previlegeis, as giff the samin wer past undir his Hiens grite seill in forme of remissioun with all solempniteis requisite, or as giff thay had been ordourlie acquite of the samin be ane assise befoir the justice or his deputis.

XV.

The Parliament grant leave to the burgh to hold a yearly fair. 21st July, 1593.*

OURE SOUERANE LORD w^t auisse of the estaitis of this p^{nt} parliament Gevis and grantis licence and libertie to the burgh of abirdene To hald ane marcat and publict fair wthin the fredome of the said burgh To begin 3eirlie heireftir vpoun monūday Immediatlie befoir uitsunday And thaireftir To continew for the space of aucht dayes w^t the haill iurisdictionis fredomes, toill and custumes off the same.

* Cf. Nos. IV., VII., XIX., pp. 8, 11, 27.

XVI.

The Parliament confirm to the burgh the annuals, etc., belonging to the chaplains of St. Nicholas Church. 21st July, 1593.

OURE SOUERANE LORD and estaitis of this pñt parliament Ratifies apprevis and conf^omis and of new gevis grantis and disponis to the burgh of abirdene All and sindrie the ānuellis few malis chaipranies and p̄bendariis qlkis belangit of befoir, To chaipranis of thair parochē kirk of abirdene, cōtenit in the gift maid to the said burgh of befoir.*

XVII.

The Parliament ratify the erection of Aberdeen as a free burgh. 8th June, 1594.

OURE SOUERANE LORD and estaitis of this pñt p̄liamēt Ratifies apprevis and for his hienes and his successo^{re} perpetuallie conf^omes the erectioun of the burgh of abirdene in ane frie burgh w^t all infestmētis privilegis richtis and titles maid and grātīt be his hienes and his p̄dicesso^{re} vnto thame of befoir And decernis and declaris the same to stand in the full strenth force and effect in tyme to cum.

XVIII.

The Parliament ratify acquittances given to the burgh for payment of £8000 lent from the Queen's tocher. 16th December, 1597.

Oure Soueraue Lord and estaitis of this pñt p̄liamēt Ratefeis apprevis and cōfirmis the tua acquittācis and dishargis gewin be his maiestie with advyis of his hienes comptroller and lordis of secreit counsale to the toun of abirdene vpoun the paymēt of aucht thousand pūdis qlk wes deliuerit to hā of the tocher of his maiesteis deirest spous the quenis grace and qlk hāi had for ānuell and proffeit Togidder with the pffeit of hē samī aucht thousand pundis of all 3eiris and termes bipast as the samī acquittācis and dishargis in thā selfis mair āplie beris The ane h^o of being of the dait hē fyift day of Junij the 3eir of god fourscoir fourtene 3eiris and the v^o h^o of being of the dait hē last day of Julij h^o efter hē samī 3eir and decernis and ordanis that this pñt act^o of Ratifica^oun foirsaid salbe als valiable and effectuell

* See No. XXXIII., p. 75.

for þ^t effect^o as gif the saidis tua acquittāccis and dishargis war insert and ingrossit everie word heirintill and ordanis ane act^o of parliamēt to be maid and formit heirvpouñ

XIX.

The Parliament ratify the charter of 14th August, 1601, granted to the burgh by King James VI. 9th July, 1606.*

OURE SOUERANE LORD and estaittis of this pñt parliamēt be the tenno^r heirof Ratefeis appeves and perpetualie confermis the charto^r maid and grantit vnder his hienes great seall To the burgh of Aberdene provest bailleis counsaill and cōmunitie þairof and thair successouris Off all and sindrie thair cōmoun landis pertenig to the said bur^t mylnis small customes salmond fisheingis Liberteis privileges Immunitis and vtheris quhatsumeuir generalie and specialie comprehendit and contenit in the foirsaid charto^r In all and sindrie pointis heidis articlis claus^s circūstances and cōditionis thairof As the foirsaid charto^r of the date at falkland þe fourtene day of August the 3eir of god J^mvj^c and ane 3eiris in the self at mair lenth proportis with the precept and Instrumēt of seasing following þairvpoun And willis that þis pñt Ratificatioun and cōfirma^oun Is and sall be of als great strenth force and effect as gif the samī charto^r precept and Instrumēt of seasing wer word be word heirin ingrossit quhairanēt our said souerane with advyse foirsaid for now and evir be thir pñtis dispens^s And als oure said souerane w^t advyse foirsaid ffindis decernis and declaris the foirsaid charto^r precept and Instrumēt of seasing following thairvpoun To be ane gude valide and perfyte richt to the provest baillies counsaill and cōmunitie of the said bur^t of aberdene and þair successouris ffor bruing and Joising of all ʒ sindrie landis mylnis fischeingis salmond fisches privileges Liberteis and Immunitis and vtheris q^tsumeuir generalie and specialie cōprehendit and expressit in the samī charto^r ffor paymēt of the 3eirlie ductie thairin cōtenit And gif neid beis oure said souerane And estaittis foirsaidis Ordanis ane new infestmēt to be maid grantit and gewin To the said bur^t of Aberdene provest bailleis counsaill and cōmunitie þairof aggreable word be word w^t the said chartour ffor the qlk new Infestmēt this pñt act sall be ane sufficient warrand

* No. XLII., p. 100.

XX.

The Parliament ratify the charter of 1st February, 1605, granted to the burgh by Mr. Alexander Hay. 9th July, 1606.*

OURE SOUERANE LORD with advyse of the Estaittis of this pñt pliamēt Be the tenno^r heirof Ratefeis appreses and for his hienes and his successouris perpetualie Confermis the chartour maid gevin and grantit be m^r Alexander hay clerk of o^r said souerane Lordis counsaill and sessioun To the provest bailleis counsaill and cōmunitie of the burgh of aberdene and thair successouris Off all and sindrie the fewfermes and ālrentis þairin Contentit extending in the hail to tuentie sewin pundē aucht schillingis and aucht penneis with the superioriteis of all landis tenemētis ālrentis and vtheris thairin cōtenit In all and sindrie pointis clau^ss articlis circūstances and conditiones þairof As the foirsaid charto^r of the date at Edinburgh the first day of februar The 3eir of god J^ᵐvj^c and fyve 3eiris in the self at mair lenth proportis with the precept of seasing cōtenit in the said charto^r and Instrumēt of seasing following þairvpoun And willis that this pñt Ratificatioun and cōfirmatioun Is and sall be of als great force strenth and effect As gif the samī charto^r precept and Instrumēt of seasing wer word be word heirin ingrossit Quhairanēt oure said souerane with advyse for now ʒ evir Be thir pñtē dispens^s

XXI.

The Parliament approve an alteration of the amount of burgh maill from sterling to Scots money. 28th June, 1617.

OURE SOUERANE LORD and estaittis of Parliament perfyitlie vnderstanding That his Māties burgh off Abirdene being anc of the most ancient ʒ famous borrowes of this his majestyes kingdome off Scotland wes crectit be his maiestyes maist nobill predicessoures of worthie memorye and doted with ampill priuiledges ʒ Immunityes for 3eirlic payment of the soume of Tua hundereth threttene pundis sex schillingis Aucht Pennyes of borrow maill spēit and conteanit in the rightis and Infesmentis maid to þe said burgh thairvpoun As þe samyne in the

* See the charter *postea*.

selff proportis And howbeit in ane of the saide auld infestmentis The said Borrow maill and ȝeirlie dewtie be exprest to be sterling mo^e ȝit it is of veritie that þe Provest bailȝeis Counsell ⁊ Communitie of the said burgh off Abirdene and thair predicesso^re wes nevir in vse of Payment to his M^{tie} or his hienes Comptrollaris bot off the soume off Tua hundereth threttene pundis sex schillingis aucht pennyes current and vsuall money of scotland allanerlie Q^{off} compt hes bene maid in his hienes exchekquer past memorie of man And his maiestye considdering that giff the said burgh of Abirdene suld be vrgit and burdenit with the payment of the said borrow maill in sterling money The same wald tend to the vtter Ruine of the said burgh In respect the haill commoun landis and rentis pertening þairto Ar not able to pay the said borrow maill it being Comptit in sterling money His hienes thairfore be Infestment vnder the gryit seill Off the date at faulkland the fourtene day off August the ȝeir of god J^m vj^c and ane ȝeiris* of new gave grantit and disponit to the said burgh all and sindrie thair landis mylnes hous^s fischeingis watteris and the said burgh it selff and all vtheris priuiledgis Liberties Immunities and vtheris Commodities quhatsumeuir Qlk did at ony tyme of before pertene or belang to the said burgh To be haldin of his M^{tie} and his successoures in frie burgage for yearlie payment of the soume of Tua hundereth threttene pundis sex schillingis aucht pennyes vsuall money of the realme of Scotland and tentye schillingis in augmentatioun of the rental As in the said Infestment off the date foirsaid Contening ane ratificatioun of all former rightis and euidentis grantit to the said burgh at mair Lenth is conteanit Qlk infestment his M^{tie} hes Ratefiet in þe Parliament haldin at Peirth the nynt day off Julii J^m vj^c and sex ȝeiris† And now his m^{tie} being of mynd that the said gift and erectioun maid to the said burgh may be sua formalie exped according to his m^{ties} lawes that þe same may be effectuall to the provest bailȝeis Counsell and Communitie of the said burgh and ane sufficiēt Right vnto thame and thair successoures in all tyme cuming for payment of the said ȝeirlie dewtie and borrow maill of Tua hundereth and threttene pundis sex schillingis aucht pennyes vsuall money of this realme of Scotland and twenty schillingis

* No. XLII., p. 100.

† No. XIX., p. 249.

money foirsaid of augmentation allanerlie Thairfore his Majestie with aduyse And Consent of the hail estaittis of this pñt Parliament Hes dissoluit and be the tenno^r heiroff for his hienes and his successours with consent and aduyse foirsaid off certane knowledge perpetuallie dissolvis fra the Croun and all Annexatioun thairto The said Burgh of Abirdene with all and sindrie thair landis forrestis woddis watteris salmond fischeingis vpoun dee and done mylnes thirle multeris castellis medowis hillis linkes heavines poirtis blokhous bulwarkis anchorages small Customes Bell customes Trone wechtis measures vtheris proffittis casualities and dewties quhatsumeuir qlk at ony tyme before perteanit or belangit to the said burgh of abirdene Togidder with the said borrow maill and 3eirle dewtie of tua hundereth threttene Pundis sex schillingis aucht pennyes money Conteanit in quhatsumeuir Infestmentis or eidentis grantit to the said burgh off quhatsumeuir designatioun the said borrow maill and 3eirle dewtie be of quhither sterling money or vsuall money of this realme To this effect that his M^{tie} may of new give grant and dispone to the Provest Bailzeis Counsell and Communitie of abirdene and thair successours The said burgh with all and sindrie thair Landis forrestis woddis wateris salmond fisheingis vpoun dee and done mylnes thirle multo^r castellis medowis hillis linkes blokhous^s bulwarkis anchorages small Customes bell Customes trone wechtis measures vtheris proffittes casualities and dewties q^tsumeuir qlk at ony tyme bigane perteanit or belangit to the said burgh of Abirdene To be haldin of his M^{tie} and his hienes successo^r in frie burgage for 3eirle payment of þe said sowme of Tua hundereth threttene pundis sex schillingis aucht pennyes and tuentye schillingis of augmentatioun vsuall money of Scotland allanerlie with als ampill priuiledgis Immunities and liberties as ony vther burgh wⁱⁿ this realme Lyik as his M^{tie} ardanis ane new gift* to be maid to the saidis Provest bailzeis Counsell and Communitie off the said burgh and vtheris abone sp^{eit} efter this pñt dissoluitioun vnder his hienes gryit seall Qlk infestment swa to be exped His M^{tie} w^t consent foirsaid Now as gif the sameñ wer alreddye perfyittit Ratefies affermes and appreis in the hail heiddis articles and claus^s thairoff And willes and declairis the said Infestment to follow vpoun

* No. XLIII., p. 110.

this pñt dissolutioun to be ane guid valide and perfyit right for the saidē Provest bailjeis Counsell and Communitie of the said burgh off Abirdene present and to come for bruiking and joysing of the said burgh and all and sindrie Landis forrestis mylnes woddis salmond fischeingis customes Casualities trone wechtis Priuiledgis Liberties Immunities and vtheris dewties quhatsumeuir thairin to be conteanit for payment of the said yearlie dewtie of Tua hundereth Threttie pundis sex schillingis aucht pennyes vsuall money of Scotland and twenty schillingis of the same money in augmentatioun of the rentell allanerlie and na farder As giff þe same were alreddy past and expreslie sett down in this pñt act And nochtwstanding thairoff Quhair-
anent his hienes for his M^{tie} and successoures with aduysse and consent foirsaid Hes and be thir pñtis dispensē for cuir

XXII.

The Privy Council appoint the old gauge of Aberdeen to be the standard measure for salmon throughout Scotland. 15th July, 1619.*

Forsamekill as the cōmissionaris nominat be the lait parliament for reduccing of the weychtis and measoris of this kingdome to one conformitie haueing with gryte paines diligence foirsicht and deliberatioun bro^t that wark to ane gude conclusion by appoynting and setting doun of a perfyite Just and trew proportioun of measure for the firlo^t stoupe eln and weychtis by the quhilkis all his maiesties liegis and subiectis ar commandit to ressaue and delyuer buy and sell thair commodities and wairis and of the qlkis measuris and weychtis double standartis war presentit to his maiesties counsell be the burrowis quho hes the charge and keiping of the same and ar put in his maiesties castell of Edinburght and Dumbartane to remane as warrandis for the saidis weychtis and measuris in all tyme comeing thair onlie rested at that tyme the measour of salmond q^{with} the saidis commissionaris medlit not ather in respect that no mentioun wes maid of that mesour to the parliament Or els becaus the standart thairoff qlk was committit of auld

* See page 187.

be his maiesties predicessoris of famous memorie to the Burght of Abirdeine hes beine ressaute Imbraceit and acknowledgit alsweill in yis kingdome as in forane partis to be a Just trew and vpricht measour And whereas be the cair and diligence of the saidis commissionaris the diversitie and disproportion of all vther measouris quilk formerlie wes so frequent and commoun in this cuntrie Is now remowit and taine away And seing lykwayis thair hes newir beine ane vther standart of Salmond maid in this Kingdome bot the auld standart of Abirdein Thairfoir the Lordis of secreit counsall hes thoct it meit expedient concludit and ordaint both for the credite and weill of the cuntrie and for eschewing the hurt and preiudice quhilk the disproportion betwixt the measouris of salmond may produce to his maiesties liegis that thair salbe bot ane constant measure for the salmond throught out the haill kingdome and that this measure salbe according to the auld gadge and standart of abirdein quhilk contene Ten gallowins with the quhilk measour all his maiesties liegis sall ressaue and delyuer thair salmond in all tyme comeing Ay and quhill the estaitis of this kingdome to be convenit in parliament tak vther ordour thair with And the saidis Lordis ordaines thir pñtis to begin and to tak effect and executioun fra the First day of Januar nixt to come allanerlie and to continew thaireftir till vther ordour be taine in parliament as said is And ordaines letteris to be direct to mak publicatioun heirof be oppin proclamatioun at the mercat croceis of the head burrowis of this kingdome and vther places neidfull quhairthrow nane pretend Ignorance of the same And to command charge and Inhibite all and sundrie his maiesties liegis and subiectis that nane of thame presume nor tak vpoun hand at any tyme eftir the said first day of Januar nixt to cum To ressaue or delyver thair salmond w^t any vther measure bot according to the gadge and standart of abirdein conteneing Ten gallowins as said is and that all thair barrellis be maid conforme thairto vnder the paine of confiscatioun of the haill salmond that salbe barrellit be thame vtherwyise the ane half of the said confiscatioun to apperteine to the kingis maiestie and the vther to the discover and reveiler of the fals and disconforme barrellis And siclyk to Command charge and Inhibite all and sundrie cowparis mackeris of barrellis That nane of thame presume nor tak vpoun hand to mak any barrellis for salmond bot according to the

standart of abirdein conteining the gallowins as said is vnder the paine of fywe pundis to be Incurrit be thame for everie barrell that they sall mak of ane vther measour

XXIII.

The Parliament ratify the charter of 17th July, 1617, granted to the burgh by King James VI. 28th June, 1633.*

OURE SOVERANE LORD and estates of this present parliament ordaines ane ratificatioun To be maid thairin In favours of his hienes lovitts The proucest baillies counsall and cōmwnitie of the burgh of Abirdeine and thair successors Ratifiand approveand And for his hienes and his successors perpetuallie confirmand The chartors maid and grantit be his Maties vmq^l darrest father James be the grace of god king of great Britane france and Ireland defendar of the faith ꝛ^c of eternall memorie With advyse and consent of his hienes principall thesaurar deputtie thesaurar and remanent lords of his hienes secreit Counsall of Scotland his hienes Cōmissioners for the tyme Wnder the great scale of the dait at falkland the sevintene day of July The ȝeir of god J^{mvj}^c and sevintene ȝeirs Quhairby our said lait vmq^l Sovereane lord . . . [see p. 110] . . . as the said chartor of the dait forsaid in itselff at mair lenth beirs: with the precept of sasing following thairvpon, vnder the testimonie of the Great Scale of the samyne dait, and instrument of sasing following thairvpon, of the daite the day of , the ȝeir of god J^{mvj}^c ȝeirs; as als the act of dissolutioun maid in the Parliament haldin at Edinburgh, the tuentic aucht day of Junii, the said yeir of God J^{mvj}^c and sevintene ȝeirs,† quhairunto the said chartor abone mentionat is relative and quhairone the samyne proceids and followes in maner thairin contenit; as als the chartor maid be vmq^l King Robert the First, to the saids burgess and cōmwnitie of the said burgh of Abirdeine of all the liberties, consuetudes, and jmmwnities quhairine they wer infest be his predicessors of befor, in tyme bygaine; and giving full power to the saids burgess and cōmwnitie of the said burgh, to tak, waird, and punishe all thes that sould come in armes within the said burgh, againes the statuites of his Majestie and borrowes of this realme in tyme coming, Wnder

* No. XLIII., p. 110.

† No. XXI., p. 250.

the Great Seale of the dait at Gairuane in Carrik, the saxt day of Februar, and of his Majesties reigne the tuentie-thride 3eir,* IN ALL and sundrie the heads, pointes, claus̄s, articles, and conditiones thairin contenit, and eftir the formes and tennors thereof in all pointes. And our said Soverane Lord and Estates of Parliament wills and grants, and for thame and thair successours decernes and ordaines that this present ratificatioun of the said chartor, precept and sasing following thairvpon, and of the act of dissolutioun abone writtine quhairvpon the samyne procedit, and the vther chartor abone mentionat, maid be the said vmq^l King Robert the First, is and sall be als valide and sufficient, and of als great force, strenth, and effect to the saids proueist, bailleis, counsall, and cōmwntie of the said burgh of Abirdeine and thair successors for bruiking and joysing of the said burgh of Abirdeine and all and sundrie lands, heretages, forrests, mylnes, wodes, salmond fishings, casualities, liberties, priueledges, jmmwnities, and vthers quhatsumever contenit in the saids chartors, and ather of thame, and vtherwayes belonging thairto, as if the saids tua chartors, precept, seasing, and act of dissolutioun abone writtine were all at lenth insert, ingrost, and contenit in this present ratificatioun. Quhairanent, and with all vther defects and imperfectiones, quhilks may be proponit or alledgit againes the saids tua chartors, precept, sasing, and act of dissolutione, or any of thame, and this ratificatioun thairof,oure said Soverane Lord and Estates of Parliament hes dispensit, and be thir presents dispens̄ for ever, and that the said ratificatioun be farder extendit in the best forme with all claus̄s necessar

XXIV.

The Privy Council grant to the burgh for a term of nineteen years certain duties on passengers, etc., for upholding the Calseys of Cowymonth. 17th July, 1634.

Anent the supplicatioun presented to the Lordis of secret counsall be the prouest and Baillies and counsell of the burghe of Aberdeine Makand mentioun That where the calseyes in Cowiemont ar now so worne and decayed as there will be no possibilitie of passage in this approaching winter and the supplicantis hes done alreadie all that lyes in thame for the mending and vpholding of these calseyis,

* No. X., p. 15.

bot the work is so great and the manie other burdeins lying vpon the said burghes presseth thame so hardlie as it lyes not in thair power To outtred and perfytee that work there being none within the kingdome more Important and necessar and if some course be not tymouslic tane for mending and vpholding of the saidis calseyis It wil become altogidder impossible thairefter and the supplicants can for see no way how these calseyis can be biggit and upholdin bot be a collectioun and dewtie To be takin off passingeris on horse and foot and of all horse Loadis and quhatsumewir cōmodities passing that way Humblie desyiring thairfoir the saidē Lordē To grant vnto the saidē supplicants a warrand and cōmissioun To raise and lift the dewtie following on passengeris horse Loadis and other cōmodities comeing and going be the saidē calseyis Lyik as at more Length is conteaned in the said applicatioun Quhilk being red hard and considered be the saidē Lordē and they hawing also hard seine of the barons and gentlemen in the Northe anent this matter and anent the necessitie of repairing and vpholding of the saidē calseyis and the saidē Lordē finding by thair awne knowledge and also by the report and declaratioun of the saidē Barons and gentlemen That the reparatioun and vpholding of the saidē Calseyis is a most important and necessar work Tending to the weell of the cuntry and good of the subjectis And finding no other expedient for the present how the saide calseyis salbe mendit and vpholdin bot be the wplifting of the dewtie following Thairfoir the saidē Lordis hes Given and granted and be the tenor heirof Giwes and grantis full power warrand and powir to the saidē supplicants and to thair collectoris To be nominat and appointed be thame frome tyme to tyme as thay sall think expedient To ask crave ressave intromett with and wplift the dewtie following of all passingeris travelling be the saidē Calseyis and of all horse Loadis or cartis sheep and nocht comeing or going that way That is to say of ewerie footeman twa pennies, of everie horsman eight pennyes, of everie horse Load of whatsumewir cōmodities eight pennies, of everie ten sheep eight pēneys of ewerie kow and oxe foure pennies, and of everie cart of whatsumewir cōmodities twa shillingis To be applyed to the beiting mending repairing and wpholding of the saidē calseyis And for the better collecting and ingaddering of this custome and dewtie With power to the saidē supplicantē To caus big and sett ane port at suche pairt and place

of the calseyis as they frome tyme to tyme sall think expedient and to close the port and suffer none to have passage that way bot such as sall pay the dewtie foirsaid debarring all otheris frome passage who sall refuse to pay the same With power Lyikwayes to the saidē collectorē To pound the reddiest goodē and geir of the personis refusinge to pay the said dewtie according to the avail and proportioun of that quhilk is dew to be payed be thame And the saidē Lords ordains this commissioun and warrand to stand in full force and effect and to continew and indure and have executioun for the space of nynteine yeeres nixt and Immediatlie following the day and date of thir p̄ntes during the quhilk space the saidis Lordis Ordains the saids supplicantē to enterteaine and vphold the saids Calseyis

XXV.

The Parliament ratify King Charles I.'s grant (of 11th November, 1641) of the Church of St. Nicholas. 17th November, 1641.*

Our Sovereane Lord and hail estates of this p̄nt parlia^t ordeanes ane act to be made therine Ratifieing and approveing þe l̄c̄rs of Gifte made and granted be our said soverane Lord To and in favoures of the proveist baillies counsell and cōm̄vntie of the burgh of Abirdene now present and to there successoures in all tyme comeing of the Dait the ellevint Day of november instant Quhairby our said soverane lord for the considerationes therin contenit Hes givine granted foundit mortified and Disponed To the s̄ds Proveist baillies counsell and commontie of the said bur^t and ther successoures in all tyme comeing All and hail the kirke of S^t nicolas within þe said bur^t with the hail teyndis personage and viccarage therof Togidder with the right of patronage ⁊ presentatione of the ministeres therto As ofte and sua ofte as þe samene shall happine to occurre in tyme comeing To remaine with the saidis Proveist baillies counsell and commontie of the said bur^t and ther successoures for evir in all tyme comeing And sicklyke hes vnite and annexit þe said kirke of S^t Nicolas and teyndis personage and viccarage therof with the right of patronage therof foirsaid to the said burgh of Abirdene And hes ordeaned that ane seasing to be

* No. XLVII., p. 199.

now once takine therof be þe saidis Proveist baillies counsell and commontie of the said bür^t at þe mercat croce þ^of shall stand effectuall and be ane sufficient seasing to them for evir in all tyme comeing without any necessity for taking new seasing therof at any tyme thereftir To be holdine in maner specified in þe said gifte As the samene of the dait foirsaid at mair Lenth beeres In all and sindrie þe heedis Claus̄s and conditiones therin contenit And eftir the forme and tenno^r þairof in all poyntes

XXVI.

The Parliament ratify King Charles I.'s charter (of 9th September, 1638) confirming the privileges of the Burgh. 17th November, 1641.*

Our Sovereane Lord and Estates of this pñt Parliament Ratifies and approves and for his hienes and his successoures perpetuallie Confirmes The Charter mad and granted be his hienes with advyse and consent of his Mäties thesaur^{es} prin^{ll} and deputie and remanent Lordis of his hienes exchequer of this realme for the tyme wnder þe great seale of þe dait þe Nynt day of september The 3eer of God J^mvj^c Therttie eight 3eeres Quhairby our said soverane Lord . . . [see p. 155] . . . as the said charto^r of the dait foirsaid at mair lenth beeres with þe precept of seasing fallowing therwpon under the testimony of þe great seale of þe samene dait and instrument of seasing falloweing þairvpon off the dait þe last day of October the said 3eer of God J^mvi^c therttie eight 3eeres IN ALL AND sindrie þe heedis poyntes claus̄s articles and conditiones therin conteneid ; and eftir þe formes and tennore þairof in all poyntes AND oure said Sovereane Lord and þe Estates of Parliament willis and grantes and for them and ther successoures decernes and ordeanes that this present ratificatione of the said charto^r precept and seasing falloweing þ^wpoun and others actes and charto^re þairin mentionat is and shall be also valied and sufficient and of also great strenth force and effect to þe saidis proveist baillies counsell and cōmonitie of þe said burgh of Abirdene and ther successoures, for bruiking and joyning of þe said bur^t of Aberdeine and all and sindrie landis heritadges forrestes mylnes wodis fisheinges offices casualities liberties priviledges im-

* No. XLVI., p. 155.

munities and oþ's whatsomevir, conteaned in þe said charto^r and otherwayes belonging therto as if þe samene charto^r precept seasing actes and otheres above sp̄cit therin mentionat ware all at lenth word be word insert ingrost and conteaned in the said ratificatiōe therof NOTWITHSTANDING that the samene be not sua done QUHAIRANENT and withall other defectes and imperfectiones whatsomevir whilkis may be proponit or alledged aganes þe samene charto^r precept and seasing actes charto^r and otheres writtes foirsaidis þairinmentionat or any of them, and the said Ratificatiōe þairof OUR said soverane Lord and Estates of this present parliament Hes Dispensit And be þir p̄ntes Dispens̄ For evir

XXVII.

The Parliament grant warrant for payment of £12,960 Scots to the burgh from the burgh Excise, being proportion of money furnished to purchase arms. 18th July, 1644.

The Estates of parliament presentlie conveint By vertew of the Last act of þe last parliament Haldine be his Ma^{tie} and thrie estates in Anno 1641 Be thir p̄ntes Gives precept and warrand to þe Thesaurer or collecto^r Generall of the excise and to þe Commis^r and intrometeres with the moneyes barrowed for þe use of þe publict To make payment to þe burgh of Aberdene or ony haveand þer power and warrand out of þe first and reddiest of the Excise or barrowed moneyes w^{ch} shall be exacted uplifted or barrowed for þe use of the publict within the said burgh of Abirdeine of the soume of Tuelff Thousand Nyne hundreth thriscoire pundes scotes with the ārent therof sence mertimes J^mvj^c ⁊ fourtie tuo yeeres Quhilke is that pairt and proporti^oun payed and advanced be þe burgh of Aberdene for þe publict To the facto^r at campheir of the pryces of þe Armes and ammunitione sent home be the facto^r for þe use of the publict to this Cuntrie the tyme of the late troubles And q^{ro}f þe frie royall burrowes and ther burgess rextiue advanceres and payeres therof to þe facto^r at campheir Are ordeind to be repayed be ordinance of þe parliament Out of the said Excise and barrowed moneyes within ther owne burghes rextiue Conforme to þe act and ordinance made heirwpon of þe dait heirof Quhairanent thir p̄ntes shall be a sufficient warrand

XXVIII.

*The Parliament elect the Councillors of the burgh for the current year.
6th February, 1647.*

Forsamekle as there being ane proces depending before the Cōmittie of estates and remitted to þe determina^ounc of the parliament concerning the Late election of the counsell and magistratis of Abirdene And the samen being nōw takine in consideration be the estates of parliament with what hes bene said for and against the samen THEY FIND That in regaird of some excōmunicat persones and otherē of the rebellis being in armes within the tounē Imediatlie before and about the tyme of thair election and of there intermedling þ^rin The election hes not bene caried on w^t that friedome q^{lk} is allowed be þe Law and vsuall in the Lyke caises And therefore declares and decernis the said election to have bene and to be enforced vnfrie and illegall And for removeing of anie scandall that hes rissen and prejudice that hes or may ensue vpon the said election if it sould have cours: for reestablishing the election in the ordinarie dew and Legall way for the tyme to come and for diverse other good and Important considerations The estates of parliament have thocht fitt to tak vpon themselvis the election of the Counsell of Abirdene for the pñt yeir And haveing informed themselvis sufficientlie of the persones ablest and fittest for the charge THEY DOE NOMINAT and appoint patrik Leslie elder M^r Ro^t farq^r M^r Thomas gray Johne hay m^r w^m moir Thomas Mortimer Alex^r Jaffray george cullen patrik Leslie yo^r Walter cochrane Alex^r burnet elder Johne Jaffray Alex^r farq^r Thomas mowat george aedie david sinclare charles robertsone peter sheirar and W^m Sangster To be the Nyntene counsellorē of þe said burgh for the pñt yeir And ordains them vpon þe tuentic fourt day of this moneth at fardest or sooner if convenientlie they can To conveene in the ordinarie place of meitting And thair be themselvis onlie to mak election of the provest baillies and other magistratis and officerē wthin the s^d burgh for the samen yeir of thair awne number Quhilks persones ar to exerce the saidis places and offices of magistracie and counsell vntill the nixt ordinar tyme of election And then they ar to mak

choose of þ^r successo^re in the saidis places for the nixt yeir to come of men of knawne affection to the caus conforme to þe Law and vsuall custome of the burgh And it is heirby provydit That this act sall neither prejudge anie infestment^e and saisingis given by the persones elected In maner foresaid nor anie Lauffull deid done by them in conveyance of richtis and administration of justice or keiping the said toune in order this tyme bygone nor the privilegedges of the said burgh in the election of the counsell and magistratis In tym comeing Declaring Lykewise Inregaird that the clerk who was in place is Laitlie deceissed That the counsell abouenamed and magistratis be them to be elected Sall satle and dispose of the said place as they sall find most conduceable to þe Peice of þe toune and to þe publict caus And ordains L^res to be direct heirvpon to the effect before ordaned vpon ane simple charge of xv dayis

XXIX.

The Parliament recognise the public indebtedness to the burgh to the extent of £39,084 10s. 8d. and £221,036 5s. Scots. 27th March, 1647.

The Estates of parliament Haveing hard and considered the Report of that Co^mittie appointed for hearing of þe suplications and sitling of þe accomptis of the burgh of Abirdene and vþ^r distrest burghes and schyres CONCERNING the suplication and accomptis of þe s^d burgh of Abirdene For payment of þ^r quarteringis the fleymis money and other sowmes furneist and Lent be them for þe vse of the publict by order of þe Co^mittie of estates THEY FIND That thair is justlie restand awand be the publict to the toune of Abirdene of fleymis money advanced be them in anno 1641 and of vþ^r moneyis furneist and lent be them and payed to Johne denholme Co^miss^r for þe north in anno 1644 be order of þe Co^mittie of estates The sowme of Threttie nyne thousand fourscore foure pund^e 10s. 8d. money of prin^{ll} sowmes and anuelrentis at Candlemes Lastbypast J^mvj^c 7 fourtie sevin yeir^e By vþ^r great sowmes of money borrowed from severall persones Inhabitantes of the burgh of Abirdene and not compted nor comprehendit in the sowme abonewⁱn Quhilk sowme of Threttie nyne thousand Fourscore foure pund^e 10s. 8d. abone-

mentioned The estates of parliament declares to be ane publict debt adebtit be the kingdom to þe burgh of Abirdene And grants heirby to them the publict securitie and publict faith for payment þrof to them w^t anuelrent for the fleymis money and lent moneyis fores^d since Candlemes Last and whill the payment And doe heirby obledge the estates of þe kingdome for that effect And ordains the foresaid fleymis money and anuelrentis þrof w^t þe anuelrent of þe said Lent moneyis To be payit out of the excise of þe kingdom eftir þe sowme appointed out of the excise for maintenance of þe armie beis first compleit and made vp to the armie And also The s^de estates of parliament FINDIS by the fores^d Report That thair is restand awand to þe burgh of Abirdene and inhabitants þrof be the publict for quarteringis of horsse and foote officerē and souldiorē their from tyme to tyme at frie quarterē preceeding þe twentie of februar J^mvj^c ƿ fourtie sevin yeirē and for vþ^r incident necess^r charges debursed be them vpon warrandis instructed The sowme of Twa hundreth tuentie ane thousand threttie sex pundis fyve schillingis scotis money And that it is the opinion of þe fores^d Cōmittie That suche restis as is ȝit vnpayit be the toune of Abirdene of þ^r awne maintenance of þe first sevintene monethis Sould be allowed to them In pairt of payment of þ^r s^de quarteringis Quhilk article of þe fores^d Report concerning the fores^de quarteringis and vþ^r incident charges debursed be þe toune of Abirdene amounting to þe fores^d sowme of Two hundereth tuentie ane thousand threttie sex pundē 5s. scotis money w^t the alloweing of these restē of þe toune of Abirdene maintenance of þe first sevinten monethis suche as is vn timer payed þrof to them In pairt of payment of þe s^de quarteringis The saidis estates of parliament In respect of þe singular caise and condition of þe toune of Abirdene REMITTIS to the Cōmittie of estates To be tane in consideration be þm and W^t power to them to determine þ^ranent and tak some effectuall course for þe tounes releise þrof as the Cōmittie sall find just and reasonable But pre-
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 judice of the pay^t of þe armie and w^t Res^vva^oune of þe Lord humbies act and pay^t and of former assignementē And that no assignementē be granted of anie of þe money dew be the parliament of England to this kingdome

XXX.

The Parliament relieve the burgh from the payment of certain arrears, and grant the sum of £1000 sterling to the Magistrates. 12th March, 1649.

THE ESTATES OF PARLIAMENT Taking to thair consideratioune the Supplicatioune given in to thame be the Magistratis and counsell of þe burgh of Aberdene for thameselffis and in name and behalff of the Inhabitantis of the said burgh SHEWING the great soumes dew to thame by the publict with þ^r Losses and sufferinges as the samyne are mentioned and instructed in the said supplicatioune And that without present helpe they in that tounne will be vterlie ruined AND THAIRFORE desyreing whill some vther effectuall course be taken for þ^r releife That the mantenance and excyse W^{ch} is dew and payable be thame for byganes and What sall be due in tyme to come may be allowed to the supplicantis in þ^r awne handis As the supplicatioune mair fullie beires And als considering The Reporte of the Cōmittee of cōmoune burdings Wherevnto the samyne wes remitted Finding the haill soumes resting to the said burgh cleirly instructed (uherof one great pairt formerlie approven and declaired publict debt by act of parliament*) And þ^t þ^r will be due and restand to the said burgh in haill The soume of Nynce hundreth Tuentie sevin thousand ane hundreth and twentie Merkis and no pairt þ^rof payed AND that it is the opinione of the said Cōmittee In regarde of the great soumes advanced by the said burgh to the publict And to encourage and strengthen the handis of their honest magistratis and ministeris That the soume of Ane thousand Merkis monthlie continew suspendit as formerlie And what of þ^r mantenance is formerlie suspendit and fund resting by the said burgh be allowed to thame in pairt of payment of the soumes dew to thame by the publict And that the Excyse of the said Burgh since the first of februar Last be signed and allowed to thame in tyme cumeing Whill þ^r flemis and Lent moneyis with the anuel-rent þ^rof be compleitlie payed And that some present and effectual course be taken for the farder reparatioune and releefe of the saide burgh and that they be seriouslie recōmendit to the Cōmittee of estaites for that

* No. XXIX., p. 262.

effect QUHILK Supplicatioune and Reporte þ^rof being considderit by the estaites of parliament THEY In regarde of þe present sadd and distrest conditione of the said burgh of Aberdene ORDAINE thame to be liberate and fred and doe heerby Dischaige and exoner the said burgh of Aberdene of all bygane Monethlie maintenance ather restand vnpeyed be thame Or suspendit to thame for any monethis preceeding the first of februar last 1649 yeires Whereof the parliament declaires thame frie And allowis the samyne to thame in satisfactiounne pro tanto of the soumes dew to thame be the publict AND FARDER The said estaites of parliament Ordaines The Soume of Ane thousand pundis sterling To be allowed and payed to the Magistratis of Aberdene out of the first and reddiest of the maintenance Excycse or vther publict dewis to be vplifted out of the said burgh of Aberdene or shire þ^rof For the Moneth of februar last 1649 yeeres and subsequent monethis þ^rafter AND to that effect The saidis Estaites Gives heerby precept and Warrant to the Generall Cōmissar and his deputtis To mak payment to the Magistratis of Aberdene of the foirsaid Ane thousand pundis sterling in maner foirsaid And Declaires thir pñtis with their dischaige to be ane sufficient Warrant To the General Cōmissar and his deputtis for þ^r exoneratiounne in þ^r accomptis for the said thousand pundis sterling pro tanto AND ORDAINES the said soume to be imployed be the Magistratis of Aberdene for making vp of a pairt of the mortified moneis in þ^r burgh Tane vp and advanced be thame for the vse and service of the publict And for the remanent memberis of þ^r Supplicatiounne and report With the actis and instructiounes þ^rof concerneing the remanent soumes þ^rin-mentionat dew be the publict to the burgh of Aberdene The saidis Estaites of parliament Remittis and recōmendis the samyne in ane serious maner To the Committee of estaites That ane speedie and effectuall course be taken for þe releese aud reparatiounne of the burdinges and Losses of the said burgh as the said Cōmittee shall think expedient

XXXI.

The Parliament ordain the Commissary of Aberdeen to sit within the burgh. 16th March, 1649.

THE ESTATES of parliament Taking to þ^r consideratiounne that

the Cōmissar of Aberdene hes his seatt of Iustice uithin ane village Called old aberdene where nether pro^{ce} nor vthers memberis of Court dwellis nor can convenientlie attend So that the Leidges dwelling within the said dyocie of Aberdene are much damnified and dissapoynted of Iustice þrby And that it wald tend much to the gude of the Leidges That the said Cōmissar did sitt and administrat justice uithin the burgh of Aberdene where all þe vþ^r Iudicatories of that boundis does sitt and memberis of the said Cōmissariote dwells THAIRFORE and inrespect that it is the earnest desyre of the Cōmissioneris of the schire and burgh of aberdene and memberis of the said Cōmisariote THEY doe ordaine That in all tyme cuming the said Cōmissar of Aberdene and his deputtis Sall sitt and administrat Iustice uithin the burgh of Aberdene where pro^{ce} and memberis of Courte may attend and the Leidges may be eased and not preiudged throw want of þ^r attendance And declaires thir pñtis sall be ane sufficient warrand for the said Cōmisar to change his seate of Iustice to the place foirsaid

XXXII.

The Lord Protector and his Council ordain that Aberdeen, Banff, and Cullen shall conjointly return a member to Parliament. 27th June, 1654.

Whereas by the Government of the Commonwealth of England, Scotland and Ireland, publiquely Declared at Westminster the sixteenth day of December 1653. It is declared, that the Distribution of the Persons to be chosen for Scotland, and the severall Counties, Cities and places uithin the same shall be according to such proportions & numbers as shall be agreed upon and declared by the Lord Protector, & the major part of the Council, before the sending forth Writs of Summons for the next Parliament. And whereas His Highness and the major part of the Council, before the sending forth of any Writs of Summons aforesaid, did Agree and Declare the Distribution of the persons to be chosen for Scotland, According to the proportions and numbers hereafter mentioned; It is therefore Ordained, Declared and Agreed by His Highness the Lord Protector with the consent of the Council, That the persons to be chosen

for Scotland, and the severall Counties, Cities and Places within the same, shall be according to the proportions and numbers hereafter expressed: That is to say, . . . For the Broughs of Bamph, Cullen and Aberdeen, one, and the place of meeting for the Election of such person shall be at Aberdeen; . . . And it is further Ordained by his said Highness the Lord Protector with the consent of the Council, That for the effectual and orderly Election of the persons aforesaid to be chosen to sit and serve in Parliament, as in the said Government is declared, severall Writs under the Great Seal of England, shall issue and be directed to the severall and respective Sheriffs of the severall and respective shires, wherein the respective Elections are to be made of the respective persons to serve in Parliament for þe respective shires, & to the respective Sheriffs of the County where the Elections for the Boroughs are hereby appointed to be made according to the distribution aforesaid; and that the respective Sheriffs to whom such Writs shall be directed, are hereby Authorized and Impowred to make or cause Proclamation to be made of such Writ in all the Counties Boroughs and places respectively for the making such Election and Elections, and to issue his Warrant to the Chief Officer of the place, where such Election for Boroughs is to be made, notwithstanding the same be not within the shire wherof such person is Sheriff, and to Cause the Elections to be made accordingly; Which Writs the Chancellour, Keeper, or Commissioners of the Great Seal of England, for the time being, shall Seal, Issue, and send forth.

XXXIII.

*The Parliament renew the grant of 17th July, 1634, by the Privy Council to the burgh, for a further term of nineteen years. 22nd February, 1661.**

The Estates of Parliament taking to their consideration a supplication given in to them by the Provest Baillies and Council of the burgh of Aberdeen Shewing that the Lords of Secreit Council by their Cōmission dated the Seventeenth of July 1634 yeers did grant warrant to the Magistrats & Council of the said burgh of Aberdeen to vplift a certaine dutie for the space of nyntein yeers after the date

* No. XXIV., p. 256.

of the said Cōmission from all passengers and for all horse loads carts sheip and nolt comeing or goeing be the Calsayes of Cowy-month for vpholding & maintaining of the said Calsays And that they did not enioy the benefite of the said Cōmission above the space of three or four yeers preceeding the late troubles And therfor craveing that in regaird the said Calsays are now become broken & rwinous and the said burgh is not able to repair them vpon their oune charges That it would please the saids Estates of Parliament to grant warrand to the supplicants & their Collectors to exact & vplift the dueties contained in the said Cōmission of Secreit Council of all passingers horse loads cairts sheep or nolt passand be the said calsayes and in the maner spēt in the said Cōmission in all points As the said supplication at more lenth beares And the saids Estates of Parliament haveing also seen & considered the forsaid Cōmission of Secreit Council and particular dueties therin contained Have of new given & granted And be the tenor heirof Give & grant full power warrand & Cōmission to the saids supplicants and to their Collectors to be nominat and appointed by them from tyme to tyme As they shall think expedient To ask crave receive intromet with & vplift the dueties following of all passengers travelling be the said calsayes and of all horseloads or cairts sheip or nolt comeing or goeing that way That is to say of everie footman two pennies, of everie horseman Eight pennies, of everie horseload of whatsumever cōmoditie Eight pennies, of everie ten sheip eight pennies, of everie cow & ox four pennies, and of everie cairt of whatsomever cōmodities two shilling to be applyed for the beiting mending repareing & vpholding of the saids Calsayes With power lykwayes to the saids Collectors to poind the readiest goods & geir of the persones refusing to pay the said duety according to the availl & proportion of that which is due to be payed by them And to close the port of the saids Calsayes and suffer non to have passage that way bot such as shall pay the forsaid duetie And the saids Estates of Parliament Ordaines this Cōmission & warrand to stand in full force & effect And to continew & endure & have execution for the space of nyntein yeers next & imēdiatly following the day & date of thir pñts And lykwayes ordaines the said supplicants pñtey to repair the said Calsayes And to mantaine & vphold the same As they will be anserable

XXXIV.

The Parliament confirm the provisions of the Act of 16th March, 1649, anent the seat of the Commissary Court. 12th July, 1661.*

The Kings Maiestie and Estates of Parliament taking to their consideration that the Cōmisser of Aberdein hes his seat of Iustice within ane village called old Aberdein wher neither procurators nor other members of court duells nor can conveniently attend So that the leidges duelling within the said dyocie of Aberdein are much damnified and disappointed of justice thereby, and that it uold tend much to the good of the leidges that the said Cōmisser did sit and administer justice uithin the burgh of Aberdein wher all other judicatories of that bounds does sit and administer justice and the members of the said Court duells. Thairfor and in regard of the earnest desire of the Cōmissioners of the Shire and burgh and members of the Cōmissariot It wes formerlie appointed that the Cōmisser Court should sit uithin the burgh of Aberdein The Kings Maiestie uith advice and consent of his Estates of Parliament Doth ordeane That in all tyme comeing the said Cōmisser of Aberdein and his deputs Shall sit and administer justice within the burgh of Aberdein wher procurators and members of Court may attend and the leidges may be eased and not preiudged for want of their attendance And declares that thir presents shall be ane sufficient warrand for the said Cōmisser to change his seat of Iustice to the place forsaid and to sit and administer justice therein to all his Maiesties leidges in tyme comeing

XXXV.

The Parliament rescind the preceding Act of 12th July, 1661. 17th July, 1662.

Forasmuch as the Seat of the Cōmissariot of Aberdein wes formerlie in the oldtoun of Aberdein, Wher wis also the Seat of the Bishop of the diocie, And that vpon the desire of the Magistrats of the Newtoun of Aberdein before the late restitution of Bishops The Cōmissary Court wes removed and appointed to sit in the Newtoun ;

* No. XXXI., page 265, which, perhaps, was regarded as falling under the provisions of the Rescissory Act of 28th March, 1661.

And it being most iust that the Seat of the Cōmissariot be wher it wes in former tymes befor these late troubles, and wher the Seat of the Bishop is Thairfor the Kings Maiestie with advice and consent of his Estates of Parliament Ordaines and Appoints, That the Cōmissar Court of the diocie of Aberdein shall be in all tyme comeing kept at the oldtoun of Aberdein And therfor Rescinds and annulls all orders or acts made to the contrarie And declare the same voyd in all tyme comeing

XXXVI.

The Parliament remit to the Lords of Session a dispute anent the selling of ground malt in the Burgh. 5th September, 1662.

The Estates of Parliament having heard a supplication presented vnto them in name of the Cōmissioners of the Shire of Aberdein and burgh of Kintor Shewing that the Magistratis of Aberdein haveing hindered the sale of grund malt within the said burgh vpon the weekly mercat dayes therof and made acts and prohibitions in the contrare, to the great preiudice not only of the hail heritors lyver-renters wodsetters and others within the said shire and burgh of Kintor by diminishing their rentalls and Milne rents and depriveing the tennents of their readiest meane to make money Bot also to the great preiudice and against the consent of the whole trades of the said burgh of Aberdein as instruments and protestations taken ther-vpon beares Humbly desireing that the Magistrats of Aberdein might be discharged from any wayes hindering of any within the said Shire to bring in and sell their grund malt within the said burgh vpon the weekly mercats thairof as the supplication bears Which with the report of the Lords of the Articles who had heard the differences betuixt the Shire and burgh of Aberdeen, Being taken into consideration The Kings Maiestie with advice of his Estates of Parliament Doth remit the decydeing of the pretences of their severall Rights to the Lords of Session In relation to this particular anent the malt Allowing the Shire in the meantyme to reteane thair possession of bringing and selling their malt in the said mercat as formerlie And this without preiudice of either parties rights as accords

XXXVII.

The Parliament extend the grant of 22nd February, 1661, for a further term of nineteen years. 3rd December, 1669.*

The Kings Maiestie and Estates of Parliament haveing heard a supplication presented vnto them in name of the Magistrats and Councill of Aberdein Mentioning That the petitioners haveing been at a considerable expence for building and maintaining of an long calsay in Cowie month which is the ordinarie way & passage from the South to the said burgh and to that place of the North of Scotland wher the samen lyes In consideration whairof And for manentance of the said calsay The late Parliament by their act dated the tuentie tuo day of february 1661 yeers Did grant warrand to the supplicants to impower some persone to vplift and receave ane pettie imposition from all persons travelling alongs the said calsay vīz tuo pennies scots for everie footman, eight pennies for everie horsman, and for everie load that passeth that way eight pennies, for everie ten sheip eight pennies, for every ox and kow four pennies, And tuo shilling for everie carte of whatsomever cōmoditie And that for beiting repairing and vpholding the said calsays And to endure for the space of Nyntein yeers imēdiately after the date of the said act As the same of the date forsaid more fully proports And now in regard the saids calsays are presentlie to be repaired and the ditches casten which will stand the petitioners ane considerable soume of money And that heirefter the same will be neiding always reparations for keeping the way passable without which in the winter tyme it wer impossible either for horse or foot to travell Humbly desyring That the said imposition may be continewd for the vse aforesaid during ane longer space As the supplication at lenth bears Which with the Report of the Lords of the Articles made theranent being taken into consideration, The Kings Maiestie with advice and consent of his Estates of Parliament Hes continewd and heirby continews the impositions above written formerlie granted to the petitioners for repairing of the said calsay of Cowie month Conforme to the former act of Parliament of the date above written And that for the space

* No. XXXIII., p. 267.

of Nynteen yeers After the expyreing of the said former act With power to the saids petitioners, their factors or such as they shall appoint To collect intromet with and vplift the impositions above-written dureing the space forsaid And to vse all legall and fair means for vplifting of the same And to apply the moneys so collected for the vse aforsaid at the sight of Sir Johne Keith of Keithall the Lairds of Elsick Haddo and Pitfoddells To whom or any tuo of them the Kings Mātie and Estates of Parliament Recōmends to sie this imposition effectually employed for the vse before mentioned

XXXVIII.

The Parliament appoint Circuit Courts to be held annually in Aberdeen. 30th August, 1672.

The Kings Maiestie being Desireous that the publict Judicatories of this Kingdome might be soe regulat, that all abuses which had or might probably creep into the same be redressed and prevented; and that the best, most summar and equall way, of bringing and calling of Processis for Dispensing of Justice should be settled, as his subjects might be releived and secured against oppression and exactions, and that justice might be administrat to them with expedition and as litle trouble and charge as may be . . . For that effect . . . Ordaines . . . Concerning the Justice Courts . . .

5. That once a yeir in the moneth of Aprile or May, Circuit Courts be keiped, tuo of their number appointed to goe and keep Courts at Dumfries and Jedburgh, Tuo at Stirling, Glasgow and Aire, and other tuo at the tounes of Perth Aberdein and Inuerness; the Justice-Generall being always super-numerary in anie of these Circuit-Courts

XXXIX.

The Parliament ratify King James VI.'s Charter of 17th July, 1617, and King Charles I.'s Charter of 9th September, 1638.† 17th September, 1681.*

Our Sovereigne Lord with advice and Consent of the hail Estates of Parliament presently conveened Hes Ratified And approven And be thir presents Ratifies Approves and Confirmes Ane Chartor Granted

* No. XLIII., p. 110.

† No. XLVI., p. 155.

be King James the Sext his Mäties Royall Grandfather of Blessed memorie of the date the Seventeenth of July I^mvj^e and seventeen years To the Provost Baillies Counsell and Cōmunitie of the Burgh of Aberdeen whereby his Mäties vmq^{le} Grandfather In relation to And by vertue of ane Act of Parliament Holden At Edinburgh The twenty Eight of June I^mvj^e seventeen years Dissolved from the Crown and annexations thereof The said Burgh of Aberdeen &c. . . [See page 113]. Likeas His Mätie and Estates of Parliament foresaid Have Ratified and Approven And be thir presents Ratifies approves and Confirms Ane Chartor granted by his Mäties Royall father King Charles the first of blessed memorie of the date the Ninth day of September I^mvj^e threttie eight years whereby his Mätie with consent of his Thesaurer and deput Ratified and approved The foresaid Chartor granted be his Mäties said vmq^{le} Grandfather with the precepts of Seasing and Instruments of Seasing following thereupon And act of dissolution above mentioned with all and sūdrie other chartors Infetments precepts of seasing following thereupon . . . And whereby His Mäties said vmq^{le} Royall father Did of new Give and Grant To them The foresaid Burgh of Aberdeen with etc. . . [See page 167.] And Our Sovereign Lord and the Estates of Parliament Wills and Grants And for them and their successors Decerns and Ordains that this present Ratification of the foirsaidis tuo chartors and Instruments of Seasing following thereupon And other acts Chartors and other writs particularly and generallie therein mentioned And of the foresaid Gift granted be Our Sovereign Lord to the Provost Baillies Counsell and Cōmunitie of the said Burgh Is and shall be als valide and sufficient And of als great force strength and effect To the saids Provost Baillies Counsell and Communitie of the said Burgh And all and sundrie, lands heretages, fforrests milnes woods fishings, Offices, Casualities liberties priviledges Immunities and others whatsomever Contained in the saids Chartors and otherwayes belonging thereto And for uplifting exacting and receiveing the hail Impositions above mentioned Contained in the said Gift for the use and during the space therein contained As if the samen Chartors precepts of Seasing, Acts and others particularlie and generallie above specified and therein mentioned Together with the foresaid Gift under his Mäties great Seale were all at length word by word Insert, Ingrossed and contained

in the said Ratification thereof Notwithstanding that the samen be not sua done Whereanent and with all other defects and imperfections whatsomever which may be proponed or alledged against the foresaids tuo Chartors precepts of Seasings Acts Chartors and other writs above specified therein mentioned Or against the said Gift granted by his Mātie to the said Burgh under his Highnes great seale Or any of them Or against this present Ratification thereof Our Sovereign Lord And Estates of this present Parliament Have dispensed And hereby dispenses for ever.

XL.

The Privy Council appoint a voluntary contribution to be collected throughout Scotland towards repairing the Harbour of Aberdeen. 7th July, 1682.

Forasmuch, as there being a Petition given in to the Lords of His Majesties Privy Council, by the Magistrates, and Town-council of Aberdeen, Representing, that the town of Aberdeen having a considerable Sea trade within themselves, and which is of a considerable advantage to the Countrey, and without a good Harbour, cannot be well mannaged; and at the entry thereto, near the mouth of the River of Dee, there being by stress of Weather, several Banks casten up, and which is likewise, partly occasioned by the diversion of the current of the River, which, when running in the middle Channel, did cleanse the entry of the Harbour from Sand and Banks; and after serious and deliberate advice, its found, that the River cannot well be preserved, in running its due course, without having a Bulwark upon the North shore, as there is one already on the south-side thereof; and whereby the Stream will run in the middle, the building whereof at an equal computation, will cost at least one thousand pound sterling, besides the reparing of the Key alongst the Shore, which is of a considerable length; and which expenses, the Town in regard of the publick burdens, and great debt they ly under, of themselves, are not able to defray it, without that by the Councils Act, they have some assistance of their neighbours, by way of general Collection, as is usual to be granted in the like cases; and as the town of Aberdeen hath never hitherto been burdensom to their neighbours, in addresses

of this nature, so they were never wanting to contribute to the utmost of their power, in the assisting the building of all publick Works, when occasion required; and as the Harbour of Aberdeen is of necessary use, to preserve the Trade of that place, so the keeping up, and maintaining of the same, is of no less concern to the hail Liedges, and which inevitably will ruine without present supply; And therefore humbly Supplicating, that a voluntar Contribution might be granted, in manner under-written, towards the Building and Repairing of the said Harbour. The Lords of His Majesties Privy Council, having heard and considered the foresaid Petition, Do hereby grant Order and Warrant, for a voluntar Contribution to be Collected through the hail Kingdom, towards the Building and Repairing of the said Harbour of Aberdeen; and Recommend to the Arch-bishops and Bishops, to cause the Ministers in their respective Diocesses, to make intimation of the said Contribution, in their several Paroch Kirks, upon the Lords Day And ordain Alexander Anderson, present Town Thesaurer of Aberdeen and his successors in the said Office, for the time being, to uplift and Collect the foresaid voluntar Contribution, in regard sufficient Caution is found for them, that what Money shall be Collected, shall be made forthcoming, and imployed to the use foresaid, and to be countable therefore, when required.

XLI.

The Parliament rescind the Act of 17th July, 1662, anent the seat of the Commissary Court. 22nd July, 1690.*

Our Sovereigne Lord and Lady The King and Queens Majesties with the Advyce and consent of the Estates of Parliament Considering That the Commissar Court of Aberdeen was alwayes in use to sitt and be holden within the burgh of Aberdein as Head burgh of the shyre most commodious for the Leiges who resort thither about their lawfull affaires, and for the whole members of the Court who have their residence in the said burgh untill the yeare 1^mvj^c and sixty tuo that Episcopacie uas established, At which tyme there uas ane act of Parliament impetrate Ordancing and appointing the said Commissar Court to sitt in the old

* No. XXXV., p. 269.

toun of Aberdein in respect the samine was the Bishop of Aberdeins seat, And now seeing that Episcopacy is now abolished and that the said burgh of Aberdein is not only the place where the said Commissar Court was in use to sitt and be holden before the said Act, but alsoe is the most commodious both for the Leidges and members of Court for the cause above written Therefore their Majesties with advyce and consent of the Estates of Parliament hath thought fitt to Rescind and hereby Rescinds the forsaid act of Parliament appointing the said Cōmissar Court to sitt and be holden within the old Town of Aberdein And Ordaines the present Cōmissars of Aberdein and their successors to sitt, affix and hold their ordinary Courts within the said burgh of Aberdein Notwithstanding of the forsaid Act or any other act to the contraire.

XLII.

The Parliament renew King Charles II.'s grant (of 30th September, 1678) to the burgh of certain excise duties. 16th July, 1695.*

Our Sovereign Lord considering that the Toun of Aberdeen one of the most eminent of the Burghs Royal of this Kingdom both for Trade Policy Learning and Loyalty hath these many years bygone and ever since the beginning of the late intestine troubles anno One thousand Six hundred and fourty sustained great Sufferings and loses not only by their being subject to quarterings and other publick burdens but also by their being exposed to the frequent Incursions of Enemyes who have plundered their goods and wasted and destroyed their corns and houses And particularly by their being insulted invaded and opprest since the late happy Revolution by the Highland Rebels under the command of Major-General Buchan Likas the sufferings and losses of the said burgh, having been formerly taken into consideration were by Act of Parliament † Estimat and stated to no less than nyne hundred and twenty sevin thousand merks which moved his late Majesty King Charles the Second to give to the sd Burgh in the year One thousand Six hundred sevinty eight an gift of the Imposition of four pennies scots on the pint of ale and drinking beer with other

* No. LL., p. 207.

† No. XXX., p. 264.

Impositions on wine brandy and other Commodities therein mentioned for the space of eivin years which though it proved some relieffe to the said Burgh to prevent their utter undoing yet it did fall farr short of defraying all their debts so that to this day they are in no less than one hundred and twenty thousand pounds scots of burden for payment of the annual rent quherof they are necessitat to tax their Inhabitants yearly the Toun good not being able to pay the saids annual rents with the other necessary charges and expenses of the Burgh Likas there is a present necessity for mending and repairing their peer and harbour which tends not only to the privat advantage of the said Burgh and Community, but likewise to the common good and interest of the whole Nation And his Majesty finding nothing more just and easie for the relieffe of the said Burgh and its Inhabitants than that a gift of the forsaid former Impositions should be renewed in their favours seeing the same for the most part will be payable by themselves Therefore His Majesty with the advice and Consent of the Estates of Parliament Gives grants and Dispones to the Provest Baillies and Toun Council of the said Burgh for the use and in name of the Community thereof, the Imposition of two pennies Scots on every pint of ale browen and vended within the said Burgh and its liberties with fifty pounds money forsaid on every Tunn of ffrench wine and fifty pounds on every butt of Sack Spanish or Ranish wine Tue shilling Scots on every pint of brandy wine imported or of strong waters or aquavitæ imported browen or vended within the said Burgh All which Impositions are to be uplifted from and payed by the Sellers or Vintners of the wine, ale, drinking beer, brandy aquavitæ, strong waters the brewars of malt As also his Majesty with advice and consent forsaid Statutes and ordains that the money to be raised by the Impositions above written shall be waired out and employed at the oversight and by the advice of the Earles of Erroll and Kintore and S^r Thomas Burnet of Leyes and the present Commissioners for the shire of Aberdeen to the Parliament to the effect the samen may be rightly managed for the ends and uses above specyfyed And which Impositions upon the wine ale and other liquors shall be without prejudice and over and above the ordinar and annexed excise payable to his Majesty And the forsaid hails Impositions are to endure the space of thretteen years after the date hereof With power to the

foirsaid Magistrats and Toun Council to uplift the same and if need beis to poynd Distringie and use all other lawfull diligence for ingathering thereof as they are in use to do for any of their ordinar Customs and other parts of their publick good and revenue As likewise to appoynt Collectors one or more for the end forsaid, or to farm and sett the same in great as they shall judge convenient Providing allwayes likas it is hereby provided that the saids Magistrats Town Council and their Successors Administrat the forsaid Impositions faithfully and imploy the same carefully, for payment of their debts in the first place, and next for repairing of their harbour and other publick works belonging to the Burgh by the advice forsaid as they will be answeareable And notwithstanding that the forsaid Imposition is granted for the space of thretteen years yet it is hereby Declared that if within the forsaid time the whole debts of the said Burgh shall be compleatly payed And the said harbour with the other publick buildings repaired That then and in that case the forsaid Imposition shall terminat and the Inhabitants shall be no longer lyable in payment of the same

XLIII.

The Parliament appoint one of the Representatives of Scotland in the British Parliament to be chosen by Aberdeen, Inverbervy, Montrose, Arbroath and Brechin. 5th February, 1707.

Our Sovereign Lady Considering that by the twenty second Article of the Treaty of Union as the same is ratified by ane Act past in this Session of Parliament upon the sixteenth of January last It is provided that by virtue of the said Treaty of the Peers of Scotland at the time of the Union Sixteen shall be the number to sit and vote in the House of Lords and Fourty five the number of the Representatives of Scotland in the House of Commons of the Parliament of Great Britain ordains that of the said Fourty five Representatives of Scotland in the house of Commons in the Parliament of Great Britain Thirty shall be chosen by the Shires or Stewartries and Fifteen by the Royall Burrows as follows viz . . . The burghs of Aberdeen Inverbervy Montrose Aberbrothock and Brechin one . . .

XLIV.

The Parliament continue the grant of 16th July, 1695, for the further space of twenty-five years. 25th March, 1707.*

Our Sovereign Lady and Estates of Parliament considering a Petition given in by the Provost Baillies and Council of Aberdeen Representing the expence they have been brought to by the reparation and building of a bulwark for supporting their harbour by the reparation of their prison and expence they will be put to in bringing water into the Toun By which and their former debts they are reduced to straits and therefore Craving a prorogation of a former gift in their favors for the space of twenty five years after outrunning thereof Therefore Her Majesty and Estates foresaid Do hereby Ratifie and Approve the said former Act in their favors which is dated the sixteenth day of July 1^mvj^e and ninety five And after expiration thereof Prorogate the same for the space of twenty five years more to be uplifted and collected by them in such form and manner during the said twenty five years as they shall think fit They being always obliged to apply the sum so uplifted by virtue of this and the former gift towards the payment of the principall sums due by them in the first place And that at the sight of the Earl of Seafield Lord High Chancellour the Earl of Mar Lord Secretary the Earl of Erroll Earl Marischall Earl of Kintoir the Lords Forbes and Fraser Sir Thomas Burnet of Leyes and the present Commissioners to the Parliament for the shire of Aberdeen to whom from year to year they are to be accountable for their management With the burden always of forty pounds Sterling yearly during the continuance of this and the former gift towards a sallary to Doctor Thomas Bowar Regius Professor of Mathematicks in the Kings Colledge of Aberdeen and his successors in office payable at two terms in the year Whitsunday and Martinmas by equal portions beginning the first terms payment at Whitsunday next And thirty pounds Sterling payable at Whitsunday and Martinmas next by equal portions to Alexander Baillie servitor to the Lord Register or his assigns in part payment for his great pains and expence in putting in order the Records and Warrands in the Lower Parliament house Making Inventorys of the

* No. XLII., p. 276.

books and Searching out and writing a register of the old Publick Treaties betwixt this and other Nations And Ordain the Magistrats of the said Burgh to pay the said respective sums accordingly And to the effect the said Toun of Aberdeen may be the better inabled to pay the said sum of fourty pounds Sterling yearly to the said Doctor Bowar and his successors and the said Thirty pounds Sterling to the said Alexander Baillie in manner forsaid out of what arises from the said gift And in regard they have severall publick and useful works of their own to finish and carry on for the publick utility Therefore Her Majesty and the Estates of Parliament Extend the imposition upon Liquors mentioned in their said gift to what shall be brown and vended in the old toun of Aberdeen, Colledge bounds Spittle and Seaton, from and after the said term of Whitsunday next And Statut and Ordain That all liquor brown and vended in the said old toun Colledge bounds Spittle and Seaton, from that term and during the continuance of this gift shall be lyable to the same imposition on liquors that are brown and vended in the New-toun, And that the said Toun of Aberdeen their Collectors or tacksmen may levy collect and uplift the said imposition during the space foresaid in the same way and manner as they have levyd and collected or shall levy and collect the same from their own brewars and retailers And Declare this Act to be as effectual as if it had been contained in their first gift hereby prorogated

ACTS OF THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

Subjoined are the titles of the principal Acts affecting the Burgh of Aberdeen of date subsequent to the Union.

8 George I., c. xxviii.

An Act for supplying the Records of the Commissary Court of Aberdeen, burnt or lost in the late Fire there. 7th March, 1721.

9 George I., c. xxv.

An Act for making more effectual an Act passed in the Eighth year of His present Majesty's Reign, Intituled, An Act for supplying the Records of the Commissary Court of Aberdeen, burnt or lost in the late Fire there. 27th May, 1723.

4 George II., c. xiii.

An Act for the further continuing the Duties granted by an Act passed in the Parliament of *Scotland* in the year One thousand six hundred and ninety five,* and continued by an Act passed in the Year One thousand seven hundred and seven,† for payment off the Debts of the Town of *Aberdeen*, and for the other publick Uses of the said Town. 7th May, 1731.

13 George III., c. xxix.

An Act for deepening, cleansing, and making more commodious, the Harbour of Aberdeen; for erecting new Piers and Quays therein; and for regulating Ships and Vessels trading into, and going out of, the said Harbour. 1st April, 1773.

35 George III., c. xli.

An Act to continue the Term and alter and enlarge the Powers, of an Act, made in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled an Act for deepening, cleansing and making more commodious, the Harbour of Aberdeen; for erecting New Piers and Quays therein; and for regulating Ships and

* No. XLII., p. 276.

† No. XLIV., p. 279.

Vessels trading into and going out of, the said Harbour. 28th April, 1795.

35 George III., c. lxxvi.

An Act for the better paving, lighting, cleansing and otherwise improving the Streets, Lanes and other Publick Passages of the City of Aberdeen, and the Roads and Avenues within the Royalty thereof; for the better supplying the Inhabitants with fresh Water, and for the removing and preventing all Obstructions and Annoyances within the said City and Royalty. 19th May, 1795.

36 George III., c. lxxviii.

An Act for making and maintaining a Navigable Canal from the Harbour of Aberdeen, in the Parish of Aberdeen or Saint Nicholas, into the River Don, at or near the South end of the Bridge over the same (adjacent to the Royal Burgh of Inverurie), in the Parish of Kintore, all within the County of Aberdeen, North Britain. 26th April, 1796.

37 George III., c. ci.

An Act for enlarging and improving the Harbour of Aberdeen; for building new Quays, Wharfs and Docks; and for making new Roads and Passages, and widening others leading to and from the said Harbour. 4th July, 1797.

39 and 40 George III., c. xi. (Local.)

An Act for opening and making Two new Streets in the City of Aberdeen. 4th April, 1800.

41 George III., c. iii. (Local.)

An Act for better enabling the Company of Proprietors of the Aberdeenshire Canal Navigation to complete the same. 24th March, 1801.

42 George III., c. xl. (Local.)

An Act for building and maintaining a House of Correction in and for the City and County of Aberdeen, and for raising a Fund for defraying the Charges of apprehending, prosecuting and subsisting Criminals, Rogues and Vagabonds found within the said City and Liberties thereof. 7th May, 1802.

48 George III., c. xx. (Local.)

An Act for altering and enlarging the powers of so much of an Act of the Forty-second Year of his Majesty's Reign, as relates

to building and maintaining a House of Correction in and for the City and County of Aberdeen. 14th April, 1808.

49 George III., c. iii. (Local.)

An Act for better enabling the Company of Proprietors of the Aberdeenshire Canal Navigation to raise the necessary Fund to complete the same. 13th March, 1810.

50 George III., c. lxx. (Local.)

An Act to amend several Acts of the Thirteenth, Thirty-fifth and Thirty-seventh Years of His present Majesty for deepening and making more commodious the Harbour of Aberdeen. 18th May, 1810.

53 George III., c. clvii. (Local.)

An Act for further improving the Harbour of Aberdeen. 22nd June, 1813.

54 George III., c. c. (Local.)

An Act for erecting and maintaining a new Court House and other offices for the City and County of Aberdeen, and for providing and maintaining an additional Gaol for the City and County, and for other purposes relating thereto. 17th June, 1814.

58 George III., c. lix. (Local.)

An Act for better Paving, Cleansing, Lighting, Watching, and Improving the Streets, Lanes and other Public Places and Passages of the City of Aberdeen, and the Roads and Avenues within the Freedom and Royalty thereof; and for supplying the Inhabitants of the said City with Water. 23rd May, 1818.

59 George III., c. xxxiii. (Local.)

An Act to alter and amend an Act of the fifty-fourth year of his present Majesty, for erecting and maintaining a new Court House and other offices for the City and County of Aberdeen, and for providing and maintaining an additional Gaol for the said City and County and for other purposes relating thereto. 19th May, 1819.

6 George IV., c. lix. (Local.)

An Act for Building a Bridge over the River Don near the village of Balgownie or Polgownie in the Parish of Old Machar and County of Aeburdeen. 20th May, 1825.

6 George IV., c. lxxv. (Local.)

An Act to alter and amend two Acts of the fifty-fourth and fifty-ninth years of his late Majesty for erecting and maintaining a new Court House, and other offices for the City and County of Aberdeen; and for providing an additional Gaol for the said City and County; and to provide a safe and convenient place for the custody and preservation of the Public Records of the said City and County, and for other purposes connected therewith. 20th May, 1825.

10 George IV., c. xxxiv. (Local.)

An Act for the Improvement of the Harbour of Aberdeen. 14th May, 1829.

10 George IV., c. xli. (Local.)

An Act for better Paving, Cleansing, Lighting, Watching, and Improving the Streets, Lanes and other public places and passages within the City of Aberdeen, and certain grounds adjacent, for regulating the Police thereof, and for supplying the Inhabitants with Water. 14th May, 1829.

2 and 3 William IV., c. LXXV. (Public.)

An Act to amend the Representation of the People in Scotland. 17th July, 1832.*

6 and 7 Vict., c. lxxii. (Local.)

An Act for Improving and Maintaining the Harbour of Aberdeen. 12th July, 1843.

14 Vict., c. xxxviii. (Local.)

An Act for erecting and maintaining new Public Offices for the County of Aberdeen; for altering and enlarging the present Record Office of the County, and for other Purposes. 5th June, 1851.

25 and 26 Vict., c. cciii. (Local.)

An Act for paving, cleansing, lighting, watching, draining and improving the City of Aberdeen and adjacent Districts; for regulating the Police thereof; for supplying the Inhabitants with Water, and for other purposes. 7th August, 1862.

28 and 29 Vict. c. ccxl. (Local.)

An Act for more effectually maintaining and keeping in repair

* Town of Aberdeen to return one member.

the Roads, Highways, and Bridges, in the County of Aberdeen; for making New Roads in the said County; and for other purposes. 5th July, 1865.

29 and 30 Vict., c. civ. (Local.)

An Act for erecting and maintaining a new Court House, Town House, County and Town Hall, Police and other County and Municipal Buildings and Offices for the County and City of Aberdeen; and for other purposes. 28th June, 1866.

29 and 30 Vict., c. XCIII. (Public.)

An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under "The General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Act 1862" relating to the Burgh of Aberdeen. 10th August, 1866.

30 Vict., c. li. (Local.)

An Act to amend "The Aberdeen Police and Waterworks Act 1862" and to authorise the Commissioners of Police to raise further sums of money for the purposes thereof. 31st May, 1867.

31 and 32 Vict., c. cxxxviii. (Local.)

An Act for improving and maintaining the Harbour of Aberdeen. 13th July, 1868.

31 and 32 Vict., c. 8. (Private.)

An Act to provide for the vesting and management of certain Funds held in trust by the Town Council of Aberdeen; and for other purposes. 31st July, 1868.

34 and 35 Vict., c. xcvi. (Local.)

An Act to confer further Powers on the Aberdeen Harbour Commissioners. 13th July, 1871.

34 and 35 Vict., c. cxli. (Local.)

An Act to extend the Municipal Boundaries of the City of Aberdeen; and for other purposes. 13th July, 1871.

42 and 43 Vict., c. lxxxviii. (Local.)

An Act to confer further Powers on the Aberdeen Harbour Commissioners. 3rd July, 1879.

44 and 45 Vict., c. lxxiii. (Local.)

An Act to confer further powers on the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Town Council of the Royal Burgh and City of Aberdeen, for municipal, police and other purposes. 27th June, 1881.

46 Vict., c. viii. (Local.)

An Act to continue and amend the Aberdeenshire Roads Act 1865; and for other purposes. 31st May, 1883.

46 and 47 Vict., c. lx. (Local.)

An Act to extend the municipal boundary of the city of Aberdeen; to authorise the Town Council to make new streets, execute certain street improvements, and construct a connecting railway to the Gasworks; and for other purposes. 29th June, 1883.

47 and 48 Vict., c. cviii. (Local.)

An Act to confirm a Provisional Order made under the Artisans' and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement (Scotland) Acts, 1875 and 1880, relating to the improvement of the Burgh of Aberdeen. 14th July, 1884.

48 and 49 Vict., c. XXIII. (Public.)

An Act for the Redistribution of Seats at Parliamentary Elections, and for other purposes. 25th June, 1885.*

48 and 49 Vict., c. cxxiii. (Local.)

An Act to authorise the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Town Council of the Royal Burgh and City of Aberdeen to construct additional Waterworks; and for other purposes. 22nd July, 1885.

* Town of Aberdeen to return two members.

PART III.
MISCELLANEOUS WRITS.

MISCELLANEOUS WRITS.

I.

W 7 R pmissione diuina sã Andr^o 7 Glasgueñ Epī · Duncan^o Coñ de ffyf · Aleḡ Cumy Coñ de bučñ qst 7 Iust^o Scoč Iohes Cumy 7 Jacobus señ Scoč custodes Regni Scoč de coñuni qsilio qstituti Omib; pbis hoib; eiusdē regni ad quos p̄sentes tre puenerint · Salt · Sciatis q constituim^o loco n̄ri · Religiosos viros Andreā 7 hugonē · de Cupir 7 de Scoñ Abbates · Cristinū de Insula · Iohem Ailbot 7 Iohem filiū Ricardi burgeñ de Pī vel eoz t̄s aut duos · apđ Scoñ die Iouis p̄x post ascensionē dñi p̄x futuř ad audiendū 7 7minandū iuste 7 scđm assisam 7re loq̄lam seu q̄relam motā in^o burgeñ 7 communiā de Abirdeñ ex vna pte · et burgeñ et q̄muniā de Munros ex altera · Sup nūdinis villa; de Abirden 7 Munros Scđm tenorē Cartaz suaz q̄s inde hnt · Q̄re vob mandam^o 7 p̄cipim^o q̄atin^o d̄cis Andř 7 hugoni Abbatib; · Cristino · Iohi 7 Iohi · bur-

I.

The guardians of the kingdom appoint a commission to settle a dispute anent fairs between the Burghs of Aberdeen and Montrose. 8th May, 1287.

WILLIAM and ROBERT, by divine permission Bishops of St. Andrews and Glasgow; Duncan, Earl of Fife; Alexander Cumyn, Earl of Buchan, Constable and Justiciar of Scotland; John Cumyn and James, Steward of Scotland, Guardians of the kingdom of Scotland, appointed from the General Council, to all good men of the same kingdom to whom the present letters shall come, greeting. Know ye that we have appointed in our place the godly men Andrew and Hugh, Abbots of Cupar and Scone; Cristinus de Insula, John Ailbot, and John, son of Richard, burgesses of Perth, or three or two of them, [to meet] at Scone on Thursday next after the Ascension of our Lord next to come, to hear and terminate, according to justice and the assize of the land, the dispute or quarrel arisen between the burgesses and community of Aberdeen on the one part and the burgesses and community of Montrose on the other, touching the fairs of the towns of Aberdeen and Montrose, according to the tenor of their charters which they hold thereanent. Wherefore we command and order you to attend on and answer anent the premises the said Andrew and Hugh, Abbots, Cristinus, John and John, bur-

gensibus vel eorū ūbus aut duobꝫ · Taq^a loco n̄rī q̄stitutis sitis in p̄missis
intendentes ⁊ respondentes · In cui⁹ rei Testimoniū has ūras patentes
sigillo regimini regni Scoč deputato · fecim⁹ sigillari · daŕ apud Edinburḡ
octauo die Maij Anno gr̄e m^o cc^o octoĝo septimo

II.

Viris p̄uidis discretis custodibus regni Scoč de cōi q̄silio constitutis ⁊
cētis magnatibus eiusdē consilii residentibus · p̄positi ac cētī burgenses
cōmune de Banff Salm ⁊ debitam ad honoris obsequia reuēnciam · Vob̄
grauī conquerendo monstamus qđ cū dñs Alex̄ q̄ndā rex scoč inclite
recordačonis q̄sdam nūdinis in burgo de Aberdiū tenendas ⁊ hndas ad
utilitatē n̄ram et alioꝝ burgoꝝ ex aquilonari pte monciū existenciū p
cartam suam concessisset et imp̄petuū confirmasset · que q̄idē nūdine p
burgenses de Munros inpediuntur ⁊ singlis annis pturbantur in nō modi-

gesses, or three or two of them, appointed in our place. In witness whereof
we have caused these letters patent to be sealed with the seal of the regency of
the kingdom of Scotland. Given at Edinburgh on the eighth day of May, in
the year of grace one thousand two hundred and eighty-seven.

II.

*The provost and burgesses of Banff entreat the guardians of the kingdom to
cause King Alexander's Charter to the Burgh of Aberdeen to be duly
observed. 1289.*

To the wise and prudent men, Guardians of the kingdom of Scotland, ap-
pointed from the General Council, and to the remanent resident Magnates of
the same Council, the provosts and remanent burgesses of the community
of Banff, greeting and reverence due to a position of honour. We, sorely
complaining, do point out to you that whereas our Lord, Alexander, umquhile
King of Scotland, of renowned memory, did by his charter* grant and for
ever confirm certain fairs to be held and had in the burgh of Aberdeen for the
benefit of us and of other burghs lying to the north of the mountains; which fairs
are obstructed and every year disturbed by the burgesses of Montrose, to the no
small prejudice and injury of the foresaid burgh of Aberdeen, and indeed of the

* No. IV., p. 8.

cū p̄iudiciū ⁊ ḡuañ p̄fati burgi de Abdiñ immo tocius p̄ncie ex aquilonari pte · Q̄are v̄ie discretōi reūde humiliꝝ Supplicamꝝ attentius petentes q̄atinus tenorē carte supius nominate d̄co burgo de Abdiñ concessē p̄p̄ utilitatē pupplicam ac necessitatē d̄coꝝ burgensū de Abdiñ illesū si placet s̄c̄dm libtates infra cartam suam contentas obs̄uari faciatis · Ita ne occasione inquietacōnis seu pturbaçōnis d̄coꝝ burgenciū de Munros ul̄tius dampnū seu iactura nob̄ inferatur n' inde maꝛia conquerendi p̄ def̄cū iusticie nob̄ tribuat' · In cuiꝝ rei testimoniū sigillū n̄rm cōmune hiis tris patentibus est appensū Daꝛ aꝓd Banff doꝛca p̄x ante carnip̄uū Anno dñi · mº · ccº · octoꝝ · nono

III.

R · & supior dñs regni Scot' ditto & fideli suo Iohi de Gildeford custodi castroꝝ de Aberden & Kyncarden satm Cum Iohes de Balliolo nup in p̄liamento n̄ro apud Berewik sup Twedam venisset coram nob̄ & petivisset p̄dtm regnū Scotie sibi p̄ nos adjudicari et seisinam ip̄ius regni

whole northern province : Wherefore, we humbly petition your esteemed discretion, earnestly entreating you to cause the tenor of the above-mentioned charter, granted to the said burgh of Aberdeen for the public benefit and the need of the said burgesses of Aberdeen, to be observed unimpaired, if so it seem good, according to the privileges contained in their charter : so that no further loss or detriment may be inflicted upon us by reason of agitation or disturbance caused by the said burgesses of Montrose, and no matter of complaint be brought up against us on the plea of injustice. In witness whereof our common seal is appended to these letters patent. Given at Banff on the Sunday next before Lent, in the year of our Lord one thousand two hundred and eighty-nine.

III.

King Edward I. orders sasine of the Castles of Aberdeen and Kincardine to be given to John of Balliol. 18th November [1292].

The King and governor of the kingdom of Scotland to his beloved and trusty John of Gildeford, keeper of the castles of Aberdeen and Kincardine, greeting. Whereas John of Balliol recently appeared before us in our parliament at Berwick-on-Tweed, and craved that the foresaid kingdom of Scotland be adjudged to him by us, and that sasine thereof be given, by right of succession,

sⁱ ut pximiori heredi Margar' fit reg' Norwag' dne Scoī & neptis quondam Alexi ultimi reg' Scot' jure successionis liberari Ac nos auditis & intellectis petitionib; & rōnib; tam p̄d̄ti Iohis de Balliolo q^a alioꝝ petentium p̄d̄tm regnū & eisdem petitionib; & rōnib; diligē^t examinatis invenim⁹ p̄fatum Iohem de Balliolo esse p̄p̄nquiores heredem p̄d̄te Margar' quod p̄d̄tm regnū Scot' optinend' p̄p̄t quod idē regnū Scot' & seisinam ejusdem eidem Iohi de Balliolo salvo jure n̄o & heredum n̄oꝝ reddidim⁹ Vob mandam⁹ q̄d seisinam p̄d̄toꝝ castroꝝ de Aberden and Kyncardyn cum om̄ibus p̄tin' una cū om̄ibus aliis reb; vob p̄ cyrog^afum t^ad̄itis & sc̄dm q̄d in p̄d̄toꝝ castroꝝ vob com̄issa custodia res huj⁹ modi recepistis sine difone p̄d̄to Iohi de Balliolo vt attornatis suis has t̄ras deferentib; deliberari fac' In cuj⁹ &c apud Berewik sup Twedam xvij^o die Nov'

IV.

Anno Dñi, Indictōe, et loco proximo prenotatis, mensis Julij die decimo septimo, presentib; nobilibus viris dñis, Waltero de Bello

to him as next heir of Margaret, daughter of the King of Norway, Queen of Scotland, and granddaughter of umquhile Alexander, last King of Scotland; and whereas, having heard and understood the petitions and pleas both of the foresaid John of Balliol and of other claimants of the foresaid kingdom, and having diligently examined the foresaid petitions and pleas, we have found the foresaid John of Balliol to be the next heir of the foresaid Margaret with regard to the succession to the foresaid kingdom of Scotland; wherefore we have delivered the same kingdom of Scotland and sasine thereof to the same John of Balliol, saving the rights of ourselves and our heirs: We command you to give, without delay, to the foresaid John of Balliol, or his attorneys bearing his letters, sasine of the foresaid castles of Aberdeen and Kincardine, with all pertinents, together with all other things entrusted to you by our signature, and according to your instructions in the custody of the foresaid castles. In witness, &c. At Berwick-on-Tweed, the eighteenth day of November.

IV.

*The burgesses and community of Aberdeen do homage to King Edward I.
17th July, 1296.*

The year of our Lord, indiction, and place [Aberdeen] aforesaid, on the 17th day of the month of July, in presence of the noble men, Walter de Bello

Campo, et Johanne Tregotz, militibꝫ, dñis Johanne de Drokenesford, et Johanne de Benestede, Witto de Meltoñ, Robo de Cotingh^m, Johanne de Wyntonia, et Galfrido de Stokes, clericis, testibꝫ uocatis et rogatis, cum aliis q^{am}pluribꝫ, et me Noñ subscripto, Nobiles, viri, dñi Duncanus de Ferndragh, Patricius de Berkelye, Hugo de la Haye, Reginaldus le Cheen, Johannes Herberti de Makeswelle, Johes dñs de Makeswelle, et Witts de Mohaut, milites, dñs Heruius de Crambath decanus Dunkeldeñ, Johes filius Randulphi de Petscotyn, Robs de Walghoñ, Robs le Fauconer, Witts de Inays, et Burgenses et cōunitas ciuitatis Abirdoñ, non ui nec metu coacti ut dicebant, sꝫ spontanei ad fidem et uoluntatem dñi Regis Angt memorati venientes, confederaciones, contract⁹, cōuençones et pacta quocūqꝫ nomie censeant^r, si que vnq^{am} suo nomie cū Rege F^{ancoꝝ} q^a dēm dñm regem Angt inite extitissēt, q^{atenus} in eis fuit, et ipos contingebant, penit⁹ annullarūt, et eisdem, vi, forme, et effectui eazdem, cū omī cōmodo quod exinde sibi uel suis potit prouenire quomodolibꝫ, in fuñ, sponte, pure, et absolute expresse renunciarūt organo uiue uocis, et tactis sacrosçis et osculatis Dei Eu^{angeliis} in subscripta forma fidelitatem fecerūt dño Regi Angt

Campo and John Tregotz, knights; John of Drokenesford and John of Benestede, William of Melton, Robert of Cotingham, John of Wynton and Galfrid of Stokes, clerks, witnesses, called and summoned, with many others; and of me, notary, subscribing: the noble men Duncan of Frendraught, Patrick of Berkeley, Hugh of the Hay, Reginald le Chen, John, son of Hubert of Maxwell, John, Lord of Maxwell, and William of Mowat, knights; Hervy of Crambath, dean of Dunkeld, John, son of Randulph of Pitscottie, Robert of Wauchop, Robert Falconer, William of Innes, and the burgesses and community of the city of Aberdeen, not driven by force or fear, as they said, but of their own accord coming in trust and goodwill to the said King of England, did altogether renounce, so far as in them lay, the alliances, contracts, conventions and compacts, by whatever name called, that at any time were in force in their name with the King of France against the said King of England; and, by word of mouth, did freely, simply and wholly abjure the same in force, form, and effect, with every advantage that could in any way accrue therefrom to them and theirs in future; and, having touched and kissed the holy Gospels of God, did, in form underwritten, do homage to the said King of England, and, anent the homage thus made, did execute their

memorato, et super fidelitate sua sic facta, suas patentes fecerunt litteras sepatas, suis sigillis pendentib; consignatas, tenores qui secuntur continentes. . . . Item . A touz ceaus qui cestes lettres verront ou orront, les Burgoys é la Cōmunauté de la vile de Abredeñ, saluz . Pur ceo qe nous sumes venuz á la foi é á la uolunte du tresnoble Prince n̄re chier Seigneur Edward par la grace Dieu Roi Dengleñre, Seigneur Dirlanđ, é Ducs Daquitaigne, nous promettoms pur nous, é pur nos heirs, sur peine de cors é dauoir, é sur q̄ant qe nous peussoms encoure, qe nous li seruiroms, bien é leaument contre totes gentz qui purront viure é morir, totes les foiz qe nous serroms requis ou garniz de par n̄re Seigneur le Roi Dengleñre auantdit, ou par ses heirs, é qe nous leur damage ne sauroms, qe nous nel destorbeoms á tot n̄re poer, é le leur faceoms á sauoir . É á cestes choses tenir é garder, nous obligeoms nous é nos heirs, é touz nos biens, é outre ceo auoms jurez sur seintes Eūngeiles . En tesmoignance de queu chose, nous auoms fait faire cestes lettres ouertes sealées de n̄re cōmun seal . Donées a Abirdeñ le disecime Jour de Juyl Lan de Regne n̄re Seigneur le Roi Dengleñre vintisme quart

separate letters patent, confirmed by their seals attached, of the tenor as follows: . . . To all who shall see or hear these letters the burgesses and community of the town of Aberdeen, greeting. Whereas we have come in trust and goodwill to the most noble prince and our dear Lord Edward, by the grace of God King of England, Lord of Ireland and Duke of Aquitaine, we promise, on our own part and on that of our heirs, under pain of person and property, and of whatsoever else we possess, that we will serve him well and loyally against all people that can live and die, whensoever we may be called on or summoned by our Lord aforesaid, the King of England, or by his heirs, and that we shall know no hurt to them, that we will defend them with all our power; and this we will give them to know. And to hold and keep these conditions we bind ourselves and our heirs, and all our goods, and further we have sworn on the Holy Gospels. In witness whereof we have caused these letters patent to be sealed with our common seal. Given at Aberdeen, the sixteenth day of July, the twenty-fourth year of the reign of our Lord, the King of England.

V.

R ditto sibi Wilto le Betour saltm Quia p̄ expeditōe guerre n̄re Scot' auxilio tam marinarioꝝ q̄a alioꝝ plurimum indigemus nos de diligentia & fidelitate v̄ra sp̄alit̄ confidentes constituim⁹ vos capitaneū n̄m marina- tioꝝ naviu de Hertelpol de Novo Castro sup Tynam de Berewico sup Twedam ac alioꝝ locoꝝ int̄ Hertelpol & Aberden in subsidiū obsidionis castri n̄i de Aberdene amovende et ad alia que ad expeditōem n̄ram cont̄a Scotos inimicos & rebelles n̄ros in ptib; illis atingūt virilit̄ faciend' put ditus et fidelis n̄r Gilbs Petche & . . . cam̄ar' n̄r Scot' vob ex pte n̄ra plenius injungēt Et ideo vob mandam⁹ q̄d ad hoc om̄ib; aliis p̄missis modis oib; intendatis Mandam⁹ autē oib; et singltis maḡris naviu & marinar' p̄dtis q̄d ad p̄ficiscend' vobiscū una cū navib; suis & hoibus armis competentib; bene munitis ad p̄missa potent̄ & virilit̄ faciend' put & quotiens ip̄os marinar' p̄muniend' dux̄itis ex pte n̄ra vob p̄cant & intendant In cuj⁹ &c apud Wyndes' x die Jul'

V.

King Edward I. appoints William le Betour Captain of the Navy to assist in raising the Siege of the Castle of Aberdeen. 10th July [1308].

The King to his beloved William le Betour, greeting. Whereas we are much in need, for our invasion of Scotland, both of sailors and of others, specially trusting in your diligence and faithfulness, we have appointed you captain of our navy at Hartlepool, at Newcastle on Tyne, at Berwick on Tweed, and at other places between Hartlepool and Aberdeen, to assist in raising the siege of our castle of Aberdeen, and to take strong measures in all matters affecting in these parts our expedition against our hostile and rebellious Scots; as our beloved and trusty Gilbert Petche and . . . our chamberlain of Scotland will more fully direct you on our behalf. And, therefore, we command you to attend to this in every respect, to the postponement of all other concerns. Moreover, we command all and sundry shipmasters and sailors to obey and assist you on our behalf by accompanying you with their ships and men, properly armed, to carry out the premises effectively and valiantly, and as often as you lead the said sailors for our defence. In witness, &c. At Windsor, the tenth day of July.

VI.

Compotum Nicholai de Lidell et Willelmi Chepman, prepositorum burghi de Abirden, redditum die, loco et anno supradictis, et de terminis predictis. Iidem onerant se de ccxij li. vj s. viij d. per firmas dicti burghi de duobus terminis predictis. Summa recepte patet. De qua computant in liberacione facta camerario, per vnam robam, de mandato suo liberatam Daudi de Marre, nuncio domini regis, xij s. iiij d. Et eidem camerario, confitenti receptum super compotum, cxv li. et vj d., de quibus camerarius respondebit. Et Fratribus Predicatoribus de Abirden, ex elemosina regis annua, de eisdem terminis, xvij li. vj s. viij d. Et Episcopo Orcadensi, cxvij s. et iiij d. Et episcopo Abirdo-

VI.

The provosts of Aberdeen render account of the burgh fermes.

14th January, 1327.

The account of Nicholas of Lidell and William Chepman, provosts* of the burgh of Aberdeen, rendered day, place [Dumbarton] and year as above, and for the same terms:—

	LIB.	S.	D.
The aforesaid charge themselves with the fermes of the said burgh at the two terms aforesaid ...	213	6	8
Amount of the charge, ...	<u>213</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>
For which they account in the discharge made to the Chamberlain:—			
To a robe made by his order for David of Marr, nuncio of our Lord the King, ...	LIB.	S.	D.
To the same Chamberlain, acknowledging receipt on the account, for which the Chamberlain will be answerable, ...	0	13	4
To the Friars Preachers of Aberdeen, of the King's yearly alms, for the same terms, ...	115	0	6
To the Bishop of Orkney, ...	17	6	8
To the Bishop of Orkney, ...	5	18	4

* See p. 2, note.

nensi, pro secundis decimis suis ad terminum vite sue tantum, xxj li. vj s. viij d. Et Fratribus de Monte Carmeli, ad fabricam ecclesie sue, de mandato regis, per literam suam de precepto, vj li. xiiij s. iij d. Et ecclesie sancti Gilberti de Durnach, ac ministris eius, percipientibus per annum vnam celdram frumenti et vnum doleum vini, pro confeccione corporis Christi, ex elemosina regis, per tempus compoti, lxxvj s. viij d. Et Ricardo filio Radulphi, pro feodo suo annuo, x li. Et Symoni de Grenlaw, ex elemosina regis, ad voluntatem suam, per tempus compoti, x s. Et Nigello de Squecia percipienti per annum de firmis dicti burghi pro toto tempore vite sue viginti marcas sterlingorum, quousque de viginti marcatis terre sibi fuerit prouisum, per tempus compoti, xiiij li. vj s. viij d. Et per allocacionem factam burgensibus de Abirden de viginti marcis quolibet anno decem annorum proxime futurorum,

	LIB.	S.	D.
To the Bishop of Aberdeen for his second teinds, to the end of his life only,	21	6	8
To the Carmelite Friars for the fabric of their church, by the King's command by his precept,	6	13	4
To the Church of St. Gilbert of Durnach and its ministers receiving annually a chalder of corn and a cask of wine for the feast of Corpus Christi, from the King's alms, for the period of the account,	3	6	8
To Richard, son of Radulph, for his yearly feu, ...	10	0	0
To Simon of Greenlaw, from the King's alms, at his will, for the period of the account, ...	0	10	0
To Neil of Squecia, receiving annually from the fermes of the said burgh for the whole period of his life twenty merks sterling, for which land of twenty merks was allotted to him, for the period of the account, ...	13	6	8
To annual allowance of twenty merks made to the burgesses of Aberdeen on account of the burning of the said burgh, for the ten years next to come, of which one and a-half are past, for the two terms of this account, ...	13	6	8

de quibus vnus cum dimidio est elapsus, racione combustionum dicti burgi, de duobus terminis huius compoti, xiiij li. vj s. viij d. Et in donacione facta per regem Dauidi de Marre, nuncio domini Regis, pro seruicio suo dum stetit in seruicio domine regine, per literam domini regis de precepto et ipsius de recepto, ostensas super compotum, xl s. Et duobus Fratribus de Monte Carmeli, ex dono regis, xl s. Summa expense, ccxj li. iij s. x d. Et sic debent xliij s. et x d., quos soluerunt camerario super scaccarium, de quibus respondebit. Et sic eque.

VII.

Compotum Nicholai Lidell et Symonis Gelchauch, collectorum noue custume burgi de Abirden, redditum apud Dunbretan xiiij die Januarii,

	L.	S.	D.
To a gift made by the King to David of Marr, nuncio of our lord the King, for his service while he was in the service of the Queen, per the King's precept and his own receipt shewn on the account,	2	0	0
To two Carmelite Friars, by gift of the King, ...	2	0	0
Amount of the discharge, ...	211	3	10*
Balance paid to the Chamberlain in the Exchequer, for which he will be answerable,	2	2	10
Equal to the charge,	213	6	8

VII.

*The custumars of Aberdeen render account of the burgh customs,
14th January, 1327.*

The account of Nicholas Lidell and Simon Gelchauch, collectors of the new custom of the burgh of Aberdeen, rendered at Dumbarton on the fourteenth

* A minute scrutiny of the accounts as we now have them will bring to light a good many errors of summation which have been overlooked in the audit, a fact which need not surprise us, if we consider how difficult and cumbersome the most ordinary calculations were before the introduction of the Arabic numerals."—*The Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*, Vol. I., 1878, p. xxxix.

anno gracie millesimo trescentesimo vicesimo septimo, de receiptis et expensis eiusdem custume, a tercio die Februarii, anni gracie, etc., xxvi. vsque in septimum diem Januarii proxime preteriti. Idem onerant se de cccxlix li. x s. iiij d., receiptis per costumam octingentorum quadraginta quatuor saccorum dimidii sacci et duarum peciarum lane, sex millium quingentarum triginta nouem pellium lanutarum quinque lastarum dimidie laste vnius dacre dimidie dacre coriorum et duorum coriorum, carcatorum et custumatorum in viginti quatuor nauibus et batellis per totum tempus compoti. Summa recepte patet. De qua allocantur computantibus, per superexpensas suas in compoto suo precedenti liij li. xvij s. vij d. Et in liberacione facta camerario, confitenti receptum super compotum, ccxxxij li. xvj s. vd. et q̄., de quibus respondebit. Et Johanni de Dunfermline, clerico liberacionis domus domini nostri regis, per literam suam de recepto, per duas libras

day of January, in the year of grace one thousand three hundred and twenty-seven, of the receipt and expenditure of the said custom from the third of February, in the year of grace, etc., and twenty-six, to the seventh day of January last :

	LIB.	S.	D.
The aforesaid charge themselves with the custom on 844½ bags and 2 pieces of wool, 6539 hides of wool, 5½ lasts, 1½ daces, and 2 skins laden and taxed in 24 ships and boats for the whole period of the account,	349	10	4
Amount of the charge,	349	10	4

For which are credited to the counters :

	LIB.	S.	D.
To balance from last account,	52	17	7
To the chamberlain, per discharge, acknowledging receipt on the account, for which he will be answerable,	232	16	5½
To John of Dunfermline, clerk of the household, discharge of our Lord the King, per his letter of receipt, for two pounds of saffron, four pounds of , eight pounds of cinnamon, one hundred pounds of almonds, one hundred pounds of rice, forty pounds of ginger, forty pounds of pepper, and one hundred ells of linen cloth, for which the said John will be answerable,	9	8	10

croci, quatuor libras . . . octo libras canelle, centum libras amygdalarum, centum libras de risis, quadraginta libras gingiberis, quadraginta libras piperis, et centum vlnas tele linee, de quibus idem Johannes respondebit, ix li. viij s. x d. Et pro dimidia pecia panni, liberata domino Waltero de Lacy, ex mandato regis, xxxvj s. et viij d. Et pro quarta parte pecie panni, liberata in gardrobam regis, testante litera regis, ostensa super compositum, de qua clericus gardrobe respondebit, xvij s. ij d. Et domino Thome Dere, abbati de Kynlos, percipienti per annum pro tempore vite sue viginti marcas, ex concessione regis, per literam regis de precepto, et ipsius de recepto, xij li. vj s. viij d. Et Rogero de Irwyn, ex dono regis, x li. Et per remissionem factam domino Alexandro Fraser de custuma viginti saccorum lane, vj li. xij s. iiij d. Et pro collecta dicte custume, viij li. xiiij s. ix d. Summa expense, cccxxxvj li. xj s. vd. et q̄. Et sic debent xij li. xvij s. x d. ob et q̄. De quibus conceduntur, de dono regis, Rogero de Irwyn, clerico lxxvj s. viij d. Et in liberacione facta camerario, confitenti receptum super compositum lvij s. x d. ob. et q̄., de quibus respondebit.

	LIB.	S.	D.
To half a piece of cloth given to Walter de Lacy, by the King's command,	1	16	8
To a quarter piece of cloth given to the King's wardrobe, per the King's letter shewn on the account, for which the clerk of the wardrobe will be answerable,	0	17	2
To Thomas Dere, abbot of Kinloss, receiving yearly during his lifetime twenty merks, by grant from the King, per the King's precept, and his own receipt,	13	6	8
To Roger of Irvine, by gift from the King,	10	0	0
To remission made to Alexander Fraser of the custom on twenty bags of wool,	6	13	4
To the collection of the said custom,	8	13	9
Amount of the discharge,	336	11	5½
Balance due, distributed as follows :	LIB.	S.	D.
To Roger of Irvine, clerk, by gift of the King, ...	3	6	8
To the chamberlain, per discharge, acknowledging receipt on the account, for which he will be answerable,	2	18	10¼

Summa huius expense, vj li. v s. vj d. ob. et q̄. Et sic debent vj li. xiiij s. iiiij d., de quibus computantes exonerantur de mandato regis, et qui leuandi sunt de terra Rogeri de Irwyn, ad festum Pentecostes proxime futurum, per vicecomitatem de Forfar. Et sic eque quoad computantes.

VIII.

Nouint vniūsi p̄ p̄ntes q̄ nos Alexander Gylyot Adam Tore ⁊ Johnes Goldsmyth de Edynburgh Johnes M^ocer Johnes Gill ⁊ Robtus de [Gatmilke] de Perth Laurencius de Garuok Willm̄s de Leth et Johnes Crab de Abdeñ Maḡr Johnes de Somuyll ⁊ Robtus Kyd de Dunde Rog^ous Phipitt ⁊ Thomas fil Johis de Inukethyn Ricardus Hendchylde ⁊ Ricardus Skroger de Carale Nichs Rector Scolaꝝ et Dauid Comyn de Cup Laurenci^o Bell ⁊ Adam de Kirkyntolach Scti Andre Ricardus de Cadȝoch ⁊ Johnes Clie^o de Monros Johnes de Burgo ⁊ Wilis

	LIB.	S.	D.	LIB.	S.	D.
Balance due, for which the counters are discharged by command of the King, and which shall be uplifted from the land of Roger of Irvine, next Pentecost, by the sheriff of Forfar,	6	13	4			
	<hr/>			12	18	10 $\frac{1}{4}$
Equal to the charge,
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				349	10	4

VIII.

The Burghs of Scotland appoint representative burghesses of Edinburgh, Perth, Aberdeen and Dundee as procurators to negotiate for the ransom of King David II. 26th September, 1357.

Know all men by these presents that we, Alexander Gylyot, Adam Tore and John Goldsmith, of Edinburgh; John Mercer, John Gill and Robert of Gatmilk, of Perth; Laurence of Garvok, William of Leth and John Crab, of Aberdeen; Master John of Somerville and Robert Kyd, of Dundee; Roger Phipille and Thomas Johnson, of Inverkeithing; Richard Hendchild and Richard Scroger, of Crail; Nicholas, Rector of the Schools, and David Comyn, of Cupar; Laurence Bell and Adam of Kirkintilloch, of St. Andrews; Richard of Cadyoch and John Clerk, of Montrose; John de Burgo and William Sauser,

Sauser de St'uelyn Johnes fil Johis ⁊ Wiffs de Saltoun^a de Linlithgow Adam de Haddington^a ⁊ Adam de Congleton^a de Haddington^a Symon Pottⁱ ⁊ Petrus Waghorn de Dunbretane Pat^rcius Clⁱc^o ⁊ Pat^rcius Red de Rothirglen And^ras Ade ⁊ And^ras de Ponfret de Lanark Will^ms de Duncoll ⁊ Thomas Lang de Drūfres Nichs filius Johis ⁊ Johnes fil Wifff de Peblis Aldirmañi M^ocatores ⁊ Burgens delibaçom Dñi nri Regis Daud a carçe Dñi Edwardi Regis Ang^t illustris plurimū affectantes de consensu ⁊ uoluntate oium cōitatū dçoz burgoz ⁊ pciū adiacenciū eisdm facim^o constituim^o ⁊ ordinam^o p pntes nros ⁊ oium burgensiū ac m^ocatoz dçi Regni Scoç ueros pcuratores negocioz gestores ⁊ nuncios spales Alexm Gylyot Adam Tore Johem Goldsmyth Johem M^ocer Johem Gill Robtu de Gatmilk Laurenciū de Garuok Wiff de Leth Johem Crab Mag^rm Johem de Somuill ⁊ Robtum Kyd de Edynburgh Pth Abirden ⁊ de Dunde burgenses · Dantes eisdm ⁊ eoz sex aut quatuor plenam ⁊ libam potestatem ac mandatū spale ad fina^r concordandū cū consilio p^rfati Dñi Regis Ang^t sup libaçone Dñi nri Regis Daud sup^adçi et ad adm^tendū f^rmandū atq^{ue} approbandū noie nro ⁊ oium burgensiū ac m^ocatoz tocius

of Stirling; John Johnson and William of Salton, of Linlithgow; Adam of Haddington and Adam of Congilton, of Haddington; Simon Potter and Peter Waghorn, of Dumbarton; Patrick Clerk and Patrick Reder, of Rutherglen; Andrew Ade and Andrew of Ponfret, of Lanark; William of Duncoll and Thomas Lang, of Dumfries; Nicholas Johnson and John Williamson, of Peebles; aldermen, merchants and burgesses, earnestly desiring the liberation of our Lord King David from the prison of the Lord Edward, the illustrious King of England, by the consent and will of all the communities of the said burghs and parts adjacent thereto, do make, appoint and ordain by these presents as true procurators, agents and special messengers for us and for all the burgesses and merchants of the said kingdom of Scotland—Alexander Gylyot, Adam Tore, John Goldsmith, John Mercer, John Gill, Robert of Gatmilk, Laurence of Garvok, William of Leth, John Crab, Master John of Somerville and Robert Kyd, burgesses of Edinburgh, Perth, Aberdeen and Dundee: Giving to them, and to six or four of them, full and free power and special mandate to come to a final agreement with the Council of the foresaid Lord the King of England for the liberation of our Lord King David above named; and to admit, confirm and approve, in name of us and of all the burgesses and merchants of the whole kingdom of Scotland, all and sundry

Regni Scoꝝ om̄es ⁊ singʒos tractatus et concordias f̄cos hitos seu faciendos int̄ d̄cm consiliū Dñi Reġ Angʒ ac Prelatos ⁊ alios nobles regni Scoꝝ ⁊ quoslib; q̄ p̄ctus in eisdm contentos q̄ libacōm d̄ci Dñi n̄ri Reġ Dauid tangunt seu tangē p̄funt quouismodo. Et ad confitendū ⁊ recognoscendū nos ⁊ om̄es alios burgenses ⁊ m̄catores d̄ci Reġ Scoꝝ hedes ⁊ successores n̄ros ⁊ quēlib; n̄rm ⁊ eoz p̄ncipatr ⁊ in solidū obligari ⁊ teneri p̄fato Dño Regi Angʒ hēdib; ⁊ successorib; suis occasione redempcōis p̄fati Dñi n̄ri Reġ Scoꝝ in Centū Milib; M̄rcay s̄līngoy soluendis eidm Dño Regi Angʒ ut suis p̄curatorib; in locis ⁊ t̄minis in d̄cis tractatib; ⁊ concordiiis statutis seu statuendis Et v̄ltius ad faciendū noīe n̄ro ⁊ cui⁹lib; n̄rm ac cōitatū alioꝝ burgensiū ⁊ m̄catoꝝ d̄ci reġ Scoꝝ pac̄cōnes obligacōnes securitates p̄missiones l̄ras ⁊ iuramenta quascūq; ⁊ quecūq; que ad f̄mitatē ⁊ approbaōem p̄missoy s̄iunt quomodolib; faciend̄ Et ad obligandū ⁊ subm̄tendū nos ⁊ quēlib; n̄rm in solidū ac oīa bona n̄ra ⁊ singʒa ⁊ cui⁹lib; n̄rm ac celoy burgensiū ⁊ m̄catoꝝ d̄ci Regni Scoꝝ mobilia ⁊ immobilia p̄ncia ⁊ futura vbicūq; constituta s̄iunt ⁊ inuenta compulsioni ⁊ cohercōi

treaties and agreements made, held, or to be made between the said Council of the Lord the King of England, and the prelates and other nobles of the kingdom of Scotland, and also any points whatsoever contained therein that touch or can in any way touch the liberation of our said Lord King David; and to own and acknowledge us and all the other burgesses and merchants of the said kingdom of Scotland, our heirs and successors, and anyone whatsoever of us and of them, as debtors principal and *in solidum*, to be bound and held to the foresaid Lord the King of England, his heirs and successors, for the redemption of the foresaid our Lord the King of Scotland, in one hundred thousand merks sterling, to be paid to the said Lord the King of England, or to his procurators, at the places and times appointed or to be appointed in the said treaties and agreements; and further to make, in name of us and any one of us and of the other communities of burgesses and merchants of the said kingdom of Scotland, any contracts, obligations, securities, undertakings, writs and oaths whatsoever, which may in any way be made for the confirmation and approval of the premises; and to oblige and submit us and each of us *in solidum*, and all and sundry the goods of us and of each of us and of the remanent burgesses and merchants of the said kingdom of Scotland, movable and immovable, present and to come, wheresoever they shall be

quaxcūq, curiaꝝ eccliaſticaꝝ uť ſeculariū illoꝝ locoꝝ in quibꝫ dēa bona conſtituta ſũint 7 inuenta 7 eaꝝ Judicū 7 miſtroꝝ 7 cuiꝰlibꝫ ipꝫ quouſq, de totali Sūma Centū Miliū M^acaꝝ 7 cuiꝰlibꝫ eius ptis ac de omibꝫ aliis capiſulis in dēis tractatibꝫ 7 concordiiſ contenť una cū dampnis expꝫſ 7 inſeſſe ſi que uť quas ipꝫ Dñm Regem Angť in exigendo proſequendo aut recuperando dēam ſūmam pecunie ac ppť retardačom ſolučoiſ eiꝫſdm uť alicuiꝰ eiꝫ ptis qđ abſit incurrere ſeu ſuſtinere in iudicio uť ex^a contigĩt quouiſmodo p̄fato Dño Regi Angť uť eiꝫ in hac pte pcuratoribꝫ ſpaťr deputatiſ fũit plenarie 7 integre ſatiſfēm Et ad p̄ſtandū in aĩas nřas et cuiꝰlibꝫ nřm ac ſuaſ quodcuq, gen^o liciti ſac^amenti qđ a nob in hac pte exigi poťit ſeu requiri Et ad renuciandū noĩe nřo 7 cuiꝰlibꝫ nřm omibꝫ 7 ſinguliſ iuribꝫ remediis auxiliis 7 cauteliſ tã iuriſ Canōici q^a Ciuiliſ 7 omibꝫ triſ aſpliciſ ipetratiſ ſeu ipetrandiſ p que uť quas cont^a p̄dēa nos defende poſſem^o quomodo-libꝫ uť tueri necnō 7 omia alia 7 ſingla faciendū 7 expediendū q̄ in p̄miſſiſ 7 c^rca p̄miſſa necēia fũint 7 optima q^antūcūq, mandatū exigant ſpale Inſup ad cautelam 7 maioris roboriſ ſmitatē oĩm p̄miſſoꝝ

situated and found, to the compulsion and constraint of any courts, church or civil, of those places in which the said goods may be situated and found, and of their judges and officers, and of any of them, until full and entire satisfaction shall have been made to the foresaid Lord the King of England, or to his procurators specially deputed in this matter, for the whole sum of one hundred thousand merks and of any part of it, and for all other heads contained in the said treaties and agreements, together with loss, outlay and interest, if it shall in any way happen that the said Lord the King of England incur or sustain such, whether in judgment or outwith, in exacting, prosecuting or recovering the said sum of money, and on account of delay in paying the same or any part thereof (may such not happen); and to make on the souls of us and of each of us and them any kind of lawful oath that can be exacted or required from us in this matter; and to renounce, in the name of us and each of us, all and sundry rights, remedies, helps and cautions of both the canon and the civil law, and all letters apostolic, obtained or to be obtained, by which we could in any way defend or protect ourselves against the foresaid; likewise to do and complete all and sundry other things which in the premises and about the premises shall be needful and proper, even if they require special mandate. Moreover, for the security and stronger con-

iurauim^o ⁊ qilibz nrm iuravit ad Sca Dei euanglia p nos corpatr tacta iuram^o ⁊ qilibz nrm sponte iurat q oia ⁊ singla libacoem dei Dni nri Regis Scoe quatrcūq; concnencia que p conciliū dei Dni Reġ Angl ⁊ p̄fatos P̄latos ⁊ Nobles dei Regni Scoe ac pcuratores nros sup̄dcoos ut eoz sex aut quatuor tractata ordinata concordata submissa iurata renunciata ⁊ facta fuint in p̄missis ⁊ in quolibz p̄missoz rata gata hebim^o atq; f̄ma ⁊ eis in om̄ibz adq̄iescem^o ⁊ cont^a in aliquo nō faciem^o n^o ueniem^o de iure ut de fco tacite ut exp̄sse s; ip̄a exnūc put extunc ratificam^o ⁊ approbam^o p p̄ntes In quoz oīm testiōm sigilla cōia dcoz burgoz ⁊ cōitatū eozdm p̄ntibz sunt appensa Apud Edynburgh xxvj^{to} die Mens Septemb̄ Anno Dni M^o ccc^{mo} L^o Septimo.

IX.

Vniūsis [præsentes] tres [scu præsens Pu]blicum Inst̄on inspectu^r ⁊ auditu^r Alexander Gyllyot Adam Tore Johannes Goldsmyth de

firmation of all the premises, we all and each have sworn, and all and each of our own accord do swear on the holy Gospels of God actually touched by us, that all and sundry matters in any way concerning the liberation of our said Lord the King of Scotland, which shall have been stipulated, ordained, agreed, submitted, sworn, renounced and done in the premises and in each of the premises, by the Council of the said Lord the King of England, and the foresaid prelates and nobles of the said kingdom of Scotland, and our procurators above-named, or six or four of them, we shall hold ratified, approved and confirmed; and we shall acquiesce in them all, and shall not do or come contrarywise in anything, in law or in deed, tacitly or expressly; but we now as then ratify and approve the same by these presents. In witness of all which the common seals of the said burghs and communities thereof have been affixed to these presents at Edinburgh, the 26th day of the month of September, in the year of our Lord MCCCCLVII.

IX.

The procurators appointed by the burghs of Edinburgh, Perth, Aberdeen and Dundee enter into an obligation to pay 10,000 merks sterling. 5th October, 1357.

To all who shall see or hear these present letters or this present public instrument, Alexander Gyllyot, Adam Tore, John Goldsmith, of Edinburgh;

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Edenbourg Johannes M^ocer Johes Gill Robtus de Gatemilk de Perth [Laurentius de Gar]uok Wiltus de Leth ⁊ [Johannes] Crab de [Aberdeen M] gr̄ Johannes de Somuille ⁊ Robtus Kyd de Donde villař M^ocatores ⁊ Burgeñ tam n^o q^a alioř mercatoř regni Scocie n^oie plenam ab eis [Potestatem ha]bentes salv[t]e[m Domi]no Cum serenissimus P^onceptus ⁊ d^{ns} n^r d^{ns} Daudid dei gr̄a Rex Scotorū illustris fuit illustrissimi P^oncipis dⁿⁱ Edwardi Regis anglie v^ous et le[galis Pris]onarius ⁊ captiu^o Idemq; d^{ns} Rex Anglie sub c^otis modis ⁊ q^odi^onib; nup concessat p̄ p̄fatus d^{ns} Rex Daudid redimat^r ⁊ carce suo lib^oet^r ⁊ inde ad Regnū Scocie reūtatur pro centē Millē marcē [Sterlingorum eidem Domino Regi Angliæ sol]uendis pro redēp^one sua [cert]is l^omis et locis put in quadā indentura [in]de conf^ota plenius continet^r cuius quidē indenture tenor seq^otur in hec [verba] *

Nos delib^oa^ocom p̄fati dⁿⁱ n^ri Regis Scocie p^otimū affectantes h^ota sū tractatib; ⁊ concordanciis h^om^odi v^onacū p̄latiis magnatib; sapientib; ac nob

John Mercer, John Gill, Robert of Gatmilk, of Perth; Laurence of Garvok, William of Leth and John Crab, of Aberdeen; Master John of Somerville and Robert Kyd, of Dundee; merchants and burgesses of these towns, in name of us and of other merchants of the kingdom of Scotland, having full power therefrom, greeting in the Lord: Whereas our most serene prince and lord, Lord David, by the grace of God illustrious King of Scots, was the true and lawful prisoner and captive of the most illustrious prince, Lord Edward, King of England, and the same Lord King of England had lately granted under certain forms and conditions that the foresaid Lord King David should be ransomed and set free from his prison and should go back thence to the kingdom of Scotland, in return for one hundred thousand merks sterling to be paid as his ransom to the same Lord King of England at certain terms and places, as is more fully set forth in a certain indenture executed thereanent, of which indenture the tenor follows in these terms:—

We, earnestly desiring the liberation of our foresaid Lord the King of Scotland, after serious and mature deliberation regarding the treaties and agreements thereanent, with the prelates, magnates, wise men and us merchants

* The terms of the Indenture will be found in Rymer's *Fœdera*, 1708, vol. vi., pp. 46-51.

nicatorib; et aliis eiusd Regni Scocie quoq; consensu in hac pte requirit' ul
 at esse di[gnoscitur] oportun' bona et matura delib'acione de coi assensu
 om[nium] plator' magnatum et alioz micator' et coitaf' eiusd Regni Scocie
 pfatis tractatib; et concordiiis sic fcis et hitis pure simpli' ex eta scia
 et voluntate lib'ra consentim' et eisdem in omib; vnanimit' concordam'
 Pmittim' e' et concedim' nro et quo sup noie et qit; nrm pmittit et qcedit
 p solene stipulacom in'p'oitam et sr sacris nris inf'ius descip't ta in anas
 nras qa alioz micator' absentiu q omis articulos et capla singla in dca con-
 cordia cotenta sine dolo arte ul ingenio obfuabim' tenebim' et pficiem'
 et quit; nrm obfuabit tenebit et implebit ac faciem' ab aliis qat' in nob
 est fide'r obfuari Et ad maior' Roboris securitat' ul firmitat' om[nium]
 et singuloz sup' et infrascip't Et maxie quoad integram solom tocuis
 s'ume pecunie videl; Cent' mill' mar' sterling' debite dco dno Regi Anglie
 p delib'acione pfati dni nri Daudid Reg' Scocie in ctis locis et tmis in
 dca qcordia limitat' p soluend obligam' recognoscim' et qstituim' nos
 et alios mictores ut pmittit' absentes pncipales debitores et qit; nrm et
 ipoz insolid' debitor' pncipal' totius some et debitor' pdcoz Vollum' et

and others of the said kingdom of Scotland, whose consent thereto is necessary
 or is otherwise considered desirable, by common assent of all the prelates, mag-
 nates and others, merchants and community of the said kingdom of Scotland,
 do purely, simply, of certain knowledge and free will consent to the foresaid
 treaties and agreements thus made and had, and unanimously approve thereof
 in all respects. We do also promise and grant, for ourselves and for them, and
 each one of us promises and grants by a solemn compact entered upon and
 sworn to by us as under, as well upon our own souls as upon those of the other
 absent merchants, that without deceit, fraud or guile we, all and each, will observe,
 hold and fulfil all the articles and every head contained in the said agreement,
 and will do what we can to have them faithfully observed by others. And for
 the greater security and confirmation of all and sundry above and underwritten,
 and especially for the payment in full of all the sum of money, viz., one
 hundred thousand merks sterling, due to the said Lord the King of England
 for the liberation of our foresaid Lord David, King of Scotland, at certain
 places and terms fixed in the said agreement for the payment; we bind
 and oblige and constitute debtors principal, ourselves and the other merchants
 aforesaid, and each one of us and them debtor principal *in solidum* for the
 whole sum and for the debtors aforesaid. And we also will and agree, con-

7 qsentim^o q iunctim 7 divisim ut si qtingat qd absit q p^offatus Dñs Rex
 Anglie aut qñius ex pte sua expeñ aliqs fecint aut fecit dcam sūmā
 pecūie ūl aliqam ptem eius requirendo exigendo 7 recupando aut pp^o
 moram soluōnis tardaōnis ul restituōis dāpna g^ouamia in^otesse 7 expeñ
 incurrent ūl sustinūint aut quis eius noie icerit ūl sustinerit omēs illas
 expeñ 7 omia illa g^ouamia dampna 7 in^otesse dco dno Regi Anglie aut
 suo cto nūcio 7 Procuratori redd^oe restituē 7 integre restaurare
 Pmittim^o 7 qñ; nrm pmittit bona fide 7 illis omib; 7 singlis 7 eoꝝ
 q^otitate ac eē de sorte pncipali debite sup^odci stare ordinaōni taxaōni
 7 execuōni quozcūq; iudicū eoꝝ quib; vocati ūl citati fuim^o aut fuit
 aliquis nrm occone tardaōis 7 solōis sūme p^odce fr quoz dāpnoz expeñz
 7 in^otesse estimaōne 7 q^otitate absq; alia pbaōne Jurañto ptis dci dñi
 Regis anglie credatur atq; stetur Pro quib; omib; 7 singlis sup^odcis
 tenend qplend 7 firmi^o obfuand 7 nō q^oueniend dicendis seu faciend
 astingim^o sbmittim^o 7 obligam^o nos 7 alios absentes mcatores ac nrm
 7 ipoz qlib; insolidū 7 omia bona nra 7 ipoz iura acōnes hedū 7
 successoꝝ nroz 7 ipoz mcatoz p^odcoꝝ pncia 7 futura vbicūq; exñcia qstituta
 7 iuenta fuint cōpulōni 7 coh^oōni q^orūcūq; Curia^r tam ec^oar q^o seclariū

jointly and severally, that if it should happen (as may it not) that the foresaid
 Lord King of England or any one on his behalf should in any way incur
 expense in demanding, exacting and recovering the said sum of money or
 any part thereof, or should suffer or sustain loss, injury, interest and expense
 through delay in paying or restoring; to return, restore and fully make up
 such expense, loss, injury and interest to the said Lord King of England or
 his undoubted messenger and procurator. And, all and each, we promise
 in good faith to fulfil to them, all and each, anent such amount, and also
 anent the principal of the aforesaid debt, the decision, taxation and execution
 of any of their judges before whom we may be called and summoned
 by reason of delay in the payment of the sum aforesaid: in estimating
 the amount of which losses, expenses and interest, the oath of the said Lord
 King of England shall stand and be believed without other proof. That
 which all and sundry aforesaid be held fulfilled, strictly observed and not
 contravened by word or deed, we bind, submit and oblige ourselves and
 the other absent merchants, and every one of us and them *in solidum*, and
 all our and their goods, rights and actions of our and their heirs and suc-
 cessors, present and to come, whensoever such shall take effect, be constituted

Judiciūq; ⁊ mīstroꝝ eoꝝ ⁊ cuiusq; earū dē in q̄a ūl quibz; hoc Inst̄m pu^{ca} oñdi q̄tingit p̄duci Ita q̄ realis ⁊ debita execuō possit f̄i q̄a nos ⁊ q̄t; n̄m ⁊ alios n̄icatoꝝ p̄d̄cos tā in bonis n̄ris q̄a suis ac si est sn̄ia lata p̄ q̄petentē Judicē q̄a in rē tr̄suis; Judicatā ⁊ ibide q̄pere ⁊ Juri pere p̄mittim^o ⁊ quit; n̄m p̄mittit Et q̄ d̄car Curiaꝝ p̄fatus D̄ns Rex Anglie ⁊ p̄cuꝝ sui eliḡe possint quā malūint illāq; seu illas dimitte ⁊ ad aliā seu alias recurr̄e q̄ociens sibi videbr̄ expedire nō obstaꝝ q̄ p̄cess f̄uit in ead̄ Curia inchoat^o nullū eidē Rege Anglie p̄ elcōm h̄m̄d̄ p̄iudiciū gen̄ando sponte nos ⁊ alios n̄icatoꝝ p̄d̄cos ⁊ q̄l; n̄m om̄iaq; bona tā n̄ra q̄a sua iura ⁊ acōnes h̄edū executor̄ ⁊ success̄ p̄ncia ⁊ futura q̄ iure p̄uario noīe d̄ci d̄ni Reḡ anḡl tā nos q̄a alios n̄icatoꝝ absentes q̄stituim^o posside quousq; d̄co d̄no Regi anḡl ūl c̄tis attornatis de tota sūma pecūie ⁊ q̄t; eius p̄te cū dap̄n̄ exp̄n̄ ⁊ int̄esse f̄uit plenarie ⁊ integre satisf̄cm in ip̄as Cuꝝ ⁊ q̄t; ip̄az; nos ⁊ ipsos ac bona om̄ia sup̄ad̄ca sponte sb̄mittēdo obligando ⁊ iurisd̄coni progando Et volum^o eē q̄ nec nos n̄o aliquis n̄m aut d̄coꝝ n̄icatoꝝ absentiu ūl h̄edes aut successoꝝ n̄ri

and happen, by compulsion and coercion of any courts, church or civil, and of their judges and officers, or any one thereof, in which this public instrument shall in any way chance to be produced: so that real and due execution can be had against us all and each, and other merchants aforesaid, as well on our goods as on theirs, as if after sentence pronounced by a competent judge, and that we all and each promise to compear and obey the law. And whereas of the said courts the foresaid Lord King of England and his procurators can choose which they please, can leave these and resort to others as often as it seems expedient to them, notwithstanding that a process were begun in the said court, causing no prejudice to the said King of England by such choice; we have of our own accord appointed ourselves and the other merchants aforesaid and each one of us and all our and their goods, rights and actions of heir̄s, executors and successors, present and to come, both ourselves as procurators and the other absent merchants, to be bound to the King of England, until the said Lord the King of England or his undoubted attorneys shall be wholly satisfied in the total sum of money and in every part of it, with losses, expenses and interest, freely submitting, obliging and subjecting ourselves and them and all the goods aforesaid in the said courts and in any one thereof. And we desire also that neither we nor any one of us or of the said absent merchants, nor

seu eoꝝ possint aut debeant q̄cedēe aliq̄s acq̄etancias ūl acq̄etanciā aut pactū aliq̄ de vlt̄ius nō petendo s̄r inteḡ solone dcaꝝ cen̄ mille Marc aut aliq̄a eius pte nisi p̄mo fūint consē t̄ p̄bate p̄ bonos t̄ legales mīst̄r dci d̄ni Regis Anḡl̄ t̄ s̄b magno siḡ eiusd̄ sigillā t̄ p̄ducte p̄ p̄d̄cōs mīstros ad h̄ mandatū h̄ntes sp̄ale Renūciam̄ insup̄ t̄ q̄l̄; n̄m renūciat̄ p̄d̄cōꝝ eē noīe diuisim in p̄d̄cīs t̄ cēa p̄d̄cā om̄ibꝫ t̄ sinḡlis juribꝫ Auxiliis b̄n̄ficiis t̄ remediis t̄ cautelis ac h̄ris app[ostolicis] ipetratis t̄ ipetrādis ac om̄i appellānis t̄ puocaōis remedio q̄bꝫ mediātibꝫ q̄a p̄d̄cā ūl aliq̄d̄ p̄d̄cōꝝ venire possim̄ seu ea ūl eoꝝ aliq̄d̄ quol̄; ipedīr̄ aut nos seu [Bona nostr̄]a ūl ipoz̄ m̄catoꝝ absentīū iura ūl acōnes aut h̄ed̄ n̄oꝝ t̄ suos p̄ncia t̄ futura defendēe quouismodo ūl tueri Renuciant̄ eē Juri dicentī gen̄alem renūciānem nō valēe Tenor v̄o p̄curat̄ d̄cōꝝ m̄catoꝝ de quo sup̄ius fit men̄cō sic incipit Noūint vniū̄s per p̄ntes q̄ nos Alexand̄r Gilyot t̄ Adam Core t̄c Et sic finit P̄ntibꝫ sūt appensa ap̄ Edēburgh xxvi die Mensis Septēbris Anno D̄ni Millis Trecent̄ q̄nq̄aḡ septio In quoz̄ oīm testioñ p̄ntes h̄ras seu p̄ns publicū Inst̄m sigillis cōibꝫ villaꝝ de Edenbourg de Perth de Ab̄den

our or their heirs or successors, grant any acquittance or acquittances, or any agreement not to seek further, on full payment of the said hundred thousand merks or any part thereof, unless such be first granted and approved by competent and recognised officers of our said Lord, the King of England, and sealed with his great seal, and produced by the foresaid officers having special mandate thereanent. Moreover, we, all and each, and in name of the foresaids, renounce, in and anent the foresaids, all and sundry rights, aids, benefits and remedies, and cautions and letters apostolic obtained or to be obtained, and all remedy by appeal and provocation, whereby we can contravene the foresaids or any part thereof, or hinder the same or in any way, or defend or protect ourselves or our goods or the rights or actions of the said absent merchants or their or our heirs, present and to come. Renouncing also the right of declaring the general renunciation to be not valid. And the tenor of the procuratory of the said merchants, mentioned above, begins thus: Know all men by these presents that we, Alexander Gilyot and Adam Core, etc.; and ends thus: Are appended to these presents at Edinburgh, the xxvi day of the month of September, in the year of our Lord thirteen hundred and fifty-seven. In witness of all which we have caused the present letters or the present public instrument to be strengthened with the common seals of Edinburgh, Perth, Aberdeen

Et de Donde vna cū Signis et subscriptōib; notarioꝝ subscriptoꝝ fecim⁹ cōmuniri Daſ et Acſ aſ Berwyk ſr Twede die quinto Menſ Octobris Anno Dñi Mille [Trecent] quinquaḡ Septimo

Et ego Adam de Hilton clericus Lichefeldenſis dioceſis publicus Apſtica et Impiali Auceſſe Notarius p̄miſſis tractatib; et concordiiſ obſidumq; admiſſioni et recepçoni ac p̄miſſionib; obligaçonib; f̄minoꝝ assignaçōib; iuramentoꝝ p̄ſtaçōnib; Sigilloꝝ appoſitionib; ac om̄ib; aliis et ſingliſ ſup̄ſcriptis dum ſic ut p̄mittit; agēter et fierent ſub Anno Dñi Millo ccc⁹ lvij⁹ Indicē vndecima die Quinta menſ Octobris Pontificat⁹ dñi Innocentii dīa puidena ppe vjti Anno Q̄nto vna cum maḡis Willo et Johe Notariis publicis ſubſcriptis ac dñis Rogo de Percy Ricardo Tempeſt et Riçō de Totesham militib; de Angl̄ ac Wilmo de Rameſey Wilmo de Vauſe et Johe Herys militib; de Scoç testib; ad p̄miſſ vocatis p̄ſens inſfui eaq; ſic fieri vidī et audiui p̄ aliū ſcribi feci publicauī Et in hanc publicā formā

and Dundee, together with the signs and signatures of the notaries underwritten. Given and done at Berwick-on-Tweed, the fifth day of the month of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand three hundred and fifty-seven.

And I, Adam of Hilton, clerk, of the diocese of Lichfield, by apostolic and imperial authority notary public, was present while the foresaid treaties and agreements, giving and receiving of securities, promises, obligations, appointments of terms, takings of oaths, appendings of seals, and all and sundry others above written were taking place and being done, in the year of our Lord MCCCLVII, the eleventh indiction, fifth day of the month of October, in the fifth year of the Pontificate of Innocent VI., by Divine Providence Pope: Together with Masters John and William, notaries public, subscribing, and Roger of Percy, Richard Tempeſt and Richard of Totesham, knights of England, and William of Ramsay, William of Vaus and John Herys, knights of Scotland, witnesses cited to the preceding: And these things I saw and heard being done, and caused to be written by another, published and to this public form reduced,

redegī signoꝝ meo solito signauī Rogatus in testimoniū
p̄missoꝝ

Et ego Willm̄s de Ragenhill clericus Eboꝝ dioč, &c.

Et ego Johes Clerenans clericus Eboꝝ dioč, &c.

and signed with my accustomed sign — being summoned to witness the foresaid.

And I, William of Ragenhill, clerk, of the Diocese of York, etc.

And I, John Clerenans, clerk, of the Diocese of York, etc.

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*The inhabitants of Aberdeen contribute towards the expense of the embassy to
England. 1408.*

Taxačo p̄ma facta p̄ expens̄ nūcioꝝ intend^o ad angliā

Johes Goven	-	-	-	xijd	Joh̄ fraf	-	-	-	-	iiijd
Johes coup	-	-	-	iiijd	Alex ^r litstar	-	-	-	-	xviijd
Johes hervy	-	-	-	vjd	Thoñ lownā	-	-	-	-	vjd
Thom ^o Webst ⁱ	-	-	-	vjd	Vxor Aleḡ Voket	-	-	-	-	vjd
Johes scot	-	-	-	vjd	Johēs crag	-	-	-	-	vjd
Meg ^o fernwale	-	-	-	iiijd	Marion Marr	-	-	-	-	xijd
Cū socia sua	-	-	-	iiijd	Simō Scynar	-	-	-	-	xijd
Waldy	-	-	-	vjd	Thoñ dauid	-	-	-	-	vjd
Andř bax ⁱ	-	-	-	viijd	Rob ^o t ^o sadillar	-	-	-	-	iiijd
Magy corbrand	-	-	-	iiijd	Marion abel	-	-	-	-	vjd
pat ⁱ garntuly	-	-	-	vjd	Rob ^o t ^o lyly	-	-	-	-	iiijd
Andro Nase	-	-	-	vjd	Anny carras	-	-	-	-	iiijd
Joh̄ thome	-	-	-	iiijd	Andř coup	-	-	-	-	iiijd
Witt sutar	-	-	-	iiijd	Wat bowar	-	-	-	-	iiijd
Rob ^o t ^o stragryffe	-	-	-	iiijd	Vař sutar	-	-	-	-	iiijd
Jamys browne	-	-	-	iiijd	vxor Johīs scherar	-	-	-	-	iiijd
Galfrid ^o Jnnochty	-	-	-	vjd	Andř gilbti	-	-	-	-	xviijd
Andř Walkar	-	-	-	viijd	lauř dauid	-	-	-	-	vjd
W Rob ^o ti	-	-	-	viijd	Andro schsewas	-	-	-	-	vjd
Elena louche	-	-	-	vjd	Rob ^o t ^o Wan	-	-	-	-	vjd
Scalpy	-	-	-	xijd	Adā litstar	-	-	-	-	iiijd

Joh Willmi - - - -	W Inñrory - - -
Joh Walñi - - - -	iiis Joh smale - - - xijd
Joh trayle - - - -	xijd Joh modane - - - vjd
Andř Webst ^l - - - -	vjd W Wricht - - - - iiijd
Rič fichet - - - -	xijd Anny modane cū soč - - - iiijd
Joneta dūbar - - - -	vjd Joh smale Junior - - - vjd
Thoñ de Morauia - - - -	vjd Anny crag - - - - iiijd
Dñs Andre Scñ - - - -	Magy Rauff - - - - iiijd
Joh Mungwale - - - -	vjd Katina lydale - - - - iiijd
Iby sadillar - - - -	iiijd Thō lamb - - - - vjs
Vxor Aleř alne - - - -	vjd Joh perysoñ - - - - vjd
Hankyn criouñ - - - -	xijd Rob ^o t ^o Johis - - - - ijs
Rob ^o t ^o browne - - - -	-xviijd W strade - - - - iijs
vxor thome yhung - - - -	iiijd W harp - - - - iijs
Thoñ de Marr tailo ^r - - - -	vjd Ang ^o gleny - - - - xijd
thō molfane - - - -	-xviijd Thō bug ^o - - - - ijs
W crag - - - -	xijd Thō club - - - - vjd
Brici ^o Rob ^o ti - - - -	vjd Joh fichet - - - - iijs
thoñ sprint - - - -	xijd Alex ^r clynt ^e - - - - vjd
Rob ^o t ^o Walkar - - - -	iiijd lowdeñ - - - - xijd

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ferg ^o - - - -	Thō Witt - - - - iiijd
W gicht - - - -	viijd Rob ^o t ^o borthw ^e - - - - xviijd
Stephan ^o tho ^e - - - -	vjd W ettale - - - - xijd
Joh - - - -	Rob ^o t ^o lownā - - - - xijd
May lamb - - - -	iiijd Thō blyndsele - - - - ijs
fynla ^o Taillo ^r - - - -	viijd lau ^r Johis - - - - xijd
vxor DD tho ^e - - - -	iiijd vxor thome scherar - - - - vjd
Simō bax ^t - - - -	vjd W bax ^t - - - - vjd
W foty - - - -	Malcolm - - - - ijd
Anny normā - - - -	iiijd Spaldyng - - - - ijd
Cristiana Wallace - - - -	ijd W col - - - - xijd
Joh qwite - - - -	-xviijd Thō col - - - - xijd
Jamys fleschewar - - - -	viijd Alex ^r galfridi - - - - iiijd
W de canla - - - -	xijd hen ^r sclat ^l - - - - iiijd

Thoñ Andrō	-	-	-	xijd	paćcii cuik	-	-	-	-
galfrid ^o taillo ^r	-	-	-	iiijd	Anny schewyn	-	-	-	-
paćcius Alex ^r	-	-	-	xviiijd	Joh dūny	-	-	-	iiijd
Meg stewart	-	-	-	ijs	paćcii scharp	-	-	-	iiijd
huġ abbvthnot	-	-	-	viijd	S de camā	-	-	-	iiijd
hesilhede	-	-	-	iiijd	Joh henrici	-	-	-	iiijd
Anny Nory	-	-	-	-	Brici ^o ferlet ⁱ	-	-	-	iiijd
Thō chekar	-	-	-	iiijd	Brici ^o dūctani	-	-	-	xviiijd
Aḃam stratheykyn	-	-	-	iiijd	Dauid Riburn	-	-	-	xviiijd
Joh biyame	-	-	-	-	Joh c'stini	-	-	-	xijd
vxor paćcii bax ^t	-	-	-	vjd	Witt Wricht	-	-	-	iiijd
Anny schewyn	-	-	-	vjd	thō taillo ^r	-	-	-	iiijd

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Andř scherar	-	-	-	xijd	Wat taillour	-	-	-	iiijd
Malice sprinct	-	-	-	iiijd	Joh lambynton	-	-	-	vjd
Dūctan ^o carnifex	-	-	-	vjd	Johes bax ^t	-	-	-	iiijd
Wittms calmā	-	-	-	iiijd	Thoñ huntar	-	-	-	vjd
Joneta clauda	-	-	-	vjd	Waltus Rob ^o ti	-	-	-	xijd
Joh bell	-	-	-	iiijd	Meg Davy	-	-	-	iiijd
Andreas Bax ^t	-	-	-	viijd	Andreas gifford	-	-	-	xviiijd
Andreas Mathei	-	-	-	xijd	Witt Andree	-	-	-	xijd
Johes M ^o nys	-	-	-	vjd	lau ^r leth	-	-	-	vjd
Marion fetes	-	-	-	vjd	chirdoc	-	-	-	iiijd
Johes Simonis	-	-	-	-	Johes Johis	-	-	-	iiijd
Joh Andř huny Joñ	-	-	-	xijd	Angus lorn	-	-	-	iiijd
vxor Witli lambton	-	-	-	iiijd	Rogus Wittli	-	-	-	xijd
Johes Andř	-	-	-	iiijd	Michael Johis	-	-	-	iiijd
Johes gledstane	-	-	-	iiijd	Johes spaigney	-	-	-	iiijd
Simō lamb	-	-	-	iiijd	Johes harrow	-	-	-	vjd
Marion lamb	-	-	-	iiijd	Donald gley	-	-	-	iiijd
Johes edmūdson	-	-	-	vjd	Johes lawson	-	-	-	iiijd
Joneta soutar	-	-	-	iiijd	Marion beset	-	-	-	iiijd
Alex ^r lep	-	-	-	vjd	Thoñ henrici	-	-	-	vjd
Witt Kyntor	-	-	-	vs	Wittms quithed	-	-	-	iiijd
Johes atkynson	-	-	-	xijd	Joh surych	-	-	-	iiijd
Joh c'stini	-	-	-	xijd	Andř Johis crag	-	-	-	iiijd

Dūctan ^o kerd	-	-	-	iiijd	vxor Rob ^o ti Wricht	-	-	-	-
vxor Alex' benyn	-	-	-	iiijd	Joh Wittmi	-	-	-	iiijd
hānay	-	-	-	vjd	Wittms fit Ade	-	-	-	viijd
vxor Johis Alani	-	-	-	iiijd	Johes Rothy	-	-	-	-
Johes Rob ^o ti Webst ^o	-	-	-	vjd	Adam Wricht	-	-	-	-
Andro bowar	-	-	-	iiijd	Alex ^r stane	-	-	-	xijd
Janys browne	-	-	-	vjd	Soror bruysur	-	-	-	iiijd
Marion sproustoñ	-	-	-	iiijd	Johes Garnoch	-	-	-	viijd
Wittms daynore	-	-	-	iijs	henr Martyn	-	-	-	iiijd
Stephan ^o Andř	-	-	-	xijd	Witt bruysur	-	-	-	iiijd
Johes tulach	-	-	-	xijd	Wat patonsoñ	-	-	-	iiijd
vxor Andř Johis	-	-	-	xijd	Joh thome	-	-	-	iiijd
Joh scrogs	-	-	-	xijd	Thoñ Lyrōn	-	-	-	vjd
Adam Thome	-	-	-	xijd	Thoñ Lukar	-	-	-	vjd
paul ^o coup	-	-	-	iiijd	Witt Watson	-	-	-	vjd
Johes fyffe	-	-	-	iiijd	Thom Andř	-	-	-	xijd
Ruthirford	-	-	-	ijs cū	mat ^e Elyn	-	-	-	iiijd
Gilb ^o t ^o meignes	-	-	-	xijd	Joh	-	-	-	-
Anny Rauff	-	-	-	vjd	Bertholomey	-	-	-	iiijd
Rob ^o t ^o dūctani	-	-	-	vjd	Joh Wormot	-	-	-	xviijd
Gilb ^o t ^o kynros	-	-	-	xijd	Thō squiar	-	-	-	vjd
Andř kynros	-	-	-	vjd	Alan ^o Ric	-	-	-	vjd
Johes Ricardi	-	-	-	vjd	Wat taillour	-	-	-	iiijd
Wittms Jacsoñ	-	-	-	vs	Joh pa ^o cij	-	-	-	vjd
Dūctan ^o h ^o vy	-	-	-	iiijd	Joh Wittmi	-	-	-	vjd
c'stin ^o clunes	-	-	-	iiijd	duo tene ^{ta} Johis fichet hui ^o	-	-	-	-
Suet barry	-	-	-	iiijd	vij dom ^o	-	-	-	ijs
Johes Witt	-	-	-	vjd	Witt nory	-	-	-	iiijd
Johes Waltson	-	-	-	iiijd	Wittms Michaelis	-	-	-	xijd
Galfridus Renfrw	-	-	-	xijd	cū vno alio	-	-	-	-
Wittms scot	-	-	-	iiijd	Joh nory	-	-	-	vjd
Meg bowar	-	-	-	iiijd	Dom ^o Johis atkynson hūs	-	-	-	-
vxor gilb ^o ti h ^o vy	-	-	-	iiijd	vij dom ^o	-	-	-	ijs
Johes gilb ^o ti	-	-	-	vjd	Andř Rič	-	-	-	xijd
Akynhede	-	-	-	iiijd	cū v dom ^o	-	-	-	xijd

Dūctan ^o futhas	-	-	-	iiij	Gwny goldsmyth	-	-	iiij
Thoñ amfray	-	-	-	xvjd	Wtdale	-	-	iiij
Joh vscher	-	-	-	xvjd	Wiffms tailleur	-	-	vjd
Wiffms vscher	-	-	-	iiij	Andř branche	-	-	-
Johes Voket	-	-	-	ijs	laur buchañ	-	-	iiij
Joh Rob ^o ti	-	-	-	vjd	Wiffms sprinct	-	-	vjd
Simō stil	-	-	-	vjd	Robt ^o gray	-	-	xijd
Johes henrici	-	-	-	ijs	Thoñ Roule	-	-	xviijd
Andř Andison	-	-	-	iiij	vxor blyndsele	-	-	vjd
Joh buchan	-	-	-	xijd	Joh Nesbit	-	-	xviijd
vxor Vicarij	-	-	-	iiij	Jacobus scynar	-	-	iiij
Thoñ crowtane	-	-	-	xijd	cristin ^o crusonk	-	-	iiij
Joh futhas	-	-	-	vjd	Joh Abnethy	-	-	iiij
Elyn	-	-	-	-	Marion nux	-	-	iiij
Robt ^o fraf	-	-	-	xijd	Thoñ turno ^r	-	-	iiij
Thoñ lawsoñ	-	-	-	vjd	Wiff trayle	-	-	vjd
Joh Schelp	-	-	-	vjd	Simō palframā	-	-	viijd
vxor Johis lucrē	-	-	-	-	Robtus harn	-	-	vjd
Johes Jacobi taillo ^r	-	-	-	vjd	Joh barry	-	-	vjd
Anny lethe	-	-	-	-	vxor henř ewynson	-	-	iiij
Girkyn	-	-	-	vjd	Joh Suerdslep	-	-	iiij
Duthac ^o lownā	-	-	-	vjd	Wiffms gilruth	-	-	vjd
Joh tulch	-	-	-	vjd	vxor thaynstoñ	-	-	iiij
Mauld cuykl	-	-	-	iiij	Nicholayus ġy	-	-	xijd
cū socia sua	-	-	-	iiij	Roġus sprinct	-	-	vjd
Thoñ abraam	-	-	-	-	Meġ Scynar	-	-	iiij
Meġ Walchop	-	-	-	iiij	Mathy coupar	-	-	iiij
Johes fynlay	-	-	-	vjd	Gib gley	-	-	-
Joh dūctani	-	-	-	-	Aby coupar	-	-	-
Vnus faber	-	-	-	iiij	Joh Robti	-	-	iiij
Wiffms de cama	-	-	-	ijs	Joneta de hall	-	-	-
p ^o pot ^o	-	-	-	ijs	Archibald smyth	-	-	vjd
Andř Johis	-	-	-	xviijd	Wiff sperk	-	-	vjd
Alex ^r polloc	-	-	-	iiij	Alex ^r scyñar	-	-	iiij
Meġ huet	-	-	-	-	Andř Wricht	-	-	vjd
Joh scot	-	-	-	iiij	Edy bġstař	-	-	iiij
Johes scherar	-	-	-	xijd	Robt ^o lichardwod	-	-	iiij



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APPENDED TO OBLIGATION BY THE BURGH, 10th FEBRUARY, 1464.

Joh polloc - - - -	iiijd	Donald ^o l̄inysoñ	- - - -	vjd
Joh goldsmyth - - -	iiijd	Thō Johis - - - -	- - - -	xijd
Carnebee - - - -	iiijd	Joh crusank - - - -	- - - -	iiijd
Nicholayus loryn ^l - -	iiijd	Alex ^r Johis - - - -	- - - -	xijd
Thoñ Alani - - - -	vjd	Andř girg - - - -	- - - -	xijd
Ric [?] - - - -	vjd	Andř martyson - - -	- - - -	vjd
Blackall - - - -	xijd	Joh de Morauia - - -	- - - -	vjd
Robt ^o glespy - - - -	ijs	Adam Wittl - - - -	- - - -	vjd
Dauid blabir - - - -	xviijd	Andř polgowny - - -	- - - -	iiijd
R de Camā - - - -	vjd	Jac Joftraysoñ - - -	- - - -	-

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XI.

Vniuersis p̄ntes tras insp̄turis seu auditoris pateat 7̄ sit notu q̄ cu nup de 7̄ sup liberāione Serenissimi principis 7̄ dñi n̄ri Doñi Jacobi Regis Scottoꝝ int̄ Serenissimū p̄ncipem Henricū Regem Anglie de auisamēto consilii sui ex vna pte 7̄ dēm dñm Jacobum ac certos ambassiatores regnī Scotie ad regnū anglie occasione liberaōnis h̄m̄oi transmissos ex al̄ta Int̄ cēta concordatū appūctuatū 7̄ conclusū existat q̄ dictus dñs Jacobus Rex soluet p̄fato Henrico Regi anglie ip̄iusve successorib; 7̄ h̄edibus aut eoꝝ deputatę in eccl̄ia sc̄i pauli london̄ in

XI.

*The provost, baillies, etc., of Aberdeen bind themselves in the sum of 50,000 merks sterling for the ransom of King James I. 16th February, 142³/₄.**

To all who shall see or hear these present letters be it manifest and known that Whereas of late with respect to the liberation of the most serene prince and our lord, Lord James, King of Scots, between the most serene prince Henry, King of England, with advice of his council on the one part, and the said Lord James and certain ambassadors of the kingdom of Scotland sent to the kingdom of England in connection with the said liberation on the other part, it was among other things agreed, appointed and concluded that the said lord King James should pay to the foresaid Henry, King of England, or his successors and heirs, or those deputed or to be deputed by them, at the Church of St. Paul, in London, in England, forty thousand pounds of good and lawful

* See No. XVI., p. 22.

anglia quadraginta millia libraꝝ bone ⁊ legalis monete anglie videlicet in ecclia s̄ci pauli ꝑd̄ca decem millia marcaꝝ monete ꝑd̄ce infra sex m̄ses computandos a ꝑmo die ꝑmi sui ingressus in regnū suū scotie vel ꝑ ip̄m stet̄it quomin^o ingrediatur Et quolib; āno ex tūc sequēte incipiendo ānū a fine āni computandi a ꝑmo die inḡssus sui ꝑdicti in ecclia s̄ci pauli ꝑd̄ca decem millia marcaꝝ q̄usq; d̄ca xl millia libraꝝ fuerunt integre ꝑsoluta ac q̄ ꝑ securitate soluōnis ꝑd̄ce fiende ꝑdictus d̄ns Jacobus Rex t̄ratorie sub suo sigillo se obliget ceteriq; ponant̄ obsides ⁊ tre etiā quatuor burgoꝝ siue villaꝝ regni scocie concordataꝝ v; de Edynburgh perth de Dundee ⁊ de Abden obligatorie ꝑfato regi anglie tradant̄ ⁊ libent̄ Nos ꝑꝑōitus et balliui burge siue ville de Abden ꝑdic̄ ac cōitas eiusdem ad sonū campane vt moris est in domo n̄ra cōi ad infrascripta s̄pali^o congregati ⁊ cōitaꝝ n̄re ville facient̄ ac considerant̄ ꝑfati D̄ni Regis libaçonem nō solū nobis s; ecia toti regno scocie ꝑ ip̄ius bono regimie desideratissimā ⁊ ip̄ius aduētū a m̄ltꝛ dieb; exp̄tatū nobis ⁊ toti regno suo fore iocundissimū ac ꝑꝑtea volentes ꝑd̄ca appūctua m̄ta ⁊ conclusa quātū ad nos cū effectu exequi ⁊

money of England, to wit, at the Church of St. Paul aforesaid, ten thousand merks of money aforesaid, within six months, to be reckoned from the first day of his first entry into his kingdom of Scotland, or whenever he shall appoint his entry, and in every year thereafter following, beginning the year from the end of the year to be reckoned from the first day of his entry aforesaid in the Church of St. Paul aforesaid, ten thousand merks until the said forty thousand pounds shall have been fully paid; And that, in security of the payment aforesaid being made, the said lord King James should bind himself by writing under his great seal, and that other hostages should be given, and that obligatory letters also of the four burghs or towns of the kingdom of Scotland in agreement should be granted and delivered to the foresaid King of England: We, the provost and baillies of the burgh or town of Aberdeen aforesaid and the community thereof, being specially convened for the matters underwritten at the sound of bell, as our use is in our town-house, and there constituting the head court of our town, and considering that the liberation of our foresaid lord the King is much to be desired, not by us alone, but also by all the kingdom of Scotland for its good government, and that his arrival, for many days looked forward to, would be most joyful for us and for the whole kingdom, and therefore wishing effectually to carry out and fulfil the foresaid

pimplere de p̄fati dñi Regis consensu ⁊ volūtate scient^l sponte ⁊ in veritate dicim⁹ fatem^r ac nōie n̄ro omniū ⁊ siguloꝝ ⁊ cōmitatis n̄re p̄d̄cē recognoscim⁹ dñs p̄fatus dñs Jacobus Rex loco ūm̄is seu ūm̄io appūctuatę seu appūctuato nō solūit ⁊ nō obfuaūit vt p̄d̄cm̄ est nos ⁊ successores n̄ros obligatos p̄fato regi anglie ⁊ ip̄ius hēdibꝫ ⁊ successoribꝫ in quīquaginta millibꝫ marcaꝝ bone ⁊ legalis monete anglie quāquid sūmā quīquaginta milliū marcaꝝ vice ⁊ nōibꝫ n̄rm̄ oīm ⁊ singloꝝ ac Cōmitatę n̄re p̄ nobis ⁊ successoribꝫ n̄ris pm̄tim⁹ ⁊ vnusquisqꝫ n̄rm̄ p̄ncipalit^l p̄ se hēde ⁊ successore suo in solid^l pm̄tit i casu nō soluconis ⁊ nō obfuaçonis p̄dcaꝝ soluere d̄co Henrico Regi anglie ⁊ hēdibꝫ suis ⁊ ip̄ius successoribꝫ vt eoꝝ c̄to nūcio p̄ntes tras seu eaꝝ transsūptum deferenti vt habenti in ecclia s̄ci pauli london̄ in anglia infra m̄sem computand^l a tempe seu ūm̄io q^o p̄mo p̄fatus Jacobus Rex in soluēdo contra appūctuamētum in ea pte hitū ⁊ supius recitatū defecit absqꝫ dilacone vltiori Volum⁹ insup ⁊ concedim⁹ p̄ p̄ntes p̄ nobis ⁊ successoribꝫ n̄ris vt ip̄e Henricus Rex anglie p̄dictus ip̄iusve heres aut quis successor possit fori p̄uilegio nō obstaī nos ⁊ successores n̄ros ⁊

appointments and agreements as far as they concern us, with the consent and will of the said lord the King, knowingly, of our own accord, and in truth, say, declare, and in name of ourselves, all and sundry, and of our community aforesaid, bind ourselves that if the said lord King James shall not at the term or terms appointed have made payment and observed the stipulations as aforesaid, we and our successors shall be bound to the foresaid King of England and his heirs and successors in fifty thousand merks, good and lawful money of England, which sum of fifty thousand merks on the part and in name of ourselves, all and sundry, and of our community, we, for us and our successors, promise, and each of us as a principal for himself, his heir and successor, *in solidum*, promises, in case of the non-payment and non-observance aforesaid, to pay to the said Henry, King of England, and his heirs and successors, or to their accredited ambassador bearing or having the present letters or a transumpt thereof, in the Church of St. Paul in London, within a month, to be reckoned from the time or term when the foresaid King James, contrary to the appointment made in that matter and above set forth, shall first fail to pay without further delay: We will, moreover, and by these presents grant for us and our successors, that the said Henry, King of England, or his heir or successor whosoever, notwithstanding the privilege of forum, shall

quēlib; n̄m in solidū ⁊ quē volūit vice ⁊ noīe cōitatę n̄re ⁊ ip̄am cōitatem vbiq; locoꝝ atq; t̄rarū i om̄i foro ⁊ sub quocūq; iudice tam eccl̄astico q̄a sc̄lari i om̄i curia ad solučōnē sumē p̄d̄cē in toto vel in pte cōuenīr nō obstante v̄t p̄iudicante s̄i vt si ptem debiti in iudicō v̄t extra exiḡit v̄t recipit ab aliquo n̄m nō min^o possit ip̄m eundem vel eciam reliquos n̄m ⁊ quē n̄m maluerit ad residuū sumē v̄t debit^r h̄moi p̄ncipalit̄ ⁊ in solidū cōuenīr p̄m^tentes nos nō pbare solučōnem aut libačōnem h̄moi debiti fore sc̄am nisi p̄ p̄ntes t̄ras incisas vel cancellatas aut acquitanciā sub magno sigillo Regis anglie in hac pte conficiendā p̄ solučōne vero sup̄d̄cā ceterisq; p̄missis fidelit̄ ac firmit̄ p̄implendę obligamus nos ⁊ n̄m quēlibet p̄ se p̄ncipalit̄ ⁊ in solidū noīe ⁊ vice n̄re cōitatę p̄dicte ⁊ n̄ram cōmitatem ac om̄ia bona n̄ra pp̄ia ⁊ cōmitatis n̄re āndie p̄ncia ⁊ futura vbicūq; locoꝝ ⁊ t̄rarū iuenta Renūciates excep̄toni rei non sic geste b̄nficō lesionis restitučōnis ⁊ circūuēčōnis iurę canonici ⁊ ciuilis auxilio om̄i statuto consuetudini p̄uilegio ⁊ om̄i iuri p̄ quod gēn̄alis renuciačō reprobata^r vel

have power to conuene us and our successors and any one of us *in solidum*, whomsoever he may wish, on the part and in name of our community, and the community itself, in any place or land, in any forum, and before any judge, ecclesiastical or secular, in any court, for payment of the sum aforesaid, in whole or in part, there being no obstacle or prejudice to him, although he shall have exacted or received part of the debt, judicially or otherwise, from any one of us, from summoning, as a principal and *in solidum*, the same or the rest of us, or whichever of us he may prefer, for the balance of this sum or debt, promising not to prove the payment or discharge, save by the present letters being cut or cancelled or by an acquittance hereof under the great seal of the King of England. For payment, moreover, above-mentioned, and for the faithful and sure implementing of the other premises, we bind ourselves and each of us for himself, as principal and *in solidum*, in the name and on the part of our community aforesaid, and our community and all the goods of ourselves individually and of our community aforesaid, present and future, in whatever place or land they may be found, renouncing the exception of *res non sic gestę*, benefit of lesion, restitution and circumvention, the aid of the canon and civil law, all statutes, usages, privileges, and all laws by which a general renunciation is reprobated and said to be of no force, and all other

dicitur nō valere ac omnib; aliis excepconib; obligaconib; ⁊ defensionib; que possint contra pntes lras vel contenta in eisdem obici vel opponi In cui⁹ rei testiōm atq; fidem sigillum nrm Comūe pntib; est appensum apud perth decimo sexto die mens̄ februaryi Anno dñi Milimo quadringētesimo vicesimo t̄cio secundum computaonem ecclie scoticane

XII.

R. p lras suas patentes p unū annū duratur' ad supplicatōem Thome Weston civis et piscenarii civitatis R London' suscepit in salvū et securum conductum R ac in p̄tectōem tuitōem et defensionem suas sp̄ales Adam Dolas et Willm Shortyng micatores ville de Abirden in Scotia ad p̄dtam civitatem R London' cum decem hōib; in comitiva sua p mare in quadam navi div⁹sis micandis carcata veniendo ibidem morando et phendinando et exinde v⁹sus partes suas p̄dtas absq; impedimento

exceptions, obligations and defences which can be objected or opposed. In witness and faith whereof our common seal is appended to these presents at Perth, the sixteenth day of the month of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand four hundred and twenty-three, according to the reckoning of the Church of Scotland.

XII.

King Henry VI. grants a safe conduct to two Aberdeen merchants.

11th July, 1426.

The King, by his letters patent, to be in force for one year, on petition of Thomas Weston, citizen and fishmonger of the royal city of London, has taken in safe and sure royal conduct, and under his special protection, guard and defence, Adam Dolas and William Shortyng, merchants of the town of Aberdeen in Scotland, travelling with ten men in their company to the foresaid royal city of London by sea in a certain ship, laden with divers merchandise, remaining there and taking in cargo, and thence returning towards their own country without

vel pturbatōe quacumq; redeundo Et quia p̄dtus Thomas ac Riçus Esgaston et Reginaldus Darlyngton cives et piscenarii London' coram R' in cancellar' sua psonalit̄i constituti manuceperunt videt̄ quil't eor̄ sub pena viginti librar̄ q̄d p̄dti Adam et Wiffs navem p̄dtam ad eandem civitatem R̄ London inibi discarcand' et non alibi adduci fac' et q̄d ante eor̄ recessum abinde de custumis subsidiis et aliis dev̄iis R̄ p̄ mcandis debitis fidelit̄i respondeat̄ quam quidem sūmam quil't manucaptoꝝ p̄dtoꝝ p̄ se concessit de t̄ris et cattallis suis ad opus R̄ levari si p̄dti Adam et Wiffs navem p̄dtam ad dtam civitatem R̄ inibi discarcand' et non alibi non adducant seu adduci fac' ac l̄ de custumis subsidiis et aliis dev̄iis in ea p̄rte debitis non respondeat̄ ut p̄dtm est Proviso semp̄ q̄d p̄dti Adam et Wiffs ac ip̄i quos secum adducent se bene et honeste gerant erga R' et pp̄tm suū quicq; in R̄ seu ejusdem pp̄fi R̄ p̄judicium vel dampnū nullatenus faciendo vel attemptando cont̄a statuta et ordinatōes regni R̄ Angl' q̄dq; ip̄i in aliquo castroꝝ fortalitioꝝ seu villaꝝ R̄ firmataꝝ absq; eo q̄d ip̄i p̄sentes t̄ras R̄ de salvo conductu capitaneis officariis seu custodib; eor̄dem quib; p̄tinet

any hindrance or obstruction. And whereas the foresaid Thomas and Richard Esgaston and Reginald Darlington, citizens and fishmongers of London, appearing in person before the King in Chancery, have given caution each in the sum of twenty pounds, that the foresaid Adam and William shall cause the foresaid ship to be brought to the said royal city of London, there to be unladen and not elsewhere, and that before their return thence they shall faithfully discharge the customs, imposts and duties leviabie on the merchandise; which sum each of the cautioners aforesaid has granted by himself from his lands and chattels for the King's behoof, if the foresaid Adam and William shall not bring, or cause to be brought, the foresaid ship to the said royal city of London, therein to be unladen and not elsewhere, and if the King shall not be satisfied of the customs, imposts and duties leviabie thereon as aforesaid. Providing always that the foresaid Adam and William, and those that they bring with them, shall conduct themselves well and honourably towards the King and his people, doing or attempting nothing to cause prejudice or loss to the King or his people against the statutes and ordinances of the realm of the King of England; and that they shall not enter any fortified royal castle, stronghold or town, without in the first place exhibiting the present royal letters of safe conduct to the captains,

primitus demonstrent non ingrediantur quovis modo Apud Westm' xj die Julii [1426] P b're de privato sigillo.*

XIII.

Jacobus dei grā Rex Scotorum Omnibus &c. salūm Sciatis q pro singlari devoōe quā gerim⁹ erga gloriosissimā ūginē mariā patronā ecclie cathedralis Aberdonē in laudē ⁊ honorē eiusd ac p spēali fauōr zelo et dileōe quos habemus erga reuerend in xpo⁹ p'rem Willelm de Elphinstōn eiusd ecclie cath^{lis} modernū epm et prelatū qsiliariū nrm intime dilectū et pro suis fideli et gratuito ūicio magnisq laboribus ac q^a pluribus expens et in ptē recompensāois carūd diū^{is} t'pibus in

officers or keepers thereof whom it may concern. At Westminster, 11th July [1426], under the privy seal.

XIII.

King James IV., inter alia, creates the city of Old Aberdeen a free burgh of Barony. 26th December, 1489.

James, by the grace of God King of Scots, to all, etc., greeting. Know ye that, for the singular devotion that we bear towards the most glorious Virgin Mary, patron of the Cathedral Church of Aberdeen, in praise and honour of the same; and for the special favour, zeal and affection that we have towards the reverend father in God, William of Elphinston, now bishop and prelate of the said Cathedral Church, our much beloved councillor; and for all his faithful and gratuitous service, and great labours and heavy expenses (and in part repayment thereof) incurred at divers times in missions and embassies

* Similar letters of safe conduct are granted to the following burgesses of Aberdeen :

1433, Oct. 6. John Fyf, Matthew Fycheat, and Andrew Coleyn.

1435, Dec. 10. John Fyf, Matthew Fychet.

1437, Feb. 23. Andrew Coleyn, John Kempty, John Blak, and David Symson.

1438, May 14. John de Vaus, Richard de Kyntore, Duncan de Glait, David Clerc, John Vocate, James de Vaus, and William de Vaus.

Nov. 20. Andrew Coleyne and William Voket.

1438, Feb. 10. Richard Rotherford, Robert Blynsell, John de Stratton, and John Burnard.

1440, Feb. 10. John de Fyf, Thomas Kyndy, John Kyndy, and Andrew Allynson.

1462, Mar. 14. David Menies.

legacionib; et ambassiatę ad francie ꝛ anglie Reges ꝛ Regna burgundie ꝛ austrie ducę ac ad partes alias necnon in nro ꝑuicio infra nrm Regnū p Repu^{ca} ꝛ tranquillitate eiusd Approbam^o ratificam^o et cū aūsamēto nri ꝑsilii de noūo dedim^o ꝓcessim^o mortificaimus ꝛ ꝓfirmam^o et hac ꝑnti carta nra approbam^o ratificam^o dam^o ꝓcedim^o et p nobis et successorib; nris mortificam^o et ad manū mortuā p ꝓpetuo ꝓfirmam^o omēs ꝛ singlas donacōes ꝓcessiones fundacōes ꝛ infeodationes p predecessores aut ꝓgenitores nros inclitissimos siue alios dnos aut barones vel quascumq; alias ꝓsonas ꝑuales a^t temporales āte ꝓfecōem ꝓntis carte nre factas epis et ꝓlate ac ecclie cathe^{li} aberdoneñ de quibuscū; ꝓre ānuis redditib; molendis piscacōib; liberę forestę ꝛ warēnis ecclis capellaniis ꝛ possessionib; quibuscū; datę vnitis aut mortificatę eid ecclie cathe^{li} aberdoneñ seu infra eand p anūuariis seu als quoūsmodo cū omib; ꝓūlegiis imūnitatib; libertatibus et comōditatibus quibuscū; ad hmoi spectāñ seu qualifcū; spectāñ valeñ in futurę p ipm reūerend in xpo ꝓrem suosq; successores eꝓos aberdoneñ tenend ꝓscedend ꝛ habend de nobis et successo; nris i purā ꝛ ꝓpetuā elimosinā adeo libe ꝛ quiete in omibus et p omia sicut

to the kings and kingdoms of France and England, the dukes of Burgundy and Austria, and to other foreign parts, and in our service within our kingdom on behalf of the commonwealth and the peace thereof; We have approved, ratified, and, with consent of our council, of new given, granted, mortified and confirmed, and by this our present charter do approve, ratify, give, grant, and for us and our successors mortify, and for ever confirm in mortmain, all and sundry gifts, grants, foundations and infestments made by our most renowned predecessors or ancestors, or by other lords or barons, or by any other persons whatsoever, spiritual or temporal, before the expeding of our present charter, to the bishops and prelates and Cathedral Church of Aberdeen, of lands, annual rents, mills, free fishings, forests and warrens, churches, chaplainries, and possessions whatsoever, given, united or mortified to the said Cathedral Church of Aberdeen, or within the same, for anniversaries or other ꝓurposcs, with all ꝓrivileges, immunities, liberties, and ꝓconueniences whatsoever, belonging or that may in any way belong in future thereto: to be held, ꝓsessed and had by the said reūerend father in Christ, of us and our successors, in pure and ꝓetꝓual alms, as freely and quietly, in all and through all, as the charters and euidents thereon ꝓpede, and our present gift

carte ⁊ cuidēcie inde q̄fecte et preseñ nost̄r dona° ⁊ mortifica° in se pportant et testantur Concessim° q̄ ⁊ tenoī p̄ntē carte n̄re q̄cedim° q̄ Ruptores ⁊ violatores dictarū īmunitatū capiātur ī n̄ris īdictamētē p̄ clicos n̄re Justiciarie et crimē p̄ illos inde comīs p̄ p̄nto n̄ri dictam̄is in futurē reputetur et dicti delinquētēs p̄ cođ ad mortē puniētur Acciā dedim° et q̄cessim° ⁊ hac p̄nti carta n̄ra dam° et concedim° predicto reuerendo p̄ri suisq̄, successoꝝ; ac capitulo et cañoiçē dicte ecclie cathed̄is aberdoneñ nūc p̄ntibꝫ ⁊ futurē plenariū p̄uilegiū libertatē et p̄tatem quecū; victualia vina aut alias m̄cācias infra portū n̄rm de aberdene seu extra eundē apportaē a quibuscū; n̄ris ligeis seu extraneis aliorū regnorū illuc adueniētibus p̄ eorū oportūis vtilitatibꝫ et ad ipsorū ⁊ suorū dōciliorū sustentacōēs honestas emēdi Et dicī victualia vina seu m̄cācias iterū m̄ice vendēdi a^t desup̄ quouīsmodo m̄candijandi put̄ tempibus retroactē inūiolabilit° obsuatū fuit Ac insup̄ q̄ nobis n̄roꝝ q̄silio p̄ antiqua n̄ra Registra ⁊ a^ts euidēt° luculent° q̄ q̄stat quōd serenissimū p̄decessorē n̄rm Dauid Scotorū regem gloriosissimū infeodasse canoniā de Aberdone cū p̄tinen vulgarit° nūcupat le ald aberdone in sedē epalē ⁊ ciuitatē imp̄pc^m cū

and mortification in themselves set forth and testify. And we have granted, and by the tenor of our present charter do grant, that transgressors and violators of the said immunities be taken on our indictments by our justice clerks, and the crime so committed by them be henceforth held as a ground of indictment; and the said delinquents be punished therefor even to death. And also we have given and granted, and by this our present charter do give and grant, to the foresaid reverend father and his successors, and to the chapter and canons of the said Cathedral Church of Aberdeen, for the time being and to come, full privilege, liberty and power to buy all sorts of victuals, wines and other merchandise brought within the port of Aberdeen, or outwith the same, by our lieges whatsoever, or by strangers from other kingdoms coming thither for their own profit and for the honourable support of themselves and their households; and to sell again the said victuals, wines or merchandise; or to traffic therewith in any way, as in times past has been inuiolably observed. And moreover, whereas by our ancient records and otherwise it is fully and clearly evident to us and to our Council that our umquhile most serene predecessor David, King of Scots, of glorious memory, did infest the Chanonry of Aberdeen with its pertinents, commonly called Old Aberdeen,

om̄ibus jurib; libertatib; et p̄uilegijs ad citatē spectāñ Ipamq; canoniā reputam^o et declaram^o sic infeodatā esse ⁊ fuisse et eandē ecia de nouo infeodaim^o cū oibus jurib; libertāb; et p̄uilegijs ad ciuitatē spectāñ ut p̄mittitur et adeo libere sicut aliqua ciuitas infra regnū n̄rm infeodatur aut possidetur Et pro maiori firmitate ac clariori libertate p̄dicte citē et p̄ vtilitate quiete ⁊ necessaria sustenta^{ne} p̄fati reuēdē in x̄po pris suorūq; successorū ac capituli canonicorū et capellanorū dicte eccleie cathē^{is} Aberdoneñ corūq; s̄uitorū et familiariū apud dicē ciuitatē ⁊ villā de le ald aberdone residenciū creau^o et feci^o et teno^r p̄ntū carte n̄re cam^o ⁊ facim^o p̄dicē ciuitatē ⁊ villā de le ald aberdone in vnū merū ⁊ liberū burgū in baronia imppe^m Concessim^o ecia ⁊ q̄cedim^o inhitantib; p̄dicē citatē villā ⁊ burgū et in postrū ihabita^r plenariā p̄tatem et liber^{em} emēdj et vendendi in ip̄o burgo vina cerā panū laneū ⁊ lineū latū et strictū aliaq; mcimonia Ac h̄ndj et tenēdj pistores brasiatores carnifices ⁊ tā carniū q; pisciū macellarios aliosq; artiū oparios ad lib^otatē burgi i baronia qualicū; spectāñ Necnō q̄cessim^o et concedi^o p̄dicto Reuerendo p̄ri ⁊ suis successorib; aberdoneñ ep̄is

as the See of a bishop and as a city for ever, with all rights, liberties and privileges belonging to a city: the said Chanonry we do acknowledge and declare to have been and to be so infest; and the same also we have infest of new with all rights, liberties and privileges belonging to a city as aforesaid, and as freely as any city within our kingdom is infest and possessed. And for the greater security and ampler liberty of the foresaid city, and for the behoof, ease and necessary maintenance of the said reverend father and his successors, and of the chapter, canons and chaplains of the said Cathedral Church of Aberdeen, and their households and servants residing in the said city and town of Old Aberdeen, we have created and made, and by the tenor of our present charter do create and make the foresaid city and town of Old Aberdeen a true and free burgh in barony for ever. We have also granted and do grant to the inhabitants of the foresaid city, town and burgh, now and to come, full power and liberty to buy and sell within the said burgh, wines, wax, cloth, woollen and linen, broad and narrow, and other merchandise; and to have and to hold bakers, brewers, butchers and sellers of flesh and of fish, and other craftsmen in any way belonging to the freedom of a burgh in barony. As also we have granted and do grant to the foresaid reverend father and his successors, bishops of Aberdeen, power to choose annually, in the said city,

p̄tatē añuatī balliuos s̄iādos et alios officarios infra diē cītē villā ⁊
 burgū in baronia p̄ regemiē eiusd̄ necess̄ios eligendj Et q̄ sint bur-
 gēsēs in eisd̄ et q̄ heant teneāt et possedeāt crucē et forū in ip̄is
 citate villa ⁊ burgo ⁊ diē fori sinḡtis ebdomidē in die lunc et nūdinās
 pu^{cas} sinḡtis añis ip̄petuū vnā v̄j in cena Dñi ante pascha vulgarit̄
 nūcupaī Skyr̄ thursday Aliā vero in diē sancti luce ewangiliste et p̄
 octauas eiusd̄ cū oibz theolo^{is} liber^{bz} et p̄uilegijs ad h̄moi nūdinās ac
 ad citatē et liberū burgū in baronia spectañ seu juste spectaī valeñ
 in futurū Tenend̄ ⁊ habend̄ omēs ⁊ sinḡlas terras ānuos redditus
 molendina pisca^{es} liberas forestas ⁊ warēnas ecclias ⁊ capellianas et
 possessiones quascūq̄ eid̄ ecclie cathe^{li} aberdoneñ seu infra eand̄ p̄
 āniūarijs seu als quouismodo cū om̄ibus suis p̄uilegijs imunitatibz
 liber^{bz} et cōmodita^{bz} quibuseū; p̄us vt p̄mitti^r daī vnī a^t mortificaī
 et nūc p̄ nos de nouo q̄cess̄ appbaī ratificaī mortificaī et q̄firmaī cū
 alijs libertatibz sup̄sc̄ipte et cū capella breuia deliberandi p̄dicto
 reuerēdo p̄ri et suis successo^{bz}; ep̄is Aberdoneñ de nobis et successo^{bz};
 nr̄is ī purā et p̄petuā climosinā ac ad manū mortuā imppe^m adeo libeī
 et quiete ī om̄ibus et p̄ om̄ia sicut carte ⁊ euidentie inde q̄fecte et

town and burgh in barony, baillies, serjeants and other officers necessary
 for the government thereof; and that there be burgesses therein, and that
 they have, hold and possess a cross and a market-place in the said city, town
 and burgh, and a weekly market-day on Monday, and public fairs every year
 for ever, viz., one on the day before Good Friday, commonly called Skyre
 Thursday, and the other on St. Luke the Evangelist's Day [18th October],
 and during eight days therefrom, with all tolls, liberties and privileges belonging,
 or that may in future rightly come to belong, to such fairs and free burgh in
 barony, and to a city and a university. To be held and had, all and sundry lands,
 annual rents, mills, free fishings, forests and warrens, churches and chaplainries,
 and possessions whatsoever, given, united or mortified to the said Cathedral
 Church of Aberdeen, or within the same, for anniversaries or other purposes, with
 all their privileges, immunities, liberties and conveniences whatsoever as aforesaid,
 and now by us of new ratified, mortified and confirmed, with other liberties
 above-written, and with a chancery for issuing brieves; by the foresaid reverend
 father and his successors, bishops of Aberdeen, of us and our successors, in
 pure and perpetual alms, and in mortmain for ever; as freely and quietly
 in all and through all as the charters and evidents thereon exped, and our present

p̄señ nostř dona° et mortificatio vt p̄missū est in se pleni° p̄portaĩ et
 testantur Et adeo libere sicut aliqua elemosina cuius; ep̄o vel prelate
 aut sedi ep̄ali infra Regnū nřm datur q̄ceditur infeodatur q̄firmatur
 mortifica^r a^t possedetur aut dari q̄cedj infeodari q̄firmari mortificari
 vel possedj poterit qualifcumq; in futurū Necnō tenend et habend
 predicĩ cī^{tem} et villā nūcupaĩ le ald aberdone p̄petuis futurę temporibus
 i cītatē ac merū et liberū burgū in baronia cū sup̄dictę p̄uilegijs
 libertatibus ¶ cōcessiōib; ac vniū^{ss} alijs liber^{b;} p̄ficuis cōmoditatib;
 et asiamētę ac justę suis p̄tineñ quibuscū; tam nō nōiatę q^a nōiatę ad
 ciuitatē et burgū i baronia spectañ seu juste spectare valeñ in futurū
 Et adeo libeř quiete plenarie integre hono^{ce} bn et in pace in om̄ib;
 et p̄ om̄ia sicut aliqua cītas aut aliquis burgus i baronia in regno
 nřo quibuscūq; tempibus retroactę liberius infeodatur seu tenetur sine
 aliqua reuo^{ne} aut q̄tradiccōe nřj aut successorū nřoz q̄rūcūq; quouis
 modo sup̄ p̄mis̄ faciēđ in futurę Faciendo inde p̄ p̄petuo id reuerendus
 in xp̄o pater ¶ successores sui ac canōicj et capitulū aberdoneñ p̄
 nobis ac p̄decessō^{b;} et successoribus nřis ořonū suffragia deuotarū
 ĩm In cuius rei testimo^m p̄nti carte nře magnū sigillū nřm apponi

gift and mortification as aforesaid do in themselves set forth and testify ; and
 as freely as any alms is or can anywise in future be given, granted, infest, confirmed,
 mortified to or possessed by any bishop, or prelate, or episcopal See within our
 kingdom. As also to be held and had the foresaid city and town called Old
 Aberdeen in all time to come as a city and as a true and free burgh in barony,
 with the foresaid privileges, liberties and grants, and with all other liberties,
 profits, advantages, easements and their just pertinents whatsoever, both not
 named and named, belonging, or that may in any way in future come justly
 to belong, to a city and a burgh in barony ; and as freely, quietly, fully,
 wholly, honourably, well and in peace, in all and through all, as any city
 or burgh in barony within our kingdom in any times past was infest or held,
 and without any revocation or challenge to be made by us or by our successors
 whatsoever in any way on the premises in time to come. Rendering therefor
 for ever the said reverend father in Christ and his successors, and the canons
 and chapter of Aberdeen, on behalf of us and our predecessors and successors,
 the offering of devout prayers alone. In witness whereof we have commanded
 our great seal to be appended to this our present charter. Witnesses: The

ꝑꝑꝑim^o Testibus reuerendę in xꝑo ꝑribus Roberto eꝑo Glasgueñ
 Georgio eꝑo Dunkelden Wiltmo eꝑo Aberdoneñ dilectę q̄sangncis
 nꝛis Colino coite de Ergile dno Campbell ꝛ Iorne cancellario nꝛo Pałcio
 coite de Boithvile dno Halys maꝑro Hospicij nꝛi Wiltmo comite de
 Eroll dno Hay q̄sta^{no} regni nꝛi Johe dno Glāmys Johe dno Drūmond
 Justiciarijs nꝛis Alex^o Hume de eod magno camerario nꝛo Andrea
 dno Gray Laurencio dno Oliphant Wiltmo dno sancti Johīs thesaurario
 nꝛo venerabli i xꝑo ꝑre Johanne ꝑor monasterij nꝛi sanctiandreę nꝛi
 secreti sigilli custode et dilectis cꝑice nꝛis maꝑris Alex^o inglis arch^{no}
 sancti andreę Ricardo murhede decano Glasgueñ rotulorꝝ nꝛorꝝ ꝛ
 regisꝛ ac q̄sillii cꝑico ꝛ Archi^{do} quhitlaw subdecano Glasgueñ secre-
 tario nꝛo Aꝑd Edinburgh vicesimo sexto die mꝛs Decembre Anno
 Dñi j^m iiii^c lxxxix^{no} Et Regni nꝛi scdo

XIV.

Jacobus Dei gracia Rex Scotorum omnibus probis hominibus tocius
 terre sue clericis et laicis saltm̄ Sciatę quia pro singulari deuocione

reverend father in Christ, Robert, bishop of Glasgow; George, bishop of Dun-
 keld; William, bishop of Aberdeen; our beloved cousins, Colin, Earl of
 Argyll; Lord Campbell and Lorne, our Chancellor; Patrick, Earl of Bothwell,
 Lord Hales, master of our household; William, Earl of Errol, Lord Hay,
 constable of our kingdom; John, Lord Glamis; John, Lord Drummond, our
 justiciars; Alexander Hume of that Ilk, our high chamberlain; Andrew, Lord
 Gray; Laurence, Lord Oliphant; William, Lord St. John, our Treasurer; the
 venerable father in Christ, John, Prior of our Monastery of St. Andrews, Keeper
 of our Privy Seal; and our beloved clerks, Masters Alexander Inglis, Archdeacon
 of St. Andrews; Richard Muirhead, Dean of Glasgow, clerk of our rolls, and
 register, and council; and Archibald Whitelaw, sub-Dean of Glasgow, our
 secretary. At Edinburgh, the twenty-sixth day of the month of September
 in the year of our Lord MCCCCLXXXIX., and of our reign the second.

XIV.

King James IV. creates the town of Torry a free burgh of barony.

11th December, 1495.

James, by the grace of God King of Scots, to all good men of his whole
 land, churchmen and laymen, greeting. Know ye that for the singular

quā habemus b̄to m̄tiri sancto Thoma et sancto Fotino patrino ville de Torry jaceñ infra vicecoñū n̄m de Kincardin ac pro amore ⁊ fauore quos gerim⁹ erga venerabilē in x̄po p̄r̄ David abbatē monasterij n̄ri de Aberbrothok necnon asiamēto ⁊ supportaōe extraneoꝝ alienorū n̄rorūq, legioꝝ in dicta villa hospitandorū qui venientes extra mōtem versus burgū n̄m de Abirdene aliasve boriales regni n̄ri p̄tes pp̄t̄ aieris intemperie aquā de Dee forte p̄transire nō poterunt infeodauimus creauim⁹ et fecim⁹ ⁊ hac p̄nti carta n̄ra infeodamus creamus et fecimus dictā villā de Torry liberū burgū in baronia pro p̄petuo Concessim⁹ ecia et hac p̄nti carta n̄ra cōcedim⁹ inhabitantib; d̄m burgū et iposterū inhabitaturē plenariā p̄tatē et liberā facultatē emēdi et vendēdi in ipo burgo vina cera panū laneū et lineū latū et artū aliaq, m̄cimonia quecūq, cū p̄tate et libertate habēdi et tenēdi pistores brasiatores ⁊ carnifices et tā carnū q, pisciū macellarios aliosq, artium op̄arios ad libertatē burgi in barōia qualitercūq, spectāñ ⁊ ptineñ Concessim⁹ ecia ⁊ hac p̄nti carta n̄ra cōcedim⁹ ut in d̄to burgo sint burgenses et ibidem cū consensu dicti abbatis ⁊ successorū suorū qui

reverence which we have towards the blessed martyr, Saint Thomas, and towards Saint Fotin, patron of the town of Torry, lying within our sheriffdom of Kincardine, and for the love and favour which we bear towards the venerable father in Christ, David, abbot of our monastery of Arbroath, as well as for the convenience and support of alien strangers and of our lieges lodging in the said town, who, coming from beyond the mount towards our burgh of Aberdeen, or other northern parts of our kingdom, might by reason of tempest be unable to cross the water of Dee—we have infest created and made, and by this our present charter do infest, create and make the said town of Torry a free burgh in barony for ever; we have also granted, and by this our present charter do grant, to the dwellers in the said burgh, and to those who shall dwell therein for ever, full power and free faculty to buy and to sell in the said burgh wines, wax, woollen and linen cloth, wide and narrow, and other merchandise whatsoever, with power and liberty to have and hold bakers, brewers, and sellers both of flesh and of fish, and other craftsmen belonging and pertaining in what way soever to the liberty of a burgh in barony; we have also granted, and by this our present charter do grant, that there be burgesses in the said burgh, and that therein, with consent of the said abbot and his successors for the time being, they have in future the

pro tempe fuerit p̄tatem habeant future tempibus elegendi balliuos aliosq̄ officarios pro gubernac̄e eiusd̄ burgi necessarios Necnō cōcessim⁹ ⁊ hac p̄nti carta n̄ra cōcedim⁹ burgeñ ⁊ inhabitañ d̄m burgū vt in ipo burgo habeāt tencāt ⁊ possideant pro p̄petuo crucē ⁊ forū die venerē singulis ebdomadis ⁊ nudinas publicas singulis ānis in festo siue die sancti Fotini cū quatuor dieb; proximo inde sequeñ cū theoloneis ⁊ om̄ib; libertatib; ad h̄mōi nudinas spectañ seu iuste spectare valeñ in futurū Tenend̄ et habend̄ p̄d̄tam villā de Torry in liberū ac merū burgū in baronia cum supra d̄tis preuilegiis libertatib; ⁊ cōcessionib; ac vniuers̄ aliis libertatib; proficuis cōmoditatib; et asiamētis ac justis p̄tineñ quibuscunq; tā nō nōiatis q̄ nōiatis ad burgū in barōia spectañ seu iuste spectare valeñ in futurū Et adeo libere sicut aliquis burg⁹ in barōia infra regnū n̄r; infeodat̄ seu tenetur sine reuocac̄oe quacūq; In cuius rei testimoniū p̄nti carte n̄re magnū sigillū n̄rm appoi precipimus Testib; reucrendo in xpo patre Wifmo ep̄o abirdoneñ n̄ri secreti sigilli custode dilectis cōsanguineis n̄ris archibaldo comite Angusie d̄no Dowglas cancellario n̄ro Patricio cōite de Boithuile d̄no Halē Alex̄o domino Hume magno

power to choose bailties and other necessary officers for the government of the said burgh; we have as well granted, and by this our present charter do grant, to the burgesses and inhabitants of the said burgh, that therein they may have, hold and possess for ever a cross, a weekly market on Friday, and a yearly public fair on the feast or day of Saint Fotin with the four days immediately following, with tolls and all liberties belonging, or which may in future justly belong, to such markets: To be held and had the foresaid town of Torry in free and mere burgh of barony, with the aforesaid privileges, liberties and grants, and with all other liberties, profits, conveniences and easements and just pertinents whatsoever, both not named and named, belonging, or which in future may justly belong, to a burgh in barony; And that as freely as any burgh in barony within our kingdom is infest or held, without any revocation whatsoever. In witness whereof we have ordered our great seal to be appended to our present charter. Witnesses: The reverend father in Christ, William, bishop of Aberdeen, keeper of our privy seal; our beloved cousins, Archibald, Earl of Angus, lord Douglas, our chancellor; Patrick, Earl of Bothwell, Lord Hales; Alexander lord

camario n̄o Johanne d̄no Drumond justiciario n̄o Et dilectis clericis n̄ris māgr̄is Ricardo murehede decano Glasgueñ secretario n̄o et Waltero Drumond decano Dumblaneñ n̄rorū rotulorū ⁊ registri ac cōsillii clerico apud monasteriū n̄rm de Abirbrothok vndecimo die mē Decembr̄e anno Dñi mil̄mo quadringent̄^{mo} nonagesimo quīto Et regni n̄ri octauo

XV.

IN DEI NŌIE amen per hoc p̄is publicum Instrumētum cunctis pateat euidenter et sit notum quod anno incarnationis dominice millesimo quingen^{mo} quinquagesimo nono mensis vero decēbris die vigesimo nono indictione tertia pontificatus pii pape quarti anno primo In mei notarii publici et testium infrascriptorum p̄ntia personaliter constitutus religiosus vir frater Joannes roger gardianus fratrum minoritarum burgi de abirdene qui publice exposuit qualiter certi enormes hoīes huius regni Scotie quo animo ducti deus scit

Hume, our high chamberlain; John lord Drummond, our justiciar; and our beloved clerks Masters Richard Muirhead, dean of Glasgow, our secretary, and Walter Drummond, dean of Dunblane, clerk of our rolls and register and council. At our monastery of Arbroath the eleventh day of the month of December in the year of our Lord one thousand four hundred and ninety-five, and of our reign the eighth.

XV.

*The Minor or Gray Friars resign their possessions in favour of the Burgh.
29th December, 1559.*

IN THE NAME OF GOD, Amen. By this present public instrument be it made manifest and known to all men that in the year of the incarnation of our Lord, one thousand five hundred and fifty-nine, on the twenty-ninth day of the month of December, in the third indiction, in the first year of the pontificate of Pope Pius the fourth: In presence of me, notary public, and of the witnesses underwritten, personally compeared a holy man, Friar John Roger, Superior of the Minorite Friars of the burgh of Aberdeen, who publicly proclaimed how certain infamous men of this kingdom of Scotland,

distruxerunt et dissipauerunt templa hospicia edes et ortos monasteriorum et locorum religiosorum regni eaq; funditus euerterunt et solo equarunt Et (vt cōis populi vox est) certi eiusdem secte homines regno capite destituto in absentia dne n̄re regine jam pridem venturi sunt obruere et dissipare templa loca hospicia edes et ortos eorundem fratrum minoritarum quibus Inuasoribus vt asseruit resistere nequit Ideo cum consensu et assensu cōuentus sui capitulariter congregaī resignauit huiusmodi hospicia edes et ortos Ipsi incumbē Infra dictum burgum Iaceñ In manibus Dauidis mar vnus balliuorum dicti burgi In fauorem prepositi balliuorum consulum et cōitatis prefati Burgi de Abirdene pure et simplici^o prouiso tamen quod si contigerit supremam dnam n̄ram reginam restituere reliquis fratribus religiosis eorum loca templa vel edificia q; ipsis fratribus minoritis similis restitutio fiet absq; eorum preiudicio aut indignatione regine incurreñ Super quibus oībus et singulis thomas nicolson balliuus procuratorio nōie totius cōitatis dicti burgi a me notario publico subscripto Sibi fieri petiit instrumētum seu instrumēta vnum vel

prompted by God knows what design, destroyed and scattered the churches, hospitals, buildings and yards of the monasteries and holy places of the kingdom, and utterly overthrew the same and levelled them with the ground; and how (as common report has it) certain men of the same persuasion, while the kingdom was bereft of a head through the continued absence of our lady the Queen, were about to overturn and scatter the churches, places, hospitals, buildings and yards of the same Minorite Friars, which intruders, as he asserted, it was impossible to resist: Therefore, with consent and assent of his convent in chapter assembled, he purely and simply resigned the said hospitals, buildings and yards belonging thereto lying within the said burgh, in the hands of David Mar, one of the baillies of the said burgh, in favour of the provost, baillies, councillors and community of the foresaid burgh of Aberdeen: Providing, however, that if it shall come to pass that our sovereign lady the Queen restore to the remanent holy friars their places, churches or buildings, a like restitution shall be made to the said Minorite Friars, without their being prejudiced or incurring the displeasure of the Queen. Upon which, all and sundry, Thomas Nicholson, baillie, as procurator for the whole community of the said burgh, craved from me, notary public subscribing, an instrument or instruments, one or more, to be made

plura Acta erant hec In aula dictorum fratrum minoritarum hora tertia post meridiem sub anno mense die indictione et pontificatu quibus supra presentibus Ibidem gilberto menzes Patricio menzes Patricio malysoun colino porterfeld georgio Lesly Joanne gareaucht Vilhelmo barclay Vilhelmo craufurd hallibrando menzes cum diuersis aliis Testibus ad premissa vocatis pariterq; rogatis

Et ego magister Joannes kennedy clericus diocesis abirdoneñ sacra autoritate apostolica notarius publicus ac scriba cōis Burgi de Abirdene premissis omnibus et siñglis sic vt premittitur dictę actis et factę vnacum pñoiatę testibus psonalit̃ interfui Eaę oĩa et singula sic fieri vidi scivi et audiui Ac in notam cepi Ex quibus hoc publicū Instrumētum manu aliena fideliter scriptum exinde confeci signaui et subscripsi In fidem et testimoniū veritatę omniū et singulorū pmissorum rogatus et requisitus

to him. These things were done in the hall of the said Minorite Friars at the third hour after noon, in the year, month, day, indiction and pontificate above stated. Present Gilbert Menzies, Patrick Menzies, Patrick Malysoun, Colin Porterfield, George Leslie, John Gareaucht, William Barclay, William Craufurd, Hallibrand Menzies, with sundry others called and summoned as witnesses to the premises.

And I, master John Kennedy, clerk of the diocese of Aberdeen, by holy apostolic authority notary public and common clerk of the burgh of Aberdeen, together with the above-named witnesses, was personally present at all and sundry the said acts and deeds; and saw, understood, and heard and took note that these things, all and sundry, were done; Whereupon this public instrument, faithfully written by another hand, I have executed, sealed and subscribed, being asked and required in faith and testimony of the truth of all and sundry the premises.

XVI.

The Chaplains of the Church of Saint Nicholas resign their possessions in favour of the Burgh. 19th August, 1575.

The said day maister Johnne Kennedy procurator and gñall collectour to the cheplains of the parochie kirk of abirdene w^t qsent and assent of Sir Johnne collesoune maist^r eduard mengzēs Sir James barclay Sir Johnne blak and Sir Wilzēam walcar his breither and cheplains only on lyf of the queyr and college of the said bur^t compeirit in presens of thomas mengzēs of petfoddellis prouest of the said bur^t and in p̄sens of the ballies and hail qsell of the samy bur^t and thair ryplie aduysit w^t detfull deliberatioune resignit and geff our be ane pēny as vse is in the handis of robert mengzēs ane of the ballies of the said burght all and hail thair landis fisheingis mailis few mailis and ānuell rentis quhatsūeur ptenyng to thame in patrimonie and propirtie liand wⁱⁿ this bur^t and w^{out} the samyn in favouris of the prouest ballies qsell and comunite of this bur^t thair successouris and assignais quhatsūeur Reseruand alweis the samyn to the saidis cheplains during thair lyftymes Provyding alweis that gif ony of the saidis sex cheplains quhilkis now are lewand happynis to deceis that his p^r and pensioune of the saidis landis fisheingis mailis few mailis and ānuell rētis sall returne and remañe w^t the saidis prouest ballies qsell and comunite and thair assignais quhatsūeur

The said day the hail toun being lau^{fully} warnit to this day and qpeiring personaly in Jugemēt for the maist p^r representād the hail body of the toun It was exponit and declairt oppinly to thame be robert mengzēs ane of the ballies of the said bur^t Quhow that the cheplanis of the queyir and college of thair proche kirk of abirdene hes resignit in his handis in presens of the prouest ballies and hail qsell this p̄sent day all and hail thair landis fisheingis mailis few mailis and ānuell quhatsūeur ptenyng to thame in patrimonie and propirtie liand wⁱⁿ this bur^t and w^{out} the samy in favouris of the prouest ballies qsell and cōmunite of this bur^t thair successouris and assignais quhatsūeur Reseruād alweis the samyn to the saidis cheplains during thair lyftymes Provyding alweis that gif ony of the said sex cheplains quhilkis now ar leifand happynis to deceis that

his p^t and pensioune of the saidis landis fisheingis mailis few mailis and ānuell rētis sall returne and remane w^t the saidis prouest ballies qsell and comunite and thair assignais quhatsueuir The quhilk the saidis cheplains being psonaly p^sent ratefeit and approit in Judgemēt And the said balȝie Inquyrit at thame gif thai uald cōsent and be qtent to resigne renūce and ourgiff the samȝ agañe to the support and vphald of sanct Thomas hospitall fundit w^tin this bur^t besyd thair proche kirk quhill forder supplie and support mycht be maid be thame thair vnto To the quhilkis thai all in ane voce cōsentit and assentit And resignit and renūcit and ourgeff the samȝn als frelie as is ptenit to thame in the handis of the said balȝe to the support of the said hospitall and the pur folkis thairof to be ānexat th^ro perpetually in all tym cūing w^t reseruatioune as is aboune wretin

XVII.

Commissioners appointed by the Community perambulate the Outer Marches of the Burgh, without the Freedom Lands. 22nd September, 1578.

The said day the prouest ballies cōsale and cōmunite of this bur^t being cōvenit and assemblit upon the cōmonte and fredome of this bur^t be ane act and ordinance maid thairupoun obefoir to peramble the boundis and limitis th^roff and to the effect that the psonis of the cōsale quhilks war noiāt and chosin of befoir That is to say Gilbert Mengȝes eldar Robert Mengȝes eldar Daid Mar Androw Buk Alexander Mengȝes eldar Gilbert Gray Johnne Lowson Alexander Cullen Martyn Howesoun and Androw Hunter togidder w^t the remanent psonis that war noiāt and electit be the said cōmunite That is to say Alexander Howesone Alexander Forbes Daid Andersone maister James Burnet Patrik Mollisoune and Alexander Donaldsone nicht see perambill and cōsider the wrangis done and cōmittit be the saidis heretable fewaris of the townis and landis w^tin the said fredome and thair tennentis in thair names in ryving out teiling and sawing of cornis upoun the townis cōmontie adiacent to the saidis few landis vsing and occupeing the samȝ thir dyuerss ȝeris bygane sen the setting of the saidis landis heretably in fewferme transgressing th^rby the effect tenour and strynght of thair few chartouris maid to thame

th'upoun and to cognosce and decerne th'intill and to proppe meithe and niche the boundis and limitis of propirte of the saidis townis and landis respectiue Quhilkē thai sall vse as propirte in tyme cūing and all wrangis done be thame to reforme without preiudice of the valour and stryntht of thair heretabill ry^t and fewferme maid to thame respectiue th'upoune And all the forsaidis fewaris being psonallie convenit vpoune the ground and cōmontie forsaid thair ry^{tis} reasonis allegationis and defensis being proponit considerit and vnderstand and dyuerss and sundrie famus witnessis vnsuspect admittit sworne and diligentlie examinat and eftir dew and detfull deliberatioun visitatioun and considera^oun of the ground the forsaidis juges all in ane voce to quhom the saidis psonis was submittit in maner forsaid ffind decernit decretit and delyuerit in maner following

And ferst the saidis visitouris past and begane at the Justice Mylnis and fand that the lonȳg gaitt passand th'fra to the cōmoun pasture on the cōmontie is diminishit and maid narrow and ordanis the samē to be of quātite of the auld passage that the gudis th'off may pas to the fredome of the said bur^t as thai did ofbefoir and that the first niche of the saidis Justice Mylnis begynis at the graye stane quhair it is pottit and ingrauit the townis cōmoun n^{ik} viz^t ane sauser and swa callit the sawser stane lyand in the burne betuixt the landis of the Justice Mylnis and the landis of Ferrihill and th'fra passing vp the said burne to ane vthir sauser stane ingrauit as said is liand in the myddis of the burne of the Justice Mylnis foirganis the vptreiking of the gaitt that passis to Petfoddellis ascendand bak vp to the bra to the Justice Mylnis for intakin of the lonȳg gait as the samȳ is presentlie proppit and pottit and th'fra ascendand vp linealie to the merche stane vnder the eird of the medow of Rubislaw and haldand the stane linealie quhill it croce the Burne at the mortar bank vnder the south-wast fauld of the towne of Rubislaw and th'fra linealie up the dyk of the said fauld wastwart quhill it cū to the sauser stane in the ground fourtie elnis or th'by wⁱⁿ the southmest th'of and th'fra to the said southmaist nuik and the

betuixt the lang fauld and the burne southt and northt decernit new nouatioun and to ly ley in all tyme cūing as it is proppit and the dyk to be destroyit and cassin down And th'fra the saidis visitouris past to the towne and landis of Hessilheid begynand the first merche th'of at the eist end of the corne land liand at the eist end of

the peit moss of Dikynschaw ascendand vp the said moss to ane gryt crag stane at the heid of the samy on the southt syd th'of passand wast-north-wast or th'by to the Dry Den and th'fra nor^t-west or th'by as it is carnit quhill it cū to ane gryt sauser stane passand th'fra north-eist or th'by till it cū to the nor^t end of Bachtley besyd the ald stane cott passand th'fra northt-eist or th'by haldand the stane dykis till it cū to the end of Leggis Croft in the burne and passand th'fra northt or th'by haldand the wynter strype that rynniss be the wast syd of the Nathir Stracht to the heid of the said Nathir Stracht passand eist langwayis the heid th'off till it cū anēt the Wellheidis cōtigie and be waist the peit myris in the Kowslak and all the land that lysis be eist the gryt saser stane and wⁱn the saidis mⁱchis to ptene in p^pirte to the saidis landis of Hessilheid and the corne land be wast the said saser stane to be new nouatioun and to ly ley and to ly in commonty and siclyk all the landis be eist the said Wynter Strype viz^t the Nethir Stracht and the corne land be eist the said Welheidis to be new nouatioun and to ly ley and remane in commontie And fra the said towne and landis of Hessilheid the saidis commissionaris juges and visitouris past to the towne and landis of Cuntaswallis begynand the first mⁱche th'off at the burne descendand to the Myln of Petfoddellis and linealie ascendand as the saser staneis ar now maid to the heid of the eistmaist ald corne fald quhair the mⁱkatt gaitt passis and haldand the heid of the said corne fauld quhill it cū to the strype on the wast syd th'off to the saser stane and haldand th'fra platt wast linealie as the samē is now proppit and carnit to the inland of the Cūtaswellis reseruand the ald faldis in the m^vir as thai stand and the haill remanēt labourit teilit and manurit land eistwart wastwart and northtwart to remane in commonte in all tyme cūing and the new cott biggingis of the said towne of Cūteswallis decernit ⁊ ordanit be removit and cassin down betuixt this and Witsunday next to cū and ordanis Alex^r Chalmⁿ fewar of the saidis landis and his tenētis to desist fra forder labouring of the faucht land upon the southmest p^t under the hill and the faucht land on the nor^t syd of the said towne and to ly ley and cōmōty in all tyme cūing and the haill boundis leysis and fauchtis about the ald faldis at the southtwast p^t of the Cūteswellis decernit to ly ley and in cōmontie ppetually in all tyme cūing And thairfra passand to the towne and

landis of Gardyn ptenyng to the said Alex^r Chalm^r the saidis judges and visitouris decernit ⁊ ordanit the smythis houss to be removit and the ȝaird th^roff to be laid waist betuixt this and Witsonday nixt cūis and als ordanis the spott of brunt land on the south syd of the moss of the Gardyne to ly ley in cōmontie and the grene ley betuixt the moss and the towne of Gardyne togidd^y w^t the haill grene ley with^t the ald dykis to ly in commontie in all tyme cūming with^t the buittis rewin out under the faldis on the sou^t syd th^rof to ly waist and als decernis the thre peces of corne land of the towne and landis of Brutherfeild liand narest and cōtigue to the Burne of Breddeacht to ly in cōmontie in all tyme cūing And thairfra the saidis juges and commissionaris being convenit upon the ground of Kȳgyshill to perambill the merchis th^roff requyrit Alexander Chalmer fewar of the samȳ to ryd his merchis and to preif and verifie the samȳ quha being psonalie present ansurit he had no^t his witnessis present bot desyrit ane day to be assignit to him to verifie and preif the samȳ and affixit to him at his awin desyr the sevȳtene day of October nixt to cū to verifie and preiff the samȳ and the said Alex^r betuixt this and the said day to gif ane offer th^rof to the towne And thairfra the saidis commissionaris judges and visitouris past to the towne and landis of Kigiswallis begȳnand the first merche thairof at the saser stane besyd the Wellheid quhairout the Den Burne rȳnis and procedis linealie descendand eist to ane vthir saser stane and th^rfra ascendād linealie nor^t fra the said saser stane to ane vthir nȳche stane at the mȳcat gett and haldand the mȳkat gett cistwart quhil it cū to an vthir eird fast stane in the said gett now saserit and th^rfra ascendand north-wast to ane karne and fra that carne to ane vthir carne and th^rfra keipand the gett plat waist be the gait side to ane vther saser stane at the nuik of the fald and th^rfra haldand the said gett wastwart to ane saser stane in the said gett and jit ascendand the hie gait ry^t wast to ane eird stane pottit and saserit at the syd of the ald loune dyk of the Intoune and frathynfur^t haldand waist to ane vther saserit stane at the stane ȝard Dyk quhilk ȝard dyk the saidis judges and visitouris decernit ⁊ ordanit to be cassin dovne and laid waist at the feist of Witsonday nixt to cū and als decernis and ordanis the corne landis be nor^t and w^tout the saidis nȳchis to ly in cōmontie and the new houss theikit w^t dowat and the ȝard th^roff decernis to be removit simple ⁊ laid waist at Witsonday nixt

to cū and passand fra the saser stane in the Swiffwrichtis Croft linealie nor^t-wast as the saser staneis lysis quhill it cū to the Welheid quhair it is carnit and th^rfra discendand linealie southt as it is pottit to ane saser stane beside the Ailhouss and thairfra to ane Welheid at the bak of the 3ard of the said Eilhouss Croft and th^rfra enterand in the markat gett corsand the said gett southt-waist and the stane dyk to ane vthir eirfast stane now saserit quhill it enter in the moss and all be southt northt and wast the said moss about the gait and under the sam^y (except the Caird Hillok) quhill it cū to the Burne of Breddeacht to ly in commontie and decernis the haill biggingis th^rupoun to be removit ʒ cassin doun and als ordanis the outseyttis biggit on the nor^t syd of the said gett and wast syd of Bogfarlay quhair Gilbert Banerman duellis to be removit and cassin doun betuixt this and Witsunday and to ly ley in commonte in all tyme cūing and als decernis the haill housseis to be fillit And eftir the mething and merching of the said towne and landis of Kyngisvallis the saidis judges ʒ visitouris past to the towne ʒ landis of Tullo^t and thair fand new nouatioun of cornis fra the FlokWelheid southt betuixt Tullo^t and Bogfarlay and ordanis the sam^y to ly waist in t^y cūing as commontie and the corne land be northt the said Grene Ley quhairin thair is ane saser stane at the quhill Welheid thair is ane new maid saser stane and als decernis the Muir betuixt the said Welheid and the Auld Grene and the Ald Grene Ley quhar thair is ane vthir saser stane to ly cōmontie and the corne land be northt the said Grene Ley quhairin thair is ane saser stane to ly in cōmonte in all tyme cūing and th^rfra the haill landis beneth that den to the heid of the Blak Burne to ly in comontye except four buittis at the wast p^t of the Tullo^t upon the Blak Burne ege fornēt K^ymūdeis and th^rfra beg^yand at the nor^t syd of the Wayne Furd quhair thair is nyn buittis of corne land pten^yg to the fewaris of the said towne of Tullo^t in propirte as thair ar pottit and the haill remanēt to be and remane as cōmontie and th^rfra keipand the ald corne fald dykis quhill it cū to the ruiff quhair the saser stane is maid in the syd of the said ruiff And the saidis juges and visitouris passād fra the said toun and landis of Tullo^t and being assemblit vpon the townis and landis of Bogfarlaye ffyndis and decernis the haill corne land at the wast p^t of the Cloghill except fyve buittis in the resk and twa faldis callit the Pluverane Ley at the south syd of the said hill new nouatioun and

ordainis the samē to ly ley as cōmonty in tyme cūing and siclyk the new stibill land w'out the laicht brig to be new nouatioun and the hail new land w'out the new maid saserit stane w'out the fald dykis of the Cloghill at the northt wast p^t of the Cloghill to ly ley and in cōmontie to ane vther saser stane w'out the Slak and th'fra our the straitht to the fald nuik to ane gryt stane quhairin is ingrauit ane saser at the heid of the Ra Den Fald and fra the said stane haldand eist the fald dyk quhill it cū to the ley at the eist nuik thairoff and th'fra corsand the said ley to ane new maid saser stane at the heid of the samȳ and als fyndis the hail landis of the Cloghill to be new nouatioun except ane ald fald upon the heid th'off as the said fald is merchit and pottit w^t saser staneis and fra the said stane at the heid of the said four riggis of ley haldand the ald fald dykis nor^t-eist quhill it cū to the saser stane at the wast nuik of the Mure Fald of the Intoun of Cloghill and th'fra ascendand northt linealie keipand the heid of the faldis to the new maid saser stane and litill pece wⁱn the heid of the ley and th'fra descendand linealie eist to the saser stane at the nuik of the litill fald and th'fra descendand linealie quhill it enter in the moss and all the rest beneth the corne land w'out the Welheidis on the eist syd betuixt that and Schedokisley to ly in comontie except the Law Bog And fra the said toun and landis of Bogfarlay the saidis judges ⁊ visitouris past directlie to the toun ⁊ landis of Schedokisley begynand the mⁱchis of ppirte th'off at the saser stane in the nor^t p^t of the Bogfald and besyd the Caldwell passand th'fra linealie wast as the samȳ is pottit to ane uth^r eirdfast stane saserit and fra that to ane uth^r saser stane at the wast end of the moss and th'fra southt as it is saserit And thairfra the saidis juges and visitouris past to the towne and landis of Frosterhill and thair decernit ⁊ ordanit the wastmest hous w^t the ȝard th'off to be removit betuixt this and Witsunday nixt cūis and the west corne riggis to ly commontie in tyme cūing and decernit the fald betuixt it and Caprastoun new nouatioun and to ly ley and commontie in tyme cūing and the pece faucht land w'out the faldis at the eist syd of the gait to ly in commontie and the hail w'out the Dene Fald to the likarstane to ly commontie quhill it cū to Cabrastoun and als fyndis new nouatioun maid be the fewaris ⁊ tennētis of the Cruvis on the hill syd at the sou^t-eist syd of the Cruvis

of the Grene Welheidis and the hail corne land betuixt the Cruvis and the Cottoune fyndis new nouatioun

And the hail fornमित townis ʒ landis being proppit methit and merchit in the boundis ʒ limitis of propirte in maner ʒ way as is aboun rechersit the saidis juges visitouris ʒ commissioneris for the reformatioun of the wrangis committit wʒin this bur' and at dyuerss partis of the gaittis and commoun passageis passand and cūand thʒfra past and begane at the Bowbrig quhair thair is ane new biggit barne ptenȳg to Androw Gothray quhair of thair is four fut of the lyntht takin in and fyve fut of the ʒard quhilk the saidis juges and visitouris ordanis ʒ decernis to be demoliscit and ane free passage to be betuixt the said barne and the Den Burne in all tyme cūing as it is pottit ʒ merchit and als decernis the litill houss vpon the gavill of James Kayis houss to be cassin doun and the said James stair to be biggit on himselff and als inhibitis Androw Gothray to big ony stair or galry vpon the eist gavill of his new biggit houss decernis alsua the litill houss of Jonat Chene biggit on the k̄ygis hie gett to be cassin doun and siclyk ordanis the houss of Johnne Kay ʒsentlie begun to big contigue adiacent to the said Den Burne to be demolescit and ane free passage to be thʒfra quhill it cū to ane saser stane quhilk devydis the Blak Freiris Croft fra the ʒard of George Watsoun and ane passage of four fut to be betuixt the said croft and the said ʒard and thairfra passand linealie northt to ane uthir saser stane and decernit the hail breis betuixt the Dukat and the Corbie Well on the wast syd of the said Den Burne to remane in commontie as it did befoir and passand fra the last saser stane to the northt-west nuik of the dyik of the said Blak Freris Croft Begȳnand at the southt-eist nuik of Martyne Howeson Croft quhill it cū to the pottit merche and thʒfra to ane new saser stane and frathyn as it is pottit directlie northt to ane vther eirdfast stane now saserit and thʒfra direct wast as it is pottit linealie quhill it cū to the Cragwell Croft ptenȳg to Mr Gilbert Bisset and thʒfra linealie wast to the stane dyk on the sou^t syd of the gait that passis to Rubislaw quhill it cū to ane saser stane on the southt syd of the said gett And thairfra the saidis juges ʒ visitouris past to the croft callit Hardweird ptenȳg to Alex^r Cullen begȳnand at ane new maid saser stane on the wast syd of the dyk of the said croft as it is pottit quhill it cū to ane vther saserit stane and thʒfra to ane slottit stane and frathyn to ane pottit m̄che and fra the said pottit m̄che linealie eist keipand the

heicht of the bra as it is pottit to ane gryt stane new saserit and fra that the saidis visitouris past to the Blak Freris Yard passand linealie to ane saser stane at the Cluiss Heid on the wast syd of the said burne and thair viseand Androw Rais bark pottis ordanit the samy to be fillit w^t cirtht wⁱⁿ fourtie dayis eftir the dait heirof and siclyk decernit ⁊ ordanit the bak dyk of Alex^r Anderson litster to be cassin down and biggit equiualent w^t the rest of the bak dykis on the wast syd of the Gallowgett and siclyk decernis ⁊ ordanis Hedonishill on the eist syd of the said Gallowgett w^{out} the Gallowgett Port to ly grene ley and in commontie in all tyme cūing as it is methit proppit ⁊ pottit fra the nuik of Neilie Powis yard ⁊ land and ordanis ane passage fra the said port round about the hill of four space and the litill hillok on the eist end of Thomas Philppis barne to remane in all tyme cuming ane grene hillok onlabourit fre about as the samē is pottit ⁊ methit decernis alsua the gaitt passand fra the Cruvis behynd the said burght vpon the nor^t syd th^{roff} quhill it cū to the Theiffis Port to be tuelff fut of breid at narrowest p^t of the said gett and swa to stand ppetually in all tyme cūing and decernis the croft ptenyng to Dūcan Donaldson liand on the northt syd of the Butefield behynd the Gray Freiris to be ⁊ remane wⁱⁿ the boundis and methis begynand at the north-wast nuik passand linealie eist as it is pottit methit ⁊ merchit and alsua ordanis the haill pprietaryis of the Cuttingis behynd the Gray Freris fra Johnne Lowsoun rig quhill it cū to the buittis behynd the towne to be warnit to pduce thair ald Infestmētis betuixt this ⁊ m^otimes nixt to cū and siclyk ordanis Alex^r Cullen to exhibit his titill of the pece ground ⁊ land behynd the eistmest buitt betuixt this ⁊ m^otimes nixt and the said Alex^r croft on the northt syd of the said burght to be labourit ⁊ occupeit wⁱⁿ the boundis proppis and methis proppit and pottit be the saidis judges and visitouris and thairfra the saidis judges and visitouris past to the Castelhill begynand at the northt syd th^{roff} and decernit the litill houss sett out be ādrow Jak liand nixt the said Castellhill to be dimoliscit and als fyndis that the said Androw hes done wrang in the bigging of his gavill of the wast houss five fut in vpon the Castelhill and in likwayis in bigging of the barne and kyll besyd the samy upon the boundis of the Castelhill and decernis ⁊ ordanis the said Androw Jak to big his ʒard four fout within the traveis of tȳmer as it standis quhilk traveis thai ordanit to be dimolis-

chit and the said dyk to be biggit w'in the samen four fout as said is and decernis and ordanis the Myddingis betuixt the buittis upon the northt syd of the Castelhill to be removit within tuētie dayis under the pane of fourtie s to be uptakin and liftit of the unlaw of euerie mydding in case the samyn be no^t removit as said is and escheting of the fuljie the said xx. dayis being bypast and siclyk decernis and ordanis the croft callit the Sow Croft ptenyng to Johnne Donaldson to be labourit and manurit w'in the boundis as it is p'sentlie proppit pottit and merchit and the hie gett passand direct eist to the Lynkis betuixt the croft of the said Johnne Donaldson and the croft of the cōstabill of Abirdene quhill it cū to Futteis Myre to be fyftene futtis of breid in all prtis in all tyme cūing and decernis the ʒard biggit be Williā Ronaldson fra the northt cūjie of his houss to be dimolischit linealie as it is pottit and decernis ⁊ ordanis the cuttingis be eist of the towne of Futtie to remane ley and linkis as thai ar pottit ordanis Sanct Clementis Kirk Yard to remane ley in all tym cūing as it is pottit ⁊ merchit decernis Garwakis Wynd to be tuelff fut breid and tuelff space at the eist end th'off in all t̄y cūing and fand decernit ⁊ declarit that the haill groundis of the landis aboun wretin quhairupoun the cornis war sawin of new nouatioun upon the places ⁊ boundis aboun wretin w'out the boundis of propirte afoir limitat to pteine to this burght communitie ⁊ comōnte th'off as Justlie ptenyng to thame to ly ley onlabourit as cōmontie in all tyme cūing and ordanis thame to desist ⁊ ceis fra all forder occupatioun of the samy in all t̄y cūing and that the Merches aboun wretin of the townis ⁊ landis aboun specefeit aucht to stand as ppetuall Merches of ppirte in all tyme cūing

Quhilk declaratour decreit and ordinance the prouest ballies ⁊ cōsale aboun wretin acceptit ratefeit approvit cōfermit and pnūcit thair decreit and sentence cōforme th'to fyndand the haill ground and landis of new nouatioun forsaid maid be the saidis heretable fewaris thair tennētis in thair names upon the townes commontie adiacent contigue to thair saidis landis at the placeis and ptis afoir specefeit w'out the methis ⁊ merchis of propirte befoir limitat to ptene justlie to this burght commontie and communitie th'off and to ly ley onlabourit in all tyme cūing ⁊ that the methis and n̄ichis of propirte respectiue aboun specefeit sall stand as ppetuall merchis of ppirte in all tyme cūing

XVIII.

Commissioners nominated by the burgeses and by the craftsmen of the burgh define the privileges of these bodies. 7th July, 1587.

At Abirdene the sewint day of Juli the 3eir of god My^e fourscoir and sewin 3eiris WE ALEXANDER CULLAN Daid Meng3es bailleis of the bur^t of abirdene and alex^r forbes burges of the said bur^t cōmissionaris electit and nōiat be the prouest bailleis counsaill bretherene of gild of the said burght on the ane p^t and george elphinstone deacon convenar alex^r ronaldsone baxter Johun tail3or cōmissionar chosin electit and nōiat be the haill craftsmen fremen of the said bur^t on the vther part AND M^r alex^r chene persoun of snaw and comiss^r of abd odmā and o^rmā equalle chosin be the saidis cōmissionaris anent the decisioun of the q^trauersie efter spēit betuixt the saidis cōmissionaris for the saidis pteis THAT is to say fforsamekill as the saidis cōmissionaris haueand sufficient power of bay^t the parteis foirsaidis ar finalle appointit and aggregit vponc all and sindrye the headis efter following And first to tak away all difference qlk hidderto resultit vpoun the admissioun of fremen of craft and for the estabilissing of ane perpetuall ordo^r thairanct WE ORDANE and declairis all personis willing to be maid fre and incorpora^t to the fraⁿite of ony craft That thay sall first present thame selff to the prouest bailleis and counsaill to be maid fre burges^s of the said burght and gif thai meayne to leif be th^r said craft the saidis prouest bailleis and counsaill and deane of gild befor ony forder proceding sall remit the in^rant be thair testimoniall to the deacone and maisteris of craft profess^t be the said In^rant to be examinat be thame And being examinat and no^t fund qualefeit salbe repellit baith fra the suit of burges ship and fremanship of the craft foirsaid bot be the contrar gif thai be fund qualefeit be the said deacone and fremen of the said craft reportand to the prouest bailleis and q^saill and deane of gild ane sufficient testimoniall vpoun thair conscience of the in^rantis qualefica^oun and habilitē Than and in tha^t caice they salbe admittit aggregand for the freedome of the burgeship according to the antient vse and laudable consuetud of the said burght PROUYDING that this claus viz secundum libertatem sue artis or sicklyk wordē signifeand oderis restrictionis be no^t insert in thair testimoniall bot

that the same be dne admissus in burgensem tatummodo And thairefter no^t w^t standing of the qlk admissioun the said interant sall no^t haue place to work nor exerceis his craft vnto the tyme he report his testimoniall of the saidis prouest bailleis and deane of gild vnder the subscriptioun of the toun clark that he is admittit to be burges and presentt the same to the deacone and maisteris of that craft quha thairefter sal compone w^t the intrant for the fredome and fre licence to exerceis the craft And be ressonne sum doutis resultis anēt the saidis cōmissionaris concerning the compositioun of intrant It is finalle aggreit be the saidis cōmissionirē and decernit be thame that the saidis compositionis and Bankatis be maid efter the auld vse and custume and no^t efter the will of the intrant BOT BECAUS consideratioun aucht to be haid dyuerslie efter the estait and conditionis of dyueris psones suitaris of the fredome To wit gif the intrant be the eldest sone of ane free burges or 3it the eldest sone of ane fre craftisman that hes passit thair prentischip wⁱⁿ the said burght of Abd he salbe fre w^t the craft for the bancat onlie bot the rest of mchandis sones or fre craftismenis sones that hes passit th^r prentischip within the said burght of abirdene sall pay fourte s o^rhead w^t the bancat as obefoir allanerlie AND ALL PRENTESIS learning wⁱⁿ the said toun and 3it being ane forane or borne out of the said toun as also thai that ar no^t freemenis sones suppois thai be borne wⁱⁿ the toun sall pay ten markis o^rhead w^t the bancat for thair fredomes to the deacone and bretherene of thair craft Sicklyk outlandis craftismen that ar nocht borne burges^s sones or fremenis sones of the said bur^t nather hes past prenteis wⁱⁿ the same bot hes learnt thair craft in ony vther place nor wⁱⁿ the toun They sall pay to the deacone and maisteris of thair craft for thair fredome at the least tuentie markis money foirsaid w^t the bancat as saidis And decernis the compositioun of the money foirsaid for the fredome as is aboue expreamt to be delyuerit and payit to the deacone of the craft he to be ansurabill for the twa p^t of the same to the dean of gild and to delyuer the same to him for to be waired and bestowit vpoun the aid support and help of the cōmoun charges of the toun accordyng to the directionis to be given to the prouest baillies and counsail of the said burght to him thairanent And the third p^t of the saidis cōpōssionis with the bankatis foirsaid to be distributit and bestowit

at the pleso^r of the deaconis of the craftis and thair bretherene foirsaid fremen of the said craftis And sicklyk the twa pairt of the compositionis of the entres of cuerie prenteis qlk is the soume of tuente s the twa pt thairof to be delyucrit to the dean of gild and the third pt to the deacones and maisteris of craftis to be vsit in maner and to the effect aboue exprinit SECUNDLIE we the saidis comissionaris for bay^t the pteis hinc inde decernis and ordanis that the saidis craftismen sall no^t meddle u^t na kynd of forane nor oursie wairis bot to haue thair skair of timber conforme to vse and vont and of salt samekill to serue thair hous^s all anerlie AND as concerning the bearing of offices of magistratis sic as to be prouest bailleis deanis of gild and thesaurar WE DECERNE that na craftisman sall aspyr tharto vnto the tyme that thay be premotit to be bretherē of gild but preiudice allwayis that it sall be lissum to the saidis craftismen to chuis sax personis of thair awin number 3eirlie to be vpoun lytis of quhom the counsall sall cheis twa thairof 3eirlie quha sall haue place w^t the rest of the ordinar auditor^e to heir and see all and sindrie the townis comptis bay^t of properte and casualiteis THIRDLIE in respect that gryt contrauerseis hes bein at all tymes betuixt the saidis parteis concerning the vsing of the trafique and exerceis of all kynd of m^hchandreice in generall or in speciall permissabill or noht permissabill to the craftismen quhairanent we the said cōmissionar^e for the prouest bailleis and bretherene of gild willing all matteris debaitabill to be satlit and put to rest ar content to grant the saidis craftismen lyk as be the tenor herof grantes to thame the fre vse and traffique of barking of ledder lying of buttir victuall cheis scheip and nolt lyme collis carsayes plaiding raw clay^t hiland grayis mantling and linning claithe and to sell and top the same in all partis within the realme of Scotland als frely as merchandis bretherene of gild dois AND forder permittis to thame the traffiquin of littil clay^t qlk is maid wⁱⁿ thair awin hous allanerlie and na vtherwayis Off the quhilkis speciallis grantit in maner foirsaid the saidis craftismen not being contentit in respect the same wes no^t sufficient recompanis as thai allegit to thame for thair refusall of all kynd of oursie and forane m^hchandreice Lyk as be the tenor of thir p^{ntis} us the cōmissionaris for the saidis craftismen refus^s the same w^t dyueris vtheris preuilegeis grantit to us and the remanent craftismen be oure

souerane Lordę dispositioun vnder his maiesteis gryt seill so that us and the saidis craftismen and our successorę nicht Juiouis frie liberteis to trafique onlie w^t all kynd of scottis wairis but stop or impediment to be maid to us be the saidis prouest bailleis and brether of gild in tymes cūing and forder contentioun appering for to esuew to the Inquietnes of the cōmoun wealthe of the said burght The prouest bailleis counsaill and brether of gild being movit w^t naturall pitie to put the saidis craftismen being memberis of thair awin cōmounwealthe fra forder trubill on the ane part and the saidis craftismen as nichtborę willing with detfull reuerens to obey thair saidis Magistratis war content on the vther part to refer the samye to us commissionaris hinc inde reñue foirsaidis with powar to ws in caice of discord to chuis ane o^rmane to decerne [thairnant as] he sall think guid And efter ressoning maid hinc inde thair vpone we the saidis cōmissionaris haueing powar and cōmand of baith the saidis pteis in maner foirsaid hes referit lyk as be the tenor of thir pntis referris the decisioun of the said q^trauersie formit efter followis to M^r alex^r chene persone of snaw and cōmissar of abirdene according to the tenor of the designatioun within wretin viz quhiddel gif besyd the former thingis aggregit and grantit to the saidis craftismen &c The Counsaill and bretherene of gild sall grant the libertie of all scottis wairis be nōiation of sum speciallis and excluding the craftismen from the rest or gif thai sall grant to the saidis craftismen the libertie of all scottis wairis in gñall reserwand certaine speciallis to thame selffis AND I THE said M^r alex^r chene efter the acceptatioun off the samyne haueing hard and considerit the ressonis and allegationis maid be the said cōmissionaris hinc inde for bay^t the pteis foirsaid The name of the Lord callit to quhom I man be ansurabill this day and the day of iugement FINDIS that fforsamekill as the merchandis and bretherene of gild hes the prerogatiue and dignite far aboue the saidis craftismen in sic sort as thay haue powar to call and accuse and caus thame be quictit and correctit for the transgressioun of all and sindre the pointis of euery thing ather grantit or noth grantit to thame quhairbe the contrar the saidis craftismen hes noth the lyk powar at all to call accuis or persew the saidis mchandis bretherene of gild for bying selling or topping ather of oursie and forane wairis or j^t of scottis wairis guidis or geir considering

that all kynd of merchandrice quhatsumeuir is fre to the said bretherene of gild without questioun or contrauersie Bot namly becaus the saidis craftismen hes consentit and aggreit to gif and delyuer the twa part of all the compositionis as is afoir exprimit maid and givin to thame for the admissioun of all fremen and ressaueing of all prenteisis to thair craftis reñue foirsaid to the dean of gild for to be bestowit be him vpoun the cōmoun charges of the toun as is aboue rehersit quhairbe the q̄trar the saidis craftismen micht haue ìmployit the samyne to thair awin pticular vois as thai had vont to do in tyme past AND thairfoir I the said M^r alex^r chene w^t consent and assent of the saidis cōmissionaris electit and chosin for bayth the saidis parteis PRŌUNCIS and decernis that the counsaill sall grant lyk as be the tennor herof grantis to the saidis craftismen and thair successorē the gñall libertie of all scottis wairis by and atto^r the thingis grātīt to thame as saidis to by and sell the same vniuersallie wⁱⁿ the realme of scotland as thay sall think expedient reseruand speciallis to the saidis bretherene of gild thame selffis and speciale the heidis wairis and forme thairof as efter followis secludand the saidis craftismen and thair foirsaidis thairfra foreuir viz that it sall no^t be lisum to ony of the saidis craftismen or thair foirsaidis to haue the handling of ony steppill guidis stappell guidis [*sic*] quhidder the same be scottis or forane wairis Bot that the onlie vse of handling of the samyne That is to say packing and peilling of fische hyddis skin and woll sall properte apertein vnto the nichandis bretherene of gild allanerlie but preiudice allwayis to the saidē craftismen that thai be noht stoppit to by and sell the said wairis in smallis in ony part within the realme as saidis And the saidis craftismen in speciall to by sell and top samekill woll as thay sall caus be wrocht reñue in thair housē AND sicklyk reseruis to the saidē bretherene of gild to haue the onlie powar to transport scottis wairis in schippis boitis other be see or be land in forane cuntreis thairto trafique thairw^t And the saidis craftismen not to haue power to do the samyne nather directlie nor Indirectlie PROUYDING allwayis that it preiuge noht the saidis craftismen and thair foirsaidis to trafique by sell and top all maner of scottis wairis in gñall (except as is befoir exceptit) wⁱⁿ the realme of scotland and thai newer to be callit accusit nor cōmitit for the samyne bot to be frie thairto as saidis And but preiudice

of the liberte and preuilege of leddir barcaris in bying of sich hyddis in all partis within the realme and barking and selling of the samē as saidis and preuilege of couparis according to auld vse and vonnt PROUIDING ALSO that gif it sall chance the saidis craftismen and thair successorē to be teachtit and learnit in making of uolnes seatingis silkis taffeteis or ony kynd of stuf that hes notht bein maid of auld wⁱⁿ the realme of scotland bot of lait throw the incūing of strangaris wⁱⁿ the cuntrie That it sall notht be lisum to the craftismen to sell the samyne except it be thair awin handie wark and that in hail peices dispensand alwayis w^t thame to sell and top in small or gryt thair said handie wark of seyis worseitē linnigis and singill sergis but stop or impediment And anent the transgressioun of the saidis pointis or ony of thame befor rehersit gif it sall happin ony of the saidis craftismen and thair foirsaidis in tymes cūing to be callit and accusit for the transgressioun of the headis and pointis afoir inhibeit to thame as is aboue exprimit thay being quict thairfoir to be vnlayit according to the antient lawes of the said burght PROUIDING allwayis that it sall notht be lisum to qdeme the allegit qtrauenar vpone ane bair suspitioun in ony sort bot be sufficient tryall maid and hed be witness onsuspect and ondefamit ather nichand or craftsman purgeing thame selfis be thair corporall ay^t of partiall counsail And finallie it is ordainit that bathe the saidis pteis merchandis and craftismen present and to cum inuolabilly obserue fulfill and keip this present appointment and decretit of euerie head claus ¶ artikill thairin continit Lykas we the saidis cōmissionaris and ourmen foirsaidis ordanis thame to do the samē and the pratique and executioun thairof to be and begin the day and dait of thir pñtis and to continew as ane perpetuall law in all tyme cūing AND for the better obseruing keiping and fullfilling of the premiss we the saidis cōmissionaris and ouermā ar content and consentis that the designatioun wrettin on the vther syd thairof and this present decretit be insert in the buikis of counsail off abirdene as also in the cōmisseris buikis of abirdene alsweill ad perpetuā rei memoriam as also to have the strynthe of ane confessit act and Judicall decretit w^t executoriallis of pointing and horning the ane but preiudice of the vther to pas thairto vpone ane chingill chairg of four dayis warning And forder ordanis that the p̄ores and

mandatis givin to the saidis cōmissionaris be reġrat in the saidis cōmisser^s buikis in lyk maner ad perpetuā rei memoriā and gif neid beis consentis that ane act of pliament salbe procurit for ratificatioun and approbaoun of this pūt appointment and decreit for to stand as ane perpetuall law betuixt the parteis foirsaidis and thair successorē reġue for euer And to that effect constitutis and ordanis discret men &c. and ilkane of thame q̄iunctly and seueralie our lawfull and ondouttit prōr To compeir for us and in o^r names befoir the said cōmisser prouest bailleis foirsaid as also in pñs of the Lordis of pliament to the effect foirsaid promitten de rato &c. IN WITNESS of the quhilk the saidis cōmissionaris and omā in signe and takin and fortificāoun of our decreit and appointment foirsaid hes subscrut the same as efter followis day 3eir and place foirsaid Befoir thir witness Maisteris george barclay richart Irwing gilbert bissat Johne kennedy robert paip thomas mollysone James dauidsone and James ogstone no^ris publici Sic subscribitur alex^r Cullan cōmissionar w^t my hand dauid menges cōmissionar w^t my hand alex^r forbes w^t my hand george elphinstone saidlar Johne duncane tailzor and alex^r ronaldsone baxteris w^t our handis at the pen led be the notaris vnder wretin at o^r cōmādis becaus we cā noth wret ourselffis Ita est maġr robertus paip notarius publicus ac testis in premis^s de mādati dictorū alexandri ronaldsone georgii elphinstone et Joānis duncā scribere nescieñ ut asseruerunt ad hec manu sua rogatus et requisitus per dictos cōmissarios Ita est alex^r donaldsoun conotarius in premis^s rogatus et requisitus per dictos cōmissionarios ad hec manu propria Master alexander chene cōmiss^r of abirdene w^t my hand.

XIX.

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris vel audituris Magister Alexander hay Clericus Senatus et Consilii S. D. N. Regis ac hereditarius proprietarius

XIX.

Mr. Alexander Hay mortifies to the provost, baillies, etc., feu duties amounting to £27 8s. 8d. Scots for the upkeep of the Bridge of Don. 1st February, 1605.

To all who shall see or hear this charter, Master Alexander Hay, Clerk to the Parliament and Council of our sacred lord the king, and heritable proprietor

omnium terrarum feudifirmarum et annuorum redituum olim ad Capellanos seu vicarios chori ecclesie Cathedralis Abirdoneñi spectañ eternam in domino Salutem. Noueritis me Pro zelo motum in honorem dei Omnipotentis et vt sustineatur policia huius regni in hac parte, Et quia annales testantur pontem lapideum super aquam de Done Prope burgum de Abirdene Constructum fuisse ex mandato et impensis Quondam Invictissimi principis Roberti Bruçii scotic Regni optime memorie Regis qui partim Iniuria temporis partim quod Nulli annui proventus suppetant vnde sustineatur ad interitum perduci videtur, Et quia plurimum Interest toti boreali parti Prefati regni presertim Ciuibus dicti burgi Ne antiquū illud Monumentum corruat Et ex aliis causis rationi consonis animum meum ad hoc moueñ Itaq; donasse concessisse alienasse et hac pñti carta mea confirmasse Tenoreq; pñtium donare concedere alienare et hac pñti carta mea Confirmare Preposito balliuis consulibus et Communitati dicti burgi de Abirdene et eorum successoribus Totas et integras firmas feudifirmarias et annuos redditus meos subscriptos annuatim leuañ et precipieñ ad

of all the lands, feuduties, and annual rents formerly belonging to the chaplains or vicars of the choir of the cathedral church of Aberdeen, eternal greeting in the Lord. Know ye that I, moved by zeal for the honour of Almighty God, and for the maintenance of policy* in this part of the kingdom, and because history testifies that the stone bridge over the water of Don, near the burgh of Aberdeen, was built by command, and at the expense of, the deceased most invincible prince, Robert Bruce, king of the kingdom of Scotland, of most excellent memory, which bridge, partly by the injury of time, partly because there exists no annual provision for its maintenance, seems to be falling into decay; and because it greatly concerns the whole north part of the foresaid kingdom, especially the citizens of the said burgh, that that ancient monument should not come to ruin; and for other reasonable causes moving my mind hereto: Therefore, I have given, granted, alienated, and by this my present charter confirmed, and by the tenor of these presents do give, grant, alienate, and by this my present charter confirm, to the provost, baillies, councillors, and community, of the said burgh of Aberdeen, and to their successors, All and whole my feuduties and annual rents underwritten, annually leviabie and receivable at

* See p. 56.

terminos consuetos de terris et croftis subscripti Viz Annuam firmam feudifirmariam quatuordecem librarum vsualis monete Regni scotie de croftis subscriptis debitam olim M̃gro Roberto Lumisden de clova^t incumbeñ et nunc ad alexandrum culeñ burgeñ de Abd hereditarie spectañ Iaceñ infra territorium croftarum burgi de Abirdene viz vna crofta vocaĩ adiepingill Iaccñ inter croftam quondam Alexandri gray ex australi Croftam quondam Iohannis cheyne ex boreali communem viam regiam ex orientali et Lie cruiket myir ex occidentali partibus Ac alia crofta terre nuncupaĩ lie Langrig inter croftam quondam andree Brabner postea Alexandri Mollisoun et nunc Alexandri Kempt ex australi Croftam olim fratribus predicatoribus incumbeñ ex boreali Communem viam regiam ex orientali et dictum lie cruiket Myre ex occidentali partibus, Et alia crofta Iaccñ prope domum leprosorū inter croftam quondam Mariote Vmphray nunc ad collegium regale de abirdene spectañ ex australi croftam quondam Iohannis Wear ex boreali Communem viam regiam ex orientali et lie calsey myir ex occidentali partibus, Ac alia crofta prope lie spittel hill inter croftam dicti quondam Iohannis Wear ex

the usual terms from the lands and crofts underwritten, viz. :—An annual feuduty of fourteen pounds usual money of the kingdom of Scotland, due from the crofts underwritten, belonging formerly to Master Robert Lumsden of Clova, and now heritably pertaining to Alexander Cullen, burges of Aberdeen, lying within the territory of the crofts of the Burgh of Aberdeen, viz. :—One croft, called Adiepingill, lying between the croft of umquhile Alexander Gray on the south, the croft of umquhile John Cheyne on the north, the king's common-way on the east, and the Cruikit mire on the west parts; and another croft of land, called the Lang rig, between the croft of umquhile Andrew Brabner, afterwards of Alexander Mollisoun, and now of Alexander Kempt, on the south, the croft formerly belonging to the preaching friars on the north, the king's common-way on the east, and the said Crooked mire on the west parts; and another croft, lying near the lepers' house, between the croft of umquhile Mariota Umphray, now belonging to the King's College of Aberdeen, on the south, the croft of umquhile John Wear on the north, the King's common-way on the east, and the Calsey mire on the west parts; and another croft, near the Spital hill, between the croft of the said umquhile John Wear on the

australi lie spittel hill ex boreali Communem viam regiam ex boreali [*sic*] et lie calsey myir ex occidentali partibus, Ac alia crofta vocat fill the cop per quondam M̃grum adamum gordoun fundaĩ Iaceĩ prope lie theiffis briggis inter croftam dauidis Mar ex australi et orientali partibus Croftam olim dictis fratribus predicatoribus pertineĩ ex boreali et cõem viam regiam ex occidentali partibus Item aliam firmam feudifirmariam nouem librarum monete predicĩ de terris quondam m̃gri Alex^{ri} galloway rectoris de Kinkell vocat Crynis Wallis nunc thome quhyt naute burgeĩ dicti burgi incumbẽĩ Iaceĩ in territorio de futtie infra libertatem dicti burgi inter terras dauidis andersoun ex boreali terras vocaĩ thrie lang riggis ex australi fluxum Maris ex occideĩ [*sic*] et terras quondam Iohannis Mar ex occideĩ partibus, Et de dictis terris vocaĩ thrie lang riggis Iaceĩ ex australi parte de lie auldwallis inter terras dicti dauidis andersoun et terras Andree Murray ex australi terras vocaĩ Sandilandis et terras Iohannis Mar ex boreali terras communitatis de Abirdene lie linkis appelaĩ, ex orieĩ et terris dicti andree Murray ex occideĩ partibus, Et de dictis terris vocat Sandilandis Iaceĩ inter dictas terras vocat thrie

south, the Spittell hill on the north, the King's common high way on the north (east ?), and the Calsey mire on the west parts; and another croft, called fill the Cop, built upon by umquhile Master Adam Gordon, lying near the thieves' bridge, between the croft of David Mar on the south and east parts, the croft formerly pertaining to the said preaching friars on the north, and the King's common-way on the west parts: Also another feuduty of nine pounds money aforesaid from the lands of umquhile Master Alexander Galloway, rector of Kinkell, called Crynis Walls, now belonging to Thomas White, mariner burgess of the said burgh, lying in the territory of Futtie, within the freedom of the said burgh, between the lands of David Anderson on the north, the lands called Three lang rigs on the south, the Sea on the west (east ?), and the lands of umquhile John Mar on the west parts; and from the said lands, called Three lang rigs, lying on the south side of the old walls, between the lands of the said David Anderson and the lands of Andrew Murray on the south, the lands called Sandilands and the lands of John Mar on the north, the lands of the Community of Aberdeen called the links on the east, and the lands of the said Andrew Murray on the west parts; and from the said lands, called the Sandilands, lying between the said lands,

lang riggis ex australi terras andree murray ex boreali terras Lie Linkis nuncupaſ ex orieñ et terras dicti Iohannis Mar ex occideñ partibus, Et de terris nuncupaſ Lie cuttings de futties myre Iaceñ inter terras dicti Alexandri Cullen ex australi futties myir ex boreali dictas terras vocaſ lie linkis ex orieñ et terras quondam Willelmi fuddes ex occidentali partibus, Ac de terris dicti quondam M̄gri Alex^{ri} Iaceñ inter viam publicam vocat boulget ex boreali Aqueductum discendeñ a lie futties myir ex australi terras quondam domini de Barnis ex occideñ et futties myir ex orieñ, Ac de tribus peciis terrarum vocaſ lie Cuttingis Iaceñ inter aqueductum predicſ ex boreali terras fratrum domus sancte trinitatis de Abd ex australi terras dicti Willelmi fuddes ex orieñ et fluxum Marinum ex occideñ partibus nunc dicto thome quhyit naute in feudifirma pertineñ Item vnum annum redditum triginta trium solidorum et quatuor denariorum mōe predicſ de crofta terre olim quondam Willelmi Kyntor burgeñ dicti burgi et nunc Iohanni donaldsoun burgeñ eiusdem pertineñ Iaceñ prope lie gallowgait poirt dicti burgi vocat calsey croft als ly lang riggis inter croftam

called Three lang rigs, on the south, the lands of Andrew Murray on the north, the lands called the links on the east, and the lands of the said John Mar on the west parts; and from the lands called the Cuttings of Futties mire, lying between the lands of the said Alexander Cullen on the south, Futties mire on the north, the said lands called the links on the east, and the lands of umquhile William Fuddes on the west parts; and from the lands of the said umquhile Master Alexander, lying between the public way, called the Boulgate, on the north, the aqueduct descending from Futties mire on the south, the lands of umquhile laird of Barnes on the west, and Futties mire on the east; and from three pieces of lands, called the Cuttings, lying between the foresaid aqueduct on the north, the lands of the brethren of the house of the Holy Trinity of Aberdeen on the south, the lands of the said William Fuddes on the east, and the Sea on the west parts, now pertaining to the said Thomas White, mariner, in feufarm: Also an annual rent of thirty three shillings and four pence, money aforesaid, from the croft of land, formerly pertaining to umquhile William Kintor, burges of the said burgh, and now to John Donaldson, burges thereof, lying near the Gallowgate port of the said burgh, called Calsey croft, otherwise the Lang riggs, between the croft of the Chaplains of the College of Aberdeen on the

Capellanorum collegii Abirdoneñ ex australi Croftam quondam Willelmi edie ex boreali Cõem viam regiam ex orieñ et lie cruikit myir ad occideñ : annum redditum viginti sex solidorum et octo denariorum de crofta terre nunc Iohanni Leith de Montgarie pertineñ Iaceñ prope lie crabstane ex parte occidentali territorii croftarum dicti burgi inter croftam quondam Ricardi Kyntor ex orieñ croftam quondam Alexandri Kyntor ex occideñ cõem viam regiam ex australi et croftam quondam Iohannis Mar ex boreali partibus Item annũ redditum viginti octo solidorum et octo denariorum monete predicĩ leuandẽ et precipieñ de crofta terre olim quondam Iohannis Howy burgeñ dicti burgi et nunc Iohanni tulliedaff burgeñ ibidem spectañ Iaceñ ex parte orientali territorii croftarum dicti burgi inter croftam quondam alex^{ri} gray ex australi Croftam quondam Roberti Scroggis ex boreali cõem viam regiam ex occidentali et lie Gallowhillis ex orientali partibus : extendeñ in toto ad summam viginti septem librarum octo solidorum et octo denariorum vna cum superioritate mea dictarum terrarum et croftarum cum pertineñ : Quequidem feudifirme seu annui redditus cum superioritate predicĩ quatenus per me licitum est de pãti mortificantur et

south, the Croft of umquhile William Edie on the north, the King's common-way on the east, and the Crooked mire at the west ; An annual rent of twenty six shillings and eight pence from the croft of land, now belonging to John Leith of Montgarry, lying near the Crabstane, in the west part of the territory of the crofts of the said burgh, between the croft of umquhile Richard Kyntor on the east, the croft of umquhile Alexander Kyntor on the west, the King's common high way on the south, and the croft of umquhile John Mar on the north parts ; Also an annual rent of twenty eight shillings and eight pence, money aforesaid, leviabie and receivable from the croft of land, formerly of umquhile John Howie, burgess of the said burgh, and now belonging to John Tullidaff, burgess there, lying in the east part of the territory of the crofts of the said burgh, between the croft of umquhile Alexander Gray on the south, the croft of umquhile Robert Scroggs on the north, the King's common-way on the west, and the Gallow-hills on the east parts : Extending in whole to the sum of twenty seven pounds eight shillings and eight pence ; together with my superiority of the said lands and crofts with the pertinents ; which feuduties, or annual rents, with the superiority aforesaid, so far as is lawful for me, are, by these presents, mortified and granted

ad manum mortuam conceduntur ad reparationem et sustentationem dicti pontis de don pro tanto : Ita quod licitum erit dictis preposito balliis consulibus et ciuibus dicti burgi eorumq; successoribus aut eorum m̄gro operis dicti pontis pro tempore dictas feudifirmas et annuos redditus predic̄ croftarum cum suis pertinē annuatim et terminatim recipere et easdem ad reparationem et sustentationem dicti pontis applicare et ad nullos alios vsus prout deo in extremo Iudicio Respondere voluerint : Teneñ et habeñ Omnes et singulas predictas annuas feudifirmas et annuos redditus particulariter superius specificaĩ extendē in toto ad dictam summam viginti septem librarum octo solidorum et octo denariorum annuatim leuañ et precipiē ad terminos consuetos de dictis terris et croftis superius bondaĩ et limitaĩ cum superioritate predic̄ terrarum et croftarum Dictis Preposito Balliis Consulibus et comunitati dicti burgi et eorum successoribus A me meis heredibus et assignatis De S. D. N. Rege et suis successoribus in feodo et hereditate ac in libero Burgagio hereditarie in perpetuum Cum omni Iure et Iuris clameo titulo proprietate et possessione ac cum omnibus aliis et singulis libertatibus commodatibus proficuis asiamentis et iustis pertinē quibuscunq; ad predic̄ cum pertinē

ad manum mortuam, for the reparation and support of the said bridge of Don, *pro tanto*; So that it shall be lawful to the said provost, baillies, councillors, and citizens, of the said burgh, and to their successors, or to their master of work of the said bridge, for the time, to receive annually and termly, the said feuduties and annual rents of the foresaid crofts with their pertinents, and to apply the same to the repair and upkeep of the said bridge, and to no other uses, as they shall wish to answer to God at the last Judgment. To be held and had all and sundry the foresaid annual feuduties and annualrents set forth in detail above, extending in whole to the said sum of twenty seven pounds eight shillings and eight pence yearly, leviabie and receivable at the usual terms from the foresaid lands and crofts bounded and limited as above, with the superiority of the foresaid lands and crofts, by the said provost, baillies, councillors, and community of the said burgh and their successors, from me, my heirs and assignees, of our sacred lord the King and his successors, in fee and heritage, and in free burgage, heritably for ever : with all right, claim of right, title, property and possession, and with all and sundry liberties, conveniences, profits, easements, and just pertinents whatso-

spectantibus seu iuste spectare valentibus quomodolibet in futurum Libere quiete plenarie integre honorifice bene et in pace sine impedimento obstaculo reuocatione aut contradictione aliquali Reddendo inde annuatim Dicti prepositus balliui Consules et Cõitas dicti burgi de Abirdene eorumq, successores Prefato S. D. N. Regi et suis successoribus Seruitium Burgagium quantum spectat ad predic̃ terras feudifirmas et annuos redditus et alia seruitia et deuoria pro rata que ego heredes mei et assignati pro loco habitationis feudifirmis et annuis redditibus olim ad dictos capellanos spectant̃ virtute mei infeofamenti earundem facere tenemur tantum pro õi alio onere seruitio seculari exactione questione seu demanda que de predic̃ feudifirmis annuis redditibus et superioritate antedicti aliqualiter exigì poterint vel requiri Et Ego vero dictus m̃gr alexander hay heredes mei et assignati Totas et integras predictas annuas feudifirmas et annuos redditus dictarum terraz et croftarum particulariter supra specã et bondã Cum superioritate earundem terrarum et croftarum et suis pertineñ Prefatis preposito balliuis Consulibus et Communitati dicti burgi et eorum successoribus In Omnibus et per õia forma pariter

ever, belonging, or that may anywise in time to come justly belong, to the foresaids, with their pertinents; freely, quietly, fully, wholly, honourably, well, and in peace, without any hindrance, obstacle, revocation or challenge whatsoever. Rendering therefor yearly the said provost, baillies, councillors and community of the said burgh of Aberdeen and their successors, to our foresaid sacred lord the King and his successors, such burgage service as pertains to the foresaid lands, feuduties, and annualrents, and other services and dues, *pro rata*, which I, my heirs and assignees, were bound to render for the dwelling place, feuduties, and annualrents formerly belonging to the said chaplains in virtue of my infeftment thereof, in place of all other burden, secular service, exaction, question, or demand which could anywise be exacted or required for the foresaid feuduties, annualrents, and superiority. And I, the said Master Alexander Hay, my heirs and assignees, shall warrant, acquit, and for ever defend against all mortals, all and whole the foresaid annual feuduties and annualrents of the said lands and crofts set forth in detail and bounded as above, with the superiority of the said lands and crofts, and their pertinents, to the foresaid provost, baillies, councillors, and community of the said burgh and their successors, in all and through all, in like form and effect

et effectu vt premissum Necnon liberas Immunes et exoneratas ab omnibus oneribus et periculis a facto n̄o proprio duntaxat hoc est quod neq̄ fecimus neq̄ faciemus quippiam in preiudicium huius infcofamenti Contra Omnes mortales varrantizabimus acquietabimus et in perpetuum defendemus Omnibus dolo et fraude seclusis Insuper dilectis meis Magistro Gulielmo Barclay aduocato et eorum cuilibet coniunctim et diuisim balliuis meis in hac parte specialiter et Irreuocabiliter constitutis salutem Vobis precipio et firmiter mando quatenus Statim sasinam et possessionem hereditariam realem actualem et corporalem omniū et singularum predic̄ feudifirmarum et annuorum reddituum specialiter super⁹ specificatorum et superioritatis antedict̄ Prefatis preposito balliuis consulibus et communitati dicti burgi de Abirdene et eorum successoribus destinañ ad vsum et effectum suprascriptū et non aliter vel eorum certo actornato aut procuratori p̄ntium Latori per terre et lapidis fundi dictarum croftarum donationes vt moris r̄xiue et sucessiue tradatis et deliberetis seu alter v̄rum tradat et deliberet Secundum tenorem suprascripte carte mee et p̄ntis Precepti sasine in omnibus visis p̄ntibus sine dilatione Et hoc nullo modo omittatis ad quod faciendum vobis et v̄rum Cuilibet coniunctim et diuisim balliuis meis in hac parte antedictis meam

as aforesaid, and free, exempt, and discharged from all burdens and risks from our own deed, only, that is that we neither have done nor shall do anything in prejudice of this grant—all fraud and guile excepted. Moreover, to my beloved Master William Barclay, Advocate, and each of them, conjointly and severally, my baillies in this part specially and irrevocably constituted, greeting: I charge and strictly command you, or either of you, forthwith to give and deliver to the foresaid provost, baillies, councillors, and community of the said burgh of Aberdeen and their successors, for the use and effect abovewritten, or to their undoubted attorney or procurator bearing these presents, sasine and heritable possession, real, actual, and corporeal, of all and sundry the foresaid feuduties and annualrents set forth in detail above, and of the superiority aforesaid, by delivery of earth and stone of the said crofts, as use is, respectively and successively, according to the tenor of my abovewritten charter and this present precept of sasine, without delay: and this in no wise to omit. For which end, by the tenor of these presents, I grant to you and each of you, conjointly and severally, my foresaid baillies in this

plenariam et Irreuocabilem tenore p̄ntium Committo p̄tatem In cuius rei testimonium p̄ntibus per Robertam Rawsoun secreti sigilli scribam deputatum scriptis ac subscriptione mea manuali subscriptis Sigillum meum propriū est appensum Apud Edinburgh Primo die mensis februaryi anno dñi millesimo sexcentesimo quinto Coram his testibus Magistro Ricardo douglas fratre germano domini quhittinghame georgio hay de Monkton Magistro georgio tod scriba finlao tailzeour seruitore dicti dñi Regis et dicto Roberto Rawsoun p̄ntium scriba

part, full and irrevocable power. In witness whereof my own Seal is appended to these presents, written by Robert Rawson, Clerk depute of the Privy Seal, and subscribed by my own hand. At Edinburgh, the first day of the month of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and five, before these witnesses, Master Richard Douglas, brother german of Lord Whittingham; George Hay of Monkton; Master George Tod, writer; Finlay Taylor, servitor of our said lord the King; and the said Robert Rawson, writer of these presents.

XX.

Sir Alexander Drummond, Judge Admiral Depute, appoints the provost and baillies admirals depute between the waters of Dee and Don. 8th August, 1617.

At Edinburt Aberdeine and the secund and aucht dayis of August The 3eir of god J^m Sex hundreth and sewinteine yeiris It is appoyntit aggriet contractit and endit Betuixt the richt honorabill pairties following To wit Sir Alexander Drumond of meidhope kny^t ane of the lordis of his hienes secret counsall and senatour of the colledge of Justice Prin^{ll} Judge deput Vnder My lord dukis Grace of Lennox In the office of admirallie of this kingdome With advyse and consent of Sir James weynne of bogis kny^t vice admirall On the ane pairt And Sir Thomas mein^{jes} of Cultis kny^t provest of the bur^t of Aberdeine William gray Thomas forbes Robert Johneston and Gilbert Cullan present bail^{jeis} of the sam burgh for thamselvis and in name and behalf of thair successouris provests and bail^{jeis} th^{ro}f p̄nt and to cum On the vther pairt In forme maner and to the effect eftermentonat That is to say fforsamekill

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persouns contracteris w^t him ar verrie meit and habill to vse and
exerte The office of subdeputie of the said admirallitie In all actionis
and causis quhatsumever competent thairto Within the said burt of
Aberdeine port and harbour thair of and in all pairtis alsweill be sey
as land perteing to the said office of admirallitie Betuixt the wateris
of dee and don On baith the sydis of the sam Including heirintill
baith the saidis wateris and riveris and all the portis and harbories
th^t of allanerlie THAIRFOIR The said Sir alexander drumond w^t consent
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heir of makis nominatis constituitis and ordanis The saidis provest
and bailjies of the said burt of Aberdeine and thair successouris
foirsaidis present and to cum Conjunctlie and seuerallie depuctis in
the said office of admirallitie wⁱⁿ the hail boundis particularlie
abouementionate Vnder the said Sir alexander Induring all the dayis
of his lyftyme or sa lang as he salhappin to bruik and posses the said
office as prin^h Judge deput in the foirsaid office of admirallitie And
hes gevin grantit and disponit to thame conjunctlie and seuerallie
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 and put in executioun Vnlawis bluidwitis and amerciamenis of burt
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 and bailjies of aberdeine Bindis and obleis^s thame and thair successouris
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 and requyring the Cõmisser of aberdeine and the c̃misser clerk th^{rof} To
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 de fideli administratione In the said office And to give thame actis
 and Instrumentis thrypoun DISCHARGING be thir pñtis Lykas the said
 S^r alexr drumond w^t advyse and consent abouespẽit dischairgis all

and quhatsumever vther deputtis and substituitis in the said office gif onie be wⁱⁿ the boundis abouewrittin of all forder vseing and exerceing th^of And of all stopping debarring and Impeiding of the foirsaidis persounes In the lau^{ll} bruiking Joysing and vseing of the sam office In tyme cuing Within the boundis abouespecifiet during the space foirsaid And that tre of publicatioun be direct and execute heirvpoun In dew forme as effeiris And for the mair securitie baith the saidis pairties ar content and consentis that thir pⁿtis be insert and regrat in the buikis of counsall To give the strenth of ane decreit of the lordis th^of That exe^{ls} of hoirning vpoun ane simpill chairge of sax dayis and poynding The ane but prejudice of the vther may be direct heirvpoun And to that effect qⁿstitute Their procuris In forma &c. In witness q^of baith the saidis pairties hes subscriuit thir pⁿtis (writtin be James hardie s^rvitor to Johnne gilmo^r wryter) day moneth 3eir of god and place rexiue foirsaidis Befoir thir witnes^s Mr James hamiltoun brother in law to the said S^r alex^r drumond walter robertsone clerk deput of the said bur^t of aberdeine and the said James hardie witness to the subscrip^tione of the saidis S^r alex^r and S^r thomas menjes

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J hamiltone witnes
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J hardie witnes

J Wemys of Bogie
A Drummond
Tho^s Menjes
W Gray baillie
Robert Johnstone baillie
gilbert Cullen baillie

XXI.

*Alexander Rutherford renounces in favour of the burgh his office of Tronarship.
16th September, 1617.*

THE QUHILK DAY In Presence of the Provest Baillies and Counsall of the burgh of Aberdene Compeirit personallie Alexander Rutherford sone and air to vmq^{ll} Alexander rutherford Lait prouest of the said burgh quha haweand the pⁿt possessioun as air to his said vmq^{ll} father of the office of Tronarschip of the said burgh of Aberdeine with the troneweychtis fees and casualities belanging thairto Lykeas the said

vmq^{ll}. Alexander his father hed the possessioun thair of dywers
 3eiris befor his deceas be vertew of some titill maid to him of the
 samen be the Laird of Balbeigno for the time And the said Alexander
 knowing that the Prouest baillies counsall and Communitie of the
 said burgh hes ane ancient richt of all weyghtis and measuris
 belanging to the same burgh disponit to thame be vmq^{ll} king
 Robert Bruce of most worthie memorie and that thay have lyikwayis
 acquired ane new particular gift and Infeftment of the said Trone-
 weychtis and dewties thairto belanging of our Souerane Lord the
 Kingis Maiestie under his hienes great seall and confermit in
 Parliament Be wertew quhairoff thay haue intentit proces and
 actioun of reductioun of the said Alexander rutherford his richt
 of the same befor the Lordis of Sessioun howsoeur for the many
 gude offices done to the toun be his said vmq^{ll} father thay owersaw
 him to bruik the comoditie of the said tron during his Lyiftyme.
 THAIRFOIR the said alexander sone and air foirsaid acknowleging
 the waliditie of the Tounes richt to the said Troneweychtis and
 dewties belanging thairto And being most unwilling to contest in
 Law with the said Toun of Abirdeine ffor thir respectis and soumes
 of money payit to him at the making heirof and of befor be the
 Prouest Baillies Counsall and Comunitie of the said burgh in full
 satisfioun of all titill or richt he hes or may pretend to the
 saidis Troneweychtis in any tyme comeing The said Alexander of his
 awin frie will Uncoactit compellit or circumweinit RENUNCEIT quyt-
 clamit dischargit simp^lr owergawe and transferrit and be the tenor heir-
 of titulo oneroso Renunceis quytclames dischairgis simp^lr owergiwes
 and transferris the said office of Tronarship with the Troneweychtis
 fees casualities and dewties belanging thairto Togidder with all richt
 and titill of richt clame entres propertie and possessioun quhilk the
 said Alexander as sone and air to his said vmq^{ll} father or be any
 richt or titill quhatsumewir hed hes or onywayis may haue clame or
 pretend thairto in any tyme for ewir And that In fauor of the
 Prouest Baillies and Counsall of the said burgh and thair successor
 for ewir With powar to thame to mell and Intromett with the said
 Troneweychtis and to caus vse and exerce the said office of Tronarship,
 vplift and ressaive the fees profitis and dewties thair of sett and roup
 the same to the Tounes best awail in all tyme comeing as thay sall

think most expedient Quhilk renunciatioun and translatioun aboue-writin the said Alexander Rutherford bindis and obleiss him his airis and successouris To Warrant and defend to the saidis Prouest Baillies Counsall and Comunitic of the said burgh of Abirdeine and thair successorę from all fact or dead done or to be done to the said alexander or his foirsaidis preiudiciall heirto allanerlie And farder In respect the said vmq^{ll} Alexander Rutherford his richt of the said office of Tronarship proccidit frome the laird of Balbeigno for the tyme and that vmq^{ll} Andro Wod of Owerblairtoun predicessor to the said laird of Balbeigno is alledgit to have acquired anc heretabill gift of the said office of Tronarschip from vmq^{ll} King James the fourt of worthie memorie Thairfoir albeit the said vmq^{ll} Andro Wod his gift be posterior for many zeiris to the said Toune of Abirdeines richt abouespēit made to thame be the said vmq^{ll} King Robert bruice The said Alexander Rutherford for the said Toune of Aberdeines better securitie et accumulando Jura Juribus Obleiss him to caus Sr Johnne Wood now of Balbeigno pcur him selff to be seruit generall air to the said vmq^{ll} Andro Wood of Owerblairtoun his predicessor And being serwit ġnall air to him To caus the said Sr Johnne dimitt owergive and transfer all titill and richt he hes or may pnd to the said office of Tronarschip fees dewties and casualities belanging thairto In fauorę of the said Toune of Aberdeine and thair successorę to be brukit and Joyit be thame perpetuallie and heretablic in all tyme comeing Lyke as the said Alexander Rutherford obleiss him and his foirsaidis To mak all wther richt and titill sic as may stand be law to the said Toune of aberdeine of the said Troneweychtis and dewties belanging thairto as he or his foirsaidis requyred Prowyding that the said Alexander be not forder obleist in Warrantice bot from his awin and his successorę factis and deadis allanerlie and na farder Et sic subscribitur Alexander Rutherford with my hand. *EXTRACTUM de libro actorum curie balliuorū Burgi de Aberdeñ per me Scribam comūnem eiusdem subscriptum.*

Mollesone scriba

Inventor of the Wreittes in this Wallett concerning the tronship.

1. Ane tak of the tronship giwin be king James anno 1484 to Andrew Wood of ower blairtoun for his lyftime

2. Ane chartor of the said tronship giwin be king James to the said Andrew Wood and his airs maill in ppetuie of the dait 1495
3. Ane chartor of alienation of the said tronship from Jhone Wood of Babeignoe to Alex^r Rutherford of the dait 1543
4. Ane vther chartor of the said tronship giwin be Walter Wood of Babeignoe to Alex^r Rethorfort of the dait 1601
5. Procuratorie of resignatione of the Tronship be Walter Wood to Alex^r Rethorfort of the dait 1601
6. Acquittance Laird Babeignoe to Alex^r Rethorfort of the Dait 1602
7. Contract betuixt the Provost of Abd and the Laird of Balbeignoe of the dait 1601
8. Supplication Alex^r Rethorfort to the Toune Abd of the dait 1585
9. two missive Letters with ane information
10. Disposition Alex^r Rethorfort of the tronship of the Burgh of Abd to the Provost Baillies and Cōmunitie theirof of the dait 1617 u^t the Laird
11. of Babeignoës renunccation and approbation in fawors of Alex^r Rethorford of the dait 1616

XXII.

Mr. David Rutherford and Mr. John Mortimer, heritable proprietors of the Cran, resign their rights thereto in favour of the provost, baillies, etc. 17th February, 1630.

At Aberdene the sevintene day of februar the 3^eir of god J^m sex hundreth and Threttie 3^eiris in presence of maister alex^r Jaffray ane of the bailleis of the burghe of aberdeine compeired Maister Alex^r dauidsonne procurator speciallie constitute To the effect efterspēit Be maister dauid Rutherford and M^r Johne Mortimer burges^s of the said burghe and in thair names consented to the registratioun of the letteris of dispositioun and resignatioun ad perpetuam remanentiam vnderwrittin in the burrow court bookes of the same burghe thairin to remane ad futuram rei memoriam and to the effect exectioun may be direct thairon as neid beis in maner thairin contenit To the quhilk the Baillie foirsaid interponed his aūctie and ordaines the said^e letteris of dispositioun and resignatioun to be insert and regrat in the saidis books To the effect foirsaid quhairof the tennor followis BE IT KEND till all men be thir present tres We Maister Dauid Rutherford and

Mr Johne mortimer burgess of aberdeine heretabill fewares and portionares of the Cran situat vpon the schoir or sea port callit the keyheid of the said burghe with the fructis rentes custumes and dueties thairefter mentioned fforsameikle as all and haill the said cran situat vpon the schoir or sea port callit the keyheid of aberdeine with the fructes rentes custumes and dueties thair of extending to auchteine penneis scottis money of ewerie twm of gudes brocht to the schoir or fra the schoir in quhatsumewer sailling weschell with the heretable richt and propertie thair of wes duelie and lauchfullie apprysed at the instance of me the said Mr Johne mortimer fra Thomas Mengzeis sone and air of vmq^{ll} Robert Mengzeis burges of the said burghe his tutorē curatorē for thair entres and that for the sowme of Sex hundreth thrie scoir nyne pundē thretteine schillinges four penneis scottes money as principall and thrette thrie pundis Nyne schillinges aucht pennies of sh^{eff} fie To be hauldin of the Prouest Bailleis Counsell and cōmunitie of the said burghe of aberdeine siclyk and as frielie as the said wmq^{ll} Robert Mengzeis or the said Thomas Mengzeis his sone held the samen befor the said apprysing quhilk is of the dait the fyft day of december the 3eir of god J^m sex hundreth and nyne 3eiris as the samen sein and considered be lordis of Counsell and fund be thame ordo^{lie} procedit at lenth proportis Quhairvpon I the said Maister Johne mortimer purchest our Souerane lordē tres and thairwith causit charge the prouest Baillies counsell and comvnitie of the said burghe superiōr of the said Cran To Infest and safe me the said Mr Johne my airis and assignayes in the samen Cran with the custumes and dewties th^{of} foirs^d Conforme to the said apprysing Lyk as the saides prouest Baillies Counsell and comvnitie Superiōrē foirsaidē for obedience to the said chairge be thair charter wnder thair comoun seall Infest me the said Mr Johne Mortimer my airis maill and assigneis gild burgess of the said burgh in the said cran custumes and dueties th^{of} To be hauldin of thame and thair successorē siclyk and as frielie as the said wmq^{ll} Robert Mengzeis held the same befor the said apprysing as the said charter with the said Mr Johne his Instrument of sasinge following thairwpone of the dait the sevinteine day of Januar the 3eir of God J^m sex hundre^t and ten 3eiris at lenth beares Lyk as also I the said Maister Johne Mortimer vpon the auchtein day of the

said moneth of Januar the 3eir of god foirsaid disponit the equall halff of the said cran and equall halff of the comoditie custumes and dewties thairof to the said M^r Dauid Rutherfurd his aires maill and assigneis quha upoun my Resignatioun procured the said Superiore charter and Infestment of the said halff Cran and wes heretable Infest thairin the day foirsaid as his Infestment and sasing proportis And in lyk maner the said Thomas Mengzeis sone and air to the said wmq^{ll} Robert Mengzeis long efter his perfyte age of tuentie ane 3eiris compleit and efter he was seruit air to his said wmq^{ll} faither Be his tres of Ratification and Renunceation of the dait the tuentie fourt day of Aprill the 3eir of God J^m sex hundre^t Tuentie sevin 3eiris for the caus^s onerout thairin sp^eit Not onlie Ratified and approved the said proces and decret of comprysing led and deducet at the instance of me the said M^r Johne Mortimer againes him wpoun the apprysing of the said Cran for the soumes of money aboute writtin with my Infestment charter and sasing following thairwpou To have bene gude valid and ordorlie procedit with all that had followed or nicht follow thairwpou Bot lyikwayes Renuncet discharget and overgave fra him and his aires the legall Reuersion competent or quhilk might have bene competent to The said Thomas and his aires be the Lawes and practiq^s of this realme for Redemptioun of the said Cran fra me the said M^r Johne and my foirsaid^e Togidder with all wther richt titill entres kyndnes clame of richt alsucill petito^r as possessor quhilk the said Thomas as sone and air to the said Wmq^{ll} Robert Mengzeis his father haid hes or onavayes nicht have clame or pretend thairto in any tyme comeing To and In favore^r of me the said M^r Johne Mortimer my aires maill and assignayes To the effect we might Bruik and Joise the said Cran haill rentes Custumes and benefeittes thairof heretable and Irredeemable as oure awin proper heretage But regres or Reuersion foreuir as the saidis tres of Ratificatioun and Renunciatioun of the dait foirsaid Registrat in the Baillie court booke of the said burgh and ane decret of the Prouest and Baillies thairof interponit thairto vpoun the ffyftein day of Maii J^m sex hundreth tuentie nyne 3eiris at lenth in the self does testifie Be wertew of the quhilkes richtes the heretable proprietar of the said Cran is now fullie diuolued and established in the persones of Us the saidis M^r Dauid Rutherfurd and M^r Johne Mortimer equallie

betuixt us and we have undowbtē richt to dispon thairvpon at our pleasour AND BECAUS Robert Alexander present Thesaurer of the burgh of Aberdeine in name of the Prouest Baillies counsell and comvnitie thairof our Superiorē of the said Cran be thair speciall warrand and dirrection hes payed and delyuered to ws reallie and with effect in reddie money at the subscribing heiroyf of all and haill The sowme of Nyne hundreth merks vsuall Scottes money convertit to our particular vse and benefeit equallie betuixt ws Quhairoyf We grant the receipt and thairof quytclames exoneris and discharges the saids prouest Baillies counsell and comvnitie of the said burgh and thair successors and als the said Robert Alexander thair Thesaurer foirsaid his aires executors and successors THAIRFOIR WITT ye us with vniforme consent and assent To haue sauld analiet and heretable disponit and be the tennor heiroyf fra us and ilk ane of us our aires and assignayes quhatsumewer Sellis anallies and dispones heretable and Irredimable without any Reuersione redemption or regres for euer to the saidē Prouest Baillies Counsell and Comvnitie of the said burgh of Aberdeine our Superiorē aboue named and to thair successorē Prouest Baillies Counsell and comvnitie throyf perpetuallie in all tyme comeing All and haill the said Cran situat wpone the schoir or sea port callit the keyheid of aberdeine with the fruictes rentes custumes and dueties thairof extending to auchteine penneis Scottis money of ewerie twyn of goodē brocht to or fra the schoir of Aberdeine in quhatsumewer sailling weshell And for the saides prouest Baillies Councell and Comvnitie thair securitie thair anent and to the effect our heretable richt and propertie of the said Cran with the rent and dueties throyf may be consolidat with thair superioritie of the samen Witt ye us with wniforme consent as said is for the onerous causē aboue Writtin To haue Resignit Renuncit surranderit quyteclamed dischargit and simplr ouergiwē And be thir pñtes of our awin frie will set purpose and deliberat mynd uncoactit or compellit for us and ilk ane of us our aires and successorē whatsumeuer purelie and simple Resignes Renunes surranderes quytclames discharges and simplr wp and ouergiwes be staff and baton as vse is in sic caces In the handē of the Prouest Baillies Counsell and comvnitie of the said Burgh our Superiorē aboue named All and haill the samen Cran situat wpone the said schoir and sea port callit the keyheid of

Aberdene with the fruites rentes and duties belonging thairto extending to auchteine pennies Scottes money of ewerie twn gudes brocht to or fra the said schoir in quhatsumeuer weshell as said is Togidder with all richt titill of richt clame entres propertie and possession quhilk we or ather of us had hes or onavayes may have clame or pretend thairto in any tyme cuming To and In favor of the said Prouest Baillies Counsell and comvnitie of the said burgh of Aberdene and thair successor of our Superior aboue named Consolidating heirby our propertie and heretable richt of the said Cran In the persones and favor of the saides Prouest Baillies counsell and Comvnitie of the said burgh of Abd. and thair successor with thair Superioritie thof abouespēt ad perpetuam remanentiam heretable and Irredimable but Reuersion redemption or regres for cuer And obless us and our foirsaid To warrand this our Resignation aboue writtin of the foirsaid Cran with the rent and duties thair of abouespēt ad perpetuam remanentiam as said is To the said prouest baillies Councell and Comvnitie of Aberdene and thair successor from our awin proper facts and deides allannerlie That is to say that we have not done nor shall do any fact in preiudice heirof and no forder Lyk as for that effect we have instantlie delyverit to the said Prouest Baillies and Councell the said proces of apprysing and regrat band quhairwpon the same procedit with our Infetmentes and all wtheris writtes tres and securites quhatsumeuer quhilk we haue or had concerning the said Cran to be keipet and vset be thame and thair successor in all tyme comeing as writtes and eudente Belonging to the said toun of Aberdene And for thair forder secureitie We obless ws and our foirsaid To compeir personallie in presence of the Prouest Baillies and Councell of the said burgh and thair with all solempnitie requisite To resigne surrander and Uppgive fra us and ather of us and our foirsaid the said cran with the fruites rentes and duties belanging thto In the hand of ane honorable man Paul Menges of kynimvndie present prouest or any of the Baillies of the said burgh in name of councell and comvnitie of the said burgh our Superior thof abouenamed ad perpetuam remanentiam as said is To and In favor of the saides Prouest Baillies Councell and Comvnitie and thair successor our Superior foirsd in due & convenient forme as efferis With warrendeis And forder We have

maid and constitute and be thir pñtes Makes and constitutes the saidē Prouest Baillies Counsell and Comvnitie our lauchfull Cessioneris and assignayis In and to the proffittes casualities and duties of the said Cran sic as the same hes randerit or that Justlie may be knowin to belong thairto sen the feast of michaelmes Last bypast in the 3eir of God J^m sex hundreth tuentie aucht zeires With powar to thame to mell Intromet with and wptak the same to the comon benefeit and vse of the haille toun call persew and charge thairfoir and all wther thinges to do for recoverie and uplifting of the same quhilk we nicht have done our selffes Promittand to hauld firme and stabill Declairand heirby the said Toun of Aberdenes entrie to the said cran and propertie throʒ to have bene and begwn at the said feist of michaelmes Last bypast as gif this present Resignation ad perpetuam remanentiam in thair favorē had bene maid and grantit be ws befor the said terme of Michaelmes Last and notwithstanding thairof Quhair and we dispense be thir presentes for euer MOREOUER To the effect our haille richt and titill of the said Cran and duties thairof With our richt of the said proces and decret of apprysing may be fullie dissolued and established In favorē of the said toun of Aberdene Witt ye me the said M^r Johne Mortimer at whoes instance the said proces of apprysing wes led and deducet and in qhoes favorē the saidē tres of Ratification and Renunceation wer grantit be the said Thomas Mengzeis with expres consent and assent of the said M^r Dauid Rutherford and he for himself his awin richt and entres and we both with vniforme consent for the onerous causse about writtin To have maid Constitute creat and ordanit and be the tennor heirof Mackē constitutes creattes and ordanes the saidis Prouest Baillies counsell and comvnitie of Aberdene and thair successorē Our verie lauchfull wndoutted and Irrevocabill cessioneris assigneyes and donatorē veluti in rem suam propriam cum dispositione libera In and to the foirsaid proces of apprysing of the said Cran and duties thairof led and deducet at the Instance of me the said M^r Johne Mortimer againes the said Thomas Mengzeis of the dait foirsaid and sowmes of money about writtin both principall and sheref fie for the quhilk the said cran wes appryset and in and to the Bandis gewin wpon the saidē sowmes haille heidē clauss conditions provisiones and circumstances of the samen And In and to

the saide tres of Ratification and Renunceation aboue mentionet maid and grantit be the said Thomas Mengzeis In favores of me the said M^r Johne Mortimer and my foirsaidē TURNAND transferrand and simpliciter disponand fra us and ilk ane of us and our foirsaidē The foirsaid proces of apprysing sowmes of money aboue spēit bandis and decreites quhairwponē the same procedit tres of Ratificatione and Renunceation abouespēit haill strenth forse and effect thairof With our haill richt and titill of the samen And of all that hes followed or may follow thairon To and In favorē of the said toune of Aberdene and thair successores for euer in the most ample forme of Constitution but revocation Obleising us be thir presentes and our foirsaidis To Warrant this our assignation and translation gude valid and effectuell to the saidē Prouest Baillies Councill and comvnitie and thair successorē from our awin proper factes ⁊ deidē allannerlie And to mak all wther securitie to thame concerning the premisṣ be aduysē of men of law as we shall be requyred with warrandice alwayes from our awin proper factes and deidē as said is and no fordir Concerning [*sic*] for the moir securitie that thir presentes be registrat in the bookē of our Soverane Lordē Councill and Session or Baillie court bookē of the said Burgh thairin to remaine ad futuram rei memoriam and to have the strenth of ane act and decret of ather of the saidē Judges that tres and executorialles may be direct thairon as neid beis in forme effeiris and to that effect Constitutes Magister Alexander Daudsone advocat Our laulfull procuratorē promitten de rato In witnes quhairof we have subscriued thir presentes with our handē written be M^r George Robertsons writtar in Abd. At aberden the Sextene day of Junii J^m sex hundreth tuentie nyne zeires Befoir thir witness Gilbert Mengzeis of Petfoddellis M^r Vedast Lawsons Alexander Rutherford Alex^r Stewart burgesṣ of the said bur^t and Walter Robertsons cōmoun clerk of the same bur^t sic subscribitur Maister Dauid Rutherford M^r Johne Mortimer Gilbert Mengzeis witnes M^r Vedast lausone witnes Alexander Rutherford witnes Alexander Stewart witnes Walter Robertsons witnes

Extractum de libro Registri contractuū in Burgi de Aberdeñ per me walterum Robertsons scribam cōmunem sub hac mea subscriptione manuali

W. Robertson

XXIII.

*Dr. Patrick Dun mortifies the lands of Ferryhill to the provost, baillies, etc., for the maintenance of four masters in the Grammar School. 3rd August, 1631.**

BE IT KEND TILL ALL MEN, be thir present Lērs, ME M^r PATRIK DWNE, Doctor of Medicine, and Prin^{ll} of the New Colledge of Aberdene, Forsameikle as I considering with my sclff that grañir scooles qulkis the seminaries of all kynd of sciences and learning, sould be planted in all Christiane coñiounē wealthes, and competent meanes provydit for mentinence of Maisteris of the saidis scooles, to the intent that with the gritter allacritie and cheirfulnes they mey attend th^r chairge, and be the mair vigilant and painfull in training wp the youth comitted to ther educ^on in vertew and gude lērs; I thairfoir out of my zeall to Godis glorie, and to the floorisching of learning, and for the love I carie to the Burch of Aberdene, q^rof I am ane borne citizen, maid laitlie, conqueist to my myselff, in lyfrent, during all the dayes of my lyfytyme, and eftir my deceis, to be employit & mortified *ad pios usus*, in sic forme and maner, and to the particular use, as be my awne writ and declar^one I sould set doune and appoynt: ALL and HAILL the TOUNE and LANDIS of FERRIEHILL, with the mylne, myllandis, multoris, and sequellis thairof, and with the haill ailhouss and smiddie croftis, houss, biggingis, yairdis, tenentis, tenendries, and service of frie tennentis, pairtis, pendicles, & ptinentis, of the foirnamit landis, togidder with the teynd schevis of the samen, lyand within the parochine of S^t Machar, and Schirrefdome of Aberdene, contigue, adjacent to the burrow ruidis of the said burch, as the lērs of dispositione, charter, and infestment following thrupone, maid to me be Patrik Hepburne, at the litle mylne of Essilmonth, with qsent of Mr W^m Hepburne, his broth^r, and certane wy^r psones th^rin nominat, of the dait the fourt day of Junii, j^mvj^c twentie nyne yeiris, at mair lenth proportis:—And now, becaus I am fullie resolved anent the forme & maner of the mortefeing of the saidis landis &

* See XLV., p. 148.

teyndis,, and to q^t particular use the same sall be mortefeit and destinat; thairefoir be thir pnttis I declair and mak manifest and knawin my will th^ranent, to be for mentinence of four Maisteris within the Gra^mer Scoole of the said Bruch of Abd, perpetuallie in all tyme co^ming, in forme, substance, & effect eftir following, & upon the conditiones, provisiones, limit^anes underwritin, and na wth^rwayes: That is to say, Witt ye me to the honor of ALMIGHTIE GOD, and for the benefite of Kirk and Co^moune wealth, to have frielie gevin, grantit, destinat, and perpetuallie mortefeit, and be the tenor heirof now and for evir I frielie giff, grant, destinat, and perpetuallie mortifie to the Provost, Baillies, Counsell, and Co^mountie of the s^d burch of Aberdene, and to th^r successores, Provost, Baillies, Counsell, and Co^mountie th^rof in all tyme co^ming, for mentinence of the saidis four Maisteris of ther Gra^mer Scoole, in maner and upon the conditiones underwritin allanerly, and na wth^rwayes: All & hail the foirsaid toune & landis of Ferriehill, with the mylne, myllandis, multoris, and sequellis th^rof, with the hail ailhouss & smiddiecroftis, houss, biggingis, yairdis, tennentis, tennendries, & service of frie tennentis, pairtis, pendicles, & pertinentis, of the foirnamit landis, togidder with the teynd scheaves th^rof includit w^t the stock, lyand as said is; To be haldin of our Soverane Lord the Kingis Ma^{tie}, and his Hienes successores, now im^ediat superioris of the saidis landis, be vertew of the Act of Annex^ane of the Kirk landis of this realme to the Patrimonie of the Croune *in puram et perpetuam elemosinam*; or in few ferme or frie burgage, as his Ma^{tie} sall be pleasit to grant the same; Qlkis landis wer haldin of auld of the Pryor and q^vent of the Trinitie Freiris of Abd, in few ferme for yeirlie pay^t of the soume of twentie pundis usual Scottis money, to the minister of the saidis freiris, or to q^t sum^rwther psone havand richt th^rto, at tua termes in the yeir, witsonday & mairtimes in winter, be equall portiones: And siclyke payand yeirlie for the teynd scheavis of the saidis landis to the Prin^l Subprin^l Maisteris and memberis of the Kingis Colledge of auld Aberdene, the soume of fyiftie merkis money foirsaid, at the termes of pay^t usit & wont allanerly: Reservand alwayes to me, the said Mr Patrik Dun, my lyffrent of the saidis landis, teyndis, & utheris foirsaidis, during all the dayes of my lyfytyme: And for the better performance of the s^d mortific^aone, and obtening of his Ma^{ties} infestment

thrupone, for the use, & upon the conditiones eftir sp̄cit, Witt ye me, with expres advyce & qsent of the said Patrik Hepburne, my author of the saidis landis & mylne; and als the said Patrik, for himself, his awne richt and entres, as last im̄ediat tennent and vassall throf to our said Soverane Lord, and we baith with mutuall & uniforme qsent & assent, to have maid, qstitute, & ordanit, and be thir p̄nttis makis, qstitutes, and ordaines, and ilk ane of them, conjunctlie & severallie, our verie lawfull, undouttit, & irrevocable prōis, actōis, factōis, mess̄is, and speciall carand beareris, to the effect underwrittin, gevand, grantand, & com̄ittand to them, and ilk ane of them, conjunctlie & severallie, as said is, our verie full, frie, plaine power ḡnral and speciall com̄and, expres bidding, & chaige, for us, in our name, & upon our behalf, to compeir befor our said Soverane Lord, or his Hienes Successores, or befor the Lordis Com̄issioneris appointit be his Ma^{tie}, for ressavng of ressign^{anes}, & granting new infestmentis thrupone, and th' at qsum^r day or dayes, tyme & place qvenient, with all humilitie & submissione, as becometh, purelie and simplie be staff and bastoune, as use is, to resigne, renunce, surrander, wp and overgive, lyikas I the said Mr Patrik Dwne, with advyce & qsent of the said Patrik Hepburne, and we baith with ane qsent and assent, now as than, and than as now, be thir p̄nttis, resignes, renunces, surranderis, purelie and simplie for ws, & aith^r of ws, our aires and ass^{is}, wp and overgives, All and Hail the said toune and landis of Ferriehill, with the mylne, mylnelandis, multoris, sequellis, ailhouss and smiddie croftis, hous̄s, biggingis, yairdis, tennentis, tennendries, and service of frie tennentis, pairtis, pendicles, & pertinentis of the saidis hail landis, lyand as said is, togidder with the teynd scheaves throf, includit with the stock, with all richt, title, entres, clame of richt, propertie, & possessione, q^{lk} we, or aith^r of ws, had, hes, or ony wayes mey have, clame, or pretend th'to, or any pairt throf, in tyme coming, in the handis of our said Soverane Lord, or his Hienes successores, superioris throf, or in the handis of the saidis Lordis Com̄issioneris; and that in speciall favor, and for new heretable infestment of mortific^{ane}, to be gevin and grantit back againe thairof, be our said Soverane Lord Superior foirsaid, under his Ma^{ties} Grit Seill in dew and competent forme, as effeiris, to the saidis Provest, Baillics, Counsell, & com̄ountie of

the said Burch of Aberdene, and to th^r successores, Provestis, Baillies, Counsell & comountie th^of, for evir, to the use and for mentinence and interteinment of four M^{ris} within the Gra^mer Scoole of the said Burch of Ab^d, perpetuallie, in all tyme coming, proportionallie amonge them, with the conditiones, provisiones, and limit^anes, as is eftirmentionat, and no wth^rwayes, viz. I ordane the yeirlie dewtie of the s^dis landis, mylne, & teyndis, to be upliftit and layde upon bank ay and quhill the same grow and accres to such ane soume of money, as mey buy and conqueis sa meikle landis, weill haldin, & com^odiously lyand, as will render & pay sex hundreth merkes money scotis of yeirlie frie rent, makand in all, with the present rent of the saidis landis, and mylne of Ferriehill, the soume of twelff hundreth merkis yeirlie; and incace of my deceis befor the full pformance th^of, I appoint and ordane the Provest, Baillies, & Counsell of the said Burch of Ab^d, w^t advyce and concurrence of my loving freindis M^r W^m Johnstone, Doctor in Phisick, M^r Alex^r Jaffray, and M^r Ro^t Farq^t, burgess of Ab^d, or ony of them being on lyiff, to tak the paines for manageing of the rent of the saidis landis, mylne, and teyndis, and of the yeirlie employment th^of upon bank, till the same mey accres in maner, to the proportione, & for the effect foirsaid; Qlk haill full rent of twelf hundreth merkes Scottis money, I ordane to be employed upon the mentinence and interteinment of four Maisteris of the Gra^mer Scoole of the said Burch of Aberdene; the first & prin^l Maister q^of I ordane to teache the Hie Clas of the s^d Scoole, and to have the inspectione & oversicht of the rest of the Maisteris, and to have of yeirlie stipend the soume of sex hundrethe merkes money, of the rent of the saidis landis; and everie ane of the remanent thrie Maisteris to have yeirlie twa hundrethe merkes mo^e, with this alwayes conditione that it sall not be law^l to ony of the saidis four Maisteris to tak any more salarie or stipend from ony scoller within the said scoole, except only thretteine shillingis four pennies Scottis money, at the maist, ilk quarter of the yeir, unles he be the sone of ane Marquis, Erle, Vicount, Lord, or Barone, fra q^m the Maisteris sall have libertie, to tak sic stipend for instructione of th^r bairnes, as the Noble men or Barones sall be plesit to bestow upon them, and that ilk Maister sall tak the said stipend from the scollares of his awne clas allanarly: SECUNDLY,

q^tsum^r scollar coming to the said Gra^mer Scoole, and bringand w^t him ane testimoniall, sub^t be honest & famous men, declaring his povertie, or the povertie of his parentis, sall be teached gratis:—

THRIDLIE, all theis that ar of the surname of Dune, of q^t rank or q^ditione soevir they be, sall be lykewayes teached gratis; and gif it sall be tryed, that any of the saidis four Maisteris ressave, aith^r directlie or indirectlie, any money, or any wth^r benefite, from any poore scolar, or yit from ony of the surname of Dun, the Maister contravening, immediatlie eftir dew tryell th^rof, sall be depryved, *ipso facto*, of his place in the said scoole, & ane wth^r admitted & placed th^rin; and so also sall the whole tennentis sones of the saidis landis of Ferrichill, and remanent landis to be conqueist for the use foir^d, be teached gratis perpetuallie, in all tymes com^g: And for the better performance and conserv^{ane} of this my mortific^{ane}, I declair, that, induring all the dayes of my lyiftyme, I my selff sall be only and absolute Patrone and presentar of the saidis four Maisteris, & ilk ane of them, as th^r places sall happin to vaik; and, eftir my deceis, I nominat, q^stitude, appoint, and ordane the Provost, Baillies, Counsell, & com^{ountie} of the said Burch of Abd for the tyme, with M^r Ro^s, Charles, and Patrik Dunes, my brother sones, and th^r aires maill of p^{fyte} aige, they being knawin to be honest & consciencious men, and not gevin to railling, to be Patrones and q^servato^{ris} *in perpetuum*, of this my mortific^{ane}, and presentaris of the saidis four Maisteris, & everie ane of them, as their places happnis to vaik, and to sie the haill poynttis of this p^{nt} mortific^{ane}, preceislie performed & executed, as it is heir set doune, and the yeirle rentis of the foirsaidis landis, teyndis, & wtheris, abovewrittin, to be bestowit & imployit to the wse afoir designit, and to no uther use, *sub pena anathematis*: And farder, I ordane the first & prin^{ll} M^r of the said scoole to come yeirle, at Michelmes, to the saidis Provost, Baillies, and Counsell of Aberdene for the tyme, and desyre them to nominat and appoint visitoris for visit^{ane} of the said scoole, anes at lest everie moneth for th^t yeir, and to appoint the saidis visitoris to tak just notice & tryell gif the lawis of the said scoole be observit both in doctrine & discipline, and gif the haill conditiones of this my mortific^{ane} be also keipit be the saidis M^{ris} eftir the forme & tenor th^rof; and q^tin the saidis visitoris findis any brack or viol^{ane}, that

they mak faithfull report accordingle to the saidis Provest, Baillies and Counsell. Lykas I appoint the said Prin^{ll} Maister to come anes ilk moneth, and put the Magistratis in mynd to direct ther visitoris to mak a visitatione of the said scoole to the effect foir^d; qⁱⁿ, giff the said prin^{ll} M^r sall be fund deficient in not desyring the said monethlie visit^{ne}, I ordane him for ilk monethes defect in this dewtie, *toties quoties*, to tyme and amit ten merkes mo^o of his stipend: Declairing heirby, that it sall be law^{ll} to any honest man wⁱⁿ the Toune of Abd, to challenge the said prin^{ll} M^r of this neglect, befor the Provest & Baillies of the said Burch for the tyme, and he being fund culpable & defective thairin, I ordane the said challenger to have ten merkes for his paines, sa oft as the said prin^{ll} M^r sall be fund deficient in desyring the said monethlie visit^{ne}: And in lyik maner, giff ony of the saidis four Maisteris sall deboird or deboische in lyiff or convers^{ne}, or to be tryed any tyme absent causles, and defective in th^r dewtie incumbent to them be th^r office, I ordane also, *ipso facto*, that the M^r fund debording in lyiff, or defective in dewty, sall be depryved of his office be the Provest, Baillies, & Counsell of the sd Burch for the tyme, and of all benefite th^{ro}f, in all tyme th^{restir}, and ane wth^r to be admitted in his place eftir the ordor above prescryvit; and as for the tryell of the qualific^{nes} of the saidis four Maisteris, comit the same, in all tyme comeing, to tua of the Ministeris of the said Burch of Abd, q^m the Counsell for the tyme sall be plesit to nominat to th^t effect, and to the Prin^{ll} and four Regentis within the New Colledge of the said Burch, quho being solemnly sworne, in p^{nce} of the Counsell, sall testife the presented ane or mae to be worthie, and sufficiently learned and qualefeit for such a place: Bot gif any of my awne surname, or ony of the sones of the tennentis of Ferriehill, or the sones of the tennentis of any wth^r landis that sall happin to be conquest & mortefeit to the use foirsaid, be fund qualefeit for such a place in the said Gramar Scoole, qⁿ the same sall vaik, let them be preferred, without ony q^{test}^{ne}; and failseing of them, that they be not suitaris for th^t place, I ordane ane program to be affixit on ane Sunday, on the maist patent doore for the tyme, of S^t Nicolas Paroche Kirk of Abd, and intim^{ne} maid, baith south and north, within thrie monethes to present themselfis, q^o ar desyrous of such

a place; and eftir tryell taken of theis that sall present themselfis, let them aither be admitted or rejected, according to th^r sufficiencie or insufficiencie; and immediatly befor th^r admisione, ane aith sall be exacted of them, to doe q^t lyes in ther power for the weill of the Colledge Marschell within the Burch of Abd, and to prefer the same to all wth^r Colledges, in geving counsell to th^r scollares to be brocht up in the foirsaid Colledge Marschell; humblie intreating that our gracious and dread Soverane the Kingis most excellent Ma: and the Lordis Comissioneris appointit for granting infestmentis, wald be plesit to give & grant, in maist ample forme, his Mat^{ies} Charter of Confirm^{ane} of this my mortific^{ane}, under the Grit Seall, in dew & competent forme, under & upon the conditiones & provisiones abovewrittin: Lyikas I DECLAIR, DECERNE, and ORDANE this my WILL and MORTIFIC^{ONE} to STAND UNALTERABLE, INVIOLEABLE, and UNCHANGEABLE, in all tymes, heireftir and for evir; and for th^r effect I most humblie desyre the Richt Noble and Potent Erle, Williame Erle Marschell, his aires and successores, Erles of Mareschell, to sie this my mortific^{ane} conserved in full integritie, and imployit to the use abovewrittin allanerlie, and no wth^r wayes, seing it tendis to the weill & standing of his Lordschipis Colledge wⁱⁿ the said Burch: As lyikwayes I earnestlie intreat the saidis Patrones to be cairfull that the few & teynd dewties of the saidis landis & teyndis be preccislie payit at the terme of Mairtimes yeirlic, that no inconvenient come upon stock or teynd, in default of not tymous pay^t of the saidis few & teynd dewties, to q^{sum} p^{son}e or p^{son}es havand richt th^rto; and for the mair securitie, I ordane, am q^{tent}, and q^{sentis} that thir p^{nttis} be insert and re^{grat} in the Bookes of Counsell & Sessione, or Tounes Bookes of Abd, *ad futuram rei memoriam*; and to that effect I q^{stitute} M^r Thomas Sandilandis my law^{ll} procurato^{ris}, *promitten. de rato*, be thir p^{nttis}, writtin be Patrik Smith, Notar Publict, and sub^t be me:—At Aberdene, the thrid day of August, the yeir of God j^mvj^c threttie and ane yeires befor thir witness, the said M^r Alex^r Jaffray, M^r Thomas Merser, writter in Ed^r, & the said Patrik Smith, writter heirof; Sic sub^t PATRIK DUNE, D. with my hand; Mr Alexander Jaffrey, witnes; Maister Thomas Merser, witnes; Pa. Smith, writter & witnes.

XXIV.

Sir Charles Erskine, Lyon King of Arms, confirms the arms of old appertaining to the Royal Burgh of Aberdeen. 25th February, 1674.

TO ALL AND SUNDRIE Whom it eeffers I SIR CHARLES ARASKINE of Cambo knight Baronet LYON KING OF ARMES CONSIDERING That Be Severall acts of Parliament Especiallie Be the Tuentie one act of the third session of the Second parliament of our dread Sovereigne Lord CHARLES the SECOND be the Grace of God KING of Scotland England France and Ireland defender of the faith I am Impowered to visit the wholl armes and Bearings Within this kingdome And to distinguish them with congruent differences And to Matriculat the same in my books and Registers and to Give Extracts of all armes Expressing the blazoning therof vnder my hand and seall of office Which Register is be the forecited act ordained to be respected as the true and unrepealable rule of all armes and Bearings in Scotland To Remaine with the Lyons office as a publict register of the kingdome THEREFORE Conforme to the power given to me be his sacred Majestie And According to the tenor of the said act of parliament I Testifie and make knowen That the armes and Bearings of old apertaining to the ROYALL BURGH of ABERDEIN And now confirmed be me to them Is matriculat in my said publict Register vpon the day and dait of thir presents and is thus blazoned VIZ The said ROYALL BURGH of ABERDEIN Gives for ensignes Armoriall Gules three Towers Triple towred within A Double Tressure counterflowred Argent Supported by two Leopards proper The motto in ane Escroll above BON-ACCORD And vpon the reverse of the seall of the said burgh is Insculped In A feild Azure A Temple Argent Saint Nicolas standing in the porch mitred and vested proper With his dexter hand Lifted vp to Heaven praying over Three Children in A Boyling Caldron of the first and holding in the sinister A Crosier Or Which Armes Above blazoned Being granted and Confirmed to the said Royall Burgh Be Severall of his Majesties Most Royall predecessores Kings of Scotland for their Loyall services performed to them I declare to have bein and to be the true armes of the said Burgh IN TESTIMONIE



THE BEARING OF THE ROYAL BURGH OF ABERDEEN AS IT IS NOW
 CONFIRMED BY THE ACT IN THAT BEHALF MADE BY THE PARLIAMENT OF SCOTLAND
 IN THE 14TH YEAR OF KING JAMES THE SIXTH AND THE 1ST OF KING JAMES THE SEVENTH 1617: 4. 1618: 13.

WHEREOF I have subscribed this Extract with my hand and have caused append my seall of office therto GIVEN at Edinburgh the Tuentie fyft day of februarij and of our said soveraigne Lords reigne the Tuentie Sixth year. 1674.

(Signed) CH: ARASKINE LYON.*

XXV.

The provost, baillies, etc., perambulate the Inner Marches of the Burgh. 11th May, 1696.

Which day the counsell ordained ane true report of the perambulatione of the towns inner marches as they wer precambulat the eleventh of May instant to be insert in the counsell books and whereof the tenor follows viz^t Att Aberd the eleventh day of May J^mvi and nyntie six yeirs The said day the Provost Baillies Dean of thess^r past and visited the common getts and passages about this towne and for the better cleireing and verifing the gates and passages following took with them certan famous honest men who best knew the samen witnesses sworne and examined conform to the old dec^b pronuncit thereanent And first began at the Gallowgate head and ther fand that George Reid stabler at the east syde of the Gallowgat Port hade taken out ane march stone out of his yard dyke, wes ordained to be conveyed therefore and ordaines the stons on the porthill to be removed And from thence divideing equally viz^t the on halfe keepinge the high way as they goe to the old towne till they came to ane new house latly builded on the east syde of the s^d highway by Robert Duguid customer made interruptione thereat And from thence keepinge the kings highway till they came 3 mett the other halfe of their number at the foote of the rode which descends from the backgates of the head of the Gallowgat by Alexander Toasch barne

* The docquet annexed to the emblazonment is as follows:—

“This is the true Bearing of the Royall Burgh of Aberdein as it is now confirmed be the Lyons warrand and extract of the dait of thir presents And collationed be me Master Robert Innes Clerk to Sir Charles Areskine Lyon King of Armes and Keeper of the Register of Armes At Edinburgh the 25 February 1674

“Signed ROBT. INNES.”

which highway from the s^d Robert Duguids house thereto ought ʔ should be four ells in breadth conform to the march stons and fand the s^d highway only a litle encroacht upon The other halfe keeping in the highway by the old wind milne for visiteing the back gaits of the head of the Gallowgate which rode from the s^d wind milne to the s^d Alex^r Toasch barne ought to be four ells in breadth at the narrowest ordained the march stone at the s^d old wind milne to be minded and fand that William Lumsden had incroachit upon the s^d road about three foots with the gavell of his barne made interuption therat and ordained him to be conveyed And from the s^d Alexander Toasch barne keeping the highway south-east or thereby till they came to the house formerly belonging to W^m Lindsay ʔ now to which is four ells in breadth at the narrowest ʔ fand the same ordinarily well observed and ordained and ordained ane timber ravelling to be built befor Captan Melvills stank And from thence divideing equally viz^t the on halfe keeping the highway lineally to the Thieves Bridges from the well called the Nook Well without the Justice Port which rode from the s^d well to the Thieivs Bridges ought and should be four ells in breadth at the narrowest and fand the same rode greatly incroachit upon by Alexander Forbes tennent to the Lady Barns and be Alexander Smith hyrer tennent to Marjorie Burnet for encroacheing on the neu calsie built there made interruptione on both And from thence keeping the stank at the Thieves Bridges straight eistward to Footysmyre ʔ fand the same rightly observed the other half straight downe the Bowl Rode (which ought to be also four ells in breadth) and fand the march stons on both sydes almost extinct ordained the same to be renewed And from thence meeting all in the Links went be the heads of the crofts betwixt the first holl of the Links and Garvacks Wynd and fand the same rightly observed except ane march stone which wes lifted at Footisholl ordained to be renewed and fand ane great holl casten in the Links about the eist end of Garvocks Wynd by the carriers of sand ordains the same to be filled up and the makers thereof conveyed ʔ fyned And from thence divideing equally the on halfe from the eist end of the s^d Garvocks Wyne keipeing the heads of the crofts nixt the sea towards the blockhouse fand the same ordinarily well observed from incroachments on

the Links and the other halfe keeping Garvacks Wynd westward (which ought to be also four ells in breadth) fand the same ordinarily well observed on both syds And from thence south-east or thereby to the butts of land at the back of the town of Futtie and fand the same ordinarily well observed and which in old tyme wes lineally potted ⁊ marked for march stons from the well of Footy to the eistmost cunjie of the blockhouse lineally and from the s^d well of Footy passand straight north lineally to anc march stone at the east end of anc corne rigg (formerly called Lyons Rigg) at whilk rigg ther ought to be twentie fouts in breadth of anc rode all the way to Garvacks Wynd and fand the same rod a litle below the gate of Footy Kirk greatly encroached upon ordained to be marked ⁊ the guilty conveyd And from thence passand allongst the shoar ⁊ by the Trinities and in by the back of George Browne and Baillie Gellie ther yards keeping the highway till they came to the Bowbridge fand the same rightly observed And fra the s^d Bowbridge divideing equally the on halfe towards the Crabston who fand that tennents to Janat Cruickshank relict of John Licklie maltman hade incroacht greatly on the s^d highway by build of three cors houses theron which wer ordained to be demollished and the s^d Janet conveyd and that the narrowest part of the s^d way from the s^d Bowbridge to the Crabstone ought to be twenty on fouts in breadth The other halfe keeping westward straight up the Denburne fand an great incroachment on the comontie of the s^d burne not only on the eist syde thereof by the yard pertaing to the aires of James Allan Litster and croft now labored by David Ord ordained both to be helped and made interuptione and ordaines the s^d comon rode to be repaired which goes allongst the east syde of the s^d burne but also that hade labored anc rigg of land lyand benorth the duckat at the foot of the brae and west syde of the s^d burne which ought to be cōity made interuptione thereat and ordaines the tennent to be conveyd and the corns thereof to be shorn when rype And also fand that the croft now laboured be Arthur Robertstone late in Caberstone wes greatly enlarged upon the commonty of the eist syde of the s^d burne ordained the corns therof to be cutted when rype till they come lineally with the march stons of the s^d croft and the s^d Arthur to be cited ⁊ fyned and from

thence goeing up the s^d burne took interruptione at the Skinners Scons as also at ane litle house built on the west syde of the s^d burne on the south syde of the high rode to Robslaw because it incroached upon the s^d rode And from thence keeping the high rode to Robslaw above Sant Johns Well fand the north ends of the crofts on the south syde therof rightly observed And from thence begining at the westmost end of the croft called Hardweird fand that the present tennent hade encroached greatly on the comonty of the Denburne made interruptione both at house & croft and ordained Alexander Sangster measone to build ane dyke ther on the north syde of the s^d burne upon his oun expenss conform to his obligement secing the old stons of the old dyke wer taken away by him And from thence keepinge close by the s^d burne till they came to the Womanhill wher divideing the on halfe went about the calsie at the Broad Foord keeping the highway to the carne till they came to the Gallowgat head & fand all rods and marches rightly observed the other halfe keeping the road whych lyes betwixt the Colledge Croft now possest be Charles Sangster weaver and the lands of the Loch belonging to the towne fand the same ordinarily well observed except a little incroachment in the nor^t syde of the s^d croft upon the s^d rode wherat interruptione wes made till they also came to the Gallowgat Port keepinge the way of the cloussis & backgates & fand all rightly observed

PART IV.

INVENTORIES OF RECORDS

ILLUSTRATING THE HISTORY OF

THE BURGH OF ABERDEEN.

I.—RECORDS UNDER THE CHARGE OF THE TOWN CLERK.

A¹* BURGH CHARTERS, ACTS OF PARLIAMENT, &c.

- *1. Charter by King William the Lion, printed on p. 3, No. I.
2. Charter by King William the Lion, " 4, " II.
3. Charter by King William the Lion, verbally, though not literally, identical with the preceding. Reproduced in facsimile in Kennedy's *Annals of Aberdeen*, Vol. I., p. 9.
4. Charter by King Alexander II., printed on p. 5, No. III.
5. Charter by King Alexander III., " 8, " IV.
6. Letters by King Alexander III., " 9, " V.
7. Letters patent by Guardians of Kingdom, " 289, " I.
8. Letters patent by Community of Banff, " 290, " II.
9. Charter by King Robert I., " 10, " VI.
10. Charter by King Robert I., " 11, " VII.
11. Charter by King Robert I., " 12, " VIII.
12. Charter by King Robert I., " 14, " IX.
13. Letters patent by King Robert I., " 15, " X.
14. Letters patent by King Robert I., " 16, " XI.
15. Charter by King David II., " 17, " XII.
16. Letters patent by King David II., " 18, " XIII.
17. Letters of reprisal by King David II., giving warrant to apprehend all Flemings, sailors excepted, found in Scotland, until a sentence of banishment against all his subjects found in Flanders be removed. 12th November, 1347. Printed in Gordon's *Description of Both Towns of Aberdeen* (Spalding Club), p. 41.
18. Letters patent by King David II., providing that Scotch Merchants shall have a staple of merchandise at Middleburgh in Zealand. 12th November, 1347. Printed in *Descr. of Both Towns*, p. 42.

* These letters and numbers are the pressmarks of the bundles in which the writs are at present arranged in the Town House Charter Room. A¹ embraces the period down to 1500 A.D.

19. Charter by Alexander Ysaac to John de Edynhame, burges of Aberdeen, of a feuduty of twenty shillings sterling from a piece of ground in the Castlegate. 18th April, 1350. Printed in *Descr. of Both Touns*, p. 42.
20. Attested copy, by John, Bishop of Moray, of a charter by King William the Lion granting to the Church of St. Mary of Kinloss five crofts in the burghs of Inverness, Eren, Forres, Elgin and Aberdeen. Copy dated 29th August, 1355. Printed in *Descr. of Both Touns*, p. 44.
- 20². Copy of Obligation by Procurators of Four Burghs, printed on p. 305, No. IX.
21. Copy, from Books of Council and Session, of a Charter by King David II. granting to his burgesses of Scotland exclusive right to buy and sell within the freedom of their respective burghs. 8th March, 136³. Printed in *Descr. of Both Touns*, p. 86.
22. Charter by King Robert II. to Andrew de Inchestur of the lands of Rubislaw, resigned by John de Inchestur. 20th May, 1378.
23. Charter by King Robert II., printed on p. 19, No. XIV.
24. Charter by King Robert III., " 21, " XV.
25. Bond by King James I., " 22, " XVI.
- 25². Copy of Obligation by Burgh, " 317, " XI.
26. Letters by King James II., " 24, " XVII.
27. Charter by King James II., " 25, " XVIII.
28. Letters by King James II., " 27, " XIX.
29. Letters by King James II., " 29, " XX.
30. Charter by John Bannerman of Elsick to his uncle John Bannerman, burges of Aberdeen, of the lands of Cruives. 13th November, 1440.
31. Charter by John Bannerman of Elsick to the provost, baillies, etc., of Aberdeen, of the lands of Cruives. 12th January, 1459. Printed in *Descr. of Both Touns*, p. 50; and in *Cartularium Ecclesie Sancti Nicholai* (New Spalding Club), i., p. 8.
32. Charter by King James III., confirming A¹ 30. 2nd April, 1465. Printed in *Cart. Ecl. S. Nich.*, i., p. 10.
33. Charter by King James III., printed on p. 30, No. XXI.
34. Instrument of sasine following thereon. 25th June, 1466. Printed in *Cart. Ecl. S. Nich.*, i., p. 6.
35. Charter by King James III., printed on p. 33, No. XXII.
- 35². Copy of Charter by King James III., almost verbally identical with last, but dated 6th September, 1483. Cf. *Reg. Mag. Sig.*, vol. ii., p. 329.

36. Letters by King James III., appointing Andrew Wod of Overblairtoun, for his lifetime, tronator of the burgh of Aberdeen. 20th April, 1484. Printed in *Descr. of Both Touns*, p. 55.
- 36². Copy of Charter by King James IV., printed on p. 323, No. XIII.
37. Letters by King James IV., printed on p. 35, No. XXIII.
38. Charter by King James IV., appointing Andrew Wod and his heirs male perpetual tronators of the burgh of Aberdeen. 7th June, 1495. Printed in *Descr. of Both Touns*, p. 55. Cf. *Reg. Mag. Sig.*, vol. ii., p. 478.
39. Letters by King James IV., printed on p. 36, No. XXIV.
40. Copy of Charter by King James IV., printed on p. 329, No. XIV.
41. Copy of Charter by King James IV., confirming A¹ 36². 21st August, 1498. Printed in *Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis* (Spalding Club), ii., p. 303. Cf. *Reg. Mag. Sig.*, vol. ii., p. 519.

A²* BURGH CHARTERS.

1. Letters by King James IV., printed on p. 41, No. XXVI.
2. Letters by King James IV., " 38, " XXV.
3. Extract tack by the provost, baillies, etc., to William and Elizabeth Make-soun, of the Justice Mills, with the multures, etc. 13th December, 1518.
4. Discharge by John of Barbon to the burgh from going to the Host and Raid, for the sum of £650 Scots. 31st August, 1522. Printed in *Descr. of Both Touns*, p. 63.
5. Factory and Commission by the burgh appointing the provost and certain burgesses to compear before arbiters appointed to judge between the burgh and the family of Leslie. 15th January, 1526. Printed in *Descr. of Both Touns*, p. 63.
6. Letters patent by King James V., printed on p. 43, No. XXVII.
7. Letters by King James V., " 45, " XXVIII.
8. Factory and Commission by the burgh appointing the provost to compear before the King and Council to demand justice against Alexander Forbes of Burghis. 31st July, 1530. Printed in *Descr. of Both Touns*, p. 68.
- 8². Instrument of Sasine in favour of David Anderson, burgess, of an annual rent of forty shillings Scots from the Kilbanks croft. 7th May, 1532.
9. Instrument of Sasine in favour of Henry Irvine and Janet Collison on the said croft. 27th October, 1534.
10. Charter by John Collison to David Anderson of the said croft. 2nd June, 1536.

* A², 1500 to 1635.

11. Factory and Commission by the burgh appointing Commissioners to compare before the Auditors of Exchequer relative to the freedom of burgesses from custom on salmon. 12th September, 1537. Printed in *Descr. of Both Touns*, p. 70.
12. Factory and Commission by the burgh appointing the provost to meet at Dundee commissioners from Dundee, Montrose, St. Johns, and St. Andrews, relative to the conventions and staple at Campvere in Holland. 5th August, 1541. Printed in *Descr. of Both Touns*, p. 71.
13. Letters by Queen Mary, printed on p. 46, No. XXIX.
14. Charter by John Wod of Balbegno to Alexander Rutherford, burgess, of the tronatorship. 13th August, 1543.
- 14². Instrument of Sasine in favour of William, son of David Anderson (A² 8²), of the said annual rent. 25th June, 1547.
15. Factory and Commission by the burgh, appointing Commissioners for setting in feu the town's fishings on Dee and Don, under licence from Queen Mary (engrossed therein, and printed on p. 48, No. XXX.). 4th March, 155¹.
16. Feu Charter by the Provost, Baillies, etc., proceeding on the last and engrossed in the next. 12th September, 1553.
17. Charter by Queen Mary, printed on p. 52, No. XXXI.
18. Instrument of Resignation by the Gray Friars, printed on p. 332, No. XV.
19. Charter by King James VI., printed on p. 68, No. XXXII.
20. Precept of Sasine on last. 30th December, 1567.
21. Instrument of Sasine thereon. 22nd July, 1569.
22. Transumpt of A¹ 11, 15, 37; of licence engrossed in A² 15; of A² 16, 17; and of Town's Account rendered to Court of Exchequer in 1576: executed by James Makgill, Clerk Register, 17th June, 1577.
23. Petition by Burgh to King James VI. anent claim by George Auchinleck of Balmanno to the fishings of Don. Prior to 22nd June, 1580.
24. Notarial copy of the next.
- 24². Act of Privy Council, printed on p. 237, No. IX.
25. Printed copy of last.
26. Extract Acts of Council and Head Court interdicting neighbours from pursuing any actions, except in regard to Testaments, before the Commissary. 3rd April and 14th July, 1581.
27. Charter by King James VI., printed on p. 71, No. XXXIII.
28. Precept of Sasine on last. 26th October, 1583. Printed in *Descr. of Both Touns*, p. 76.

29. Instrument of Sasine thereon. 13th January, 158³₄.
30. Duplicate of last.
31. Another duplicate of same.
32. Decreet by Lords of Council and Session : Provosts, baillies, etc., against tenants of Black and of White Friars. 26th May, 1584.
33. Precept of Sasine by provost, baillies, etc., for infesting Patrick Jack in a third part of the Gray Friars Place. 5th December, 1584.
34. Extract Act of Council appointing a Committee to consider proposals from Alexander Rutherford anent the Tron, purchased from the laird of Balbegno by his grandfather. 8th October, 1585.
35. Extract of Indenture, printed on p. 345, No. XVIII.
36. Charter by King James VI. to George, Earl of Huntly, of the property of the Gray Friars of Aberdeen. 29th July, 1587. Cf. *Reg. Mag. Sig.*, vol. v., p. 445.
37. Signature by King James VI., printed on p. 88, No. XXXV.
38. Letters by King James VI., " 90, " XXXVI.
39. Letters by King James VI., " 92, " XXXVII.
40. Charter by James Settoun, burges, to William Thomson, burges, and Isobel Rolland, his spouse, of the Lochfield Croft. 18th May, 1593.
41. Letters of publication on A³ 39. 31st December, 1593.
42. Discharge by Thomas Achesoun, Master Cunzeour to the King, for a payment from the Dean of Guild of 3585 merks Scots. 28th January, 159⁴₅.
43. Letters by King James VI., printed on p. 95, No. XXXIX.
44. Copy Summons, burgh against burgh of Old Aberdeen, anent dispute as to Marches. 27th April, 1594.
45. Lawburrows obtained against burgh by burgh of Old Aberdeen in same dispute. 4th June, 1594.
46. Discharge by King James VI. for sum of £7000 Scots paid by burgh towards expenses of baptism of Prince Henry. 5th June, 1594.
47. Extract discharge by King's Comptroller for sum of £1000 Scots paid by burgh towards his Majesty's tocher. 31st July, 1594.
48. Disposition by Sir John Carmichael to Robert Towse, burges, of his right to the last payment. 31st July, 1594.
49. Licence by King James VI., printed on p. 94, No. XXXVIII.
50. Licence by Ludovick, Duke of Lennox, granting exemptions, in terms of the last. 13th December, 1594.
51. Act of Privy Council annulling exemptions from passing on assize. 5th March, 159⁶₇.

52. Letters by King James VI., printed on p. 97, No. XL.
53. Discharge by King James VI. for payment of 700 merks towards expenses of army. September, 1596.
54. Licence by King James VI., printed on p. 99, No. XLI.
55. Instrument of resignation, by Gilbert Menzies of Pitfoddels, to the burgh of the Upper and Nether and Justice Mills, with the multures, etc. 7th April, 1597.
56. Contract between Andrew Fraser of Stoneywood and the burgh, anent the marches betwixt Stoneywood and the freedom lands. 3rd August, 1597.
57. Commission by King James VI. appointing George Troup, burgess, his Commissioner for the shires of Aberdeen and Banff, for carrying out the Acts of Parliament anent metts, measures and weights. 10th August, 1599.
58. Copy, made about 1600, of A¹ 4.
59. Signature by King James VI. for next.
60. Charter by King James VI., printed on p. 100, No. XLII.
61. Precept of Sasine on last. 14th August, 1601.
62. Discharge by James Balfour for payment of £810, the price of 45 stand of burgess armour. 9th June, 1603.
63. Extract Act of Parliament, printed on p. 249, No. XIX.
64. Instrument of Sasine following on A² 61. 18th December, 1606.
65. Duplicate of last.
66. Extract Decreet by Lords of Council and Session anent Litsters of Aberdeen. 17th July, 1611.
67. Catalogue of Register and Court Books of Aberdeen. January, 1613.
68. Extract Submission and Decreet Arbitral anent King's customs and imposts on wines. 14th December, 1613.
69. Contract, burgh with Thomas Watson, mason, Old Rayne, for building a prison. 20th and 24th February, 1616.
70. Extract Act of Parliament, printed on p. 250, No. XXI.
71. Duplicate of last.
72. Charter by King James VI., printed on p. 110, No. XLIII.
73. Precept of Sasine on last. 17th July, 1617.
74. Instrument of Sasine thereon. 8th August, 1617.
75. Duplicate of last.
76. Contract, printed on p. 360, No. XX.
77. Mass of Writs (8) relating to the Tron, of dates from 1st June, 1601 to 16th September, 1617: the last printed on p. 363, No. XXI.

78. Instrument of Institution of Mr. James Sibbald as Minister of the Church of Aberdeen. 11th March, 1627.
79. Mass of Writs (19) relating to the Cran, of dates from 16th June, 1604 to 16th June, 1629: the last printed on p. 366, No. XXII.
80. Transumpt of Instrument of Resignation (27th January, 1505), by Sir John Rutherford to the Provost, of the right of patronage of the Altar of St. Michael in the Church of St. Nicholas. 4th Aug., 1629.
81. Mass of Writs (5) relating to the burgh's privileges of Markets following up A¹ 4, of dates from 25th September, 1617, to 15th July, 1630.
82. Extract Act of Parliament, printed on p. 255, No. XXIII.
83. Copy Patent by Earl of Linlithgow, High Admiral, constituting Provost and Baillies Depute-Admirals within the burgh, port and harbour, and between the rivers Dee and Don. *Circa* 1630.

A³. BURGH CHARTERS.

1. Decreet by Privy Council annulling election of Magistrates for year 1635-6; and letters following thereon. 26th January, 1636.
2. Mass of Discharges (21) for Taxations, &c., of dates from 16th June, 1601, to 25th July, 1636.
3. Two copies of Signature by King Charles I. for next.
4. Charter by King Charles I., printed on p. 155, No. XLVI.
5. Notarial copy of last, and of Sasine following thereon. 31st October, 1638.
6. Extract Patent by Duke of Lennox, High Admiral, in like terms to A, 83. 11th November, 1641.
7. Copy of last.
8. Extract Act of Parliament, printed on p. 258, No. XXV.
9. Duplicate of last.
- 9². Copy Precept by King Charles I., ,, 201, ,, XLVIII.
10. Extract Act of Parliament, ,, 262, ,, XXIX.
11. Extract Act of Parliament, ,, 264, ,, XXX.
12. Copy of last.
13. Signature by King Charles II., ,, 204, ,, XLIX.
14. Letter from King Charles II. to Commissioners of Excise, anent continuance of Act A³ 11.
15. Extract Act of Parliament, printed on p. 269, XXXIV.
16. Patent of Admiralty, by Sir Alexander Keith of Ludquharn, Admiral-Depute. 16th December, 1665. *Cf.* A³ 6.
17. Copy Signature of King Charles II., printed on p. 205, No. I.

* A³, 1635 downwards.

18. Mass of Inventories (7) of Town's Writs, "sichtit be the Provost and Baillies". 6th June, 1667.
19. Decreet by Court of Session in process between burgh and burgh of Old Aberdeen. 14th February, 1669.
20. Extract Act of Town Council anent sale of fish in Castlegate. 5th May, 1669.
21. Extract Act of Town Council anent burials. 1st June, 1672.
22. Nomination by Council of Mr. Patrick Sibbald as Minister of St. Nicholas. 25th June, 1673.
23. Extract Act of Town Council depriving Thomas Leslie, merchant burges, of his freedom. 7th January, 1674.
24. Matriculation of Arms, printed on p. 380, No. XXIV.
25. Emblazonment, of which representation faces p. 380.
26. Decreet by Court of Session in action, burgh against burgh of Old Aberdeen. 9th January, 1675.
27. Extract Contract between Magistrates and King's College anent patronage of Kirk of Newhills. 27th January and 7th February, 1676.
28. Commission by Earl of Kincardine, Vice-Admiral, constituting Provost and Baillies Depute-Admirals between waters of Dee and Ythan. 12th May, 1677.
29. Letters by King Charles II., printed on p. 207, No. LI.
30. Commission by Marquis of Athol, Vice-Admiral, constituting Provost and Baillies Depute-Admirals between waters of Cowie and Ythan. 8th August, 1680.
31. Extract Act of Parliament, printed on p. 272, No. XXXIX.
32. Copy of last.
33. Printed copy of Act of Privy Council, printed on p. 274, No. XL.
34. Contract, Burgh with John Montgomerie, mason, for building Market Cross. 27th January, 1686.
35. Extract Act of Parliament, printed on p. 275, No. XLI.
36. Extract Discharge by George M'Kenzie, Stonehaven, to Burgh of all inland excise due to his father. 12th January, 1692.
37. Account of Pollable Persons within burgh, conform to Act of Parliament. August and September, 1694.
38. Extract Act of Parliament, printed on p. 276, No. XLII.
39. Commission by Commissioners of Admiralty appointing Provost and Baillies Admirals Depute between Dee and Don. 27th January, 1696.
40. Do., but between Cowie and Ythan. 14th April, 1697.

41. Deputation by Clerk of Admiralty nominating Town Clerks of Aberdeen to be Depute-Clerks of Admiralty from Cowie to Ythan. 22nd May, 1697.
42. Deputation by Clerk of Admiralty nominating Town Clerk as above. 30th December, 1704.
43. Contract, Treasurer and Thomas Forster, plumber, burgh of Edinburgh, anent bringing in water to burgh. 11th and 17th April, 1706.
44. Extract Act of Parliament, printed on p. 279, No. XLIV.
45. Protest by Sir Thomas Burnet of Leys anent punishment of illegal salmon fishers in Dee and Don. 26th September, 1707.
46. Extract Tack, Burgh to Alexander Moir and James Fyff, of burgh mussel scalps. 23rd August, 1708.
47. Act of Adjournal of Justiciary Court, anent a claim by Magistrates for freedom from attendance on assizes and inquests. 12th Oct., 1708.
48. Deputation by Earl of Wemyss, Vice-Admiral, appointing Provost and Baillies Depute-Admirals between Port Leviathan and River Don. 17th March, 1709.
49. Decreet of Burgh Court anent searching town's cellars for French wines. 12th July, 1709.
50. Disposition by Earl of Wemyss, Vice-Admiral, to Provost of his right to wrecked goods cast in on the bay of Aberdeen or sands of Belhelvie. 24th February, 1710.
51. Do. of his right to brandy cast in within privileges of Arbroath. 24th February, 1710.
52. Contract, Burgh with John Gordon in Corfidy, anent his salary as Chamberlain. 25th May, 1711.
53. Contract, Burgh with William Lindsay, goldsmith, anent his salary as Overseer of Public Works. 25th June, 1714.
54. Extract Contract, Burgh with craftsmen thereof, anent burial lairs and mort cloths. 19th December, 1647: registered in Baillic Court Books, 11th March, 1715.
55. Decreet by Court of Session anent power of Magistrates to regulate burials. 28th July, 1716.
56. Act of Adjournal of Justiciary Court anent claim by Magistrates for freedom from attendance on assizes, etc. 11th May, 1721.
57. Mass of "States" of the burgh (16), of dates from Michaelmas, 1696, to Michaelmas, 1721,
58. Obligation by Patrick Duff of Premnay anent gates for riding town's marches. 21st September, 1726.

59. Deputation by Duke of Queensberry, Vice-Admiral, appointing Colonel John Middleton of Seton Admiral from Bervie to Fraserburgh, except Slains. 13th September, 1727.
60. Do. appointing Provost and Baillies Admirals as above. 16th January, 1728.
61. Contract, Burgh and feuars of adjacent lands, anent cleaning streets of town. 28th February, 1728.
62. Substitution by Colonel John Middleton of the Provost and Baillies in Deputation, A^s 59. 29th November, 1729.
63. Contract, Dean of Guild and William Durward, anent town's dung. 24th November, 1736.
64. Extract Assedation, Treasurer to George Linton, horsehirer, of casualties of horsehiring. 15th May, 1735.
65. Commission by Earl of Findlater, Vice-Admiral, appointing Provost and Magistrates Depute-Admirals, as in A^s 60. 21st June, 1738.
66. Commission from H.R.H. Duke of Cumberland, appointing interim Magistrates. 8th April, 1746.
67. Warrant from Privy Council sanctioning election of new Town Council. 16th June, 1746.
68. Double of Valuation of tenements and houses in burgh in *anno* 1746.
69. Contract, Treasurer and John Middleton of Seaton, anent road to north of Don, and containing lease of anchorage and shore dues of vessels in mouth of Don for 45 years. 26th November, 1756.
- 69^s. Instrument of Resignation on disposition by George Skene of Rubislaw to burgh of Horpletillam Park of Rubislaw, and stone quarry therein. 7th December, 1757.
- 69^o. Contract, Treasurer and George Moir of Scotstown, anent march between Spittal lands and Old Town Links. 7th April, 1759.
70. Instrument of Resignation on disposition by George Skene to burgh of part of lands of Rubislaw south of the Denburn. 8th Oct., 1760.
71. Commission by Earl of Findlater, Vice-Admiral, appointing Provost and Magistrates Depute-Admirals from Kinneff to Fraserburgh, except Slains. 20th July, 1761.
72. Mass of Writs (8) relating to Earl Marischal's lodging in Castlegate, of dates from 5th June, 1600 to 2nd July, 1766.
73. Commission by Earl of March, Vice-Admiral, in same terms as A^s 71. 12th September, 1768.
74. Discharge, Managers of Infirmary to burgh, of management of funds prior to date of Royal Charter. 26th July, 1775.

75. Commission by Earl of Breadalbane, Vice-Admiral, appointing Provost and Baillies Admiral-Deputes from Whistleberry to Ythan. 30th November, 1776.
76. Commission by Lord William Gordon, Vice-Admiral, in same terms as last. 31st October, 1782.
77. Commission by Lord Cathcart, Vice-Admiral, in same terms as last. 26th May, 1796.
78. Writs of present century.

A⁴. TENEMENTS IN TOWN.

- 1-12. Writs relating to various tenements in town, dating from 23rd September, 1612, to 28th October, 1864.*

A⁴. DECREETS.

- 1-12. Decrets of Declarator, &c., dating from 21st July, 1718, to 1845.

B. BETHELNIE.

- 1-13. Writs relating to the lands of Bethelnie, dating from 22nd July, 1675, to 24th November, 1796.†

B. BOGFAIRLV.

- 1-49. Writs relating to the lands of Bogfairly, dating from 13th May, 1511, to 24th November, 1757.‡

* There is also a Chest containing about nine cubic feet of uncatalogued writs relating to tenements that came into the possession of the Burgh at the time when the New Streets (Union Street, King Street, &c.) were opened up.

† The lands of Bethelnie were disposed to the Master of Mortifications by John Urquhart of Meldrum in payment of £4892 15s. Scots due to Dr. Guild's Mortification, and £2428 7s. Scots due to Catherine Rolland's Mortification, 14th May, 1712. The Disposition is now awaiting. The lands were again feued to the Urquharts for a feuduty of £390 11s. 4d. Scots.

‡ The lands of Bogfairly, part of the old patrimony of the town, were feued out, 18th July, 1552, under the licence by Queen Mary (see p. 48) to Thomas Menzies of Pitfodders, for a feuduty of £3 18s. 8d. They ultimately came into the hands of George Davidson of Pettens, who mortified them for the support of a minister in Aberdeen, 12th March, 1662; and were again feued for behoof of the Mortifications, the Articles of Roup dating 25th August, 1756.

C¹. CAPRASTON.

- 1-19. Writs relative to the lands of Capraston. 18th March, 156¹/₂, to 16th September, 1658.*

C¹. CHAPLAINS.

Writs relative to Feuduties † of the Chaplains of the Church of St. Nicholas.

1. Charter by John de Kyngorne, Vicar, to Vicar and Chaplains, of three feuduties, 4th February, 143⁸/₉. Printed in *Cartularium Ecclesie Sancti Nicholai* (New Spalding Club), i., p. 113.
2. Charter by Mathew Fechat, burgess, to Chaplains of Altar of St. Michael, of sundry feuduties. 18th July, 1462. Printed in *Cart. Eccl. S. Nich.*, i., p. 87.
- 2². Charter by William Scherar, burgess, to Chaplain and Altar of St. Duthac, of two pieces of ground and sundry feuduties, for benefit of chaplains. 31st July, 1464. Printed (in part) in *Cart. Eccl. S. Nich.*, i., p. 19.
3. Charter by John Knollis, burgess, to Chaplains of Altar of St. John the Baptist, of two feuduties. 9th October, 1486. Printed in *Cart. Eccl. S. Nich.*, i., p. 83.
4. Charter by Mariot Bynzie to Richard Crawford of a tenement burdened with a feuduty, to Chaplain of Altar of the Virgin. 24th April, 1487.
5. Sasine to David Waus, Vicar of Banff, of a feuduty from a tenement belonging to John Menzies. 3rd February, 148⁸/₉.
6. Sasine to Andrew Liel, Treasurer, of a feuduty from lands belonging to William Kintor, burgess. 16th August, 1491.
7. Charter by John Knollis, burgess, to John Knollis, his son, of the patronage of the Altar of St. John the Baptist. 16th September, 1492.
8. Instrument of Possession to Mathew Nicholson, Chaplain of Altar of St. Peter, of a tenement in security for a feuduty. 15th April, 1493.
9. Charter by Andrew Gray, Chaplain of Altar of Michael the Archangel, to Curate and Chaplains, of two feuduties. 21st October, 1493.
10. Sasine to Chaplains of a feuduty from lands belonging to John Litster, burgess. 23rd October, 1498.

* These lands were purchased from Alexander Forbes, burgess, for sum of 2500 merks Scots, 7th November, 1595, and sold to Dr. John Gordon in 1722.

† See grants of these to the Burgh, pp. 75, 103, 107, 122, 134, 162, 178, 199, 248, 258, 335.

11. Instrument of Possession to Sir John Prat, Chaplain of Altars of Holy Cross and of St. Thomas and George the Martyr, of a waste land, in security for two feuduties. 8th January, 150³/₄.
12. Charter by Malcolm Crag, burges, to Mr. William Strathachin, Rector of St. Mary ad Nives, of a feuduty from his lands. 5th June, 1505.
13. Sasine to Sir John Striueling, Chaplain of Altar of St. Catharine, of two feuduties from lands belonging to John Cullane, burges. 20th June, 1505.
14. Sasine to Sir John Reid, Chaplain of Altar of St. Christopher, of two feuduties from tenements belonging to Walter Atkin and Patrick Nicholson. 3rd November, 1505.
15. Charter by Alexander Matheson, burges, Patron of Altar of St. Christopher, to Chaplains thereof, of three feuduties, for performance of usual services. 18th February, 150⁶/₇.
16. Sasine thereon. 11th February, 150⁸/₉.
17. Sasine to Mr. John Fleshear, Chancellor of Aberdeen, of part of a tenement belonging to Christina Blinseill. 11th July, 1516.
18. Instrument of Resignation by Sir Thomas Ury, Chaplain, to Chaplains of Altar of Virgin and St. Joseph, of a tenement, for performance, etc. 16th May, 1518.
19. Sasine to Sir John Waus, Chaplain of Altar of Jesus, of tenement belonging to John Arthour. 14th August, 1520. Printed in *Cart. Ecl. S. Nich.*, i., p. 144.
20. Charter by John Collison, burges, to Curate and Chaplains of Choir of sundry tenements, for performance, etc. 5th October, 1520.
21. Sasine thereon.
22. Sasine on resignation by Mr. John Cuming, Canon of Cathedral, to Andrew Stratoun, burges, of a tenement. 15th November, 1521.
- 22². Sasine in favour of Chaplains of Choir, of a feuduty. 8th March, 152¹/₂.
23. Sasine on resignation by William Crag, to Curate and Chaplains, of a feuduty. 1523.
24. Sasine on resignation by Thomas Chalmer, Chaplain of Altar of Virgin, to Vicar and Chaplains of Choir, of a tenement. 13th July, 1527.
25. Sasine on resignation by John Neilson, to Curate and Chaplains of Choir, of a feuduty. 6th November, 1531.
26. Charter, Andrew Durty, burges, to Curate and Chaplains, of a tenement in security for a feuduty. 31st March, 1533.

27. Charter by John Collison, burges, to Sir William Coupar, Chaplain, of a feuduty. 27th February, 153⁴₅.
28. Sasine on resignation by Walter Howeson, burges, to said Sir William Coupar, of a feuduty. 17th March, 153⁴₅.
29. Sasine on resignation by John Murray, burges, to Curate and Chaplains, of a feuduty. 24th Nov., 1535.
30. Copy Charter, by David Anderson, burges, to Curate and Chaplains, of a feuduty. 27th May, 1536. Printed in *Cart. Ecd. S. Nich.*, i., p. 172.
31. Sasine on resignation by Sir Andrew Scherar, Vicar of Nigg, to George Scherar, burges, of a feuduty. 18th January, 153⁶₇.
32. Charter, by Andrew Murray, burges, to Curate and Chaplains, of a feuduty. 21st Oct., 1537.
33. Charter by Thomas Chalmer, Chaplain of Altar of Virgin, to Henry Marchand, burges, of a tenement for payment of a feuduty. 13th March, 153⁷₈.
34. Charter by John Mair, burges, to Chaplains of Choir, of two feuduties. 26th March, 1538.
35. Instrument of Possession to Sir Robert Spark, Chaplain of Altar of St. Duthac, of a waste land in security of a feuduty. 31st January, 154⁰₁.
36. Sasine on precept of Clare Constat, by Mr. Robert Smith, Collector for Vicars and Chaplains, in favour of John Gordon, in Myltoun, of sundry crofts. 16th July, 1548.
37. Charter by Vicars of Choir, to Sir Andrew Jaffray, Chaplain of Choir, of a piece of ground for a feuduty. 25th December, 1552.
38. Sasine thereon.
39. Charter by Sir Alexander Robertson, Chaplain, to Chaplains of Choir, of a feuduty. 19th April, 1554.
40. Copy Retour of whole Church lands within shire of Kincardine. 4th March, 155⁴₅.
41. Presentation by Elizabeth Pratt of Sir William Walcar as Chaplain of Altar of St. Thomas. 1st August, 1560.
42. Register of Baillie Court Decrees for unpaid feuduties of Chaplains. 9th June, 1546, to 20th August, 1576.
43. Charter by Mr. Alexander Wrycht, Chaplain of Altar of Jesus, to John Burnett, burges, of a tenement for feuduties to said Altar, and to Chaplains of Choir. 30th April, 1578.

44. Sasine thereon.
45. Charter by John Cheyne of Tilliebourie, to Alexander Cheyne, his son, of the patronage of the Altar of St. Martin. 13th September, 1581.
46. Institution, by Andrew Scherar, burgess, of William Scherar, his son, to the Altar of St. Duthac. 23rd April, 1585.
47. Inventory of Writs of lands and feuduties belonging formerly to Chaplains and now to burgh. 24th May, 1593.
48. Sasine to William Knowis, burgess, and resignation by the same to George Knowis, his brother, of patronage of Altar of John the Baptist. 17th April, 1599.
49. Decreet before Commissary, burgh agt. Alexander Keith of Balnair, for a feuduty. 3rd December, 1602.
50. Inventory of Writs of Chaplains. 3rd May, 1622.
51. Inventory of Writs of Black Friars of Aberdeen, taken away in 1559, and restored 23rd December, 1625.
52. Petition to Town Council, by William Scherar, demitting his rights to Altar of St. Duthac. 17th March, 1630.
53. Summons by burgh for a feuduty granted 9th April, 1378, for supporting Calsey at Cowie Month. 14th June, 1630.

C². CHURCH AND BRIDGE WORKS.

- 1-15. Writs relating to Ducat Croft. 31st January, 1609, to 28th June, 1804.
- 1-11. Miscellanea. 4th March, 158³/₅, to 13th November, 1813.
- 1-13. Writs relating to South Church. 17th July, 1778, to 11th December, 1828.

C². COLLEGE.

1. Marischal College. Charter of Novodamus, by William Earl Marischal. 7th October, 1623.
2. Contract, burgh and Robert Downy, librarian-nominate of Mar. Coll. 8th February, 1632.
3. Contract between the same. 3rd August, 1652.
4. Contract between the same. 14th November, 1659.
5. Act of Council nominating David Gregorie librarian. 4th November, 1663.
6. Copy Contract following thereon. 1664.
7. Mass of Writs (10) relative to process between burgh and college anent patronage of libarianship. Of dates from 5th January, 1674, to 18th June, 1675.
8. Contract, burgh and college, anent Reid's mortification. 3rd May, 1707.

9. Discharge by college for payment of twenty guineas towards purchase of philosophical instruments. 28th April, 1727.
10. Copy Articles of Union between King's and Marischal Colleges. 8th November, 1754.
11. Extract Decreet Arbitral by Earl of Findlater anent Union. 21st March, 1755.
12. Duplicate of last.

D. DEAN OF GUILD.

- 1-7. Writs relative to the Dean of Guild. 11th December, 1725, to 14th September, 1801.

E¹. EASTER ECHT.

- 1-30. Writs relative to the lands of Easter Echt, dating from 11th May, 1629, to 21st September, 1764.*

E². ELSICK.

- 1-25. Writs relative to the lands of Elsick, dating from 4th October, 1387, to 12th February, 1812.†

F. FERRYHILL.

- 1-73. Writs relative to the lands of Ferryhill, dating from 30th March, 1543, to 17th September, 1744. No. 67 is printed on p. 373, No. XXIII., and No. 68 on p. 148, No. XLV.‡

G. GILCOMSTON.

- 1-74. Writs relative to the lands of Gilcomston, dating from 28th May, 1541, to 21st September, 1814.§

K¹. KINMUNDY.

- 1-26. Writs relative to lands of Kinmundy, dating from 15th December, 1665, to 28th July, 1824.||

* Purchased by George Mowat, Dean of Guild, from Dr. James Gregory, 28th June, 1727, and conveyed by Town to Collector of Kirk Session in terms of Decreet Arbitral dated 29th March, 1788.

† The Superiority purchased for behoof of Guild Brethren's Hospital from Sir Alex. Bannerman, 1754.

‡ Mortified by Dr. Patrick Dun for the maintenance of four masters of the Grammar School. 3rd August, 1631.

§ Purchased by the Treasurer from Gilbert Menzies of Pitfoddels, for sum of 26,000 merks. 8th June, 1680. Feued out 1749 and subsequently.

|| Purchased from Robert Menzies of Kinmundy for behoof of Guild Brethren's Hospital. 12th February, 1730, and feued out. Articles of Roup dated 14th August, 1749.

K². KIRKHILL.

1-32. Writs relative to lands of Kirkhill dating from 31st March, 1550, to 13th November, 1754.*

M¹. MORTIFICATIONS (1st Division).

- 1-3. Sir Alexander Hay, for support of Bridge of Don. 1st February, 1605, to 9th July, 1606. No. 1 is printed on p. 351, No. XIX., and No. 3 on p. 250, No. XX.
- 4, 5. John Johnston, for a bursary in Marischal College. 9th July, 1611, to April, 1633.
6. Duncan Liddell, for bursaries; v. *infra* p. 405, Note §.
7. James Cargill, for a bursary. 13th March, 1616.
- 8, 9. Alexander Irvine of Drum, for a bursary. 26th December, 1629, to 25th May, 1649.
10. Catharine Rolland, for a bursary. 9th December, 1659.
11. James Milne, " 2nd June, 1677.
12. John Turner, " 1st September, 1704.
13. Bishop Gilbert Burnet, " 24th October, 1711.
14. Rev. Alexander Smith, " 11th December, 1749.
15. Alexander Cullen, for Parish Church. 20th August, 1584.
- 16, 20, 21. James Rolland, for Futtie Church. 1st September, 1631, to 15th August, 1633.
- 17, 18. Thomas Gray, " 20th May, 1633.
19. Andrew Meldrum, " 20th May, 1633.
22. George Davidson, for Churches of Aberdeen and Newhills, etc. 7th May, 1663.
- 23-25. James Rolland, for a seat and burial lair in Town Kirk. 4th July, 1660, to 31st May, 1722.
26. Alexander Massie, for Church of St. Nicholas, Trades Hospital, etc. 15th April, 1740.
27. Duncan Liddel, for Chair of Mathematics in Marischal College. 9th December, 1613.
- 28-31. Patrick Copland, for Chair of Divinity in Marischal College. 27th January, 1616, to 21st December, 1625.

* Purchased, for sum of £870 sterling, from Colin Campbell, younger, son of Rev. Colin Campbell, Minister in Aberdeen, for behoof of the Six Mortifications (see p. 406, Note †), 13th November, 1754, and feued out in 1786.

- 32, 33*. Dr. William Guild, for an entrance to Marischal College. 11th March,
9th April, 1633.
- 34, 35. Bessy Lawson, for Secretary Reid's mortification. 12th August,
5th September, 1633.
36. Charter by Dr. Patrick Dun, printed on p. 373, No. XXIII.
37. George Robertson, for a bursar at Grammar School, etc. 26th October, 1644.
38. Baillie Robert Cruickshank, to Guild Box. 25th December, 1663.
39. Robert Cruickshank of Banchory, ,, 18th March, 1715.
- 40, 41. Alexander Ritchie, ,, 5th January, 1734, to 21st
June, 1766.
42. Mass of Writs (19) anent Chaplains' feu-duties out of lands in Inverury,
Essintully, and Findon, granted to burgh by A^s 27, 60, 72, and A^s 4,
and mortified by burgh to St. Thomas' Hospital (19th August, 1575):
dating from 27th April, 1475, to 2nd July, 1600.
43. Walter Wischert, to ditto. 20th August, 1601.
44. James Mowat, to ditto. 6th December, 1619.
45. George Currou, to ditto. 25th July, 1754.
46. John Fraser, to ditto. 11th January, 1754.
47. William Gerard, to ditto. 2nd July, 1767.
48. Mrs. Ann White, to ditto. 8th December, 1785.
49. Petition by Ann Cruden relative to ditto. 11th December, 1792.
50. Mrs. Mary Playfair, to Unmarried Women. 30th January, 1869.
51. Provost William Leslie, for support of his tomb. 13th June, 1882.

M^l. MORTIFICATIONS (2nd Division).

- 1, 2. Lady Drum's, for poor widows and virgins. 26th May, 1633, to
25th April, 1641.
3. Agnes Durie (?) to Lady Drum's Hospital. 8th June, 1721.
- 4, 5. Writs relative to ditto. 5th May, 1798, to 18th June, 1807.
6. Lady Fraser of Durriss, for various purposes. 23rd August, 1753.
- 7, 8. Robert Gordon, for a Hospital. 13th December, 1729.
9. Jean Guild, for poor widows and virgins. 24th December, 1634.
10. Jean Guild, for orphans (Black Friars Manse). 15th and 17th March, 1649.
- 11, 12. Masses of Writs (29) relative to last mortification. 29th August,
1618, to 9th September, 1675.
- 13, 14. Charter and Sasine by Marischal College, for purposes thereof. 9th
September, 1675.

* The greater portion of Nos. 4 to 14 and 27 to 33 will be found printed in the *Fasti Academiae Mariscallanae* (New Spalding Club).

- 15, 16. Robert Johnstone, for the poor. 29th January, 1640.
 17. John Kemp, for a school. 3rd April, 1713.
 18. James Milne, for widows of burgesses. 2nd June, 1677.
 19, 20. John Rickart, for support of his tomb, etc. 20th October, 1740,
 and 3rd December, 1744.
 21. Lady Rothiemay, for a schoolmistress. 4th June, 1642.
 22. Isobel Tosh, for the poor, etc. 6th June, 1624.
 23. Decreet Arbitral anent purchase of lands of Muchals by Master of Mor-
 tifications. 30th July, 1761.
 24-39. George Taylor, for decayed master tradesmen. 13th July, 1839.

M². MURTLÉ.

- 1-50. Writs relative to the lands of Milltoun of Murtle. 26th September,
 1550, to 5th August, 1797.*
 1-7. Writs relative to lands of Southfield of Murtle. 15th July, 1612, to 24th
 September, 1650. †
 1-13. Writs relative to the lands of Murtle. 1551 to 6th June, 1798. ‡

P¹. PETTANS.

- 1-13. Writs relative to the lands of Pettans, mortified by George Davidson
 for payment of a stipend to a minister (12th March, 1662) *v*
 "Bogfairly". 6th October, 1643, to 28th June, 1756.

P². PITMEDDEN.

- 1-8. Writs relative to lands of Pitmedden. 12th June, 1612, to 9th May, 1775.§
 No. 4² is printed on p. 141, No. XLIV.

S¹. SHETTOCKSLEY.

- 1-54. Writs relative to the lands of Shettocksley. 3rd March, 154⁷/₈, to 9th
 June, 1762.||

* Mortified for sundry purposes by Catherine Rolland (9th December, 1659); and feued: Articles of Roup dated 5th August, 1797.

† Mortified and feued as above.

‡ Purchased by the Master of Mortifications from Alexander Irvine of Murtle. 26th August, 1758, and feued: Articles of Roup dated 7th April, 1759.

§ Mortified (12th June, 1612) for support of Bursars at Marischal College by Dr. Duncan Liddell; and feued: Articles of Roup dated 14th August, 1749.

|| Part of the original patrimony of the burgh, feued, under Queen Mary's licence, 8th July, 1557, to Gilbert Tullideff. Purchased by Dean of Guild for behoof of Guild Wine Fund, from James Burnet, 21st September, 1677, and feued out 10th September, 1702. Repurchased by Treasurer from Jean Erskine, for sum of £1250, 10th September, 1759, and finally feued to James Young in 1767.

S². SKENE.

1-106. Writs relative to the lands of Easter Skene. 14th January, 155³, to 26th April, 1825.*

T¹. TORRY.

1-49. Writs relative to the lands of Torry. 15th April, 1512, to 3rd March, 1619.

T². TORRY.

1-55 Writs relative to the lands of Torry. 15th July, 1620, to 8th February, 1883.† No. 40 is printed on p. 222, No. LIV.

T³. TEINDS.

1-26. Writs relative to the Teinds of St. Nicholas. 12th April, 1570, 22nd June, 1774.‡ No. 11 is printed on p. 199, No. XLVII.; No. 12 on p. 258, No. XXV.; No. 14 on p. 211, No. LII.; and No. 18 on p. 216, No. LIII.

* First portion purchased by the Dean of Guild from Alexander Maitland of Pittrichie, 29th May, 1710; second portion from David Young Baillie of Brechin, 16th May, 1712. Feued in 1788 and subsequently.

† Purchased by the Master of Mortifications from Sir William Forbes of Monymusk, for behoof of Six Mortifications Nos. 7, 27, 28, etc. See p. 403. Resignation dated 12th January, 1705. Feued out in 1786.

‡ Came into town's possession under Charters XLVI. and LIII., by Charles I. and George II. (see pp. 155, 216). Let to the heritors in tacks of 19 times 19 years, from Whitsunday, 1744.

TOWN COUNCIL REGISTER.

(Containing proceedings of the Council, the Baillie, Guild, and Head Courts.)*

Fragment (parchment roll).† 1317.

Vol. I. Michaelmas, 1398, to 18th April, 1407. 328 pp.

II. Michaelmas, 1408, to September, 1414. 219 pp.

III. Missing.

IV. 11th January, 143³, to 28th February, 144⁷. 522 pp.

V¹. 1st April, 1448, to 27th August, 1468. 644 pp.

V². 30th September, 1441, to 26th April, 1465. 206 pp.‡

VI. 14th November, 1466, to 30th December, 1486. 985 pp.§

VII. 1st February, 148⁶, to 25th September, 1501. 1123 pp.

VIII. 4th October, 1501, to 13th November, 1509. 1211 pp.

IX. 20th July, 1511, to 18th December, 1517. 783 pp.

X. 4th October, 1518, to 23rd December, 1521. 396 pp.

XI. 23rd December, 1521, to 14th May, 1526. 722 pp.

XII¹. — July, 1526, to 28th September, 1528. 419 pp.

XII². 5th October, 1528, to 16th September, 1530. 464 pp.

XIII. 3rd October, 1530, to 26th September, 1532. 523 pp.

XIV. 30th September, 1532, to 11th September, 1535. 630 pp.

XV. 4th October, 1535, to 17th September, 1538. 738 pp.

XVI. 30th September, 1538, to 26th September, 1541. 887 pp.

* See *Extracts from the Council Register of the Burgh of Aberdeen* (Spalding Club), vol. i., 1398-1570; vol. ii., 1570-1625: *Ibid.* (Burgh Records Society), vol. i., 1625-1642; vol. ii., 1643-1747. The matter contained in the 1537 printed pages of these four volumes is probably only about one thirtieth of the contents of the 50,081 pages of the Council Register for the period 1398-1747. According to a Report by Mr. P. J. Anderson, submitted to the Council, 3rd May, 1886, the number of references requisite for a thoroughly satisfactory index (of subjects, names of persons, and names of places) to the 68,140 pages of the MS. Register 1398-1884, would be not less than one million and a-half.

† Printed *in extenso* in Spalding Club *Miscellany*, vol. v., p. 1.

‡ This volume contains only Guild Court proceedings.

§ From 1466 to 1468 the entries have reference to Guild Court proceedings.

- XVII. 7th October, 1541, to 26th October, 1543. 631 pp.
 XVIII. 29th October, 1543, to 23rd January, 1545. 596 pp.
 XIX. — January, 1545, to 27th February, 1547. 480 pp.
 XX. 9th April, 1548, to 3rd June, 1551. 573 pp.
 XXI. 17th July, 1551, to 8th March, 1554. 866 pp.
 XXII. 15th March, 1554, to 5th August, 1558. 821 pp.
 XXIII. 8th August, 1558, to 8th August, 1560. 338 pp.
 XXIV. 30th September, 1560, to 15th June, 1563. 706 pp.
 XXV. 28th June, 1563, to 28th September, 1565. 685 pp.
 XXVI. 1st October, 1565, to 16th February, 1569. 709 pp.
 XXVII. 18th February, 1569, to 27th March, 1573. 849 pp.
 XXVIII. 3rd April, 1573, to 25th September, 1576. 806 pp.
 XXIX. 1st October, 1576, to 15th January, 1580. 890 pp.
 XXX. 15th January, 1580, to 27th October, 1582. 735 pp.
 XXXI. 29th October, 1582, to 26th February, 1586. 744 pp.
 XXXII. 25th February, 1586, to 14th February, 1590. 644 pp.
 XXXIII. 13th January, 1589, to 3rd December, 1590. 889 pp.
 XXXIII². 4th December, 1590, to 28th February, 1592. 512 pp.
 XXXIV¹. 1st October, 1591, to 25th September, 1593. 513 pp.
 XXXIV². 2nd October, 1592, to 25th September, 1593. 452 pp.
 XXXV. 26th September, 1593, to 25th September, 1594. 421 pp.
 XXXVI¹. 25th September, 1594, to 26th September, 1597. 773 pp.
 XXXVI². 28th September, 1597, to 1st March, 1598.* 89 pp.
 XXXVII. 28th September, 1597, to 27th September, 1598. 906 pp.
 XXXVIII. 27th September, 1598, to 24th November, 1599. 989 pp.
 XXXIX. 26th November, 1599, to 5th June, 1601. 1073 pp.
 XL. 5th June, 1601, to 18th February, 1603. 1096 pp.
 XLI. 22nd February, 1603, to 5th January, 1605. 1032 pp.
 XLII. 8th January, 1605, to 7th February, 1607. 1140 pp.
 XLIII. 7th February, 1607, to 29th July, 1609. 1151 pp.
 XLIV. 1st August, 1609, to 9th July, 1611. 1138 pp.
 XLV. 10th July, 1611, to 7th January, 1613. 904 pp.
 XLVI. 12th January, 1613, to 14th November, 1614. 887 pp.
 XLVII. 15th November, 1614, to 30th December, 1616. 840 pp.
 XLVIII. 1st January, 1617, to 17th October, 1618. 552 pp.

* Council proceedings only.

- XLIX. 20th October, 1618, to 18th May, 1621. 940 pp.
L. 19th May, 1621, to 8th June, 1624. 939 pp.
LI^a. 25th September, 1622, to 1st September, 1630. 583 pp.
LI^b. 11th June, 1624, to 12th March, 1629. 1038 pp.
LI^c. 13th March, 1629, to 14th June, 1634. 850 pp.
LII^a. 22nd September, 1630, to 19th June, 1644. 838 pp.
LII^b. 17th June, 1634, to 24th December, 1639. 919 pp.
LIII^a. 26th June, 1644, to 24th November, 1658. 644 pp.
LIII^b. 7th January, 1640, to 26th April, 1648. 939 pp.
LIV. 1st December, 1658, to 27th February, 1667.* 735 pp.
LV. 6th March, 1667, to 10th February, 1675. 644 pp.
LVI. 17th February, 1675, to 12th July, 1682. 669 pp.
LVII. 19th July, 1682, to 20th December, 1704. 897 pp.
LVIII. 1st January, 1705, to 23rd September, 1721. 720 pp.
LIX. 27th September, 1721, to 18th September, 1728. 450 pp.
LX. 25th September, 1728, to 12th September, 1741. 726 pp.
LXI. 23rd September, 1741, to 18th September, 1753. 724 pp.
LXII. 24th September, 1753, to 11th October, 1763. 732 pp.
LXIII. 26th October, 1763, to 21st September, 1773. 458 pp.
LXIV. 22nd September, 1773, to 9th September, 1782. 512 pp.
LXV. 17th September, 1782, to 10th May, 1788. 464 pp.
LXVI. 3rd June, 1788, to 9th October, 1793. 518 pp.
LXVII. 29th October, 1793, to 21st May, 1800. 526 pp.
LXVIII.-XCV. 21st May, 1800, to 3rd March, 1884.† 14435 pp.

* From this volume onward the *Register* contains Council proceedings only.

† From 9th November, 1883, the Minutes have been printed and bound in one volume yearly.

BURGH REGISTER OF SASINES.*

- I. 2nd June, 1484, to 10th January, 150¹/₂.
 II. 10th January, 150²/₂, to 5th June, 1507.[†]
 III. 8th May, 1507, to 26th July, 1514.
 IV. 17th August, 1517, to 24th January, 154³/₄.
 V¹. Protocol Book of David Nicolson.[‡] 9th February, 152⁰/₁, to 12th January, 153⁴/₅.
 V². Protocol Book of David Setton. 28th June, 1534, to 21st January, 157⁷/₈.
 VI. Protocol Book of John Nicolson. 25th November, 1535, to 5th May, 1545.
 VII. Protocol Book of John Kennedy.§ 20th November, 1542,|| to 12th August, 1555.
 VIII. Protocol Book of John Nicholson. 18th May, 1545, to 10th December, 1558.
 IX. *Ibid.* 3rd July, 1554, to 30th August, 1558.
 X. Protocol Book of John Kennedy. 7th April, 1555, to 21st January, 155⁶/₇.
 XI. *Ibid.* 9th April, 1557, to 27th October, 1563.
 XII. *Ibid.* 2nd September, 1564, to 28th October, 1568.
 XIII. *Ibid.* 22nd April, 1567, to 31st March, 1572.
 XIV. *Ibid.* 8th November, 1568, to 30th March, 1576.
 XV. *Ibid.* 9th April, 1572, to 28th February, 157⁴/₅.

* See Note by David Laing on the subject of Protocol Books in *Proc. Soc. Ant. Scot.*, Vol. ii., p. 350. Cf. Notes by Thomas Thomson on pp. 352, 384; Vol. v., p. 141.

† There are no entries from May, 1502, to April, 1503.

‡ Appears as Depute Town Clerk in 1530 (*C. R.*, xiii. 47).

§ Admitted Depute in 1568 (*C. R.*, xxvi. 391); and Principal Clerk in 1588 (*C. R.*, xxxii. 459).

|| The second entry is dated 29th March, 1550.

- XVI. Protocol Book (No. 1) of Thomas Mollison.* 30th July, 1573, to 5th August, 1577.
- XVII¹. Protocol Book of John Kennedy. 19th April, 1572, to 13th October, 1578.
- XVII². *Ibid.* 4th April, 1576, to 17th March, 158^o.
- XVIII. Protocol Book (No. 2) of Thomas Mollison. 8th August, 1577, to 4th March, 158⁸.
- XIX. Protocol Book of John Kennedy. 26th March, 1578, to 12th March, 158¹.
- XX. *Ibid.* 28th March, 1582, to 31st December, 1587.
- XXI. Protocol Book (No. 2 *bis*) of Thomas Mollison. 20th April, 1584, to 30th April, 1588.†
- XXII. Protocol Book of John Kennedy. 6th April, 1588, to 7th June, 1589.
- XXIII. Protocol Book (No. 3) of Thomas Mollison. 4th May, 1588, to 10th November, 1591.‡
- XXIV. *Ibid.* (No. 4). 11th November, 1591, to 22nd May, 1595.
- XXV. *Ibid.* (No. 5). 23rd May, 1595, to 14th May, 1597.
- XXVI. *Ibid.* (No. 6). 14th May, 1597, to 1st March, 159⁹.
- XXVII. Protocol Book (No. 1) of Walter Robertson.§ 10th November, 1593, to 4th April, 1601.
- XXVIII. Protocol Book (No. 7) of Thomas Mollison. 14th March, 159⁸, to 17th March, 1603.
- XXIX. Protocol Book (No. 2) of Walter Robertson. 8th May, 1601, to 3rd March, 1624.
- XXX. Protocol Book (No. 9) of Thomas Mollison. 19th March, 1603, to 8th June, 1607.
- XXXI. *Ibid.* (No. 10). 10th June, 1607, to 16th November, 1610.
- XXXII. *Ibid.* (No. 11). 17th November, 1610, to 23rd March, 1614.
- XXXIII. *Ibid.* (No. 12). 19th April, 1614, to 12th September, 1617.
- XXXIV. *Ibid.* (No. 13). 15th September, 1617, to 19th July, 1621.
- XXXV. *Ibid.* (No. 14). 19th July, 1621, to 21st October, 1622.
- XXXVI. Protocol Book (No. 3) of Walter Robertson. 4th March, 1624, to 19th January, 1630.

* Admitted Depute in 1588 (*C. R.*, xxxii. 459); and Principal Clerk, 1593 (*C. R.*, xxxiv. 962); died 3rd November, 1622 (*Minute Book*).

† All the entries in this volume are transcribed in vol. xviii. above.

‡ The entries on pp. 1-106 are transcribed in vol. xviii.

§ Admitted Principal Clerk in 1622 (*C. R.*, l. 448); died 7th April, 1643 (*M. B.*).

- XXXVII. Protocol Book of John Ingram (No. 1).^{*} 25th January, 1622. to 24th October, 1636. And Protocol Book of George, Robertson. 13th February, 1633, to 2nd May, 1644.
- XXXVIII. Protocol Book (No. 4) of Walter Robertson. 1st February, 1630, to 19th September, 1637.
- XXXIX. *Ibid.* (No. 5). 3rd October, 1637, to 9th February, 1643.
- XI. Protocol Book of Patrick Chalmers.[†] 19th May, 1643, to 21st November, 1646. And Protocol Book of John Chalmers.[‡] 1st December, 1646, to 11th November, 1648.
- XLI. Protocol Book of Thomas Mowat.[§] 26th February, 1648, to 28th November, 1648.
- XLII. Protocol Book (No. 1) of James Sandilands.^{||} 10th January, 1649, to 28th October, 1654.
- XLIII. *Ibid.* (No. 2). 2nd November, 1654, to 21st August, 1660.
- XLIV. Protocol Book of John Alexander.[¶] 6th September, 1660, to 30th November, 1661. And Protocol Book of James Kennedy.^{**} 14th December, 1661, to 23rd February, 1667.
- XLV. Protocol Book of James Kennedy. 23rd February, 1667, to 17th February, 1672.
- XLVI. Protocol Book (No. 1) of Alexander Robertson.^{††} 2nd March, 1672, to 11th May, 1674.
- XLVII. *Ibid.* (No. 2). 27th May, 1674, to 26th August, 1676.
- XLVIII. *Ibid.* (No. 3). 11th September, 1676, to 25th October, 1679.
- XLIX. *Ibid.* (No. 4). 23rd October, 1679, to 11th June, 1684.

^{*} Admitted Depute in 1628 (C. R., li^l. 425).

[†] Admitted Town Clerk in 1643 (C. R., lii^l. 790); died 3rd December, 1646 (M. B.).

[‡] Admitted conjunct Clerk with John Chalmers in 1647 (C. R., liii^l. 113).

[§] Admitted Depute in 1643 (C. R., lii^l. 793), and Principal Clerk in 1647 (liii^l. 110); resigns in 1647 (liii^l. 194).

^{||} Admitted Town Clerk 10th January, 1649 (C. R., liii^l. 200); died 17th August, 1660 (M. B.).

[¶] Admitted Town Clerk 22nd August, 1660 (C. R., liv. 202); died 21st March, 1661 (M. B.). Not being a Notary, he granted no sasines. His depute, Alexander Bruce, acted, but there are no entries from December, 1660, to April, 1661.

^{**} Admitted Town Clerk 7th December, 1661 (C. R., liv. 267); dismissed in 1672 (C. R., lv. 373).

^{††} Admitted Town Clerk 1st March, 1672 (C. R., lv. 376).

- L. Protocol Book (No. 5). 10th June, 1684, to 1st October, 1688.
- LI. *Ibid.* (No. 6). 1st October, 1688, to 26th March, 1692. And Protocol Book (No. 1) of John Moir.* 31st March, 1692, to 8th March, 1694.
- LII. Protocol Book (No. 2) of John Moir. 8th March, 1694, to 11th August, 1694. And Protocol Book (No. 1) of Alexander Thomson.† 25th August, 1694, to 13th August, 1700.
- LIII. Protocol Book (No. 2) of Alexander Thomson. 9th September, 1700, to 23rd December, 1709.
- LIV. *Ibid.* (No. 3) 21st January, 1710, to 29th November, 1714.
- LV. *Ibid.* (No. 4) 3rd January, 1715, to 23rd December, 1721.
- LVI. *Ibid.* (No. 5) 22nd January, 1722, to 20th June, 1727.
- LVII. Protocol Book (No. 1) of Robert Thomson.‡ 27th June, 1727, to 16th December, 1731.
- LVIII. *Ibid.* (No. 2) 22nd January, 1732, to 7th July, 1740.
- LIX. *Ibid.* (No. 3) 12th July, 1740, to 29th April, 1747.
- LX. *Ibid.* (No. 4). 30th April, 1747, to 27th July, 1752.
- LXI. *Ibid.* (No. 5). 11th August, 1752, to 3rd May, 1756.
- LXII. *Ibid.* (No. 6). 17th May, 1756, to 16th May, 1759.
- LXIII. *Ibid.* (No. 7). 16th May, 1759, to 14th February, 1763.
- LXIV. *Ibid.* (No. 8). 19th February, 1763, to 23rd August, 1766.
- LXV. *Ibid.* (No. 9). 5th September, 1766, to 20th April, 1767. And Protocol Book of Alexander Carnegie (No. 1).§ 7th May, 1767, to 23rd December 1769.
- LXVI. Protocol Book (No. 2) of Alexander Carnegie. 23rd December, 1769, to 16th January, 1772.
- LXVII. *Ibid.* (No. 3) 23rd January, 1772, to 17th November, 1773.
- LXIX. *Ibid.* (No. 4). 18th November, 1773, to 12th January, 1775.
- LXX. *Ibid.* (No. 5). 14th January, 1775, to 3rd July, 1776.
- LXXI. *Ibid.* (No. 6). 3rd July, 1776, to 26th November, 1778.
- LXXII. *Ibid.* (No. 7). 11th December, 1778, to 23rd January, 1781.
- LXXIII. *Ibid.* (No. 8). 7th February, 1781, to 26th June, 1783.
- LXXIV. *Ibid.* (No. 9). 7th July, 1783, to 9th June, 1784.

* Admitted conjunct Clerk with Alexander Robertson in 1689 (C. R., lvii. 302, 312).

† Admitted conjunct Clerk with John Moir in 1694 (C. R., lvii. 449).

‡ Admitted conjunct Clerk with his father in 1724 (C. R., lix. 142). Died 29th April, 1767 (M. B.).

§ Admitted conjunct Clerk with Robert Thomson in 1762 (C. R., lxii. 328).

- LXXV. Protocol Book (No. 10). 9th June, 1784, to 1st May, 1786.
 LXXVI. *Ibid.* (No. 11). 3rd May, 1786, to 10th December, 1788.
 LXXVII. *Ibid.* (No. 12). 10th December, 1788, to 4th September, 1790.
 LXXVIII. *Ibid.* (No. 13). 8th October, 1790, to 14th July, 1792.
 LXXIX. *Ibid.* (No. 14). 17th July, 1792, to 26th February, 1794.
 LXXX. *Ibid.* (No. 15). 11th March, 1794, to 18th October, 1795.
 LXXXI. *Ibid.* (No. 16). 19th October, 1795, to 26th July, 1797.
 LXXXII¹. *Ibid.* (No. 17). 1st August, 1797, to 31st May, 1799.
 LXXXII². *Ibid.* (No. 18). 1st June, 1799, to 31st December, 1800.
 LXXXIII.-LXXXVII. *Ibid.* (Nos 19-23) 31st December, 1800, to 15th May, 1806.
 LXXXVII. (*cont.*) to LXXXIX. Protocol Books (Nos. 1-3) of William Carnegie.* 29th May, 1806, to 11th November, 1809.
 A new series begins 22nd November, 1809, and up to October, 1889, numbers 205 volumes.

- Minute Books.— I. 30th July, 1573, to 8th March, 1694.
 II. 8th March, 1694, to 29th October, 1791.
 III.—To date.

* Admitted conjunct Clerk with his father in 1793 (*C. R.*, lxxvii. 8).

REGISTER OF DEEDS RECORDED IN THE BURGH COURT.

First Series.

- Vol. I. 5th May, 1569, to 20th September, 1575.
 II. 4th September, 1575, to 27th December, 1594.
 III. 9th May, 1594, to 9th June, 1598.
 IV. 10th June, 1598, to 16th December, 1606.
 V. 17th January, 1607, to 7th August, 1616.
 VI. 31st August, 1616, to 30th December, 1626.
 VII. 6th January, 1627, to 28th November, 1637.
 VIII. 30th November, 1637, to 28th June 1643.
 IX. 13th December, 1648, to — January, 1660.
 X. 14th January, 1660, to 5th July, 1667.
 XI. 5th July, 1667, to 6th August, 1675.
 XII. 4th March, 1682, to 29th March, 1687.
 XIII. 4th January, 1689, to 24th December, 1703.
 XIV. 5th January, 1704, to 1st July, 1710.

Minute Book, 5th May, 1569, to 17th June, 1640.

Do., 21st January, 1650, to 26th May, 1696.

*Second Series.**

Vols. I. to XIII. 14th November, 1809, to 11th February, 1880.

Minute Book, January, 1753, to September, 1815.

Do., October, 1815, to February, 1869.

The original deeds are preserved tied up in bundles:

1590-1710, 18 bundles.

1710-1809, 48 „

1809 to date, 10 „

Various dates, 4 „

* Under Act 40, Geo. III., cap. 42.

ACCOUNTS.

(1) *Treasury*.*

- Vol. I[†]. Accounts of Collector of Chaplain's Feuduties for year 1605.
 Do. Guildry, 1612-13.
 Do. Guild Box, 1618-19.
 Do. Treasury, 1559-60, 1595-6 to 1596-7, 1600-1, 1607-8, 1637-8 (Rentals for same year, 1638-9, 1641-2, Rental for 1645-6), 1690-1 to 1691-2.
 Accounts of Kirk and Bridge Works, Rental for 1642-3.
 Do. Hospital, 1606-7, 1619-20 (Rentals for 1629-30, 1634-5, and 1641-2).
- I². Accounts of Treasury, 1614-5, 1620-1, 1623-24 to 1624-25 (Rental 1629), 1702-3.
 Guildry Casualties, 1689-90.
 Accounts of Repairing Bridge of Don, 1607 to 1609.
 Do. Kirk and Bridge Works, 1622-3.
 Do. Mortifications, 1694-5 to 1695-6.
 Do. Shore Works, 1607-8, 1626-7, 1639-40.
- I³. Treasury Accounts for years 1577-8 to 1578-9, 1582-3 to 1585-6, 1588-9 to 1589-90, 1591-2 to 1592-3, 1594-5, 1597-8 to 1599-1600, 1610-2 to 1605-6, 1608-9, 1610-11, 1612-13 to 1613-14, 1617-18 to 1619-20, 1624-25 to 1636-7, 1638-9 to 1658-59.
 1611-12 (unbound).
- II. Accounts for years 1669-60 to 1689-90, 1692-3 to 1699-1700.
- III. Do. 1700-1 to 1724-5.
 IV. Do. 1725-6 to 1749-50.
 V. Do. 1750-1 to 1769-70.
 VI. Do. 1770-1 to 1779-80.
 VII. Do. 1780-1 to 1789-90.
 VIII. Do. 1790-1 to 1799-1800.
 IX. Do. 1800-1 to 1805-6.
 X. Do. 1806-7 to 1811-2.†

* See Spalding Club *Miscellany*, vol. v., p. 111.

† From 1812 onwards the Accounts form two series, "Treasury" and "Officebearers," the latter including Mortifications, Kirk and Bridge Works, Guildry, and Hospital.

(2) *Mortifications.*

Vol. I. Accounts of Dr. Liddel's Mortification, 1615 to 1622.

Treasury Accounts, 1621-2 to 1622-3.

Mortification Accounts,* 1622-3 to 1672-3.

II. Mortification Accounts for years 1673-4 to 1699-1700. (See also *Treasury Accounts*, vol. i².)

III. Mortification Accounts for years 1700-1 to 1712-3.

IV. Do. 1713-4 to 1724-5.

V. Do. 1725-6 to 1736-7.

VI. Do. 1737-8 to 1738-9, 1740-1 to 1749-50.

VII. Do. 1750-1 to 1759-60.

VIII. Do. 1760-1 to 1769-70.

IX. Do. 1770-1 to 1775-6, 1777-8 to 1778-79.

X. Do. 1779-80 to 1785-6.

XI. Do. 1786-7 to 1792-3.

XII. Do. 1793-4 to 1799-1800.

XIII. Do. 1800-1 to 1805-6.

XIV. Do. 1806-7 to 1811-2.

(3) *Kirk and Bridge Works.*

Vol. I. Accounts for years 1571-2 to 1577-8, 1584-5 to 1621-2, 1623-4, 1627-8, 1630-1, 1635-6, 1640-1 to 1669-70, 1690-1 to 1691-2. (See also *Treasury Accounts*, vols. i¹, i².)

II. Accounts for years 1670-1 to 1689-90, 1692-3 to 1699-1700.

III. Do. 1700-1 to 1724-5.

IV. Do. 1725-6 to 1739-40, 1742-3 to 1749-50.

V. Do. 1750-1 to 1769-70.

VI. Do. 1770-1 to 1779-80.

VII. Do. 1780-1 to 1789-90.

VIII. Do. 1790-1 to 1799-1800.

IX. Do. 1800-1 to 1811-2.

(4) *Shore Works.*

Vol. I. Accounts for years 1596-7 to 1599-1600, 1605-6, 1608-9 to 1614-5, 1617-8 to 1618-9, 1620-1 to 1625-6, 1627-8 to 1630-1, 1633-4 to 1690-91, 1692-3 to 1699-1700. (See also *Treasury Accounts* vol. i².)

* A Master of Mortifications was first appointed in 1632: prior to that date the accounts of the few mortifications were kept by the Treasurer, Master of Hospital, Dean of Guild, and Master of Kirk and Bridge Works respectively.

II.	Accounts for years	1700-1 to 1769-70.
III.	Do.	1770-1 to 1784-5.
IV.	Do.	1785-6 to 1799-1800.
V.	Do.	1800-1 to 1809-10.*

(5) *Guildry.*†

Vol. I. Accounts for years 1452-3, 1548-9 to 1551-2, 1581-2 to 1583-4, 1586-7, 1593-4 to 1599-1600, 1601-2, 1603-4 to 1611-2, 1613-4 to 1629-30, 1631-2 to 1633-4, 1635-6, 1637-8, 1639-40 to 1643-4, 1647-8, 1649-50. (See also *Treasury Accounts*, vol. i^l.)

II.	Accounts for years	1650-1 to 1679-80.
III.	Do.	1680-1 to 1699-1700.
IV.	Do.	1700-1 to 1723-4.
V.	Do.	1724-5 to 1749-50.
VI.	Do.	1750-1 to 1769-70.
VII.	Do.	1770-1 to 1779-80.
VIII.	Do.	1780-1 to 1789-90.
IX.	Do.	1790-1 to 1799-1800.
X.	Do.	1800-1 to 1811-2.

(6) *Guild Brethren Hospital.*

Vol. I. Accounts for years 1607-8, 1609-10 to 1610-11, 1612-3 to 1614-5, 1616-7 to 1617-8, 1620-1 to 1629-30, 1631-2 to 1699-1700. (See also *Treasury Accounts*, vol. i^l.)

II.	Accounts for years	1700-1 to 1736-7, 1738-9 to 1748-9.
III.	Do.	1750-1 to 1769-70.
IV.	Do.	1770-1 to 1779-80.
V.	Do.	1780-1 to 1789-90.
VI.	Do.	1790-1 to 1799-1800.
VII.	Do.	1800-1 to 1811-2.

* By Act of 1810 (*v. supra*, p. 283), the management of the Harbour was placed under Trustees, whose accounts are separately kept.

† See Spalding Club *Miscellany*, vol. v., p. 48,

BAILLIE COURT BOOKS.

First Series.

- Vol. I. 21st April, 1572, to 28th September, 1576.*
- II. 7th April, 1581, to 28th September, 1582.
- III. 3rd April, 1584, to 19th December, 1585.
- IV. 10th February, 158⁵/₆, to 2nd September, 1587.
- V. 18th November, 1594, to 23rd September, 1595.
- VI. 24th June, 1596, to 28th September, 1597.
- VII. 2nd June, 1648, to 16th October, 1652.
- VIII. 16th October, 1652, to 15th December, 1657.
- IX. 17th December, 1657, to 16th January, 1662.
- X. 7th June, 1662, to 8th December, 1668.
- XI. 8th December, 1668, to 25th June, 1672.
- XII. 7th May, 1672, to 9th September, 1675.
- XIII. 18th January, 1676, to 28th February, 1682.
- XIV. 29th March, 1687, to 16th November, 1691.†

Second Series (Diet Books).

- I. 10th April, 1731, to 30th September, 1741.
- II. 10th October, 1741, to 20th August, 1753.
- III. 1st September, 1753, to 15th September, 1759.
- IV. 29th September, 1759, to 30th May, 1766.
- V. 10th May, 1766, to 28th October, 1769.
- VI. 4th November, 1769, to 9th November, 1771.
- VII. 16th November, 1771, to 3rd May, 1773.
- VIII. 12th June, 1773, to 8th April, 1775.
- IX. 6th May, 1775, to 14th June, 1777.
- X. 5th July, 1777, to 11th December, 1779.
- XI.-XXVIII. 15th January, 1780, to 24th February, 1821.

GUILD COURT BOOK.

7th September, 1637, to 23rd December, 1697.

* A volume of Aberdeen Baillie Court Records, 1563 to 1581 (36 pp.), is preserved in H.M. General Register House, Edinburgh.

† Besides the ordinary transactions of the Baillie Court (and in some cases of the Council), these volumes contain deeds inserted principally at the end of each.

JUSTICE COURT BOOKS.*

- Vol. I. 19th January, 1657, to 16th January, 1688.
 II. 12th April, 1669, to 4th August, 1690.†
 III. 4th January, 1693, to 7th April, 1702.
 IV. 20th October, 1690, to 24th April, 1783.
 Accounts of said Court, 1657, to 1744.

ENACTMENT BOOKS.‡

- Vol. I. February, 1701, to 31st September, 1709.
 II. 31st October, 1709, to 5th July, 1717.
 III. 22nd February, 1717, to 22nd October, 1730.
 IV. 29th October, 1730, to 15th September, 1741.
 V. 20th October, 1741, to 3rd November, 1749.
 VI. 27th December, 1749, to 15th March, 1758.
 VII. 29th March, 1758, to 31st May, 1782.
 VIII. 17th June, 1782, to 24th April, 1790.
 IX. 13th May, 1790, to 28th September, 1793.
 X. 4th October, 1793, to 2nd May, 1806.
 XI.-XVI. 28th May, 1806, to 27th January, 1820.

PROPINQUITY BOOKS.§

- Vol. I. 9th January, 1637, to 19th November, 1705.
 II. 14th July, 1706, to 10th October, 1730.
 III. 25th April, 1730, to 6th April, 1765.
 IV. 27th April, 1765, to 10th March, 1797.

* "Containing the Acts of the Magistrats of the Burgh of Aberdeen and Justices of Peace within the samen, libertie and fredome thereof, relating especiallie to the punishing of uncleane persons, drunkards, cursers, and swearers and breakers of the Sabbath."

† Appears to be a scroll book.

‡ These volumes contain depositions made before the Baillies.

§ These volumes contain depositions made before the Baillies, relating not merely to questions of relationship, but to matters connected with shipping, etc. See Spalding Club *Miscellany*, vol. v., p. 325; and New Spalding Club *Miscellany*, vol. i.

INCARCERATION AND LIBERATION BOOKS.*

- Vol. I. 9th June, 1625, to 15th January, 1709.
 II. 7th February, 1709, to 28th September, 1759.
 III. 6th October, 1759, to 8th December, 1788.
 IV.-VIII. 14th June, 1805, to 28th July, 1831.

REGISTER OF INDENTURES.†

- Vol. I. 9th February, 1622, to 30th April, 1798.
 II. 4th May, 1798, to 30th December, 1826.
 III. 20th January, 1807, to date.

REGISTER OF ADMISSION OF BURGESSES OF GUILD AND CRAFTSMEN.‡

- Vol. I. 6th October, 1632, to 24th January, 1694.
 II. 4th April, 1694, to 15th December, 1760.
 III. 21st April, 1761, to 20th October, 1796.
 IV¹. 22nd November, 1796, to 22nd September, 1812. } Guild Burgesses
 V¹-VIII¹. 11th February, 1813, to date. } only.
 IV². 27th September, 1797, to 5th October, 1825. } Trades Burgesses only.
 V²-VII. 17th October, 1825, to date. }

REGISTER OF HONORARY BURGESSES.

- Vol. I. 19th September, 1783, to date.

* "Ane Register for the Wardhus of Aberdeine, Containing a nott of all such persones as ar cōmitted and arrested in the said ward, with a nott at whose Instance and for what caus they are cōmitted or arrested."

† "Ane Register institute be the Prouest Baillies and Councell of the Burgh of Aberdeine Whairin is appoyntit to be Registrat ane Nott of all prentesses enterit in the said Burgh ather to merchents or Craftesmen for what space of tyme and to whome they ar bund prenteisses with the dait of their Indentoures whilk Register is institute be Act of Councell of the date the Nyntein day of Sentember J^m sex hundreth threttie and twa yeres."

‡ Entries of the admission of burgesses are found in the *Council Register* from the earliest date. See *New Spalding Club Miscellany*, vol. i.

LETTERS, ETC., RECEIVED.*

- Vol. I. 14th March, 155², to 18th September, 1633.
 II. 13th January, 1634, to 25th December, 1644.
 III. 18th January, 1645, to 15th November, 1659.
 IV. 14th January, 1660, to 31st December, 1669.
 V. 4th January, 1670, to 21st December, 1675.
 VI. 6th January, 1676, to 14th December, 1681.
 VII. 15th January, 1682, to 22nd December, 1699.
 VIII. 8th January, 1700, to 21st December, 1719.
 IX. 5th January, 1720, to 26th December, 1739.
 X. 5th February, 1740, to 16th November, 1749.
 XI. 17th April, 1750, to 24th November, 1759.
 XII. 8th January, 1760, to 11th October, 1769.
 XIII. 10th January, 1770, to 28th October, 1789.
 XIV. 6th March, 1790, to 8th September, 1799.
 Several Series of Letter Books, 1800 to date.
- Supplementary Vol. I. 21st February, 1615, to 13th November, 1759.
 Do. II. 28th January, 1760, to 20th December, 1764.
 Do. III. 3rd January, 1765, to 29th December, 1766.
 Do. IV. 3rd January, 1767, to 29th December, 1769.
 Do. V. 16th January, 1770, to 10th October, 1794.
 Do. VI. 3rd January, 1795, to 17th September, 1807.

COPIES OF LETTERS SENT.

- Vol. I. 17th February, 1729, to 23rd January, 1738.
 II. 11th August, 1738, to 22nd December, 1747.
 III. 4th January, 1748, to 25th March, 1755.
 IV. 22nd March, 1755, to 1st November, 1759.
 V. 8th November, 1759, to 11th April, 1764.
 VI. 19th April, 1764, to 26th May, 1768.
 VII. 31st May, 1768, to 6th September, 1773.
 VIII. 17th November, 1773, to 1st February, 1781.
 IX. 12th February, 1781, to 17th May, 1787.
 X. 7th June, 1787, to 31st December, 1795.
 XI. 14th January, 1796, to 22nd May, 1802.
 Several Series of Letter Books to date.

* See Spalding Club *Miscellany*, vol. v., p. 371.

PROCLAMATION BOOKS.

- Vol. I. 5th January, 159², to 21st November, 1831.
 II. 2nd January, 1764, to 13th October, 1857.

REGISTER OF MORTIFICATIONS.*

- Vol. I. 15th June, 1596, to 27th July, 1749.
 II. 20th February, 1754, to 20th January, 1864.

RECORDS OF COMMISSIONERS OF POLICE.

- Vol. I. 6th June, 1795, to 8th May, 1809.
 II.-XXI. 23rd May, 1809, to 3rd March, 1884.†

RECORDS OF VISITATIONS OF GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

- Vol. I. October, 1764, to October, 1855.
 II. October, 1856, to October, 1872.

GUILDRY MINUTE BOOKS.

- Vol. I. 14th December, 1732, to 14th August, 1793.
 II. 2nd December, 1793, to 4th November, 1833.
 III.-V. 29th March, 1833, to date.

WEAVERS' ENACTMENT BOOKS.‡

- Vol. I. 20th May, 1729, to 27th May, 1729.
 II. 22nd May, 1729, to 9th June, 1729.
 III. 3rd May, 1738, to 18th May, 1738.

* See *Mortifications under the Charge of the Provost, etc., of Aberdeen*, 1849; and *Supplement to do.*, 1874.

† From 16th November, 1883, the Minutes have been printed and bound in one volume yearly.

‡ In terms of Justice of Peace order, dated 12th May, 1729.

CHARTULARY OF FEUS OF FREEDOM LANDS.

- Vol. I. 11th September, 1729, to 23rd September, 1754.*
 II. 8th March, 1756, to 14th April, 1774.
 III. 15th April, 1774, to 3rd December, 1791.
 IV. 6th July, 1792, to 7th September, 1804.
 V.-IX. 7th September, 1804, to date.

CHARTULARY OF FEUS OF COUNTY LANDS.

- Vol. I. as above.
 II. 22nd March, 1756, to 28th March, 1775.
 III. 19th February, 1777, to 17th April, 1788.
 IV. 22nd September, 1789, to 11th March, 1802.
 V.-VIII. 11th March, 1802, to date.

Book of Wadsetters for Shire of Aberdeen.† 1633-1646.

Book of Burgh Statutes. 7th October, 1650, to 14th October, 1683.

Chartulary of St. Nicholas Church. 1st March, 132⁸, to 8th July, 1574
 (115 folios).‡

Register of Annual Rents and Feumails formerly belonging to Chaplains, etc., of St. Nicholas Church. 1599 to 1613. †

Directory for St. Nicholas Churchyard. 1790.

Record of Additional Fund to Guild Box. 1st February, 1737, to Michaelmas, 1786.

Memorial and Consultation Book. 11th March, 1726, to 16th January, 1812.

Scroll Council Register. 22nd November, 1652, to 20th January, 1686.

Books relating to Rebellion of 1745. 3 vols. 27th December, 1745, to 23rd May, 1746.

Bible, printed by Robert Barker, London, 1617. Presented by Gilbert Hervie, Elder, to the Hospital of Aberdeen, 18th May, 1631.

Bible, printed by Robert Barker, London, 1634. Precentor's Bible in Old East Church.

* Also contains Charters of County Lands.

† Partly printed in Spalding Club *Miscellany*, vol. iv., p. 71.

‡ Printed for the New Spalding Club in 1888.

II.—RECORDS UNDER THE CHARGE OF THE SHERIFF
CLERK OF ABERDEENSHIRE.

DIET BOOKS OF COURT.

- Vol I. 31st July, 1503, to 30th September, 1511.
II. 11th January, 1557, to 22nd June, 1560.
III. 12th January, 1573, to 9th October, 1576.
IV. 19th June, 1584, to 30th November, 1584.
V. 25th June, 1595, to 24th June, 1596.
VI. 3rd October, 1598, to 22nd May, 1621.
VII. 16th February, 1603, to 5th September, 1604.
VIII. 11th January, 1603, to 14th June, 1622.
IX. — June, 1607, to 20th December, 1620.
X. 3rd June, 1629, to 29th March, 1634.
XI. 22nd June, 1641, to 12th December, 1649.
XII. 2nd October, 1649, to 13th July, 1653.
XIII. 17th January, 1656, to 2nd March, 1659.
XIV. 4th October, 1665, to 28th February, 1672.
XV. 3rd October, 1677, to 12th July, 1678.
XVI. 24th July, 1678, to 2nd January, 1684.
XVII. 12th September, 1690, to 22nd July, 1692.
XVIII. 4th October, 1692, to 30th July, 1697.
XIX. 5th October, 1697, to 4th September, 1702.
XX. 6th October, 1702, to 21st August, 1706.
XXI. 1st October, 1706, to 30th July, 1714.
XXII. 5th October, 1714, to 10th January, 1718.
XXIII. — April, 1718, to — July, 1721.
XXIV. — June, 1721, to — January, 1723.
XXV. 11th January, 1723, to 9th February, 1728.
XXVI. 15th April, 1728, to 9th January, 1734.

- XXVII. 20th February, 1734, to 5th October, 1737.
 XXVIII. 2nd November, 1737, to 18th July, 1740.
 XXIX. 3rd February, 1742, to 3rd October, 1744.
 XXX. 3rd June, 1747, to 13th July, 1749.
 XXXI. 14th July, 1749, to 16th January, 1751.
 XXXII.-CXXXVI. 18th January, 1751, to date.

DECREE BOOKS.

- Vol I. 18th June, 1597, to 1st October, 1644.
 II. 15th January, 1617, to 18th March, 1618.
 III. 5th June, 1629, to 29th March, 1634.
 IV. 16th April, 1634, to 23rd June, 1641.
 V. 29th March, 1634, to 29th June, 1636.
 VI. 1st July, 1636, to 14th November, 1638.
 VII. 19th December, 1638, to 5th January, 1642.
 VIII. 12th January, 1642, to 22nd June, 1649.
 IX. 7th September, 1649, to 21st July, 1652.
 X. 4th August, 1652, to 18th August, 1654.
 XI. 22nd December, 1655, to 18th April, 1656.
 XII. 4th June, 1656, to 12th August, 1657.
 XIII. 7th October, 1657, to 17th December, 1662.
 XIV. 7th October, 1691, to 7th February, 1693.
 XV. 1st July, 1701, to 28th November, 1744.
 XVI. 10th July, 1745, to 20th November, 1751.
 XVII. 30th October, 1751, to 20th October, 1757.
 XVIII. 21st October, 1757, to 28th August, 1761.
 XIX. 25th September, 1761, to 8th July, 1767.
 XX. 10th July, 1767, to 25th November, 1774.
 XXI. 2nd December, 1774, to 21st February, 1781.
 XXII. 23rd February, 1781, to 15th March, 1786.
 XXIII. 15th March, 1786, to 30th July, 1788.
 XXIV. 1st August, 1788, to 22nd February, 1793.
 XXV. 27th February, 1793, to 12th February, 1800.
 XXVI.-XXXVII. 13th November, 1807, to date.

REGISTER BOOKS OF PROTESTS.

- Vols. XI.-L. 15th November, 1809, to date.

REGISTERS OF DEEDS.

Old Series.

- Vol. I. 18th October, 1606, to 8th October, 1612.
- II. 6th June, 1615, to 3rd September, 1616.
- III. 16th June, 1619, to 25th October, 1620.
- IV. 17th April, 1621, to 5th October, 1622.
- V. 12th October, 1622, to 24th October, 1623.
- VI. 24th October, 1623, to 23rd November, 1624.
- VII. 23rd November, 1624, to 10th March, 1627.
- VIII. 1st December, 1630, to 6th July, 1632.
- IX. 18th July, 1632, to 2nd November, 1633.
- X. 4th November, 1633 to 18th November, 1634.
- XI. 20th November, 1634, to 9th June, 1636.
- XII. 23rd November, 1637, to 30th December, 1640.
- XIII. 20th November, 1649, to 31st December, 1650.
- XIV. 1st January, 1651, to 6th February, 1652.
- XV. 12th February, 1652, to 20th April, 1653.
- XVI. 21st April, 1653, to 4th July, 1654.
- XVII. 6th July, 1654, to 25th October, 1655.
- XVIII. 2nd November, 1655, to 29th October, 1656.
- XIX. 29th October, 1656, to 19th November, 1657.
- XX. 21st November, 1657, to 11th October, 1658.
- XXI. 12th October, 1658, to 11th August, 1659.
- XXII. 1st June, 1661, to 7th May, 1662.
- XXIII. 8th May, 1662, to 30th December, 1663.
- XXIV. 1st January, 1664, to 28th April, 1665.
- XXV. 1st January, 1672, to 31st March, 1673.
- XXVI. 2nd January, 1679, to 31st December, 1680.
- XXVII. 4th January, 1681, to 7th March, 1682.
- XXVIII. 1st December, 1684, to 22nd December, 1686.

- XXIX. 1st May, 1688, to 31st December, 1689.
 XXX. 1st January, 1690, to 11th February, 1691.
 XXXI. 13th February, 1691, to 30th June, 1693.
 XXXII. 16th October, 1697, to 10th March, 1699.
 XXXIII. 1st January, 1700, to 15th August, 1701.
 XXXIV. 2nd August, 1703, to 26th January, 1704.
 XXXV. 1st November, 1765, to 29th August, 1766.

New Series.

Vols. I.-CXXVI. 17th November, 1809, to date.

DEEDS, &c., HANDED IN FOR PRESERVATION.

Bundles of deeds for every year from and including 1607 to November, 1809, when the present system of registration came into force; also bundles for each year from 1809 to date.

There are also bundles of deeds for every year from and including 1722 to November, 1809, which were handed over to the Sheriff Clerk by the Commissary Clerk in the latter year.*

* Previous to 12th November, 1809, when the Act of 44 Geo. III., Cap. 42, came into force, the Commissary Courts were Courts of Record, but unfortunately all the deeds and books prior to the date of the fire on 30th October, 1721, perished in the fire.

The books, from the date of the fire to the date of the Act above referred to, are now in the Register House, Edinburgh, while the deeds themselves are in the custody of the Sheriff Clerk, having been handed over to him by the Commissary Clerk, conform to an inventory.

This inventory consists of three parts, viz. :—

- (1) List of Extracts registered after the fire.
- (2) List of Papers registered after the fire.
- (3) List of Registered Protests on Bills.

The volume containing these lists and another volume entitled "Copy Minute Book of Confirmed Testaments from 30th October, 1721," might be useful to investigations for the periods they cover.

There seem to be complete books of Extract Inventories since 1806, and of Testamentary Writings since 1812, and relative Diet Books.

JUDICIAL BONDS.

A bundle for every year from 1734 to date.

REGISTERED PROTESTS.

Prior to the year 1722, protests were put up with and recorded among the deeds. Since that year down to the present time they have been put up in separate bundles.

PROCESSES AND EXTRACTED DECREES.

Numerous bundles of these prior to 1811, and from that period to date, bundles for each year.

COMPOUNDED PROCESSES.

Bundles of these for several years during period 1772 to 1806.

HALF DUES, PAID PROCESSES.

Bundles of these for several years during period 1808 to 1835.

UNEXTRACTED DECREES.

A bundle of these for each year from 1806 to 1826, and also for the year 1829.*

SMALL DEBT COMPLAINTS, &c.

Bundles of these for the whole period from and after 1845 to date.

MINUTE BOOKS OF COURT FROM 1825.

SERVICES—TUTORIAL AND CURATORIAL INVENTORIES.

Bundles of these proceedings for the period 1649 to 1851.

* For a good many years no distinction has been made between *extracted* and *unextracted* decrees, the processes disposed of in each year being put up together.

SUMMARY WARRANTS—POINDINGS.

Bundles for each year from 1794 to date.

FIARS.

Two volumes containing the Register of Fiars' Prices from 1706 to date.

MINUTE BOOK OF REGISTRATION OF DEEDS AND
PROTESTS.

Continuous from 1630 to date, with the exception of the period from 1643 to 1649.

MINUTE BOOK OF PROTESTS.

One separate volume, commencing with 1845, and still current.*

MINUTE BOOKS OF SERVICES AND INVENTORIES.

Two volumes, from 1649 to January, 1851.†

MINUTE OR RECORD BOOK OF CRIMINAL TRIALS.

Complete from 1733 to date, except for the period from 1743 to 1769.

REGISTER OF COMMERCIAL SEQUESTRATIONS.

Complete from 1839 to date.

MINUTE BOOKS OF BONDS.

Complete from 1780 to date.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE ACT FOR
DISARMING THE HIGHLANDS OF SCOTLAND.

One volume, of date 30th May, 1748.

* Previous to 1845 the Registration of Protests was minuted in the Minute Books of Deeds.

† Since the latter date these proceedings have been entered in the Diet Books.

REGISTER AND MINUTE BOOK OF HORINGS AND
INHIBITIONS.

. One volume, which is still current, commencing 1852.

MINUTE BOOKS OF FREEHOLDERS' RECORDS.

Seven volumes of these complete, for period 1727 to 1832.

MINUTE BOOK OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE FREEHOLDERS'
COMMITTEE AS TO THE RECORD OFFICE.

One volume, dated 1829.

COPY ABSTRACTS OF FREEHOLDERS' CLAIMS.

Three volumes.

THE RECORD OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF PARLIA-
MENT FOR ABERDEENSHIRE.

One volume, for period 1761 to 1768.

VOTING LISTS OF FREEHOLDERS.

Six volumes, for period 1832 to 1836.

CORN REGISTER.

One volume bearing this title, containing entries from May, 1810, to July, 1821.

POPULATION RETURNS.

Seven volumes, containing these returns from 1801 to 1831, both inclusive.

RECORD OF EXPENDITURE ON ENTAILED ESTATES.

Eight complete volumes, for period from 9th March, 1820, to 8th March, 1852.

CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS—JURY.

Two bundles, being criminal proceeding from 1795 to 1826, and bundles from 1827 to date.

SUMMARY CRIMINAL TRIALS.

Bundles for period 1827 to date.

PAPERS CONNECTED WITH CONVICTS.

A bundle of papers connected with convicts ordered for transportation as for period 1826 to 1839.

III.—RECORDS UNDER THE CHARGE OF H.M. REGISTRAR GENERAL.

A.—RECORDS, WARRANTS, &c., OF THE COM- MISSARY COURT OF ABERDEEN.*

I.—CONFIRMATIONS AND INVENTORIES.

TITLED INVENTORIES.

{ 235 †	-	-	-	1715-22	}	252	-	-	-	-	1752-3
{ 236	-	-	-	1723	}	253	-	-	-	-	1754-5
237	-	-	-	1724		254	-	-	-	-	1756-7
238	-	-	-	1725-6		255	-	-	-	-	1758-60
239	-	-	-	1727-8		256	-	-	-	-	1761-
240	-	-	-	1729-30		257	-	-	-	-	1763-4
241	-	-	-	1731		258	-	-	-	-	1765-6
242	-	-	-	1732-3		259	-	-	-	-	1767-9
243	-	-	-	1734-5		260	-	-	-	-	1770-2
244	-	-	-	1736-7		261	-	-	-	-	1773-5
245	-	-	-	1738-9		262	-	-	-	-	1776-8
246	-	-	-	1740-1		263	-	-	-	-	1779-81
247	-	-	-	1742		264	-	-	-	-	1782-3
248	-	-	-	1743-4		265	-	-	-	-	1784-6
249	-	-	-	1745-7		266	-	-	-	-	1787-8
250	-	-	-	1748-9		267	-	-	-	-	1789
251	-	-	-	1750-1		268	-	-	-	-	1790

* The Records of this Commissariat were transmitted to H.M. General Register House, Edinburgh, on 17th March, 1860. They are accompanied by an Inventory prepared by the Commissary Clerk, which indicates merely the bundles and volumes of which the transmission consisted, with the dates to which these relate. The earlier Records of the Commissariat were destroyed by fire on the 30th October, 1721, and, accordingly, the following lists will be found to contain little that is earlier in date than that year.

† Number in Commissary Clerk's Inventory of Bundles.

TITLED CONFIRMATIONS.

269	-	-	-	-	-	1791	275	-	-	-	-	-	1797
270	-	-	-	-	-	1792	276	-	-	-	-	-	1798
271	-	-	-	-	-	1793	277	-	-	-	-	-	1799
272	-	-	-	-	-	1794	278	-	-	-	-	-	1800
273	-	-	-	-	-	1795	279-301	-	-	-	-	-	1801-23
274	-	-	-	-	-	1796							

II.—JUDICIAL INVENTORIES OF MINORS' ESTATES.

302	-	-	-	-	1722-33	304	-	-	-	-	1734-47
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TITLED CURATORIAL INVENTORIES.

305	-	-	-	-	1749-58	307	-	-	-	-	1782-1805
306	-	-	-	-	1760-79	308	-	-	-	-	1806-23

III.—SUNDRY OLD PAPERS, APPARENTLY INVENTORIES.

309	-	-	-	-	1719-34	303	-	-	-	-	1736-40
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IV.—EDICTS.

CURATORY.

310	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1721-1805
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EXECUTRY

311	-	-	-	-	1720-49	315	-	-	-	-	1790-94
312	-	-	-	-	1750-69	316	-	-	-	-	1795-1800
313	-	-	-	-	1770-82	317-321	-	-	-	-	1801-23
314	-	-	-	-	1783-89						

V.—PROCESSES, WARRANTS OF DECREES, AND COURT PROCEEDINGS.

1	1721 *					6	1723-40	Decrees or Processes.
2	1713-41	Decrees or Processes.				7	1724	„
3	1722	„				8	1724-26	„
4	1722-23	„				9	1725	„
5	1723	„				10	1726	„

* 1721 and preceding not burned by fire in Commissary Clerk's Office.

11	1726-28	Decreets or Processes.	47	1757	Decreets or Processes.
12	1727	"	48	1758	"
13	1728	"	49	1759	"
14	1729	"	50	1760	"
15	1729-31	"	51	1760-63	"
16	1730	"	52	1761	"
17	1731	"	53	1762	"
18	1732	"	54	1763	"
19	1732-45	"	55	1764	"
20	1733	"	56	1764-67	Unextracted Decreets.
21	1734	"	57	1765	Decreets or Processes.
22	1735	"	58	1766	"
23	1735-40	"	59	1767	"
24	1736	"	60	1767-70	"
25	1737	"	61	1768	"
26	1738	"	62	1769	"
27	1739	"	63	1770	"
28	1740	"	64	1770-71	Unextracted Decreets.
29	1741	"	65	1771	Decreets or Processes.
30	1742	"	66	1771-73	"
31	1742-49	"	67	1772	"
32	1743	"	68	1773	"
33	1744	"	69	1773-75	Unextracted Decreets.
34	1745	"	70	1774	Decreets or Processes.
35	1746	"	71	1775	"
36	1747	"	72	1775-78	Unextracted Decreets.
37	1748	"	73	1776	Decreets or Processes.
38	1749	"	74	1777*	"
39	1750	"	75	1778	"
40	1750-58	Unextracted Decreets.	76	1779	"
41	1751	Decreets or Processes.	77	1779	"
42	1752	"	78	1779-81	Unextracted Decreets.
43	1753	"	79	1780	Decreets or Processes.
44	1754	"	80	1781	"
45	1755	"	81	1782	"
46	1756	"	82	1782-83	"

* See No. 115.

83	1783-87	Decreets or Processes.	100	1793	Decreets or Processes.
84	1784	"	101	1793	Unextracted Decreets.
85	1784	"	102	1794	Decreets or Processes.
86	1785	"	103	1795	"
87	1786-87	"	104	1795	Unextracted Decreets.
88	1787-88	"	105	1796	Decreets or Processes.
89	1788-89	Unextracted Decreets.	106	1796	Unextracted Decreets.
90	1789	Decreets or Processes.	107	1797	Decreets or Processes.
91	1790	"	108	1797	"
92	1790	Unextracted Decreets.	109	1798	"
93	1791	Decreets or Processes.	110	1798	Extracted Decreets.
94	1791	"	111	1799	Unextracted Decreets.
95	1792	"	112	1799	Extracted Decreets.
96	1792	"	113	1800	"
97	1792	"	114	1800	Unextracted Decreets.
98	1792	"	115	1777-92	Sundry Processes.
99	1792 *	"	116-161	1801-23	Extracted Decreets.

VI.—SLEEPING PROCESSES.

162	- - - -	1753-66	167	- - - -	1788-92
163	- - - -	1766-70	168	- - - -	1797-98
164	- - - -	1769-76	169	Old and Sleeping Processes with- out dates.	
165	- - - -	1779-85			
166	- - - -	1786			

VII.—PROCESSES UNDER ADVOCATION.

170	- - - - - - - - - -	1795-99
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VIII.—MANDATES.

171	- - - - - - - - - -	1785-1824
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IX.—ADMISSIONS OF PROCURATORS.

172	- - - - - - - - - -	1722 <i>et seq.</i>
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* See Bundle No. 115.

X.—CAVEATS.

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XI.—MISCELLANEOUS OLD PROCEEDINGS.

174-180	Seven Bundles without dates.	182	Without date.	
181	- - - - about 1749	183	- - - -	1811-23

XII.—PAPERS RELATING TO DISPUTES.

184 Between Henderson and Mitchell.

XIII.—PETITIONS.

185	- - - -	1721-33	199	- - - -	1787-88 *
186	- - - -	1734-42	200	- - - -	1789
187	- - - -	1742-49	201	- - - -	1790
188	- - - -	1750-56	202	- - - -	1791 *
189	- - - -	1757-62	203	- - - -	1792
190	- - - -	1763-64	204	- - - -	1793
191	- - - -	1765-67	205	- - - -	1794 *
192	- - - -	1768-69	206	- - - -	1795
193	- - - -	1770	207	- - - -	1796
194	- - - -	1771-74	208	- - - -	1797
195	- - - -	1775-78	209	- - - -	1798
196	- - - -	1779-81	210	- - - -	1799 *
197	- - - -	1782	211	- - - -	1800
198	- - - -	1783-86	212-234	- - - -	1801-23

XIV.—DIET BOOKS.

1†	November 2, 1721, to April 2, 1723.	4	June 1, 1731, to January 16, 1735.
2	June 4, 1723, to November 3, 1726.	5	January 21, 1735, to June 21, 1737.
3	November 3, 1726, to May 1, 1731.	6	June 23, 1737, to June 26, 1740.

* Petitions for inventorying and rousing Defuncts' effects.

† Number in Commissary Clerk's Inventory of Books.

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| 7 July 1, 1740, to November 6, 1744. | 12 November 16, 1762, to November 16, 1769. |
| 8 November 1, 1744, to January 22, 1751. | 13 November 16, 1769, to January 28, 1779. |
| 9 January 24, 1751, to January 9, 1755. | 14 February 2, 1779, to June 14, 1790. |
| 10 January 9, 1755, to November 23, 1758. | 15 June 15, 1790, to January 15, 1795. |
| 11 November 28, 1758, to August 31, 1762. | 16 January 22, 1795, to October 5, 1801. |
| | 17-19 November 12, 1801, to December 24, 1823. |

XV.—MINUTE BOOK OF CERTIFICATES OF PROCURATORS TAKING THE OATHS.

20 October 2, 1747, to May 19, 1748.

XVI.—MEMORANDUM, OR MINUTE BOOK OF MANDATES TO SUE OR DEFEND.

21 November 12, 1785, to October 6, 1824.

XVII.—RECEIPT BOOKS.

1 November 13, 1732, to July 13, 1785.	3 February 22, 1805, to December 14, 1825.
2 July 13, 1785, to February 19, 1805.	

XVIII.—DECREET BOOKS.

1 January 2, 1748, to May 13, 1783.	2 May 16, 1783, to December 29, 1823
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XIX.—MINUTE BOOK OF CONFIRMATIONS.

February 12, 1715, to December 30, 1823.

XX.—DETAILED INVENT. OF REGISTERED DEEDS, PROBATIVE WRITS, AND PROTESTS.

XXI.—LIST OF JUDICIAL INVENTORIES.

No. II., and of Edicts, No. IV.

B.—PARTICULAR REGISTERS OF SASINES.

FOR THE SHIRE OF ABERDEEN.*

First Series.

- Vol. I. 21st December, 1599, to 31st May, 1602.
- II. 22nd April, 1602, to 28th July, 1603.
- III. 28th July, 1603, to 22nd December, 1604.
- IV. 30th December, 1604, to 3rd June, 1606.
- V. 4th June, 1606, to 15th April, 1607.
- VI. 16th April, 1607, to 3rd February, 1608.
- VII. 8th March, 1608, to 31st December, 1608.
- VIII. 10th January, 1609, to 24th January, 1609.

Second Series.

- Vol. I. 1st August, 1617, to 24th June, 1619.
- II. 3rd July, 1619, to 20th October, 1620.
- III. 6th November, 1620, to 26th December, 1622.
- IV. 26th December, 1622, to 28th March, 1625.
- V. 28th March, 1625, to 15th October, 1627.
- VI. 15th October, 1627, to 8th January, 1630.
- VII. 8th January, 1630, to 24th July, 1632.
- VIII. 24th July, 1632, to 8th April, 1634.
- IX. 8th April, 1634, to 27th January, 1636.
- X. 30th January, 1636, to 8th February, 1638.
- XI. 8th March, 1638, to 6th January, 1641.
- XII. 22nd January, 1641, to 11th January, 1644.
- XIII. 17th January, 1644, to 30th November, 1648.
- XIV. 5th April, 1649, to 10th December, 1650.
- XV. 10th December, 1650, to 29th June, 1653.
- XVI. 31st May, 1653, to 15th November, 1653.
- XVII. 15th November, 1653, to 2nd June, 1655.
- XVIII. 5th June, 1655, to 11th October, 1656.
- XIX. 11th October, 1656, to 19th January, 1658.
- XX. 19th January, 1658, to 18th June, 1659.
- XXI. 18th June, 1659, to 12th November, 1660.

* Sasines on town properties held feu, not burgage, are recorded in this Register.

FOR THE SHIRES OF ABERDEEN AND KINCARDINE.*

Third Series.

- Vol. I. 1st January, 1661, to 15th December, 1662.
 II. 1st January, 1663, to 25th April, 1664.
 III. 1st April, 1664, to 31st August, 1665.
 IV. 23rd September, 1665, to 19th April, 1667.
 V. 19th April, 1667, to 1st September, 1668.
 VI. 1st September, 1668, to 31st March, 1670.
 VII. 2nd May, 1670, to 15th July, 1672.
 VIII. 15th July, 1672, to 17th April, 1675.
 IX. 17th April, 1675, to 21st November, 1677.
 X. 19th December, 1677, to 29th January, 1681.
 XI. 26th February, 1681, to 8th May, 1684.
 XII. 23rd May, 1684, to 8th November, 1687.
 XIII. 15th November, 1687, to 22nd April, 1691.
 XIV. 8th May, 1691, to 10th September, 1694.
 XV. 28th September, 1694, to 24th November, 1697.
 XVI. 6th December, 1697, to 28th August, 1700.
 XVII. 10th September, 1700, to 11th May, 1704.
 XVIII. 13th May, 1704, to 4th June, 1709.
 XIX. 8th July, 1709, 7th September, 1712.
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 X. 1st October, 1798, to 29th November, 1810.††
 XI. 2nd December, 1810, to date.‡‡

* Only five entries prior to 1571. Duplicate of portion, 15th September, 1573, to 3rd September, 1579.

† Duplicate of portion, 4th October, 1573, to 28th February, 1579.

‡ Blank 8th February, 1625, to 5th April, 1628.

§ After Record for 8th January, 1688, there are 7 pp. of entries, 20th November, 1687, to 29th March, 1698, endorsed "Double of Popish Baptisms, 1698".

|| At end there are 6 pp. of entries, 1st September, 1717, to 31st March, 1731, omitted to be recorded in their proper places.

¶ At end is an appendix of 10 pp. containing entries, 23rd September, 1748, to 28th June, 1771.

Prefix to this volume is a leaf containing 17 entries, 12th March, 1769, to 4th November, 1772. Following 31st January, 1784, is an appendix of 27 pp., 16th October, 1758, to 8th September, 1783. Register very irregular about 1797-98, after which is another appendix of 20 pp., 6th May, 1767, to 23rd September, 1798.

†† Prefixed to this volume is an appendix of 8 pp., 5th July, 1776, to 13th September, 1798; and at end is another of 25 pp., 6th June, 1757, to 3rd October, 1810.

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- I. 17th June, 1568, to 27th April, 1686.*
- II. 3rd June, 1695, to 30th December, 1776.
- III. 24th January, 1776, to 6th August, 1803.†
- IV.- 3rd January, 1804, to date.

BURIALS in *St. Nicholas Church and Churchyard*—

- I. 7th July, 1560, to 25th April, 1687.‡
- II. 1st September, 1793, to 26th February, 1820.
- III.- 12th January, 1820, to date.

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- I. 1st May, 1789, to 29th December, 1819; Old Ground, 3rd to 24th January, 1820.
- II.- 11th January, 1820, to date.

PARISH OF OLD MACHAR.

BAPTISMS—

- I. 27th November, 1641, to 26th May, 1699.
- II. 21st June, 1699, to 26th September, 1721.
- III. 1st October, 1721, to 16th October, 1763.
- IV. 10th October, 1763, to 2nd December, 1797.
- V. 3rd December, 1797, to 31st December, 1819.
- VI.- 1st January, 1820, to date.§

* After 1579 there occurs an abstract of the entries in the previous Record from 25th March, 1574, and this abstract form of entry is continued till 1592, from which date there is a blank till August, 1603. Blank also from February, 1621, to September, 1623, November, 1624, to April, 1628, and April, 1686, to June, 1695.

† Separate Record of Marriages celebrated by ministers not belonging to Church of Scotland, 10th October, 1788, to 13th December, 1830, including also, after 1805, those celebrated by ministers of the Established Church not residing in the parish of St. Nicholas.

‡ Only four entries prior to 1573.* After 1579 there is a draft of the previous Record from 1573, which is continued to March, 1591; then there is a blank till September, 1602. Blank also December, 1622, to September, 1660, and April, 1687, to September, 1793.

In the Kirk and Bridge Work Accounts (*supra*, p. 417), down to 1792-93 inclusive, a list of the burials in St. Nicholas Kirkyard is included in the annual statement. See New Spalding Club *Miscellany*.

§ An appendix, apparently commenced about 1806, gives entries not made at the proper time, dates ranging from 1776 to 1854.

* One of them an historical entry relating to murder of Henry, Lord Darnley.

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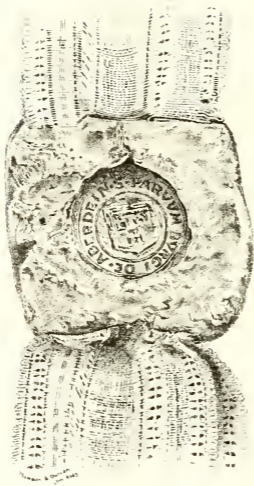
- I. 4th March, 1621, to 26th October, 1636, and 30th December, 1638, to 25th November, 1721.
- II. 16th January, 1722, to 28th February, 1731, and 28th April, 1744, to 1st June, 1783.
- III. 1st June, 1783, to 25th December, 1819.
- IV.- 1st January, 1820, to date.

BURIALS—

- I. 25th August, 1642, to 30th September, 1671, and 1st March, 1673, to 20th May, 1766.
- II. 6th August, 1766, to 30th December, 1819.
- III.- 1st January, 1820, to date.

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- Records of the Kirk Session, Presbytery, and Synod of Aberdeen ; from 1562. See *Selections from Ecclesiastical Records of Aberdeen*. Spald. Club, 1846. Also the New Spalding Club *Miscellany*, Vol. I.
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