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Preface

The Extracts from the Inverness Burgh Court Books given in this volume are taken from two volumes of Minutes covering the periods 1556-1567 and 1567-1586 respectively. That there were earlier Minutes is evident from references in these Extracts—see pp. 184-6, on which a Minute of 1521 is quoted; p. 58, where one of 1553 is alluded to; and p. 69, where the testamentary tutors appointed by the deceased George Cuthbert are ordered to deliver to the Provost, Bailies and Council "thair burrow curt buke quhilk was in the said wmquhill George handis." But these older records have not been preserved. The two volumes from which Extracts are now given are, however, of much interest, for they give us a vivid picture of life in our Burgh during a period of special importance in the history of Scotland, the period of the Reformation. It was a period of transition from medievalism to the time when the people became a real force in the nation, when education became more general, and when trade began to be emancipated from the shackles of earlier times. It is partly for this reason that these two volumes have been treated by themselves, and with considerable fulness, and partly because they are followed by a break of many years. The next volume commences in 1602, and from that year forward the record is practically continuous.

The Extracts now printed—which form about one-tenth of the original—are from the proceedings of the Burgh Court. There was no separate record of the proceedings of the Town Council as such in the 16th century. The administrative and judicial functions were not at that time differentiated. It was
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not till the following century that the Town Council sat as a purely administrative body, and that the Burgh Court was confined to the judicial functions of the Magistrates.

It may be convenient to give here a note of the later volumes of records in the possession of the Town Council. They are:

3. Records of the Burgh Court, from October 1602 to July 1621.
4. Do. do. October 1621 to April 1637.
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7. Do. do. November 1680 to October 1688.
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and so on down to the present day.

It is intended to deal with these later records, bringing them down to modern times, in a subsequent volume of this series. The process of excision will necessarily have to be more drastic than in the case of the present Extracts.

In addition to the volumes just mentioned, there are certain volumes of Records of the Burgh Court, dealing with property transactions, services, resignations, &c., which ultimately came to be merged in the Register of Sasines after the institution of the regular system of registration. These cover the periods (1) 1602-1619, (2) 1619-1637, (3) 1637-1654, and (4) 1654-1684.

The two plans illustrating the Burgh and the Burgh lands as they existed in the 16th century, have been prepared by Mr. James Fraser, M. Inst. C.E., Inverness, under the direction of the Editors. With reference to these plans it is necessary to explain that what is now known as the Ancient Royalty Boundary has not been adopted as the limits of the Burgh in the 16th century. That boundary does not appear on any map till the year 1841, and though there is no positive evidence to show how the line
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came to be laid down, it appears probable that it was the result of mere conjecture, on account of some of the lands within it being known to be held on burgage tenure. It appears certain, however, that the original boundary of the Burgh was the "auld fosse" of the reign of King William the Lion, the position of which on both sides of the River is beyond doubt. It admits of no question that the lands beyond the "fosse" now comprised within the Royalty Boundary—whether to the east of the River or to the west of it—were originally the property of the Burgh, but they must have been simply the Burgh acres, occupied as commonty, or let out for tillage. Permanent rights of property in these lands were subsequently granted by the Magistrates to the possessors, in some cases on burgage tenure, in others on the ordinary feudal tenure, holding of the Magistrates and Town Council. It may have been that the tenure was at first in all cases feudal, and that in some instances it was afterwards changed to burgage, however incompetent the change was in strict law; for the rules of feudal conveyancing were not always rigidly adhered to, and even in quite modern times there are known cases of lands held in feu having been resigned into the hands of the Magistrates, and given out again on a burgage holding. For these reasons the Editors are of opinion that the limits of the lands held burgage in the present day cannot be accepted as evidence of the old burghal boundaries, which must be regarded as fixed by the line of the "fosse."

In preparing the map of the Burgh lands there was at first some uncertainty as to the precise limits of the ancient Forest of Drakies, gifted to the Burgh by David II. No doubt in olden times the knowledge of the Town's marches must have been kept up by the custom of riding the marches, though the existing Records seem to show that this custom was very intermittently observed, a visitation of the marches occurring only in connection with some dispute or threatened encroachment. But in modern
times the custom, even in this spasmodic observance, appears to have fallen into total disuse, for, owing to most of the lands having been feued, the matter had ceased to have much practical interest. It therefore became necessary to trace the ancient marches of Drakies from the detailed description in the Charter of King James VI., dated 1st January 1591-2. This was found to be no easy task, as many of the old Gaelic place-names in this description have perished, and are now quite unknown even to the oldest inhabitants, and some of them refer to knolls and cairns, which, while probably outstanding landmarks at the date of the Charter, have been obliterated in the course of subsequent agricultural improvements. It is unnecessary to describe here the steps by which the march was ascertained, but the line laid down on the map was fixed after careful and exhaustive inquiries and repeated investigations on the ground, and it is believed to be fairly accurate.

The spellings on both the maps have been given to correspond with the more usual spellings in the text, but purely Gaelic names are rendered according to the best recognised Gaelic forms. In the case of other well-known place-names not mentioned in the text, the modern spelling has been given.

The Glossary and Index of Personal and Place Names will be inserted at the end of a later volume. It would no doubt have been a convenience to readers of this volume to have had a Glossary and Index now available for reference, but this would have led to overlapping, and the proper place is to have them at the close of the completed work.

The Editors desire to thank the Town Council of Inverness for the use of the Records for the purpose of publication; and acknowledgment is also due to the Carnegie University Trust for a Grant-in-Aid towards the expense of transcription.

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Inverness has from the early dawn of Scottish history been the principal town in the territory which we now know as the Highlands. In the sixth century it was the seat of Brude, the Pictish king, whose sway extended from the Forth to the Orkneys; and at or near it was the King’s palace, to which St. Columba made his memorable journey in 565. How long it had previously been a royal residence it is hard to say. It is still more difficult to conjecture at what time the community which, during the course of the ages, developed into the Burgh, began to gather together. According to Boece, King Ewin [Evenus II.] who reigned before Julius Caesar landed in Britain (55 B.C.) “biggit ane othir town on the river of Nes, quhilk is yit namit Innernes, quhair sum time wes gret repair of marchandis, quhilkis come out of Almany [Germany] to seik riche furringis, as martrikis [martens], bevaris, and siclik skinnis, quhilkis aboundis in that regioun. This town remainis yit, under the auld name, full of marchandise and guddis; howbeit it be oftimes heryit be evil nichtbouris liand thair about.” Buchanan repeats the tale. In a petition presented in 1626 by the inhabitants to James the Sixth, the statement occurs that the Town’s “foundation was long before the birth of Christ.”

As history these statements are as unreliable as the story of the foundation of Rome; but it is possible that they contain an element of truth. The majority of modern burghs had their first origins in small communities which in far back pre-historic times

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1 Bellenden’s Boece, Ed. 1821, I., p. 69.
2 Buchanan’s History of Scotland, Bk. IV. ch. xiv.
3 Culloden Papers, p. 1.
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collected on the bank of some river or around some primitive fort and gradually grew as the centuries passed until at last they were of sufficient size and importance to command the King's favour and protection. A tradition which can be traced back to the early years of the seventeenth century, and is probably older, places the original castle and town of Inverness on the lands now known as The Crown, on the top of the ninety-foot terrace, whose base was in far off times washed by the waves of the Moray Firth. That, says the tradition, was Macbeth's castle, and it was after his death that Malcolm Canmore destroyed it, and erected one in its stead on the present Castle Hill. That a fort of some sort did at one time stand in the locality of The Crown seems evident from the names "Auld Castle" and "Auld Castle Hill," which appear in titles and other records from the fourteenth century downwards; and the tradition is possibly not without foundation. But be that as it may, the present Castle Hill of Inverness, rising as it does abruptly from the river, and isolated by the deep gully now occupied by Castle Street, and by the perhaps equally deep pass (Am Beallach, the Balloch) which ran along the line of the modern View Place from the top of Castle Street to the river, was of all places in the district the most suitable for a place of strength, and we may assume that a rude dún or fort early crowned its summit. It was David the First (1124-1153) who first built stone castles in Scotland—if we except the ancient brochs—and a stone castle has stood on the present Castle Hill since his time. The older fort, whatever its situation, was constructed of earth and timber.

The small community which gathered around this Castle gradually increased, enjoying its protection and the benefits of

1 See, on the subject of the site of Macbeth's castle, a valuable paper read by Mr. John Anderson, W.S., before the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland in 1828 (Arch. Scot., III. 234, reprinted in "Miscellanea Invernessiana," p. 2). See also notice of an ancient spear-head found in 1882 at or near the supposed site—Trans. of Inverness Field Club, II. 297.
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its own more than ordinarily favourable geographical position at the head of the Moray Firth, at the crossing of the ancient trade routes from the east to the west and from the north to the south, and in the immediate vicinity of the safe haven of Inverness—Inbhir-Nis—The-Mouth-of-the-Ness. Native merchants—Picts they were, speaking the Pictish branch of the Celtic language, in the time of Brude and for centuries before and after him—bought and sold within the narrow bounds of the Town which had thus gradually evolved itself, and supplied the Men of the Bens and Glens with such wares as were at their command, in exchange for the produce of the country and the spoil of the chase. Gaels, or Scots as they were then also called, came into the Town from Ireland and Dalriada between the sixth and the eighth centuries as preachers and teachers of Christianity, and at a later period as the result of the union of the kingdoms of the Picts and Scots; and in the twelfth century Flemings, Frisians and Lowlanders joined the community, much to the advantage of trade. These strangers and their descendants, as well as settlers of later periods, intermarried with the native race; and the population which thus arose was more Celtic than Saxon. The first burgess on record (mentioned in William the Lion's third Charter about 1200) is a Saxon or Norman bearing the name of Geoffrey Blund—we repeatedly meet Manis Blunt, perhaps a descendant of his, in the present volume—and for generations after Geoffrey's time the trade of the Burgh was mainly in the hands of merchants of alien origin whose names have consequently been transmitted to us, while those of their Gaelic contemporaries have perished. But the view that Inverness was a Saxon colony is only partially true, and there is no ground for the assumption that the Highlander in general was the enemy of the community. A Mormaer of Moray or a Lord of the Isles might in the course of his wars
against the Scottish Kings attack the Castle as he attacked every other obstacle that met him; but the Town, although it necessarily suffered in such attacks, existed for the benefit and convenience of the Highlands, and chiefs and clansmen appreciated the fact, and traded freely with the community. For a long period, it is true, the Saxon took more kindly to trade than the Celt, whether Pict or Gael; but the Celt's prejudice against town life and commercial pursuits gradually wore away, and in the Records printed in this volume, the first burgess that appears is John McGillewe, a bailie whose father was a burgess as early as 1521; and we find men of Celtic names engaged as merchants, tradesmen, and churchmen, although the majority of the traders still bore such names as Kar, Marshall, Cuthbert, Waus or Vass, Fleming, Birnie, Dempster, Bur, Dunbar, and Winchester, which reveal their Saxon or at any rate their southern origin, notwithstanding that they were frequently borne by men in whose veins much Celtic blood flowed. Their records were written, and their correspondence was no doubt conducted, in the Scottish written language of the period; but their place-names were, with a few exceptions, Gaelic, and the accuracy with which they phonetically wrote the numerous Gaelic personal names, nicknames, and patronyms, careful even of Gaelic form and gender and inflexion, proves their acquaintance with the old tongue, which, with most of the inhabitants, must have been the tongue of their firesides. The great majority of the individuals whose names appear in these Records bear patronymics and not surnames, and it is the patronymic and not the surname that is, in Gaelic fashion, given to such well known chiefs and chieftains as Macdonald of Clanranald, Macdonell of Glengarry, Mackenzie of Gairloch, and Macgillivray of Dunmaglass. Sometimes, when the surname is given, it is in the Gaelic form which is in use to this day, as McIntoishie and McIntoishicht (Mackintosh), Intinclarycht (the
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Sinclair), McKennycht (Mackenzie), Cummenycht (Cumming), and Intolmycht (the Tolmie). The Gaelic even forced its way into the Records, where we find such words as glaslawes (handcuffs), larach (site or stance), raicht (quarter of a year), skemlar (a low parasite of a man), caber (a pole), cawill (cabhuil, a creel for catching fish), and clag-boy (yellow bell); and the Saxon equivalent of the Gaelic definite article is invariably given in such place-names as The Moy (A'Mhaigh, the Plain), The Leys (An Léas, the Sunny Spot'), and The Inshes (Na h-Innseachan, the Meadows)—names in the English forms of which the article has in modern times been unfortunately dropped. Thomas Tucker's statement in 1656 that the mixture of English and Gaelic "in the towne of Invernesse is such that one halfe of the people understand not one another," although not to be taken as literally true, shows that both languages were in his time pretty equally spoken. Of the two thousand or thereby individuals who in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries probably made up the population of the Burgh, there may have been many who knew no English, but few, if any, who knew no Gaelic. A merchant or shopkeeper of Inverness without the latter tongue could not have traded with many of the inhabitants of the Town, and with hardly any, except the clergy and land-owners, outside the Burgh boundaries.

Nor is it correct to say, as is usually said, that Inverness was a small oasis of civilisation in a great desert of barbarism. From the glimpses which Adamnan and the later Irish analysts give us of life in the north of Scotland between the sixth and twelfth centuries, we conclude that the civilisation of that district was

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1 Léas; a bright spot—Dinneen's Irish-English Dictionary.

2 Tucker's Report, Misc. of Scot. Burgh Records Society, 25. Thomas Kirk, an Englishman who visited Inverness in 1677, writes: "All in the town of Inverness do generally use that language ['wild Irish' or Gaelic] except some few of the better sort, that can speak Scottish."—Tours in Scotland, 1677 and 1681, p. 28.
not much below that of Ireland, which was in some ways the highest at the time in Europe. Christianity, with its education and art, had its beneficial influence; and that there was even before the days of Christianity a considerable civilisation in the district of Inverness, is evidenced by such memorials as the standing stones of “Druid Temple” and Clava, the sculptured stones of Glen-Urquhart, and especially the Boar-stone at Knocknagael (or more correctly, Cnocnangial) in the immediate vicinity of the Town. The Boar-stone, an illustration of which is given in this volume, is described by Sir William M. Ramsay of Aberdeen University in a lecture delivered before the Gaelic Society of Inverness, as the most important monument of its kind in Scotland.

“A view of it having been thrown on the screen, he pointed out the simplicity of the design, and the economy of the means to the end. There was not a single line wasted; there was no line which you could eliminate without losing something of the effect, and yet all the essentials of the boar were indicated with firmness, clearness, and sureness. The work has all the character of an early primitive time, showing neither helpless barbarism nor rude imitation of better work. There lay a long period of training behind it. The draughtsman had learned what he could do, he knew exactly how much he could accomplish, and did not aim beyond that. There was not in his mind any lofty intention which he was struggling only half effectually to bring out. He was content to do what he knew he could do. All this implied cultivation for generations, and a thorough knowledge of what the hand could accomplish in expressing the thoughts of the mind. The most characteristic feature was the lines on the surface of the body, marking off the upper part of the fore and hind legs. The artist had a horror of a line coming to an end abruptly on the surface of

2 Ibid XX. 358.
the body. This he avoided by the device of turning his line at the end into a curve. A convention like that was in itself the product of a long process of art training."

After the end of the Pictish kingdom, Inverness continued to rule the north as the chief town of the Mormaers of Moray, who claimed to be independent of the Scottish Kings. The most noted of those potentates was Macbeth, who fell in battle with Malcolm Canmore in 1057, and whose castle, as we have seen, is said to have stood on The Crown. The long struggle of the men of Moray, which lasted until 1228, and an echo of which may perhaps be traced in the later periodical Highland "troubles" down to Culloden, must have profoundly affected their capital, which was more than once given to the flames. Into that struggle we cannot enter. The Moraymen were defeated by the Scottish kings in 1078, in 1116, in 1130, and again in 1135, when David the First definitely attached the province to the Crown, and erected, as we have seen, the first stone fort on the Castle Hill—a royal castle which figured prominently in the future history of the country.

In connection with the consolidation of the kingdom, David appointed certain places in every sherrifdom to which all property "challenged for theft" was to be brought. Inverness was appointed for the combined provinces of Ross and Moray, including Caithness, and was made the seat of the government of the north of Scotland, a position of which it was not even temporarily deprived during the English occupations of Edward the First and Oliver Cromwell.

It was part of David's policy to strengthen and encourage the Scottish burghs, and by his "assise" he gave royal recognition to a system of burghal organisation and privileges which had already grown up. It was, however, left to his grandson, William the Lion, to put the ancient privileges of the burghs in writing.
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He confirmed to the burgh of Aberdeen and all his burgesses benorth the Mounth (the Grampians) "their free hanse"—a sort of burghal parliament of which Inverness was a member—to be held when they chose and where they chose, as freely and honourably as they held it in the time of his grand-sire King David. To Inverness he granted three exclusive charters—between 1180 and 1200—in addition to two charters in favour of Moray generally. Those charters, which it is intended to print in a future volume of these Records, conferred on the burgesses of our Burgh, lands and extensive rights and privileges, under which, for the following four hundred years or more, it claimed, and to a great extent exercised, the exclusive right to trade in staple goods throughout the Sheriffdom of Inverness, which embraced Ross, Sutherland and Caithness, and the portion of the modern County of Argyle which lies to the west of Loch Linne and between Loch Eil and the Sound of Mull. The grants were from time to time confirmed and added to by succeeding sovereigns, and were finally confirmed by James the Sixth on 1st January, 1591, or 1592 according to modern reckoning, in what is known as the Golden Charter of the Burgh.

William the Lion's charter of 1180 bears that a compact had been entered into between him and the burgesses that he should construct a fosse around the Burgh, and that they should erect along the fosse a substantial palisade, which they were always to keep in repair and in good order. The fosse and the palisade were duly constructed, and henceforth the lands within them—with the exception of the Castle Hill which continued to be Crown property, and which, so far as the registration of land titles is concerned, is still part of the County—

1 The transfer to Argyle was effected by Act of Parliament in 1633. Ross, Sutherland and Caithness were separated from Inverness by Parliament in 1649.
formed the Burgh and were held of the King. It was not until comparatively recent times that the Town began to overstep the bounds fixed by the fosse. Down to the period covered by this volume, and for long thereafter, the inhabitants still clustered under the shadow of the Royal Castle, and the Town consisted of four streets—Damisdell (Castle Street); Est Get (High Street); Bridgend (Bridge Street); and Kyrk Get (Church Street)—together with a few vennels, and a strip on the west side of the Ness which was known as "Beyond the Watter." ¹

Outside the Burgh boundary the community possessed lands of considerable extent and value. William the Lion by his second charter granted for the support of the Burgh the lands which were then known as the Burgh Haugh. From time to time the Town acquired further lands, as well as salmon fishings. These possessions, as they stood in the sixteenth century, are fully described in the Golden Charter, and are shown on the plan of the Burgh lands which accompanies this volume. The charter confirms the Burgh’s title to the King’s Mills and the right of the inhabitants to pasture cattle, pull heather, and cast turf and peats on whatsoever lands, hills and places to which the Burgh and its indwellers were accustomed, and especially upon Craig Phadraig, Caiplich Moor, Daviot Mount, and Bogbain. ² The rights and privileges and duties of

¹ See the plan of the Burgh in the sixteenth century—frontispiece; also West Prospect of Inverness, in the General Survey, 1725, given in this volume.

² The Golden Charter and the Sasine which followed it on 6th May, 1592, have been carefully examined by Mr. P. J. Anderson, who reads the description of the lands, &c., as follows—the place-names in the Sasine, when they differ in spelling from those in the Charter, being given in brackets. The legal antiquary will note the peculiarity in connection with the description, which is given, not in Latin as was customary, but in vulgari.

"Necnon omnes et singulas terras de Drakes et forrestam earundem Terras de Markinche cum communi pastura eisdem pertinen. ab antiquo vocat. lie Burgh Hauch jacen. inter montem lie Mont et aquam cum silvestri parca lie Wedpark inter summitatem dicti montis et dict. lie Hauch Vnacum omnibus terris dicti nostri burgi de Invernes vocat. lie Barnehillis Claypottis et
the burgesses and of the more exclusive Merchants' Guild, of which some of them had the good fortune to be brethren, were regulated by the royal charters as well as by the Burgh Laws, which, first adopted by the famous Combination of the Four Burghs, Berwick, Roxburgh, Edinburgh and Stirling, soon became the code of law of all the burghs of Scotland, and was sanctioned by the legislature early in the twelfth century; and by the Statutes of the Guild, first enacted for regulating the guild of merchants of Berwick in the thirteenth century, and soon adopted generally by the Scottish burghs. It appears from the Records

Mi inhib et communibus terris vocat. the Kers terrisque vocat. the Carnlaws bondat. et limitat. ut sequitur in vulgari viz.

"Begynandi at the burne callit Auldinhemmerie [Althemrie] now callit the burne of Culloden enterand in the sey at the north eist qsk burne ascedandis to a burne callit Aldnacreich at the southeast and fra that as wynd and wether scheris to ane know callit Knoknacreich now callit Carneinewarrane [Carneineneara] at the south west and fra that as the samen passis to Glascarnenacreich qkis merchis the baronie of Daleus [Dalcrois] at the sowth and the saidis lands of Drakis at the north and fra the said Glascarnenacreich north west to ane well or fontane callit Toberdonich and evin west the bra callit Brayrinchaltin to ane know callit Knoknagad at the south west And thairfra to ane burne qk devids the Lord Lovetis landis callit the Eister Leis and the commun landis of our said burgh of Inuerses at the west And as the said burne lineallie cumis fra the sowth devidis the landis of Culkebok at the west and the landis of Knokintinnall at the eist And frathynce certane marche stanis are pottit betwix the foresaidis landis of Culkebok and the commun landis of our said burgh of Inurnes and as the samyn is linialle descendand in ane burne callit Auldsmornik [Altmurnoche] at the north and passand to the sey at the north eist

"Ac etiam toutam et integrum communem moram dicit nostri burgi toutam et integrum aquam de Ness omnesque partes ac utrumque latus ciusdem inter lapidem vocat. Clachnaheaggag et mare."

The following interpretations of the Gaelic boundary features are offered:—Auldinhemmerie [Allt-na-h-ionaire], the Burn of the Ridge; Aldnacreich [Allt-na-crich], the Burn of the March; Knoknacreich [Cnoc-na-crich], the March Hillock; Carneinewarrane [Carn-an-fhuarain], the Cairn of the Well; Glascarnenacreich [Glas-charr-na-crich], the Grey Cairn of the March; Toberdonich [Tobar Domhnuich], the Well of our Lord; Brayrinchaltin [Braighe-raoin-a'-chaltuin], the Brae or Top of the Hazel Field; Knoknagad [Cnoc-nan-gad], the Knowe of the Withes; Knokintinnall [Cnoc-an-tionail], the Hillock of the Gathering; Aultmurunoch [Ault-murineach], the Murmuring Burn; Clachnahaagig [Clach-na-h-eagaig], the Stone of the little Notch or Cleft—but in these Records the word is Claycht-nye-helig [Clach-na-h-Eileig] (page 288) the Stone of the Eileag, a "V" shaped arrangement, open at both ends, into which deer or other wild animals were driven and shot with arrows as they came out at the narrow end. (See Dr. Watson's *Place-names of Ross and Cromarty*, pp. 145, 237.) The word Eileag was also applied to a contrivance—perhaps "V" shaped—for catching fish, and that is probably the origin of Clachnaheilig.
that there also grew up in our Burgh certain customs which perhaps were not to be found in the towns of the south. The Records throw much light upon the organisation of the Burgh, the privileges of the burgesses and guild brethren, the disabilities of the "unfree men," and the circumstances under which the various classes lived and laboured. These can only be briefly glanced at in this Introduction. The antiquarian student will search the volume for himself; and the interpreter of Gaelic patronymics and personal names will find in it much to interest him.¹

It was one of the rules of the Burgh Laws that no person might be a burgess who was not possessed of at least one rood of land within the burgh—in the words of the old Scots translation from the Latin, "Na man may be the kyngis burges but gif he may do service to the kyng of als mekyl as fallys til ane rude of lande at the leste." For each rood held by the burgess he paid the King 5d. annually. The rule was, during the period of these Records, insisted on in our Burgh, where the magistrates and councillors were time after time called upon to give their great oath not to admit anyone to the freedom of the Burgh or the benefits of the guild without the necessary rood. "Clannit men and strangeris nocht beand merchandis" were also excluded, and so were such as did not make their daily habitation within the Burgh. Breaches of the residence condition were frequently winked at, especially in the cases of burgesses who had acquired wealth and become landed proprietors. But in 1580, in consequence of an ordinance by the Convention of Royal Burghs on the subject of residence, the provost and bailies made an effort to enforce the condition, and Robert Dunbar of Dores, John

¹ Much valuable information about the Burgh is given in Mr. Evan Barron's "Inverness in the Fifteenth Century" (Inverness, 1906), and his "Inverness in the Middle Ages" (Inverness, 1907); and in "Queen Mary's Inverness," by Mr. Kenneth Macdonald, Town Clerk (Trans. of Inverness Field Club, Vol. V.).
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Waus of Lochslyn, John Winchester of Alturlie, and Adam Davidson in Caithness, were called upon to make their actual residence within the Burgh, with their wives and families, and to hold stob and stake in it, and to scot, lot, watch, walk and ward with the inhabitants thereof, under the pain of forfeiture of their liberty and privileges. Winchester and Davidson did not appear, and they were deprived of their burghal-freedom. Waus gave a written undertaking to comply with the ordinance; and Dunbar, who was represented by a procurator, declared that, notwithstanding his desire to live in the Town, it was impossible for him to repair to it without great hazard of life, because of deadly feud standing, and as yet unreconciled, between himself and certain clans residing be-west the Town. He therefore pleaded for delay until the feud was ended and there was more stability within the realm; and his prayer was granted.

When a person was entered Burgess and guild-brother he was required to swear fidelity to the Crown and the Burgh; to treat the burgesses and brethren to a banquet of spice and wine; to pay to the town treasurer an entry fee which varied from 5/- to 20 merks, and which was sometimes applied to the “brig wark” (the maintenance of the wooden bridge across the Ness), sometimes to the “water wark” (the Town’s salmon cruives), and sometimes to the kyrk wark (the repair of the Parish Church, which the Town then, as now, maintained); and to present

1 That is, to pay stent (scot), and to take a burgess’s lot or share of the duty of watching and warding the Burgh.

2 The full oath of a burgess and guild-brother was in the following terms:—“That he will be leal and feel to our Lord the King and to the community of the Burgh; that he will give to the King faithfully rent for the land which he defends; that he will be obedient in things lawful to the provost and bailies; that he will keep the secret counsel of the community; that if anything to their prejudice shall come to his knowledge he will forewarn them or apply a remedy if he can; that as often as he shall be asked he will give them faithful counsel and assistance in the common business to his power; and that he will maintain the liberties, laws, and customs of the Burgh during his life according to his power.” The oath being taken he kissed the provost and brethren if he was a brother of the guild.

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the provost with a pair of guild hose, sometimes described as "stenyne hois," and, occasionally, the officiating bailie with a doublet. A burgess's son and heir was entitled to succeed him in his freedom, but only on condition that he held the necessary rood, and that he had resided in the Burgh for at least a year and a day, and had during that time held stob and stake, and taken his share of the burdens and duties of the inhabitants—"scottit and lottit, walkit and wardit." In 1560 the application of Thomas Baillie of Corsarle for admission was refused on the ground that although he had been served heir to the late Alexander Baillie, a burgess, he did not possess the property qualification within the Burgh, had not resided the necessary time, and had not given the requisite services; and in 1562 it was agreed to admit James Gollan "quhan he gettis ane fre rud of land." Women were, in succession to their fathers, admitted to the Burgh freedom, but not to the brotherhood of the guild. In 1557, Finlay Man is served heir to the deceased Thomas Man, but not to the freedom, because he is not the deceased's son and heir gotten of his body, and for the further reason that "he hes nocht be usit nor consuetit with merchandriis, as use of bourris is." The freedom was forfeited through non-residence, loss of the property qualification, or default in burghal services; and in 1563 John Bur and other two burgesses were found liable to deprivation for threatening a Burgh officer with a drawn knife, and other offences, but were mercifully continued on probation on the understanding that if they offended again they "salbe de prywit alluterlie of their liberties and fredomes."

The Burgh Laws ordained that at the first court after the Feast of St. Michael (Michaelmas) the alderman (provost) and bailies should be chosen through the counsel of the good men of the town, and that the provost should cause twelve

\[1\] Stennyng, a species of fine cloth.
of the leelest and wisest burgesses to swear by their great oath that all the laws and used customs should be maintained to the utmost of their power. The Statutes of the Guild provided that the mayor (provost) and bailies should be chosen by the whole community. The electoral body referred to in these codes as “good men of the town” and “the whole community” were, it is believed, one and the same class—the burgesses—with whom thus, during the early history of burghs, lay the election of the magistrates, and, indirectly, the selection of the council of twelve. In 1455 Parliament enacted that, according to the population of the town, eight or twelve persons should be “chosin of the secret console and suorne theirto,” who would judge in “all materis of wrang and unlawe” within certain limits; and an important change in the law was made by the famous Act of 1469, which, on the ground that trouble had arisen from the popular character of burghal elections, provided that the magistrates and council should be elected annually—the retiring council choosing the new one in such number “as accordis to the toune”—every craft, however, having the right to choose a member of the craft to vote in the election of the officials. Further changes were made from time to time until, in 1552, the Convention of Burghs ordained that upon Wednesday next preceding the Feast of Michaelmas the provost, bailies, dean of guild, treasurer, and council for the time should convene in the tolbooth and choose a new council to the number of twelve persons, including the provost, bailies, dean of guild, and treasurer; and that the new council thus elected, and the old council, should on the Friday thereafter choose the provost, bailies, and other officials. These rules were generally in force in Inverness during the period covered by these Records, but there was no dean of guild, and the council usually consisted of fifteen members, including the provost, three bailies, and the
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treasurer. Each year at Michaelmas the old council elected the new, and at the Michaelmas head court held immediately after that Feast, the provost and three bailies were chosen, and these constituted the Burgh Court, and as such conducted the administrative and judicial business of the Town. The ordinary members of the council at times felt that the magistrates were taking too much on their own exclusive shoulders. On 2nd October, 1559, the council passed a resolution to the effect that whatever the provost or bailies did contrary to the common weal without the council's advice should be of no effect, and that they should do nothing without such advice. Occasionally we find that the council is consulted, but as a rule the magistrates take their own independent way.

In its multifarious criminal and civil duties the Burgh Court was assisted by one or more town clerks; a treasurer; a procurator-fiscal; a dempster; tasters of ale, whose duty it was to see that the ale brewed within the Burgh was not "evil stuff"; comprisers of fish and flesh, who fixed the prices and saw that the food was sound; comprisers of biggings (buildings); liners, by whom questions of boundaries and measurements were decided; messengers; and burgh officers. There were also the tenant of the handbell (the town crier); masters of work, who had charge of the

1 In 1557 the council consisted of 13 members; in 1561, of 14. The custom was that the election of magistrates first took place at a private meeting immediately after the Feast of Michaelmas, usually held in the Chapel of the Green (see pp. 24, 33), and, after the Reformation, in the Parish Church (see p. 63). This was followed by a public meeting a day or two later in the Michaelmas head court, held in the tolbooth, at which the result of the previous private election was confirmed. The election of the council usually took place after a short interval, sometimes held, apparently privately, in the Chapel of the Green (see p. 25), though it sometimes took place in the head court in the tolbooth (see p. 63).

2 The town clerks and other officials were appointed annually. On 6th October, 1561, William Cumming, who was for a long time town clerk, was elected "comond clerk," Master Thomas Hewison, minister of the Parish, and Gilbert Duff being at the same time appointed clerks "in causis onsuspect." In 1569, Sir John Gibson, Parson of Unthank (Duffus), and Sir John Nicholson, Vicar of Laggan, are chosen "burrow clerkis."
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repair of the Parish Church, the bridge, and the water work or cruives; and the “custummars,” who collected the great and petty customs.

Three head courts were held every year—at or soon after Michaelmas, Christmas, and Easter. These the burgesses and owners of property within the Burgh were bound to attend. The absentees, “after being repeatedly called as they that owed suit to the Court,” were fined for non-appearance. At these head courts, as well as at the ordinary courts, which were held once a week, and sometimes more frequently, the business done was of a very diverse nature—heirs were served; burgesses and guild-brethren entered; stallangers and booth-holders authorised to trade; tanners, cordiners (shoemakers and other workers in leather), litsters (dyers), bakers, fleshers, brewers, and other tradesmen licensed; prices of shoes, ale, and other commodities fixed; trade regulations passed; regulations for the health of the community made; the Town’s lands and fishings let; complaints and actions of all kinds, civil and criminal, heard and disposed of; and assaulters, rioters, breakers of the peace, slanderers, thieves, and men and women of immoral behaviour punished.

The Burgh Court also had often before it such matters as, accounting by executors, and guardians of minors; cases of arbitration; liability of husbands for their wives’ debts; recovery by poinding or otherwise of stent, taxes, customs, and debts due to private individuals; theft; assault; and slander, which was extremely common. Female slanderers were burned on the cheek with “fluir ye lyis” (fleur-de-lis)—a device probably introduced from the friendly France—and ordained to “sit on their knees” at the market cross or in the Parish Church, and say, “False tongue, she lied.” Sometimes banishment followed, and there are numerous instances of slanderers being made to appear in the Parish Church, wearing the branks. Johne
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Morison, a burgess who was in June, 1561, accused of slandering the minister openly in the King's Get by calling him a common pulpit flyter, and a stresser of other men's wives in Caithness and Orkney, was ordained "to pass to the mercat croce and thair sit on his kneys, and say 'False toung, he leyd,'" and thereafter, on Corpus Christi Day—this happened after the Reformation—to appear in the Church in presence of the congregation, "and sit on his kneys and ask forgewenes; and gyf he beys fundyn flittand or rabuttan anie nychtbour in tyme cuming he salbe depriuet of his fredome for ewyr."

While the burgesses and guild brethren were the only persons who were legally entitled to trade in staple goods—leather, skins, hides, furs, wool, plaids, &c.—within the Burgh of Inverness, or within the Sheriffdom which then, as we have seen, embraced not only the present County, but also the present Counties of Ross and Cromarty, Sutherland and Caithness, and a large portion of Argyle, or to dye, brew, or distill, unfree men were regularly licensed by the Court to set up stalls for the sale of various articles of merchandise. These were the stallangers, who are referred to in the second charter of King William the Lion, and in the Burgh Laws, and whom we meet frequently in these Records. Sometimes they paid stallanger silver for the privilege. Sometimes no fee was exacted, on account of poverty, or for some other good and sufficient cause. Among stallangers licensed on 4th October, 1564, was Master Martin Logy, Master of the Grammar School, who thus tried to add to his modest stipend. On the same date a number were admitted "for ane yeir gratis for thair puyr honesty and obedience"—those who could not plead these qualifications being bound to pay £6/- for their admission, on the condition that if they broke the statutes and ordinances of the Town, their admission and payment would be of no effect; and in 1574 Johne Dow McRorye (Black John, son of Roderick) is
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licensed "in respect that he hes fullylit the bond of matrimonye wyth Agnes Fyff." In 1562, Andrew McPhail and Thomas Wright, indwellers of the Burgh, and heritable possessors of two roods of burgage land in Damsdell, are found entitled "to be ay [always] stallinger fre, be resson the said land is baron burgessis land," under the declaration that their tenants shall not have the same privilege, nor be entitled to brew, "without licence of the towneschyp, viz., provest, balyes, and counsell."

Booth-holders were a lower class of traders, consisting mainly of cordiners, who paid for the privilege of manufacturing and working in leather, and making shoes, and, like the stallangers, swore to be true to King and Burgh, and to scot, lot, walk and ward. In 1579, Allister McConquhie (Alexander, son of Duncan), son of Duncan McConquhie Dowe (Duncan, son of Black Duncan) in Daviot, is admitted booth-holder of the cordiner craft of Inverness on taking the usual obligation. Next year he is ordained to pay 40/- for the privilege, "and to use the samyn to Michaelmes nixt for payment making thereof." Others are at the same time admitted on similar terms. In 1582, William Dick is found qualified to be a booth-holder, he paying 10/- as entry money, and 8 merks for a banquet to the bailies and the cordiners craft. The booths under the tolbooth were in 1568 let for three years to Alexander Baillie and Alexander Paterson, who paid 40/- as entry money, and a yearly rent of 40/-; and to Alexander Cuthbert and William Cuthbert, who paid the 40/- rent only. In 1575, it was ordained by the provost and bailies, with the consent of the cordiners craft, that in time coming no booth-holder of that craft be authorised to have a booth unless he was possessed of goods and gear of the value of £20; and at the same court John Cuthbert was found guilty of booth-holding without licence, and was "decernit to haif done wrang, and puneist according to justice."
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Forestallers and unlicensed traders were a great trouble to the Town authorities, and numerous prosecutions appear on the Records. On 27th February, 1563, John Bane becomes surety for Donald McConyll McInnes (Donald, son of Donald, son of Angus) that in time coming he shall not be found using forestalling by selling any manner of graith near the Town, and especially any staple goods, under certification that if he be found acting to the contrary, his whole goods and gear shall be forfeited to the Queen and the Burgh; and at the same time James Paterson becomes surety in like manner for Gillespyk McConquhie Roy (Archibald, son of Red Duncan) in Urquhart. In November, 1566, David Johneson, John Colleing, and David Malice, citizens of Perth, were found guilty of forestalling in buying plaids, skins, benoks (a kind of leather), and other merchandise, especially at St. Martin’s Fair in the Black Isle. They pleaded in defence that St. Martin’s Fair was a free market at which it was lawful to all manner of men to buy and sell. The Court found that such a right had been given by the Kings of Scotland to the Burgh of Inverness only, “quha hes the libertie of the haiU schire [including Ross, Cromarty, Sutherland and Caithness and part of Argyle] to suffer sic wayeris to cum to the said kirk [St. Martin’s] sic as pledding and small skynnis and utheris small wayoures,” and ordained that the goods pertaining to the accused should be confiscated to the Queen and the Burgh. Six burgesses of Elgin were in 1577 found guilty of forestalling a large quantity of leather, and submitted themselves to the jurisdiction of Inverness on the understanding that the leather should be confiscated, and divided between the Sovereign, the Burgh, and the Great Admiral or his Deputies “insafar as the said leddir war apprehendit in ane boit within the flude merk [floodmark].” In 1579, a number of persons are fined for forestalling various kinds of timber, such as rails, cabers, stakes, wattling, boards, planks, and oak and fir
bark; and two years later Thomas Dalgleish, a saddler, is found guilty of buying outside the Town white plaids and wool; the skins of foxes, weasels, otters, sheep and goats; hides and benoks; and tallow, salt, wine, and other articles of merchandise; and selling the same to unfree men "nocht being fre burgessis of this burcht, in forestalling maner, in bying and selling of sic geir as is above mentionat." Dalgleish is sentenced to instant imprisonment. Sometimes a licence to forestall in places distant from the Burgh is granted by the Court. In 1559, the privilege of the forestallers of Sutherland, Caithness and Ross is let to Jasper Waus and his colleagues for a period of 19 years, they paying £10 annually to the Burgh; and in 1582, a similar lease is granted to Robert Waus, William Cuthbert, and George Cumming of the right to forestall "upon this syde of the ferrye of Cromertie and within 12 myles of the schire," for one year, at a rent of £6.

The Burgh's charters, as we have seen, conferred upon the burgesses the most extensive and exclusive trade privileges over the wide Sheriffdom, which, as has already been pointed out, extended from the Sound of Mull to John O' Groats. The Golden Charter ordains all merchants residing outside the Burgh, but within the Sheriffdom, to carry their merchandise to the Burgh, and there to sell it; and prohibits all persons residing within the County, but outside the Burgh, except the burgesses of Inverness who are in the merchants' guild, from making or selling cloth, linen, or wool, and from buying or selling timber, wood, boards, deals, bark, skins, hides, wool, salmon, fish, staple goods, salt, wine, tallow, or other merchandise whatever, except within the Burgh, to which they are bound to take the same for sale. These privileges and prohibitions, which existed for centuries before the date of the Golden Charter—the main
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purpose of which was to confirm them—led to frequent disputes and much litigation with Dingwall, Tain, and other northern burghs, and with forestallers and unfree traders. In 1561, Thomas and Robert Meldrum are fined for selling staple goods in Chanonry and Rosemarkie, and for contravening the privileges of Inverness by selling victuals to unfree men. In timber and bark, wool and cloth, cattle and hides, and the skins of sheep, goats, deer, roe, martens, weasels, and otters, which were brought into the Burgh by Highlanders of all classes, from chiefs downwards, there was a large trade. The skins were dressed or manufactured into leather in the tan-yards which occupied the banks of the lower reaches of the eastern fosse, and polluted it so greatly that it came to be known as the Foul Pool. These, as well as plaids and tartans—the work of country-women, some of them living in far Lochaber—were sold to the inhabitants of Inverness, or sent south or abroad in exchange for wine, spices, salt, and other commodities. In March, 1573, John Bur travels to Perth with a pack, out of which Charles Macgregor contrives to steal 16½ double ells of plaiding, priced at 2 merks for each 5 ells, and a tartan coat worth 30/-.

There is much illegal traffic. Gillespyk Macgregor is seized and imprisoned for buying 15 white plaids, 20 dozen lamb skins, 12 dozen kid skins, 6 dozen calf skins, and 5 stones white wool, in Glen-Urquhart and Strathglass, and forwarding them to Perth, and is ordained to get the goods back and present them for sale at the tolbooth of Inverness, or to pay the value thereof to the Town. In 1576, John Fraser, alias Stowte, is accused of resetting from Kennocht Owre (Dun Kenneth), chapman, the skins of martens and otters purchased by Kenneth at adjacent markets, such as St. Boniface

1 Hector Boece, in his History (Bellenden's Translation), writes:—"Beside Lochnes . . . ar mony wild hors; and amang thame ar mony martrikis [martens] bevers, quhitredis [weasels] and toddis [foxes]; the furringis and skinnis of thaim ar coft [bought] with gret price amang uncouth marchandis."

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Fair, Pardoun Fair, Bryde Day, Martemess (St. Martins in the Black Isle), and Munro's Fair; and, confessing to having bought 8 otter skins from Kenneth, submits to punishment. The above-mentioned Gillespyk Macgregor and John Fraser and other three unfree merchants are, on 6th December, 1570, authorised to deal in "small chrymerie," and sell salt and dye yarn, until Michaelmas following, they paying for the liberty sums varying from 40/- to £4; but it is added that if any of them happen to pass to outside markets and buy staple goods such as skins, hides, wool, plaids, iron, &c., they shall be bound to bring the same to the Burgh, and to offer them to the free burgesses under pain of forfeiture of the goods.

The timber and bark industry was important. The principal sellers were The Chisholm, Fraser of Aberchalder in Stratherrick, and the proprietors of Glengarry, Urquhart, and Glenmoriston; and the trees were floated down Loch Ness and the river, to the constant danger of the salmon cruives. Unfree dealers in timber are prosecuted. John Reid, a priest's son who frequently gave trouble to the Burgh authorities, was, in November, 1570, found guilty of illegally dealing in timber, and decreed to have his goods and gear confiscated, and his body punished according to the laws of the realm. John did not take his punishment meekly. He contemptuously troubled the Court by his "maisterfull and heycht speiking," telling his judges that he was as gentle and good a man as any of them. In prison he took a poor revenge by burning the Town's common firlot, and was ordained to provide a new one. In 1572, a number of persons were found guilty of selling to unfree men and strangers all kinds of timber, such as rails, couples, trees, cabers, stakes, "kearnox," wands and girthstings (barrelhoops), to the great skaith and hurt of the inhabitants of the Burgh. Oak bark for tanning purposes came from Lochness-side.

1 Creamerie, crâmery : goods usually sold by pedlars.
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The waterway of Loch Ness was of great importance from the earliest age,¹ and the Records contain many references to the traffic on the Loch. Before 1564, the Lords of Lovat, who were proprietors at the west end of the Lake, claimed the right to regulate and exact toll for the use of "the passage of the Loch"; and in that year we find William Fraser of Struy, Warder of Lovat, suing John Merschell before the Burgh Court for 12 merks, being the price of a licence obtained from Fraser to use the passage for the space of a year. The Court ordered Fraser to fulfil his part of the bargain, and Merschell to pay the price of the licence. In 1575, Macdonell of Glengarry complains to the Privy Council that "Hew, Lord Fraser of Lovett, upoun unjust occasioun hes laitlie stoppit and maid impediment to the said Donald McAngus [Glengarry] his freinds, kin, and comonis of his landis, to bring and cary wod and tymmer doun in bottis to the burgh of Inverness, throw the water of Loch Nes, upoun aither syde quhairof his landis lyis, quhairby the commoun weill of the countrie and burgh foirsaid is hurt and disadvantageit." The cause being called, and Lovat failing to appear, an Act of the Privy Council was passed, prohibiting him from molesting or impeding the Glengarry men in their timber trade with the Burgh.² The right of the burgesses and inhabitants to use the Loch for the conveyance of fuel, goods, cattle, burdens, and other necessaries, was confirmed by James the Sixth in the Golden Charter.

The meat traffic was considerable, and cargoes of barrelled beef were sent to the east and south of Scotland, as well as to Flanders and other parts of the Continent. The animals were brought to the Market Cross alive, and, after sale, were slain at the "butcherie," which was the property of the Town, and was from time to time let to the highest bidder. The meat intended

¹ Adamnan tells us that St. Columba and his companions used it.
² Collectanea de Rebus Albanicis, page 34.
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for sale for consumption in the Town was comprised—the price fixed,—and it was an offence against the law to buy before that was done.

Of more importance than the meat trade was the fishing industry. The Town’s fishings on the Ness, and the Fre Schot and Castle fishings belonging to Lord Huntly, yielded large quantities of salmon, the great bulk of which was cured and sent in barrels to the seaports of the east coast, and to France and Flanders. The burgesses also purchased salmon from Lord Lovat and other proprietors, which they disposed of in the same way. The Town’s fishings were let from time to time—sometimes by public roup. A portion of each coble’s catch was set apart and cut up as “met fish” or “meit fish” [measured fish] and brought to the market, where, after being comprised, it was sold to the inhabitants who had no fishing of their own. To sell the met fish to outsiders rendered the seller liable in a fine, which in one recorded case was fixed at £10. The remainder of the fish was cured and barrelled and exported. Salmon poaching, notwithstanding the Gaelic saying, “Breac a linne, maid a coille, is fiadh a fireach, meirle as nach do ghabh duine riamh naire”—“A fish from the pool, a tree from the wood, and a deer from the mountain are thefts of which no man ever was ashamed”—was severely punished. In 1559, Donald Yet who had taken six salmon out of the cruives, was sentenced to have his ear nailed to the trone, and to remain there for nine hours. For a similar offence John Crom [Bent John] was to be similarly treated, and left to tear his lug from the nail. Another offender, John Farar, consents, “if he be fundyn slaying salmon on the Water of Ness, to be hangit”! In 1565, it is ordained that any person taking fish out of the cruives shall have his ear nailed to the trone, and thereafter be banished from the Town for ever.

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Herring and other sea fishing was prosecuted; and in 1568, we find William Buddith, burgess, purchasing 1000 skate at Faithlie (Fraserburgh). In connection with sea fishing, the Town's mussel scalps were valuable, and persons found selling mussels to "ony landwart men except to the nychtbouris [inhabitants] of this Town, his lug salbe nailit to the trone and theireftyr banneist of this towne for evyr."

Ale and beer were the common drink of the inhabitants of the Burgh, and, judging from the quantities sent into the district of Loch Ness, for example, the drink of the country folk. Brogat (also written "brogak" and "brogac") a malt liquor, probably sweetened, was also common, and aqua vitae, which in the Highlands, as in Ireland, meant, not brandy, but whisky (in Gaelicuisge beatha, water of life), was, although of comparatively recent introduction, well known. Kilns and malt houses were numerous in the Burgh, but no one was entitled to brew beer, ale, or brogat, or distil whisky, without a licence from the magistrates, who appointed tasters to see that the liquor was good, and to fix the prices from time to time. Unlicensed brewers, and such as sold above the prices authorised, were fined and their vessels burnt at the Cross; and the liquor was forfeited and distributed among the poor. The price of beer was usually 10d. a quart [Scotch]; of ale 8d., sometimes rising to 10d.; and of brogat 4/- per gallon. In 1557, the price of whisky was fixed at 12/- per quart, when the boll of victuall sold in the market at 20/-—the price of the liquor to vary as that of the grain rose or fell. Sometimes it was as high as 18/- per quart. These were high prices, even allowing for the circumstance that the money was Scots, which, during the period covered by this volume, was about one-fourth the value of money sterling.¹ Brewing and

¹ By the seventeenth century, owing to the depreciation of the Scottish coinage, it took £12 Scots to make £1 sterling.

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distilling, and especially the manufacture of brogat, were discouraged on account of the call which they made on the Town's grain supply. In 1567 it was ordained that only eight *aqua vitae* pots be used in the Burgh in time coming, that no pots be lent to unfree men within or without the Burgh under pain of forfeiture, and that three pints "gude and sufficient stuff" be produced from every boll of grain. Two years later an order was made that no brogat be brewed or sold in the Town; and persons guilty of breach of the ordinance were punished. The ordinance did not, however, continue to be obeyed, and in 1574, it was again enacted "that na maner of man, fre nor unfre, within this burcht, tak upon hand to brew ony brogat within this burcht for the space of ane yeir and forder induring the cunsalis will, under the pane of depravation of thair fredomes for the space of ane yeir efter thai be convict, and that drink brewin be thame be disposit to the puyr." Unfree brewers must be such as "ar haldin best, maist honest, famous, and avere (every) ane wortht be year ane sowme of XX lib"; but this qualification was seldom enforced, and much illicit brewing and selling continued to take place.

The baking of bread was carefully regulated and supervised. In 1557, Manis Kathkin, Sandie Baxtar [Sandie the Baker] and Sandie Donaldson, are admitted to be common baxters, and none other, and are taken bound to "bayk sufficient stuf . . . under payne of escheiting of thair stuf quhilk beis fundin unsufficient and nocht conforme to statutis of the burgh." Seven unfree bakers are licensed in 1577, all women, including Beak Crowbycht [Crippled Sophia] and Agnes Neyn Fynla Moir [Agnes, daughter of Big Finlay]. In October, 1583, eleven women are admitted "caik baxteris" for the year to Michaelmas following, paying for the privilege sums varying from 3/4 to 6/8.
The cordainers (cordwainers) were the most numerous body of tradesmen in the Burgh. They were the only body which, down to the period of these Records, appears to have formed itself into a "craft," with a deacon at its head. They worked in leather and skins, shoemaking being the principal part of their business.

It was, legally, the exclusive privilege of the burgesses to purchase hides and skins, and to have them manufactured into leather. Permission to purchase and manufacture was, however, sometimes given by the Court to the members of the cordiner craft, whether free or unfree. In December, 1558, Alexander Paterson, deacon of the cordiners, with the advice of the rest of the brethren of the craft, petitioned the provost, bailies and council for liberty to purchase rough hides, at prices fixed by the council, on the cordiners undertaking to supply the Town and the Queen's lieges of the country with shoes at the prices specified in an Act passed by the council on 16th November preceding. That Act ordained that between its date and Eastern Even [Shrove Tuesday] next, no craftsman-cordiner within the Burgh should take upon hand to sell any gentlemen's shoes dearer than 18d. the pair; women's shoes, 14d.; servants' shoes, 16d.; and children's shoes, 12d., under pain of fine and forfeiture of his stock. The deacon and two other brethren of the craft offered themselves as sureties that the conditions would be respected, and on that understanding the petition was granted. Prices were fixed by the Court annually, in October or November, and gradually rose, until, in 1572, gentlemen's shoes reached 2/8; those of husbandmen and servants, 2/6; women's, 2/4; and the shoes of children, 2od., 16d., and 14d., according to the age of the child. The authorised prices were, however, sometimes overstepped; and the craftsmen had a weakness for using unsuitable material. Prosecutions were the result. In November, 1568, for
example, Alexander Strachan, Johne Dow McGillephadrik, and other cordiners are charged with defrauding the Queen's lieges in selling to them shoes made of horse leather, which they pass off as cow's leather, "through which the poor lieges and servants are utterly harried through the buying of such evil stuff." Certain of the accused confess, and are fined. Others deny, and are absolved. Making shoes of horse leather was a common offence. In 1576, James Tomson pleads guilty to it, and also confesses to the use of worn out smithy bellows and old boots.

To ensure as much as possible that the footgear was "sufficient," the Court from time to time appointed visitors whose duty it was to go the round of the cordiners' shops twice a week, and inspect their stock. In 1570, James Waus refuses to admit the visitors, or to deliver to them the keys of his booth; and he is summoned before the Court and fined. Numerous irregularities occur in connection with the purchase of hides, and the manufacture of leather. Cordiners and barkers are punished for forestalling hides and skins; purchasing bark from dwellers in the Loch Ness district; buying leather at low prices before it reaches the market, and selling the shoes which they make of it at exorbitant prices; sending leather and dressed skins of foxes, harts, hinds, and other animals out of the Town for sale; making shoes in secret places, and privately sending them into the country for disposal; and, as already mentioned, using improper material. The irregularities are sometimes so great that the whole craft is punished with a temporary suspension of the right to trade.

Candlemakers had to be licensed; and such as made candles without due permission were fined.

Among other tradesmen mentioned are builders, poiners (carters or horse hirers), sword slippers (sword cutlers), blacksmiths, cairds (tinkers), weavers, dyers, and general merchants.

1 In the Inverness district an old horse is still in Gaelic called poiner.
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The general merchants' stock was varied and extensive—the inventory of the personal estate of the deceased James Cuthbert containing such articles as blue wool, white wool, grain, leather, oak couples, rails, cabers, lime, hewn stone, and foreign timber. The list of debts due to him shows that he carried on a large trade with all parts of the country—from Badenoch and Abertarff to the Orkneys.¹

As regards foreign trade, the burgesses imported wine, spices, salt, iron, and, to a small extent, foreign timber, from the Continent; and, in exchange, sent out leather, skins, furs, beef, salmon, herring and other fish. There was a considerable traffic with Hamburg and Holland; and the foreigners who visited the Town sometimes got into trouble. In 1557, Lewyr Smyth, a Hamburg man, pursues Donald Mackintosh of Cullernie, for £5 12s. 6d., being the price of a puncheon of wine; and two years later, Smyth is himself sued by Maggie Gorrie and Andrew Dempster, her spouse, for "a resett of VII. daky r benokis² conforme to hys merchand byll." Smyth was a frequent visitor to Inverness. In 1563, he carried away to Hamburg twenty stones taken out of the cloister of the Friars; and, about the same time, he purchased from the Earl of Huntly a quantity of lead—perhaps also taken from the Friars' Church—for which he failed to pay, with the result that in 1579, a ship belonging to Jacob Bartillis, burgess of Hamburg, and Hortabill his son, who were in some way connected with the lead transaction, was arrested at Inverness. In June, 1569, Byng Peyrson, the skipper of a Dutch ship lying in the harbour, was, at the instance of Robert Merschell, taken out of his ship, so that she could not sail—for which masterful act Merschell was banished from the Town for ever. At a later period William Wyisman was prosecuted for spuilyeing (robbing) a Dutch ship. In February, 1568, John

¹ Pp. 81-87.
² Daker, ten or twelve hides; benok, a species of leather.
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Ard and Alexander McGilleworrycht (Morrison) are fined for the "boisting" (threatening) of Christofer Wafer, a Dutchman, under silence of night; and Gillecallum McDavid Moyr [Gillie-callum, son of Big David] is found guilty of having at the same time attacked the Dutchman with a sword. Their business transactions sometimes took our burgesses to the Continent. Manis Caskyn's return from France is referred to, in 1558, in connection with a suit for a feather bed borrowed by him from John Copland's mother. In 1567, William Buddyth is at Hamburg.

Sums of money are stated in merks—a merk being equal to 1 3/4 Scots; or in pounds, shillings and pence Scots; but such coins as crown of the sun; piece of gold, value £3; double ducat, value £4; yeopindaill; bard groat; and five shilling testouns are current. Silver coins are generally referred to as "white silver," an expression which in Gaelic (airgiod geal) is common to this day. The pound Scots was at the time, as has already been mentioned, about one-fourth the value of the pound sterling. By the 17th century it fell to one-twelveth.

The agricultural conditions and customs disclosed by the Records are interesting. The Burgh lands were let in farms and holdings of various sizes to burgesses who paid a grassum or entry money on taking possession, and a certain rent per annum. The entry money was sometimes remitted for good causes, as was done in 1561, in the case of Alexander Cuthbert, tenant of Little Drakies, in respect that his father died on the field of Pinkie, fourteen years before. After that fatal battle, at which so many Inverness burgesses fell that there was a dearth of applicants for the farms, the council took to letting them to unfree men. In time the balance was restored, and in 1561, the Court, on the preamble that the new practice might on account of its irregularity result in the forfeiture of the royal gifts made to the Burgh,
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ordained that in future no unfree men should occupy or possess any of the tacks of the Burgh, either of water or of land. Sometimes, however, the burgess tenants sub-let portions of their holdings to non-burgesses. They also appointed cottars to cultivate the fields, in exchange for a share of the produce as the cottar's "soude" or remuneration. The rents were mainly paid in victual, or in the money equivalent of the victual according to the fiars' price struck at Martinmas annually by the provost and bailies, the commisar of the County, and the sheriff-depute. On 16th November, 1558, the fiars' price was fixed at 14/- per boll; and it would appear from proceedings taken by David Dunbar against certain sub-tenants in Easter Drakies, in 1563, that the land was sub-let in lots of two Scots acres each—equal to about 2½ English acres—and that the "ferm" or rent of the lot varied from 3 bolls to 3 bolls 2 firlots. Sub-tenants sometimes paid in grain, cheese, butter, and lambs.

The cottar was engaged for a year, and was bound to provide himself with one or more of the horses necessary for the working of the holding—the tenant providing the remaining ones. In one case it was held that the cottar was bound to find two plough oxen, the tenant finding six. The cottar's wife was bound to walk at the horse's head daily in manuring and harrowing, she receiving one meal a day for her services. He and his wife and servants were also bound to fill the manure sleds, and to do "all laubouris necessar." He fed his own and his master's stock, and accounted for the grain, as the quantity was fixed by "proofing"—a process of valuation which has not yet disappeared in the neighbouring parish of Petty. The farm produce mentioned are oats, wheat, bere, and pease.

The cottar was also responsible for the safety and care of his master's crop and stock. Numerous claims were made by burgesses for failure in these duties. Caterans and cattle-lifters
took their toll; and wolves prowled outside the Burgh. Accidents happened. One or two cases may be referred to. John McAllester Cain is, in 1557, found liable to Bailie John McGillewe for the value of a sheep killed by a wolf. In December, 1569, wolves slay a "hummyll blak oxe of fyve yeiris auld" belonging to Magnus Caskyn, while in the possession of his cottar, Thomas Glass; and Glass and his cautioners are ordered to pay its value. In 1566, a cottar is ordained to pay his master the value of a cow and an ox which had been stolen; and, in 1579, Magnus Caskyn sues Andrew Macleod, his cottar, for the value of a stolen ox, on the ground that the cottar, having his "soude" therefor, "aucht and suld haif kepit the said oxe, as the rest, fra thieff, wolf, pott and myre [pit and bog]." Macleod pleads that the cottar-house was not proof against thieves, and that he was therefore not liable. Caskyn replies that the house is as sufficient as the rest of the cottar-houses in the country; and he prevails.

Cottars were sued for damages, as a rule successfully, in such cases as these:—pulling the tail off a plough ox; death of an ox in the plough "throw narrownes of the oxin bow"; loss of the services of the cottar's two horses while they suffered from scab; letting scabbed horses among sound ones; allowing an ox break its neck; cottar's desertion of service; injury to a horse while ploughing; damage to growing wheat by pulling vetches and wheat out together; damage to corn by trespass of calves; damage by a staig (a young horse) in corn; damage to corn through a fold being left open; shortage of the number of sheep for which cottar responsible; cottar taking "soude" of corn at his own hand, and using the tenant's straw, pease, corn, and sleds; failure to provide a servant to work a horse; failure to find a horse, "as ane cottar aucht to do"; causing the death of a horse, valued at 24 merks, by giving him chaff and draff after water, and thereby bringing on an illness which made him
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"crepit on his wambe lyke ane dog trocht the sairness was ane his guttis"; failure to protect cattle from being gored by other beasts; death of an ox through the neglect of a cottar who, with his wife and household, was drinking in Inverness.

The Court consistently refused to award damages for the killing of hens found in barns, or of geese or pigs trespassing in corn. Small mercy was indeed shown to pigs, which were numerous in our Burgh, as they were at the period in every town in Europe. In 1557, the Court ordained that persons having swine within the Burgh should remove them within five days, failing which it should be lawful to slay them as unlawful goods. The rule was not always respected, and much damage was done by swine in the gardens and cultivated lands within the Burgh. Jonat Kelocht was, in 1578, fined for allowing her pigs get into Thomas Gray’s garden, and destroying four beds young plants, four beds onions, a parsley bed, and sundry herbs, such as gentian, rosemary, and "laurie"—the damage being valued at 40/-

Horses and cattle and swine were kept in the closes and vennels of the Town, and much inconvenience arose through the accumulation of their dung. It was ordained, in 1559, that no man keep his manure on the causeway "langer nor aucht dayis," under a penalty of 8/- for each offence; and, in 1564, it was ordered that no dung be left in vennels. But, these regulations notwithstanding, Bailie John McGillewe is, in 1567, found guilty of damming the common vennel opposite his property with manure to such an extent that no person can pass or repass without sinking into it to his knees, and he is ordained to remove it within fifteen days under the pain of forfeiture of the dung.

Among the agricultural rules were—that, as we have seen, it was no crime to kill hens found in barn, or pigs or geese found in corn; that no person be found gleaning among his
neighbour's corn under the pain of 20/- for the first offence, 40/- for the second, and £3 for the third; that cottars do not take of the best oats in payment of their "soude"; that they are not to uptake or intromit with their "soude" without the authority of their masters; that no common pasture be tilled to the hurt of the poor who graze their stock upon it; and that for every beast found in corn the owner pay for every foot of the animal, one penny for the first fault, twopence for the second, and threepence for the third, "and so furth induring thair takin in the cornis."

The burgesses had their barns on what was known as the Barnhillis (now Barnhill), each paying an annual rent of twelve pence for the site. Heirs were served to the sites or larachs, and, in 1578, it was decreed that certain larachs, the righteous heirs to which could not be found, and which were consequently waste and in arrear, should be disposed of new, in order that barns might be built and thankful payment of the rent made.

The Town's tenants were bound to send their grain and malt to the King's Mills, which stood then where they still stand, and the Records contain numerous prosecutions against persons who, in breach of the obligation, patronised the mills of the Leys, Culcabock, and Kilvean (the Bught). On the other hand, there are complaints against the tenants of the King's Mills, who are sometimes not careful of the grain and malt, and are occasionally accused of failing to fully account.

There are indications of land hunger. On 29th May, 1557, Martin Waus, a burgess, is found guilty of tilling the pasture of Drakies pertaining to the commonty of Inverness, as well as the common high road "quhilk descendis fra the moat betuix the Inchis and Lytill Draky to the Myll, quhilk hes beyne past memor of man ane hie gait in commonte"; and on the same date John McGillewe and others confess to having appropriated land
which appertained "to the commones in commonte." In November, 1565, Manis Caskin and James Baittis are fined for having tilled the common pasture at the side of the Mill Burn, and at their own hands thrown down the old dykes on the ancient marches. Margaret Waus is, in 1569, accused of having ploughed, sown, and harrowed a piece of land in the possession of Jasper Dempster, called the Laarycht of the Machrie, and of having cultivated another piece called the Head of the Bog; and, in April, 1580, there was a great dispute between John Cuthbert and John Neilson regarding "ane pece new land callit the Thorne Bus," of which Neilson had taken forcible possession.1 The King's highway through the Machrie and Inshes to the Mount, which was the road leading across the Grampians to the south of Scotland, was illegally tilled by Jasper Dempster and Finlay Paterson in 1576. The public highways were at the time mere tracks from which the native soil had never been removed.

The following prices of stock and produce appear:—Horses, 24 merks; three-year-old stirks, 40/- each; one and two-year-old stirks, 5 merks; lambs, 6/8; kids, 3/-; geese, 2/-; cheese, 6/8 a stone; butter, 16/- a stone; fleece of wool, 12d.; wheat, £4 per boll; great oats, 18/- a boll; small oats, 13/4 per firlot. A horse's labour (without a man) is valued on one occasion at 6d. per day; on another at 8d.

In addition to the trade and agricultural regulations already referred to, numerous rules were made in the interests of public policy. Trees growing in the Islands are to be protected. No fire is to be kindled in the Islands, and no bestial grazed therein, under pain of being nailed by the ear to the trone. Adjoining property owners are to "hold neighbourhood" in mutually keeping their march dykes in repair. Muck sleds (manure

1 Cuthbert was tenant of one half of the lands of the Merkinch, and Neilson tenant of the other half. The name means the Horse Island or Meadow (Mare-innis). The adjoining Capel Inch is the Mare Island or Meadow (Capull-innis).

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wheel-less carts) are not to pass over the bridge—a timber erection which was in the time of Cromwell’s occupation described by Richard Franck as “the weakest that ever straddled over so strong a stream.” King’s rebels and horners are to be kept in prison at their own expense. Vagabonds and beggars are not to be harboured. Witches and harlots are not to be allowed to buy or sell.

One immediate result of the Reformation was that special efforts were made to suppress immorality. On 5th February, 1561, the provost, bailies, and council ordained that all immoral persons failing to abstain were to be openly proclaimed in the Parish Church in presence of the congregation in time of prayer, from that date until the second Sunday in Lent, and that disobediers should be exiled and banished from the Burgh. Incontinent priests who did not marry within the same period were to be deprived of their benefices, or to be otherwise punished if they had no livings. Couples who lived together unmarried were, on 6th November, 1574, ordered to marry between that date and “Andirsmess nixt to cum, or at the farrast at Yule, provyding alwais that thair publict repentance be maid,” under certification that if they disobeyed, their dwelling-houses would be demolished. Numbers of offenders against morality were from time to time brought before the Court. On 30th March, 1585, twenty-nine women and three men were tried, and most of them found guilty. Some were fined; others banished; and others ordained to be put into the branks and, with mitres on their heads, marched through the four streets of the Town, as a warning to the inhabitants. The order that offenders should appear in the Church in time of preaching and make public repentance was frequent. On 19th May, 1586, five women and one man—a tailor—so appeared before the congregation of the High Church.

1 Northern Memoirs, 203.

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As in other burghs, the policing of the Town was done by the burgesses and indwellers, who were legally bound to watch and ward. A certain number were, from time to time, set apart to watch, from the ringing of the curfew in the evening till the dawning of the next day. Such as disobeyed were punished. For example, on 12th March, 1569, Donald Urquhart, Donald Hendry, and Magnus Brebnar, "being warnit to the weche [watch] this last nycht personalie and at thair dwelling placis," having failed to obey, were fined.

After the Reformation elders and deacons are annually appointed to assist in detecting and punishing impurity, drunkenness, backbiting, and slander, and such other vices as are contrary to the command of God—it being also the duty of the deacons to see that alms are collected and faithfully distributed among the poor of the Burgh who do not earn their living otherwise. On 21st October, 1562, John Ross, William Cumming, James Paterson, and James Duff are elected elders for one year, and Martin Waus, Thom Waus, junior, Jasper Dempster, and William Cuthbert, deacons for the same period; "and the foirsaidis persons acceptit the said office on thaime as thai will ansuer befoir God."

To watch and ward was not an idle duty. All classes, even the labourers in the fields, carried arms of some sort—swords, dirks, whingers, culverins, or bows and arrows; and they were not slow to use them. In 1558, John McWaltyr assaulted James Symonson, cutting his ears and nose with James's own sword, and thereafter breaking the sword, which had cost James 20/-. In March, 1569, John McKearrois chased William McPhaill through the Town, and over the dykes thereof, with a drawn whinger, and "war nocht the weche [watch] he had slane the said William." On a Sunday night in November, 1573, there was a
serious riot in which the watch and the "haill towne" were greatly "troublit."

As examples of the innumerable offences brought before the Burgh Court, may be mentioned—taking away under silence of night the head of David Dowe (Black David), which, by order of the Earl of Moray, had been fixed upon the tolbooth, "perpetuallie in exemplill to uythieris"; assaulting James Roy (Red-haired James), the common minstrel of the Burgh;¹ wife beating; wife desertion; attack on pregnant woman; burying in the Parish Church without licence; pretending to be dumb; breaking of Yule girth—an unwritten law that there should be no assault during the Christmas season; cursing and evil wishing; slander; breaking out of prison; and removing prisoners without authority.

The more common punishments were fines, lugging to the trone, putting in gyves and branks, scourging through the Town, sitting on the cuckstool in church, branding and banishment. Imprisonment was comparatively rare. Frequently, when the offender was not an inhabitant of the Town, one or more persons were taken bound for his appearance before the Court, or for his good conduct. Thus, when John Nilson was accused of an attempt to murder Necoll Kar, and of getting the assistance of the men of the Clan Ranald, who had come to Town "with merchandace," he, although acquitted, is under the necessity of finding surety and lawburrows that Kar shall be harmless and skaithless of him and his friends. In 1565, The Chisholm guarantees that Kennoch McEachin, a son of the Laird of Gairloch, will appear

¹ What instrument did James Roy play? About 1490, Angus of the Isles was assassinated at Inverness by a harper; but the harper was an Irishman, and the harp was probably not played in the Highlands during the period under review. The bagpipe had taken its place; and in our Records we meet William Pypar (Uilleam Piobaire, William the Piper) and Murquhow Pypar (Murdoch the Piper). In 1650, Charles II. had eighty pipers in his army! (Wardlaw MS.—Scot. Hist. Society, XXV. 379).

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for himself and his servants and accomplices in a complaint at the instance of Master Donald Fraser, Archdean of Ross, and that the Archdean and his servants, kinsmen and friends, goods and gear, shall be harmless and skaithless—Thomas Cuthbert and Necoll Kar binding themselves in return that Kenneth and his kinsman and friends, goods and gear, shall not suffer at the hands of the Archdean or his kinsmen or friends. Duncan Dowe (Black Duncan) in Kintail becomes bound, in 1576, to enter Johne McAgow (John, son of the Smith) within the tolbooth of Inverness; and, in 1574, John McPherson of Brin, Angus McPherson in Farr, and his son Duncan become cautioners for Fynla McEwin McIntagart (Finlay, son of Ewen, son of the Priest) that the inhabitants, neighbours, and indwellers of the Burgh shall be harmless and skaithless of Finla "and all that he may stope and latt, and newir to trubill nor inqueat [unquiet] this burcht induring his lyff." Donald McAngus McAllister of Glengarry binds himself, in 1580, for the appearance of Ewin McAne VcConquhie in Killianan of Glengarry, before the provost and bailies in connection with a debt due by Ewen to John Robertson, burgess, on the understanding that if Ewen fails to appear, and if Robertson obtains decree, Glengarry shall permit Robertson to poind and distrain for the debt, not his own goods, but the goods of the country folk dwelling on his Estate! In March, 1585, Lauchlaine McIntoischie of Dunnachtan (Mackintosh of Mackintosh) and the Laird of Glengarry become surety for Gillepadrik McConquhie Dowe (Gillipatrick, son of Black Duncan) and his accomplices that "Johne Dowe McAne McSchir Innes [Black John, son of John, son of Sir Angus], his kyn and freindis and nychtbouris of this burcht salbe harmless and skaythles of him and his frindis"—the cautioners to remain bound until the action and cause between the principal parties be

\footnote{To stop and let—to influence to act or to refrain.}
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decided by four honest persons to be chosen by the parties. Huchoun (Hugh) Fraysser of Guisachan binds himself, in 1582, to enter Johne McOleyr in Alcock, and Donald his son, for trial for an assault upon William Irrewing, messenger, with bow and culverin. William Cuthbert, in 1584, becomes surety that Johne McAne VcEachin VcTarlycht (John, son of John, son of Hector, son of Charles), one of the Macleans of Urquhart and Dochgarroch, that Johne Stewart Inwak shall be harmless and skaithless of Maclean, his kin, friends, partakers, assisters, and defenders, "all that he may stope and latt." In 1572, Peter Waus, burgess of Inverness, and Robert McWilliam, indweller there, guarantee that the honourable man Johne McEachin, Laird of Gairloch, shall pay to Johne Reid, son of the late Sir Johne Reid, a priest, the sum of £23, under pain of poinding; and, in 1584, Rory Bane, son of the Laird of Tulloch, near Dingwall, becomes cautioner for entering William McConyll Glas (William, son of grey Donald) within the tolbooth on fifteen days' warning, to stand trial for such crimes as any of the inhabitants of the Burgh may charge him with.

There was no more serious crime against the liberty of the burgesses than to "purchase lordship"—that is, to seek or accept in a quarrel or dispute the assistance of persons of influence or power residing outside the Burgh. In June, 1559, Finla McConylloyr (Finlay, son of Dun Donald), indweller in Inverness, is charged with having purchased lordship against Matthew Paterson and Christian Paterson by obtaining the assistance of William Fraser of Struy and his kinsmen. Finlay denies "the purchessing of lordschyp, bot onylle requerit his mastyr and frend William Freser and oderis [others] his kynnismen to desyr the prowest for justice of the injuries done to hym be' William Paterson." Jasper Dempster is accused by the provost, in 1561, of having, in connection with an assault on the provost and
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council at the Chapel of the Green, in which several armed persons took part, "brocht his purchest lordschip wyth hym to procuyr in his cause that throw feyr of his procurator his actioun and cause suld ceise." There were other outside influences which sometimes interfered with the course of justice. In July, 1572, a cause could not be proceeded with by reason of the troubles of the country; and in the same year Agnes Waus and her spouse, John Munro of Urquhart in Ross-shire, were unable to come to Inverness to give evidence in a petition for her service as heir to her deceased brother, Thomas Waus, "because of the slauchteris and commerse [disorder] quhilkis hes hapnit betuix the Clan Chennycht [Mackenzies], the Clan Chattan, and the Munrois, within the space of tuay yeiris unreconsalit as yit."

Sometimes objection was taken to the jurisdiction of the Court on the ground that the cause was a spiritual one, that is, one which fell to be considered by the ecclesiastical or commissary court; and sometimes personal exception was taken to a provost or bailie. But a wonderful degree of respect was, as a rule, shown to the members of the Court, who were sometimes addressed "My Lords," and sometimes "Sir Bailies." There were striking exceptions, however, to the rule. In November, 1556, Thomas Stuart is accused of having given Matthew Paterson, one of the bailies, evil and injurious words openly in the market, in high contempt, and was ordained to ask forgiveness in presence of the community, and to find surety for his good behaviour in time coming under the pain of banishment. He found the security, but, four years later, he is punished for having followed the bailies through the town "as ane bard, provocand tham to ire"—apparently assailing them with satire in Gaelic rhyme. Again, in 1562, he committed contempt of court by giving Bailie McGillewe injurious words on the bench, and by threatening Necoll Kar, another bailie, and saying to him
“be thi hand, tho you be ane baillie, I will nocht ansuer the,” and by saying in open court that the bailies and township would see Mary Queen of Scots, who had recently paid a five days' visit to the Burgh, drowned. In July, 1558, Marcus Chapman was punished for having said of the bailies generally that they were more fit to be sheepstealers than bailies, that he would make them stand with their bonnets in their hands, and that “he wes ane gentellar man nor Thom Flemyng”—one of them. On Saturday, 26th November, 1563, great offence was given to Bailie John McGillewe by John McWalter, who gave him many injurious words in presence of the provost and strangers of other nations, namely, Hamburg men, calling him a common skemlar, and provoking him in open market. One wonders whether McWalter's Gaelic abuse—sgimilear, a low parasite of a man—was appreciated by the Germans. Sometimes even deadlier weapons than the tongue were employed. In January, 1563, a deliberate attempt was made by Finlay Donaldson and several others to murder Bailie James Paterson, who was induced to come in the dark to the south side of the still-standing steeple of the Parish Church to receive the watch. The bailie was defended by his friends, and a regular fight with swords and whingers took place. McGillewe was again slandered, and assaulted with a knife, by Thomas Symson and his wife, in September, 1571. Symson was deprived of his Burgh freedom for a year and a day, and ordained to appear in the Parish Church in time of preaching, and, in presence of the minister and whole congregation, to take his tongue in his hand and say “Tongue, you lied.” Kate, his spouse, was ordered to be “had to the mercate croce instante, and the brandis to be put in hir head, and thair to remane induring the provest and baillies plesour and will, for the wrangis committit be hir in the baille foirsaid.” Allan McRannald of Easter Leys caused a sensation,
in open court, in 1577, by calling the provost, bailies and members of the Court knaves, loons, thieves and sneaks, and putting his hand to his sword and whinger within the bar, tending thereby to have masterfullie and cruelly set on the provost, bailies, clerk of court, and other members thereof, and assessors assisting the administration of justice. Allan was imprisoned in the tolbooth, but he "refused to remane in ward," and the prison was not strong enough to hold him. Sometimes the officials were attacked. In February, 1585, James Wilson, alias Cook, is imprisoned and ordered to be marched through the four streets of the Town, with the branks on his head, for having at the market cross, and in presence of the common people, called William Cumming, the town clerk, a common thief and liar. Cumming, in his complaint, submits that since the time of his birth he has been nourished and "up-brocht" in the Burgh, where he has always led his life; that he has ever been reputed of good fame, honourable conversation, and good life—so that he was thought worthy, qualified, and meet to use divers of the Town's offices, such as clerk, treasurer, bailie, commissioner to the Convention of Burghs, and member of Parliament.

The meetings of the council were held sometimes in pretorio burgi (the chamber in the tolbooth), sometimes in camera prepositi (the provost's room), and sometimes in the church of the Black Friars, the chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Green, the chapel of the Bridgend, or the Parish Church. The tolbooth chamber, and the provost's room, were apparently not suitable for meetings, and, in 1561, there is reference to an intention to build "ane cunsall house to the towneschip."

It was a law of the Scottish burghs that the meetings of the council proper, as well as those of the guild, should be held in private, and that revealers of its transactions should be severely
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punished. It was sometimes difficult to prevent leakage. On 6th October, 1561, the council of Inverness ordained that whoever was found guilty of rehearsing the opinions, allegations, or any other thing whatsoever that were rehearsed or spoken in the council, should be exiled from the council, and forfeit his freedom. There were grounds for the ordinance, for Thomas Gollan refused to attend the council meetings for the reason that "what was spoken in the cunsall was opynlie spokin throcht the towne and at the mercate croce." Six years later the provost, bailies and council again enacted that whoever revealed the council’s secrets should "tyne his fredome and all that followis thairvpon, that is to say, his tackis, rowmes, and possessionis, gif he ony hes." The punishment was severe, and the probability is that it had the desired effect.

From the frequent references to couples, gale-forks, cabers, stakes, and wattling wands, it is evident that the great majority of the dwelling-houses within the Burgh at the time of these Records, consisted of “black houses,” covered with divots, heather, broom, or other thatch.¹ That the poorer sort of houses were of little value appears from an order passed on 6th November, 1574, to the effect that the owners of dwellings occupied by immoral women should be warned to expel them, failing which the buildings were to be demolished and pulled down; and from a similar instruction given, in 1576, to the Town’s officers “to command and charge all thais quha hes unlauchfull tennentis dwelland in thair biggyannis within this burcht to cause thame flit out of the samyn, failyeing thairof to tak downe the house above thair hedis.” Even the houses of the wealthy burgesses were, with, perhaps, a few exceptions, covered with thatch, which was also the covering of the Parish Church. The fact that one building is repeatedly referred to as the “Sclait House” appears

¹ See p. 120 for “ane sufficient huse” of “thre cuppillis and twa gale forkis.”

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to show that at one time it was the only slated house in the Town. The probability, however, is that there were more buildings covered with slate at the time of these Records, and we know from other sources that there were many such in the following century. That the houses of the better class were comfortably furnished is shown by numerous allusions to such household effects as bedsteads, feather beds, pillows, linen sheets, chests, almeries, vats, pans, plates, pewter plates, cups, and silver spoons; and such things as books and silver watches and brooches are mentioned. Among articles of clothing are found fustian doublets, russet coat, linen shirts, linen collars, white hose, Highland hose, blue bonnets, tartan plaids, and Highland trews; while in the way of armour and arms habergeons, bucklers, and steel bonnets are common; and, as has already been mentioned, every man, no matter what his station, is always prepared to strike with sword, whinger, or dirk, or to shoot with bow or culverin. The value of a “bow of yew” is given at 13/4, while “ane bow, wyth ane dussan arrows in ane bag” [quiver?], is valued at 40/-.

The fuel consisted mainly of peats, which the inhabitants were entitled to cast upon Craig Phadrick, Caiplich Moor, Daviot Mount, and Bogbain, and which were also brought into the Town from the Black Isle.

By the eve of the Reformation the ancient Church reached a high state of development in Inverness, and at the period under review the clergy were numerous in the Burgh. A brief sketch of the story of that development may be helpful. Until recent years it was assumed that the gospel was first preached in our district by St. Columba, who settled in Iona in 563, and, after labouring for two years on the West Coast, visited King Brude

1 Queen Mary, in 1562, lodged in a private house, believed to be “Queen Mary’s House” in Bridge Street, the vaults of which are at least as old as her time. Dunbar’s Hospital in Church Street is of the next century.

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at or near Inverness in 565, and brought about the King's conversion to Christianity. It is now, however, considered more than probable that St. Ninian preached in the district a century and a half earlier, for churches in it were dedicated to him and his immediate followers, and there is evidence of a lapsing of the Picts into paganism before Columba's time.¹ Unquestionably, however, it was Columba and his royal convert who placed Christianity on a firm basis in the north. He repeatedly visited the King, and interesting glimpses of his work in the Valley of the Ness are given by Adamnan, who specifically mentions Loch Ness, the River Ness, and the King's palace. The Saint's custom was to found cells or churches where there were people to be gathered together, and he is said to have founded 300 in Scotland. He must have established one at Inverness, which was the most important centre in Pictland. Where did that Church stand? We are informed by Adamnan that he preached on the banks of the river, and it is almost certain that his cell stood on the low hill known of old as St. Michael's Mount, and now occupied by the High Church and its ancient churchyard. The present Church, which was erected in 1769, stands on the site of the pre-Reformation Parish Church, the only remains of which is the tower. When parishes were formed in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, the principal ancient church of the district became the parish church, and when a larger fabric became necessary, it was built on the venerated site of the older church, although in many cases it received a new dedication to a saint of the Roman hagiology. We may thus take it that there has been a place of worship on the site of the present Parish Church ever since the time of Columba. That Church, which is sometimes, before and after the Reformation, called the Mother Church, was in Roman Catholic times dedicated to the Virgin, and was served by a vicar. The High Altar was dedicated to

¹ See "Saints Associated with the Valley of the Ness"—Transactions of the Gaelic Society of Inverness, April, 1909.
the Virgin (Our Lady of the High Altar) and there were altars within it to Our Lady of the New Aisle, St. Michael, the Holy Rood, St. Peter, St. John, St. Andrew, St. Catherine, and St. Duthus—as well as one to St. Crispin, the patron saint of the cordners or shoemakers, who, after the Reformation, unsuccess-fully claimed the lands from which St. Crispin’s chaplain had derived his stipend. A chaplain served at each of these altars, and drew the revenues of the lands attached to them. Monks served in the monastery of the Black Friars; and chaplains in the chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Green, in the Chapel Yard; St. Thomas’s chapel, which is supposed to have stood to the south-east of Rose Street, on ground now occupied by the railway; and the chapel of the Brigend in Bridge Street. There was also “the kirk callit the Ravelstri,” which probably stood near the Parish Church—perhaps on or near the site of the present Gaelic Church.

Our Records, which begin four years before the date of the Reformation in Scotland (1560), contain no indication of the conflict that ended in the disestablishment of the ancient Church, and the chaplains continued to enjoy their old incomes for many years after that event. For example, in 1569, Sir David Cuthbert, vicar of the adjoining parish of Wardlaw or Kirkhill, and “chaiplaine of the Hie Alter fundat within the Paroche Kirk of Innernis” sues Andrew Dempster, burgess, for the rent of the chaplainry lands at Seafield, Shipland, and Broadstone, for crop 1568. In 1571, John Reid, son of Sir John Reid, a deceased priest, is decerned to pay to Sir James Duff, the Rood chaplain, arrears of an “annual” payable out of lands in the Kirk Gate, and to pay to Sir David Cuthbert arrears due to him. But while these chaplains were not deprived of their livings, a Protestant minister, David Rag, was appointed by the end of 1560, and on 18th January, 1561, Jasper Waus and George Cuthbert are ordained to pay his “fee,” Jasper paying 10 merks instantly, and

1 Ravelstri, or ravestri; vestry of a church—from the French revestiaire.
Cuthbert 8 merks "betuix this Candillmes or Fastyrs Ewyn [Easterns Eve, Shrove Tuesday] nixt to cum, and the rest to be payit betuix that and Pasche [Easter]." Rag was the minister who, as we have seen, was accused of having been a stresser of other men's wives. He was also accused by Arthur Byrnaye of having committed adultery with Byrnaye's wife; and although Rag was acquitted by a jury, and Byrnaye, who had drawn his whinger upon the minister, was found guilty of slander and assault, and fined and decerned to appear in church on Sunday, and "in tyme of prayaris confess opynlie his ofence and aske the forgyvenes at our said minister for God's sake," the attacks upon the minister's moral character probably undermined his usefulness; and by and by his place is taken by Mr. Thomas Hewison, whose name first appears as minister in 1565. To Hewison certain of the old church revenues were set apart, and we have for years the strange sight of these revenues being enjoyed, partly by old clergy who are still Roman Catholic, and partly by new or reformed, who are Protestant. So far as our Burgh is concerned, there does not appear to have been any sudden change from the old faith to the new. The process was gradual, extending over a considerable period of transition, during which, as the Records indicate, there was a lingering attachment to old church feasts and customs and titles. For many years after the legal establishment of Protestantism priests fill the office of town clerk.¹ Events are still fixed by reference to old church festival days;² monks and Parsons and chaplains

¹ In December, 1569, Sir John Gibson, parson of Unthank, and Sir John Nicholson, vicar of Laggan, are elected town clerks (p. 182). In November, 1571, Gibson is objected to as a procurator on the ground that he is a Papist (p. 209).

² The feasts and fairs mentioned in the Records—given in the order in which they appear—are Lammas, "callit Vincula Petri," Yule, Mary Day, Lettyr Mary Day, Roodmas "callit Exaltatio Sante Crucis," Ash Wednesday, Hallowmas, St. Thomas's Eve, Easterns Eve, Pasch (Easter), Corpus Christi Day, Michaelmas, Andrewmas, Feast of Beltane "called Philip and Jacob," Martinmas, Uphalye Day, St. Boniface Day in Lent, St. Duthas Day at Midsummer, St. Boniface Fair, Pardoun Fair, Bryde Day, Munroe's Fair, Feast of Midsummer, Feast of All Hallowmas, Rood Day, St. Colme's Day (Columba), and Coan Fair.
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continue to get their old titles; and solemn oaths are still taken on the Holy Evangels.

But, notwithstanding all that, the effect of the Reformation is seen in the dilapidation of the Black Friars Monastery, the Chapel of the Green, and the Ravelstrie; the appropriation by Provost George Cuthbert of the Friars' chalice and ornaments, and the ornaments of the Ravelstrie; the removal by "the scollaris of the scule" of brass on "the stane of the hie alter and new ile within the kirk of Innernis"; and above all, Queen Mary's grant of the church lands to the Town, and the gradual alienation of them to private individuals.

A better feature was the efforts made by the Protestant clergy, assisted by the Court, to extend religious knowledge, and improve public morality. On 18th March, 1564, the Court ordained that every inhabitant should attend the Parish Church every Sunday, at ten in the morning, and three in the afternoon, "and thair wyth all humilitie and quietnes mak thair prayaris, and harkin to the Word of God, and nocht remoiff till the samyn be endit," under a penalty of 12d. for the first default, 2/- for the second, 3/- for the third, 10/- for the fourth, and 10/- for each offence thereafter "so oft as thai be fund culpable." The fines were collected by the four deacons, to each of whom a quarter of the Town was allotted; and, when payment was refused, the provost and bailies caused their officers to poind the refuser's goods and effects. A service was also held in the Church every Thursday at 9 a.m., which the people were ordered to attend, except such as were "occupeit in out labouris." All booth doors were to be kept closed in time of preaching. No markets were to be held within the Burgh upon Sundays. At the head court at Michaelmas yearly, honourable and discreet persons who feared God, and were able to maintain good order, were chosen to be elders, to the number of four at least; and other
four men were appointed deacons. These officials convened weekly with the minister and the commissioner or superintendent of the Province of Moray, for ordering of the public affairs of the Church and execution of discipline, and, with the advice of the provost and bailies, took care of the manners of the inhabitants and the education of the young, and looked after the interests of the poor. Drastic measures were taken against masterful beggars, and leaders of vicious and scandalous lives. The churchyard was ordered to be enclosed with a sufficient stone wall “for stoping of horses and bestial;” and the Parish Church was repaired, the roof of the Friars Church being utilised for the purpose. In connection with the campaign against immorality, numbers of sinful men and women appeared, and did penance, as we have seen, in the Parish Church on Sundays, much to the subversion, no doubt, of the solemnity and decorum of the service.

The Scottish clergy, both before and after the Reformation, did much for education. In Roman Catholic times an “auld scule” stood between the Friars Yard and “the Hie Kingis Gett passis to the Chapel Yard.” The name “auld scule” which appears in the Records in 1574, implies that at that time there was a new school. On 3rd February, 1557, the Council imposed a stent of 12 bolls of victual on “the commone takis and possessors of tham to be gyfin yerle to the Master of Sculle for his fee, and fowyr pundis mone [money] in pencion, to be payit to hym yerle at twa termis, for techyn of the scull.” He also received a “days met” (day’s meat) from each of certain tack holders, or, in lieu thereof in time of dearth, 2/- per day. Mr. Thomas Hewison was schoolmaster in 1562, and continued in office after he became minister of the Parish. His salary was 50 merks, and, in lieu of the day’s meat, each tack holder paid him 11/1d. yearly; and he also received £5 out of the common good “as it wont to be,” together with the stallanger silver collected
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from unfree brewsters, and other allowances. In 1564, Martyne Logye was master of the school, and he added to his income by trading as a stallanger, and practising as a procurator before the Burgh Court. Probably he acted under Hewison, who appears as "Maistyr of the Grammar Scule of Innernis" in February, 1566, and obliges himself to find "ane sufficient doctour for teching vnder him of the said scule." Patrick Anderson, chaplain to St. Michael, is appointed "doctour vnder the said Maistyr" for his lifetime, at a salary of 10 merks. In 1570, Andrew Macphail, who was Gaelic minister of Inverness, and minister of Petty, was appointed "doctor" under Hewison, at the same salary.

That the education given was fairly "sufficient" is evidenced by the fact that although writing had not yet become a common accomplishment in England and Scotland generally, many of the persons who appear in these Records in connection with written transactions were able to write. In October, 1557, George Cuthbert and Jasper Dempster subscribe with their own hands. Of fifteen persons who subscribe a document in 1560, eleven write their own signatures, the hands of the remaining four being "led." In 1580, a paper is signed by twenty-two individuals with their own hands, and by nineteen by their hands led by the town clerk as notary public; and in 1584, ten persons, including six watermen, or fishers at the cruives, are all able to write. Before 1574, the "auld scule" ceased to exist, having been superseded by a new school; and its larach or site was let to William Cuthbert, the provost, at an annual rent of 5/- payable to the Town.1

1 It is a matter for regret that the Records of the Burgh were not available to the late Mr. James Grant, author of the "History of the Burgh Schools of Scotland," at p. VIII. of which he states:—"I endeavoured to collect the history of the old Grammar School of Inverness, but was disappointed." A history of the Grammar School and its successor the Royal Academy has been undertaken by Mr. Evan Barron.

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One result of the educational work done in the "auld scule" and its successors was that Inverness became noted for the excellence of its English. This excellence was ascribed by Samuel Johnson to the sojourn of an English regiment in the Town during the period of the Commonwealth. "The soldiers," he writes in his Journey to the Western Islands, "seem to have incorporated afterwards with the inhabitants, and to have peopled the place with an English race; for the language of this town has been long considered as peculiarly elegant." But, as the writer of this Introduction has remarked elsewhere, there is no reason to suppose that the soldiers had themselves that elegance of speech which they are said to have imparted. The rank and file were unlearned men, drawn from all parts of England, and probably speaking as many dialects as are still found between Northumberland and Devon. The elegance of the Inverness English in the old days has been remarked upon by other travellers; and its origin is to be found in the circumstance that the language was acquired by a mainly Gaelic-speaking people (whose tongue was remarkably free from "brogue" or "accent") not from English soldiers, but from educated schoolmasters and good English books.

Few relics of pre-Reformation Inverness survive that are capable of illustration, but on the accompanying plate three seals are reproduced from impressions preserved in the British Museum. The common seal of the Burgh (SIGILLVM COMMVNE DE INViRNV) was in use at least as far back as the year 1359. On the obverse is a representation of Our Lord on the Cross, which formed the central portion of the design on the seals of the Bishops of Moray. On the reverse is a figure of the Virgin

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1 Chronicles of the Frasers (The Wardlaw Manuscript), Scottish History Society, p. xxvi.
2 Laing's Cat., Nos. 1167-8; Birch's Cat., No. 15,545.
3 Invernessiana, p. 64.
1. 2. + SIGILLVM: COMMVNE: DE: INWIRNYS:


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Mary crowned, seated on a throne with terminal heads of animals, holding the Child on her left arm, in her right hand a sceptre fleur-de-lis; overhead a crescent to the dexter, an estoile to the sinister. The coat of arms of the Burgh is merely a transference of the design on the obverse to a shield, which gave the desired armorial character. The very unusual supporters, a camel and an elephant, make their appearance only at a comparatively recent date, and it has been conjectured that they testify to an "extensive trade once carried on between the port of Inverness and the East." The seal (15th century) of the Friars Preachers of Inverness (s. come. Fratrum Predicatorem de In’ Nyrvyns) is appended to a charter by the Friars of date 1517. It shews, in a pointed oval, St. Bartholomew standing on a platform, full face with nimbus, in his right hand his usual emblem a knife held erect, the back ground replenished with wavy sprigs of foliage. Mr. Fraser-Mackintosh gives in Invernessiana a facsimile of a seal, said to be that of the “Chapter of the Monastery of Inverness”; but this is an incorrect description. The seal reproduced by him, which is attached to the same charter of 1517, is that of the Prior Provincial of the Friars Preachers of Scotland. The last seal in the plate (also 15th century) is that of the Cokete or Custom House of Inverness and Cromarty (s. Cokete De Invirnys Et Crombath). It shews a shield bearing the Royal Arms of Scotland between three wavy sprigs of foliage.

1 Scottish Notes and Queries, i. v. 97; 2, i. 140, 168.
2 Laing’s Suppl. Cat., No. 1225.
3 Laing’s Cat., No. 1052; Birch’s Cat., No. 15335. The peculiar spelling of the name of the Burgh is probably a mistake of the engraver.
4 Invernessiana, p. 197.
5 Birch’s Cat., No. 15459 (s. For’ P’Vincial’ Fra’ P’Dicato’ F’Ni’ Scocie). In a pointed oval, within a canopied niche, a full length figure of St. Dominic with nimbus and crozier; in base a shield bearing the arms of the Friars Preachers.
6 Laing’s Cat., No. 1193; Birch’s Cat., No. 15546; Gent. Mag. lxxxi. pt. ii. p. 513.
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It is perhaps unnecessary to warn the reader that the picture presented by the Records of social life in the Town in the sixteenth century is somewhat imperfect. Like the books of the civil and criminal courts of our own time, they show more of the dark side of life than of the bright; and, although we find references to a Lord Abbot Unreason and his company,¹ and numerous allusions to such festive seasons as Beltane and Yule, the Records give little information regarding the pastimes and amusements of the people.

The writer’s apology is due to the Council and members of the New Spalding Club for the delay that has occurred in connection with the preparation and issue of this volume. For that delay, which, owing to other calls upon his time, was unavoidable, he is solely responsible. He has to express his thanks to Mr. Boyd for responding to his invitation to join him in the work of preparation and editing, and for his most valuable assistance; to Mr. Anderson, the Secretary of the Club, and a native of the Town, for the great and practical interest which he has taken in the work; to Mr. William Grant, Lecturer on Phonetics, Aberdeen Training Centre, for much help in the interpretation of obsolete Scots words, which it is intended to include in a glossary in a future volume; to Dr. W. J. Watson, author of Place Names of Ross and Cromarty, for similar aid in connection with difficult Gaelic words; and to Mr. Kenneth Macdonald, town clerk, for invariable courtesy and readiness to assist. The plans of the Burgh and Burgh lands have, as mentioned in the Preface, been prepared by Mr. James Fraser, in consultation with Mr. Anderson and the Editors. The Burgh lands plan will, the writer believes, be found interesting and valuable; and he has pleasure in acknowledging the intelligent part taken by Mr. Fraser in its production.

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The introduction into a volume of sixteenth century records of the plan of 1725—the work of Government surveyors—may seem inappropriate. It is, however, the earliest known plan of the district of Inverness, and until now it has never been published. It shows the district as, in the main, it must have appeared in the time of the Records, and its pretty inset is, with the exception of the prospect given in Slezer's "Theatrum Scotiae," first published in 1693, the earliest view of the Burgh known to exist.

WILLIAM MACKAY.

CRAIGMONIE, INVERNESS,

April, 1911.
The bowrow curt of [Innernes] Johne McGillewe and James Merchand balyes . . . xvj day of Nouember in the yer of God . . . callit the curt lauchfullie fensit and effermit as wse is.

That day James Patyrson messenger stryks ane broch on Hendre Kar elder, as he that com cation for Necoll Kar to do the sayd James as law wyll towart the injust intromission of ane boyt quhilk the sayd Necoll intromettit with the sayd boyt in anno fife thre yer in the moneth of . . . at his awyne hand and withhaldis the sayd boyt fra the said James Patyrson as yet, and dessyris the sayd boyt to be restorit to hym agane. Comperit Robert Mershell and Schir Patrik Anderson procuratouris for Hendre Kar and Necoll Kar ansuerrand to the forsayd brogh, affermit the forsayd bot clemit at Hendre Kar and Necoll Kar in the sayd James possession and nayt the injust or w[rangus] intromission of the said bot be Necoll Kar be . . . the said boyt in borrowing of Dauid Balze wmqhile shiref deput of . . . quhom God assoilze. Apon the quhilk allegation and proponing of . . . speciall peremptor the sayd James protestit that the forsaydis procuratouris be nocht herd in tyme cuming of proponyng of delatouris nor excusatouris in tyms cuming, apon the quhilkis the said James requirit act of curt. Robert Merschell and Schir Patre Anderson procuratouris forsayd confessit in name of the said Necoll the forsaid bot beand James Patersonis; apon the quhilkis confession and probation of diuerse famows witnessis exemit in jugment hes desermit the said bot to pertene to the sayd James and the sayd James to intromit with his awyn boyt.
1556 21 Nov.

The bowrow curt of Innernes haldyne in the tolbyth of the same be George Cuthbert provest, John McIllewe and James Merchand balzes, the xxj day of Nouember in the yer of God 155 sex yeris, the suititis callit, the curt lauch-fullie fensit and affermit as wse is.

That day Johne Moreson one of the officiaris of the bruch of Innerness strekis one brogh on Thom Stuart, that wonne and aganis the law the sayd Thom bostit and dispresit the sayd Johne wssand his office, in the contemptioun of the prowest and balzes, and bostit to brek the wmeest bane in his heid. The sayd Thom is jugit in admerciament and dome gyfin thairapon.

Nomina Assisse: Jasper Waus of Lochslyne, Hendre Kar, Johne Ros, Johne Damster, Johne Grant, Johne Talyeour, Thom Man, Andro Guttre, Jasper Damster, Thom Flemying, Patryk Davidson messinger.

Mathow Paterson one of the balzes of the bruch of Innernes strykis one brogh on Thom Stuart, that wranlie and aganis the law the sayd Thom dispresit hyme wssand his office and gef hyme ewyll and injurius wordis opynle in the mercat in he contemption. The syis forsaid hes fundyne Thom Stuart in admerciament and dome gyfin thairapon, and hes ordanit hyme to ask forgynes in presens of the communite at the sayd Mathow, and sall find souerte for gud rewll in tyme cuming onder the pane of banisment quhen sic falttis beis fundyn agane. Thom Stuart hes fundyne Jasper Waus of Lochslyne souerte for his gud rewll in tymis cuming, and gyf the sayd Thom Stuart beys fundyn dispresand the prowest balzes or officiar, in that case the said Jasper Waus sall answer to the communite of Innerness the valour of the gud and geyr the sayd Thom Stuart is worth, and fordyr sall byd the prowest and balzes wyll to remof hymself owt of the towne.

2 Dec. That day as day assingit to James Paterson messinger to preif quhat skayth he had sostenit in the want of his boyt quhilkis Necoll Kar intromettit with the xij day of Agust in anno 155 thre yeris to the x day of Nouember in anno fyfte sex yeris, and thair comperit Robert Merschell procurator quha admittit the witnes efter followyng and quhar na exceptioun wes mad, William Cowper, Thom Budeth, Johne Wyleson, Johne Gollan and Johne Kar, and the quantite of the waggis yerle refferrit to the ayth of Necoll Kar and the serwandis quha wes wyrkand and wssand the bot on the loch.
The namis of the commone consell and communite that consentit to John Damster and Patre Skynner fredome and gild, ilk ane of thame payand xx merkis for thair fredom and gyld. The provest and thre balzes, John Ros, Thom Flemyn, Necoll Kar, Pettyr Wester, Martin Waus, Allexander Paterson, Thom Makman, Hendre Kar, John Robert-son, James Skynner and Willelmus Cuming, payand thairfor as sayd is. Ita est. Wm Cuming, cls.

Jame Wat, William Barber and Allexander McIone is jugit in admerciament for the wrangus skaling and sellin of thair geyr in opyn mercat and in thair buyth without licence, and dome gyfin thairapon.

Patre Skynner is mad fre burges and gilbroder of this bruch of Innernes and hes gyfin thair ayt of fidellitte to the crowne and to this bruch, and hes payit thairfor to our thesaurer Wylmy Cuming our rentelman twenty merkis to be gyfin to our kyrk wark, and hes fundin James Skynner souerte to the balzes for the spice and the wine and his gyld hoys. John Damster is mad fre burges and gild brodyr of this bruch and hes gyfin his ayt of fidellitte to the crowne and to this bruch, and hes payit thairfor to our thesaurer and our rentelman hyrfor twenty merkis to be gyfin to our kyrkwark and hes gyfin George Cuthbert souerte for the spice and the wyne and his gill hoyse, and hes gyfin ane Inglis crone in paun for xxiiijs., quhilk is bot xxiijs.

Actum in Loco Fratrum Predicatorem de Innernes.

The provest balzes consell and communite present for the tyme all in ane voce for diuerse and sindrie guid causis mowing thame, and in speciall for witholding of clannit men and strangeris nocht to be exceptit amangis thame as burges or gild broder, for the intakyn of clannit men and strangeris nocht beand merchandis nor making thair dale habitation within our bruch nor haweing of fre land in the same is express incontrar our bowrow lawis: heyrof our hayll cunsell and communite all in ane weoce for the causis forsayd and diuers oder gud causis mowing tham, quhays names etter followis, hes sworne the gret ayt, the halie evanglist twechit, nocht to consent offer grant not gyf fredome of burgesrie or gild for the space of thre yeris nyxt following the dayt heyrof to oney manyr of person excep allanerlie ane burges son or burges barnis quha may nocht of the law be refusit, and quhat ewyr he be that consentis heyrof incontrar to be haldyn infame perjure and newyr to half fayth heyrefter.
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27 Dec. Thir ar the names quha hes sworne the same and consenttit, viz:—
George Cuthbert, provest; Johne McIllewe, Matho Patyrson and James Merchand, balzes; Johne Ross, Petter Winster, Allexander Paterson, Martin Waus, Thomas Waus, younger, Necoll Kar, Johne Grant, Thom Flemyng, Thom Gollan, Thom Man, Thom Cuthbert, Johne Budeth, Jasper Dempst, Hendre Kar, Johne Robertson, James Skynnner, Gilbert Gollan, Johne Nilson and Wilyam Cuming: apoun the quhilkis personis athis forsayd the forsayd George Cuthbert in thair name and behalf requerit ane act and instrument, and the forsayd ayth to be faythfulle kepit for the space of thre yeris efter the dayt of this present act.
Ita est. Wmns Cuming scriba manu propria.

1556-57
11 Jan. The heid burrow curt of Innenres haldyne efter Ywyll in the tolburyth of Innenres be Johne McIllewe, James Merchand and Mathow Paterson, balzes, the xj day of Januar in the yer of God jmvz fyte and sex yeris.
Nomina absentium: John Wrycht, Kateryn Sanderson, Watte Cuper, Manis Blait, Thomas McIlmertin, Schir Wilyam Anderson, Thom Cuthbert, Sant Andro Cheplane, Gilbert Hay aris, Schir Johne Alves, the Rud Cheplane, the Vicar of Innenres, Our Ladie Cheplane of the Grene, Our Ladie Cheplane of the He Alter, Master Johne Waus, Johne Grant aris, Hendre Brebner aris, Johne Do, Thom Wrecht, Huchon Symson aris, Margret Gaddyrrer, Johne McAllan, Johne Copland, Donald McIntoche Roy aris: tha and ilk ane of tham oft tyms callit and nocht comperit as tha that aut soyt to the heid curt is jugit in admerciament and dome gyfin thairupon.

18 Jan. Elspet Cuper hes constitute Thom Flemyng and Thom Man hyr procurators in the action and cause be Johne Budeth mowyt hyr incontrar et promisit de rato et grato. Thom Flemyng procurator for Elspet Cuper apon the production of ane blank reversion onselit [unsealed] or subscriuiit presentit in jugment be Johne Budeth of ane pece land lyand in the Kyrkget on the est syd of the same pertening to Elspet Cuper in heretage as ayr to hir fader Allexander Cuper, apon the quhilkis production and the forsayd Johne Budeth hed nocht ane oder reversion

* Previous to 1 January 1600 the year in Scotland commenced on March 25. Accordingly, for the sake of clearness, dates from 1 January to 24 March are here printed both as they appear in the record and also according to the modern computation.
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excep the same upon the quhilkis production and confession and ayth the forsaied Thom tuk act of curt. James Paterson allegit in name of Johne Budeth that Allexander Cuper on his deid bed confessit that the forsaied pece of land wes lyand to hym in wed of ten pundis. Thom Flemyng procurator forsaied aponit incontrar Johne Budeth sayand he micht nocht persew be resson he wes under cursing and productit the cursing execut on the sayd Johne Budeth in jugment.

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The consell hes condiscendit all in ane voce thair be twelf bollis wyttell stenttit on the commone takis and possessors of tham to be gyfin yerle to the Master of Sculle for his fee and fowyr pundis mone in pencion to be payit to hym yerle at twa termis for techyn of the scull, quhilkis wittualis salbe payit to hym at Candylnes and Pasche and fowyr pundis mone at Mertimes and Whytsunday; quhajs nams efter followis that ar stentit, viz:—George Cuthbert, j boll vittell; Jasper Waus, j b.; Johne Ros, j b.; Allexander Balze, j b.; Finla Patyrson, j b.; Allexander Cuthbert, . . .; Allexander Paterson, half boll; Thomas Waus younger, half b.; Mertin Waus, half b.; Johne McIllewe, half b.; Johne Nilson, j firlot vittell; Thomas Gollan, j f.; Jasper Davidson, j f.; Thomas Cuthbert, j f.; Thomas Vaus, skynner, j. f.; Mathow Paterson, j f.; Necoll Kar, j f.; Jacobus . . . j f.; Johne Robertson, j f.; Gilbert Hayson, j f.; Thomas Flemyng, ij peccis; Fynla Donaldson, ij p.; William Cuming, ij p.; Thom Man, ij p.; Johne Grant, ij p.; Hendre Kar, ij p.: And als the prowest, balzes and commone consell hes confessit Thomas Waus, skynner, and Necoll Kar of his awyne disyris to refund content and pay hym his fowyr pundis pencion yerle quhilk salbe allowit to thame tha hef the Master acquittance lyk of payment as the same hed beyne payit to our Thesaurer.

All action and clame count and reknyn and payment mad of all monye of chargis and comptis betuix Johne Talyecour and Thom Budeth ather of thame hes dischargit oderis alluthyrle excep that Thom Budeth sall pay Johne Talyecour xijd and quhen the bot frachtyn of pettis quhilk is promist to Johne Talyecour by the bottis partis salbe equallie partit betuix Johne and Thom, and in kays the same be nonetheless athyr of tham to persew equalle for thair pairt for the sayd pettis and gyf the expenses to the bot man amangis thair expenses equalle.
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Johne Nilson is cumin akit of his awyn motyf fre wyl for Thome Waus elder and Thom Waus elder for hyme conjunctle and seuerelle bayth as ane and ane as bayth to reallie content and pay Patre Cromy and James Robertson thair factoris hawand commission to the resset of the same thair aris executouris and assignays the sowme of allewyn pundis xjs for ane half towne wyne ressait be thame fra the sayd Patre and Jams betuix this and Lammas callit Vincula Petri, onder the pane of pundyn of thair rydiest gudis and geyr for makyn of payment to the said Patre or Jams or thair factoris as sayd is.

[Interlined here] xx die mensis Octobris anno sexagesimo tertio James Robertson consenttit to the deleeting of this act in presens of Johne McIllwe Johne Vison in Chanre.

Mathou Paterson, Thom Cristeson, Robert Red, Jasper Damster, Johne Robertson ar cumin akit of thair awyn motyf wyll conjunctim et diuisim all as ane and ane as all to content and pay to the forsайд Patre Crommy and James Robertson thair factoris executoris and assignais the sowme of fowyr skoyr sex pundis fyf schillingis and that for thre towne thre puntionis wyne ressaite be tham fra the forsaidis Patre and James viz:—Mathou Paterson fowyr punction, Thom Cristeson thre p., Robert Reid ane p., Jasper Dempster ij p., Johne Robertson ane p., Margret Ross fowyr p., to be payit betuix this and Lammes callit Vincula Petri nixt to cum onder the panis of pundyn of thair rydiest gudis and geyr for pament makyn to the forsaid Patre. And alls nocht the less albejt the forsaidis personis ar actit to content and pay the forsайдis sowme to Patre Crommy and James Robertson of his awyn confessioun the forsaid James grantis that thair is nocht pertenand hym of the hayll sowme excep twa tone and half wyne pricus.

26 April  
The heid borrow curt of Inverness.

Mathow Patyrson producit ane attornay of Fynla Paterson befor the prowst balzis for sesing takyn of all landis Wilyam Paterson his fadyr deit last vestit and sesit conforme to his serwing, apoune the productioun of the same requerit act of curt, and the prowst commandit the balzes to gys sesing conforme to his serwing.

Johne McGgrassych oft tymes callit and nocht comperit as he that wes actit to bring with hyme hys nechbouris to testife to mak faith with hyme that Johne Budeth wes payit of all dettis he wes awand hym and
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specialle ane hard hyd and xijs mone, and thir ar the nychtbouris he suld acquet hym with: Gillandreis Moyr, Donald McGrassycht, Johne Ger McAné Cheyr. Apon his absens and nocht doing as said is is jugit in admerciament and dome gyfin for hys absens and suld pay the prices forsaid.

Finla McConyll Oyr is becumin akit of hys awyn motyf fre wyll to content and pay Isbell Damster the hyest price of ane boll wyttuell and thre pects to entres, falyeinge thair to be pundyt for the samen.

The provest balze and commond consell for the tyme viz: Jasper Waus, Johne Ros, Thom Flemyn, Thom Gollan, Allexander Patyrson, Johne Nilson, Johne Robertson, Fynla Donaldson, Martin Waus, present for the tyme, for wphald of dale service into thair kyrk for glore of God and honor thair kyrk, hes aymenit Schir Andrew Brebner Chepland to Sant Pettryr with fowyr merkis yerle to be payit of the commond gud of Innernes, with the oblation and anwell of Sant Duthace alter.

Comperit Johne Budet and Elizabet Cuper and for Elizabet Cuper Thom Man, and hes nominat with bayth thair consentts in ane voce to submit the comprising of the land quhilk pertenit to Allexander Cuper in wedset fra Johne Budeth in thir persons after following that is to say for the part of Johne Budeth, Johne Ros, Mathow Paterson, James Merchand and Thom Waus younger, and for the part of Elizabet Cuper and Thom Man in hyr name, George Cuthbert, Thom Flemyng, Willyam Cuming and Johne McIlleve, and quhat the forsaidis personis comprisis the forsaid land mayr awand nor the sowme of ten pundis the same wes wedset for, the superplus sal be gyfin to Johne Budeth and Johne Budeth sall renunce all manyr of reversion alluttyrle to the forsaid Allezabeth and Thom.

All the fyscheris quhilkis slays the salmond on the Water of Ness are fallowyth that wrangle and aganis the law thai brek the statistts mayd be the consell of the towne for selling of the met fysche in quiet manyr and presentis nocht the same to the merkat croce and sellis the fysche derrer nor the price mad to the same be the Consell of the towne, the syis hes fundyn tham in admerciament and dome gyfin thairapoun. Syklyk all the fescharis ar followyt that wrangle and aganis the law ye and ilk ane of yow fysches the commonis wattyr and nocht thair canacis with yow and disponis on the fysches to your plessouris, the forsaydis fyscharis ar mad fre.
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The prowest balzes and commond consell hes ratefeyt and apruit the act mad of befors towert the pricis of the fysches to be sald at the mercat croce nocht oderwes onder the pane of eschetyn of the fysche and punissyn of thair personis that sellis the fysche, quhilk ac wes mad tha xx day of Januar anno 1553 yeris. This is the pricis: for the gret wasp iijs., the small wasp xxxd., the keltage xxjd.; and quha dois in the contrar to be punist in thair personis.

It is statutt and ordanit that thair be na fyir mad in Ellon [Island], nor that na fyschearis tak apon hand to fyshe the vatter day nor nycyth with[out] tha adverteis thair masteris or ellis hef thair canacis with thame, onder the pane to be accusit efterwart for thysft and to be punist thairfor as theyfis that dois the contrar. And quhat ever tha be that makis fyir in the Ellon salbe punist with ane nale in his luge and the nixt tyme to be punist as the cuttiris of grene wod suld be. Also it is statutt and ordanit that quhat bestiall, horse, ky, schep, gat or sweeney beys fundyn within the Ellen sall pay for the first tyme for ewyrrre best iiijd., for the nixt falt for ewyrrre best xijd., for the third falt ane ownla, and that ewyrrre ane that hes thair schot in the Ellend sall be pundaris for uptakyn of the same, and this done for keping of the yowng plantts of wod that bestiall destroys and for remed thairof this statutt is ordanit. And for remed that thair be na fyir begit in the Ile the fyschearis hes fundyn souerteis as efter follows, viz: Johne McIllewe is becum souertie for Donald Yet, and Johne Cronn Allexander Paterson for Johne Don McConche, Thom Waus elder for Andro Godson, Johne Robertson for Ade Skynner, George Cuthbert for Johne McNettar, Wilyam Paterson for Johne Wilson, Thom Cristeson for Johne McAne, for fullylling and keping of the statutts forsaid onder the panis contenit in the same that the souerteis shall entyr thame to onderly the panys quha beis fundyn faltoris.

Ane brocht strykyn on Johne Skynner alias Bogmecheran, Andro Bane, that wrangle and aganis the law tha schot the watter callit the Cawyll the last day of Aprile to the takyn . . . Andro Bane said to Wilyamson that nycyth of abefor and desyrit hyme to concell his beyne thair—contenit to the nixt curt.

29 May Towart the actione and cause mowit be William Cumyng thesaurar of the burgh of Inverness for the tyme in name and behalf of the provost balleis and communite of the samin producit ane precept deuly execut
and indorsat, berand in effect that quhar Mertyne Vaus burgis of the said burgh in the moneth of Aprill in the yeir of God j\textsuperscript{m} v\textsuperscript{e} fyfty vij yeiris or thairby be hymse his cotaris servandis of causing command and rathebetion com to the pastur and lesur of Drakis pertening to the commonte of Innernes, and hes rewin and telit and sawin ane pairt thairof liand betuix the landis of Mekil Draky to the est and the landis of the Inchis to the west intending to appropy the samyn to hymse as his awyn propri land, albeit befoir the teling of the said peis land the said Mertyne wes inhibit and the said land arrestit that na farther occupatione suld be downe, nochtwithstanding the said Mertyne in his contemptione occupit the said peis land: Quharfor the said Merting Vaus being callit and comperit befoir the said provost balleis and communitie nayit alluterly the breking of the arrestment, oppining thair was na arrestment put in the said peis land. Siclyk the said Merting is fallowit be said William Cymyng our thesaurar foresaid that wrangusly and aganis the law he telit the common hie gait quhilk descendis fra the moat betuix the Inchis and Lytill Draky to the Myll quhilk hes beyne past memor of man ane hie gait in commonte, and desyris the said Merting to desist thairfra in tymes cumyng. The Inquest hes funding that Merting Vaus hes wrongit in the breking of inhibetione and fre of the arrestment be resoun thair was nayne maid as the precept proportit, and the said Merting decernit to big the said dik as it was of befoir in the ald place. And siclyk the said Merting is desernit to desist fra ony forther occupying fra the hie gait quhilk descendis fra the mote betuix the Inchis and Lytill Draky downe to the Mill and the samyn to be haldin as commonte as the hie Kingis gait lyk as it was of befoir.

Johne McGillewe, Thome Fleming and Johne Ross, in nayme and behalf of Sande Cuthbert sone and ayr to vmquhill James, confess thamselfnis in jugement that ane fald of land occuypit be tham as tennentis to the landis of Lytill Draky pertening to the commones in commonte suld nocht perting to tham as properte and in jugement renuncit thair clame and titill thairof to be vsit as commonte as it was of befoir.

Mans McGillmichell is jugit in amerciament for the wranguse drawin of ane dowrk to Andro Dempster and briking of the dowrk at the said Androis heid, and is ordanit to sit on his kneis and ask hymse forgieffnes for his offens.
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Johne McAllester Cain is fallowit that wrangusly and agaynis the law he deliueris nocht to John McGillewe iij cheip quhilk he saith to the said Johne McGilliweis wyf, and is adjugit the said Johne McAllester aucht to pay ane schip quhilk wes slayne be the wolf and the uther tway.

Nicholl Kar protestit for costis skaythis and damnagis sustenit be hyme throw the want of certan victuall promest to hyme be Johne Hall, Rob Tullocht and Johne Browne, burges of Kyrkwall, at ane certan day wynd and wedder seruand conforme to his charter party maid thairvpon, and protestit for remeid of law.

George Symonson is fallowit that wrangusly and agayns the law he disobeit the command of provest and bailzes of the burgh in the putting of ane arrestment in the Pris land occupeit be Merting Vaus as he was commandit thairto and put the nychtbouris in beleif he had downe the samin, for the quhilkis the said George is adjugit in amerciament and decernit to tyne his offices induring the provestis will.

17 June

Johne McIllewe is cumin souerte for Donald McYntosse of Cullern to do all that law wyll to Lewyr Smyth or Hendre Kar his procurator towert ane puntion of wyne allegit be said Lewyr, Hambrochman, market and testit be the said Donaldis wyf, throw the quhilk the price of the said puntion, extending to fyf lib. xij. vjd., the said Donald aucht to pay the sayd Lewyr as he allegis.

21 June

Wilyam Dow McPhayll hes grantit in jugament that he ressaid to hym in prentechip Jamey McDone to hef lernit hyme to the brebner craft quhilk he suld hef hed for the leryng of hym x firlotis victuell, quhilkis Wilyam is desernit to fullfill his promise in lerning of the said Jame to his craft and ressaf hyme within xxiiij howris, the said Jame to serve hyme to his craft for fyf yeris; failyeing the said Wilyam ressaf the said Jame as sad is, the said Wilyam sall pay Allexander Paterson x firlotis victuell within the said xxiiij howris.; and the said Jame to occupe na noder craft nor labyr excep it he is bundyn prentis to.

28 June

Comperit James Paterson messinger on the ane part and Hendre Kar as he quhilk wes souerte to do as law wald for Necoll Kar oft tyms callit as he that wes varnit to heyr ane decret pronuncit his contrar as he that com souerte as said is for the said Necoll for the injust intromission of ane bot pertening the said James and to heyr and se the profitt of the said bot liquidet; efter lang proces proceding in the said caus
lauchfull tyme of day bydune the said Necoll Kar beand present hymself for the tyme rychtis ressonis and deponis of diuers dis famus witnes na parte repungnand nor gane sayand, the saidis provest balzis findis that Necoll Kar iniustle intromettit with ane boyt pertenying James Paterson in the moneth of August in the yer of God jm v c fyfte thre yeries and had hyr contenualle in his possesion to the moneth of November in anno jm v c fyfte yerie sex; for the quhilks iniust intromission the provest balzes forsaide decernis and deliercis conforme to the depositionis of the witnes that Hendre Kar as he that com souerte for Necoll Kar to do at law walde sall pay James Paterson for ewyrre frachit the bot frachtit ewyrre sesson of symmer betuix Midsummer and Lettyr Mare day extending to twa frauchts ilk xiiiij days on the Loch Ness price of ewyrre fraucht hyir vjs. viijd.; quhilk extendis in the hayll yerlie be just calculation ten frauchts summam of ilk summyr session fys merkis vsuall mone of this realme, summam of the hayll summyr sessionis as said is indurand thre yeries extendis to ten pundis mone forsaide, and for ane vintter fysching in the ferre of Kessok at hering draf xiijs. iiijd.

Allexander McWilliam McAllister Ryon strykis ane brocht on Johne Merschell, that wrangle and anagis the law the said Johne callit hyme commond theif. The said Johne Mersell is jugit in admerciament.

Ellene Thomson strykis ane brocht on Thom Lafrise, that wrangle and anagis the law he gef hyr ewyll and injurius vordis, saiand scho wes bannis of Innernes, and scho wes yet with the dewyllis kap on hyr hed on hycht of the Kirk of Elgyn. The said Thom is jugit in admerciament.

Allexander McWilliam McAllester Roy is mad fre of the blud persewyt be Johne Merschell serwand on the said Allexander.

Donald McAne Woyr is jugit in admerciament for cuming to the towne and landis of the Inchis pertenying the commondis, and thair without officiars tuk at his awyn ane ox fra Andro McGawin, and dome gyfin thairapon, and the said Donald sall restoyr the ox agane.

Thomas Cristeson strykis ane brocht on Johne McIlmorre, that wrangusle and anagis the law he pays hyme nocht the sowme of xvj merkis mayll for his kyll, malt hows and twa barnis he hed in takis this thre yeries bygane, and wrangle he occupeys the said kyll instantaneous after he wes lachfulle varnit na witt remowiff.

Johne McAne Uoyr compeyrrit in jugment and mad Andro McGurman his werray lauchfull and wndouttit assigna to hyme in and
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1557 to sewyne hed of gudis, quhilkis gudis the said Johne hes gyfin in the
5 July said Andro possession and thair to remane irreuocabill for ewyr.

The action and caus betuix Johne Robertson and Allester Norre
saidlar is contenut to the sycht of nechbouris.

19 July William Budeth is desernit to pay and deliuer Robert Merschell vij
lib. ij vnce blew yarne within xxiiij howris, onder the pane of pundyn of
hym thairfor, be resson he tuk pament and price mad for litting of
the same.

23 July All the nychtbours and takismen of this bruch ofstys callit and
nocht comperit, as tha that was lauchfull varnit be ane precep to pay
thair malis, is jugit in admerciament and dome gyfin thairapon, excep
Allexander Paterson, Hendre Kar, and Johne McLllewe. Thir ar the
nams of tham at ar wnlawit, viz., [not entered].

28 July Ane petition gevin in be William Cumyng, burges of the said burgh,
desyrand the half of the mill croftis now beand in the townschippis
handis vacand and thair act the deceise of umquhill Thome Man, burges
of the said burgh, quha deceissit without ony ayris mail gottin of
his bodie, for the auld mail paying conforme to the rentall, quhilkis provest
and ballies and commone consall with the rest of communite present,
quhais naymes after fallowis, ressauit the said William Cuming thair tax
man to the said half mill croftis for ald mayll paying conforme to the
rentall viz,—Johne Ros, Henry Kar, Thomas Fleming, Allexander
Paterson, James Paterson, Martin Vaus, Thome Gollan, Thome Vaus
elder, Nicholl Kar, Fynlay Donaldson, Jasper Dempstar, and Johne
Robertson.

Ita est, Dn Patricius Anderson manu propria.

31 July Martin Waus excepit incontrar Johne Mclllewe, balze, sayand he
wares parte and balze, and aucht nocht to be juge to hym.

5 Aug. In presens of the Consell and communite the balyes hes ondyrtakyne
to punis the browstaris brekaris of inhibition of selling of viijd. ayll ewyrre
ane for thair pairt as followis, viz. Mathow Paterson to punis the Kyrkget
and Brygend and beyond the vatter, Johne McIllewe Damsdell, James
Merchand the Estget, as tha wyll ansuer thairfor to the prowest and
consell of the towne.

4 Oct. The head borrow court of Innenes.

Nomina Absentium: Johne Wrycht, Mangus Blynt, Thomas Mc-
Gillimertyne, the Vicar of Innenes, Our Lady Chaiplen of the Greyne,
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Donald McGillikriris ayris, Sande Suderland, Donald McEkandoy, the Lard of Calderis ayris, oftimes callit as thai that aucht sout to the heid court, ar jugit in amerciament for non comperens and dowme gevyn thairvpoun.

George Cuthbert is electit and chosyne provost for ane yeir and gaif his aith of fidelite thairvpon as vse is. Thome Fleming, Johne McGilliue and Matho Paterson ar chosyne ballies and sworn thairvpon as vse is.

Andro Vaus, cusing to vmquhill Mr Johne Vaus, producit ane evident of ane peis of land lyand in the Kyrk gait, betuix the landis of the paroche clarkis to the sout and Allexander Genot to the north, reserving the lyfrent of the samyn til Efame his mother, and is enterit in the sutt roll for the samyn.

The provest ballies and common consall hes statut and ordanit that every man and woman haiffand swyne within the burgh remove the samyn of the towne within fyf dayis, failzeing thairof it salbe lesum til ony man to slay thame quhar euer thai may be apprehendit in thair skayth without prejudice to the sllaar as vnlauful goud, conforme to actis of burgh.


Towert all manyr of action and debait betuix Johne Grant, burge of Innernes, and Mage Kar his spous, towert adiuring of hyr to hyme conforme to his desyr presentle and to do the dewitte to hym of his lauchfull spowus and wyf, Johne Grant hess fundyn George Cuthbert of the Ald Castell Hyll souerte that he sall treyt, manteine, interteine the said Mage his spous but onne molestation, inquietation or trubling of his saidis spous, ondyr the pane of refundyn and delivering to hyr of all the gud and geyr partenyng hyme, extending to the sowme of thre hundryth merkis, in name of pane, to be vsit and disponit be his said spous by the said Johne Grant in onne tymis cuming beand knawyn be thir personis oder writting, that is to say, Jasper Waus of Lochslyne, Johne Ros, Thomas Flemynge, Johne McIllewe, Allexander Paterson, Martin Waus, James Skynner, James Merchand and Johne Damster, that the said Johne Grant sall nocht onlefulle or onhonestle hef hym self to his said spous in tyme cuming. And in lykwyse the said Mage Kar his spous hes fundyne Jasper Damster souerte for hyr that fra the fest of Mertimes heyr efter scho sall adjuyr to hyr said spous, honor and serve
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Sic subscribitur, George Cuthbert with my hand; Jasp. Damster with my hand.


The absentes of the onfre browsteris, Manis McIllmichell, Ellyn Thom Thomson, Elspet Anderson, and Anne Merschell, jugit in admerciament.

23 Oct. Allexander Paterson strykit ane brocht on Andro Godson, his feschar, that wrangle and aganis the law he tuk owt his net at his awyn hand efter the same was hefit be his mastyr of befor, throch the quhilk owt takyn the sayd net wis stollyn, and disyris recompence and payment of the said net.

Allexander Paterson strykit ane brocht on John McAgow, that wrangle and aganis the law he pays hymne nocht his texation as oderis dois to the nychtboris. The said Johne is mad fe re sseshn his guidis wes flettit of the grund befor the proclamation of the ost and hymne self dischargit of his tak.

10 Nov. Johne Morison, George Simonson and Artur Byrna, testaris of ayll, strykit ane brocht [on] Johne Skynner alias Barnie, that wrangle and aganis the law he rabuttit tham, tha dowane thair ofice, calland tham commone skeularis, glutton carlis, and that tha hed na noder lewyning bot herroand puyr fok, dessyrand remeid of law. The forsaid Johne
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Skynner is desernit to pass to the mercat croce, and thair opynle sit on his kneise and ask tham forgyfnes.

Manis Kathkin, Sande Baxtar and Sande Donaldson ar admirittit to be common baxtaris and nayn vther, and sal bayk sufficient stuf, and sall keip the statutis and command of the saidis provest ballies and brough under payne of esheiting of thair stuf quhilk beis fundin unsufficient and nocht conforme to statutis of the burgh, and all vtheris dischargit to be common baxtaris bot the saidis personis allanerly.

Actum in camera prepositi ante forum.

Because that the inhabitaris of this bruch brewars of aquavitte hes beyne of lang tyme bygane in wse of selling of thair aquavitte of na lawar prices quhen the boll is gud chep nor quhen the same is at the derrest prices, to the gret hurt of our Soverane Ladis legis and the inhabitaris of this bruch: Tharfor it is statutt and ordanit be the provest, balzes and consell of this bruch, that all brewaris of aquavitte dweland within this bruch tak nocht upon hand to sell thair aquavitte of na derrer pricis nor as etter fallsows, that is to say, quhen the boll wittell is said in the market for twenty schyllings, the quart of aquavitte to be said for twell schillingis, and su the aquavitte to be said successiue conforme to the price of the boll wittell; wndyr the pane of the dissobear to pay for the first falt thre pinttis aquavitte, the secund falt half gallon, and for the thrid falt to be dischargit fra sic vsing of aquavitte brewyng for the space of yer.

Masteris prowest and balzes and to your weyll aduisit consell, humle menis I your nychtbor Mathow Paterson, that quhar I was passand my lefull bussines this last Munnynday tomorroy, tendyn to have leuit onder Godis pece and our Soverane Ladis, ocht the less Allexander McIone onder silence of nycht manassit, bostit and defamit me with mone sindre and diuerse injuris wordis, sayand as efter followse. “Matho Paterson, velcum be ye. Haue ye brocht my pan with ye, quhilkis ye haue on your fyir this yer bygane, and hes nocht payit na siluer for the same? It war mayr nor tyme I war payit for my pan, and er ye depart of this towne ye sall pay me my pan, Mathou, with gret boyst. Quhy brocht ye nocht my pan with you? My pan aw you na thing. Thairfor gyf me syluer, or ellis yourself and your hors sall remane in this towne quhill I be payit. It wes owr hamle to onne of ye all to hald my pan fra me say lang.” And becaus I sayd that wes nocht the errand I com
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1557 for to the town, he pat handis in me and said, Be Goddis wondis that I
suld remane quhill he gat his pan, or ellis siluer for the same, with mone
oder iniurius vordis, quhilkis I wald nocht thoyll for the sowme of ane
hundreth pundis. Desyring your Maisterschipis to considder the
premises, and that satisfaction be mad to you and me according to
justice. The said Alexander McIone is jugit in admerciament and dome
gyfin thairapoun, and forder he sall sit on his knees in Alderyn quhen
he beis requirit be Matho Paterson and ask hym forgynes. And in
cayse he do nocht the same, the said Matho protestis for the
defamation to persew the same befor jugis competent, and forder and
he be fundyn in tymes cuming despresonant of onne of the office
men of Inernnes, that he sall pay to the kirk wark of Inernnes the
sowme of twenty pundis.

1557-58 Andro Waus and Esie Fysher is becumis akit conjunctlye and
sevenalle to pay George Gra the sowme of fowyr merkis wssuali mone of
this realme, and that for the lering of Robe Waus, broder to the said
Andro and son to the said Esie, to the brebner craft betuix this and
Pasche nixt to cum, and hes bundyn the said Robe for fyf yeris prentes-
chyp to the sayd George, with the saidis Robe first yeris clayse.

The heid burrouch court efter Yuill.

10 Jan.

William Cuming presentit ane petitione to the provest and balzes,
desyring hyme to be seruit narrest and lauchfull ayr to his vmquhill
fader Johne Cuming alias Millar, burges of Inernes, in all landis his
said vmquhill fader deit last vest and sesit at our Souerane Laydis fayth
and peax, lyand within the burcht of Inernes, vizt: thre roudis of land
and ane tenement of land lyand contegue in Demmisdall on the vest
syde of the samin, lyand betuix the landis of William Gollan to the south
and the landis of the ayris of umquhill Huchon Fraser alias Symsoun of
Irzet [Erchet] to the north, the frontis to the Kingis Gait, the taillis to
the Castell hill to the vest; ane chalmer in the Kyrk yard lyand in our
Lady roud, betuix Dawid Blownntis to the south and Alexander Pater-
sonis ayris to the north; ane peace of ane roud of land lyand in the est
gait on the est syd of the Foull Doub, lyand betuix the landis of Jasper
Waus to the south and Finlay Donaldsonis berne to the north, lyand
sydlingis to the said Foull Poull to the vest, lyand on the Berne hillis
betuix the landis of Gillichrist McGlaschen to the southt and John
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Cuthberttis ayris off the Ald Castell hill to the north, Donald McGleschen land to the wast, and the fosse to the est.


Ane petition gevin in be Fynlay Man, brother germane to vmquhill Thom Man, burges of Innernes, desyryng hyme to be seruit narrest and lauchfull ayr to his said vmquhill brother and to his fredome, that is to say twa rud of land lyand in the Kyrk gait . . . ; ane chalmer kirkyard, lyand betuix the landis of Johne Robertson to the south and the landis of Finlay Donaldson to the north; ane barne vpoun the Berne hillis, betuix the landis of Johne Robertson to the south and Allexander Patersonis land to the north.

The Inquest foirsaid hes seruit the petitioun of William Cuming as narrest and lauchfull ayr to his fader Johne Cumming anent all and hail the landis contenit in the said petitioun, and thaireftir requirit the provest and ballies to ordane ane ballie to gyf hyme sesing conforme to his petitione and seruinge, quhilk the provest and ballies foirsaidis ordand Thom Fleming, ane of the ballies of Innernes, to gyf hyme heritabill stait and possessione conforme to his seruing and petizione foirsaidis, and the seruing of the said William pronuncit be the said Jasper Vaus Chanclar of the Syis foirsaid.

Towart the petitione of Fynlay Man, the Inquest foirsaid and pronuncit be the moutht of Jasper Vaus chanclar for the tyme, fyndis the said Fynlay narrest and lauchfull ayr to Thome Man of sic landis as he wil schaw and produce that the said Thome deit vest and sesit, And towart his fredome he auch nocht to be seruit nor enterit thairto, becaus he is nocht his sowne and ayr gottin of his body, as vse of burrois is, and forthir he hes nocht be vsit nor consuetit with merchandiis, as vse of bourris is, conforme to the actis of burris.

Manis Kaskyn is mad fre of Johne Copland brocht, quhar he seasin his brocht on hym sayand that Manis Caskyn borroit fra his modyr ane fedder bed efter his cumin out of France.

Mage Kar is desernit to refund content and pay of hyr motyf wyll ane siluer croce gilt with gold and ane cristall stane to Johne Copland betuix this and Fasternis Ewyn nixt to cum.
Watte Cuper is cuming akit to refund deliuer to William Cuming burges of Innernes ane akyn gest of xvj fut lang and ane fut brod in the skayr betuix this and Beltan day nixt to cum.

Jok Merschell and Plakis ar jugit in admerciament for nocht presenting of thair fysches to the mercat, and for howsing of thame in barnis befor the presenting of tham to the mercat as tha aucht to tyne of curt, and dome gyfin thairapoun, and gyf sic ane falt beis fundyn in tymes cuming the fysche to be eschettit.

Comperit befor the balyis George Cuthbert of the Ald Castellhyll, and gef in ane byll of complent as efter follois:—My lord provost, balyis, wnto your weyll advisit consell, I George Cuthbert humle menis that quhar I hef be gyft of assignation mad and gewyn to me be Fynla Man broder german to wmuquhill Thom Man, ane aquavitte pot and ane caldron pertening to the said Fynla as ane punt of heretage, pertenynyg to hym as nerrest and lauchfull ayr to his said wmuquhill broder, as in the said lettyr of assingnation mad to me thairpoun mayr fullele proportis, nocht the less Mage Gorie the relict of umquhill the said Thom Man on na way wyll deliuer to me as assingna forsaid the said pot and caldron, allegiand the same pertenynyg to hyr self, and intendis to appropriat the said pot and caldron to hyr but onie tytill of rycht, to my gret skayth: quharfor desyris your maisterschipis to compell the said Mage be your decret and deliuerance to restoyr and deliuer to me the sayd pot and caldrin sufficientle as afferis, or ellis to schaw ane reasonabyll cause quhy the same suld nocht be done: And this my petition in forme of broch.

Johne Grant burges of Innernes is cumin akit of his awyn motyf wyll to thankfulle content pay and deliuer David Waus of Leyth, his factoris, actornays, executouris or assingnais, the sowme of sewyne barrell salmond gud and sufficient betuix this and Lettyr Mare day heyrefter following, falycing of nocht paying of the said sewyne barrell salmond at the forsaid day the forsaid Johne Grant bindis and oblisis hyme to pay the forsaid David Waus the hyest price that onie barrell salmond pays within the realme of Scotland, and at the resset of the said salmond the said David Waus sall deliuer to the said Johne Grant xviij. in compleat pament of the said sewyn barrell salmond.

Jasper Waus of Lochslyne strykis ane brocht on Johne Damster, that wrangle and aganis the law the said Johne littit nocht certain yarnis
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of the said Jasper of the hewis he condescenit to lyt the same of, sic as red and yallow, the said Johne beand payit for the litting of the same, throw the quhilkis, the said yarne nocht beand ltit as the said Johne promist as said is, the said Jasper hess sustennyt the skayth of fowyr pundis mone of this realme by the valour of ane stane of yarne, quhilk wes weyt with Elspet Morison stane. The said Johne is cumin in the said Jasper wyll of his skayth, and also is desernit to let the yarnis conforme to his promess, that is yallow and red.

Ane broch strakyne be Angnes Ross Meroris callit Fydell on Mage Baldon, that wrangle and aganis the law the said Mage reyf my hayr and dang me and spulzet me of my curche and ane cortane, I macand hyr na falt, bot yed in hyr huse to desyr Jannet Thomson to cum hame to hyr seruise. The said Mage is jugit in admerciament and ordanit to restoyr hir cleys agane.

Thom Flemyng, ane of the balyes of Innernes, strykis ane brocht on Johne Morray, indwellar in Findicirne, that wranggusle and aganis the law the said Johne sayd in Andro Damsteris howse that he tuk na sasse of hyme, for he wald put all the towne in his sleyf for ane punt ayll in ane penne purse.

The heid burrow curt efter Pasche haldyne in the tolbuyth. My Lord Prowest, balyes, I William McYnthosse, son and ayr to wmquhill Johne McYnthosse in Termit, desyris at your maisterschipis to be seruit as narrest and lachfull ayr to my fadyr, and to be entrit in ane rud of land as ayr to hyme, lyand within the bruch of Innernes in the get of the bryg on the sowyth syd of the same, betuix the landis of Pettyr Winster to the west and Johne Robertson landis to the est, the front to the Kingis get to the north, the tayll to the Castell hyll to the sowth, quharin my sayd wmquhill fadyr deyt last west and sesit conforme to my fatheris instrument, and desyris to be sesyt thairin conforme to the lawis of the bruch.

Schir William Anderson, Chepland to Sant Androw within the parroch kyrk of Innernes fundat, presentit yerd and stane of ane rud of land pertening to wmquhill Gilbert Hay, gewyn hyme in few be the said chepland, in defalt of pament of the few malis be the space of thre yeris, ilk yeris extending to the sowme of xvijs. wsuall mone of this realme.
Mathow Paterson presente in jugment\textsuperscript{x} requerit Hendre Kar elder gyf he wald awo that the contract producit be the said Mathow befor the commissar of Innernes, Thomas Flemyng, James Merchand, William Cuming, Schir Andro Brener and Necoll Kar, wes false fenzet and forgyt in itself. To the quhilkis the saydis Hendre ansurit sayand that the subscriptioun of Schir Johne Nicolson is of veritte, bot the con. to the quhilk the same is schewit to is fals fenzet and forget in itself be the said contract the said Hendre is cursit as yet, and the said Hendre desyrit the said contract to be presentit in jugment to the prowest and balyis.

Master Martin Loge procurator for William McYnthosse requerit ac of curt, quhar the petition of the sayd William wes opynle proclamit at the tolbuyth stayr, and na parte comperit to object in the contrar nor incontrar the inquest. William McYnthose is fundyn narrest and lauchfull ayr to his wmquhill fadyr Johne McYnthose in Termit, and seruit conforme to his petition.

Johne Stuart is seruit nerrest and lauchfull ayr to his faydyr, and nocht in to na land be resson he producit na ewidentis.

Ane brocht strekyne be Andro Damster on William McCoren that wrangle and aganis the law he rabuttit his wyf for the takyn of his hors and mad brewis to hyr serwandis with queyne.

Manis McIlmychell humle mens and complenzes on Donald Don and his wyf that on Furisday last wes I callit ane browne hors of myne to the vatter of viij yeris age and vpon the gat the said hors yed be the way to the saidis Donald Done huse and in to his huse the said Donald wyf hed slane the said hors with bastone treys on his fyllottis and brak his bak of the quhilk the said hors deyt on the said nycht; quharfor besykand your maisterschips to cause the said Donald and his wyf to restoyr me of the prisis of the said hors quhilk cost me fyf merkis togyder with the costis skaythis I sustene throw the want of hymne.

Huchon Dow McHuchon Moyr confessit in jugment the way pullyng of the tayll of ane ox pertening Doncan Macolmeson. And the jugis desernis Doncan Macolmeson to cause the ox to be comprisit, and quhat at the ox is less of awayll nor he wes of befor the said Huchon to mac pament thairof, to gyf with pament for the hyr say lang as the said Doncan pluch lay idyll in his defalt.

\textsuperscript{x} He was sitting on the bench.
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The jugis desernis Ade Hud to teyll and fynd horse to do the same nyne rygis to Schir Patre Anderson conforme to his promise for ixs. Finla McConylloyr strekis ane brocht on Allan McRannald, that wrangle and aganis the law he deliueris me nocht ane meyr of myne quhilk I gef hyme in plege of xxs., quhilk meyr wes comprisit to sewyn merkis and aucht nocht to hef out of the cuntre, nocht the less he hed hyr to the ost, and withhaldis hyr fra me as yet.

Ane brocht strekyn be Mathow Paterson on Johne Bane McBrebner, that wrangle and aganis the law he held the wark and labyr of ane hors fra the said Mathow send Halowmes last wes, and in his defalt the said Mathow behuift to gyf for ane hors hyr dale vjd., desyrand the said Johne to refund the same lyk as he that is my cotter, and suld hef fundyn to me ane horse labyr. The Syis hes ordanit McBrebner to pay the hors hyr be the modefaction of the juge, and hes refferrit to the said McBrebner his nychtbour ayth to testefe quhow lang the sayd McBrebner wanttit hors to serue the said Mathow. The jugis hes desernit Johne McBrebner to refund content and pay to Mathow Paterson xijd. of ewyrre pund worth of gud he hes conforme to the layf of the cotteris of the cuntre hes done.

Item the said Mathow strak ane brocht on Johne Bane McBrebner that wrangle and aganis the law he left his masteris seruice viij days syne without onne lyf, throw the quhilikis the saidis Mathow plewch lyis idyll, and thairfor aucht to recom pense the skayth. The Syis hes refferit to the sayd McBrebner nychtbour ayth quhow lang sayd plewch lay idyll in his defalt.

William McPhadryk was desernit to refund content and pay Manis Garreoch vjs. viijd. and to remane within the tolbuyyth to the tyme the same wer payit.

Necoll Kar strekis ane brocht on Johne Nilson that wrangle and aganis the law the said Johne set on the sayd Necoll to the intent to hef slane hyme without onne falt mad to hym bot crawand his awyne det at Clanrynnald quha hed cumin with merchandace to the sayd Johne Nilson. The Syis hes fundyn Johne Nyolson fr. Syklyk Necoll Kar strakis ane brocht on Johne Nyolson that wrangle and aganis the law he causit twe men of Clanrynnald hald hyme to the tyme he hed slane hyme, quhilkis men of Clanrynnald ar our Souerane ladiis rebellis and mantinet and supleyt be the sayd Johne Nilson and perfurnest. The Sys hes
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1558 fundyn Johne Nilson fre. Johne Nilson hes fundyn Johne McIllewe souerte and lawborrows that Nccoll Kar salbe harmeles and skaythles of hym and all thame he ma gudle stop or lat bayth of tung and hand bot as law wyll.

3 June Thome Colle is decernit be the jugis of his awyn confession to content and pay Mergret Waus spous to Johne Ros burges of Innernes twenty twa barrell of salmond treis, with fyf schyllingis mone, ane hundyr geyrsteingis, and is ordanit to remane in the tolbuyth to the tyme he find souerte to pay the tane half betuix this and the first Mare day and the todyr half to be payit at the Rudmes.

Ane brocht strekyn on Johne McYntagyrt that wrangle and aganis the law he trublit the towne. The Syis hes fundyn Johne McYntagyrt jugit in admerciament and dome gyfn thatairapoun.

Wat Cupar and Thome Colle his sone is becumin bundyn and oblist and be the tenor of thir presentis bindis and oblisys tham thair aris executoris and assignais to thek the sowtht syd of the moder kyrk of the parochyne of Innernes and wyne the spone to the same and fulfyll all manyr of puntis pasis clausis and artekyllis quhilkis Patryk Nepar alias Wrycht wes contrakit to fulfyll and nocht fulfilit be hymc and be the tenor of thir presentis oblisis ws as said is to nocht wyrk nor ondertak to wyrk onie manyr of wark to the tyme the same be fulfyllit and thekit conforme to the contract mad be the said Patre Wrycht to the Communit of Innernes, for the quhilkis and fulfylling of the premises the said Wat and Thom sall hef the sowme of forte merkis quhilkis restis vnpayit, to be payit to the forsaid Thom and Wat at thir termis followyn, viz for to wyne the hayll spone to thck the sowth syd and bringyn of thame to the Lochend or at the lest sa fas ane boyt ma carre tham conforme to Patrek Nepar contract ten pundis, and to dycht the hayll spone the sowme of fyf merkis, and quhen tha begyn to thck the sowth syd with spone that tyme the said Wat Cuper sall hef and Thom the sowme of ten merkis, and quhen the half or moyr of the sowth syd is thekit thai sall hawe the sowme of ten merkis in hayll and complet payment of the sowme of forte merkis for endyng and completting and thekyk of hayll modyr kyrk conforme to the said Patrek Nepar contract in all pasis clausis artekyllis and punctis in it contennit, and the said Watt Cuper and Thom Colle sall begine and wyne the spone to thck the same at the fest of the Rudmes nixt to cum callit Exaltatio Sante Crucis
and dale to contenu to the tyme the said moder kyrk be fullele endit and complettit. And als the said Watte Cuper and Thom Colle hes ondertane and sall thek it quhilk is onthekit on the north syd of the sayd moder kyrk, to the quhilkis Patryk Nepar sall delier to the said Wat and Thome ane thowsand gud and sufficient spone togydder with iiijc. and iijxx spone the forsaid Wat and Thom is awand the said Patrek and beand in thair awyn handis togyddyr with all the spone quhilk lyis in the bode of the kyrk to end the said north syd apoun thair awyn expenis, and the rest quhilk is awand of the acquittance gyfin be the said Patre to the said Wat Cuper to be equalle deuidit and partit betuix Thom Colle and the said Wat.

Thom Melbie is creat burrow officar to pund for the Chaplaniis anwellis allanerle and gef his ayth of fidelitte to ws his office lele and trewlie ay and quhill he wer discharrgit.

Marreon Ogilbe is cumin in wyll to the balye for brewyn without licence.

Johne McYnnes Dwe is convictit in admerciament for trowblyng of toune in the nycht and blud drawyn of his vyf.

Gillecrist McGlassen present in jugment renuncit and ourgef to the townscheip ane barne rowme aboue the Barnehillis in Thom Flemyng balye handis in the favoris of Hendre Guttre and that for xijd. annuell paiing yerle to the commondis.

Ane brocht strekyn be Kateryn Damster on Isbell Garne that wrangle and aganis the law schew beand hyr howsse and reprewand hir for hyr falttis scho dang the sayd Katteryn. Ane brocht on the said Isbell Garne that wrangle and aganis the law schew drew Kateryn Damster hayr and dang hyr with the tangis. Jugit in admerciament.

Ane brocht strekyn on Marcus Chepman that wrangusle and aganis the law he sayd that the balyes of Innerenes ganit bettyr to be schep stelasris nor balyes, and that he suld ger tham stand and thair bonettiis in thair handis, and he wes ane gentellar man nor Thom Flemyng.

Fynla McConyllor protestis for quhat costis skayth and damage he sustenis throw vant of his sword quhilk he pot in plege of xxs. to Jannet Duff spous to Allexander Paterson considerand scho beand payit of hyr xxs.

Allexander Paterson protestit for the proffit of ane guse slane be Thom Cristeson, quhilk he confessit in jugment and the hurt of thre guys.
In presens of the balyes and consell of Innernes comperit Jasper Waus burges of Innernes, the said towne beand onder the stent of fowyr skoyr pundis to be payit the thred day of September nixt to cum for the remanyng at hame of the inhabitaris thairof fra ane rayd dewysit at Fala Mowyr the said day, and for relewysing of ane part of the said stent and for the commond weyll of the sayd bruch and liberite of the puyr allis thairof the said Jasper offerit to the said balyes and commond consell the sowme of twenty pundis wsuall mone of this realme for thair set of ane tak of half stell beand in thair handis be resson of the nonentrece of Gylbert Hay son quha wes last lachfull possessor thairof. The balyes and commond consell forsaid, viz., John McIllewe, Mathow Paterson, Thomas Flemynge, balyes, John Ros, Thomas Waus, Allexander Paterson, Nicoll Kar, James Merchand, Thomas Gollan, Martyne Waus, commond consell, hes oblist thame selfis conjunctle and seueralle to relyf Jasper Waus burges of Innernes of the sowme of fowyr scoyr pundis for the licence opitenit be the said Jasper at the Quenis handis for the remanence of the towneschep at hame for thair licence for thair remanence at hame fra the rayd of Falamowyr to conuene the thred day of September nixt to cum, and also for to relyf hymne of the sowme of ane hundryth pundis in cace the forsaid balyes and consell mac nocht compt to the Lordis Auditoris of the Cheker compter of our commond gud of this instant yer of God jn ve lvij yeris apoun the premunitioun of xv days as the said Jasper bes requerit heyrto.

Mathow Paterson balye of the bruch of Innernes in name of the commond consell vith the rest of the balyes, viz. John McIllewe, Thom Flemyng, balyes, John Ros, Thom Waus, James Merchand, Allexander Paterson, Mertyne Waus, Necoll Kar, Thom Gollan, hes in ane voce condiscendit to persee the prowest for the profit of the Stell send the deceise of Gilbert Hay, and beand in thair handis be resson of the deceise of the said Gilbert.

Actum in sacello beate Marie Virginis de Viridj.

The consell hes electit George Cuthbert of the Ald Castell hyll prowest of this bruch for ane yer. Johne McIllewe, Thomas Flemyng and Thom Waus younger wes electit balyes of the sayd bruch for the space of ane yer.

The hed burrow curt of Innernes haldyne in the tolbuyth. George Cuthbert wes electit and chosin prowest and gef his ayth of fidellitte to wse the same trewle for the space of ane yer. Johne McIllewe,
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Thomas Fleming and Thomas Waus younger wes chossin balyes for ane yer and gef thair ayth of fidellant theairapoun. George Symondson, Johne Morison, Gilbert Gollan and Thom Robertson ar electit and chosin officaris and gef their ayth of fidellant to ws the same lellele and trewe ay and quyll tha wer dischargit. William Cuming wes creat and sworne scribe of curt. Thom Morison wes creat and sworne damster of curt ay and quyll he be dischargit.

James Paterson protestis that insafar as the provest and balyes ar nocht electit andchosin as he allegis as the actis mad be our Souerane Lordis Consell and thre Estattis, that tha be nocht jugis competent insafar as onne persone or parte hes action incontrar James Paterson, Mathow Paterson ther moder.

George Cuthbert of the Ald Castell hyll and provest of Innernes, Thomas Flemyng, Johne McIllewe, Thom Waus younger, balyes of the said bruch, James Merchand, Jasper Waus of Lochslyne, Fynla Donaldson, Hendre Kar elder, Johne Red talyeour, Necoll Kar, James Paterson, Johne Grant, James Duff, Andro Sudderland, Thom Waus elder, Patre Skynner, Gilbert Gollan, Johne Morison, all with ane woce hes grantit to admit and to excep Thomas Balze off Corsarle to thair nychbour burges and gild broder efter the wtpassing of the act mayd be prowest and balyes and commond consell in the contrar for nocht making of fre burges or gyld efter out rynning of the dayt of the same, and the said Thom Balze sall do thairfore to the townchep xls. and the rest refferit to his awyn gud mynd and wyll.

Actum in sacello beate Marie Virginis de Viridj.


The Consell hes deuisit ane stent to be mad on the takismen on Sunday nixt cummis.

The balyes and officaris hes accepit on tham selfis to compryse flesch and fysche. Arthour Byrna, Johne Red and the officaris ar electit and sworne to be testaris of the ayll. Allexander Paterson, Martin Waus, Johne Budeth, Thomas Cristeson, Johne Morison, Johne Grant, Thomas Flemyng, Necoll Kar and the rest of the balyes electit lynaris.
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Schir Gilbert Duff, Chepland to Sant Kateryn fundit in the paroche kyrk of Innernes, requerit ac of curt and instrumentis quhar the prowest balyes and cunsell and communite grantit to hyme the set of nyntene yeris tak of ane rud of wast land callit the Rud manse for byggin of the same to be furthcummand to the chepland and his successoris, and also for paing to the said rud chepland and his successoris thre schyllingis anwell yerle in augmentation of anwell mayr nor the same payit at onne tyme of befors because the same land is now wast, and the said prowest bailies and cunsell hes grantit the same because it is wast and for the stilleit of the chepland and his successoris.

16 Nov.

The prowest balyes and consell present for the tyme hes statutt and ordanit that na craftsman cordinar within this bruch tak wpon hand to sell onne gentyll men schone derrar nor xvijd. the payr, the women schone xiiijd., serwandis schone to be sall for xvjd., barnis schone to be sall for xijd. the payr, onder the pane to the braker heyrof hys schone all at he hes to be eschet and to pay his wnlaw mayr and this price to lest to Faster ewyn nixt.

Conuenit the prowest, balyes, Schir James Duff parson of Bulleskyn and Commissar of Innernes, and Thomas Flemyng sheref deput of Innernes for the tyme, for macynt of the feyr of the wictellis to Mertimes quha hes mad the price of the boll to extend to xiijs.

William Cuming rentell man of the bruch of Innernes for the tyme persewyt Mathow Paterson for xxxiijs. iijd. of the rest of his malis for his landis of Drake of Mertimes terme of lv yeris and Whytsunda lvij yeris, Johne Damster for the sowme of xls. of the rest of sex pundis he suld hawe payit for his licence of saling, Marcus Clerk, Fynla Sanderson flescharis for xxs. of the rest of thair bucherre malis of the Mertimes terme anno lvj and Whytsunda lvij yeris and xls. for thair buchre malis of Mertimes lvij yeris and Wytsunday lviiij yeris.

21 Nov.

William McEwyn McIllymychell is jugit in admerciament for the blud drawyn and dingyn of Nyn Phayll and dome gyfin thairapoun.

James Symonson strekis ane broch on Johne McWaltyr, that wrangusle and aganis the law the sayd Johne withaldys fra me ane buklar sword, and for desyring of my awyne sword gef me injurius wordis and bostit, cowt bayth my luggs and my nyse with the same sword, and for the desyring of the same hes brokyn my sword, quhilkis cost me xxs.
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Ane byll of complent gyfin in be Schir William Anderson, chepland, 1558
menand and complenzeand to the provest and balyes that qhar Johne McWalter that quhayr he wes bot passand the Kingis get, belewand na ewyll of na man, but to have lewit onder Godis pece and the auctorite, nocht the less the said Johne McWalter bostit me with ewyll and injuris wordis, and strak me, and thairefter fallowit me to and gat betuix me and my awyn chalmyr, and war nocht I wan in Mowrrardach chalmyr he had slane me, and wattit all the ewyning on me to the intent to hif slane me, for I am contentit to submit me to your jugment gef I offendid hyme in word or dedis besykyand your maisterschippis for to gyf me juste, for I may nocht trawell to the kyrk for feyr of my lyf of hym and this my complent in sted of brocht.

Jasper Damster and Johne Nilson ar cumin akit of thair awyn motyf wyll conjunctle and seueralle as cationeris for Johne McIllewe to content and pay James Duff the sowme of twenty pundis mone of this realme for his xl schylling fysching of the Vatter of Ness betuix this and Lettyr Mare day nixt to cum.

Manis Kaskyne is deserinit to deliuer Johne Copland ane feder bed and ane bowster.

Towert the petition gyfin in be Allexander Paterson, dekyn of the corderis, be aduise of the rest of his brethryn of craft, desyrand the provest balyes and consell of the bruch to admit thame to by all roch hydis tha ma get by the prices statutt be the consell to by the roch hyd on, for the quhilkis statutt discharging the saidis dekyny and fowyr fyf mayr or less as the consell of the bruch thocht ado suld ac thair selvis for furnessing of the towne and Quenis legis of the cucontra sufficient with schone, bayth to gentyll men, wemen, serwandis, and barnis, upon the pricis statutt be the consell in ane ac mad be thame the xvj day of Nouember in the yer of God j' fyf hundreth lvij yeris, as in the said ac mayr fulle proportis. The Consell considerand thair petition fandand to resson, accepit Allexander Patryson dekyn of the sayd craft, William McIlleyr, Hendre Kar younger, quha becom souerte of thair awyn motyf wyll oncoactit or compellit to perfurniss this bruch and the Quenis legis sufficient with schone, quharthrow thair be na complanttis in tymes cuming.

Johne McWalter hes tane vpon hand to pref the cheplans payment of vj lib. for suffrage done be tham for his fadyr, quhilk vj lib. wes left
1558 tham in legasse acclamit be Schir Gilbert Duff, Collector to the

Johne Ros, burges of Innernes, hes protestit solemnatle in jugment,
in name and behalf of the vicar of Innernes, that nochtwithstandyng the
prowest balyes ordanis thair officaris to puynd the vicar mans for the
kingis malis, to the quhilkis the forsaid Johne Ros allegit it aucht nocht
to pay na kingis male, nor wes newyr in wse at na tyme of pament macyn
of the kingis male, heyfor the forsaid Johne Ross in name and behalf of
the vicar protestis that it be nocht prejudicall to the vicar nor his
factoris in tymis cuming, bot that tha hef tyme and place to defend the
said cause.

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9 Jan.
The heyd burrow curt of Innernes, haldyn in the tolbuyth
of the same efter Zwill, fensit in our Souerane Lord and
Lade Frances and Mary, be the grace of God King and
Queyne of Scottis, Dalphyne and Dalphynes of Viomes, &c.

Allexander Paterson, in name and behalf of the cordiner craft as
thair princepell dekyn, protestit in jugment that in sa far as Thomas
McIlmertyne nor his son or onne oderis in thair names hes nocht payit
to thame the forsaid craft their few mayll of ane rud of byggit land lyand
in the Kyrkget on the west syd of the same, betuix the landis of Dauid
Bluth to the south and the landis of Thom Fynla to the nort, and thair
is tue termis bygane and rynnis in the thred, that thairfor he hes tynt
his few and thair sayd land to pertene to the said craft agane.

3 Feb. 
Johne Cuthbert Katerynson is jugit in admerciament for blud
drawyn and makyn of bla on Barbara Nyn Person. And syklyk Johne
Cuthbert is jugit in admerciament for the trowblance of the towne.

6 Feb. 
Robert Red burges of Innernes is becumn akit of his awyn motyf
fre wyll for optenyng and getting of licence to pass at this instant tyme
to Ask Wedinsday merkat with certan barkit ledyr pertenyng to hym
and for lowsing of the arrest pot in his ledyr he oblist hym self to pass
nocht to ane mercat for the space of ane yer efter the dait heyrof. And
in cace he fale in the contrar the premisses, the hale leddyr or the wtttyr
awale thairof to be furthcumand to the commond weyll of this bruch.

7 Mar. 
Sande McIlmertin is jugit in admerciament for the saing in oppyn
mercatal to Hendre Kar elder that his serwandis pot wychecraft in his net.
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The hed burrow curt of Innernes efter Pasche.

Yerd and stane presentit be Schir William Anderson, Sant Andro Chepland, of ane rud of land lyand in the Kyrkget on the ves syd of the same, betuix the landis of Sant Androwis to the sowth and Gilbert Hay aris landis to the north, for nocht paing of his anwell, and that for the secund curt.

Mage Gorre and Andro Damster hyr spous for hys entres hes constitutt Thomas Balze of Corsarle and Thomas Flemyng thair procuratoris in the actioun mouit be tham contrar Luwyrr Smyth, Hambruchman, et promiserunt de rato et grato. Lewyr Smyth hes constitut James Paterson his procurator in the action mouit his contrar be Mage Gorre and Andro Damster hyr spous, et promisit de rato et grato.

Thomas Balze of Corsarle allegis that Lewyr Smyth grantit in jug- ment of abefor of the ressett of vij dakyrr benokis conforme to hys merchand byll. James Paterson procurator forsaid inquyrirs the jugis gyf tha wyll sit on the byll gyfin be Mage Gorre, be resson the same in sa far as it beris executoris and intromissaris of the gudis and geyr of Thom Man, and the same suld be pleyt befors the jugis spirituall and nocth temporall jugis, and desyris the jugis ansueris. The jugis accepis tham to be jugis in this cause, and that be resson the said Lewyr confessit of the resset of the geyr conforme to the merchand byll, and brocht the same hame agane conforme to the sayd merchand byll abefor the constitution of procuratorie and efter the constitution, and abefor onne exception contrar the jugis proponit. Thomas Balye of Corsarle procurator forsaid requerit Thomas Gollan as ane of the executoris conjunctle and seueralle specialle constitutt of Thom Man with Mage Gorre and Thomas Flemyng to concur for to persw Lewyr Smyth conforme to Mage Gorre byll gyfin in the persewt of the same, as he that is ane stranger. Thomas Gollan hes constitutt James Paterson procurator for answearing to Thomas Balye desyris, and ansueris and says that the action rynis to hys self and he aucht nocht to procur hys awyn contrar, be resson the action mouyt contrar Lewyr Smyth is his awin propyr gud and geyr. Thomas Flemyng protestis quhat cummeris cumis on Lewyr Smyth in the retenning of the geyr forsaid incur nocht on hym for his part, be resson he is contentit to resaue the geyr and deliuer it to the rycht hand, but at the same fall on the parte quha prolongis the pley.
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17 April

Alexander Cuthbert gyf in his petition to the provest and balyes desyrand hyme to be seruit as nerrest and lauchfull ayr to his wmquhill fadyr James Cuthbert in all landis and anwell rentis hys wmquhill fadyr deyt last west and sesit and at our souerane lade fayth and pece, viz. Ane half ayr of feyld land within the land of Gayrbrod, betuix the landis of the Rud Chepland to the est and the landis of Sant Mychaell to the west, the front to the landis of Fynla Donaldson to the sowth, the tayll to the Skay get to the north: Item, ane ayr lyand in the Schypland, betuix the landis of the Rud Chepland to the west and the landis of James Cuthbert to the est, the front to the Skay get to the south, the tayll to the ald dyk to the north: Item, ane oder ayr of land lyand in the Schypland betuix the landis of our Lade land of the Grene to the west and the landis of the Freris Predicatoris of Inverness to the est, the front to the Skay get to the sowth, the tale to the ald dyk alias Churre to the north: Item, ane oder ayr in the Schypland, lyand betuix the landis of the Freris Predicatoris of Inverness to the west and the lands of owr Lade Chepland of the he altar to the est, the front to the Skay get to the sowth and the tayll to the Churre to the north.

Alexander Cuthbert requerit ac of curt quhar his peticion wes lauch-fulle proclamit at the Tolbuith stare, desyrand gyf thair wes onne person or parte to apon or obiect incontrar his peticion or onne part thairof to compeyr befor the prowest and balyes that day as thai wald wyne and tyne, and quhar thair wes na person nor parte comperit to apon contrar his pecion nor the juges, the said Alexander tuk ac of curt.

Thom Waus gef in his petition desyrand hyme to be seruit as nerrest and lauchfull ayr to his wmquhill broder Gilbert Waus, and to his wmquhill fadyr John Waus, wmquhill burgesis of Inverness, in all landis and annuell rentis his said wmquhill broder and fadyr deyt last vest and cessit in the landis onder wrettyn: ane ayr of land lyand in Damsdell, lyand betuix the landis of Sant Kateryn to the west and our Lade of the Grene land to the est: Item, ane rud of land lyand at Sant Thomas Chapell, lyand betuix Sant Kateryn land to the sowth and to the north: Item, in fyf rud of land beyond the Watter of Ness on the west syd of the Watter, of the quhilk twe rud lyis with ane kyll and malt huse betuix the landis of wmquhill John Woyyll to the sowth and the landis of wmquhill William Red elder to the north, extending fra Alexander Kannyth land to the est to the landis of Kynnellis to the west, odyr
twa rud lyand in the said feyld lyand betuix the landis of wmquhill
Allexander Smyth to the sowth and Sant Mychaellis land to the north,
extendant fra the ald fosse to the est to the landis of Kynnylis to the
west: Item, in ane chalmyr Kyrk yard on the est syd of the same, lyand
betuix the landis of Hendre Kar to the sowtht and Sant Kateryn land to
the north, as it lyis in lenth and bred betuix the Kingis get and the Kyrk
yard.

The Schereff curt of Innernes haldyn in the tolbuyth of the
same be Thomas Balze of Corsarle, Schereff deput.

Ane brocht streky on Donald Yet that wrangle and aganis the
law the sayd Donald in thyftuus manyr kariet sex salmond fysche in the
wark of Poltarff to the takyn the same wes fundyn with yow. The Syis
hes conuikit the said Donald, and jugit to be hed to the trone bundyn,
and his luge to be nalit, and to remane thair to nyne howris at ewyn.

Ane brocht streky on Johne Crom that wrangle and aganis the law
in thyftuus manyr ye conuoy awa your master salmond fysche and dispions
on tham at your plessour, and quhen ye ar kepît at ye ma nocht cum to
your intent your craft is ye wyll last the fysche away and slay nane of
tham to your master gret skayth. Jugit in admerciament, to be hed to
the trone and to be bundyn to he be nalit and thairefter his handis to be
lowsit and hymeself to ryf away his luge.

Johne Farar hes dischargit hym self and is contentit and he be
fundyn slaiug salmon on the Vater of Nes to be hangit.

John Do Cattach, Done Beg Brechyn, Thomas Cattach, Sande
McIlruet ar ordanit to be pot in the Castell to the tyme the consell of
the towne be forder aduisit, because thar ar common caricaris of the
commondis fysche.

Comperit William Cuming thesaurer of the bruch of Innernes for
the tyme and gef in his complaint towart the habitation of the commone
wennall inhabitit be Andro Suderland, lyand betuix the landis of
James Paterson to the sowth and the saidis Andro land to the north,
wrangusle occupet be the said James Paterson and Andro Suderland
thir disuerse yeris bygane. The complent of the said William Cuming
beand sene and considerit, fand that ane wennall wes in the said rowme
mone yeris abefor the deid of wmquhill Thom Anderson, and now findis
ordanis decernis and decrettis that thair salbe in all tymis cuming fra
this day vsit commonle be the hale commonis and all oderis our Souerane

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1559 Lades legis of sic lyk bred as the wennall betuix Thom Cuthbert and
28 April Mathow Paterson is, quhilk is ewyn forgane the same on the west syd
of the Kyrk get. And thairfor ordanis that the said James Paterson
nor Andro Suderland possed occupe manyr labor onne part of the said
wennall, bot the same to be left woyd to the commonis and the quenis
legis as the same wont ewyr to be befor the decess of Thom Anderson,
onder the panis that the brekaris heyrof be persewit for purprespour.

7 June Johne Daltach oft tymis callit and nocht comperit as he that wes
lachfulle varnit at the instance of William Cuming, for the spulzeingsis of
twe seep of his quhilkis wes gottnyn in the said Williams corne fra the
saidis Williams serwandis, and rabuttyng of the said William and his
serwandis, and for dale haldyn of his gudis in his cornis, and for disso-
obeying of the officar for nocht gangyn to the tolbuyth to the tyme he
had fundyn souerte to do at law wald, to the tyme the prowest self
behuffit to cum out of his awyn huse to put thair, he is jugit in admercia-
ment and dome gyfin thairapoun.

12 June Mathow Paterson as procurator for Cristan Paterson protestis
incontrar Fynla McConylloyr, indwellar in Innernes, that quhar the
said Fynla hes purchest lordschyp incontrar the said Mathow and
Cristan Paterson, he beand onder the jurisdiction of the prowest and
balyes of Innernes, quhar he mocht have justice of onie he complezenet
on or purchesit lordschyp, sic as William Freser of Stroy, Vardator to
the Lord Lowet and hys kynnismen, and thairfor protestit for raneid of
law. Fynla McConylloyr nayit the purchessing of lordschyp, bot onyille
requerit his mastyr and frend William Freser and oderis his kynnismen
to desyr the prowest for justice of the injuries done to hym be William
Paterson.

15 June Thom Crone serwand to Mathow Paterson is mad fre of the slachtyr
of Hendre Kar geys, be resson the same wes fundyn in the corne, and
ar onlachfull gud to be hed in bruch.

19 June William Cuming, thesaurer of the bruch of Innernes for the tyme,
streiks ane brocht on Robert Merschell, induellar in Innernes, that
wrangle and aganis the law the said Robert in the xv day of Junij last
bypass said to Donald Gybson, he beand cumin fra his master George
Monro, custumar to our Souerane Lord and Lade, for getting of knaw-
lege fra the prowest of the departing of the Duche schyp, quhar Gilbert
Jhonstoun had, and after his answer gottin fra the prowest the said Robert
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Merschell met hym and sperrit hyme, Quhat haue ye done? Hys 1559
ansuer wes, The provest hes promit the schyp sall nocht depart befor 
Furisda nixt to cum. The said Robert says, Ye ar all begelit, this nycht 
tha ar to depart, quhilkis I assowyr you of the same, and gyf ye get 
nocht or ellis tak with yow the skypper or ellis the merchan of the schyp, 
tha wyll nocht byd our kokket or onne oder thing, throw the quhilk 
saing our skyppar callit Byng Peyrson wes tane out of the schyp, 
quhilk saigis wes to the gret dischonor, skayth, and wttyr herschyp 
and grete contemption to the town to be the way puttaris of onne schep 
and grete contempitoun to the town to be the way puttaris of onne schep 
or defraud the Queyne of hyr custum, desyrand rameid of law. The 
said Robert Merschell is conuikit in the wrang, and desernit be 
the consell, prowest and balyes to remeff of this town within xxiiij howris, 
and to be bannest for ewyr.

Elspet Herrot is decernit that for hyr offence and rabutting of 
James Gollan for hyr demerittis, the said Elspet sail syt on hyr kneys 
at the mercat croce and say, false towng, scho leyd, and gyf scho beys 
fundyn in saing sic to onne oderis in tymis cuming, scho sail be brint 
on the cheyk with the flour ye lyis, and banest of this towne for ewyr.

Effe Neyn Hendryk Moyr is desernit to pass to the mercat 
croce and for the rabutting of Manis McYnthogyche and calling of 
hyme commone thef, sail sit on hyr kneys and say, False townge, 
schow leyd.

Actum in sacello beate Marie Virginis de Viride. 27 Sept.

George Cuthbert was electit prowest for the space of ane yer be 
thir personis vnder vrettyn, viz., Thomas Flemyng, Johne McIllewe, 
Nicoll Kar, Johne Merchell, Allexander Paterson, Jasper Damster, 
Andro Damster, Hendre Kar elder, Johne Nilson, Pettyr Vinstyr, Thom 
Cuthbert, Thom Gollan, Hendre Kar younger, Robert Red, Patre 
Skynner, Allexander Cuthbert, Johne Talyeour, Johne Budeth, Fynla 
Donaldson, Gilbert Gollan, nochtwithstandyn of our Soueranis Lord and 
Lades charge charging tham to interchenge prowest and balyes, and thir 
ar the nams of tham wer obedient to obey the charge, Mathow Paterson, 
Martin Waus, James Merchan, Andro Suderland, Thom Vaus elder, 
Thom Vaus younger, Johne Robertson.

Johne Ross, Mathow Paterson, Johne McIllewe wes mad balyes and 
electit for the space of ane yer.
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2 Oct.
The hed burrow curt of Innernes efter Michelmes haldyne in the tolbuyth.

George Cuthbert gef his ayth of fidelitte to wse the office of provest lele and trewele for the space of ane yer. Johne Ros, Mathow Paterson and Johne McIllewe ves creat balyes, and gef thair athe of fidelitte thairapon for the space of ane yer.

It is statutt and ordanit be the Cunsell that quhat ewyr the provest or balyes did quhilk mycht concerne to onne manyr of thing contrar the commone weyll by the adwyse of the Consell to be of nane effect, and that tha suld do na thing by the aduise of the Consell.

Schir William Anderson, Chepland to Sant Andro, presentit yerd and stane the Sant Androis manse, wmquhill pertenyng Gilbert Hay, for nocht paying of his anwell, and this for the thrid curt.

Schir Andro Cuthbert presentit yerd and stane of William Ard land for nocht paing of anwell to hym as Sant Johne Chapland, and this for the first curt.

Jasper Waus, in name and behalf of the commond consell and communite, protestis quhat the provest or balyes dois by the aduise of the Consell be of nane awhile force nor effect.

The provest and balyes ordanis officaris to pund Johne Grant for the rest of xij lib. iijs. iiijd. quhilke is awand Johne Do McChonche.

4 Oct.

It is considerit be the provest balyes and consell the menis of Hendre Kar younger of his det, and for this tymes hes licent hymte to haue the tway part of his barkit laddyre to the merkat, and the thred to be wracht in his blyth, quhilke extendis to twa daiker and half he is licent to haue to the merkat, and gyf thair beis fundyn efterwart he tuk mayr wyth hym, it salbe ane brakyn of arrest.

5 Oct.
The provest balyes and consell hes statutt and ordanit the officaris to put inhibition to Paule Gray, Thome Gray, Wille Budeth, Donald Grant, Johne Talyeour, Johne Bur, Bartyll Duffus, James Gollan, Ronnald Merschell, Thomas Moyr, Ewyne Talyeour, Janett Fleschour, Mergret Fleschour, the Sutor McLachlyne, James McBarron, Fynla McConylloyr, Johne Red younger, Thomas Cattach, Johne Skynner, Thome Stuert, Olifer Norre, Johne Nyolson, and to discharge tham and ilk ane of tham to ws na merchandrisse but licence of the consell, and syklyk that ilk of thame forbeyr and wse na plukyne of skynnis in tymes cuming, that quhilke of thame beys fundyn plukan skynnis tha sall incur
the hale unlaw, and the skynnis and woll eschet, and quhilk of the saidis personis hes instantle onne wyld leddy or onne oder leddy, that tha offer the same to the nychtboris apon ane competent price, falsyeing tha do the same the said leddy hale salbe eschet without onne forgynes.

The preuillege of the forstallaris of Suderland, Cathnes and Ross set to Jasper Waus be the pourest, balyes and consell and his collegis for nyneteyne yeris tak, paying yerle thairfor to the consell and communite ten pundis yerle, bot that the said Jasper sall hawe the same thre yeris fre for putting of the same to liberte.

The pourest, balyes, consell forsaid hes statutt and ordanit that na manyr of man fre or onfre within this bruch pass to marcattis or faris with barkyt leddy, and that throw thair passing to marcattis this bruch and the queyne legis is mistakit and the schone brocht to greth derth, and that all leddy quhilk is in the bark and lime be arrestit, to remane to be wroch wyth in this bruche in schone for fwnnessing of the bruch and the quenis grace legis, and quhat ewyr tha be dowis the contrar be fundyn inobedient and brekaris of the statuttis and arrestment, and that nayne of the nychtboris of this bruch pretend ignorance thes said statutt to be proclamit be oppyne proclamation at the mercat croce, intimand the same to all inhabitaris of the same the said act, and allse the leddy passand to the marcattis salbe eschet to the commond weyll of this bruch, and for fwnnessing of the quenis legis ordanis that gentyllmen schone be sauld for xxd. ane payr to Halowmess, servandis schone xvijd., wemen schone xvijd., barnis of xij or xiiij yeris xijd. the payr, and fray thys furth the onfre men allutyrle dischargit fra barkyne to the consell be fordyr aduisit.

The inquest forsaid hes fundyn Jame Gollan in ane admerciament for spylling of Anne Flemyn g malt in the Kingis Myll and stoppin of hyr of hyr rowme, and for the injuris vordis saing to the said Anne in calling of hyr commond hyr, trowmpor hyr, and for the bosting of puttyng of ane knyf throw her chekis, and dome gyfin thairapon, and hes ordanit hyme to pay the skayth scho hes sustenit, and he sail ask hyr forgynes and say he leyd, and gyf he beys fundyn saing sic to onne nychtbor wyf in tyme cuming, he sail pay xls. to the communite on-forgyfin.

Johne Ross, tennent to Sant Kateryne land within the bruch of Innernes, comperand in jugement sayand that Schir Dauid Cuthbert hes
intrusit hyme self in ane pece land pertainand to Sant Kateryne fundation in the paroche kyrk of Innernes, lyand betuix the landis of our Lade land of the New Ylle to the north and Sant Mychallis land to the southt, the front to the full pull, the tayll to the fowss as it gays to Sant Thomas Chappell to the est. The said Schir David Cuthbert comperand personalle befor the ballyes and allegit hyme justle sesit in the said pece of land as it is merchit, to the quhilkis allegians the ballyes desyrit the said Schir David to exhibeyt and produce his instrument of sesing, to the quhilkis anssueris Schir David allegand the same wes nocht in the north of Scotland, apon the quhilkis the said Schir David gef his ayth, and the ballyes hes consingit to hyme Sant Thomas Ewyne, the xx day of December, to produce his sesing and sufficient tityll gyf he onne hes.

Malle Gottre is jugit in admerciament for the wrangus injurius vordis gyfin to Fynla McConyloyr in the saing to hyme commond theff and murderissar of Clan Chattan and slachterrar of tham, and dome gyfin thairapon.

Hendre Kar elder, burges of Innernes, is becumin akit of his awyn motyf fre wyll as cationer for Johne Damster his aris and assignais to realle content and pay to James Merchand, burges of Innernes, his aris and assignais the sowme of ten pundis vsall mone of Scotland betuix this and Fasternis Ewyne nixt hyierefter fallowyng, faling of nocht paying of the said sowme the said day in that cace oblissis hyme his aris and assignais to pay for the said 10 lib. xvj bollis sufficient victell, half meyll, half malt, betuix that and Pasche thaireftyr.

Ane precep of the prowest and ballyes of the bruch of Innernes gyfin in dewle executt and indorsat be William Cuming, thesaurer of the bruch of Innernes for the tyme, summonand, warwand and chargeand and macand mention that Patre Skynner, Johne Nilson, Alexander Paterson, Hendre Kar younger, and Robbe Red, burgesis of the bruch of Innernes, Johne Bane cordner, Jame Gollan, William Illeyr, William Hay, Johne McRore, William Suffre, Fynla McGllandris, Alexander Strachyne, Patryk Flek, Done Brechyne, corderis and barkaris of barkit ledryr, personalle comperand for thar selfis and every ane of thame in jugment beand persewit to heyr and se thame and ilk ane of thame respectiue to be decernit be decret of curt inobedient for the wrangus brekyno of the statuttis made be the prowest, ballyes and consell of this bruch inhibitand all manyr of men bayth fre and onfre to haue onne barkit leddyrt to

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marcattis or faris, bot the same to remane within this bruch for seruyng of the bruch and our souerane Lord and Lades legis to be made in schone for seruyng of the same, and qwharthrow na inhabitand dweland within this bruch suld pretend na ignorance, the said statutt wes proclamit opynle at the mercat croce of Innernes; And in lyk manyr inhibitand all onfre men, bowyth haldaris, cordineris of this bruch, quha hed onne ledyr in bark or lyme at the making of the said statutt and proclamation, hes nane to mercattis or faris, bot to wyrk the same in thair bowythis for fourwnessing of the bruch and the Quenis grace legis, and to be sauld apon the pricis contenit in the statutt and act mad thairapon, quhilkis wes proclamit be oppyn proclamation at the mercat croce, and thar efyr thar hale leddyiris quhilk war in bark and lyme wer arrest in the prowest and balyes name for fortfeing of the said statutt and proclamation, to remane within this bruch to be wrocht in schone to furness the quenis grace legis and this bruch, nocht the less Patre Skynner, Johne Nilson, Allexander Patyrson, Hendre Kar younger, contempnandle hes disso beyt the said statutt and brak the said arrestment in hawing of barkit hydis to Coan fayr owr Spey, and hes bene inobedient in brekyn of the said statutt, and also contempnatle incontrar our souerane Lades auctorite and lawis hes brokyn the said arrestment mad as said is; and in lyk manyr Robert Red, Johne Bane, Cordiner, Jame Gollan, William McIlleyr, William Hay, Johne McRore, William Suffre, Fynla McGillandeis, Allexander Strachyn, Patre Flek, and Done Brechyn contempnandle hes disso beyt the said statutt in selling of schone of darrer pricis nor the statutt beris in he contemtion. The forsaidis personis, comperand personalle every ane of tham for thair selfis respectiue, nayt the puntis of the forsaid precep eury ane for his awyn part, accep Johne Nilson, quha allegit that he wes this xvj yeris bygane in vsing of barkyne as ane fre man auch, and throw his fredome he mocht wse his merchandrice to pass to mercattis and faris nochtwithstanding of the statutt mad be the prowest, balyes and consell, for the same wes bot ane new nowation, and thairfor protestit quhat wer done his contrar as that day suld nocht be prejudicial to hymself or his libertte. The Inquest forsaid hes fundyn Johne Nilson inobedient for brekyn of the statutt, and also that he hes brokyn ane arrestment in the hawing of barkit ledyr to Coan fayr efter the same var inhibitt and arrestit conforme to the punttis of the precep and thairfor is jugit in admerciament and dome gyfin thairapon.

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4 Dec. It is statutt and ordanit by the prowest balyes and consell that nane within this bruch tak vpon hand to by the lade of turris derrer nor fyf pennis the lade, and quha doys the contrar sall pay the vnla of aucht sillingis.

5 Dec. It is statutt and ordanit that na man hald thair muk on the calsay langer nor aucht days, onder the pane of aucht schillingis for ewyrre tyme thame fallis.

The balyes forsaid in jugment be the aduise of the Cunsell hes dischargit the cordineris of onne manyr of vsing of curttsis or onne oder libertte that hed [been] grantit to tham be thair successoris of abefor, and that because tha alluttyrle contempnit and disobeyt the statuttis mad be the prowest, balye and consell, and apon thair discharge the balyes tuk ac of curt, the said craft personalle present at the discharge of the same.

8 Dec. The nummyr of the hydis the onfre men hed in bark and lyme. William Suffre and Johne Roareson, xviij hidis; Jame Gollan, viij hydis; Donald McGlassen, ij hydis; Patre Flek, j hyde; Fynla McGillandris, iij hydis; William Hay, xv hydis; Allexander Strachyn, viij hydis; Johne Bane, viij hydis; Done Brechyn, ij hydis; William McIllelyr, iij hydis.

9 Dec. Jannet Flescher, Margerre Frissall and Ewyn Talyeour is jugit in admerciament for brekyn of inhibition andbrewyn of ayll without licence.

Marcus Clerk wes decernit to remane in the tolbuyth ay and quhyl he mad payment of fyf pundis for his buchre male, or ellis find souerte for pament to William Cuming, rentelman for the tyme.

11 Dec. Ane brocht strekyne be Johne Ross, burges of Innernes, on Hendre Kar younger that wrangle and aganis the law he ressaffis and byis his chepman leddyr and specialle fra Donald Dryne, quha is his feyt callan and awand hyme gret dettis, throw the quhilkis the said Johne is postponit of his pament. The said Hendre is made fre be the Inquest.

It is statutt be the balyes and consell present for the tyme that quhat ewyr he be that byis leddyr fra onne oder merchant calland or serwand in tyme cuminge, that the leddyr sua coft sall be deliuerit to his master agane conforme to the ald actis mad of befor.

Ane brocht strekyne be Marcus Clerk and Fynla Sanderson on Johne Skynner, Thom Symson, Thom Robertson, Ewyn Talzeour and
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Jannet Fleschar that wrangle and aganis the law tha relyf ws nocht of the buchre male of the Vytsunday fyfte sewyn, Mertimes fyfte sewyn, Vitsunday fyfte auch, and Mertimes fyfte auch, Vytsunda fyfte nyne, quhilkis tha wsit our craft of flescharschyp in thir saidis yeris, desyrand tham to be compellit to relyf ws. The Syis hes fundyn tham fre that tha aucht nocht to relyf tham, be resson tha complennit nocht befor, and now inhibition is decernit to be pot to tham in tyme cumin.

The Buchre set to Johne Ross for the space of ane yer for xls.

The jugis decernis William McIlleyr and Hendre Kar younger to call the creditoris contenit in Sande More testament, be resson tha ar executoris, and pay the creditoris to quhom he left his geyr to in legasse. The juge Mathow Paterson decernis William McIlleyr and Hendre Kar younger, executoris to Sande Moyr, to pay James Kar fowyr pund mone, twa fald cortan, ane auld fustean dublet, ane russat cott, twa payr quhet hoys, within xv days, quhilk wes left in testament, and the law day after Ywill consingit to hym to pref the oder thre pundis mare allegit be hym left in legasse.

The balyes ordanis the officaris to pass with the cheplanis to pund for thair anwellis.

Ane broch strekynie on Robert Red, that wrangusle and aganis the law he mastyrfulle contempnatt the inhibition and statuttis made be the prowest, balyes and consell of this bruch, he beand burges and gyld quha gayf his ayth of fidelitte to defend the statuttis of this bruch the tyme of his being made freman, quhilk express the contrar he doys in making of schowne in queat places and nocht selling of tham to the communitte of this bruch conforme to the statuttis made thairapon be the consell, bot contempnante contrar to his ayth and brekyn of inhibition derectis and sendis his schone landwart to mac mercat in hurt of this bruch in he contemption. The said Robert Red is fundyn be the Syis in admercia-

Thom Balze gef in his petition desyrand to be freman burges and gilbroder, sayand the same wes affermit and vottit to hym befor, and suld haue beyne mad instantle wer nocht the revolteion of ane ayth, quhilk petition the prowest and balyes desyris the said petition to be aduisit to efter nowne and to anser thairto, quhilk wes refferrit to the consell.

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Hora secunda post meridiem.

The prowst balyes and consell conuenit within the Blak Freris of Innernes, vpon the desyr of the petition forsaid, quha in ane voce repellit the same petition and all mycht fallow thairapoun, accep the personis onder wrettin viz. George Cuthbert, Johne McIllewe and Thom Flemyng, quha affermit the forsaid petition be resson of ane promess mad be tham to the said Thomas Balze, and because the remanent of the Consell, haueand consideration and respect to the ayth gyfin and made be tham at Innernes of the dayt xxvij day of December anno quinquagesimo sexto as in ane act mad thairapoun more fullelle proportis of the forsaid dayt, hes repellit and renuncit all promess made of befors to Thomas Balze and rewokis the same and to be fre of thair ayth to the tyme the contentis of the said act be fulcle furthrunyn, quhayes names efter fallows, viz. Johne Ross, Mathow Paterson, Allexander Paterson, Martyne Waus, Jasper Damster, Jasper Waus, James Paterson, James Merchon, Thom Waus, Necoll Kar, and William Cuming and Thom Gollan, and this thair ansuer to be gyfin to the said Thom Balze.

vij petitionis gyfin in that day.

Johne Abram and Margret Ogilbe, his spous, wer jugit in admercia-
ment for injurius vordis gyfin Hendre Kar elder, he doand na fale to
hym, bot desyrand ane acquittance of the geyr he suspekt hym and his
vyf wess stollyn out of Johne Damster, in saing to hym he lewir se hym
hangit nor he effec his hatret that mekyll, and syklyk for the defaming
of the said Hendre vyf that the said Abram said he sessit hyr fowyr
tymes for macyn of ane kyrtyll, and syklyk the said Abram vyf in
admerciament for the callyn of Hendre Kar and his vyf commond
teyfis and calling of the said Hendre wyf ane rank veche, ar jugit in
admerciament and dome gyfin thairapoun, and for thair trespass ar
ordanit to pass in lynnyng clays thocht the fowyr portis of the towne,
and than cum to the mercat croce and set on thair kneys, and say false
tung, thalyed, or ellis in thair chose to be bannest of the towne, and
dome gyfin thairapoun.

Thomas Balze of Corsarle in presens of the prowst and balyes
sittand in jugement, and thair schew and declarit on to tham that he is
seruit and ratowrit ayr befors the prowst and balyes of this bruch as ayr
to wmquhill Allexander Balze, burges of Innernes, the last day of
September anno fyfte fyf yeris, as the ratowr past thairapoun proportis,
contentit in the prowest and balyes bukis of Innernes for the tyme, and
that conforme heyrto gef in his clame and petition to the prowest balyes
and consell of this towne in the yer of God a thousand fyf hundreth
fyste aucht yeris or thairby, desyrand hym to be admittit freman as ayr
to the sayd Allexander Balze to vs the fredome and preuillege of this
bruch, and at that tyme be votting of the prowest balyes and communitte
for the tyme wes ordanit to be made freman as is allegit conforme to his
petition, as the actis of curt tane be hym thairvpon togymder with
Instrument tane in William Cuming hand scribe of the curt for the
tyme proportis, and his admission than granit as allegit, and the ordor
deferrit, the bankat and wyne beand ressemitt as is allegit, and he send
syne conforme heyrto wsand his preuillege in the said bruch as freman
be resson of the said wotting, and now of lat hes desyrit the ordour of his
admission the aucht day of Januar to be had conforme to the said
votting, and hes nocht opetenit the ordour of admission as yet, Quharfor
presentle desyris the prowest balyes and consell in jugement thair
ansueris apon the process and ordour of admission, and in cace tha deffer
protestis for rameid of law, and desyrand tham to gyf command to
William Cuming to gyf presente in jugement the said act and
instrument on his expenses, and desyris thair ansuers. The prowest and
balyes hes defferit the anser of the petition and desyris of Thom Balze
to commoning of tham and the consell, and to gyf thair anser thairto
the xiiij day of Januar nixt.

Actum in loco fratrum predicatorium de Innernes.

That day conwenit the prowest, balyes and consell of the bruch of
Innernes in the Blak Freris, George Cuthbert prowest, Johe Ross,
Mathow Paterson, Johne McIllewe, balyes, Jasper Waus, Allexander
Paterson, Thom Waus younger, James Paterson, Martin Waus, James
Merchan, Jasper Damster, Thome Flemyng, Necoll Kar, quhay with ane
voce repellit the petition of Thom Balze, and dissassentis the accepping
of Thom Balze alluttyrle to be freman or admission of hym thairto,
accep George Cuthbert, Johne McIllewe, Thom Flemyng, and Necoll
Kar, quha haldis thame at the fyrst promit tha made hym, and thir ar
the ressonis, be resson he hes nocht ane fre rud of land within the bruch,
as ane fre burges aucht to hef befor he desyris his fredome, and alse
nochthwithstandyn he wes seruit as ayr to Allexander Balze, he aucht
nocht be that resson be admittit to hys fredome fordyr nor as the consell
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It is statutt and ordanit be the prowest balyes and consell of this bruch of Innernes, quhayz nams efter followis viz., George Cuthbert, prowest, Johne Ross, Mathow Paterson, Johne McLllewe, balyes, Jasper Waus, Allexander Paterson, Thom Waus younger, James Patyrson, Martine Waus, James Merchant, Jasper Damster, Thom Flemyng, Necoll Kar, Thom Gollan, and William Cuming, that in all tymis cuming that nay setting of takis, disposition of benefice, admission of onne man to fredome, nor generall onne manyr of action or cause quhilk may concerne to the commone weyll of this bruch or may be appropriat heyrto, pass nor be condiscendit be votting or optenyng of wottis, bot the same to [be] discussit, set, disposit, admittit and vsit be the consell colleckt for that yer yerle and nocht oderways, and for strenthyning of this act and statutt made for the commone weyll of this bruch the forsaidis prowest, balyes, consell hes subscriuit this present statutt with thair hand wrettis day and yer forsaid, and quhat ewyr beys oderwas done to be of nane awale strenth force nor effek.

(Signed) George Cuthbert, prowest off Innernes; Johone Ross, ane of the baylzeis, wt my hand; Mathow Paterson, balze of Innernes for ye tyme, wyt my hand; Johne McIllewe, balze, wt my hand at ye pen led be Wm Cuming, Nottar publict; Jasper Waus, wt my hand; Nyccoll Kar, wt my hand; Allexr. Patirson, wt my hand at ye pen led be William Patirson my sone at mye command; James Merchand, wt my hand; Thomas Flemyng, wt my hand; Thomas Wauss zongr., wt my hand; Martin Wauss, wt my hand led be Manis Waus my seruand at my command; Tom Gollan, wt mi hand; James Paterson, wt my hand; Wm Cuming, Nor. and scribe of curt.

5 Feb. Johne Ross strekis ane brocht on Johne Bur and Johne Cuthbert elder that wrangle and aganis the law tha wse the office of buchre, quhilk is set be the towneschyp to me, desyrand thame to do to me that
becumis the flescharis to do, that is to gyzf me the skyne and hyde apoun ane competent pricus lyk as he hes of his flescharis. Johne Bur is mad fre be resson he said nane out of his huse.

Watte Cuper in jugment hes desyrit that inhibition be pot to his wyf Anne Brebner that he be nocht addettit fra thine furth to anser for hyr dettis, and inhibitis all manyr of man to heff deyll of dew with hyr and thay nocht to wse merchandryse bying or sellyng, and quha vssys merchandryse with hyr sall haue na place fra this furth to persewe the said Wat and ordanis this inhibition to be oppynle proclamit be the belman throw the bruch that thairthrow nane pretend ignorance. Wat Cuper hes oblist hym self of his fre motyf wyll to frequent nocht nor resort nor wse to cum to the lugyn quhar his wyf is in fra thys fourth to molest nor perturbe hyr onder the pane of ane wnla to the bruch for ewyrre tyme he fallis.

Allexander Patyrson burges of Innernes hes made resignatioun of his lands of Drake in the fauouris of Johne Ross burges of Innernes, quhilkis the prowes balyes and consell hes accepit the said Johne as tennent and gyf fin thair adsedation thairon.

Ewyn Talyeour is desernit be decret of curt for dispresing of Mathow Paterson, balye, and of George Simonson and Thom Robertson, officaris, for injurias vordis gyfin to the balye and dingyn of the officaris, is jugit in admerciament and ordanit be the prowes and balyes that he salbe pot in the gewis on Palme Sunday, and thairefter brocht to the tolbyuth stare and sit on his kneys, and say False tong, yow led, taken it in his hand, and askan forgwynes at the balye, and gyzf he beys fundyn with sic ane falt agane he salbe banist of this towne for ewyr.

William Cuminge stryks ane brocht on Mathow Paterson, that wrangle and aganis the law he pays nocht his malis of Drake of Mertimes in the yer of God j^m^ v^c^ fyfte fyf yeres and Wytsunda lvj yeres, extendyn to xxxiiij. iiiij. The saidis Mathow allegis he hes expendit say mekyll in the townis name, desyrand the consell to heyr his compt, and thairefter quhat he wer restan he suld pay.

Erd and stane is presentit be William Cuminge, rentell man of the bruch of Innernes, of the land pertainyng wmqhills Manis Blunt lyand in the Kyrkget on the west syd of the same, betuix the landis of Thomas McIllmertin to the north and Johne Roy to the south, the front to the
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Kingis get to the est, and that for non-entryng his ayr as land lyand in the commandis handis in falt of nonentres.

22 April

Thyr ar the nams of tham that dissassentit that onne fremen suld be stoppit fra mercattis with barkit leddyr, viz. George Cuthbert, prowest, Johne McIllewe, Thom Flemynge, Martin Waus, Thom Gollan, Johne Nilson, Hendre Kar younger, Hendre Kar elder, Johne Grant, Fynla Donaldson, Allexander Cuthbert, Andro Damster, Johne Merschell, Patre Skynner and Gilbert Gollan, annullis say far as is in tham the ac mad in the contrar be the consell, be resson it wes mad by thair aduyse and thairapoun tuk ac of curt. That day annent the statutt mad be the prowest balyes and consell of the bruch of Innernes for the weyll publik and command weyll of the same as in it self mayr fulle proportis dattit at Innernes quinto die mensis Decembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo nono, Mathow Paterson, one of the balyis, in name of the cunsell of the bruch for the mast part present for the tyme instantle, viz. Johne Ross, Allexander Paterson, Thom Vaus younger, James Merchane, Jasper Dampster, James Paterson, protestis the foresaid statutt hef affek quhill the same be reconcellit be the cunsell agane, and quha contravenis the said act that tha incur the panis contenit thairintyll.

25 May

Johne McBean alias Gouvernor wes mad fre of the brocht persewit be Hendre Kar elder his contrar, for the slaying of thre hennis in his master barne, be resson he mocht do the same of law.

6 July

James Paterson, procurator for Angnes Patyrson, desyrit the balye foresaid to decerne Mathow Patyrson and Johne McIllewe, as tha that becom souertes for William McQueyn, for to flitt and remoff out of the luginis and biggynis of the said Angnes at the xxj day of Junij last bypass, falyeing thairof that tha suld incur the panis of the taxation of fyf schillingis and ane penne for ewyrre day he remanit in the said lugin after the foresaid xxj day of Junij, and syklyk for ewyrre day send the flitting Fryday last bypass. The juge hes decernit that Mathow Paterson and Johne McIllewe suld content and pay Angnes Paterson vs. jd. for ewyrre send flitting Fryda last conforme to the act as tha becom souerte for.

17 July

Pettyr Vinstyr of Altrelle [Alturlie] is becumin akit of his awyne fre motyf wyll to content and pay to Allexander Cuthbert, burges of Innernes, the sowme of ten bollis victell betuix this and the Rudemes,
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and falyeand thairof the hyest price victell gays to Mertimes, onder the pane of pundyn of his rydiest gud and geyr, befor thir witnes George Cuthbert, prowest, Schir Dauid Cuthbert, viccar of Warlaw.

The jugis forsaid decernis James McIllereoch to entyr to hys servis to Thom Vaus to vpwark or to Vytsunday nyxt cumis, and in cace he entyr nocht the sade Thom Vaus protestis for costis skaythis and damnegis he sustenis in falt of his servis. Andro Suderland is becumin souerte and law borrowis that James McIIllereoch be harmeles and skaythles of Thom Waus bot as law wyll.

Schir James Duff, viccar of Durris, protestis contrar James Battis quhat skaythis his kyll sustenis he may heth tyne and place to recouer the same on James Battis and William Chessolme. William Chessolme protestis contrar Schir James for all skayth he sustenis be his victellis quhilk lyis in his loft in his defalt, and the said Schir James hes submittit hym to the jurisdiction of the prowest and balyes in this cace allanerle.

William Wilson, burges of Edynbruch, protestit in sa far ass he cfft tway barrellis sufficient salmond fra James Symondson, and he beand ryde to depart and diuerse tymis requerit the same and culd nocht get the same, for the grettest price salmond gyfis in France or Flandris.

Towert the persewt of Jannet Ross, spous to Gillandres McLester, of Ellyn Thomson, James Paterson in name of the said Ellyn protestit incontrar the process and the deposition of Johne Daltach, quha is bot ane vytnes, quhilk na jugment aucht to be pronuncit vpon ane vytnes deposition, and fordyr says that it is tempus feriatum quare in tempore feriato in pretorius cessat, and thairfor quhat beys done be nocht prejudiciall to the sade Ellyn. Jannet Ross, spous to Gillandres McLester, comperit within the tolbyth of Innernes in presens of Mathow Paterson and John McIllewe balyes, persewand Ellyn Thomson for the pricis of fowyr bollis and half malt, price of the boll xxx., quhilkis the sade Ellyn nayit allutirle that she coft onne fra hyr or hyr husband, bot that the same wes coft be Allexander McWilliam, quhilk the contrar wes refferrit to the deposition of Johne Dalach, and na parte apponit contrar the sade Johne befor his deposition, be vertue of the sade deposition Mathow Paterson balye forsaid hes ordanit Ellyn Thomson to mac pament of the forsaid clame betuix this and Mertimes nixt to cum. James Paterson in name of Ellyn Thomson dissassentit to abyd the decret of the balye forsaid, be
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1560 resson it wes nocht na fensit curt, and forder thair wes na vitnes to condame or pref onne thing on Ellyn Thomson accep ane, quhilk wes nane, protestit that the same be nocht prejudicail to the said Ellyn for allutterle dissassentis to his jugment.

26 Aug. Ane brocht strekyn be Thom Cumin, mason, on Johne Clerk that wrangle and aganis the law he lattis his gudis brek his yard and destroy his kayll to gret quantete. The jugis ordanis to comprise the skayth and thairefter persew.

Thir personis onder wrettyne, for licence of barkyne and ganging to mercattis in tyme quhen the towne and cuntre is seruit, hes ondertane to dale wse and vyrk in thair buythis and mac gude schone to the towneschyp and cuntrethmen, and quhen tha inlak leddy of thair awyn the burgesis quha barkis sall furness tham and thair buythis, and this licence to indure induryng the townis vyll and quhyll the Consell be fordyr advisit bot prejudice to the townis actis made of befor, viz. Andro Guttre, Johne Bane cordiner, Thome Patyrson, Done Brechyn, Patre Flek and James Gollan. And for the same cause and fullylling of the premissis the Consell hes dischargit Johne McRore, William Suffre, Allexander Strachyn, William Hay and Rynnald Merschell allutterle fra barkyn, and quhilk of tham beys fundyn barkan in tyme cuming the hale leddy tha bark to be eschet to the towneschyp.

The consell of this bruch hes statutt and ordanit that na cordiner within this bruch tak upon hand to sell gentyll men schone derrer nor tway schyllingis and iiijd., and wemen schone ijs., and barnis schone efter the quantite of thair show, and quha beys fundyn doand the contrar to be punist be the sicht of the consell with all regour, and the schone derrer said to be eschet and mone deliuerit to the byar of the schone agane.

Anent the petetion gyffin in be Thomas Myller desyr and suport for vphaldyn of the service of the kyrk in ryngyn of curfur and matens with the bellis to the commond prayaris and temporing of the knok.

4 Nov. Ane brocht strekyne be the balyis on Thom Stuert that wrangle and aganis the law he fellowit the balyis throw the towne as ane bard provocand tham to ire, tha doand thair office in pundyn of the inobedientis of the towne, sayand to thame tha persewyt hym for malice and ewyll wyll, with oderis injuriius vordis. The said Thom Stuert is cumin in the townis wyll, and dome gyffin thairapon.

8 Nov. Ane brocht strekyne be the baliis on Thom Stuert that wrangle and aganis the law he fellowit the balyis throw the towne as ane bard provocand tham to ire, tha doand thair office in pundyn of the inobedientis of the towne, sayand to thame tha persewyt hym for malice and ewyll wyll, with oderis injuriius vordis. The said Thom Stuert is cumin in the townis wyll, and dome gyffin thairapon.
Ane brocht strekyne on Thom Stuart that wrangle and aganis the law in manifest and he contemption efter he wes pundyt for sellyn of ale derrr nor vjd. the quart contemnatle he tuk viijd. for the quart. The said Thome is cumin in the towne wyll and dome gyfin thairapon.

Johne McYnnis, serwand to Johne Ross, is mad fre of the clame of ane browne oxin clamit be Johne Ross, quhilk he allegit deyd in the plewche throw narrownes of the oxin bow.

Dene Thomas Haste, subprior of Bewling, hes protestit for costis skaythis and expensis he hass sustenit and makis in persewt of Johne Grant for the hyest price of vj bollis victell awand be the said Johne Grant, burges of Innernes, to hym this fyf yeris bygane, quhilk he is actit for in the commissaris bukus of Innernes.

The jugis hes consingit Wednesiday nixt cumis to Mathow Paterson to preff that Gillepatryk Myller suld hauc deliuerit hym ane milstane yerle to Culkabok this twa yeris bygane, and syklyk twa womylis and ane thessel, and syklyk to preff ix fyrryn burdis he geff hym to his trochis to the said myll quhilk he warit nocht on it to the sayd day. Gillepadryk Myller hes fundyn William McQueyne souerte that the myll of Culkabok and myller thairof salbe harmeles and skaytheles of hym bot as law wyll and all he may stope and latt onder the pane of law.

Angnes Flemyng and Schir Johne Anderson hes compromittit tham viz. for the part of Angnes Flemyng in the personis of George Cuthbert of the Ald Castell Hyll and William Cuming burges of Innernes, and for the part of Schir Johne Anderson, William McQueyne and James Paterson, towert the said Angnes clame quhilk is contenit in hyr brocht forsaid, quhilkis jugis sall conuene within the tolbuyth on Fryda nixt and decerne within viijd days thairefter, and in cace of discord hes nominat Thom Flemyng odman and ourman, and the saidis partes ar sworne to byd at thair decret.

Ane brocht strekyne be Mathow Paterson, ane of the balyes of the bruch for the tyme, on Angus McAn Dwe, Fynla McEwyne McWilliam, Johne McNyille, that wrangle and aganis the law tha wse fre burges croft in littyne of blew woll express contrar the bowrrow lawis, quharfor thair hale woll aucht and suld be eschettit to the wyll of the bruch for vsurpyng of thair priuellege and liberte. Angus McAn Dwe, Fynla McEwyne McWilliam and Johne McVille hes fundyn to the cunsell of this bruch
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1560 souerte viz. Donald Farchyrson that in all tymis cuming thar halle
21 Nov. labouris cuyr and wyll salbe to fulfyll the wyll of the bruch to bring all
manyr of stapill gudis to the bruch, and sall newyr pretend to vsurpe
contrar the liberte of the same in tyme cuming, and to sell the same vpon
ane competent price to the burgesis thairof in all tyme cuming, and hes
cumin in the townis wyll for this offence done be thame at this present
tyme because it is of necligence and nocht of vilfulnes for the quhilkis the
juges and Cunsell apon thair gud bering in tyme cuming hes contenuit the
punisment of tham. [In margin, "Ac mad for the men of Vrquhat"]

1560-61 Ane Instrument of Sising of George Merchand, son and ayr to James
13 Jan. Merchand, producit in jugement of twa Rud of byggit land lyand in the
est get, betuix the landis of Nicoll Kar to the west and Hendre Kar
elder to the est, the front to the Kingis get to the suth, and the talle to
the commone wennell to the north, to be entrit in the Sut Roll.

Andro Makeson answerrand to the clame gyfin in be Thomas McGroder
his vyf his contrar alegit that the princepell droge quhilk suld haue made
Thomas hale callit Camphion of the cankyr wes nocht gottin to hym as
the said Thomas wes restrikit thairto, to the quhilkis Mathow Paterson
in name of the said Thomas allegit thair wes nocht sic ane droge to be
gottin nor of that name, quhilkis the said Andro hes tane wpon hand to
get and present the said droge befor the provest and balzes of Innernes
with ane sufficient testefecation of tway potegaris in Edynbruch or thre
quhilk is maist knawyn in thir pairtis, that the same droge is the werrey
same propyr name and for the syknes of cankyr sowyr rameid an can
nochth be ramedit by the said droge. And the juge hes consingit hym
the law day efter Pasche to fulfyll the premisses, and falzeing thairof the
said Andro to fulfyll the puncttis of the contract, and thairapon hes
fundyn William McQueyne souerte. And the said Andro protestis for
costis skayth and expensis he sustenis or makis in the sykyn of the same
said droge as said is.

Fynla Paterson, son and ayr to wmqhill William Paterson, burges
of Innernes, hes comperit hymeself in jugment in propyr person in
presens of the provest and balzes of the bruch of Innernes and his
 procurator William McQueyne, as he allegit to that effect to discharge
Matho Paterson burges of Innernes and Hendre Kar burges thairof thair
allegit curatore for certan ressonabyll causis as efter falls as he allegis
viz., for the nocht sustenyng of the said Fynla in met and clayth honestle as afferit, and for the doyne castyng of hys hereditabyll byggynis and tenementis, and for the defraudfull menissing of his rentell, and for allegit hereditabyll kindnes to the said Fynla heretage and oderis causis quhilk sall be mare clerle knawyn to the jugis efterwar gyf neid beys, for the quhilkis causis forsaidis the saidis Fynla and William McQueyne forsaid dischargis the said Mathow and Hendre to haue nocht entres to his males takis stedyngis possessions gudis geyr mowabyll and wnmowabyll watteris and fyschyngis. William McQueyne and Fynla Paterson desyris Mathow Paterson and Hendre Kar curatoris to mak compt rekyn and payment to the said Fynla of all interresse the said Hendre and Mathow had of the said Fynla his gudis or geyr, to the quhilkis Hendre Kar is contentit to gyf compt and rekyn quhen ewyr he beys requerit.

George Ramsay comperit in jugment and hes electit and chosin William McQueyne his curator, and the sade William McQueyne hes fundyn Pettry Wynstyr of Artrelle quha hes becumin akit in our bruch curt buk of his awyn motyf fre wyll as cationer for the just administration of the saidis George Ramsay gudis and geyr.

Comperit William McQueyne apon the confession of the prowest and balzes quhar tha hard Dame Jonet Campbell, Lade Lowet, confess within the tolbuyth of Innernes that scho get tand hyr awyn box that betuix that and the law day efter Yowll schow suld deliuer the stelaris of William McQueyne box gyf tha wer in cumpane with hyr the tyme the same wes stollyn to thole law, fal yeing of deliuering of the stelaris thairof as sad is, the sade lade suld be etter of the geyr wes in William McQueyne box. William McQueyne presentit in jugment ane box of ane nobyll lade Dame Jonet Campbell, Lade Louet, to the intent to be strykyn wp quhar throcht it mocht be sene that quhat wes within the same that he mocht anser for the same and no mayr, to the quhilkis the prowest and balzes dissassentit to do the same or be participan thairof.

Thom Paterson, spous to Jannet Duff, for his entress protestis that quhat ewyr hys wyf confessis be nocht prejudicall to hyme, be resson scho is his maret wyf and onder his dominion and aucht nocht to anser by his adwyse.
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1560-61 18 Jan. The consell ordanis Jasper Waus and George Cuthbert to pay the menister fee, and gyf tha get nocht allocation thairof tha sall concur with tham for getting allocation thairof, of the quhilkis Jasper Waus sall pay instante x merkis and George Cuthbert sall pay viij merkis betuix this Candillmes or Fastyrs ewyn nixt to cum, and the rest to be payit betuix that and Pasche be the prowest, and the consell aboue wrettin ar oblist to relyf tham.

The hale consell of the bruch conregat within the tolbuyth in jugment beand togydder, accep Johne Ross and Nicoll Kar quha wes absent of the consell, with the audivse and consultacion of thir personis onder wrettyne, viz., Allexander Cuthbert, Fynla Donaldson, Johne Merschell, Patre Skynner, William Donaldson, Robert Red, Johne Grant, and Hendre Kar younger, hes statutt and ordanit for stanching of the exorbitant derth rasit be the browstaris and for puttyng of ramede heyrto that one of the balyes and the cumstaris pas tweys in the weke and ofter as ned beis to cowne the ale, viz., Wednisday and Sattyrday. And the balyes hes accepit the office of sersing on tham, and quhar the ale is nocht worth viijd to be set for vjd, and gyf the balyes wse nocht thair office tha ar be thir presentis contentit to redund for ewyle falt to the townchp ane owlna onforgewyn, and quhar onne of the browstaris sellis thair ale derrer nor it is cunnit, the falt thairof beand cowne, the ale salbe distribet to the puyr. And quhar ewyr onne onfre browstar rabuttis or raprewis the officiaris cumstaris of this bruch or office men or reprewis tham for thair office or contemporatle sellis nocht as it is cunnit, the dispersar rabuttar or inobedient byaris salbe dischargit to Mychelmes nixt to cum.

22 Jan. William Chessolme maltman is jugit in admerciament for selling of ale derrer nor it wes cunnit for viijd the quart, and his ale to the quantete of fowyr gallonis is ordanit to be distribet to the puyr.

William McPhadryk dochter, John McYntagyrt Quhetstage broder, and Gybsons dochtyr ar jugit in admerciament for brewyn onadmissit be the towne, and dowme gyfin thairapoun.

25 Jan. William McPhadryk for the rabuttyng of Gilbert Gollan officiar for vsing of his office in cunning, and siclyk for sellyng of ale derrer nor it was cunnit, and syklyk for brekyn of arrestment in selling of the sade ale efter it wes arrestit, is jugit in admerciament and dome gyfin thairapoun,
and inhibition pot to hym conforme to the actis he brew nocht to Mychelmes nixt cum.

Schir Andro Cuthbert of tymis callit and nocht comperit as he that becom souerte for entryng Erryk Uykewyr is jugit in admerciament and dome gyfin thairapoun to anser at the minister instance.

The brocht of Vat Cuper contra Thom Waus and Mertin Vaus, executors to Schir Johne Vaus, towart ane brewyn caldron of his wedset be hym to Schir Johne in wed of fowyr lib., is contenit to the x day of Februar. Alse as towart the clame of thre hundreth and half knap haldand ane last barrellis Wat borrowit fra Thom Waus is contenit to the said day.

Thomas Balze of Ardnelle hes constitutt James Patyrson and Thomas Flemyng his procurators in the action and cause towert the fort charge of the Quenis grace letters purchest be Johne Commendator of Ardchattan contrar hym and aganis all oderis, et promisit de rato et grato.

The consell present for the tyme with the advise and consent of the hale nychtbouris present for the tyme, hauend consideration of peticion of Jasper Waus provest of this bruch for the tyme, hes licencit hym to pass and wsse and ourse his busines in Ross and to remane thair ay and quhyll the nychtbouris or cunsell adueretes hym to cum to thame as thae haue ado with hym, nochtwithstanding of onne actis or statutis made in the contrar.

The provest hes ordanit ane balze to gyf sesing to Fynla Man of ane chalmyr kyryard quhilk his broder Thom Man deyt last west and sesit in, reserwand the lyfrent to Mage Gorre.

The provest, balzis, consell and communite present for the tyme hes statutt and ordanit for expelling of fornication and adultre out of this bruch that ane of the balzes with thair commond clerk pass vnuersall throw the towne to thame that ar byllit fornicatoris and adultraris, charging the adultraris to forbeyr alluttyrle and the fornicatoris to mare or ellis abstene, falzeing thae abstene fra the same synnes bot in contemption of Goddis law and our charge alluttyrle disobeyes, that the disobearis salbe proclamit oppynle in presens of the pepell in tyme of prayaris ay to the secund Sunday in Lentryn, and thairefter the disobearis salbe exilit and banist of this bruch, thairefter gyf thae remane nocht out of this bruch quhat ewyr he be that ressettis thame within this bruch after
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5 Feb. their banishment thay salbe accusit for thair cryme and punyst thairfor, and the parte bannest salbe tane and pot in the brankis, thair ay to remane say lang as the cunsell of the bruch thinks expedient, with sic oder punesment as salbe thocht best to thame to be pot to tham to cause the forsaid falis to be forborn.

And in lyk manyr quhatewyr he of the prestis within this bruch that wyll nocht abstene thamselffis or ellis marc within the said day, sa mone as hes benefice or lewyngis fra tham and appropriat to the common weill of this bruch, and tha that hes na lewyngis salbe punist conforme to the forsaid statutt, and this statutt to be publist at the mercat croce quhar throw tha pretend no ignorance.

Thom Paterson presentit Doncan McLachlane and Fynla McFayll for forder probation of the slachtyr of ane sow of Johne McFarchyr, the saidis personis beand sworne and exeminat deponis that the sow wes slane on the grene efter scho com out of the corne.

15 Feb. Jasper Waus stryksis ane brocht on Jasper Damster that wrangle and aganis the law he coft the fyscharis met fysche, he and the last of the vatter men of the towne beand inhibittit to do the same, bot to dispone the met fysches amangis the nychtbouris of the towne, and thairbe contrauertit the act made be the nychtbouris and consell, and thairthrow the said Jasper Damster hes brokyne the said inhibition. The said Jasper Damster is jugit in admerciament and dome gyffin thairapoun.

3 Mar. The consell present for the tyme, viz:—the provest and balzis, Pettyr Winster, Johne McIllewe, James Paterson, Thom Waus younger, Martin Waus, Thom Gollan, Allexander Paterson, and the consell forsaid hes accept to tham Fynla Donaldson and Johne Robertson towert the act made of before wpon payment mackyn to the minister of his fee, quhilk the consell forsade ordanit in plane curt Jasper Waus and George Cuthbert to pay the sowmes contenit in the said act, quhilkis the consell ar restrikit to get allocation to thame and get tham ane relyf of the same, quhilkis be thir presentis the forsaidis cunsell decernis and ordanis to mak payment to the minister conforme to the ordinance of befor, and for fullfylling thairof ordanis poinding to proced thairwpon in dew forme as affers. George Cuthbert and Jasper Damster oft tymes callit and nocht comperit as tha that var lauchfulle varnit to compeyr to
the consell ar jugit in admerciament and dome gyfyn thairapoun for inobedientis.

The consell present for the tyme and the rest of the nychtbouris quhilkis the consell accepit to tham present for the tyme, hes ordanit and statutt that thir personis onderwrettin sall gyf the Master of Scule thair days met about induryng the termis he hes to rynne of hys contract betuix tham and hym and that for gud causis mowing tham thairfor; and quhilkis of the personis onderwrettin gyfs hym nocht his days met abut sall pay to the master for his days met his ordinar expensis as that day, viz., induryng the tyme of derth tway schyllingis in the day viz:—George Cuthbert, Allexander Paterson, Nicoll Kar, Hendra Kar elder, Johne Grant, Jasper Waus, Fynla Donaldson, Thomas Flemyng, Thomas Gollan, Martin Waus, William Cuming, Johne Nilson, Allexander Balze, Jasper Damster, Fynla Paterson, Thom Waus younger, Johne Robertson, Mathow Paterson, Thom Cuthbert, Sande Cuthbert, Johne Ross, Johne McYllewe, Thom Waus elder, James Duff; and the Master to haue his days met ass saidis togyddyr with his pension promist hym be the towne.

Fynla Paterson gef in his petition desyrand of Johne McIllewe, Hendre Kar elder, James Ross and Alexander Ross, executours and intromettaris of Jannet Kar his moder gudis and geyr, to deliuer hym his fadyris, hys moderis and his awyne ewidentis quhilkis wer in his moderis keping and possession, be resson tha intromettit with the said Fynla his moderis huse gud and geyr ewidentis and all oder thingis wes thairin, togydder with the keyis of kistis cofferis and boxyse quhar the sade ewidentis lay within his moder huse.

Nomina absentium, Manis Kaskyne, Johne Wrecht, Andro Barbour landis in the commondis handis, Donald McIllecher landis in the commondis handis, Sande Suderland in Tanache, Johne Grant of Culcabok his landis in the commondis handis, oft tyms callit and nocht comperit ar jugit in admericiament and dome gyffin thairapoun.

Nicoll Kar is ordanit to mac pament of ane siluer wche gilt with gold and perlot contenan ane pund wech to Huchon McComas, quhilk he left in plege of xjs. betuix this and the xxiiij day of Junij.

Jannet and Cristan Nyn Gillepadryk Crowbach is entrit in the sut roll of ane [rud] of land lyand in Damsdell in the west syd of the get bewue the port.
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1561  James Paterson, executor to wmquhill Mald Fowyll, gef in his petition
desyrand of Rore Cordiner spous to the sade wmquhill Mald the equale
dewision of the hale gudis and geyr pertening to the said Rore and Mald
with gold and siluer beand in their possession and awand tham the tyme
of the same Mald decease, be resson of the sade Mald legasse left to the
sade James at hyr wtyr wyll. The said Rore comperand personalle for
hyme self answerrand thairto is contentit to gyf equale dewision apoun
the mast part of the sade James petition, and the sade James offerit to
pref the rest of his petition.

Jannet Nyn Nele, the relict of Gillecryst Gow, is ordanit to hald
nychtboureth to Thom Wretch in the biggyn of hyr dykis, and in cace
scho do nocht sway quhat skayth the sade Thomas sustenis sall incur on
hyr.

14 April  George Cuthbert and Jasper Dampster oft tymes and Nicoll Kar
and nocht comperit as tha that wes lachfulle warnit to haue comperit to
this day with the rest of the consell for relyfing of the prowest of the
viij merkis suld haue beyne payit to the minister at Fasternis evyn,
falyeing thairof at Candlemes last wes, onder the pane of inobedience, ar
jugit in admerciament and dome gyffin thairupon.

The names of the commone consell present for the tyme.

The prowest and thre balyes, Johne Mclllewe, Thom Waus younger,
Martin Waus, Allexander Paterson, Thom Gollan, and James Paterson
with ane voce ordanis that thir personis onderwrettin sall payit for the
relyf of the prowest of the rest of his fee the sowme of viij merkis, that is
the halfe of ewere ane of thair pasche terme of thair teynd siluer of
anno sexte ane yeris, viz., Matho Paterson, viijs. iiijd; Johne Ross, viijs.
iiijd; Mertyne Vaus, vjs; Thom Waus younger, vjs; Thom Flemynng,
iijs. iiijd; Thom Gollan, viijs. iiijd; Johne Ross for the Hache, xiijs. iiijd;
Johne Mclllewe, iijs. iiijd; Allexander Cuthbert, xxs; William Cuming,
xjs. viijd; Fynla Paterson, xjs. viijd; quhilkis personis forsadis hawe
payit the forsade sowme, and ordanis George Cuthbert to be pundyt for
the viij merkis he suld haue payit at Fasternis evyn last wes.

21 April  Ane broch strekyne be Fynla McChannycht on Sir Johne Anderson
that wrangle and aganis the law the said Schir Johne macis hym nocht
payment of iij bollis gret aittis quhilk wes comprisit on his gudis, iij
firlottis small aittis, 3 firlottis meyll, and half pek beyr. The jugis be the
deposition of witnes sene and considerit ordanis Schir Johne Anderson to pay Fynla McChanny twa bollis iij firlottis attis within xv days. 1561

Wat Cuper is becum actit of his anywe motyf fre wyll to content and pay to Schir Johne Saidserf ane last of barrellis betuix this and mydsumyr nixt to cum and sex barrellis betuix this and Michelmes thairefter. Thom Lafrese is becum akit to content and pay to Schir Johne Sadsarf ane half dakyrf benokis betuix this and Mychalmes, falyeing thairof the hyest price benokis gyfis betuix this and the sade day.

The prowest balyes and consell present for the tyme ordanis the officiaris to punde for the rest of the taxations awand our Thesaurer viz. the taxation of the composition siuluer stentit the xvij day of Aprile anno sexagesimo, viz., Thom Cuthbert for xxs., Johne McIllewe for xxvjs. viijd., George Cuthbert for iij lib., Mathow Paterson for xviijs. iiijd. for his rest of the taxation of the xxij lib xs., and the said Mathow for Fynla Paterson taxation xiijjs. iijd.; Johne McIllewe xviijs. iiijd. of the said taxation; George Cuthbert xxxiij. iiijd. of the said taxation; Johne McIllewe for James Duf xxvs; Nicoll Kar for xs.; and the forsaidis persons ilk ane of tham respective for thair awyn part to be pundit and officiaris to fullfyll the premisset. Suma quhilk ewyr ilk ane is awand, Thom Cuthbert in toto xxs; Johne McIllewe in toto iij lib. xs.; George Cuthbert in toto aboue vrettin v lib. xiijjs. iiijd.; Matho Paterson xxxijs. vjd. and Nicoll Kar xs. Suma omnium supradictorum xij lib. iiijs. viijd.

Actum in pretorio burgi de Inernnes post meridiem per prepositum et commune consilium presens pro tempore, et nonnullis communitatibus eiusdem burgi.

That day comperit within the tolbuyth of Inernnes the prowest balyes and consell of the same with sindre oder nychtbouris brotheris of the said bruch for anseruing to certan artekyllis gyfin in to tham be the brether of the cordiner craft, viz., for granting to tham to haue thair dekynnis and the ald liberteis quhilk wes gyfin tham and grantit be our predecessouris prowest balyes and consell of this bruch, for the quhilkis thail saul undertak to furnese the bruch and soueranis Ladis leigsis with schone apon ressonabyll pricis, ase salbe sene and considerit be the sycht of fowyr honest famows bretheryn of the sade cordiner craft sworne for setting of pricis to thair schewyne conforme to the pricis of the leddyse, and forder saul fortefie manteine and defend.
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1561 the libertis pruuellegis fredomes grantit be the kingis of Scotland to the bruch of Innernes and command weyll of the same bayth with thair bodies gud and geyr, and that for the fortification of the prowest balyes consell and communite for fortefeing of the sade craft actis and statutis made be thame for the weyll publict and furnesing of the bruch and quenis leigis with schone and inhaling of the barkit leddyr within the bruch, quhar be the bruch and leiges may be stakit, and apon the premisses offers thame and ewyr ilk ane of tham to be sworne heyrto for fullfylling of the premissis. The prowest balyes and consell considerand the premissis hes acceptit thair aythis of fidellitte, the gret ayth sworne, the halie ewangelist twechit, for fullfylling of the premisses, and be the tenor of thir presentis grantis and gyfis to the sade craft full plane power to creat thair dekinis and officemen amangis tham as ows was, to hald thair curtis, to wse the amerciamentis eschettis and oder casualittes that chansis to fall be vsurpyne or be onne that brekis thair statutis to be aplit to thar awyn wse and profit to the sade brether of craft and dekyns, with this addition that quhen it chansis or happynnis that the brether of the cordiner craft to be destitutt or dessolatt of barkit leddyr, in that cace it salbe lesum to the dekyne and visitoris of his craft to pass to the burgesis barkit fattis and tak out of tham for furnessing of the towne the best leddyr tha hef in thair fattis to mac schone to the towneschip and quenis leigis apon ane competent price as wark may be saud to the communite and quenis leigis be the discretion of the fowyr visitoris. Secundle. For wphaldyn and fullfylling of the premissis hes grantit to the sade dekyne and craft that tha sall haue power and commission to haue fowyr honest famus vsuspect personis brethryn of the sade craft, haueand na respect to particularitte or partialite, being sworne thairto to mac pricis on thair schone and warkis tweys ilk owk as tha think cause, haueand respect to the prices that the leddyr is saud, and conforme thairto the prices of the schone to be made and warkmanschyp the oncosts and expensis qhilk man be made on the leddyr to be deducit, qhiliks personis salbe callit visitoris, qhilk visitoris sall tak it betuix tham and God that tha sall do ase tha sall onderly the charge of the Consell, and thairfor hess refferrit the dekyne to wptak the wlnawls eschettis and amerciamentis of thair craftis, and to dispone to thair awyne weyll of thar craft as thair awyne casualitte, and also quhar the bretheryn of the craft desyris ane remit of falis brekyn of statuttis
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arrestmentis done befor the day and dayt of thir presentis quhilk 1561
tha wer jugit in admerciament for fulfylling of the premisiss, gyffis
the same eschettis and vnlaws of the gudis and geyr quhilk wes
confiscat to ws to be vpliftit be the dekyne be the best and vesest
brether of his craft at quhat tyme tha think best in case onne of
tham quhilk of befor be inobedient and nocht kepand the statutis and
ordinances made be thair brother of craft, the gudis swa wptakyn to be
apliit to the weyll of the craft as tha likis best, haueand na respect to
particularite; and in case the dekyne Allexander Paterson electit be the
craft, Robert Red, Hendre Kar younger, Thom Robertson, James Gollan,
Johne Bane, Andro Guttre, Done Brechyn, Patre Flek, Thomas
McIlmertin, Donald McGlassen, Johne McRore, William Suffre, Rore
Johnestoun, Johne McAne, Johne Red younger, Johne Beg McDoue,
Thom Paterson, Wille Hay, Alexander Strachachyn, Sande Hay, Thom
Guttre, falyeand in fulfylling of the artekyllis forsade, in that cate that
we and our successoris provest balyes of the bruch of Innernes and
consell of the same sall haue fre regresse and ingresse agane to all
amerciamenttis vnlaws and eschettis quhilkis ar confiscat and decrettit in
this our curt book to be vptakyn be ws fra the forsade dekyne or his
successoris and bretheryn of craft, and the same to redunde to owr wse
commonte and weyll, and tha and thar successoris to tyne thair liberttis
fra thine furth in all tymes cuming, and all amerciamentis vpliftit be the
sade craft sall redund to ws agane in cate thalze in the obseruyng of
the premises, and for fulfylling of the premises the saidis provest balyes
and consell hes interponit thair auctorite thairto to the premises, and sall
defend all statuttis actis and ordinancis made be the sade dekyn and
brether of craft beand conforme to the lawis of Scotland, and for the
mare verefication heyrof the provest balyes and consell hes subscriuit
the same with thair handis, and subscriuit be part of the communite.

William Donaldson, burges of Innernes, being persewit befor the
balyes and nychtboris of the bruch for rabutting of William Cuming
our command clerk, in saying to hyme that he disposit the salt quhilk
wes in Stewyn Stewynson merchand in fleschyn schyp by the ordinance
and stent of the bruch, and oppynle rabutting of hym at the mercat
croce, throw the quhilkis saingis of the sade William Donaldson oder
contra men thocht that the said William Cuming hed the hale distribution
at his hand, throcht the quhilk the sade William hes the indignation of

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13 May Donaldson report. The Syis hes fundyn William Donaldson hes done
wrang in the rabutting of William Cuming our commond clerk, and gyf
he beys fundyn in tyme cuming [rabutting] onne officeman, he salbe dis-
chargit of his fredome for ane yer, the secund tyme for twa yeris, and
the thred tyme alluttyrle dischargit, and sall ask forgynes for the faltis
done at the sade William Cuming.

The prowest balyes and consell ratifeyds and aprewys the ordinance
and statuttis made of befor towert the hyre of horse, and publiss the
same at the mercat croe oppynle be opyn proclamatioun, quhilk
ordinance wes made the first day of Februar in the yer of God jum ve
and fyfte thre yeris, that is the horse enterand to onne kynd of labyr at
sex howris in the mornynyg reman sway to xij howris, iiijd; Alse for
ewyrre laid or sayk the horse hess fra the stane to the forest part
innowth the portis, jd; for ewyrre laid tha haue fra the towne to the
myll, jd; and for ewyrre lad fra the hek end to the towne, jd; And that
it salbe lesum to ewyrre man that hes ado with horse to tak thair hyre
that wse carrage within this towne on the prices forsaid, and quh a ewyr
contrawenis the same and vyll nocht obey this statutt sall pay viij. for
thair wnlaw onforgyfin.

24 May Ane brocht strekyne be Thomas Flemyng on Johne Red alias
Gelyrt that wrangusle and aganis the law he wes inobedient to the balye
in nocht selling of his fysche as he wes commandit, and for his
inobedience the said balye wald had sparpillit the fysche to the pure,
nochwithstanding he wald hade the fysche and skayll quharin tha wer
out of the balyes handis and gyf hym mone inijurius vordis. The Syis
hes fundyn Johne Red in admerciament, and hes ordanit that he cum
befor the congregatioun of the pepyll at the mercat croe of Inverness,
and thair on his kneys ask forgynes at Thomas Flemyng ane of the
balyes of Inverness for his offence he hes done to hym, and he be
fundyn offendent to ane officeman in tyme cuming he salbe banist.

31 May Matho Paterson protestis for the profitt of ane red kow send to
hyme be Angus McAllexander of Glengarie, lyk as Angus awyn
wretting thairvoun proportitis, and the same confessit be Johne wes
send with hym to Mathow Paterson.

3 June Johne Morison is deserinit and jugit in admerciament for the
rabutting and slandyring of our minister oppynle in the Kingis get,
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calling hyme commone pulpet flitter and herlot in stressing of oder menis vyffis in Catnes and Orkna and saing he bat Freyr Andro McNeyll luge, and for his false report and false saingis and fliting in command he get, and dome gyfin thairapoun, and is ordanit to pass to the mercat croce and thair sit on his kneys and say, False toung, he leyd, and thairefter on Corpus Criste day the sade Johne in presens of the pepyll and sit on his kneys and ask forgewenes, and gyf he beys fundyn flittand or rabutter anie nychtbour in tyme cuming he salbe depriuet of his fredome for ewyr, and this pronunct be George Cuthbert chancellor of the Syis for the tyme.

Hendre Kar stryakis ane brocht on Thomas McMelegan that wrangle and aganis the law the said Thomas com on hym with ane drawyn quhinger and gef me mone injurius vordis without onne falt macyn to hym, and quhen he wes haldyn thairefter he varpit stanis at the sade Hendre, desyrand remed of law. The inquest hes jugit hym in admerciament and dome gyfin thairapoun, and is ordanit that he sall be pot in the brankis and to pass throw the fowyre portis of the towne and thairefter pot to the trone and his falt publist at the mercat croce. And gyf he beis fundyn with sic ane falt in tyme cuming he salbe banest of the towne.

Allexander Paterson strekis ane brocht on Thomas McKelegan his serwand that wrangle and aganis the law efter he left his horse in the harrowing with hym hale and fayr without onne hurt oder in lyth or lyme on the Seyfeld, nocht the less the sade Thomas hes crewkit my horse in yokis, quhar throw he may nocht gang ane fyf, desyrand the said Thomas to deluer my horse to me alse sufficient as I deluerit hyme the same horse, he beand my feall, togydder with the skayth I sustene frome the hurt of my horse. The said Thomas is jugit in admerciament and dome gyfin thairapoun and is ordanit to find the hyre of ane horse labyr to the sade Allexander to the tyme his aweyne horse be abyll to wyrk and in the meyne tyme the horse to be comprisit.

The balies and consell present for the tyme haweand consideratioun that bing of the kyddis and lammis and oder mettis that cumis to the mercattis and sendyn of tham of the towne hes rasit ane exhorbitant derth, Thairfor he ordanis the officiers to pass and inhibit Johne Grant and Ellyn Thomson to by onne mettis forder nor stakis thair aweyne huse to be send out of the towne, quhilk gyf tha do in tyme cuming the

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6 June same beand knawyne and prowyny tha salbe accusit and be decernit to

tyne thair fredomes. Syklyk ordanis the officiaris to inhibit Marcus
Fleschan and Fynla Sanderson tak nocht vpoun hand to by onne mettis
that cumis to the mercattis to sell or beys at the mercatt onder the pane
of banisment of tham of the towne, bot that thay mak trawell and gang
landwart and by mettis and bring it in to the towne. Syklyk ordanis
officiaris to pass and inhibit all manyr of man bayth fre and onfre that
thay tak nocht on hand to sell tymmyr to na bottis that cumis with twme
how [toom hull] that sellis thair ladnyng in oder places, onder the pane
of fremen the tynsall of the hale warsald, and the onfre to be banist of
the towne as for common forstalling and brekyn of inhibition, and that
nane by na tymmyr forrow mercatt tyme of day.

18 June Gilbert Gollan comperit in jugment and planle exponit and offert

to the dekyne of the Cordiner craft gyf thair wes onne that requirit to by
onne of the barkit leddyr he had presentle, and fordyr protestit in cace
the dekyne or cunsell licent onne onfremen to sell onne of thair barkit
leddyr thay had presentle to strangeris or send it to mercattis that it suld
nocht be lesum to the burgesis in tyme cuiming to furnish tham insafar
as thay dispone thair leddyr thay haue presentle on wracht in the towne.

24 June That day the prowest balyes and consell present for the tyme, viz.:-
Pettyr Vinster, Johne McIllewe, Thom Waus younger, James Paterson,
Martin Waus, Allexander Paterson, statuttis and ordanis in tymes
CUming that inhibition be pot to the clerk of the Kyrk that thair be
nane yerdit within the Kyrk bode without licence of the balyes for the
tyme, and that ane of the balyes compone for the setlar, and Martin
Waus be collector to the vptakyn of the same, and the same to be
disponit on the weyll of this bruch. And Thomas Flemyng balze to be
licence gyf iar and mac composition.

25 June That day in jugement in fensit curt Master Thomas Heweson, Schir
Patryk Anderson, and Gilbert Duff ar creat and sworne burrow clerkis
of the bruch of Innernes, and gef thair ayth of fidelitte thairapon ay and
quhyll thay be discharrgit.

Ane brocht strekyne be the balye Mathow Paterson on Johne Grant
burges of Innernes that wrangusle and aganis the law he hes contrauenit
the statuttis made be the prowest balyes and consell quhar personalle
apprehendid the sade Johne Grant wes inhibitit efter the command and
ordinance off the consell that he suld nocht by onne mettis at the merkat
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to be send to the Chanrie or oder gettis out of his awyne huse, sic as kydis, lammis, muttons, nocht the less contemptuitle hes brokyne the sade statutt and thairfor aucht to incur the panis contenit thairin of the date tertio Junij anno lx primo. The sade John Grant nayit the holl. The inquest forsade hes fundyn that John Grant hes contrauenit the act and statutt made be the prowest balyes and consell in the bying of mett and sendyng of the same to the Chanre efyr the date of the act mad in the contrar, throw the quhilk the sayd John Grant hes incurrit the panis contenit in the sade act for his contempition and dowme gyffin thairapoun.

The balyes forsade hes protestit judicialiter that insafar as the takkismen of the Vatter of Ness contrauenis the statuttis made be the aduise of the hale cunsell in ordanyng of the fyscharis met fysche to cum to the mercat to be sabled to the burgesis of the bruch to thair mettis, quhilk act wes made the xxiiij day of Nouember anno 155 fowyr, that tha that hes action thair contrar haue place to persew tham, and ordanidis and statuttis be oppin proclamation at the mercat croce that na mastyris of vatteris or haweand takkis of the vatteris tak vpon hand to by thair fyscharis met fysches, bot at the same salbe presentit to the mercat croce and thairto be sald vpoun ane competent price to the burgesis of this bruch to thair met fyschis, and it sall nocht be lesum to tham to pak onne thairof forder nor stakit thair howse, And also quhar onne fysche beis apprehendarit selland to hukstaris or hale gangand bye this ordinance it salbe lesum to the aprehendar of the fysche to eschet the same to his awyn wse. And quhatewyr he be mastyris of the cobbyll that contrauenis this act, that he salbe callit at particular diettis for contrauenynge of the statuttis of this bruch and incur the panis contenit for thesame and to be punyst thairfor bayth in thair takis and geyr as law lewys as inobedient subjectis to thair magistrettis, And this ac devulgat at the mercat croce oppynle.

The jugis decernis Donald McIllichallum and John McConyill in admerciament for the pulling of the fytyhis [vetches] out of his quhet and his quhet togydder and trampyn of his quhet and dome gyfin thairapoon, and ordanis tham to be dettoris to all the skayth the sade quhet sustenis to it be in the barne, and to refund v peckis quhet for the skayth instanthle. Ane brocht strekyne be William Cuming, thesaurer of the bruch of Innernes for the tyme, on Thomas and Robert Meldrum that wrangle and

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1561 aganis the law tha made port within the town of Chanrie and Rosmarke, makand a stappyll place in defraudying of this bruch of Innernes of thair priuilege and libertte grantit and gewyn to tham, and after thair cuming to Innernes with the rest of the victuallis tham left onsaid the balye Johne Ross inhibit tham to sell onne of the victuellas tham hed to that the townchip and tham hed agriet for the price of thair victuelleris, nocht the less contempronth tham disponit on thair victuelleris and saith the same, throw the quhilks the victuelleris tham hed aucht to be eschettit, and desyris rameid of law.

Ane brocht strekyn on Johne Merschell, burges of Innernes, that wrangusle and aganis the law the sade Johne hes contrauenit his ayth made to furth setting of the libertte of this bruch prewyllage thairof, and hes contrauenit the ordinance and statutt made be the provest balyes and consell for expelling of dertht quhilk wes say exhorbitant resyne in the contray, inhibitand that na manyr of person fre nor onbre suld pretend of his self by the advise of the consell or at the lest ane part of tham to mak prics to onne victuelleris bot the price quhilk suld haue beyne commoun and universalle made be tham for the weyll of the bruch and to our Souerane Ladies legis; in lyk manyr, nocht the same wes publist, contemnatle contrauenyng our statuttiis of this bruch and committand and ginstandand our inhibition made be the consell, the said Johne Merschell merstillfulle and quietle for his particular profitt tuk our commone fyrlat out of ane Orkna boyt quhar it wes consignit be the towneschip to met wictuellis, tuk the same fyrlat and gyf it to Robert and Thomas Meldrum to sell thair meyll, and met meyll to hym self, desyrand rameid of law for the brekyn of the inhibition and contrauenyng of his ayth and contrauenyng of the statutt of this bruch. The sade Johne Merschell confessit the gyffin of the fyrlat in to the boyt and nays the lef of the brocht. Johne Merschell is adjugit in admerciament for the wrangus gyfin of the commone fyrlat to Thomas and Robert Meldrum by the advise of the consell. Thomas and Robert Meldrum ar adjugit in admerciament for making of stappyll in Chanre and Rosmerke and for the selling of thair victuelleris efter tha wer inhibit be the balye conforme to the brocht, and dome gyfin thairapoun.

William Cuming thesaurer forsade desyrit the balyes to put our Souerane Ladies letters to do execution for confiskyn and eschetting of Thomas and Robert Meldrum victuelleris insafar as tham brak the statuttiis
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and libertis and contravenit thair preuillegis and selling of thair wictuellis 1561 to onfremen, and desyrit the same to be appropriat to our Souerane Lades ws and this bruch.

Actum in Ecclesia parochialis de Innernes in festo Divi 5 Oct. Michaelis.

The Consell be the aduise of the Communitte hes ellecttit Jasper Waus provest for this yer and forder say lang as he dois for the commone weyll. Johne Ross, Allexander Paterson and Johne McIllewe are electtit balyes for ane yer.

The heid burrow curt eftyr Mychelmes haldyne in the 6 Oct. tolbuyth.

Jasper Waus gef his ayth of fidelette to ws the office of provestre for ane yer lelele and trewle but lef of ane and hatrend of ane oder. Johne Ross, Johne McIllewe and Allexander Paterson gef thair ayth of fidelitte to ws the office of balyes lelele and trewle for ane yer. William Cuming wes creat and sworne commond clerk of this bruch and gef his ayth of fidelitte thairwpon. Master Thomas Heweson and Gilbert Duff ar creat and swor commond clerkis of this [bruch] in causis onsuspect and gef thair ayth of fidelitte thairwpon.

That day convenit within the tolbuyth of Innernes eftyr nowne the hale towneschip for electing of the Consell, testaris of ayll, comprisaris of flesche and fysche, nominat thir personis onderwrettin commone consell of this bruch for this present yer.


The Consell with ane voce and consent hes statutt and ordanit that quhat ewyr he be that beis nocht rahersand the oppnions allegations or onne oder thing quhat sum ewyr that beys rahersit or spokyne in the Consell the same beand knaywe, the raherser thairof salbe allutyrle exilit of Cunsell and mare attour sall tyne his fredom.

William Anderson hes gottin the hand bell be the aduise of the hale consell for betting and mendyng of calsay, commone wennall, wphalding of the croce and tolbuyth stare, and sall begyn to byg the stare and corse betuix this and Andirmes nixt to cum, and alse salbe dale damster of curt.
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Robart McWilliam McOlmorrye is electit and chosin James Skynner, burges of Innernes, William McQueyne and Allister McOlmorrye his fadyr brother his curatoris, quha gaif thair ayth of fidelitic de justa administratione rej alien, and the saidis James Skynner is souertie his self for the samyne.

18 Oct. Marorie Fraysser alias Quheit Stage is cumin in will for hyr brewing without licience and alluterlie dischargit be the Cunsall.

Ane brocht strakine be Johne Grant on Farquhar Roy that wrangle and aganis the law he makis him nocht pament of ane horse hyre dalye quhilk the said Farquhar suld haue vphaldin to him, he beand his cotta and haueand his soude thairfor, as ane cotta aucht to do. Farquhar Roy strekis ane brocht on Johne Grant that wrangle and aganis the law he pais him nocht ten bollis aittis for his scheip keiping ij yeiris viz., four bollis ane yeir and v bollis aittis ane wther yeir, wyth tuay bollis aittis sawing for his horse seruice.

Watte Couper is decernit to content and pay to Johne Grant ane barrell and ij rubbouris, the said Johne payand for the making to the said Watte betuix this and Sant Thomas Ewin.

20 Oct. Ane brocht struckin be Thome Paterson on Magie Duff that wrangle and aganis the law scho vald nocht sell aill to him, scho haueand aill in the house, and gaif him ewill and injuriouse wourdis to the said Thome Paterson. The said Magie is adjugit in admerciament, and gif scho beis fundin rebuitand ony nychtbour or refuisand ony aill for sylwer in tymes cuming to ony nychtbour, scho salbe dischargit of brewing for ane yeir.

Hendre Kar younger is cumin actit of his awin motyve fre will as cautionar and souertie for Huchoun Dow and Gillepadrik Myllar in the Machrie to do that law will to Fynla Paterson for the fermis of this present crope of saxtie ane yeris of the landis of the Machrie awand be thaim to him and all wther actionis the said Fynla hes in thair contrar.

Janat NykCraiwye hes constitutt Allane McIntoche his [sic] procurator in the actiouin and cause mowit be hyr contrar Johne McAyne McWilliam et promisit de rato et grato.
Conuentio prepositi balliourum et communis consilij in \textit{Sacello beate Marie Virginis de Viride.}

Thome Gollan oftymes callit and nocht comperit as he that was warnit to conveyne with the Cunsall is decernit in the Cunsallis will for his absens, and that be resson James Paterson Thesaurar allegit and exposit playnelie that it was Thom Gollanis cause he vald nocht cum to the Cunsall be resson it that was spokin in the Cunsall was opynlie spokin trocht the towne and at the mercate croce, and thairfor the said Thomas is ordanit to be warnit of new to declare the veritie quhat he hes hard was spokin opynlie and quhom of that was talkit in the Cunsall.

The prowest Jasper Waus exposit in jugement the inobedience and insurrectioun maid be Johne McGillewye and Jasper Dampster in the Cunsall convenit within the Chappell of the Greyne in Innernes the first day of Nouember for tacking of ordour for relewing of the baillies at the chekker and for tryakill taking towart thair commoun gude and intakking of the samyn, quhilkis personis foirsaidis refusit obedience and maid insurrectioun contrar the prowest and cunsall and throw their inobedience consteinzein the prowest and cunsall to skaill and depart, and the said Johne McGillewye said to the prowest, “God at ye cum newyr agane nor I think nocht to cum to yow” and thaireftir the prowest and nychtbouris passit to the prayaris beliefand na ewill, quhar thaireftir the foirsaidis Johne and Jasper Dampster bodin in feyr of wayr with steill bonnate, sourd and habirschoun, with purchessing of lordschippis and strangearis vpoun the secund day of Nouember, and thaireftir the saidis Johne and Jasper beand warnit be the officiaris to compeir this day befoir the baillies and cunsall to be perschewit for the causis foirsaid, thai haue contemnandlie disobeit the warnyng foirsaid, quhilk warnyng was sufficientlie prowin befoir the baillies, and for thair absence and disobedience thai and ilk ane of thaim ar jugit in admerciament for thair inobedience and dome giffin thairvpoun. And thair in jugement the prowest foirsaid puttis alluterlie inhibitioon to the saidis Johne and Jasper Dampster that thai nother burge nor brage nor armourse wayr within this burgh nor purchess ony lordschip, quhilkis gif thai do protestis solempnatlie that thai incur the panis contenit in the lawis and depravatioun of thair fredomes and to be callit befoir jugis competent criminalie for the crymes foirsaid.

Schir baillies, Cunsall and communitie of this burgh of Innernes, I Jasper Waus, prowest of the said burgh, menis and compleinzeis on
Jasper Dampster burges of the said burgh, that quhar eftir he was inhibeit this last thred day of Novemver to burge or brage, harness or wappynis wayr, boisting mak or purchess lordschip in contrar any nychtbour of this burgh, contempnandlie disobeyand the inhibitioun foirsaid expresse in contrar the statutis of burrowis maisterfullie came on the said Jasper Waus provest and wheris nychtbouris wyth him and purchest William McAne Dowe as lordschip wyth him, quha crewellie drew ane nakit soud to the said Jasper and nychtbouris wyth him beand within the chappell, and thairfor wranguslie and aganis the law contravenit in inhibitioun foirsaid and thair comen in feyr of weyr and purchest William McAne Dowe as lordschip wyth him and of the said Jasper Dempstaris causing and assistance drew ane soud to haue done bodelie harme to sum of our nychtbouris beand thair present wyth the provest, and desyris rameid of law. The Assise hes fundin the complaint and brocht foirsaidawaill and dome giffin thairpoun.

Ane brocht strukin on William McAne Dowe that wranglie and aganis the law he maid insurrectioun contrar Jasper Waus provest, and drew ane nakit soud to him and the nychtbouris that was wyth him in the Chappell of Greyne, and inclusit thaim in the said Chappell so far as lay in his power. The Assise foirsaid hes fundin the brocht awaill and jugit in ane amerciament and dome giffin thairpoun.


William Cuming procurator foirsaid for probatioun of the poynttis of the brocht giffin in be Jasper Waus provest contrar Jasper Dampster, that quhar the said Jasper Dampstar contrar the statutis of burrowis and burrow lawis ratified and apprewis hes insurrectioun boisting and bragging in sa far as he is accusit as said is, and aught to haue raquerit any burges to defend his cause and nocht to purchess lordschip lyke as now presentle, he hes brocht his purchest lordschip wyth him to procuyr in his cause that throw feyr of his procurator his actioun and cause suld ceise.

William McQueyne procurator foirsaid vnder protestatioun allegis and sais that he aught and suld procuyr in the said Jasperis actioun without prejudice to him according to the said William Cuming act aboue specisit, because the nychtbouris of the brucht hes admittit the said William, as he allegit, nychtbour and indwellar and also to haue his skaris of all necessar is that cummis to the townes as he deseruit at thair
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handis, and for thir causis William aucht and suld speik for the said Jasper.

William Cuming procurator foirsaid anseris to the foirsaid act allegeand him to be admittit nychtbour, quhilk he is nocht, bot ane stallangar, giffand and nocht granttand quhat extent was giffin to the said William McQueyne of the office mennis giftis and nocht as ane nychtbour fre burges, and thairfor the said William protestatioun and allegatioun makis for defence of the said Jasper Waus brocht and the atttolerance that the said William has in tyme cuming haue na place of fredome nor libertie.

Ane brocht strukin be William McQueyne on Jasper Waus, John Ross, William Cuming and thair assistaris, that wrangle and dissaitfullie the saidis personis drew the said William be dissait to the Chappell yard talkand and commondand quhill thai come to the Chappell duyr and desyrit him to entry in, and he refusit sayand that he vald nocht entry in becaus the last tyme thair selffis was thair thai partit at the worst, nocht-withstanding the foirsaidis personis tysit me to gang in to the intent that I suld mak anser to thair argumentis quharthrow thai mycht haue just occasioun to haue slane me, and to the verifikasioun quhen thai gatt me in thair proponit that I was the grund and modyr of all the dissentiouin and put the nychtbouris in discord, and rycht so said that I wagyt; and quhen I was makand anser John Ross and his companye clad in harnes come in to haue endit the thing that the laif began, sayand at his incumming, “Lat ws fall to it, we ar alse mony Jurdanis as thai ar Jardanis,” and wyth that word the myllar gaif me the lie, pleceand his hand to his quhynyeair, and in the myne tyme Duncan Malcumson and the rest that was behind me lap to Jasper Dampster, and as God gaif grace the said Jasper and I gatt out at the duyr and myst my self and pullit my cloyk fra me and held it amangis thaim, and this I gif in my brocht to jugis vnsuspect prowydng that I haue rameid of law, and gif I gett nocht the brocht is the liklear to be trew in itself and I will tak this in patience quhill God send bettyr. The Assyse hes fundin the saidis personis fre and innocent of the brocht forsaid.

William McQueyne is adjugit in amerciament for insurrectioun making, boisting of the prowest and the nychtbouris within the Chappell, and inclusing of him thair wyth ane drawin sound conforme to the brocht, and dome giffin thairvpoun.

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4 Nov.
1561  Johne McGillewyce is becumin actit cautioun and souertie for the
gude reull of William McAnec Dow in his gude manneris and hawyngeis
in tymes cuming and that he sall nocht be fundin ane trespassour to his
nychtbours.
8 Nov.  In the actioun and cause mowit be Johne Grant contrar Farquhar
Roy tweching the hyre of ane horse quhilk he aucht to haue fundin to
the said Johne betuix the feist of Michaelmess and vpvark quhilk is at
Sant Colmes day, the jugis decernis the said Farquhar to content and
pay to the said Johne Grant for euerilk day betuix the space foirsaid and
vpvark vp., be resoun the said Farquhar was his feit cottar and was in
his service and suld haue fundin him ane horse as ane cottar aucht to do.
15 Nov.  Gilbert Gollan is decernit be decreit of curte to refound content and
pay to Arche Andersoun or Hendre Kar eld his factour in his name
ane gude sufficient plad of v dowbill elnis betuix this and Andersmes as
he that came caution for Murquhow McGrassycht.
22 Nov.  Johne Coupland protestit that nochtwthwithstanding he sauld and
annaleit to Johne Cuthbert his land and vestit and saisit him thairin and
as yit wantis his sele and subscripitioun and that be resoun the said
Johne is of the contray, and hes nocht pait to the foirsaid Johne Coupland
ij merkis mone and ane tartane blew and greyne in compleit pament of
the haill sowme quhilkis he suld haue had for his land, and that the said
Johne Cuthbert be nocht entrin in the soit roll to the tyme he be pait of
the sowme foirsaid.

James Patersone gaif in his bill menand to the baillies and cunsall
vpoun the vnfre cordinaris quh va vs the privilege of fremen in barking,
desyrand the dekyn to cause justice be done, and thair in jugement
Alexander Patersone dekin of the said craft hes ondertane that justice
salbe execut in his curte on the disobeyaris of the statutis and brekaris of
inhibiitioun on Monundaye nixt.

28 Nov.  James Patersoun in name of Fynla Patersoun protestis contrar
executouris of Janat Kar modyr to the said Fynla for the proffieitt that
he mycht haue had of his puntis of heretage, viz., his horse, aqua vite pott,
brewaris caldroun, lochter ox, kow, scheip, gait, gaise, and all wther
poynitis quhilk mycht haue bene proffitable to him, to be furth cumand
as law will.

Johne McMurquhie is jugit in amerciament for the selling of all
without licenice and vnadmittit, and siclyke William McPhadrik beyond
the watter is jugit in amerciament, and dome giffin thairvpoun.
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Jaspar Waus, provest of the burcht of Innernis, Johne Ross, Johne McGillewyre and Alexander Paterson, baillies of the said burgh, Thome Waus younger, James Paterson, Nycoll Kar, Martyne Waus, Thom Flemyng, Thomas Gollan, Mathow Paterson, Thomas Cuthbert, Jasper Dampster and William Cuming, commond cunsell of the burgh of Innernis for this present yeir electit, haueand consideration of the apparent hurte and greit skayth mocht follow on our said burgh thocht the nouatioun maid sen the daid of our gude nychtbouris of our said burgh in the feyld of Pinkkecluyght, in setting of our commound tackis to onfre men and tenentis nocht beand burgesie of our said burgh, quhilk is grantit and giffin to our said burgh of Innernis and burgessis thairof and thair successouris be the Kingis of Scotland, throw the quhilkis setting of the foirsaidis tackis to onfre men and tennentis nocht beand burgessis in our burgh of Innernis as said is, and the samyn war our-seyne and rameid vnprowydit heir incontrar the samyn mocht be ane resonabill cause to ws and our successouris to tyne the haill gift giffin be the Kingis of Scotland to our burgh and burgessis there and thair successouris; For rameid hereof in tyme cuming the provest baillies and commond cunsell foirsaid hes statute and ordanit that na vnfre man sall occupie or possaid ony of the commond tackis of our burgh of Innernis odyr watter or landis in tyme cuming, and quhat ewyr burges of our said burgh of Innernis settis or giffis ony of thair tackis to ony onfreman fray this furth odyr landis or watteris, it salbe lesum to the provest baillies and cunsall of this said burgh of Innernes to dispone on his tackis to oderis burgessis fremen of this burgh to the vitilitie and proffite of the commond veill; and this act and statute to be obseruit and keipit for ewyr.

Robart Dunbar, Huchoun Ross of Kyrawok, and James Dunbar of Terbert, tutouris testamentaris to Johne Cuthbert son and ayr to wmquhill George Cuthbert, desyris to be entrit in the tackis and stedingis quhilk was occupeit and possedit be his wmquhill fadyr, vizt., fourtie schilling fischeing of the Wattyr of Ness, thre auchtane partis of Drakyne and Standard Stanis, conforme to his petitioun giffin in to the Cunsall.

The provest baillies and cunsall halelie congregat togyther wyth ane woce desyrit the foirsaidis tutouris to delywer to thame thair burrow curt buke quhilk was in the said wmquhill George handis, togyther wyth
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1561 1 Dec. the freyris ornamentis and chalecisse, quhilkis the said wmquhill George as provest of Innernis, Thomas Flemyng and John McGilleywe as baillies, gat in keiping in the townis name, and the samyn beand in the said George possessioun the tyme of his deceise, quhilk now suld be deliuerit to the provest baillies and cunsall of this burgh and to be in thair keiping in thair commound house, togyther wyth the fundatioun of Sant Michaellis Chaplanrie, fundatioun of the Clage boye, the decreit optenit of Dingwell, the keis of the Stepill, ane greit herse, ane small herse of brass, ane greit waestaye quhilk keipit the ornamentis of the kirk, togyther wyth the pece of land at the tolbuyth gawill quhilk was gewin to the said George for anwell paying yeirlie, of the quhilkis newyr ane penne was pait as yit, to be biggit be the towneschip or quhom thai think best to be giffin to for biggin of ane cunsall house to the towneschip; the premissis beand done the cunsall sall gif ane sufficient answerr thaireftyr vpoun the petitioun foirsaid.

Thomas Flemyng resignit in the provest baillies and cunsallis handis his quartar of Lytill Drakyne quhilk he possedis him selfe, desyr- and thaim of thair plesouris to grant to him ane assedatioun of new of the samyn as thai that ar his maysteris and superiouris, quhilk was grantit in jugement.

The provest baillies and cunsall hes grantit ane assedatioun to Nycol Kar of ane half auchtene part of the Barne hillis quhilk he occupeis and possedis instandelie.

The Cunsall hes dischargit Allexander Cuthbert of the dowbill entre of his tackis, be ressoun he aucth to entyr fre be ressoun of the deceise of his father in the eyld of Pynkie.

13 Dec. Margret NycGleschen, Janat NycGleschen and Magie NycGleschen, dochteris to wmquhill Gillechrist McGleschen, desyrit to be seruit as narrest and lauchfull ayr to thair wmquhill fadyr in ane rude of land liand in Damysdaill on the eist syde of the samyn, betuix the landis of Thome Wrycht to the southt, and Donald McGleschen landis to the northt and William Cummingis aboue the hill, the front to the Kingis gett to the west, the taill to the auld fosse to the eist. The inquest foirsaid hes seruit the said Margret, Janat and Magie conforme to the petitioun foirsaid.

The provest baillies and cunsall hes ordanit the officiaris to pass and arreist the brig, that na maner of man fre nor vnfre suld carye muke our it vnder all heast pane and charge that effer may follow.
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The Inquest for said he fundin David Rag our minister fre and innocent of the brute opynlie and queatlie sklandrit be Arthour Byrnaye, sayand that he had committit adultre wyth his wyif, and is adjugit in admerciament, and siclyke the said Arthour is adjugit in admerciament for the wranguse drawing of one quhinzeear to our said minister and boysting of him, for the quhilkis scander and offence the said Arthour Byrna is adjugit in amerciament and decernit to cum in presens of the Congregation on Sundaye and thair in tyme of prayaris confess opynlie his offense and aske forgivyness at our said minister for God saik, and dome geffin thairvpoun.

Comperit Huchoun Ross of Kilrawok, Robert Dunbar of Durris, and James Dunbar of Tarbert, tutouris testamentaris to John Cuthbert sone and ayr to wnquhill George Cuthbert of the Auld Castelhill, for fulfilling of the petitioun geffin in be the prowest baillies and cunsall of this burgh sa far as lay in thaim, and presentit and deliuerit in jugement the townis burrow curt buke, the copie of the fundatioun of Sant Michaellis chap-lanrie in paper wrettin, the fundatioun of the Clagboy, ane decreit openit befoir the Shireff Depute of Innernis contrar Dingvell for escheting certane gudis and geyr, ane payr of glaslawes without ane keye, ane lytill brokin herse of brass, ane mekle herse, the keye of the commound house of the stepill, and the samyn deliuerit in jugement to the prowest baillies and cunsall togyther with the keye of the myd house of the stepill.

The tutouris foirsaidis of Johne Cuthbertis ansuris to the desyir of the ornamentis challessis pertenyng the Blak Freiris of Innernis, quhilk was rassauit be wnquhill George Cuthbert as prowest of Innernis and being in his keping at the tyme of his deceise, offerit in jugement thair purgationis that thai nother sawe nor handlit the said ornamentis nor challessis, and forther ar contentit to restrict and obliss thaim to concur wyth the prowest baillies cunsall or thesaurar in thair name to perschew George Cuthbertis wyff as intromettar wyth the haill gudis and geyr in the said wnquhill George house, and to that effect to constitute thair procuratoris thairto befoir quhatsumewyr juge or jugis, and herefor desyris your maisterschipis prowest baillies and cunsall to entyr the said Johne Cuthbert in the fourtie schilling fyscheing of the Wattyr of Ness, thrie auchtan partis of Drakie, and the Standan Stanis, conforme to the said Johne Cuthbertis petitioun geffin in of befoir and your maisterschipis ansueris.
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The provest baillies and cunsall wyth ane woce ansuris to the petitioun giffin in be the tutouris of Johne Cuthbert sone and ayr to wmquhill George Cuthbert, gratis and consentis to Johne Cuthbert sone and ayr to wmquhill George Cuthbert to entyr him to tua aucht ein part of Drakye and fourtie schilling fyscheing occupiit and possedit be wmquhill William Cuthbert fadyr to the said wmquhill George, nochtwithstanding thai want thair assedationis to produce, and dispenssis be thir presentis wyth the minor in this behalp, he payand his dowbill entre as wse is. And as to the tother auchtane part of Drakie and Standan Stanis quhilk was possedit be wmquhill John Cuthbert of the Auld Castelhill, that the samyn restis in the townis handis sen his deceise, and at the requeist of the said tutouris thai deliuering the evidentis maid to wmquhill George Cuthbert of the pece waist land at the taill of the tolbuyth to the provest baillies and cunsall, thai sall accept and admitt him tenent and tackisman to the foirsaid auchtane part of Drakies and Standan Stanis, faillyeing of non deliuering of the said evident the saidis tutouris to mak pament and delywar the sowme of twentie pundis mone of this realm for his intres.

14 Jan.

The provest balyes and consell hes ordanit and statute for the commond weyll of this bruch that in all tymes cuming that thar be na preway resignatioun made of onne manyr of takis or stedingis in the handis of provest or balyes, bot the same to be made in presens of the provest balyes and consell conuenant togydder, quhar throw the consell ma haue respect to the commond gud and weyll of this bruch for thair be that tha be abyll to haue befor hand that may be the weyll for furthsetting of the liberte of this bruch.

The provest balyes and consell haucand consideratioun to the weyll fayr of this bruch and the petitions of thir nychtbouris sonnis onder-wrettin desyrand tham to be resauiit and admittit to be fre burges and gild of this bruch, the consell hes accepit and resauiit tham to be fre burges and gyld; and for stoppyn of forstallaris to cum within our liberte the consell statuttis and ordanis that nane of tham yong men by skyne and hyd at the mercat within the bruch, bot that tha sall trawell alandwart and by thair greth and stoppe oder forstallaris and bring it to this bruch, and the same to remane with thame selfis or ellis to sell it to sum oder nychtbor of our bruch, quhar throw that sic waris may be vaccoand on the schyppys for decoring of our bruch and imbringer of merchandris and varis to the towneship, quhar throw the bruch may be
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abellar to serue and furness the Quenis leigis, and that tha that contra-
uenis this act lyk as tha that hes gyfin thair ayth of fydelite thairto to
sell nane of thair waris to oder strangeris or oder contrays accep to serue
the towne as said is that tha be callit thairfor that dos the contrar and to
be depriuit of his fredome.

Johne Cuthbert son to James Cuthbert is resauit and entret fre
burges and gild of this bruch and hes gyffin his ayth of fydelitte to the
crowne of Scotland, provest balyes consell and communitte of this
bruch, and hes payit thairfor in jugement to James Paterson thesaurar
for this yer viij merkis, and Sande Cuthbert, his brodyr, is souerte for his
bankat.

William Paterson son and aperand ayr to Allexander Patyrson is
ressauit and entrit fre burges and gilbroder of this bruch, and hes gyffin
his ayth of fidelitte as ws is, and hes payit thairfor to James Paterson
thesaurer the dewtte of ane burgess son and ayr, viz. vjs., Allexander
Paterson his fadyr souerte for his bankat.

[12 burgesses entered.]
The hale sume of the entres syluyr that day forte fyf
merkis xvs.

The provest balyes and Consell hes grantit resaue Andro Guttre
the cordiner fre burges and gilbroder, and sall pay thairfor at his entre
quhan he requiris the same viij merkis.

The provest balyes and consell hes grantit to resaue Jame Gollan to
his fredome quhen he gettis ane fre rud of land, payand thairfor at his
entre viij merkis.

Comperit in jugement Thomas Flemyng and Johne McIllewe burges
of our bruch of Innernes, and exhibeit in jugement ane precep of the
prowest and balyes dewle executt and indorsat, macand mention that
quhar wmquhill George Cuthbert wmquhill provest of Innernes and
Thomas Flemyng and Johne McIllewe balyes of the sade bruch for the
tyme in name of the communite resauit fra the Freris Predicatouris of
Innernes in keping certan chalise and ornamentis and deliuerit thair
obligationis as provest and balyes for the same, be vertu of the quhilkis
obligation the prowest balyes of this bruch ar restrekit for the same,
quhilkis chalise and ornamentis was in the sade wmquhill George
possession the tyme of his decese and intromettit with be Agnes Ross
his spous and one of his executours, quha withhaldis the same by the

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aduise of the rest of the forsade wmquhill George Cuthbert executoris and tutouris to his son and ourmen constitutt in his legasse, heyrfor desyrand the said Nanis Ross relict forsade be decernit be decret of curt to resoyr and deliuyr the sade chalisè and ornamentis. The saidis Agnes compering personalle for hyr self nayt the hale clame, and the forsaidis Thomas Flemyng and Johne McIllewe desyrit ane terme to pref hyr intromission with tham and beand in hyr possession the tyme of hyr wmquhill spous decese.

Comperit in jugment Thomas Flemyng and Johne McIllewe burgesis of Innernes as to the terme consignit tham be the jugis to pref their action contrar Agnes Ross relict of wmquhill George Cuthbert, to pref that the sade Agnes hed in hyr possession the chalise and ornamentis eftyr the decease of the sade George, qhilk their obligation with the sade wmquhill George as prowest and balyes of this bruch for the that tyme wes, and exhibit Johne Nilson, William Cuthbert, broder german to wmquhill George, Sande Merschell. And Agnes comperand personalle for hyr self and admittit the sade witnes, and vpoun their admission the sade Thomas Flemyng requirit ac of curt.

The fermoraris and tackismen of the Kingis millnis of Innernes strekis ane broch on Thomas Cristeson, Thomas McWilliam Dwe, William McCoren, William Chessolme, Morise McIlneyll, Johne Gibson and William McPhadryk, that wrangle and aganis the law tha dry nocht their malt sufficientle as tha aucth to do, bot in gret hurt of the mylnis and skayth of the fermoraris and takismen makis their malt thayne that the malt may nocht be sufficientle grundyn, throw the qhilkis the mellis ar stoppit of thair speyd and the fermoraris wantis their profit, throw the qhilkis thair aucth to recompense the skayth sustenit be the fermorarris and myller in thair default, and in speciall thair wes thre bollis malt the Kingis myll refusit past to the Leys and wes dryit apon ane torre and thaireftir grundyn this last xiiij day of Februar, qhilk com out of Thom Cristeson kyll. The sade Thom Cristeson is cum in wyll, and for to forgewe hym this falt he sall nocht be fundyn in sic agane. And the rest of maltmen ar cum in wyll and dome gyffin thairwpoun.

The maltmen ar fallowyt that wrangusle and aganis the law tha lat the beyr cum out at bayth the endis, throw the qhilk the substance and frut of the malt is away, and that the fyrlat moch tak the less in hurt of the Quenis legis and resing of gret derth.
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Ane brocht strekyn on the maltmen that wrangle and aganis the law thae hald the first kyll full of malt that beys weyll dreyit and kepis it with the nixt that beys raw and mixts tham togydder in gret hindrense of the commonis.

William Pypar is absoluit of the clame of Johne Bane McAn Moyr McGlassen quhilkis he clamit hym of half boll victuell, quhilk the said Johne tuk his gude fadyr better.

Sir Johne Sadsar gef in his petition contrar Thom Colle as ayr and executor to Vatt Cuper to as the said Schir Johne as executor to his wmqhill fadyr quhilk the sade Vatte resauit fra his fadyr this geyr onderwrettin:—In May in anno xliix yeris ane dussan annet scedis, price xxxijs; ane pan, price xiijs; half pund pepyr, price vijs; iiij vnce gynger, price iiijs; ij pundis hemp, price xxxijd; ane stane cork, price vjs. viijd; the sex day of Marche resauit ij pund cork, price  

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The cheplains gef in thair rentealis of thair anwellis, viz., the Rud Chepland, Sant Myvell Chepland, the He Alter, Sant Katryin, Sant Pettry, Sant Andro.

Johne Nilson, Robert Red, Gilbert Gollan, Andro Damster, Hendre Kar elder, Hendre Kar younger, William Donaldson, Thom Robertson, Jams Skynner, Fynla Donaldson, Thom Waus elder, Johne Damster, Johne Merschell, Andro Suderland, Johne Budeth, Thom Cristeson, Johne Grant, Allexander Cuthbert hes constitutt William McQueyne thair procuratoris concernyng the byll gyfin in be tham contrar the prouest balyes and
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counsell, quhilk byll is subscriuit be the handis of Schir Patre Anderson notter publict, et promiserunt de rato et grato. William McQueyne procurator for the forsaidis persons gef in thair billis mennand that the prouest balyes and counsell hed done expres wrang in the halding of the Kingis myllis in in tennentis handis beand burgessis, quhar it wont to be ropit fray thre yeiris to thre yeiris, and in lik manyr in setting of the stell, allegiand be tham it is ane priuakyll out of the hale command takis, and that the commission wes nocht in tham to set sic vacantis or takkis, bot that tha suld be condescendit with the forsaidis persons adwys, sayand that na takis nor dissolution suld be mad without their advise and their wottis to be thairat, and na thing done be the counsell to have na strenth.

2 May

Johne Nilson producit in jugment two billis of complent, ane desyrand and seyand it is nocht lefull to na man to haf bot half cobyll fysching of the vatter, and becaus Jams Duff hes the half stell mare nor that, the same suld be in the commondis handis, and the saidis Jams to [be] persewit for the by runyn profite; and ane oder menand that the prouest wes nocht ane lachfull prouest within the bruch to debat hym fra cheking and bosting.

9 May

Comperit the counsell within the tolbuyth of Innernes in jugment apon the disposition of the quartar of Drake and forte schylling fysching of the vatter of Ness occupet be wmosquhil Matho Paterson quha decesit without aris male lachfulle gottin of his bode; and thair comperit Jams Paterson and gef in ane petition to the prouest balyes and counsell that of thair gudnes tha wald have respect to hym, and gyf tha thocht hym word of the forsaid quartar Drake and xls. fysching that tha wald dispone it to hym and accep hym as tennent and to do thairfor at oder wald. The prouest balyes and counsell hawand respect to the premissis and for the gud services done be the forsaid Jams to the towneschip and to be done, hes grantit and gyfin to hym the forsaid quartar Drake and forte schylling fysching for all the days of his lyf and to the are male to be gottin of his bode allanerle, and to haue his assedation mad thairwpon in dew forme and sall pay instantle for his entres twenty pundis vsuall none of this realme.

Johne Nilson being callit befor the counsell and comperit, beand examinit gyf he wald byd be the billis gyffin in be hym contrar the prouest and oderis contenit in his bills, viz., ane byll desyrand the hale fremen
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to haue vottis in all affaris, and speciall in election of fremen, disposition of takis, and quhat the counsell did by their aduice suld nocht be of na adwayll, conforme to the byll and nams thairin contenit subscruit be Schir Patryk Anderson the xxvij day of Aprile; ane oder bill desyrand our infeftment to be cuttit in the bak, and Jams Duff to want the half stell and to be callit for the proffit thairof bygane; ane oder byll desyrand the myllis to be ropit ewyrre yeir yerle, and the tennentis presentele to pay the byrunyn proffit; ane byll gyfin in be hym in Thom Robertson name allegiand and calland the prouest ane oppressor, wrangus and ingnorant; ane oder byll desyr compt of the taxation of William Cuming; And the counsell hes causit inquir the rest and examinit tham on the premisss, quhar ewyr ilk ane of tham quha subscruit the first byll aluttyrle refusit and said opynle tha knew neyvr of ane of the rest of the byllis, and gyf he falyeit to produce tham in thair name by thair command to be punist thairfor as accordit, and the counsell ordanis officaris to warne Johne Nilson to the xxv day of Junij.

Andro McFayll for hym self and Thom Wrecht as indwellaris within the bruch of Inernenes and hereditable possessoris of tway rud of land, beand baron burgessis land in Damsdell betuix the landis of Johne Morison to the south and Gillecrist McGlassoun to the north, allegit and sayd that be resson of the liberte of thair land tha aucht to be stallyngier fre and to pay na stallyngier siluer, quhilkis of resson aut to brew and sell ayll in the saidis landis stallynger fre. The quhilkis the provest and balyes forsaid herand the said allegations causit close ane inquest of the best and maist honnest nychtbouris quha best knew the verette. The Inquest forsaid hes fundyn that Andro McFayll and Thom Wrecht tham selfis or the heretouris of the saidis landis to be ay stallynger fre be resson the said land is barron burgessis land, bot it sall nocht be lesum to onne tennent to be stallynger fre quhilk sall dwell in that landis, nor it sall nocht be lesum to tham that beyis tennentis to brew without licence of the towneschyp, viz., provest balyes and counsell.

Johne Nilson oft tyms callit and nocht comperit as he that wes warnit be the burrow officaris to comper this day at the provest instance onder the pane of inobedience, and in falt of comperance is jugit in admerciament and inobedience and dome gyffin for his inobedience.

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1562  Jaspar Waus,¹ fewe heritour of the landis of Dayrbocht, desyrit
11 July  Andro Dampster, Robart Reid, James Gollan, Johne Bane, James
Baittis, occupearis of ane pairt of the landis of Dayrbocht, desyrit thame
to answr and obey him and to mak him pament of thair fermis as he
that is fewe heritour of the landis of Doirbocht as thai that ar occupearis
thairof. The foirsaidis personis comperand for thame selfis allegit to
haue had the samyn of Schir Andro Cuthbert. The jugis seand thame
produce nane wther tytle bot allegeand thai haue it of Schir Andro
Cuthbert, decernit thame to answr the said Jasper Waus and obey him
as fewe heritour.

Johne Grant comperit in jugement and humlie menit to the prowest
baillies and counsall of the ignorance being in him and in fault of remem-
brance that he knew nocht sic statuts was maid as he hes contravenit in
tymes bygane, lyke as the processis lad upon him proportis in our burrow
bukis, beseikand the prowest baillies and cunsall for the luff of God to
accept him in brodrelie luff and to remit him the offenssis bygane done
be him in contravenyng the statuts of this brogh, promittand faythfullie
in tymes cuming to be ane obedient trew nychtbour and obey to all
statuts maid and to be maid in tyme cuming for the weill of this burgh.
The prowest baillies and cunsall haueand consideratioun and respect to the
premissis hes alluterlie remittit and dischargit the said Johne Grant of all
processis and offenssis done bygane in contravenyng of our statuts upon
his gude being and haiffing in tyme cuming, and acceptis him to brother-
lie luff agane and admittis him to his libertie quhilk he possedit of befoir,
and that be resoun of his greit repentance, under protestatioun that gif
he beis fundin contravenyng the statuts in tyme cuming that he sall
remane in the prowest baillies and cunsallis will.

14 July  Johne Ross burges of Invernes and Margret Waus his spous hes
constitut Johne Annand burges of Elgyne thair procurator towart the
productioun of ane edict rasit be Margret Waus, executrix to wmquhill
James Cuthbert, and Johne Ross hyr spous for his intres, to heir and se
compt giffin and maid of the saidis James Cuthbertis legasie and testa-
ment, and the saidis Margret and Johne for his intres to be exonorit and
dischargit of thair office of executorie, et promiserunt de rato et grato.
Alexander Cuthbert, sone and ayr to wmquhill James Cuthbert, hes
constitut Schir James Buchert his procurator towart the impungyne and

¹ Provost Jasper Waus, then sitting in judgment.

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aganesayng of the saidis compt to be maid be the said Margret Waus and Johne Ross, et promisit de rato et grato.

[Various creditors appear and state claims.]

Schir James Buchert procurator for Alexander Cuthbert protestis contrar jugis scribis and membris of curt. Johne Annand requerit act of curt quhar he desyrit of Schir James Buchert procurator foirsaid the prowest to be repellit be resson he and Margret Waus was breedyr and syster. It is fundin be interloquoutour that the prowest and baillies ar jugis competent be resson the prowest and baillies ar commonlie electit be the cunsall and communitie, thairfor he is juge competent, and the said Alexander Cuthbert is ane of the burgessis quha was at the chesing of the prowest and baillies.

Schir James Buchert procurator foirsaid allegit that Alexander Paterson was juge incompetent in this accompl and thairfor suspect, becaus he and Margret Waus ar attingent in thred and ferd degres of consanguinitie as eftyr followis; Johne Paterson begatt Johne Paterson, and Johne Paterson begatt Alexander Paterson on the tane syde, Fargus Paterson brother of Johne Paterson eldar begatt Schir Thomas Paterson person of Affin, Schir Thomas begatt Agnes Paterson, and Agnes Paterson bayr Margret Waus on the tother syde; and in lyke maner acceptis contrar William Cuming scribe of curt that he is suspect, because he and Margret Waus ar feyrdis of consanguinitie be resson Johne Paterson brother to Fargus begatt Thomas Paterson, quha begatt Magie Paterson, quha bayr William Cuming on the tane syde, Fargus Paterson begatt Schir Thomas Paterson, Schir Thomas begatt Agnes Paterson, quha bayr Margret Waus; and the said William Cuming said he mycht sit in respect of the reknyng because the samyn is nocht of veritie; quharfor Schir James Buchert protestit for nullitie of proces and rameid of law.

Johne Annand, procurator for Margret Waus and Johne Ross for his intres, producit in jugement the testament and inwytour of wmqhill James Cuthbert burges of Innernes, maid be him self at Innernes the xxxx day of August the yeir of God jm ve and xlvij yeiris, under the signe and subscripituon of Schir Andro Brebnar notar publict and subscripituon of Schir William Baldoun pentionar of Innernes, and confermit be ane reuerent fadyr in God Patrik Bischop of Murray vnder the subscripituon of Mr. William Wyisman notar publict and commissioner in that cace, daittit at Spyne the xiiiij day of Marche the yeir of God jm ve and xlvij

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All and sindrie haueand intres to James Cuthbertis gudis and geyr or pretendand to have intres thairto beand summonit be ane edict to compere this day befoir the provest or baillies of Innernes or ony ane of thame to heir and se Margret Waus executrix and intromissatrix wyth the gudis and geyr of the said James be dischargit and exhonorit of thair intromissiou of the saidis gudis or to allege ane ressonabill caus quhy, lyke as the said adict mair fullelie proportis, quhilkis beand red in jugement comperit Schir James Buchert procurator for Alexander Cuthbert son and ayr to the said James and allegit thair was diuurse gudis and jowlis pertenyng to his said fadyr in tyme of his deceis wyth the quhilkis the saidis Margret Waus intromettit wyth and is omittit onput in to the saidis James testament yit in the compt product thair-upon, viz. vxx kye awand to the said James in the tyme of his deceis wyth the quhilkis the said Margret intromettit wyth comm furth of Clanchennycht, fyve hundracht pundis in gold quhilk the said Margaret Waus deliuerit in keiping to Schir Johne Waus pertenyng to the said James the tyme of his deceis, quhilk gold foirsaid Martyne Waus executour to the said wmquhill Schir Johne Waus deliuerit to the said Margret agane; Itam leddyr wortht thre hundreth pundis onput in testament, ane thousand markis sylwar vncunyeit monie of this realme, ane boite price xl merkis, x oxin in Drakye in the tyme of his faderis deceis onput in testament, xij oxin in Lytill Drakie by thame that was put in testament, xx kye in Lytill Drake mair nor is put in the testament, tuay hundreth scheip in Eistyr Drake, xij kye in Lytill Drakie, tuay hundreth scheip in Lytill Drakye, tuay chaldyr beyr sawin in Eistyr Drakye, viijxx bollis attis sawin in Eistyr Drake, ane chaldyr beyr sawin in Lytill Drake, fyv scoir bollis aittis sawin in Lytill Drakie, threscoir bollis beyr sawin in Innernes, tuay hundreth scheip in Innernes, thriescoyr pewtyr plaititis in Innernes, xvj horses in Innernes, xij pewtyr dischis, quhilkis gudis ar nocht put in testament, and for this ressonis foirsaidis the said Margrettis comptis aucht nocht to be takin nor rassait nor scho to be dischargit of hyr intromissiou of the saidis James gudis vnto the tyme the foirsaidis
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gudis respective be put to hyr charge be resson of hyr intromissioun wyth the samyn.

Andro McFaill alias Brebnar notar publict is requirit in jugement to produce his prothogoll towarth the saizing giffing to George Cuthbert be resignatioun maid in the handis of Johne McGilleweye baillie be William Cuthbert of ane rude of land lyand in the eist gett betuix the landis of Alexander Paterson to the eist and George Cuthbertis landis to the west, quhilk prothogoll the said Andro McFaill hes producit in jugement and apprewis the saizing giffin as said is of the dait of the said saising xxiiiij Augusti anno lx, and the said Andro decernit to gif and delywer his instrument thairvpon, takand his just solarie.

Johne Ross spous to Margret Waus and the said Margret hes constitut Schir Johne Nycolson thair procuratour for makking of hyr compt and exoneratioun of comptis as executours to wмелhill James Cuthbert, et promiserunt de rato et grato.

Schir Johne Nycolson procurator foirsaid hes producit the comptis of Mergret Waus executrix to James Cuthbert and Johne Ross for his intres, and for probatioun of the contentis of the sowmes of monie gudis and geyr left in legasie and of the rest of the exoneratioun of the deidis pairt hes producit certane acquittances under specifytt.

[Various discharges produced.]

Schir James Buchert procurator for Alexander Cuthbert hes protestit in name of the said Alexander as partinar and pairt takar of his faderis thred and legasie for tuay lastis salmond in the fattis the tyme of his faderis deceis, price ane hundreth pundis, ane hundreth bollis greit salt, price tuay hundreth merkis, in irne extending to xl pundis, xl bollis victuall in his faderis house the tyme of his deceise, ane hundreth bollis victuall sauld to Mertemes the yeir of his faderis deceise price of ilk boll victuall xxx., in the merchant byuth the tyme of his deceise in merchandice extendant to ane thousand pundis, twentye stonis blew woll, ten stonis quheit woll, ane ring of gold price fyff pundis, ane hundreth bollis victuall coft be his said fadyr alytill befoire his deceise, sewin pundis monie awand be Thomas Waus vpon ane sylwar pece put in wed, thrie greit pakkis of leddyr deliuerit to Gilbert Hay furcht of the kirk yeard price thrie hundreth pundis, ten pece of eakin cuppillis wyth rawillis cabyrрис to big ane leaycht hall ilk tree xxiiiij fuit in lentht price x lib, Itam sax chaldar of lyme in his cloise price of ilk scoir v lib, ane hunder
pece hewin wark price of ilk pece xijd., Itam tuay kye, ane reid kow, and ane lyart kow left be Schir Andro Cuthbert to the said Alexander wyth the proffeittis thairoff be the space of xvj yeiris, Itam xx pundis of monie left be the said Schir Andro to be wairrit on merchandice to the vtitie and proffeit of the said Alexander, Itam xxv lib left be the said Schir Andro to put in ane aker land to the vtitie and proffeit of James Cuthbertis airis payand yeirlie thairfor to the chaplains of Innernes yeirlie xs. anwell, Itam in syrryn tymmer, viz., burd, cabyr, rawill, beand in James Cuthbertis cloise worthx xl lib, wyth the quhilkis gudis and geyr aboue wreittin Mergrret Waus the spouse of James Cuthbert intromettit wyth and thairvpon disponit, of the quhilkis gudis and geyr foirsaid pertenand to the saidis James Cuthbert the tyme of his deceise and now in respect of his legasie aucht to pertene to the said Alexander as ane partenar haueand ane bernis portioner thairoff wyth the laif of the said James bernis as his legasie proportis at lentht, quhilkis gudis and geyr above expremit ar omittit onput in the said James legasie, and thairfor or the said Mergrretis compt be hard or scho dischagirt thairoff of hyr office of executorie scho sulde be onerit and chargit or hyr compt be hard.

Schir James Buchert, procurator for Agnes Gollan the spouse of Johne Cuthbert for hyr intres and in name and behalf of hyr said husband now beand [furth] of the realme at his lefull bessines, hes protestit for hyr said husband bernis portioun of geyr pertenyng to him be the deceis of wmquhill James Cuthbert his fadyr, and for Thomas Cuthbert and Elspett Cuthbertis portioun of geyiris pertenyng to him as narrest and lauchful ayr to thame and for thair portioun of thair fadris thred left to thame as thair faderis legasie proportis.

[Pleadings follow.]

The jugis be interloquotor pronunciis to ressaue the comptis of Mergrret Waus and Johne Ross for his intres bayth charge and discharge conforme to the solemnit testament of wmquhill James Cuthbert, reserwand actioun of Alexander Cuthbert and Agnes Gollan spouse to Johne Cuthbert for hyr intres and for Thomas and Elspett Cuthbert to perschew for thair ressonabill and ressonis and juris upon the gudis, geyr, gold, sylwer, and generall all wther thingis extra testamentum quhat thai maye preiff, and hes ordanit the copies of testament and compt to be giffin to Alexander and Agnes.
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Itam viij vaccas, pretium petij xxxxs. Summa xij lib.

Itam duos vitulos, pretium x lib. xij lib.

Itam in auenis seminatis xl bollis ad estimationem tertij grani vijxx bollis, pretium bolle vs. Summa xxx lib.

Itam in ordio seminato tres bollas pretium bolle xs. ad estimationem tertij grani ix bollis. Summa iiiij lib x s.

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Itam Maistyr Johne Fraysser

Itam Thomas Dingwell of Kildron xiiij barrellis salmond,

pretium barelli ls. Summa xxxij lib x s.

Itam Gillecallum McInteyr and William McFarquhar four lib.

Itam Wat Innes xiiij lib ix s. viij d.

Itam Alexander Paterson iij barrellis salmond, price viij lib x s.

Itam Nycoll Kar iiii barrellis salmond, price x lib.

Itam Johne McGillevye ane barrell salmond, price l s.

Itam Johne Grant xxvj lib. Summa debitorum sibi debentium viij c iiij xxvij lib xvij s. viij d.

Debita que debentur aliis sequuntur.

Itam in primis filio Wilhelmi Ard iij lib xvij s.

Itam Domino Dauidi Cuthbert vj barrellis lye salmond cum dimedio, pretium barrellis ls. Summa xvij lib v s.

Itam Dicto Domino Dauidi pro Donaldo Owyr lvj s. viij d.

Itam pro fermis terrarum suasum pro spatio trium annorum xxiiij lib.

Itam pro uno pallio xxx s.

Itam Jonete Gordoun de Dunnachtane xxx lib.

Itam Alexandre Baillie xj lib.

Itam Domino Joanni Waus xlvij lib vj s.

Itam Joanne McKennycht ix lib ix s. iij d.

Itam Kennico McKeinzie iij lib ix s. iij d.

Itam Henrico Kar iij lib.

Itam Margrete Paterson xlv s.

Itam Duncano Bane l s.

Itam Wilhelmo Waycht viij lib.

Summa debitorum que debentur aliis viijxx vij lib vij s. iij d.

Summa omnium bonorum debitis extractis ixc ij lib x s. iij d.

Diuisio erit in tribus partibus, pars defuncti iijc xvij lib iij s. et v d.

In Dei nomine Amen, ego supradictus Jacobus mea spontanea voluntate et sano corpore et mente lego animam meam Deo Patri Omnipotenti, &c., Itam lego matrj mee xij lib, Itam filie mee Agnete xx lib, Itam Andree fratri meo v lib et duas lye dacræs dry hydis, Itam sorori mee vxori Donaldi McGleschen vj mercas, Itam lego capilanis de Innernes pro celebratione obiti imperpetuum ad orandum pro anima Domini Andree
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Cuthbert xxv lib, Itam dictis capilanis ad celebrandum qualibet sexta 1562 ferea per spatium vnius anni pro anima mea x lib, Itam quatuor pauperibus sacerdotibus ad celebrandum pro anima mea iiiij lib, Itam lego x lib pauperibus, Itam lego meum filium Joannem Cuthbert fratri meo Domino Dauidi Cuthbert, Itam lego cetera bona mea non disposita tam extra inuentarium quam in inuentario spouse mee Margrete et prolibus meis cum ipsa genitis, Itam lego meos executores Dominum Dauid Cuthbert et Margretam Waus meam spousam, Itam lego Joannem Cuthbert veteris castri eorum curitorem citerum est vt dictos executores disponat pro anima mea vt velit respondere coram summo judice.

Ita est Dominus Andreas Textor notarius publicus ad premissos vocatus pariter et requisitus Textor proprio chyrographo. Ita est Dominus Wilhelmus Baldon pentionarius de Innernes manu propria.

Nos Patricius miseratione Dioina Moraviensis Episcopus hoc presens testamentum et bonorum inuentarium in quantum rite et legitime factum est quoad bona in eodem inuentario contenta et extra idem neelegigenter omissa et neglecta authoritate nostra ordinaria ratificamus approbamus et per presentes confirmamus dispositionemque bonorum hujusmodi ipsis executoribus in prefato inuentario contentis committimus per presentes pruvisoque quod super fidelis administracione et bonorum hujusmodi dispositione computum reddatur prout de jure, In cujus rei testimonium signetum nostrum presentibus est affixum apud palatium nostrum de Spynie xiiij die mensis Martij anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragessimo septimo et nostro consecrationis anno decimo.

M. W. Wyisman nos ac commissarius in premissis ad hoc manu propria.

The comptis of the gudis and geyr contenit in the testament of wmquhill James Cuthbert burges of Innernes pertenyng to him exhibeit producit and giffin in jugement befoir Alexander Paterson and Johne McGillewyre baillies of the burgh of Innernes within the tolbyuth of the samyn the xiiij day of Julij the yeir of God jn. ve saxtie tuay yeiris be Mergret Waus and Johne Ross hyr spous for his intres, and desyris to be exhonorit and dischargit of thair haill intromissioun of the gudis and geyr dettis and legasies contenit in to the said testament and of the saidis Mergrettis office of executrix as the said publict edict directit.
1562 thairvpon and dewlie execut and indorsat proportis, quhilk the said
30 July Mergret and Johne Ross for his intres chargis tham as after followis:—

Queratio: Item in primis the said Mergret and Johne Ross for his
intres chargis tham wyth the sowme of nyne hundredth fyftie ane pundis
ten schillingis contenit in to the said wmquhill James testament as price
and awaill of the haill gudis and geyr contenit in the said testament, the
samyn be the law constitut and practyk of this realme suld be dewydit in
thrie partis, that is to say ane pairt to the said Mergret, ane wther pairt
to the said James and Mergetto bernis, and thred part to the deid, and
be rycht calculatioun extendis to the deidis pairt allanerlie thrie hundreth
xvij lib iij s. v d.

The exoneratioun of the deidis pairt and of all the gudis and
geyr contenit in the said testament.

Item in primis the comptaris exoneris and dischargis thaim of the
just awaill of the airdome gudis pertenyng to the said wmquhill James
rassauit be Alexander Cuthbert his ayr quhilkis contenit in the said
testimonial and sowmit in the foirsaid principal sowme, of the quhilkis
poynttis of airdome and prices foirsaidis contenit in the testament
extendis of the haill airdome gudis to fourtie fyve pundis xj s. vj d.

Summa . . . . . . . . . . xlv lib xj s. vj d.

Item the comptaris dischargis thame of the sowmis following pait
to the personis vnder specifiit eftir the command of the said wmquhill
James legasie, that is to say for the coit and confirmatioun and funerall
of the said James.

In primis for the compositioun of the coit of the said James
testament . . . . . . . . . x lib.
And to the scribe . . . . . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Itam to the said James dochtyr callit Agnes be his legasie . . xx lib.
Itam to Andro Dempster the saidis James brother be his legasie . . v lib.
and for tuay daker hydis . . . . . viij lib.
Itam to Ellyne Don the saidis James syster be his legasie . . xij lib.
Item to the preistis of Innernes to pray for him . . . . xxv lib.
Itam to the said chaplanis for ane mess yeirlie . . . . x lib.
Itam to four puyr preistis . . . . . . . . . iijj lib.
Itam to the puyr folkis for praing for the saidis James . . . . x lib.
conforme to his legasie

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Itam in expensis maid on the said James bureing to preistis freiouris 1562 
clerkis vatis and wther funerall expensis in beyring of his feytour wyth 
saull mess and dirigie extendis to . . . . . xx lib.

Summa of thir expensis maid and deliuerit efter the tennour of 
the said James legasie and funerall expensis extendis 
to . . . . . je xxxiiiij lib vj s. viij d.

Item the saidis comptaris dischargis thame wyth the sowme of thrie 
scoir thrie pundis ixs. ixd. giffin and put vp in the said testament restand as 
dett awand to the said James, quhilkis the executouris can gett na pament 
thatroff be ressoun pairt is deid and had no geyr pondeabill, and pairt is 
unknawin quhat thai ar or quhar thai dwell, and wtheris wer perschewit 
befoir the commisser and hes recoverit na pament be the law, of the 
quhilkis pairt of thame was geffin to thair ayth quha deponit na thing 
awand, wtheris beand callit and no thing recoverit be the law, of the 
quhilkis sowme abouve specifyt the said executour be the law suld be 
absolut simpliciter as eftir followis—
Gillecallum Murdocht McKenzie his foster brother is awand . xxiiij s.
Thomas McDonald McConquhie McFynla . . . iij s. ix d.
William McInnis Boy . . . . . v s.
John Dow in Contan . . . . . xix s.
Donald Moir Owyr . . . . . v s.
John Gar McDonald McOley . . . . . iiiij lib.
The smyth of Brayacht . . . . . viij s.
Allister Dow in Abertarff . . . . . iij lib vj s. viij d.

The quhilkis personis abouve expremit the said comptaris hes wsit 
thair exact diligence to haue gottin knavlage in quhat cuntreis thir 
personis dwell in or quhat thai ar of veritie, can gett no vnderstanding 
quhar sic men ar.

Heir followis the names of the puyr,—
Duncane Dow McConyll McThomas . . . . . xvij lib.
Andro McInneanittar . . . . . xx s.
Fynla McGillandreis son . . . . . v s.
Schir Andro Bayne . . . . . xx s.
Paydene Wllycht . . . . . x s.

Heir followis the names of thame that we have perschewit and culd 
nocht preiff the dett,—
Itam Beane Clerk . . . . . xxxiiij s iiiij d.
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**1562** Alexander Dow McFarquhar ................................................................. xx s.
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Maistyr Johne Fraysser ................................................................. xx s.
Johne McIlleweye ane barrell salmond ......................................................... 1 s.
Schir James Duff ane fatt price ................................................................. xiiiij s.

Qhillis sowme of the dettis foirsaid extendis to iij\(5x\) iij lib ix s. ix d.

Summa thrie scoir thrie pund nyne schillingis nyne pennies, off the
qhillis sowme the comptaris foirsaid aucht to be dischargit be
ressoun thai perschewit the saidis personis be justice and opetenit na
pament.

**Item** the comptaris dischargis thame wyth v lib iij s. giffin to wmquhill
Johne Sadsarff as dett awand be the said James to him for paying of ane
eucharist and the kaiss thairof, of the qhillis the tane half aucht to be
allocat to the comptaris, qhillis extendis to ................................................... iij s. vj d.

**Item** to Gilbert Hay for dett awand be the said James iij lib ix s. vj d.

thairof to be defalkit to the comptaris ..................................................... xxxiiij s. iij d.

**Item** to Agnes Uykconyll be legasie .............................................................. xl s.

Summa hujus particule ................................................................. vj lib vj s. x d.

**Item** the comptaris allegis that in the monethis of Februar Merche and
Aprile immediatlie eftir the deceise of the said James Cuthbert thair
deit xix oxin in the towne of Eistyr Drakie qhillis war undewydit and
pertenand to the saidis Mergrrettis bernis and deid, the pricis of the said
xix oxin extendis to xxxviiij lib, of the qhillis sowme extendis to the
deidis pairt to xij lib xiijs. iiijd., of the qhillik the said comptaris aucht
to be dischargit be resson thai gudis deit nocht in thair default.

Summa ................................................................. xij lib xiiij s. iiiij d.

**Item** the saidis comptaris allegis ix young kye and oxin, price of the
pece ij merkis, qhillis deit in the said towne as said is, of the qhillkis
the deidis pairt extendis to iiiij lib, qhillik aucht to be dischargit to the
said comptaris be the resson foirsaid.

Summa ................................................................. iiiij lib.

**Item** in lyke maner thair deit vij kye in the said towne, price x lib x s.
The deidis thred extendis to iiiij lib xs., qhillik suld be defaulkit to the
comptaris be resson foirsaid.

Summa ................................................................. iiiij lib x s.
Itam deliuerit to the collectouris of the queyr of Innernes for ane obeit yeirlie be the space of xij yeiris, vj lib. 1562

Summa . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . vj lib.
The first day of September in the yeir of God j\textsuperscript{m} v\textsuperscript{c} and fourtie sewin yeiris to the feist of Mertemes immediatlie thaireftir spendit and pait to serwandis feis the sowmes underwreittin, that is to say, the expenssis maid vpon Alexander Cuthbert, Johne Cuthbert, Janat Cuthbert and Thom Cuthbert wyth Willeam Gald, Thomas McGillemechell, serwand men in the house for the tyme, Agnes Skynner and Morreacht Neyn Brande, serwand wemen in the house for the tyme, and Ibbe Neyn Inerryr and William Ardis dochtyyr, noreiss in the house for the tyme, Itam dilliuerit to William Gald in his fee at the said Mertemes xvjs., and to Thomas McGillemechell for his fee viijs., and to Agnes Skynner viijs., to the said Morreacht Neyn Brande viijs., and to Neyn Inerryr xs., with ane kuye kyrtsill to William Ardis dochtyyr price xls. and to hyr fee xs., and ane noreiss that fostrit Jannat Cuthbert callit Donald Dow his wyiff in Ballebraid xls., for ane kuye kyrtsill xvjs. viijd., for ane curche and ane pair sewis price iijs., in expensis maid vpon thame in the house during the said tyme in meill, malt, fysche and flesche, wyth the expensis maid vpon wynnyng of the cornis in harwyst wyth the serwandis expensis maid vpon thaim in the house, extendis to the sowme of four scoyr pundis, of the quhilkis the jugis allowis xl pundis.

Summa . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . xl lib.
Item in expensis maid on Alexander Cuthbert fra September in the yeir of God j\textsuperscript{m} v\textsuperscript{c} and xlviij yeiris to September in the yeir of God j\textsuperscript{m} v\textsuperscript{c} and fyftie sewin yeiris extendan to x yeiris yeirlie in meit and clayth be the said space to xx lib yeirlie, extendan in the haille to tuay hundreth pundis. Referris actioun to the said Mergret and Johne Ross for his intres to perschew the saidis Alexander Cuthbert for the foirsaid sowme.

Summa hujus . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ijc lib.
Itam giffin for the Pasche and Lammas termis in anno xlviij of the crope of xlviij of the teynd sylwer of Eisty Drakie and Westyr Drakie to Thomas Flemyng iiiij lib, and Lammas terme in the yeir of God j\textsuperscript{m} v\textsuperscript{c} and xlviij yeiris and of the crope of xlv, xls.

Itam pait for tuay yeiris malis of Eisty Drakie, the half of Westyr Drakie, auchtane pairt of the Barne Hillis and fourtie schillingis of the watter maill of the yeir of God j\textsuperscript{m} v\textsuperscript{c} and fourtie sax and xlviij, xx merkis.
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The prowest baillies counsell convenit within the tolbuith of Inverness for ordour tacking in sic effaris as concernit theiri command weill and statutis of theiri burgh and for directing to the chekkar, and siclyke to consult and condiscend quhat suld be the stipend suld be giffin to the Maistyr of scule and quharof the samyn moycht be had, and heirto the counsell thocht expedient to intak to thame certane wtheris nychtbouris to consult vpon the saidis heidis and ordanit the officiaris to warne the nychtbouris to conweyne eftyr nowne within the tolbuith.

Convenit within the tolbuith of Inverness Waus prowest of the said burgh, Johne Ross, Alexander Paterson and Johne McGillewye, baillies, wyth the command counsell thairof, viz., Thomas Flemyn, Petyr Wyncestre, James Paterson, Nycoll Kar, Thom Gollan, Thomas Waus younger, Martyne Waus, Thom Cuthbert and William Cuming, wyth the rest of the nychtbouris following, Alexander Baille, Johne Robertson, James Duff, Johne Grant, Hendre Kar, for ansuer gewing to Maister Thomas Hewesone, maister of the grammar scule of Invernes, of his bill menand the yeiris termis he was conduct to was out runyn at Alhal-lowmes nixt, desyrand to haue the knawlage of the towneship gif thai war directit to hald him any forther and to kaw quhat suld be his stipend. The saidis prowest balles cunsall and nychtbouris foirsaidis hes condiscendit and conductit wyth the said Maister Thomas for the space of one yeir to be scule maister and frequent and resort thairof, sall pay to him the sowme of fyftie merkis, and the nychtbouris dischargit of the dayis meit thai wont to gif him of befoir, quhilkis fyftie merkis salbe pait to the said Maister Thomas quarterlie, viz., the sowme of viij lib vjs. viijd., and this to induyr for the space of one yeir, and for pament making heirof the prowest bailles cunsall and nychtbouris foirsaid hes statut and ordanit and fynallie condiscendit in ane voce that all the nychtbouris haiffand ony tacks within this burgh for pament making of the foirsaid sowme quhar thai wsit to gif thair dayis meit about, that euerilk ane of thame sall pay for the said dayis meit xjs. jd. in the yeir to be pait quarterlie, and also ordanis the sowme of fyve pundis to be pait of our command gude as it wont to be to pay the foirsaidis sowme togyther with the stallinger sylwer quhilkis is to be collectit fra the vnfre
brousteris togyther wyth the stent quhilk wont to be vpliftit of anne
taxtman efferand to thair maling, quhilkis taxt roll followis, quhilk suld
be pait quarterlie, viz., George Cuthbert son viijs. ixd., Jasper Waus xjs.
xd., Johne Ross iiijs. vijd., Alexander Baille vjs. iiijd., Alexander Cuth-
bert viijs. iiijd., Fynle Paterson vjs. iiijd., James Duff vjs. iiijd.,
Alexander Paterson ijs. vjd., James Paterson ijs. iiijd., Thomas Waus
younger iiijs. iiijd., Martyne Waus iijs. xjd., Johne McGillewye vs.,
Johne Neilson ijs. jd., Thom Gollau ijs. jd., Jasper Dampster ijs. xjd.,
Johne Robertson iiijs. vd., Thom Cuthbert ijs. vjd., Thom Waus eldar ijs.
vjd., Nycol Kar ijs. vjd., Hendre Kar elder xd., Thomas Flemying xd.,
William Cumming xijd., Fynla Donaldson xd., Johne Grant vd. Summa
of this roll iii lib xvs. viijd., quhilk sowme to be vpliftit quarterlie
togyther with the sowmes foirsaidis, and the collectour thairof to mak
compt of the superpluss to the prowest baillies and cunsall quharthrow
thai may dispone on the superplus to the vtilitie and proffiet of the
command veill of this burgh, and quhar the said collectour gettis nocht
thankfull pament that he tak officiaris wyth him and poynd thairfor.

Johne Ross, prowest of the burgh of Innernes, gaif in to the cunsall
and communitie in judgedement certane arteclis concernyng the commoun
veill of this burgh desyrand the cunsall and communitie to considder the
samyn, and the quhilk war to be admittit the saidis cunsall and com-
mutie to be astrictit and obleist for outsetting and mantenyng of the
samyn and ane speciall act to be maid thairvpon. Thyr ar the articulis
quhilkis followis.

In primis, to the glorie of God, desyris that thair be eldaris and
deaconis choisin to oursie and cause puneiss the faultis contrar the law of
God, sic as fornication, adultrie, drunkardis, bakbyttaris, commoun skland-
eraris, and all wther sic wycis as contrar the command of God, and that the
almes may be collectit be the deaconis and distribute efter thair conscience
to the natyve puyeris of this burgh quha may nocht conquess thair
lewying wtherwais; Secundlie, desyris dewe obedience and manteinance
of the haill towneshiph, viz., counsall and communitie, for furthsetting
mantenyng and defending of the commoun weill actis statutis and
ordinatis maid for defence thairoff be put to executioun be the fayth of
the cunsall, and the cunsall and communitie to be actit thairto; Thredlie,
that quhar inobedience sall happin to be done be ony of the inhabitantis
of this burgh, in speciall to the prowest or baillies, that schortlie thaireftir
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The baillies, viz., James Paterson, Johne McGillewye and Nycol Kar, baillies foirsaid, Thomas Flemynge, Alexander Paterson, Martyne Waus, Thom Waus younger, Jasper Dampster, Alexander Cuthbert, Thom Cuthbert, Thom Gollan, William Cuming, for the pairt of the cunsall present for the tyme, wyth thir personis underwreittin, viz., Johne Robartson, Johne Grant, James Duff, Fynla Donaldson, Gilbert Gollan, Patrik Skyner, Thom Waus eldar, Alexander Paterson son to Alexander Paterson, Andro Sutherland, James Kar, Johne Merschell, William Buddyth, William Donaldson, Johne Bur, Petyr Waus, Thom Christeslon, Hendre Kar eldar, Hendre Kar younger, all wyth ane voce hes condiscendit and grantit ratefit and apprevit and assentis and consentis to the maintenance fortification of the hail arteclis foirsaid, and for fulfilling of the samyn presentlie sall elect the eldaris deaconis and maisters of wark for outsetting of ane pairt of the said arteclis.

21 Oct. Johne Ross, William Cuming, James Paterson, and James Duff ar electit and chosin eldaris for the space of ane yeir; Martyne Waus, Thom Waus younger, Jasper Dampster, and William Cuthbert ar electit
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deaconis for ane yeir, and the foirsaidis personis acceptit the said office on thai as thai will answer before God. Martyne Waus is electit and chosin maister of wark to the brig. Thomas Flemyn was electit maister of wark to the kirk, wha acceptit the samyn on him, and at his request for acceptation of the samyn hes grantit to him and licent Johne Abraham to wse the office of brewing for ane yeir.

Thomas Waus younger is cumin actit souertie in our burrow bukis to the prowest baillies and cunsall that his syster Mareoun Waus sall be responsall and vaillzeant to pay creditouris still xx lib in gudis and geyr and that for the fulfilling of the act quhar na vnfre brouster suld brew nor wse brewing accept thai that war worthit xx lib in gudis and geyr.

The prowest baillies and cunsall hes electit to the nummer of twentye ane personnis to be vnfre broustaris betuix the barroun burges and thame quhat ar haldin best maist honest famous and auere ane wortht be yeir the sowme of xx lib, and all the haiil the rest alluterlie discharget.

Johne Bur confessit in jugement that the tyme his wyiff intromettit wyth Schir Johne Alwes chalmer in Bolleskin thair was in the said chalmer ij kistis, ij plaitts, ij coppis, ane meddyr contenand ane quart wyth the lyd, ane twn of vij quartis, ane bullax, ane drinking horne, tuay gray gabartis, ane baskard, ane half laid of fyr, certane drye tymmer, certane bukis, upon the quhilkis confessioun of the saidis Johne Bur his wyiff of the geyr foirsaid beand in the said chalmer the jugis ordanit the samyn to be deluerit to the said Schir Johnc.

Thom Stuart is followit that wranguslie and aganis the law he rebuittit Johne McGillewye ane of the baillies of the burgh1 and gaif him inioeurous wordis for reconsoling of him and bidding of him to mak na onsatt nor cummerse within the burgh lykeas he was purpos to do cummand bodin in feyr of weyr to mak onsett on Johne Fraysser brother to Alexander Fraysser of Mulloquhye, and alluterlie disprisit the said baillie opynlie in the Hie Gett, desyrand rameid of law. The Syis hes fundir. Thom Stuart in the wrang and the haiil brocht awail, and the saidis Thom is adjudgit in admerciament and dome giffin thairvpon.

Ane brocht strakin on Thom Stuart that wranguslie and aganis the law he rebuittit Nycol Kar beand baillie sitand in fensit curt proucand

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the said baillie and dispittand him sayand to him, "Be thi hand tho you be ane baillie I will nocht anser the," and trublit the curt. The assisefoirsaid hes fundin the said Thom Stuart in the wrang and is jugit in admerciament and dome giffin thairupon, pronunci be the moutht of Thom Flemyng chancellor of the assise.

Ane brocht strakyn on the said Thom Stuart that wranguslie and aganis the law he trublit the town and continuall mowis querellis contrar the nychtbouris and towneship, and said in oppin jugement that the baillies and towneship vald se the Quenis grace drownit. The said Thom is fundin in the wrang and jugit in admerciament and dome giffin thairvpon.

Alexander Paterson burgess of Innernes of his awin motyve fre will is becumin actit in our burrow bukis to refound content and pay to Johne Paterson burges of Dyndie four barrellis gude and sufficient salmond full Reid and sueit betuix the daye and dait heiroff and the feist of Mydsymmer nixt to cum in the yeir of God jm vce and saxtie thre yeiris under the pane of poynding of his redest gudis and geyr.

Johne Cuthbert Smyth comperit in jugement and dischargit him self to be ane stallanger or to brew for this yeir.

Johne Kar comperit in jugement and dischargit him self of brewing for the space of ane yeir. James Duff burges of Innernes is cum actit souertie for Donald Wrquhart for licenice of brewing to be giffin him in place of Johne Kar quha hes dischargit himself, that the said Donald salbe ane gude and obedient serwand to the town, and also that he sall nocht by nor blok ony tymmer skyn or hyde, nor sall nocht be fundand committand forstalling within this burgh.

Willie Pypar protestit contrar Paull McWilliam McElmorrye for the spulzie of ane horse of his, and sicklyke protest contrar Johne Dow McConyll Moyr for the spulzeing of ane meyr.

Comperit in jugement Thomas Buddyth as apperand ayr to his fadyr Johne Buddyth, protestit that the alienatioun maid be his umquhill fadyr be nocht prejudiciall to him, bot that he may haue time and place to perschew as law will. William Buddyth comperit in jugement that nochtwythstanding of the protestatioun maid be Thom Buddyth playnellen exposnit that quhar his umquhill fadyr had puylie and simpie annaleit the foirsaid rude of land to Johne Wilson in the Channorie of Ross, and throw the rynnyng of the malis byrunnyn annaleit the samyn to his secund
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son William Buddyth foirsaid, quha coft the said land and dewlie saisit thairin be chartyr and saisign; and also the said Joynne Buddyth for rate-feig of the auld act of burrow lawis comperit in jugement personalie present of beyfor the prowest and baillies present for the tyme as the curt buke mayr fullelie proportis, and thair causit proclame at the tolbuith stare and thair desyrit the narrest apperand to succeid to him gif that he vald cum and redeeme the said landis beyfor the alienatioun of the samyn, quha was nocht of powar as was nowterle knawin to do the premisses, and thairfor desyrit sylence to be put to all his apperand airis heireftir.

William McFarquhar in Abertarff comperit as he that fand souertie to entyr beyfor the schiref of Innernes this day to do to Lummisdaill in Baidyenocht that law wald, and quhar he comperit and na juge to do justice protestit his souertie be fred.

Catheryne Skynner Spanke his wyiff is adjugit in admerciament for the wrangus rabuitting and injurious wordis giffin to Donye Hendre and bannyng and wedling of him, prayand that he suld be drownit, is adjugit in admerciament and dome giffin thairvpon, and ordanit hyr to be put in the gowis induring the prowestis will.

James Paterson, thesaurar of the burgh of Innernes, strekis ane brocht on Hendre Kar younger, Martyne Waus, Patre Skynner, and James Gollan, that wranguslie and aganis the law thai contravenit the statutis of this burgh and ordinance thairof and alluterlie contempnait our souerane Ladies letters optenit thairvpon, quhilkis war oppynlie pracomnit at the mercate croce of Innernes publict quhartrocht thai suld pretend no ignorance, berand in effect that na persoun nor personis fre nor vnfre or ony wther quha war or suld happein to be barkaris of leddyr within our burgh or fredome thairof to tak vpon hand in ony tyme to cum to tak awaye carye or turss ony barkit leddyr furth of our said burgh to be sauld or disponit in ony sort unto the tyme the inhabitantis of our said burgh and oderis our Souerane Ladies liegis mycht be sufficientlie steakit wyth schone and buittis as accordis, vnder the pane of escheittung of the samyn that chansis to be conveyit and careit away as said is without licencie of the prowest and baillies had thairto as at mair lentht is contenit in the said act and statut and our Souerane Ladies letters optenit thairvpon; Nochttheless the said personis contempnantlie disso-biet the premissis hes careit conveyit and tane away wyth thame euerie
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an of thame four dakyr of leddyr of barkit hydis, and thairfor the valour of the saidis hydis quhilck may be provin was gottin for thame aucth and suld be escheittit and inbrocht to our Souerane Ladies wse, and thairfor to heir and se the samyn escheittit conforme to our Souerane Ladies letters for thair contemptioun. Hendre Kar younger nait his pairt of the brocht be resson the leddyr he had was presentit to the mercate croce tuay mercate dayis, quha culd gett nane to by his leddyr quhilk was in poyn of tynsall it lay so lang in the mercate and sauld it to ane merchand on the mercate day as he allegit. Martyne Waus and James Gollan ansuerand to the said brocht said it was of ignorance the offence thai dyd and nocht of wilfulnes, and thairfor thai vald mend thair fault be the sycht of the provest baillies and cunsall. Patre Skynner nait he odyr conveyit or sauld his leddyr vtoutht the bruchg, bot sauld it to ane burges of the burgh to work it within the towne, and the said Patre is maid fre be the assise. The assise hes fundin Hendre Kar younger in amerciament conforme to the brocht, and the dome continuitt to the adwyisment of the cunsall.

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Elspett Bernett is fundin be the assise that scho hes done wrang in the injurious wordis giffing to Thom Waus younger burges of Innernes and flyitting wyth him, sayand he vald hyng him self as his freyndis dyd and drowne himself as his syster dyd, and alse said scho suld haue him deid and that scho suld byrnn all his cornis albeit his cornis vald byrnn John Ross cornis and hyr self suld be brynt for it, is adiugit in amerciament and ordanit to be banneist of this burgh for ewyr as scho that was banneist of this burgh abefor for chrymes committit be hyr and dome giffin thairvpon. The provest baillies and cunsall hes ordanit ane publict proclamatioun to be maid at the mercate croce quhartrocht na inhabitant of this burgh suld pretend ignorance, publeissand and makand knawnin that Elspett Barnett is banncest of this burgh for ewyr lyke as scho was of befoir, ordanant that nane inhabitant of this burgh gif hyr lugeing nor rassae hyr within this burgh, and gif scho beis fundin pretendand to mak habitatioun in this burgh scho sall be tane and brynt on the cheik and the rasaittaris of hyr salbe accusit as pairt-takaris of hyr chrymes.

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The jugis hes absoluit Alexander Paterson of the clame of Schir Patrik Anderson acclamit be him of Yule Meit Pasche and Witsundaye and the ering of ane aker of land, quhar the saidis Schir Patrik referrit
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the samyn to the saidis Alexandris ayth, quha deponit and the jugis absolut him simpliciter.

William Buddyth is absolut of the clame of ane almerye acclamit be Thom Buddyth his brother.

Thomas McFerson for probatioun of the comprisit corne quhilkis Johne Merschell com souertie for to pay to Thomas McFerson, product Rorie McFerson, Thomas McFynla, Johne McIntaillyeour, and Duncane Moyr McLauchlane; vpon thair admissioun and na partie apponand thair incontrar the said Thomas McFersoun tuke act of curt and the jugis ordanis the witnes to be examenit.

Johne Bur hes constitut Johne Reid younger in the Chanonrie of Ross, Schir James Buchert, Schir Johne Nycolson, Sande Tomson, his procuratouris in the actioun and caus mowit be the thesaurar of the burgh of Innernes in his contrar, et promisit de rato et grato.

Johne Reid younger procurator foirsaid allegis that James Paterson aucht nocht to procur in the cause mowit contrar Johne Bur for depravatioun of him of his fredome be resson the said James satt in jugement and is ane of the jugis in quhois name the curt was fensit, quharfor be the practyk wse and consuictude of the realme ane juge can nocht ryse out of jugement to procyr eftyr the curt beand fensit in his name, vpon the quhilkis the saidis Johne desyris ane interloquitour. The saidis James Paterson allegit in contrar that he aucht and suld procur in ane actioun and cause mowit contrar Johne Bur be resson that the curt beand fensit be Johne Ross provest, Johne McGillewye baillye, and the rest of the samyn coniunctlie and seuralie, that is to say ony of the ather of the jugis may sit and ane wther procur for the causiss libellit contrar Johne Bur as he that is thesaurar of the burgh, and that be resson no thing beand confiskit the actioun intentit contrar Johne Bur nor adiudicat nor decreittit be the said James in contrar the said Johne bot intentit be ane summonyng in contrar the said Johne, and that the thesaurar of the burgh aucht to procur in all commoun efferis. The saidis Johne Reid allegis the contrar. The jugis hes repellit the saidis Johne Reidis allegatiouns. Johne Reid younger procurator for Johne Bur protestis for nullitie of process and rameid of law. James Paterson thesaurar protestis insafar as Johne Reid procurator for Johne Bur maid litis contestatioun and adimitit the jugis, and that he haif na forther place to oppone contrar the jugis.

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Johne Reid procurator for Johne Bur hes put the said Johne Bur in the townes wiltowart the deprivatioun of him of his fredome for the mannassing and boisting of Thom Symson ane of the burrow officiaris with ane drawin knyff, as our burrow precept in it self proportis.

[Andrew Sutherland and Thomas Christeson, on similar charges, also "come in the townis will."]

The prowest baillies cunsall wyth the adwyse of the nychtbouris exceptit to thame for consulting vpon the deprivatioun of Johne Bur, Androw Sutherland and Thom Christeson of thair fredomes, the foirsaidis prowest baillies and cunsall hes continuat the pronunson of the decreit vpon the deprivatioun of thair fredomes vpon thair gude beringis in tyme cuming, and gif thai or ony ane of thame beis fundin in tyme cuming dispersonyng the prowest or baillies, mannassing or boisting of our officiaris, breking arraistmentis or deforsing of officiaris in ony tyme cuming, other of the offenssis foirsaid beand knawin and adiudicat thairfor without farther process, thaireftir salbe deprywit alluterlie of thair liberties and fredomes quha happynes to be convicthairintill.

20 Feb. Johne Bane cordner is becumin actit souertie and catioun for Donald McConyll McInnes that in tymes cuming he sall nocht be fundin wswand forstalling in bying and selling of ony maner of grayth by this towne and speciallie ony steple gudis, and in cace he be fundin doand the contrar in tymes cuming in cace he be fundin committand forstalling the haill gudis and geyr salbe escheittit to our Souerane Ladies wse and this burgh. James Paterson is becumin souertie in lyke maner for Gillespyk McConquhie Roy in Wrquhart.

27 Feb. Johne McIllewe burges of the bruch of Innernes, Doncan McPerson in the Moy, Angus McPerson in Fore, Allan McYnthosse in Hulle Rast, and Johne McAne McWilliam in Clarge ar becumin actit of thair awyn fre motyf wyll coniunctle and seuerale for Murrerayd Nyne Donald McPerson, relict of wmquhll Alexander Gordon in Cullodyn, to thankfulle content and pay to Mastyr Johne Ruddyrfurd and Master Thomas Keyr factoris to Mastyr Robert Rycheson Thesaurer to our Souerane Lade or onnie oderis in his lordschips name the sowme of thre scoyr fyf pundis wsuall mone of this realme to be payit at the fest of the Exaltation of the Croce callit the Rud day, being the xiiiij day of September in the yeir of God j m v and sexte thre yeiris, and that for the fermis of Cullodyne in the yeir of God j m v and sexte twa yeiris.

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William McConylbane is decernit to hald nychtbourschip to Thom Wrycht within xv dayis to big his dykis sufficient. 1562-63 6 Mar.

Catheryne Fraysser spous to Hendre Kar elder is decernit to content pay and delywer to Hendre Kar younger the price of ane crowne of the son quhilk it giffis in this realme.

James Kar is decernit to delywer in to Schir James Duff ane mask fatt borrowit be him to Donald Willeamson betuix this and Beltane nixt. 20 Mar.

The jugis hes decernit Johne Robertson to refound content and pay to Johne Merschell nyne scoir laiddis muk.

Comperit in jugement Duncane McConquhie Dow and gaif in his petitioun acclamand Alexander McGurnen the sowme of xxxij bollis aittis as ane of four barnemen quhilkis rassauit the pruiff of the samyn, quha nait he mellit wyth ony of the said pruiff at the handis of the said Duncane bot mellit wyth the samyn at the handis of ane wther husbandman to quhom the said Duncane sett it.

Johne Merschell is decernit be decreit of curt conforme to the depositiou of witnes to refound content and pay Thomas McFerson thrie bollis aittis and thrie firlottis beyr quhilks was comprisit to him in the landis of Drakie, quhilk the said Johne Merschell com catiou and souertie to gif him poynidis or pament for the gudis quhilkis was tane in the corne, lyke as the said Johne of his awin toung grant confessit in jugement he com souertie for, and alse ordanis pament of the kawye quhilk was dalie passand trocht his cornis, viz., McInnis ane calf, Uykwyrrycht ane calf, and Johne McWilliam ane calf.

Hendre Kar younger comperit in jugement and desyrit Jasper Waus of Lochslyn and burges of Innernes attollerance of the said Jasper of the wyndois on the eist syde of his house vnder his leaycht ruyff beneth the thek, quhilkis attollerance the said Jasper grantit.

The jugis hes decernit Mores McGilleneill, Johne Gibson, Johne Robertson, Thom Brebnar, William Dow McFaill, William Boy McFaill, Johne Wydall, Johne Gibson son, William McGillepadrik, to refound content and pay to Schir James Duff, Parson of Bolleskin, iij firlottis quheitt greit aittis comprisit on thair gudis of this last crope of saxtie tuay yeiris, euerilk man thair skayr pairt and pairt lyke.

William Chessolme is decernit to refound content and pay to Schir Dauid Cuthbert ane boll victuall and iij pekis quhilk hes bene arreistit in 8 May
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8 May awand him be the said Schir Dauid.
22 May Jame Chapman is decernit to content and pay to William McFaill son to Andro MakFaill alias Textor ane pair of new schort hois or ellis ane pair Heland trewis.

Alexander Fuctour is decernit to refound content and pay to Johne Loipar in Aberdeyne the sowme of xxxs. lent monie.

James Gollan of his awin motyve fre will hes actit him self to refound content and pay to Johne Lopar four barkit hydis betuix the day and dait heirof and the feist of Lammas.

James Gollan is decernit to refound content and pay to James McGillereocht xiiijs. monie.

5 June The jugis hes decernit Robart McConyll Goue to delywer Thom Rossie in this towne ij standis, ane fat cuwering, ij standis coweringis.

McGillemecchell for hyr demeritis is decernit to be brynt on the cheik and to remoiff of this towne and newyr to be fund in it agane vnder the pane of law.

12 June Ane brocht strakin be William McAy on Johne Abraham his wyiff and serwandis that qhhar in the house the said Johne Abraham dwellis in he had pairt of meill in keiping in lokkit kystis, qhilkis lockis hes bene schot and castin and meill disponit on, desyrand your maisterships to cause the said Johne Abraham his wyiff and serwandis to purge thame selfis fra the skayth of the said victualls and desyris remeid of law. The jugis hes consignit this daye aucht dayis to Johne Abraham his wyiff and serwandis to purge thame selfis fra the skayth of the foirsaidis victuallis.

18 June Alexander McFarquhar of his awin motyve fre will is becumin actit to thankfullie refound content pay and delywer to Patre Skynner burges of Innernes xx bollis gude and sufficient eakin bark in his awin house within ane moneth after the day and dait heirof vnder the pane of the heast price bark giffis in the northt of Scotland.

26 June Ane brocht strakin on Andro Sutherland be the prowest that wranguslie and aganis the law the said Andro hes sauld ane stane quhilk laye at the eist end of the Chappell of the Greyne beand within the commontie of this towne, and sicklyke of the wrangus tacking downe of the bell of the said Chappell, and desyris the said bell to be diliuerit to the cunsall of this towne and the stane to be restorit in agane. The
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assise hes fundin the said Andro in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon, and is decernit to restoyr the stane agane and to delywer in the bell to the town.

Ane brocht strakin be the provest on Jame Kellye that wranguslie and aganis the law the saidis Jame tuike out of the cloistyr of the Freiouris without ony tylte or rycht xx stantis, and desyris the said James to be pvnest for the wrangus takin away of the samyn. The Assise hes fundin the said James in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon and to call for his varrand gif he ony hes.

James Paterson thesaurar of the burgh of Innernes protestit insafar as he requerit Donald Williamson for to delywar him the Freiouris place of Innernes be vertu of Our Souerane Ladies letters, and insafar as thair is present in jugement Jame Kellye followit for the away tacking of the foirsaid stantis out of the cloistyr of the Freiouris, and the said Jame Kelle allegit that Lewye Smyth, Hamburgh man, tuike the samyn and diliuerit thame to him as ane boy to carye to the schip at his command, and thairfor the saidis James Paterson protestit that thai quha ar presentlie attachit be haldin as principall detouris and aucht and suld releiff this towneschip.

Murquhows McGasycht hes constitut Fynla McConylleyr factour in the vptaking of all detis awand him within this town fra all creditouris and in speciall to vptak iiiij merkis fra Johne Grant.

William Chessolme desyrit Schir Davud Cuthbert to releiff him of vij bollis aittis at the handis of Johne Roy as he that becum his cottar and feit serwand and the said William souertie for his soude.

The jugis hes decernit James Paterson as executour to wmquhill Mathowe Paterson to refound content and pay to Johne Grant of Frqwquhie the sowe of ane hundreth merkis monie of this realme quhilkis was restan awand be the said wmquhill Mathowe for the malis of the myll of Culcabok.

The provest and baillies hes ordanit ane precept to be directit to summond Andro Sutherland to the last day of Julij instant to heir and see him be decernit to haue tynt his fredome trocht inobedience committit be him and disobeing in contrar the provest and baillies chargis and ordinancis.

The provest and baillies hes statut and ordanit that none be fundin cuttan cornis, and quha beis fundin his maistyr to delywar him to the

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prowest and baillies vnrequerit, faillyeing thairoff that the maister be haldin art and pairt takaris and be pvneist as theiffis.

The prowest and baillies hes statut and ordanit that na schaiffis be giffin in tyme of harwist, vnder the pane the giffar that beis provin giffand ane schaiff to pay for the first fault xls., the secund tyme iiiij lib., the thred tyme the giffar salbe haldin art and part takaris of the cornis that happenynes to be stollin fra the nychtbouris, and pvneist thairfor conforme to the first. Siclyke that thair be na glenstaris fundin amangis nychtbouris cornis glennand, and quha beis fundin or seis glennynng sall pay for the first fault xxs., the secund xls., the thred iiij lib., and sall pay the skayth his narrowst nychtbour sustenis trocht the glenynng.

24 Aug. Jasper Dempster burges of Innernes is becumin actit vilfullie of his awin motyve fre will vncoactit or compellit in our burrow bulkis of Inner- nes to refound content and pay to Dauid Lyle burges of Edinburgh aucnt barrellis gude and sufficient salmond full reid and sueit merchant wair within the burgh of Innernes betuix the daye and dait heirof and the feast of Lammas in the year of God jm ve and saxtie four yeiris, and faillyeing of nocht deluiering of aucnt barrellis salmond at the said feist of Lammas in the foirsaid yeir the saidis Jasper bindis and oblissis him his airis executouris and assignais to thankfullie content and pay to the said Dauid Lyle his airis factouris or assignais the sowme of nyne pundis vsual monie of this realme for ilk barrell of the foirsaid aucnt barrellis within xx dayis thaireftyr vnder the pane of poinding of his redeast gudis and geyr.

26 Aug. At Innernes the xxvj day of August in the yeir of God jm ve and saxtie thrie yeiris it is appointtit and synallie endit and aggrie betuix ane honorabill man Dauid Lyle burges of Edinburgh on the ane pairt, and Thomas Cuthbert burges of Innernes on the other pairt in forme force and effect as eftyr followis, that is to say, the saidis Thomas grantis him awand to the said Dauid four lastis and ane half salmond quhilkis suld half bene paite to the said Dauid at Lammas in the yeir of God jm ve and saxtie thrie yeiris, and faillyeing of non pament of the salmond aboue expremit the saidis Thomas obleissis and self for the heast prics that salmond giffis in Scotland as the said Thomas beand obrisit of befoir to the said Dauid be ane Contract daittit at Edinburgh the twentye four day of Februar in the yeir of God jm ve and saxtie ane yeiris, and because of no pament of the said salmond to the said Dauid the saidis Thomas
oblissis him self faythfullie to content and pay to the said Dauid for the four lastis and half salmond the sowme of saxtene scoyr pundis and four at termis as eftyr followis, that is to say, the said Thomas payand the sowme of sax scoyr pundis xiiij lib. vjs. viijd. at Candilmes in the yeir of God threscoir and thre yeiris, and the sowme of sax scoyr pundis xiiij lib. vjs. viijd. to be pait at the Rudemess in the harwist callit Exaltatio Sancte Crocis in anno saxtie four yeiris, and the sowme of fyfte sewin pundis vjs. viijd. at Lammas in the yeir of God j^{m} v{c} and saxtie fyve yeiris in haill and compleit pament of the sowme aboue specifiit, and in case as God forbid that the said Thomas failllyie in ony terme aboue wreittin in non making pament it salbe lefull to the said Dauid to haif ingress to the saidis four lastis of salmond vj barrellis the heast pricis that thi gif in the said yeiris in Scotland; and for keipin and obserwing of the termis pament aboue wreittin the saidis Dauid beand absent hes assignit Williame Cummyng burges of Innernes for the ressait of the sowme aboue wreittin at the termis foirsaid as him self war thair in propyr person, the saidis Williame rassawand ane acquittance to gif in my name, and faillyeing of pament making to the saidis Williame the said Williame to protest conforme to this appointment and contract aboue expremit; and for obserwing and keipin of this present contract bayth the saidis parties ar contentit to be registrat in the burrow bukis of Innernes and to haif the strentht of ane Decreit and Act, and thai to be decernit hinc inde to fullyll thair awin partis of the samyn safar as thai ar obleist but contradictioun or apposition in the contrar; and in witnes heiroff bayth the saidis parties hes subscriuit this present contract wyth thair handis at the pen led be Maister Thomas Howeson notar publict yeir day and place foirsaid before thir witnes Thomas Flemyn, James Paterson, Johne Neilson, burgessis of Innernes, Gilbert Duff, and Maister Thomas Howeson, notar publict.

Comperit James Wat burges of Elgyne to heyr and se liquidatioun maid of the pricis of the salmond quhilk it gaif this instant yeir in Inner-nes, and be examinatioun of certane famous witnes hes fundin the barrell salmond gaif viij lib. monie of this realme, thairfor decernis the foirsaid personis that ar awand the said James salmond to pay him viij lib. for euerilk barrell.

The provest baillies and cunsall hes statut and ordanit for stanche- ing of darthft of fysche and flesche and stopping of huxtaris to bye befoir


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1563 mercat tyme of day, and to haif intelligens of forstallaris and thai that
3 Nov. byis vtow mercattis, that ane of the officiaris thair day or ouke about
await on the mercat and cause ordour be keipit, that thair throw honest
men may be steakit, the dartht to be downe thringin so far as may, and
forstallaris to be pvneist, and quhilkis of the saidis officiaris faillis in
vnkeeping thair day or ouke about to be callit for thair offense and to
incur and pay ane vnlawe, to the quhilkis the officiaris hes grantit thairto
and gaif thair ayth thairvpon.

The provest baillies and cunsall hes grantit and gewin wmquhill the
paroche clerkis land to Gilbert Duff for augmenting of iijs. anwell to the
towneship of Innernes for augmentation of the rentall, and the samyn
to remayne wyth him perpetuall without the towneship be requerit to
gif ane place to the paroche clerk gif sic thing beis in wse.

20 Nov. The jugis hes decernit Ryche Brechin and Alexander Skynner to
occupie the cobbill of Thom Waus younger and Jamis Paterson at the
fisching of the heryng to Andersmes and fra thyne furtht to vpwart of
the samyn as thai promest.

Magie Uykgillewywe of hyr awin motyve fre will hes actit hyr self to
refound content and pay to Fynla Donaldson ixs. monie of this realme
for the fie of Mariat Neyn Wille as scho that feit hyr wyth him and for
want of hyr service.

27 Nov. Dauid Dunbar hes constitut James Paterson, William Cuming,
Johne Ross to perschew the tenentis of Eistyr Drakyes and all wtheris
the tenentis of Johne Cuthbert, son and ayr to wmquhill George Cuthbert
of the Auld Castelhill, for thair fermis of the feist of Candilmes in anno
lxij yeiris, and be resson of nane payment making at the foirsaid terme
desyris the feye the boll giffsis at Mertemes in anno lxi\textsuperscript{3} yeiris conforme
to the feye quhilk is fyve merkis the boll, quhilkis tenentis comperit in
jugement and allegit Thomas Cuthbert to haif rassaut the saidis fermis,
viz., fra Thomas Gollan viij bollis for his fermes of Drakeis, Duncan
McSir Andra viij bollis for his ferme, Duncane Brebnar and Fynla
McFaill for xvij bollis victual, Thom Christeson for his fermes, viz., xv
bollis victual, James Gollan for the ferme of tuay aker at the Braid Stane
iiij bollis, Thom McCummenycht for ij aker iij bollis, Manis McGille-
mechell for ij aker iij bollis, Thom Christeson for six akeris in the
Schipland ix bollis, William Chessolme for ij akeris iij bollis ij firlottis,
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Alexander Cuthbert for ij akeris ij bollis ij firlottis, Isbell Dempster for iij akeris iij bollis ij firlottis.


John McGillewye ane of the baillies of Innernes and ane of the eldaris electit for this present yeir commonle strekis ane brocht on John McWaltyr that wranguslie and aganis the law on Setterdaye last being the xxvij day of November last the said baillye furthsettand the statutis and ordinancis of this burgh the said John McWaltyr dispysit and lychtleit him and gaif him mony injurious wordis and speciallie callit him commoun skemlar that he was, prowockand him in oppin mercate quhar thair was strangearis of wtheris nations, viz., Hamburgh men, and said he vald nocht be juge to him, and this oppynlie the prowest being presentt. The said John McWaltyr confessit he callit the baillie skemlayr and nait the rest of the brocht, quhilk was referrit to ane Assise, quhilkis the Assise hes fundin the said John hes wrangit conforme to the pointtis of the said brocht, for the quhilkis is adiugit in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon. And siclyke the said John McWalter is adiugit in amerciament for trubling of the towne, and dome giffin thairvpon.

Thom Cuthbert allegit pactioun betuix him and Dauid Dunbar of xxiiij bollis victaul be bying and selling fra the said Dauid of the fermis of John Cuthbert son to wmuquhill George Cuthbert, of the quhilkis he rassuait xxij bollis ij firlottis fra thir personis, viz., fra Thom Gollan viij bollis, Duncane McSchir Andra viij bollis, Duncane Brebnar ij bollis, Fynla McFaill ij bollis, Thom Cuming vij firlottis.

Comperit in jugement Johnhe Commendatour of Ardchattan and thair for probatioun of his clame exhibit and producit ane act maid in the Consistorie bukis of Innernes of the dait of the said act the xx day of September in the yeir of God jm v and fyttie sax yeiris, quhar Alex- ander Dollace of Cantray and Johnhe Grant burges of Innernes coniunctim

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et diuisim of thair awin propyr confesioun was moneist to refound
content and pay Murriell Calder of that Ilk the sowme of ane hundreth
merkis monie of this realme as cautionar for Schir Dauid Cuthbert Vicar
of Warlaw for the teyndis of the burgh of Innernes croppe instantis
anni lvj.

29 Jan. The jugis decernis Johne Grant to mak compt reknyng and payment
of the sowme of ane hundreth merkis contenit in the said act, and
ordanis that Murriell Calder compeir befoir the baillies to depon hyr
ayth quhat scho rassauit fra the said Schir Dauid Cuthbert in pairt of
payment of the foirsaid sowme of ane hundreth merkis, of the quhilk the
said Johne allegit payment maid to Johne commendatour of x lib. fra
Alexander Dollas of Cantray and aught merkis allegit diliuerit to the
ladie and thre merkis to Donald Campbell, and the jugis ordanis Johne
Grant to mak payment of xxiiiij merkis to Johne Campbell betuix this
and this day xv dayis—And ane crowne of the son referrit to my lordis
ayth.

The jugis hes assignit William Cuming scribe of curt to pas and
rassaue Murriell Calder of that Ilkis ayth vpon the sowme of viij merkis
allegit giffin to hyr be Schir David Cuthbert in pairt of payment of the
sowme of ane hundreth merkis and thre merkis allegit giffin at my ladies
command to Donald Campbell, and ane crowne of the son allegit be
Alexander Dollace pait to Johne commendatour of Ardochattan, because
Johne Reid procurator for Johne Grant and Schir Dauid Cuthbert
refferrit the said sowmes to Murriell Calder, and to bring agayne hyr
deposiouth that rypou within xv dayis.

Ane brocht strakin be Johne Fraysser barron of Moneak on Allister
Fuctour, that wranguslie and aganis the law he deliuerys him nocht tuay
horses as he that becom catioun for McDonye that the said horses or the
awalour thairoff suld be furthcumand to the said Johne as law vald, and
desyris the said Allister to be compellit to do him that law will. The
jugis hes ordanit the said Allister to remane within the tolbyuth of
Innernes to he delywer the horses or payment of the walour thairof.

31 Jan. Jasper Waus desyrit Johne Ross prowst to sit wp in jugement,
quhar the said prowst repeittit the wourdis quharupon he tuike instru-
ment in the handis of William Cuming the xxviiij day of December,
quhar he acceptit the office of prowestrie vnder condirioun at Michaelmes
last on belewe of gude obediens and trew suggestis to our Souerane Ladie

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and this burgh, and in manifest contempitium thair was insurrectioun and convocatioun of our Soverane Ladies liegis to ane certane nummer to haif inwadit the prowest, and insafar as thair contravenit the said conditioin twardt the said insurrectioun making heirof, dischargis him of his office and the fault makaris to be pvneist be the lordis of cunsall.

William Cuming in name of James Paterson, Nycoll Kar, Johne Kar, Alexander Paterson, James Kar, Hendre Kar younger, William Paterson, Sande Paterson, that quhar thai war trew obedient subjectis to their prowest lyke as thai vald byde his awin declaratioun and jugement, and quhar Fynla Donaldson, William Donaldson, Johne Roy, Andro Dempster, Huchoun Scheip, wyth thair complicis in convocatioun maner and vpon sett purpos to the intent to haif slayne James Paterson he beand one of the baillies of the burgh, and causit the officiaris to seduce the said baillye to rassau the weche that nycht quhartrocht thai mycht perfynshe and end the said James vnto the tyme the prowest and wtheris nychtbouris saiffit the said James, and in the saifdie of the said James the foirsaidis personis straik James Duff to the intent of the slauchtyr of him in the defence of the towne and honour of the samyn, and the said William in name of the laif vpon thair obediens to thair prowest requirit instrument in thaid in the handis of Maister Thomas Howeson notar publict.

The prowest hes put generall inhibitioun to the towneschip and parties foirsaidis that nother of thame brag nor bruge nor convocatioun mak wyth armour and wappynnis ather contrar vtheris, and this inhibitioun in our Soverane Ladies name Marie be the grace of God Queyne of Scotland and Shiref Principall of Innernes prowest and baillies of this burgh, and this for the thred charge in our Soverane Ladies name.

Comperit in jugement James Paterson burges of Innernes and ane of the baillies of the samyn and gaif in ane bill of complaint, menand that quhar Johne Roy, inhabitant within the said burgh on Sant Stewynnis Day at ewin being the xxvj day of December last vnder sylence of nycht com on the said James he wsand his office in rassawing of the weche for keiping of the towne and putting ordour thairto as wse was at all sic tymes abefoir for fyir and candill, and thair the said Johne Roy cruwellie sett on the said James wyth ane soud to the intent to haif slane him war nocht that Johne Gollan son to vmquhill William Gollan burges of Innernes rassauit the said straik and keppit the samyn, the
said James Paterson nocht being aduerteist of the onsett maid on him be the said John Roy, quhilkis onsett was maid within the kirk yard of Inverness, the saidis James nocht offendar to him in word nor deid; and thaireftir on Sant Johneis day at ewin being the xxvij day of the said monetth John Roy, Fynla Donaldson, William Donaldson, burgessis of Inverness, and Huchoun Scheip, serwand to the said Fynla Donaldson, in convocatioun maner vnder sylence of nycht, the said James being at the prayaris, in conspirit maner and thrayne eftyr the officiaris of the burcht of Inverness war directit be the foirsaid James Paterson baillie to rassaue the weche as wse was in the said burcht, the foirsaidis personis vald nocht gif weche to thai had the baillie to rassaue the samyn; quhar thaireftir the said James Paterson nocht knawand of thair wickt purpos nor conspirar conspyrit in his contrar com furhtit to rassaue the weche nocht beleifffand na ewill bot to haif leiffit vnnder Gods pease the Quenis Grace and to haif done his office as ane of the baillies of the said bught and furthsetting of the ordinance of the towne, nochttheless the foirsaidis John Roy, Fynla Donaldson, William Donaldson and Huchoun Scheip desyrit the said James to cum to the south syde of the stepill to rassaue the weche, quhar shortlie the foirsaidis personis maisterfullie and cruwellie sett vpon the said James wyth neakit sourdis to the intent to haif slayne him vpon sett purpos, and in the meynetyme the foirsaidis Fynla Donaldson and William Donaldson and the said Huchoun Scheip, seand the confluence of the peple rynnand out of the kirk to cum to saif the said James, past vnder the shadow of the mone at wmgquhill Thom Mannis chalmer of Kirkyard and studie awaittand vpon bodelie harme to haif done to the said James, quhar in the meyne tyme James Duff burges of Inverness chansit to twhartyr seikand the prowst beleifffand na ewill nor ony offense committit be him in word or deid, nochttheless the saidis Fynla Donaldson, William Donaldson and Huchoun Scheip maisterfullie and cruwellie onsett vpon the saidis James Duff to the intent to haif slayne him and left him for deid and misfigurit his face and sched ane greit quantitie of his blude; and quhar in the meynetyme Andro Dampster said opynlie, "Fye on your false feinzeit smeikis that ye ar, war nocht the pairt ye haif tane this nycht," sayng the samyn to Nycoll Kar and his son, "the thing suld be done and endit this nycht that was dewysit sewin yeiris syne."
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The juge foirsaid herand the said complaint red in jugement causit ane officiar to call on the saidis John Roy, Fynla Donaldson, William Donaldson, and Huchoun Scheip, quhilkis personis foirsaidis comperit in jugement, except Huchoun Scheip quha was fugityve and absent, and nayt halelie the pointtis of the said complaint as said is, and thaireftir the juge herand bayth the saidis parties allegationis sownand to resson causit elect and cheis ane condigne inquest of the maist famous and honest personis of the said burgh and leist suspect, quhilkis personis foirsaidis being sworne, the Halie Ewangelist tweeñit, furth yeid, ryplie awysit, in come, haifand God and gude conscience befoir ee, eftir the depositionis of diverse famous witnes, hes fundin that John Roy wrangit in the onsetting on James Paterson wyth ane sourd and strekin at him he beand ane of the baillies of the burgh conforme to the first pairt of the bill; and siclyke hes fundyn that John Roy, Fynla Donaldson, William Donaldson and Huchoun Scheip in the wrang for the wrangus cummyng in convocatioun maner and sett purpo to haif slaye the said James and causing of the officiar to desyre him out of the kirk fra the prayaris to rassaue the weche, to the quhilkis the said John Roy nor William Donaldson was nocht warnit thairto nor aucht nocht to gif weche that nycyt, and thairfor hes fundin thame in the wrang conforme to the said complaint and dome giffin thairvpon; and siclyke the saidis Fynla and William Donaldson and Huchoun Scheip is fundin in the wrang for the wrangus passing vnder the schadow of the mone at wmquhill Thom Mannis chalmer of Kirk Yard eftir thai war saifie red and put away without ony skayth, and cruwellie streking at James Duff and leiffing of him for deid and misfiguring of his face and schedding of ane greit quantitie of his blude and dome giffin thairvpon; and Andro Dampster is fundin in the wrang for the wrangus sayng to Nycoll Kar and his son, “False feinzeit smeikis that ye ar, war nocht the pairt ye haif tane this nycyt the thing suld be done and endit this nycyt that was dewysit sewin yeiris syne,” and dome giffin thairvpon be William Anderson dampster of curt and pronuncit be the moutht of Petyr Wyncistre of Alterlie Chancellar of the Assise for the tyme.

My Lordis provest baillies consell and communitie of this burgh, I your lordships nychtbour and serwand Fynla Donaldson humlie menis and compleinis on James Duff burges of Innernes that quhar I com to the kirk beleiffand of na ewill bot to haif leiffit vnder Godis peace the
Quenis grace and your lordships and to haif seruit the Quenis grace and your lordships to weche as I that was warnit thairto, nochttheless James Duff com maisterfullie on me wyth ane drawin sourd and vald haif slayne me war nocht I defendit myself without ony fault making to him, quhilk was vnkendle to him to haif done because I was so tender of blude to him; Quharfor I beseik your lordships for the luff of God to do me justice, and this my bill of complaint in forme of brocht and your lordships ansuer heirintill humlie I beseik. The Assise foirsaid hes fundin the said James fre.

My Lordis prowest baillies cunsall and communitie of this burgh, I your lordships nychtbour and servand William Donaldson humlie menis and complenis on James Duff burges of Innernes that quhar I was wyth my fadyr brother son beleiffand of na ewill bot to haif leiffit vnder Gods peace the Quenis grace and your lordships, nochttheless the said James com on ws and wald haif slayne ws without ony faill making to him, the quhilk my sourd beiris witnes of the samyn, for it is hackit be him; Quharfor I beseik your lordships for the luff of God to do me justice, and this my bill of complaint in forme of brocht and your lordships ansuer heirintill humlie I beseik. The Assise foirsaid hes fundin the said James fre of the foirsaid chryme.

My Lordis prowest baillies cunsall and communitie of this burgh, I your lordships servitour Johne Roy McHuchoun humlie menis and lamentable compleenis on Sande Paterson burges of Innernes that quhen I yeid to the kirk wyth Fynla Donaldson beleiffand na ewill bot till haif leiffit vnder Gods peace the Quenis grace and your lordships, nochttheless Sande Paterson quhen the baillie com to rassaue the weche, I beand wyth Fynle Donaldson quha was warnit to the said weche, the said Sande com maisterfulle on me wyth ane sourd buklar and dang it on my face, and thaireftir drew ane quhynzear and vald haif strukit me had nocht beyne the bettyr reddaris; and thaireftir he drew ane sourd to me to haif slayne me, quhilk was the ground of all the haill pley; Quharfor I beseik your lordships for the luff of God to do me justice, and this my bill of complaint in forme of brocht, and your lordships ansuer heirintill humlie I beseik. The Assise foirsaid hes fundin the said Alexander fre.

James Paterson is becumin souertie for James Duff that Fynla Donaldson and William Donaldson salbe harmeles and skaythles of him bot as law will vnder the payne of ane hundreth pundis. Jasper Waus
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of Lochslyne is becumin souertie for Sande Paterson that Fynla Donaldson, William Donaldson and John Roy salbe harmeles and skaythles of him bot as law will vnder the pane of ane hundreth pundis.

Schir James Duff parson of Bolleskin is decernit be the jugis foirsaidis to mak his kyll sufficient and drye aboue and falit about, quhar-trocht nychtbouris stuff suld incur no skayth nor danger of weit within xx days gif weddyr serwis, failyeing thairof the first fayr weddyr that cumis.

The provest baillies and cunsall wyth express consent and assent of the haill communitie being present for the tyme hes statut and ordanit, being ryplie awysit wyth assistance of the commissionar of Murray and minister of Innernes, that thir actis and ordinancis following salbe inviolable obseruit in tymes cuming be all the inhabitantis of this burgh and to haif the strentth of ane decreit of curt, and the contravenaris thairoff to be puneist wyth all rigour according to the panis contenit thairin, Qhvarof the tennour followis—

In the First, It is statut and ordanit that euerie inhabitant of this burgh, cheifly the gudeman and gudewyiff of euerie houshald and also thair serwandis and famele so mony as may gudle, sall resort and conveyne to the paroche kirk euerilk Sundaye to the exhortationis and cathechise befoir nowne at ten howris and efter nowne at thre howris, and be fund thair befoir the last bell sal ceis, quhilk sall ring thryise and the last tyme the space of ane quartar of ane hour or thairby, and thair wyth all humilitie and quietnes mak thair prayaris and harkin to the Word of God and nocht remoiff till the samyn be endit: Aganis the quhilk gif ony sall faill and be convictit thairoff sall pay to be bestowit to the puyr for the first falt xijd., for the secund ijs., for the thred thre schillingis, for the ferd xs., and fra thyne furtht ten schillingis so oft as thai be fund culpable, and this to be collectit be euerie one of the deaconis in his quartar of the towe quhilk salbe deputit to him, and quhar payment is refusit that the provest and baillies of the towe sall cause thair officiaris to poynd the contravenaris thairof. And also euerie Furisdaye at nyne houris that the peple sall conveyne to the exhortatioun sa mony as ar nocht occupeit in out labouris, and that all buyth durris be steikit in tyme of preching vnder the panis foirsaidis.

Secundlie, It is statutit and ordanit that ñà mercattis in tymes cuming salbe haldin within the burgh vpon the Sundaye quhilk is appointtit
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1563-64 to the service of God, and that vnder the pane of confiscatioun of the
18 Mar. wairis alsweill sauld as bocht, to be applyit to ane commond gude and
distribute to the puyr or imploit vpon sum godle wark and publict wark
at the sycht of the magestratis minister and eldaris, and also of the
punishment of thair bodies at the sycht of the provest and baillies.

Thirdlie, It is statutit and ordanit that euerilk yeir fra thyne furth God willing on the first Sundaye after the heid curt of Michaelmess thair
salbe sum honorabill and discreit personis that feiris God and ar able to
manteyne gude ordour choisin to be eldaris to the nummer of four
personis at the leist and deaconis to the nummer of four personis, quha
sall owklie conveye wyth the minister and commissioner or superint-
tendant and assist thame in ordouring of publict effaris of the kirk and
executioun of discipline euerie Furisdaye at tuay houris efter none in
the paroche kirk of this burgh.

Ferdlie, It is statutit and ordanit that ewerie houshaldar in the
towne wyth thair famelie be inrollit in ane buike be the clerk of the
towne and the copie thairof diliuerit to the minister in the first day of
assemblie, quhilk salbe God villing the xvij day of Merche instant, and
thair wyth awyse of the provest and baillies the town be dewydit in
four equall quartaris, and euerie ane of the eldaris and deaconis within
thair awin quarter sall tak cayr vpon the maneris of the inhabitantis
thairof and education of the youth, and ewerie deacone vpon the puyr in
his quartar as thai will ansuer thairvpon to God and to the assemblie of
the kirk.

Fyftlie, That this may be the better obseruit that the provest and
baillies put the act of parliament maid aganis all strangearis or maister-
full strong beggaris to execution incontinent within this town, and gif
ane publict mark to thame that ar indigent and permittit to remayne
within the samyn, with intimation that na man within the town pres-
sume to harber or rassett ony beggar bot he or scho that hes the townes
mark without he be commendit to him be the deacoun of his quartar.

Sextle, It is statutit and ordanit that na persoun within the town
leid ane vicious and sklandrous lyfe in incest adulterie nor fornicatioun,
and that na man opynle blasphyme God His Word and ministeris, the
Quenis Maieste nor hyr officiaris of justice, and gif thai do and eftyr
admonitioun will nocht amend that thai being convict be ane condigne
assise thairof sall forfalt thair fredome gif thai be fre men, and gif thai be
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nocht fre to be bannesit of the towne aye and quhill thai haif satefeit the kirk of God be their publict repentance and returnyng to God from their vicious lyffe, and forther to rassae sic discipline as the magistratis hes to put to their charge.

Sewintle, It is statutit and ordanit that the kirk yard be biggit and dykit sufficientle wyth stanis for stopping of horses and bestiall, and the towne to begin their pairt wyth all diligence to gif exempill to vtheris of the parochin.

The prowest baillies and cunsall hes statutit and ordanit all wennalis to be maid cleyne quhartrocht commoun passage may be had, and in specill the wennall that passis befoir Johne McGilleweis house and all vther wennallis, and hes ordanit to arreist all the muk that beis fundin in the said wennall fra this day furtht.

The juge hes decernit Donald Crwn and Thome Crun to refound content and pay to Johne Neilson iij firlottis aittis comprisit on his taycht, as was clerle prowin in jugement be the comprysaris.

The jugis hes assignit Kenneth McWicar Mydsymmer ewin nixt to entyr him self and his brother and systeur to purge him of ane bow tane fra William McPhadrik, and the said William protestis in case he compear nocht that the said Kenneth pay the bow.

Donald McIntoche of Cullernye and Allan McIntoche curitouris to Janat and Agnes Uykintoche dochteris to wmquhill Johne McIntoche of Termet gaif in ane petitioun in jugement desyrand thame to be seruit as narrast and lauchfull ayr to their fader in ane pece biggit land lyand within the burgh of Innernes in the brig end. The inqueist foisaid hes seruit Janat and Agnes Uykintoche dochteris to wmquhill Johne McIntoche of Termit as narrast and lauchfull ayr to their wmquhill fader conforme to the petitioun.

Johne Kull McAne Ger hes actit him self of his awin motyve fre will to content and pay to Johne Neilson iij hart hydis and ij hynd hydis betuix this and the Rude day nixt being the xiiiij day of Septembar.

Ane brocht strakin be Jasper Dampster procurator for William Fraysser of Strowy on Johne Merschell that wrangusle and aganis the law he makis him nocht payment of xij merkis monie of this realme, and that for licence to wse the passage of the locht quhilkis he promest him and for vsing of all his necessaries thairon.
The prowest baillies and cunsall wyth consent of the minister eldaris and deaconis hes statut and ordanit James McBarron to fulfyll the band of matrimonic wyth his spous Janat Lye within xlviij houris, failyeing he fulfyll nocht the premisses to be banneist of this town and newyr to be fundin thair agane vnto he cum to amendment.

Comperit Johne Merschell to answair to the clame of Jasper Dempster procurator for William Fraysser of Strowye and confessit in jugement he opitenit and gat licience of William Fraysser to use his necessaris in the locht, nochtwythstanding he was stoppit of the said licience be the said William. The jugis hes decernit William Fraysser of Strowye to fulfyll and keip the promess maid be him to Johne Merschell in vsing of the passage of the locht for the space of ane yeir, quhilkis the said Johne allegis him nocht fulfilland his said pairt; and eftir the jugement of the said pactioun beand adiudicat befoir the prowest and baillies, the saidis Johne is decernit to content and pay to the said William xij merkis monie of this realme.

Johne Bur as he that brak ward, he beand wardit within the tolbuyth of Innernis and chargit to remane thair to he fand souertie to do the said Johne McBean that law wal, and contempendale brak ward and departit, and for breking of the samyn is adiugit in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon.

Alexander Cuthbert burges of Innernis for Jasper Dempster is becumin actit of his awin motyve fre will to refund content and pay to James Innes of Dryne tackisman to the vicarage of Innernes the sowme of iiiij lib. for the teyd fisching of ane cobbill fischeing of salmond of the Wattyr of Ness. James Paterson for him self and Thom Waus younger in lyke maner actit; Alexander Paterson for him self and Thom Waus elder inlykemaner; Thom Cuthbert and James Duff diuisim for ane cobbill; Alexander Baillye for him self for his half cobbill; Johne Robertson and Johne Cuthbert for Fynla Patersonis watter; Martyne Waus in the gudeman of Drynes his hand; Jasper Dampster souertie for Johne Neilsonis half cobbill.

Johne Roy McHuchoun hes dischargit him self of brewing and selling and vsing of stallangerye in presens of the cunsall. Johne Reid, Maister Martyne Logye, Maister of Scule, ar attolerit to be stallangearis for ane yeir be the cunsall with Duncan Malcolmson. Johne Wilson, Marcus Clerk, Thom Lafreis, Johne Kar and Ibbye Donaldson ar
admittit to be stallangeris for ane yeir gratis for thair puyr honestye and obedience. The prowset baillies and cunsall hes ordanit to be vpliftit and tane of euerilk ane of the rest of the stallangearis to pay xvjs. for thair admissioun, wyth provisioun gif thair brak the statutis and ordinancis of the towne, thair admissioun and payng of the premissis to stand to thame of nane effect, and ar admittit to the nummer of personis as the roll beiris.

The prowset baillies and cunsall decernis all watter men to mak thayr partis of thair wattyr wark sufficient betuix the day and dayt heirof and the feist of Andersmes nixt.

Comperit James Duff and perschewit James Kar in jugement for viijx laidis muk borrowit fra him be the said James Kar, the quhilkis James Kar comperit for him self and confessit he borrowit certane laidis muk bot misknew how monye.

The prowset balyes and consell of the said bruch conuocat within the tolbyuth of the bruch of Innernis haueand respect to gret hurt and exhorbitand derth the numer pottis of aquavitte brewaris being in this bruch hurttis grettumle the common weyll, Heyrfor it is statutt and ordanit be the prowset balyes and consell that na manyr of person of quhat estate he be dweland within this brucht to tak wpon hand to draw aquavitte, accep fore persons ellectitt thairto ; and that the sad persons admittit thairto sell guid and sufficient aquavitte, thre puntts for the price of the boll malt and commonle after the price of the malt, the aquavitte to be said afferand thairto as sad is, and quha beys conviict in dowyng the contrar thair pottis to be brokyne and inhibition alluttyrle be input to tham fra thine furtht. Thyr ar the persons admittit, Elspet Symonson in the Brigend, Thom Waus elder in the Kyrk get, Hendre Kar elder in the Est get, Martin Waus in Damisdall, and this ordannance to be publist presentle that it may be vniuersalle knawyn.

Johne Flemyng comperit in jugment and gef in his petition to be seruit as narrest and lachfull ayr to his wmquhill fadyr Thom Flemyng burges of Innernis, and to be entrit to his fredome doand thairfor as burgessis sunes aucht to do. The Assise forsaid hes seruit Johne Flemyng eldest son and nerrest ayr to his wmquhill fadyr Thom Flemyng burges of Innernes. Johne Flemyng is entrit fre burges and gild of this bruch and gef hys ayth of fidelitte thairwpon, and payit to the thesaurer William Cuming vs., and Sande Balye is souerte for
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1564 his banket and hose, and hes resaunit hym tennent to the quartar of 
28 Oct. Lytill Drake and sall pay his dubyll entre.

Thom Colle is becumyn actit of his awyn fre motyf wyll to content 
and pay Charles Wrwell in Elgyn xxxij knappald and ane half, and 
half barrell salmond conforme to the price liquidate, and fyf scoyr fyf
stings for barrellis, to be payit betuix this and Andermis nyxt.

8 Nov. Crystane Nyne Ane Ross is actit of hyr motyf wyll to content and 
pay Thome McAnes Dwe viijs, for ane payr kardis scho resaunit of his in 
keiping.

Thom Cristeson burges of Innernes is desernit to randyr and 
deliiuer Schir Dauid Cuthbert aye yopyndall qhilk he pot of his in plege

to hym for xs.

11 Nov. Cristan Nyne Manis being conviit for the sclandyring of Donald
Morison wyf and calling of hyr common thyf and syk lyk, as scho that
wes for sic offensis of befor punyest and cause mac publict amendment in
the paroche kyrk in presens of the congregation and can nocht be
stanchit of hyr ewyll sclandrus toung, is jugit to be banest of this
bruch, and gyf scho beis apprehendit agane to be brint on the chek, and
dome gyffin thairwpon.

6 Dec. Comperit in jugment Gilbert Gollan, Johne Merschell, Hendre Kar,
Johne Grant, Thom Paterson, Andro Dampster, Rore Johneson, and gif
in thair byll to the provest balyes and consell menand that the act and
ordinancis maid be the provest balyes and consell dischargeand all the
nychtbouris of the bruch to draw or brew aquavitte accepan foure
personis allanerle, qhilk ordinancis wes gret hurt to thame qhwa wer
burgessis of this bruch and be vertu of thair libertte mocht wse all manyr
of industre and chenge qhilk tha mocht haue profitt be, and sua in lyk
manyr aucht to brew and draw aquavitte obserwand your command-
mentis in brewing of gud sufficient stuff and selland the same conforme
to your commandmentis, praiing your lordship to haue respect to the
premissis and attolir and stop thame nocht to brew and draw aquavitte.
The provest balyes and weyll aduisit consell haueand respect to the
forsaid mening for admitting of thame qhwa wer burgessis to brew
aquavitte, thocht expedient to suffyr tham to brew aquavitte qhwa wald
act thame selffis to brew gud sufficient stuff and the same to be sald thr
punttis aquavitte for the price of the boll malt, qhilkis personis onder-
wrettin hes actit tham to the premissis; And heyrfur we and our consell

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hes dispensit with our Act mad the ferd day of Nouember in the yeir of 1564 God j m v c sexe foure yeiris, sua that thair aquavitte brewing be nocht hurtfull to the common weyll and to ras derth of wittelis, and this attollerance to induyr to Mychelmess nixt.

Martin Waus, burges of Innernis, Hendere Kar elder and Johne Robartson, burgessis thair, ar becum in actit souerties and cationeris diuisim for ane nobyll Lade Dame Jonet Campbell Lade Lowet to refund content and pay to ane honorabill man Kennoch McKenzie of Kyntall the sowme of foure pundis vssual mone of this realme betuix this and Lammes nixt to cum ander the pane of pundyn of thair rydiest gudis and geyr; and Donald McAne Bane in Wester Moneak, Donald McKy in Kyltartlirie, Johne McComas Moyr in Quech, Thomas McPhadryk in Anegarne, ar becum actit deuisim ilk ane for thair awyn paire to relyf and skaythles keip Martin Waus, Hendre Kar and Johne Robertson of the forsaid sowme, renuncian thair awyn jurisdiction, submittand tham to the jurisdiction of the prowst balyes of Innernis in this cace ander the pane of pundyn of thair rydiest gudis and geyr, and Dame Jonet Cambell is becum actit to relyf and skaythles kyp the sade Donald McAne Bane, Donald McKy, Johne McComas Moyr, and Thomas McPhadryk.

My Lord prowst balyes of this bruch, onto your maisterschipis humle menis and complenyes I your seruitor Master Martin Loge vpon Mergret Cuthbert, that quhar I being fra hame on my Lord of Morray service and my vfy being furth of my house, the said Mergret vpon the first day of Januar instant of ane ewyll wykkit and dissemblit mynd causit ane barne, son to Thomas Cuthbert burges of this bruch, cum and knok at my hall dure, scho being with hym in compane, my hall dur wes oppynnit my serwand being thairin, my nowris haueand the barne on hyr kne be the fyrre syd, suspecan no ewyll of onne person nor yet offending to onne bode in word or deyd, the sade Mergret of mynd forsaid tuk the hale fyrre that wes in the hus and mastyrfulle kest the same vpon my sad nowriss and barne and throch all the hus and brint my barne and the claythis that wes about hyr, and did that wes in to hyr to haue brint and destroyt my yong barne, and so effrayt hyr that contenualle sen syne is in perrell of hyr lyf, desyrand rameid. The Assise forsaid hes fundyn the said Mergret in the vrang in the incuming

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1564-65 to the hus and casting of the fyre, and jugit in admerciament and dome
13 Jan. giffin thairepon.
17 Jan. Cateryne Spens, Ellne Barbor, and Mergrret Hendre, being diuerse tymes of befor varnit to haue comperit befor the assemble of the kyrk to haue ressauit pennanse for committing of manifest fornication and common and alse for committing of adulterie and common pandorraris, for thair dissobedience and manifest contemption the punisment of tham referrit to the magistratis prowest and balyes of the bruch. The forsaid personis compering, quha wer fundyn and publict knawyn common fornicatouris, adulteraris and common pandorraris, wer decernit to be banest of this bruch to that thair be fordyr oder be takyne in the realme for sic offenssis, and gyf tha war fundyn in this bruch heyrefter to be brint on the chek, and dome giffin thairepon.

13 Feb. Hendre Kar yonger is becum actit of his awyne fre motyf wyll to content and pay Doncan Beg McConche Dwe in Dauid the sowme of twenty pundis.

17 Feb. Ane brocht strekyne be Johne Ross in name and behalf the rest of the takkismen of the vattyr on Johne Crom, Reche Brechyn, Johne Fucter, Johne McComas, that wrangusle and aganis the law in this instant mowneth tha brak the kist in the vattyr wark and tuk out of it the fysche that wes thair and ane clyp of irne, desyrand ramed of law. All jugit in admerciament accep Johne Fuctour. Johne McNuctar fre of the premissis. Johne McComas allegis Ryche Brechyn wes brekar of the kist and tuk out the fysche and clyp be Johne Robertson commandis, and Johne Crom said the said fysche.

21 Feb. Johne Robertson grants hym haue ressauit fra Jamis McFayll ane sufficient huse beyond the vattyr, and oblissis him to deliuer the same huse of thre cuppillis and twa gale forxis sufficient to James McFayll agane at Vytsunday nixt, and the said Johne sall pay of male thairfor xiiijs. at twa termes in the yeiris.

24 Feb. Ryche Brechyne for superseding of the falt committit be hym in the breking of the kist in the vatter vark hes fundyn Thome Waus yonger souerte for hym gyf he beis art or part of sic falts committing in tyme cuming, that he sall deliuer hym to his lug to be nalt at the trone and thairefter to be bannist of this towne for ewyr, and the same punishment to be done to all the fyscharis that be aprehendit committand sic in tyme cuming.
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Johne Vodrie quha allegit hym to be dowme and held hymself dowme and causit and compellit spek, is decernit to be led throw the foure porttis of this towne and to be scowrgit thairthrow with all rygour and thairefter bannist of this towne for ewyr.

Jams Duff is decernit to deliuer ane irne gawelage to Sande Cuthbert.

My Lord prowest and baillies of Innernis, I Andro Munro Schiref depute of Innernis humlie menis and compleinyeis on Alexander Cuthbert burges of Innernis that quhar in the moneth of December last bypast Robart Dunbar of Durris and James Dunbar of Terbert be vertu of ane commissioun directit to thame be my Lord Erle of Murray put Dauid Dow to executioun of justice, and for his dimeritis was condampnit to the deytht and his heid ordenit to be brocht to Innernis and to be affixt on the tolbuyth of the samyn perpetuallie in exempill of wtheris, and on the xxviiij day of December last bypast the said heid conforme to the dome giffin thairvpon com to the towne of Innernis and was affixit vpon the tolbuyth of the samyn, and thair remanit fray the said xxviiij day of December to the last of Februar last bypast, that ane servand woman of the said Alexander Cuthbertis for grewous chrymes committit be hyr was put in ward within the tolbuyth of Innernis and ordanit thair to remane aye and qhill scho war tayne out of the samyn be ordour of law, nocht the less the said Alexander Cuthbert in his comtentioun of our Souerane Ladeis authorite vnder sylence of nycht com to the said tolbuyth and bye ordour of law tuike the said woman at his awin hand out of the said tolbuyth, throw occasioun of the qhilk and in lyicht of the said contemp and vnder pretext of the samyn the said heid is tane away of the said tolbuyth. The Assise foirsaid haiffand respect to the allegationis foirsaidis and the auld ordour and constitution of this burgh, that it was lesum to onye quha becom souertie to the baillie to furth-tak of the tolbuyth the person for quhom thai com souertie to entyr thame agane, haiffand ane officiar with thame at the furth-tacking of the person wardit, and sua the said Alexander Cuthbert dyd na wrang and is maid fre of the haill pointtis contenit in the said Andro Munro his brocht.

The prowest baillies and cunsall in jugement hes statutit and ordanit that in tymes cuming that quhat ewyr persoun or personis beis wardit within our tolbuyth of Innernis of quhat estate degre or conditioun thai be of, that na baillie rassaue souertie vnto the tyme the said souertei be actit in our burrow buikis be our common clerk or his substitut,
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1564-65 and quha wtherwais dois in tymes cuming salbe perschewit for breking
3 Mar. of ward.

Andro Munro, capitane of the Castell of Innernis, strekis his brocht on all the fischearis of Innernis that wranguslie and aganis the law thai and ilk ane of thame faiyleis in braking of the auld privilege that ewyr all the capitanis of the Castell of Innernis wsit to haif be all the fischearis dwelland within the said towne, that is to say the saidis capitanis was aye in wse to be first seruit of ony maner of fischis that hapnit to cum in in to ony fischear boittis and to be seruit of their best fischis quhatsumewyr vpon sic ressonabill pricis as thai said to the towne, and quhar the saidis capitanis neglectit to send for the saidis fischis the said fischearis and their wyiffis was in wse to keip the best of all kynd of thair fischis quhill the saidis capitanis send for the samyn, and quhar thai faiyleit in sending for the saidis fischis the saidis fischearis and their wyiffis was in wse to bring ane large skayr of all keynd of thair fischis to the said Castell yet and thair to offer the samyn, and quhar thai faiyleit thairin the saidis capitanis pyneist thame as efferit, quhilk wse thai haif brokin sen my intres, thairfor desyris rameid of law. The Assise foresaidis fyndis that the Castell nor capitanis thairof that ewyr was thair had newyr sic privilege that odyr the fischear or fischear wyiffis keipit fischis to thame in thair houssis bot quhen the capitan serwandis com to the mercat or boittis thai wer first seruit of thair skayr upon the townes pricis and no wtherwais.

The jugis hes decernit Catheryne Browne serwand to Alexander Cuthbert for the maisterfull dingyne and blude drawing of hyr hussye to be put in the brankis to this nycht at ewin, and on the morne thairefter to be put in the cokstule and thair to remane to tuay efter none, and thaireftyr to be banneist of this towne for ewyr.

1565
30 April

The heid burrow curt of Innernis efter Pasche.

My Lord prowest baillies cunsall and commone of this burcht of Innernis, I your maisterschipis serwitour Thomas Collye desyris to be seruit as narrest and lauchfull ayr to my wmqhlle modyr Agnes Brebnar, quha was fre gild and burges of this burcht, and desyris to succeed to hyr place as I that is hyr son and ayr lauchfull gottin, and also desyris to be seruit as narrest and lauchfull ayr to my wmqhllle fadyr Watt Couper in all landis and anvelrentis that my wmqhllle fadyr deit last vestit and
saisit in at our Soverane Ladeis fayth and peace, and your maisterschipis answaer humlie I besyk. The prowest and baillies ordanis this petitioun to be proclamit at the mercate croce, and gif thair be onye parte to oppowyne or obiect in contrar the premissis to comperi the xix day of Maij nixt to cum, wyth certificatiani that quheddyr thay compeir or nocht we will proceid and minister justice, and ordanis the officiariis to summond the nychtbouris of this burcht to comperi the said day to pas vpon the servynge of the said petitioun.

Alexander Chessolme of Commer hes constitut Master Martyne Logye his procurator in the actioun and cause mouit be him contrar Johne Robartson burges of Innernes, et promisit de rato et grato. The jugis hes assignit to Alexander Chessolme of Commer Setterdaye nixt to preiff quhar him self and his wyff sauld to Johne Robartson xlvj dussan eakin buyrdis, and the said Johne Robartson nayt he coft ony fra the Chessolme bot xxvj dussan he coft fra his wyff, quhilk the said Chessolme hes tane to preiff the rest of the xlvj dussan sauld to him be him self, and hes ordanit ane supplicatioun to be maid to the shiref for precepts to be maid to warne the witnes that ar nocht within our jurisdictioun.

The jugis hes decernit William Anderson to rassaue fra Johne Munro, son to Johne Munro of Balknye, sax crownis of the son quilk he left in plege with him, and to delywer him the quheit monie rassault be him fra the said Johne.

William Cuming burges of Innernis is becumin actit of his awin motyve fre will as souertie and cationar for ane honorabil man William Fraysser of Strowye, wardatour of the Lowet, to refound content and pay to Schir Dauid Cuthbert, vicar of Varlawe, yeirlie for the space of thre yeiris immediat following the feist of Beltan callit Phillip and Jacob in the yeir of God j m v c and saxtie fyve yeiris, tuay barrellis and ane half barrell gude and sufficient salmond full reid and suet at the place of Lowet yeirlie at packyne tyme, and that for the sett and lettyr of tact maid be Schir Dauid to the said William Fraysser for the teynd salmond fisching of the Wattyr of Bewling.

In the actioun and cause mouit be Alexander Chessolme of Commer contrar Johne Robartson burges of Innernis, the jugis being awysit wyth the rychtis ressonis and allegationis of bayth the saidis parteis hinc inde hard seyne and considerit, decernis decreittis and
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1565 deliueris after the depository and examination of certain famous witnesses decernis that Johne Robartson sell rassaue the rest of the fourtie sax dussan eakin buyrdis pertainyng to the said Alexander Chessolme and his wyff being in Pitlundye, viz., the sowme of xx pundis for the xx dussan eakin buyrdis, and the sowme of xxij pundis. For euerilk dussan of xxvj dussan eakin buyrdis, extending in the half to xlvj dussan eakin buyrdis, of the quhilkis the said Johne Robartson grantit him self to half rassait xxij dussan and ane half, and the said Johne is decernit to rassaue the rest of the buyrdis being in Pitlundye within xv dayis, and the said Alexander Chessolme decernit to deliwar the said buyrdis to the said Johne within the said day, and decernis the said Johne to content and pay to Alexander Chessolme of Commer compt reknyng and payment of the rest of the sowme of fourtie aucht pundis monie of this realme within xv dayis.

Ane brocht strakin be Thomas Gollan on Jame Gollan and Jame Don his cottaris, that wrangusle and aganis the law thai broddit my best aittis and tylke the best thairof to thame selffis in thair sowd without licience of thair maister, and desyris ramed of law. Thai ar fundin in the wrang and ar adiuigit in americiament and dome giffin thairvpon. And alse followis that wranguslie thai pay nocht thair custum lambes to thair maistyr as wse of cottaris is to pay. Thai ar maid fre of all yeiris bygane to this present yeir.

Ane brocht strakin be the said Thomas on Duncan McSchir Andrea that wranguslie and aganis the law he held ane staig of ij yeiris auld in his corre to this present day. He is adiuigit in americiament and dome giffin thairvpon.

21 May Johne Reid procurator for William Buddyth ansuerand to the petitioun of Dauid Robertson burges of Perth, quhar he desyris William Buddyth to refund content and pay to him xx sufficient otter skynnis and fyve gude and sufficient tod skynnis, as he that wes obleist be obligatioun to refund content and pay the samyn to him in Sant Johnestoun at Fasternis Ewin was tuay yeiris, and failzeing of payment of the otteris he suld haif contentit and payt him xxx lib, and for ilk tod skyn xvijis.

2 June The prowest and baillies ordanis William Cuming thair commoun clerk to serce and seik the commoun buikis of the burgh of Inverness, quharthrow tryall may be had gif wmquhill Agnes Brebnar was ayr to
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hyr wmqhill fadyr Sande Brebnar conforme to the pointtis of Thomas Collie his petiition, viz., gif scho was entrit burges and gyld of this brucht.

Anent the offensis committit and done be William Donaldson in the lychtlie clesching and iniurious wourdis giffany and blude drawing of Johne Dempstar burges of this burcht, for the quhilkis clesche giffany and lychtleing of the said Johne is decernit be the jugis to cum in presens of the congreationoun the nixt day heirefter being the threed day of Junij, and thairin in the paroche kirk in tyme of preching publiclie confess his offensis and ask his brother forgysnes for God saik, and for the lychtleing and offensis done to him, he beand burges of this burcht and playne contrar his ayth of fidelite, quhar he aucht and said manteyne defend and supple all burgessis and gyld and nocht to do thame lychtleing or dis-prestitis; and forther gif the said William beis fundin in tymes cuming or convictit in jugement for committing of sic offensis in contrar ony of the nychtbouris of this brucht he salbe deprywit of his fredome, and this done for sythment of the offensis abouewreit.

Ane brocht strakin be Thomas Cuthbert on Andro McFynla and Swyne McAgow that wranguslie and aganis the law eftir thai tuike vpon hand as tennenttis and cottaris to me to keip my fauld and the cattell and gudis thairin nychtlie, nochttheless thai tuike out thair awin gudis and left the fauld duyr oppin, quharthrow all the rest of the gudis com out and past in my cornis and destroyit the samyn, quhilk was comprisit to xij bollis victuall of the crope of 1x4 yeiris, and desyris the saidis personis to be compellit to mak payment of the saidis skaythis done in thair defaultis, and desyris ramed of law. The saidis personis confessit in jugement thai aucht to keip the said fauld and gudis thairin, vpon the quhilkis Johne McGillewye procurator for the said Thomas requerit act of curt.

James Kar is decernit to refound content pay and delywer to Maister Thomas Howeson minister of Inneris the sowme of tuay bollis malt.

Comperit Ellyne NeynEwin as terme assignit to hyr to preiff scho pait Johne Gollan for litting of vij hespis yarne conteyng x pundis, deponit scho maid him thankfull payment for litting, viz., ane pek meill certan cheis and buttyr of the said yarne. The jugis considerand the premisssis decernis and decreittis Johne Gollan to refound content and pay to the said Ellyne NeynEwin vij hespis yarne conteenyng x pundis.

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1565 Ane brocht strakin be Donald Hendre on Manis Smyth that wrangusle and aganis the law he and his cumpanye put my boit out of the hawin scho laye in and put hyr on craggis and stanis and brak hyr, to my gret hurt hawye dammnage and skayth, and desyris rameid of law. The Assise foresaid be the examenatioun of certan famous witnes hes fundin the said Manis to haif done no wrang nor hurt to the said Donald his boit, quharfoir he is fundin fre.

30 July The jugis hes decernit William Chessolme to delywer Johne Grant ane bruche of sylwer conteyng iij unce or ellis the just awalour of the samyn.

14 Sept. Kennoch McEachin hes fundin Alexander Chessolme of Commer and Rorye Alexanderson souertie and law borrowis actit in our burrow buikis of Innernis to entyr him self his serwandis and complicis and sic vderis as Maister Donald Fraysser Archedeyne of Ross hes actioun to meyne or complayne on, to vnderlye the law befoir the Erle of Atholl lyvetennent of the northt of Scotland or his deputis and prowest and baillies of the burtht of Innernis vpon xv dayis warnyng vnder the Payne of law; and inlykemaner the said Alexander Chessolme of Commer is becum actit and law borrowis that Maister Donald Frayser him self his serwandis kynnis men and frendis gudis and geyr salbe harmesles and skaythles bot as law will. Thomas Cuthbert and Nycoll Kar inlykemaner ar becum souertie and catioun and law borrowis actit of thair awin motyve fre willis in our burrow buikis of Innernis that Kennocht McKenze his kynnis men and freindis gudis and geyr salbe harmesles and skaythles of the saidis Archedeyne his kynnis men and freindis bot as law will.

2 Oct. The heid burrow curt of Innernis efter Michaelmess.

Mareoun Gaderar is entrit in the soit roll in ane rude of land lyand within the burgh of Innernis on the southt syde of the croce, and ane wther pece land beest the samyn pertenyng Robert Dunbar, conforme to hyr evidentis producit in jugement thairvpon, lyand betuix the landis of wmquhill Schir Johne Campbell knycht of Calder on the west, the Hie Gett on the eist, the Croce to the northt, and Fynla Donaldson to the southt.

28 Oct. Megye Tailzeour is decernit to refound and delywer to Manis Brebnar vij stringis of lynes, thre hundredth huikis, tuay hundredth sneddiss, the best nett of thre hering nettis, xxs. monie and vj pekis victuall.

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Ane brocht strakyn be the thesaurar of the burcht of Innernis on 1565 Manis Caskin and James Baittis that wrangusle and aganis the law thai and ilkane of thame telit the commond pasture at the syde of the myll burne, and hes maisterfullie at thair awin handis dung downe the auld dykis that was thair as auld merchis, to the greit hurt and skayth of the inhabitantis of this burcht, and desyris the saidis personis to be decernit to haif done wrang. The foirsaidis personis comperit in jugement and confessit the pointtis of the brocht, quha for thair contemplation ar decernit to haif done wrang and adiugit in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon.

Ane brocht strakyn be the thesaurar on Thom McKelecan, Johne McBean Governour, Gillemorrrye McMarris, Johne Roy the cottar son, Ade Hwde and William McGillemechell, that wrangusle and aganis the law thai and ilkane of thame hes contempnntle past and cassin dewattis vpon the ground betuix the schip and the chepall yard wall, and desyris ramed of law. Thomas McKelecan and Ade Hwde confessit in jugement the pointtis of the brocht, quha ar decernit to haif done wrang and adiugit in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon. The rest of the personis contenit in the brocht ar fundin fre.

Andro McFynla McAllister is decernit to refound content and pay to James Paterson provest ane boll greit quheit aittis and ane firlote small aittis.¹

Johne McRorye Johneson gaif in his petitioun in jugement acclam- and Johne Gollan the tane half of all the custum fyr that was gottin gatherit and collectit be thame at Maremoss and the Rudemess last was as thair conditioon was, quhilk fyr extendis to auchtene scoir and ten quotes of fyr, vj pennort weddeis and half dussan caberis.

The provest baillies and cunsall hes statut and ordanit that na maner of persoun dwelland within this burgh fre nor vnfre tak vpon hand to house onye victuallis onpresentit to the mercate, and quha dois the contrar salbe accusit and callit as forstallaris, and the victuallis sua apprehendit or suyr knawlage gottin thairof beand ressett in thair houssis onpresentit the mercate to be eschete, and the resettaris thairof to be callit as forstallaris and pvneist thairfor as accordis of justice law.

Comprisaris of biggynnis electit for ane yeir. The jugis hes ordanit William Anderson, Thom Christeson, Jame McFaill, Jame Baittis, and

¹ The Provost was on the bench.
1565 John Robertson alias Wrycht to pas and comprise all biggynnys as thai
17 Nov. ar chargit thairto, and in speciall the biggyn of George Symonson to be
comprisit on Wedenisdaye nixt.
8 Dec. Thomas Collye is becumin actit of his awin motyve fre will as
catioun and souertie for Christian Brebnar that the said Christian sall big
the house quhair scho dwells in presentlie now pertenyng to Alexander
Paterson burges of Innernis in heretage als sufficient as it was the day he
tuike saising thairin.
10 Dec. Comperit John Ross burges of Innernis and gaif in his brocht to
the prowest and baillies humlie meand and compleyneand vpon William
Paterson burges of the samyn, that quhar my wyff was doand hyr lesum
bessines at my back yard and causing hyr serwandis to mak red ane
mydding at the foirsaid bakyet, quharthrow the watter mycht half
passage fra all men skaythis and belewand no ewill, the said William com
to hyr on the Hie Gett, sayng to hyr that gif he fand ony of my
serwandis puttan muk on the said mydding quhilk is my heretage he
suld put ane quhinyear trocht bayth thair cheikiks, and also said to hyr
and callit hyr blay ribald missaell lipper hwyrr that scho was, gif he fand
ony of my serwandis thair he suld put four quhynyearis in thame to the
haft in spyte of ony that vald tak thair pairt, wyth monye wther inurious
wourdis, lykees wtheris nychtbouris being present for the tyme can
testifie, heirfor desyris your maisterschipis for rameid of law, and this my
bill in forme of brocht. The said William compering in jugement nayt
the said brocht and pointtis thairoff. The jugis heirand bayth the saidis
parteis allegationis and ressonis causit the assise foirsaid be sworne, quha
furth yeid, ryplie awysit, in com, haiffand God and gude conscience befoir
ee, after the depositioun of famous widnes, pronuncit and decernit be the
moutht of Alexander Baillze Chancellor of the Assise for the tyme that
William Paterson had done wrang in the sayng that he vald put ane
quhynyear trocht the said Johnes his serwandis cheikiks, and wrangit in
the sayng to Mergret Waus his spous blay lipper hwyrr scho was, and
dome giffin thairvpon.

William Paterson burges of Innernis gaif in his brocht vnto the
prowest and baillies humlie menand and lamentable compleyneand vpon
Johne Ross burges of the said burcht, that quhar he hes dampnit the
fowll pule and myir behynd the towme wyth his muk on my barren,
trocht the quhilkis I haif sustenit greit hurt dampnage and skayth and
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to the greit skayth and hendering of my barne and cornis thairin, as mycht haif beyne knawin and seyne on Setterdaye last was, nochtthelese seynig the greit hurt and skayth done to me com to James Duff, aue of the baillies and office men for the tyme, menand and schawand him the kaise foirsaid, and after the suyth of my skayth and menyng of the samyn to the baillie as said is past quhar Margret Waus was spous to Johne Ross, and thair of ane frendlie maner menit and schew hyr that I was largelie hurt be hyr gudeman in dampnyng of the wattyr and myre behynd the towne wyth his middingis on my barne and cornis thairin, sayand na fordyr to hyr at that tyme, anserit me thrawartlie and wickitlie wyth inuiourous wourdis, sayng that hyr gude man culd nocht turse his muk on his bak about wyth him, I ansurit na farther at the tyme bot said thair was places anewe to put muk in and for myddingis making then to put it yonder to do skayth to onye nychtbour; fordyr I spak hyr nocht at the tyme, bot scho said it was aue new wardill that I durst be so bauld to speik to hyr of sic efferis; thaireftyr scho cumand fra the Brigend bannan and wyldan as plesit hyr, saying to me in presens of sindrie of the nychtbouris of this burcht that scho vald hald that muk thair in despye of me and all my kyn and suld schooll it in at my barne duyr, and quhy durst I be so bauld onall beist carll that I was to speik to hyr, and for cutting of my luggis fra my heid that I suld speik to hyr or ony of hyrris, wyth monye wther inuiourous wourdis quhilk becom nocht aue woman to gif aue man in opin mercate, for it is my vther schame to haif sustenit sic dispytis and wickit wourdis; and this my petitioun in forme of brocht humle I beseik. The said Johne Ross compering in jugement for him self and his spous nayt the pointtis of the brocht foirsaid. The jugis heirand bayth the saidis parteis allegationis and ressonis causit the Assise foirsaid be sworne, quha furth yeid, ryplie awsis, in com, haiffand God and gude conscience befoir ee, after the depositioun of certan famous witnes, pronuncit and decernit be the moutht of Alexander Baille Chancellor of the Assise for the tyme that Johne Ross hes done wrang in the wrangus putting of his muk and dampnyng of the watter and myre vpon the said William his barne, and the said Mergret his spous, be the examenatioun of certan famous witnes as said is, is fundin in the wrang for the wrangus saying to William Paterson and calling of him beist onall carll, for stowing and cutting of his luggis he durst be so pert to speik to hyr,
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1565 and dome giffin thairvpon, and ar fundin fre of the rest of the pointtis of the brocht.

10 Dec. John Ross in jugement requerit act of curt quhar he offerit William Paterson and his spouse Nannes Ross that at strekin tymne in the Freiouris Watter that he or scho cum and labyr thair pairtis of the saidis Freiouris Watter dalye or ellis to tak thair saxt day thairof, wyth certificatioun and thair do nocht the samyn it sall laye waist for thair pairtis.

12 Dec. James Paterson provest of the burcht of Innernis protestis that insafar as his serwandis Johne McGillepadrick tuay horses ar scabbit and can nocht be put nor vsit in no wark that he mycht haif fra this day furtht euere day vjd. for euerilk horse, and also desyrit Andro McFynla McAllister to se the said horse comprisit and the walour of the samyn to be decernit, and Setterdaye nixt assignit to the said James to produce the said horse to be comprisit and the partie to be warnit to the said day.

15 Dec. Johne McRorye comperit in jugement and desyrit process at the jugis contrar Johne Gollan. The jugis decernis the said Johne Gollan be decreit of curt to refound content and pay to the said Johne McRorye auchtene scoyr and ten quotes fyr, price of the quoill ijd., sax pennort weddeis, half dussan kaberris, price xvijd.

19 Dec. Ane brocht strakin be Agnes Neyn James spous to wmqhull Moreist McGilleneill vpon Johne McWalter Stewart that wrangusle and aganis the law he relewis nocht four crownes of the son qhilke he put in plege of xxxv testens to my wmqhull husband and me, heirfor beseikis your maisterschipis to compell the said Johne to rassae his gold and delywar me my monye lent him be my wmqhull husband and me, and desyris rameid of law.

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7 Jan. Schir Patrik Anderson protestis that insafar as Agness Ross desyris of his chaplane landis fewe ferme or as it is callit foggage, that it be nocht prejudiciall to him nor his successouris to the tyme thai produce thair rychtis gif thai ony haiff vpon the said fewe ferme wtherwais callit foggage.

21 Jan. Hendre Kar younger strekis ane brocht on Patrik Skynner that wrangusle and aganis the law he withhaldis fra me ane sled I coft fra McInnyar, and desyris the said sled to be randrit agane or ellis his resson
quhyle he will noch, and deyris ramed of law. The Assise foresaid hes fundin the said Patre fre of this brocht and ordanit the said Hendre to perschew McInnoyar and the said Patre quhil he hes instantlie be resson he coft it oppin in mercate.

My Lord prowst baillies counsell and communitie of this burgh, I Patrik Skynner burges of this burcht hawlie menis and lamentablie compleenis on Hendre Kar younger burges thair, that quhar vpon the xx day of this instant moneth et after none the prowst baillies and the rest of the towneship was cumand out of the chappell yard to the tolbuyth for dressing and ordering sic cummerse as chansit at the tyme for wmshewing of forther inconvenientis, nochtetheless in the hie way the vpcoming out of the said chappell yard to the tolbuyth the said Hendre without ony motioun or faill done be me his contrar in presens of monye and sindrie the nychtbouris of this burcht struike me vpon the face wytth his stekit naiff and drew ane greit quantite of my blude, and thairfter within the tolbuyth in presens of the prowst baillies and wtheris sindrie nychtbouris, thai beand dressand sic cummerse as chansit the said day, said he suld draw mair of my blude, beseiking your maisterschipis for justice of this my bill in forme of brocht humle I beseik. The jugis and the Assise foresaidis hes decernit the said Hendre Kar younger for the wrangis done be him to the said Patre to sit on his kneis and to ask the said Patre forggyveness, and gif he war fundin or notit wse sic lyke in contrar ony nychtbour fre or vnfre in ony tyme cuming to pay to the commond purse the sowme of xx pundis monie of this realme vnforgewin.

At Innershes the xxvj day of Novembe the yeir of God jm vce and saxtie fyve yeiris, It is appointtit concordit and fynalle aggreit betuix discreit personis, that is to say Maister Thomas Howeson Maistyr of the Grammar Scule of Innershes on the ane pait, and that in name and behalf of the prowst baillies and cunsall of the burcht of Innershes for fullfylling of his pert of the contract, that quhar the said Maistyr is obliest to fynd ane sufficient doctour for teching vnder him of the said scule on the ane pait, and Patre Anderson Chaplane to Sant Michaell fundat within the paroche kirk of Innershes on the other pait, that is to say, the said Patrik for the plesouris and deyir of the prowst baillies and cunsall quha ar maisteris and patronis and be thair deyir and suppleying of him be thair fortificationoun and help to inbring his yeirlie dutie and anvellis, becumis bundin and obliest and be the tennour of thir presentis bindis and oblissis

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1565-66 2 Feb. him faythfullie to be doctour vnder the said Maistyr in teching of the said scule for all the dayis yeiris and termes of his lyftyme, and sall await thairon be the desyir of the Maister to the furtherance and proffeit of the bernis that ar and to cum thair; for the quhilkis the said Maister Thomas bindis and oblissis him faythfullie be the fayth of his bodye to thankfullie content and pay yeirlie to the said Patrik the sowme of ten merkis, or ellis sall assigne the samyn to the said Patrik to be vpliftit of the towe fray the provest and bailzeis of the said Maistyr Thomas pentioun, of the quhilk the towe is obleist to pay Master Thomas be vertu of the securitie of the said towe maid to the said Maister Thomas, and the samyn to be the option of the said Patrik of his payment tackin fray the towneschip or fray the said Maister Thomas, and the samyn to be payt vnto him for his lyftyme in seikness alsveill as in helht, and this contract to remayne for bayth the saidis parteis and to be actit in forme of act and to be registrat in the burrow buikis of Innernis and thair to haue the strentht of ane Act, and to be extendit in vberorj forma for bayth the parteis foirsaidis, and for faythfull observing of the premissis bayth the saidis parteis hes subscriuit this present Contract wyth thair handis at Innernis yeir day and place foirsaid.

M. Thomas Howeson, wyf. my hand.
Patrick And'son, chaplane, wyf. my hand.

11 Feb. Comperit in jugement Deyne Davyd Dasoun acclamand Johne McGillewyre burges of Innernis thre schillingis anwell of his house quhar he dwellis to Kynloss, quhilk Johne comperit for him selfe as this day that was assignit to him to ansuer to the said Deyne Dawidis clame and desyrit the said Deyne Dawidis commioun gif he ony had to perschew or acclame the said anwell, quha allegit he had ane commioun bot nocht present for the tyme. The jugis hes assignit to the said Deyne David literarie to produce his commioun gif he ony hes.

Comperit in jugement Schir James Duff, Rude Chaplane fundat within the paroche kirk of Innernis, for seing of the productioun of evident or document that quhar the said Schir Jamis had payt anwell to the place of Kynloss for the Rude Manse, quhilk Manse the said Schir Jamis allegis is adunit to the kirk yard of Innernis, and na thing productit bot the rehearse of Deyne James Pape sayand that Schir Jamis Duff payt vj yeiris anwell for the Rude Manse, vnder protestatioun that it suld nocht be prejudicial to the said Schir Jamis nor his successouris.
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Rude Chaplainis insafar as the Rude Manse is unetit and annexit to the kirk yard, and thairfor the said Deyne Davud aucht to soit the Rude Manse quhar it is and nocht the said Schir James.

Ane brocht strakin be Johne Merschell on Androw McEwin Moyr hiscottar that wrangusle and aganis the law he hes lattin ane kow of myne be stollin, quhilk was stollin the thred day of Februar instant, and ane ox of tuay yeiris auld quhilkis is stollin and away xv dayis syne, he beand my cottar and haiffand his duetie for keipning of the said gudis quhilkis ar away in his default, heirfor beseikis your maisterschips for justice and rameid of law and to compell the said Andro to restoryr me my saidis gudis or ellis the pricis of the samyn that I may sufficientlie preiff the saidis gudis war wortht. The Assise forsaid hes fundin be examenation of famous witnes that the said Andro McEwin suld refound content and pay to the said Johne Merschell the kow and oxe forsaid or ellis the pricis thairoff within xv dayis vnder the pane of poinding of his redeast gudis and geyr.

The provest baillies and cunsall haiffand respect and consideratioun of ane petition of menyng producit in jugement be Andro Reid menand vpon his greit infirmitie and seikness he hes sustenit this present yeir desyrand remit of his stallangear sylwer of this yeir, viz., fra Michaelmess in anno lxv to Michaelmess in anno lxvj. The provest baillies and cunsall haiffand respect heirto for zele hes remittit the samyn for this present yeir, nocht makand the samyn to be ane preparatyve to him nor wtheris in tymes cuming.

In the actioun and cause mowit intentit and perschewit be James Paterson [Provost] contrar Andro McFynla in Drakye, that quhar the said Andro McFynla wrangusle and aganis the law held vnlauchfull gudis sic as scabbit horses within the townie and landis of Drakye efter he was inhibitit diuerse tymes for to lat his scabbit horses amangis the said James horses or his cottars horses, bot to be keipit be the said Andro within his awin or his maisteris boundis fra thair skaythis, nochttheless the said Andro McFynla nochtwythstanding he being requirit diuerse tymes for keiping of his vnlauchfull gude sic as scabbit horses fra pasturing of thame vpon the said James gerse or boundis or amangis his horses quhen he protestit diuerse tymes vtouht jugement and innwe jugement quhat skayth his horses and his cottars horses had sustenit suld fall vpon him, nochtwythstanding heirof the said Andro McFynla wranguslie and
1565-66 aganis the law pasturit his horses amangis the said James horses and his
cottaris horses nochtwythstanding of the inhibitionis and protestationis
foirsaidis dyd playne the contrar.
2 Mar. Johne Neilson and Jasper Dempster burgessis of the burcht of
Innernis ar becumin actit in our burrow buikis of Innernis of thair awin
motyve fre willis coniunctle and seuerale to refound content and pay to
Dauid Dunbar apperand of Grangehill in the name and behalf of the
tutouris of Johne Cuthbert son and ayr to wmqhull George Cuthbert of
the Auldcastelhill thair fermes and males vnderwreittin for the landis
respectue vnderwreittin, viz., for the fermes of Eistyr Drakye xij bollis
victuall, and for the fermes of Myd Drakye xij bollis victuall, and for
the fermes of vij aker and ane half occupeit be Thom Christeson xj bollis iij
firlottis victuall, and for ane aker occupeit be Elzabet Dempster vj
firlottis victuall, and for tuay akeris occupeit be Alexander Cuthbert iij
bollis victuall, and for ij akeris occupeit be William Chessolme iij bollis
victuall, and for ane half aker occupeit be the said William, Alexander
Cuthbert and Elzabet Dempster iij firlottis victuall, Itam for ij akeris
quhilik was occupeit be wmqhull James Gollan, ij akeris occupeit be
James Kar, ane aker occupeit be Manis McGillemechell at the Braid
Stane vj bollis victuall, for the fermes of Vestyr Drakye occupeit be
Fynla McFaill and Duncan McLauchlyn xij bollis victuall, and for the
malis of the Standan Stanes four merkis, and for the maill of his fourtie
schilling fischeing of the Watter of Ness xx lib., and for the malis of the
half fischeing of the Freouris Watter x merkis, as souerteis and cautionaris
for William Cuthbert burges of Innernis quha hes exceptit the office of
chalmerlandre and thankfull payment making of the malis and fermes
foirsaidis.
3 Mar. Convenit the provest baillies cunsall and communitie of Innernis for
ansuer making to the petitionis vnderwreittin quhais names efter followis,
viz., Jasper Waus of Lochslyn, William Cuthbert, [and 20 others]. The
foirsaidis personis and provest and baillies foirsaidis hes woittit and
consentit and giffin thair electiou and woittis to the fewing of saxteine
aker of land pertenyng Sant Catherynis Chaplane to Johne Ross, quhiliks
landis ar in his possessioun and occupeit and possedit be him presentlie
at thir presentis, and also hes woittit and consentit that Alexander
Paterson eldar half the fewe of sex aker of land pertenyng Sant
Michaellis Chaplane in Fewe to be holdin of the said Chaplane, and
siclyke hes woittit and consentit that William Paterson haif the fewe of viij akeris of land pertenyng to the Rude Chaplane fuindat within the paroche kirk of Innernis as thai that ar patronis thairof.

Ane brocht strakin be Manis Caskin on Jasper Dempster and William Cuthbert baillies of this burcht for the tyme that wrangusle and aganis the law thai releff me nocht of ane pot of Johne Grantis tane out of his house as ane poynd and delierit within the Chappell of the Brig-end at thair commandis and the said Jasper haiffand the key himself in his keiping. The saidis Jasper and William compering in jugemt allegit the said pot to be thre dayis comprisit at the mercate croce, and causit the hand bell pass trochit the towne desyrand euere man to cum and louse and releiff thair poindis quha com nocht, and be the ressonis foirsaidis aucht not to rander the said pot agane.

Comperit Jonet Cuthbert spous to Fynla Paterson and exponit and lamentit that scho gat no thing thir four yeiris bygane fra hyr said husband to susteyne hyr in meit and clayth as becumis hyr nor yet can get na thing fra him to hyr sustentatiioun, and is presentlie destitute of all keynd of sustentatiioun meit and drink quharvpon scho suld leiff, and the house quhilk scho dwellis in is vtterlie destitute thairof and of all keynd of victuallis, and to verifie the samyn desyrit the provest and baillies ane or may to pass wyth sum of the nychtbouris of the towne to the house quharin scho dwellis to verifie gif thair be ony meit drink or victuallis in the said house quharvpon scho may be sustenit and leiff.

Johne Cuthbert son to William Cuthbert and Johne Gollan ar decernit to refound content and pay to William Anderson four keling and ane half, price of the keling xviiij., and xviiij hadokis, price of the dussan xviiijd.  

James Paterson provest desyris your maisterschipis baillies to call Fynla Donaldson quha was warnit to this day at my instance as he that becom cautiouin for Andro McFynla quhilkis I opitenit on him ane boll greit aittis and ane firlote small aittis, and to heir and se the said aittis liquidat and decreit thairvpon, and be the examenatioun of certan famous witnes hes fundin the boll greit aittis gaif this yeir xviiij., and the firlote small aittis iijs. iiijd., and decernis the said Fynla to pay him xviiij. for the boll greit aittis and iijs. iiijd. for the firlote small aittis within xv dayis.

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Nomina Assise: Allan McRynnald of the Leis, Huchoun Fraysser of Foyer, Dowl McDonald McAn Dowe, Alexander Cuthbert, &c.

Robert McAy is wardit within the tolbuyth of Innernis aye and quhill he entyr the committar of the offence done to William Fraysser serwand quhilk was fundin be the Assise foirsaid to be in his cumpanye.

25 April
Johne Brak dwelland in Torbrak hes actit himself of his awin fre motyve will to refound content and pay to George Gray the sowme of xls. monie of this realme betuix the day and dait heirof and the feist of Maremess nixt wyth ane garment of claise to his son quha is lernand wyth the said George at the brebnar craft.

William Cuthbert burges of Innernis is becumin actit souerte and catiou for Robert McAy for the relewing of him out of ward, that the said Robert sall entyr Johne McRobert McAy within the tolbuyth of Innernis for the blude drawing of William Fraysseris serwand callit Donald Scot the ferd day of May nixt to cum vnder the pane of law, and the said Robert actit himself to releiff the said William Cuthbert.

27 April
Johne Robertson streiks ane brocht on Allister McAn Moyr McAy that wrangusle and aganis the law he makis him nocht compt reknyng and payment of xxiiij bolis aittis of the stok of ane pruiff cassin be Alexander McThomas Roy without he be compellit and desyris rameid of law. The jugis hes decernit the said Alexander to mak compt reknyng and payment within xv dayis.

4 May
William Fraysser Tutour of Lowet be his mandet directit wyth Allan McRynnald hes dischargit the act of souerte quhar William Cuthbert was souerte for entyr of Robert McAy quharthrow the said Robert suld entyr the blude drawer of Robert Scot serwand to the said William this day, and vpon the discharge of the said act Allan McIntochie requerit act of curt.

11 May
Thomas Cattocht is decernit to cast alse monye dowattis to Johne Reid younger as will thek v cuppill as he that rassauit vs. monie in part of payment of the samyn.

8 June
Comperit in jugement Patrik Grant, son and ayr to wmquhill Johne Grant of Culcabok, and hes constitut Maistyr Martyne Logye his procurator for serwing of him conforme to the pointtis of Our Souerane Lord and Ladeis brewe, et promisit de rato et grato. Maister Martyne Logye procurator foirsaid exhibeit and producit in jugement ane brewe of our
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Souverane Lord and Ladeis Chappell impetrat be Patrik Grant son and ayr to wmuquhill Johne Grant of Culcabok dewlie execut and indorsat, to be seruit conforme to the pointtis thairof.

Vpon the proclamatioun of the said brewe beand opynlie proclamit at the tolbuyth styr as wse is, and na [person] comperand till oppone or obiect contrar the pointtis of the samyn, the said Maister Martyne procurator foirsaid requerit act of curt. Maister Martyne Logye procurator foirsaid vpon the proclamatioun at the tolbuyth styr as wse is, gif thair was ony persoun or parte till oppone or obiect contrar the personis of inqueist, and na parte comperand till oppone or obiect contrar thame or ony of thaim, the said Maister Martyne Logye requerit act of curt.

The inqueist foirsaid hes seruit Patrik Grant, son and ayr to wmuquhill Johne Grant of Culcabok, in tuay particattis of land lyand betuix the landis of Johne Cuthbert of the Auld Castlehill to the eist, Robert Waus land to the west, the front to the Kingis Get to the southt, the taill to the commoun vennall to the northt, and that the said Patrik is narrest and lauchfull ayr to his said wmuquhill fadyr Johne Grant of Culcabok quha deit at our Souerane Ladeis sayth and peace, and that the saidis tuay particatis of land ar in the towneschippis handis of xvij yeiris and viij monethis or thairby last bypast trocht the deceise of his wmuquhill fadyr Johne Grant of Culcabok, quha deceissit in the moneth of September the yeir of God j\textsuperscript{m} \textsuperscript{v} fourtie aucht yeiris, in default of persoit of his rycht, vpon the serwing and pronunsing of the serwing desyrit act of curt and to be retowrit vnder the selis of the Assise or the maist pairt of thame, and further desyrit ane of the baillies of the burcht of Innernis to gif him sasing in the saidis tuay particattis of land conforme to his serwing, quhilk was grantit in judgument.

Martyne Waus burges of Innernis producit in judgument ane brewe of lynyng vpon thre rude of land lyand within the burcht of Innernis in the Kirkget on the eist syde of the samyn, betuix the landis of James Paterson to the northt and Schir Dauid Cuthbert to the southt, the front to the Kingis Get to the west, the taill to the foull pule to the eist, and desyrit the baillies to chese and elect ane condinge inqueist of the burgessis of the burcht conforme to the lawis thairof, and to pas and lyne the saidis landis, quhais names followis. [Names of Assise.]

Schir Dauid Cuthbert comperit in judgument and allegit the foirsaidis landis to be lynyit befoir, nochttheless consentis and admittis the
1566 Assise forsaidsis to be sworne and to lyne the samyn of new, quhilkis personis forsaidsis being sworne, the Halie Evangelist twechit, past to the saidis landis and hes lynit the samyn justlie, and fyndis the saidis landis justle lynit as the saidis Schir Dauidis hawethornis ar sett eist and west to the taill at the eist quhilk Schir Dauid possedis is of new lynit his dyke to be mayr to the southt be thre fute, vpon the quhilkis lynynge the said Schir Dauid tuike act and instrument.

9 June Johne Robartson and Johne Merschell burgessis of Innernis ar berceum actit in our burrow bukis of Innernis vnoactit or compellit bot of thair awin motyve fre will souerte and cationaris for Fynla McConyleir to refound content and pay to Johne Bernis within the townes of Pertht the sowme of viij gude and sufficient pladdis, fyve dowbill elne in ilke plad, or the heast pricis that pleddis giffis in onye pairitis.

6 July William McGillephadrick, Allister McGillephadrik, William Hwde, Johne Gibson younger, Moreist McGilleneillis wyff ar followit be the Thesaurar that wrangusle and aganis the law thai wse fre mennis placis in bying of tymmer, bark, watlyng, buyrdis, beyr at the stone in the boittis in forstalling maner in hie contempioun of the provest baillies of this burcht and statutis of the samyn thai nocht beand fre burgessis of this burcht, and for the wrangis of the samyn ar adiugit in admerciament and dome giffin thairvpon.

8 July James Paterson strekis ane brocht on Thomas Roy that wrangusle and aganis the law he hes at his awin hand intromettit wyth ane hundreth stingis pertenynge the said James, trocht the quhilkis intromissionn the said James wanteth sex hundreth stingis price of the hundreth viijs.

Comperit in jugement Jonet Sutherland spous to Farquhar McFersoun and gaif in hyr petitioun humlie menand and complanand vpon Elspet Barnet spous to Johne Morison and Mareoun Ogylbe spous to Johne Abraham, that quhar scho beand drinkand in the said Johne Morisons house suspecand na ewill bot to haif lewit ondyr Gods peace our Soueranis and youris, nochttheless the said Elspet and Mareoun crewellie set vpon hyr and drew her hayr, scarit hyr face, callit hyr commend theifiss geit, and that hyr modyr was ane barne brekar and leifit on wilkis brocht out of the see, and trocht thair wicket handling of me almaist I had paitit wyth berne this last nycht as Jasper Dempstaris wyff can testefie, Heirfor besikis your maisterschips for rameid of law, and this my bill in forme of brocht. Jasper Dempstar procurator for
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Jonet Sutherland desyris the jugis to put thair actis to executioun quhar 1566
Elspat Barnet is oftymes ordanit to be banneist of this towne. Johne 8 July
Abraham is becumin actit souerte and catioun for his wyff Mareoun
Ogylbe in case the berne that is in Jonet Sutherlandis wame inleak in
hur default to entyr vpon xv dayis warnyng vnder the pane of law.

That day as to the clame giffin in jugement be Elspet Uykgillechoan
contrar Dunsleye desyrd certan clame contenit in hur bill, and the said
Dunsleye comperand in jugement be him self and his procuratoris nayt
the haill pointtis of the brocht except ane tartan blak and quheit quhilk
he allegis payment maid thairfor, and ane quheit pled quhilk he gaif ane
tartan for, and the rest referrit to the probatioun of Elspet Uykgillechoan
to preiff the rest of hur brocht on Setterdaye nixt.

The baillies hes followit Thomas Christeson in Gamrye that wrang-
usle and aganis the law he beand wardit within the tolbuyth of Innernis
for wrangis done be him to the towneschip and iniurious wourdis giffin
Johne Morison officiar brak ward and deparit of the samyn, quha
comperit in jugement and alleg Johne Morison to haif licent him to
deparit out of ward, and Setterdaye nixt assignit to him preiff the samyn.

Comperit in jugement Allane Mcintoischie and protestit in name
and behalf of the gentill men tane and haldin be Thomas Cuthbert
protestis for all costis skaythis dammage or expenses sustenit be thame
in the said Thomas default. Donald Roy Gillewynnane, Kennyth
McAne McKennyth, Angus Reocht wyth thair complices hes constitut
Allane McIntoischie thair procuratoris cum potestate substituendj in the
actioun and cause mowit be thame contrar Thomas Cuthbert and be him
thair contrar, et promiserunt de rato et grato.

The jugis hes ordanit Johne Ross and Alexander Cuthbert to 27 July
produce thair chartouris vpon thair crot toussis behynd the towne,
quharthrow Schir William Anderson Chaplane to Sant Andro may be
payt of his anwell yeirle vjs. thairof.

Gilbert Waus son and upperand ayr to Thom Waus elder is entrit
fre burges and gyld of this burgh, and hes giffin his ayth of fidelite thair-
vpoun, and hes payt vs. quhilk was deliverit to the brig wait wyth xls.
monie to the samyn wark, and him self cumin dettour for his banket and
hoise to the prowest.

The jugis hes ordanit Huchoun Wrycht to mak the buytht and loft
quhilk he set to James Gutthre in the Brigend sufficient as he that set

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him the samyn quharthrow he may dwell without ony skayth, and alse
hes ordanit Alexander Cuthbert as awnar of the said house and biggyn
to releiff the said Huchoun and to mak his house sufficientlie and to lynd
lokkis to his durris quharthrow the tennentts foirsaidis incur na skayth
of weyt nor brokin men sic as theiffis.

Thomas Christeson dwelland in Gamrye for the wrangus bying of
buyrdis to the nummer of ane dussan confessit be him self in jugement in
oppin mercate in forstalling maner is adiugit in admerciament and dome
giffin thairvpon, and the buyrdis ordanit to be escheittit.

In the actioun and cause mowit intentit and perschewit be Johne
Dempster burges of Innernis contrar Thomas Cuthbert burges of the said
burcht for the wrangus downe breking and away tacking of the wallis
and stanis of his chalmyr kirk yard lyand on the souht syde of the
paroche kirk of Innernis betuix the chalmeris of wmquhill George
Strachin of Cullodin to the west and Richart Coupland to the eist, the
jugis haiffand consideratioun of the rychtis ressonis and allegations
probations and depositions of certan famous witnes rassauit sworne and
admittit hes fundin that Thomas Cuthbert burges foirsaid hes done
wrang in the wrangus downe casting of the wallis of his chalmyr kirk
yard in the monethis of Junij and Julij instant or thairby, and in the way
tacking of the stanis of the samyn without ony licience or tollerance of
the said Johne Dempstar had or opiten thairto, and thairfor decernis
decreittis and for fynall sentence pronuncis that Thomas Cuthbert hes
done wrang in the premissis, and ordanis him to big the saidis wallis als
sufficient as the saidis wallis war befoir the downe tacking of the samyn.

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William Cummyng thesaurar of the burcht of Innernis comperit in
jugement and gaif in his petitioun and bill of compleint vpon Johne
Monepenny, hawelie menand and complementand that quhar the said Johne
Monepenny he forstallit this burcht of Innernis in bying of certan salt
hydis to the nummer of ten daker or thairby fra vnfre men and vthouth
the said brugh playne contrar the actis of Parliament and gift maid to
the burgh of Innernis be Our Soueranis Ladeis progenitouris Kingis of
Scotland, as Our Souerane Ladeis letters giffin vpon the said gift and
prewelege gewin to thame for escheting of all maner steple gudis and
merchandice coft and sauld be vnfre men to vnfre men and vthouth the
burgh of Innernis, and thairfor the said Johne Monepenny as he that
was warnit to this day to heir and se the foirsaidis ten daker salt hydis
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to be decernit as escheit and confiscat to Our Souerane Lord and Ladeis wse and the said burcht of Innernis conforme to the said Act of Parliament, and the said Johne Monepennye compering in jugement to answer to the pointtis of the compleit foirsaid and confessit he had leddy, and allegit he coft nane of the said leddy bot had gottin thame frelie of his freynd the Deyne of Ross, and valid becum in the townschip will for the falsis committit be him thair contrar.

Johne Reid and William Cuthbert procuratouris for Thom Lafreis for ansuring to the petitioun giffin in be Farquhar McFarquhar McAne Wayne qhar he clames him the sowme of xiiij bollis victuall coft be his wmquhill fadyr Farquhar McAne Wayne fra the said Thomas in the yeir of God j<sup>m</sup> v<sup>e</sup> fourtie tuay yeiris, quhilkis procuratouris foirsaid allegis the jugis nocht to be jugis competent in the said cause, giffand and nocht granttand that sic was, as it is nocht, that the samyn is teistit gude and aucth to be pleyt befoir the spiritual juges and nocht befoir the prowest nor baillies of this burgh; and Jasper Dempster procurator for Farquhar McFarquhar McAne Wayne allegit that all thais quha deit in Pynkye that thair airis or executouris may pley or debait thair caussis befoir ony juge spiritual or temporall, vpon the quhilkis desyrit interloquutour. The jugis repellis the saidis Jasperis allegationis foirsaidis.

Johne McWalter hes actit himself of his awin motyve fre will in the burrow buikis of Innernis that in tyme cuming gif he or his wyff beis fundin or notit house ony malt vnpresentit to the mercate sall reffound content and pay to the townschip the sowme of ten poundis monye of this realme.

Comperit in jugement Alexander Vrquhart of Burgeyeardis in name of his dochtyr Margret Vrquhart, relict of wmquhill Huchoun Fraysser of Abyrchallodouris, and clamit at James Kar xlv dussan kaberris, price of the dussan vs., and xxxiiij dussan ralis, price of the dussan ixs., twelv hundreth gyirthstingis, price of the hundreth vijs. viijd. And the said James Kar comperand in jugement confessit the kaberris and confessit the price of the dussan to be bot iiij., and confessit xxx dussan ralis and the price thairof, and confessit the gyirthstingis extending to four hundreth, and allegit ane pactioun to be betuix the said wmquhill Huchoun Frayser and him that the said Huchoun suld mak the half of the expenses vpon the careing of the said tymmer to Innernis, quhilk he offerit him to preiff.
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14 Oct. James in hyr armes, and gaif in ane petitioun desyrand the said James
pupill to be seruit as narrowst and lauchfull ayr to his fadyr Thomas Collye
and to be seruit as ayr to his gudeschir Watt Couper and Agnes Brebnar
his gudedame lyke as his wmquhill fadyr was seruit ayr to thame, as the
the burrow buike mayr cleirle will testefie, and in speciall of tuay par-
ticattis of land lyand contigue togyet the ane at the wtheris taill, and
to be sasit thairin as ordour is because the said pupill is infant, and
desyrand justice for God saik. The provest and baillies causit the said
petitioun be opynle proclamit at the tolbuyth stare as wse is. The
inquest foirsaid hes seruit James Collye pupill as narrowst and lauchfull
ayr to his wmquhill fadyr Thomas Collye and his gudeschir Watt
Couper and Agnes Brebnar his gudedame in the tuay particattis of
land quhilkis thai dwelt in and deyt last vestit and sasit in the samyn,
and quhar na persoun nor partie opponit nor obiectit contrar the personis
of inquest requerit act of curt, and ordanis ane baillle to gif him sasing
thairin.

19 Oct. Fynla Donaldson burges of Innernis of his awin toung grant is
decernit to refound content and pay to Johne Dow McGillephadrik the
sowme of v merkis monie of this realme and ane banket to the dekin and
cordinar craft as he that become souerte and cautiou for William
Chessolme, and that for lernyng and instructing of the cordinar craft to
the said William Chessolme son.

28 Oct. James Kar burges of Innernis is decernit be decreit of curt to
refound content and pay to Margret Vrquhart relicit of wmquhill
Huchoun Fraysser of Oberchalladouris the price of thirty dussan ralis,
price of the dussan ixs., the pricus of fourtie fyve dussan kaberris, price of
the dussan iiijs., four hundreth gyrthstingis, price of the hundreth vjs.
usaul monye of this realme.

2 Nov. Nycoll Kar is decernit to refound content and pay to Johne Reid
iiij lib. xs. and viijs. for pyk monie of this realme.

16 Nov. Jasper Dempster and James Skynner thesauraris of the burcht of
Innernis strekis ane brocht on Dauid Johneson, Johne Colleing and
Dauid Malice indwellaris within the burcht of Perth that wrangusle and
aganis the law thai and ilk ane of thame hes committit forstalling in
bying of merchandice and wther wairis, sic as p็ดddis, skiynnis, benokis
and wther merchandice, and speciall at Sant Martenis Kirk nocht beand
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ane fayr nor proclamit mercat, and vsit thame thair as fremen of this burcht and fra vnfre men within the libertie of the burcht of Innernis and within the said burcht playne contrar the lawis of the realme statutis of the hail burrowis of Scotland, quharfor the gudis and geyr sua coft be thame and now in speciall in this instant moneth of Noumber aucht to be escheittit to the burcht of Innernis. The foirsaidis personis compering in judgement being callit and perschewit for forstalling and vsing of merchandice and bying of staple gude be thame and ilk ane respectiue within the priuelege and libertie of this burcht not being burgessis nor fre men thair, haiffand na ressonabill cause for thair defenssis bot allegeand that Sant Martenis Fayr in Ard-meanyicht\(^1\) was ane fre merkat and that it was lefull to all maner of man to by and sell, quhilk is notorius knawin the contrar that the said Sant Martinis Kirk and mercate thair is noch dotit gewin nor grantit be ony of the Kingis of Scotland ony libertie thairto bot attolerit be the burgh of Innernis quha hes the libertie of the hail schire to suffer sic wayeris to cum to the said kirk, sic as pledding and small skynnis and wtheris small wayouris quhilk war coft be thir nychtbouris and regrataris indwellaris of the said burcht haiffand privilege thairto. The jugis cosiderand the rychtis ressonis and allegationis of atheris of the saidis parteis, fyndis and decernis the hail gudis and geyr pertenynyng to the foirsaidis Daviud Johneson, Johne Colleing and Daviud Malice to be confiscat and escheitit to our Soueranis wse and towneschip of Innernis coft be thame fra vnfre men.

The prowest baillies and cunsall of the burcht of Innernis being convenit and ryplie adwysit haiffand consideratioun of the liberteis grantit to thame be the Kingis of Scotland and the greit hurt of thair burcht vsit and done sen the deceise of thair antecessouris be young burges men admittiit thir tymes bygane, quha vsit thair treffyk in haiffing of benokis and vtheris leddyris and wayris to Sant Johnestoun, and also commonlie maid merchandice wyth the saidis merchandis and sauld the wairis within the burcht of Innernis to trawelouris and merchantis of Sant Johnestoun, trocht the quhilkis doing hes bene ane greit occasiouen of schippis and trawelouris be seye wyth sic necessaris as wyne and salt to cum to ws because we wantit wayris to gif thame; and fordyr our nychtbouris and trawalouris be see culd get nane of thair wayouris to by be resson that

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16 Nov. lyand on bank quaharthrow the wayris quhilkis decoye and cause
strangearis to resort to ws, and fordyr our nychtbouris in thair wyagis was
sauld and convoyt away in maner foirsaid in greit hurt of our libertie
dishonoring of our burcht nocht able to be esteemed ane burcht trocht
the doing of the samyn gif the samyn be fordyr sufferit, albeit thair was
statutis maid of befoir in the contrar and nocht obseruit as yit pre-
supponand be gude tretingis brotherlie admonitioun haiffand respect to
thair ayth thai suld abstene thairfra nocht as yit thai haif nocht abstenit.
Heirfor it is statut and ordanit be the provest baillies and haill cunsall
of this burcht that quhatewyr he be being burges of this burcht careis
leddyr and wtheris wairis quhilkis suld serue this burcht and schippis
resorting thairto sen the ordinance of befoir hes nocht bene put to
executioun, that the haill leddyr and wairis in tymes cuming being sauld
or conveyt be thame or careit be thame to be had to Sant Johnestoun or
packit to that effect salbe escheit to our Soueranis Maiestite and the
towneship of Innernis, and also that quhatewyr burges man of this
burgh sall happin to haif leddyr or wayris to sell and is nocht to trawell
thairwth his self bot to sell it to wtheris, that he sell the samyn ledderis
quhilkis he hapnis to haif to sum of the nychtbouris passand or quha sall
happin to pass to the saill, or ellis to send the samyn vpon his awin
ewintour wyth ony merchant he pleissis elect and chese quharthrow that
odyr schip or bolt pas nocht emptie thair wyagis, that quha dois the
contrar the haill gudis and geyr thai sall happin to haif of sic wayris to
be escheit to our Soueranis Majestie and this burgh, Quhilkis Statut is
publist opynlie in jugement within the tolbuyth and the haill nychtbouris
consentit thairto.

23 Nov. Magie Morison dochtyr to Johne Morison younger is rassauit and
admittit fre burges and nocht gyld of this burcht, and hes giffin hyr ayth
of fidelitie thairvpon and hes payt to the thesaurar James Skynner vs. for
the samyn.

Maister Martyne Logye procurator for Thomas Roy McHuchoun
ansurand to the clame giffin in be Johne Grant desyrand four merkis
monie for his kyndnes of the tact quhilkis he set him of the landis of
Culcabok quhilkis he possedis presentlie, and Maister Martyne allegis
that Johne Grant sett him for thre yeiris tact and for the quhilkis he
promest him four merkis, and giffand and nocht granttand that the said
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Thomas had promest to the said Johne for his keyndnes of the said land, 1566
yit the said Johne hes falit thairin and hes brokin his kyndness of the
said land to the said Thomas because the said Johne hes intromettit
agane wyth tuay oxin gang of the samyn land quharof he gaif owyr his
kyndness as his brocht proportis to the said Thomas, and thairfor allegis
the said Thomas aucht nocht to be compellit to pay the said Johne Grant
the four merkis acclamit be him for his keyndnes of the landis contenit in
his brocht. And the said Johne allegis that he put the said Thomas in
peceable possessiouin of the foirsaidis landis promesit be him and brukit
and laubourit the samyn wyth his kyndness and is nocht remoiffit be him
of the samyn as yit, and thairfor aucht and suld haif payment of the said
four merkis monye fra the said Thomas; And the said Thomas allegit
that in respect that the said Johne sauld his kyndness of the said landis
to the said Thomas for the sowme acclamit be him, thairfor he aucht
nor suld nocht haif laubourit nor solistit the said Thomas contrar for
tacking away of the said Thomas landis fra him agane to haif tane the
samyn to him self nor yit suld nocht haif tane the saidis landis agane
owyr the said Thomas heid by the said Thomas gude will and consent,
quhilk the said Johne hes done and is in possessiouin thairof, and thairfor
allegis he suld be absoluit of the said sowme be resson it was promest for
kyndness quhilkis was nocht keipit.

Duncan Dow in Kyntail is becumin actit in our burrow buiks of
Innernis vncoactit or compellit bot of his awin fre motyve will cautionar
and souertie to entyr Johne McAgow within the tolbuith of Innernis at
the instance of Patre Skynner burges of the said burcht.

Nycoll Kar burges of Innernis of his awin fre motyve will vncoactit
or compellit hes actit him self in the burrow buiks of Innernis for himself
his airis executouris and assignais to thanfullie refuld content pay and
delywer to Johne Neilson burges of the said burcht his airis executouris
or assignais the sowme of fourtie boltis gude and sufficient eakin bark to
be deluuerit to the said Johne Neilson his airis executouris or assignais at
the Neddyr Locht end betuix the day and dait heirof and the feist of
Lammas nixt being the first day of August callit wtherwaiks Petre ad
vincula in anno sexte sewin yeiris.

The jugis hes decernit James Kar and his spous to refuld content
and pay to Johne Grant the pricis of thre quartis aquawyte, vizt., xviijs.
euere quart instantle.

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That day in the action and cause mowit intentit and perschewit be

22 Feb. Johne Robertson alias Wyrcht contrar Jonet Tulloch spous to wmquhill Thomas Collye desyrand hyr to be decernit to refound content pay and delywer to him xxxv greit fatt staiffis wyth four greit fatt stingis and ane boddum thairto deliuerit be him to the said wmquhill Thomas Collye and Jonet Tulloch his spous to be ane fatt maid to him, quhilkis staiffis and gerstingis was in hyr possessioun eftyr the said Thomas deceise and requerit be the said Johne Robertson at hyr. The jugis hes fundin the said Johne deliuerit to the said wmquhill Thomas Collye and Jonet Tulloch his spous xxxij fatt staiffis and four greit gerthstingis, and ordanis executoriallis to procedi heirupon in dewe forme as effeirs.

8 Mar. Comperit in jugement Androw McPhaill, minister of Innernis and Pettye in the Erse toong, and gaif in his brocht to the prowest and baillies humlie menand and complanand on Ewin Tailzeour, that quhar vpon the sext of Merche instant the said Ewin beand in tuilye wyth Johne Roy cordiner as his petitioun aboue wreit beiris, I being wreittan in my chalmer, my youngast son George com in to me and sayis that Ewin Tailyeour was slayand my son Andro, wyth this I com out and past to haif rid parteis fra wtheris, nochttheless the said Ewin maisterfullie straikle at me wyth ane say sting eftyr he had dingyn my son Andro wyth the samyn, and eftyr I tuike fra him the said sting dang me wyth his naiffis and callit me in Erse blew lossie minister and command tratour I was and theiff, and keist ane tre pertenyng Thomas Wrychtis office callit the Knaiff at me, and war I nocht louttit downe and wmchewit the samyn he had slane me, and thaireftyr keist stanis at me and my son Andro, heirfor beseikis your maisterschipis for justice and rameid of law. The Assise foirsaid hes fundin be the examenatioun and depositioun of famous witnes hes fundin the said Ewin in the wrang of all the hail petitioun foirsaid and dome giffin theirvpon.

19 Mar. Patre Skynner burges of Innernis gaif in his petitioun in jugement humlie menand and complanand that quhar William McCoren sauld him of muk that wald haif sawin thre bollis beyr and assurit him of the samyn and hes rassauit payment for the samyn, nochttheless the said Patre hes not gottin bot als mekle muk as will saw xiiiij peckis beyr and desyris the said William to be compellit to fulfyll his promess. The jugis heiring bayth the saidis parteis allegationis hes ordanit the said Patre to tak tuay nychtbouris and the said William to tak wther tuay
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nychtbouris to the said land mukkit, and quhat thai say the said Patre
wantsi of his muk the said William to mak payment thairof. 1566-67
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Dauid Cuthbert vicar of Warlawe and Chaiplane of Our Ladie
Chaiplanrie of the Hie Alter fundat within the paroche kirk of Innernis
is entrit fre burges and gyld of this burcht and hes giffin his ayth of
fidelitie thairvpon as wse is, and hes payt thairfor to Jasper Dempster
and James Skynner thesauraris of the burcht of Innernis for the tyme the
sowme of ten merkis monye of this realme, and hes fundin Alexander
Cuthbert souertie for his spice and wyne.

Gilbert Duff Chaiplane to Sant Catharyne is entrit fre burges and
gyld of the burgh of Innernis and hes giffin his ayth of fidelitie thairvpon
as wse is, and hes payt thairfor to Jasper Dempster and James Skynner
thesauraris of the burcht of Innernis for the tyme at the command of
prowest baillies and cunsall ten merkis monye of this realme, and hes
fundin William Cuming souertie for his spice and wyne.

Robert Neilson son to Johne Neilson is entrit fre burges and gyld
of this burgh and hes giffin his ayth of fidelitie thairvpon as wse is, and
hes payt thairfor to Jasper Dempster and James Skynner thesauraris of
this burcht for the tyme vj merkis monye, and hes giffin at the townes-
schippes desyre and requiist the layne of ane horse to the prowest to
ryde to the parliament at this present tyme, and hes fundin Johne
Neilson souertie for his spice and wyne and gyld hoise.

Comperit in jugement Magic Gorrye acclamand Nycoll Baxter the
sowme of x pundis monye, quha comperit for himself and confessit in
jugement he rassauit be the handis of ane serwand of hyrris ix pundis,
vizt., vj pundis quheit monye and ane pece gold contenying thre pundis.
Vpon his confessioun the said Mage tuike act of curt quhar he confessit to
haif rassauit ane pece gold quhilkis monye he rassauit for ij bolis quheit
coft fra him in anno sexte ane yeiris price of the boll iij lib. monie, and
the said Magic allegis the samyn gold to be ane dowbill ducate price
four pundis, quhilkis he confessis to be bot allegis that it gaif that tyme
bot thre pundis monie foirsaidis.

Comperit in jugement Johne McGilleweye burges of Innernis and
gaif in his bill of complaint vpon Johne McThomas McGillephadriek his
cottar in Lyttill Drakye, that quhar the said Johne McGilleweye deliuerit
him at strekin tyme certan oxin for the pleucht, of the quhilkis ane of

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1567 the best of his oxin being vj yeiris auld hes pereist in his house this last 3 May xxvij of Aprile he being fast on the saile, na bodye in the house to louse nor releiff the said oxen being worreyt on the saile, in his defualt price of the said oxen vij merkis monye, he and his wyff and househald being drinkand in Innernis, desyris the said Johne McThomas to be decernit to content and pay to him the price of the oxen foirsaidis, and also to decerne him to furnese ane oxen in his place to wpwarke be resson he pereist in his default and desyris justice.

Johne McThomas McGillephadrik is decernit to mak compt reknyng and payment to Johne McGilleweye burges of Innernis of xij bollis aittis and ane half of ane pruiff castin in Lytill Drakye be Jame Baittis, and xvij bollis aittis and ane half of ane wther pruiff cassin thair be William Anderson, and xvj bollis aittis of ane wther pruiff castin in the said towne be the said William Anderson.

10 May The Assise hes fundin be the examenatioun of certan famous witnes that the oxe acclamit be Johne McGilleweye at Johne McThomas McGillephadrick hes inleakit in the said McGillephadrikis default and hes werreyt on the saill, he and his wyff and househald being absent, Heirfor the Assise ordanis the said Johne McThomas McGillephadrik to refound content and pay to Johne McGilleweye xxs. monie of this realme wyth the flesche and hyde thairof quhilk he gatt within xv dayis.

12 May Convenit within the Chappell Yard of Innernis James Paterson, provest, James Duff, Johne McGilleweye and Alexander Cuthbert, bailies of the said burcht, Jasper Waus of Lochslyn, Alexander Paterson, Martyne Waus, Thom Waus, Nycoll Kar, Thomas Cuthbert, William Cuthbert, James Skynner, William Cuming, cunsall of the burcht of Innernis, and the haill communitie burgessis of the said burcht haill congregattit for condiscending and adwyssing for the commoun effaris and veill publict of this burcht, and speciallie for consulting vpon the gift giffin be Our Souerane Ladie of the Freiouris lands and watteris chaiplanreis vicarage chaiplane landis anwellis anwelrentis anniversaris obeittis contenit in the said Chartyr in the self mair fullelie proportis, and thair the provest requerit and desyrit sic personis quha opetenit ony fewis sen the yeir of God fyftie acht yeiris that thair evidentis mycht be sene and considerit be the cunsall and ane just rentall to be maid thair-vpon gif the samyn was lauchfullie prowydit, failyeing thai war nocht lauchfullie prowydit that the haill proffeittis of the saidis akeris landis
and watteris mycht be furthcumand to the commoun veill of this burcht, and thair the provest demandit William Cuming to produce his evident vpon the croft at the manse quhilk he haldis of Johne Ross as he that optenit the fewe thairoff of the Freiouris of Innernis, and siclyke requerit Johne Robertson inlykemaner, quhilkis William Cuming, Johne Robertson and James Paterson provest grantit to produce thair evidentis to be seyne on Wedenisdanye nixt, and Johne McGillevwe, Johne Flemyng and Fynla Donaldson and Andro Dempster allegis thame to hald of George Cuthbertis airis and will nocht produce thair evidentis to thai produce thame in thair superioris handis, and thair the provest and baillies ordanit the officiaris to warne the foirsaidis personis togyther wyth Jasper Waus, Johne Ross, Jasper Dempster to compeir on Wedenisdanye nixt befoir the provest baillies and cunsall to produce thair evidentis for the caussis foirsaidis.

Comperit James Paterson provest of the burcht of Innernis in name and behalf of the baillies cunsall and communitie of the samyn, quha hes optenit our Souerane Ladie and hyr Grace Cunsall the haill gift of the chaiplanreis, Freiouris landis, watteris, vicarage, chaiplane landis, anwells, anwelrentis, anniwersaris, &c., vnder hyr Grace greit sele, for imploying of the samyn as hyr Grace gift thairvpon proportis, and now that the veritie of all sic giftis war knawin the said provest desyrit all Fewaris haiffand in fewe of quhatsumewyr chaiplane or chaiplanreis, Freyouris watteris, &c., and in speciall desyrit the inspectioun of the charter of the fewe landis of Sant Johne Chaiplanrie quharthrow the rentall mycht be maid thairvpon and na thing minischit but as the said charter proportis in rentall. Jasper Waus fewar of the saidis landis abouewriettin effermis the rentall contenit in his charter to extend to xxiiij merkis monye of this realme, and sall produce his charter thairvpon to the said provest the xxiiij day of Maij instant to testefie the landis contenit thairin and maill of the samyn.

The provest baillies and cunsall hes assignit the xxiiij day of Maij instant to William Cuthbert to produce the fewe chartryr of the landis sewit be Schir Dauid Cuthbert to wmquhill George Cuthbert to testefie the landis contenit thairin and maill of the samyn.

Johne Robertson burges of Innernis producit in jugement ane chartryr of sasing of thrie ruidis land lyand beyond the watter of Ness as this day quhilk was assignit to him for productioun of the samyn, extending in maill to viijs. ixd. Johne Flemyng producit in jugement 1567 12 May
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1567 ane chartyr of sasing of v ruidis land pertenyng the Freyouris extending in maill to xs. The jugis hes assignit Setterdaye nixt being the xvj day of Maij instant to Andro Dempster to produce his chartyr of fewe of the Freyouris landis occupeit be him and that for the thred instance. Alse William Cumingis croft pertenyng the Freyouris quhilk he hes of Johne Ross payis yeirle xs. maill.

17 May Johne Waus son and apperand ayr to Jasper Waus of Lochslyn product in jugement ane chartyr of fewe of the landis of Deyrbocht, as this day quhilkis was assignit to him for productioun of the samyn, and the Manse of Sant Johne, quhilk landis and manse payis yeirle xvj pundis monye of this realme. Johne Ross burges of Innernis presentit in jugement ane rentall of the small anwellis of Sant Johnes chaiplanrie, and vpon the productioun of the samyn requerit act of curt and protestit that the productioun of his chartyr of fewe foirsaid be nocht prejudicial to his tytle quhilkis he allegis to haif of the said chaiplanrie.

James Paterson provest of Innernis vpon the productioun of the rentall of Johne Ross product in name of his son George Ross allegit chaiplane insafar as the samyn was nocht presentit dewlie as wse was vnder the commoun sele, thairfor the samyn is remanent in the townis handis as dimittit chaiplanrie and vnpresentit thairto as wse and consti- tutioun was vnder the provest subscriptioun and commoun sele and vnder the bischoppes collatioun thairvpon.

The provest hes assignit to Johne Ross Wedenisdaye nixt to produce his chartyr of fewe of the akeris of Sant Catherynis Chaiplanrie, quhar-trocht the anwellis thairof may be knawin to the provest baillies and cunsall, and alse of the Freyouris landis and wateris thairoff.

The provest requerit Jasper Dempster his fewe chartyr maid to him be Schir Patrik Anderson to produce the samyn for knawing of the rentall, quha refusit to produce the samyn.

Alexander Paterson elder producit in jugement his chartyr of fewe maid to him be Schir Patrik Anderson for knawlage of the rentall thairoff as this day quhilk was assignit to him for productioun of the samyn, berand of anwell iiiij lib. xvjs. viijd.

Comperit Fynla Donaldson as this day quhilk was assignit to him to produce his evident of the landis occupeit be him pertenyng the Freyouris, quha nayt to haif ony evident thairof. Andro Dempster inlykemaner nayis ony evident vpon the landis occupeit be him pertenyng the Freyouris.

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the prowest baillies and cunsall as this day quhilk was assignit to him to
produce his charteris of fewe of the akeris of Sant Catheynye, Freyoursis
land and watteris, quha refusit to produce his charteris and producit ane
rentall of his fewe malis of the Freyours landis and watteris fewit to him,
and sayis he hes xvjs akeris pertenyng Sant Catheynys Chaiplane payis
xvj merkis xs. viijd. as the chaiplane present can testefie.

The prowest requerit Alexander Paterson elder the rentall of the
fundatioun fundat be the dekin and cordiner craft to Christimanye, quha
comperit and nayt ony fundatioun or ony thing to be dedicate to the alter
of Christimanye except ixs. anwellis quhilkis the kirk was in wse off.

The jugis hes decernit Johne McBean alias Gowournour to refound
content and pay to Johne Moyr serwand to Maister Martyne Logye vijs.
monie for breking of his arrow and cutting and spilling of his bow.

That day in the'aictioun and cause mowit intenfit and perschewit be
Donald McIntoische of Cullernye contrar James Kar burges of Innernis
 contenit in his bill of complaint giffin in on him befor the prowest and
baillies of this burcht, that qhar the said James in the moneth of Januar
the yeir of God j\textsuperscript{m} v\textsuperscript{c} sexe thre yeiris rassauit fra the said Donald the
sowme of twentie pundis in numerat monye of this realme to be warit
upon merchandice and the proffeit thairoff to be furthcumand betuix the
said Donald and James sa lang as he held the said monye in his hand,
and for the said Donald his pairt of the proffeit of the said monye yeirlie
he oblest him to content and pay to the said Donald the sowme of four
pundis yeirlie wyth the haill stok, vizt., the sowme of xx lib., and siclyke
that qhar he sauld to the said James in anno sexe four yeiris ane barrell
and half barrell salmond quhilk the said James promest to pay for the
barrell x lib. monie of this realme, Summa of the haill salmond price xv
lib., and siclyke qhar he sauld to the said James in anno sexe fyff yeiris
sauld him fyve drye hydis quhilk the saidis James promest for ilk pece
thairof xiiijs., Summa thre lib. xs.; and albeit the said James hes con-
tinualle sen the said moneth of Januar in anno sexe thre yeiris withhaldin
the said sowme of xx lib. monie foresaid deliuerit be the said Donald to
him vpon the conditioun foresaid, and siclyke albeit he rassauit ane barrell
and half salmond vpon the pricis foresaidis, and inlykemaner the saidis fyve
drye hydis price foresaid, yit nochttheless the said James will nocht on na
way content and pay the said sowme of xx lib. nor the proffet yeirle
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\textit{1567} thairof extending to four pundis togyther wyth xv lib. for the price of the salmond foirsaid and thre lib. x schillingis for the price of the drye hydis foirsaidis. The jugis foirsaidis haiffand consideratioun of the premisss fyndis decreititis and dilueris eftyr rassauyng of compt of the said James Kar the saidis James Kar to refound content and pay to Donald McIntoische the sowme of xx lib. monie foirsaid rassauit be him as said is, and to refound content and pay to him the sowme of four lib. for his pait of the profseit of the said xx lib. yeirlie be the said space, togyther wyth xij lib. for the price of ane barrell half barrell salmond coft be the said James fra the said Donald and wyth xlijs. for thre drye hydis, of the quhilkis sowmes foirsaidis thair is to be deducit xj lib. xvijs. ijd. quhilkis the saidis James payt to the said Donald as the samyn is cleirlie knawin to ws, and thairfor decernis the said James to pay the rest of the saidis sowmes within xv dayis.

\textit{12 July} Andro McPhaill youngar gaif in his brocht vpon Jothee Gollan humle menand and complanand that quhar he lent the said Jothee Gollan ane bowe of ewe price xiijs. iiijd. and ane payr ballance price vjs. viijd., quhilk bowe and ballance the said Jothee will nocht mak payment of nor pricis foirsaidis without he be compellit. The jugis wyth consent of the partie hes referrit to the said Andro the walour of the bow and ballance foirsaidis.

\textit{19 July} That day comperit in jugement Androw Dempster and gaif in his petitioun vpon Thomas McAné Mullycht serwand to Thomas McLeyr, Maltman, that quhar the said Thomas hes tane away of his turse out of the montht [Mount Caiplich] to the nummer of thre scoir laiddis turse fra the said Andro his stak, to the teakin his byknyff was fundin at the said stak quhilk was presentit in jugement, quhilk Thomas being present in jugement nayt the tacking away of turse and confessit the knyff to be his, vpon the quhilkis the said Andro requerit act of curt and the said Thomas is fundin in the wrang and dome giffin thairvpon.

\textit{26 July} Gilbert Duff, collectour electit andchosin be the prowset baillies and cunself of the burcht of Innernis for intacking of the threddis of the bunficis within the parochin of Innernis, vizt., chaplanreis vicarage altaragis anwelrentis the Freyours is landis and watteris houssis and yardis malis and all wther deweteis within the burcht of Innernis wyth anwells anwelrentis anniwersariis obeittis and all wther deweteis thairto pertenyng grantit and gewin to thame be our Souerane Ladis as the samyn in the
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self mayr fullelie proportis, comperit in jugement wyth him Jasper Dempster thesaurar of the burcht of Innernis as procurator in his name and exhibet ane precept of the prowst and baillies dewlie execut and indorsat summonand Schir James Duff chaiplane to the Rude Chaiplanrie, Dauid Cuthbert chaiplane of Our Ladie of the Hie Alter, Schir Patrik Anderson chaiplane to Sant Michaell fundat within the paroche kirk of Innernis, Andro Sutherland tennent and tackisman and vptackar of the dewetie of the chaiplanrie of the Greyne, Schir William Anderson chaiplane to Sant Petyr, to heir and se thame be decernit be decreit of curt to refound content and pay the thredds of their bunficis foirsaidis conforme to the roll giffin to our said Collectour deput as their just thredds, quhilkis personis compering personalie respectiue ar decernit and decernis thame and euerilk ane of thame to refound content and pay to Gilbert Duff our collectour the just thredds of their bunficis foirsaidis conforme to the rentall payt of befoir to the Quenis Grace comptroller and his collectouris within xv dayis.

The actioun of Chrispimaneis anwell acclamit be the collectour at the dekin and corderne craft is continuat to the dekin and craft to produce their tytle befoir the cunsall.

The prowst and baillies hes ordanit Johne Reid younger son to Schir Johne Reid to refound content and pay to Dauid Johneson burges of Pertht the sowme of xljs. monie of this realme and that for thre elnis and ane half of tartan clayth and ane blew bonnatt coft be the said Johne Reid fra the foirsaid Dauid Johneson.

Robert Reid burges of Innernis producit in jugement ane chartyr of saseing vpon ane rude of land lyand in Demmisdaill on the eist syde of the samyn betuix the landis of Rorie Johneson to the northt, the aires of wmquhill James Gollan to the southt, the front to the Kingis Get to the west, the taill to the auld foss on the barne hillis to the eist, desyrand to be entrit in the soit roll, quhilkis payis of yeirle anwell iijs. to Sant Catherynnnis chaiplane and ijs. monic of this realme to Sant Michaellis chaiplane.

Nicholl Kar comperit in jugement and gaif in his bill of complaint humle menand and complanand that quhar Johne Grant burges of Innernis hes intromettit wyth ane certan laidis of bark extending to the nummer of jc laidis pertenyng to the said Nicholl quhilk he rassat beest Ellan Worrycht and pairt in Abertarff, quhilk the said Nicholl coft with
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1567 11 Oct. his awin monye price of the laid vs. monye of this realme, nocht-wythstanding the said Nicholl inhibeit him to by the said bark and schew him the bark was his, for the quhilkis caussis he arreistit his boit quha promest to haif fundin Johne Neilson cation to the said Nicholl to do him that law wald. Comperit the said Johne Grant in jugement and confessis the bying of bark fra the men of the Ile, bot nais the bying of ony bark pertenyng to the said Nicholl Kar.

15 Oct. The prowest baillies and cunsall hes ordanit that quhatewyr he be of the haill cunsall that rewelis or schaiffis the secreittis of the cunsall he sall tyne his fredome and all that followis thairvpon, that is to say his tackis rownes and possessionis gif he ony hes.

The prowest baillies and haill cunsall wyth ane woce ratefeis the actis maid of befoir that na fre man be maid within this burcht of Innernis be the space of thrie yeiris conforme to the actis maid of befoir except fre mennis sonis.

The prowest baillies and cunsall wyth ane woce hes consentit that thair be bot aucht aquawytie pottis vsit within this towne in tyme cuming, the rest to be dischargit. Also the cunsall hes ordanit the prowest and baillies to intromet wyth the haill aquawite pottis of this towne to be put in ane place togyther to the cunsall be fordyr awysit thairwyth.

The prowest baillies and cunsall statutis and ordanis that na maner of man fre nor vnfre by fische or flesche to the tyme it be comprisit be the comprisaris forsisaidis vnder the pane of vijs. vnforgewin.

18 Oct. Comperit in jugement Thomas Cuthbert and gaif in his bill of complaint humle menand that quhar Johne McInnis his cottar and tennent feit for this instant yeir promest to haif haldin tuay gude and sufficient oxin to the said Thomas pleucht this yeir, nochtetheless he postponis and differs to do the samyn conforme to the conditioun and promess betuix him and me without he be compellit. Comperit the said Johne McInnis and allegit the said Thomas had na oxin to vphald the said pleucht with him, gif he had he suld do his awin pairt conforme to his promess. The jugis hering the premisis hes decernit the said Johne McInnis to mak his service and to fynd the said Thomas tuay oxin conforme to his promess, and the said Thomas to delywer to the said Johne vj gude and sufficient oxin als gude as the saidis Johneis oxin to wpwark.
Burgh Court Books: Vol. I.

James Iruruall is becumin actit souerte and cautioun for William Ross in Fyndorne that the said William sailocht in na tyme cuming sell ony fysche or ony wther pennye worthis he hapis to bring to this towne to it be presentit to the mercate and comprisit be the comprysaris of fysche and flesche of the towneschip vnder the pane of x lib.

William McInnaniter hes fundin Thomas Cuthbert souertie and cautioun for him that gif he beis fundin in ony tyme cuming gather and sell ony musillis to ony landwart man except to the nychtbouris of this towne, his lug salbe nalit to the throne and thaireftyr baneist of this towne for ewyr.

Convenit within the tolbuyth of Innernis the prowest baillies and cunsall and hes statute and ordanit all fre mennis pottis of aquawytie to be randreit to thame wyth that restrictioun that nane of thame tak vpoun hand to len thair pottis to ony vnfre men within this burcht or vtoutht the samyn vnder the pane of escheitit of thair pottis, and fordyr that the actis and statutis maid of befoir tweching the aquawytie pottis and brewaris thairoff be oberruit and keipit in all pointtis, that is to say thrie pointtis aquawytie gude and sufficient stuff for ane boll victuall or price thairoff, and this to continew to the cunsall tak fordyr ordour heirin.

Fynla Donaldson, Henrie Kar elder, Johne Reid merchant, Rorie Johneson, Johne Merschell, Henrie Kar younger, Andro Dempster, Jasper Dempster for William Bane, quha is absent, presentlie hes actit thame selfis willinglie of thair awin fre motyve willis in our burrow buiks of Innernis that gif ony of thame be comprehendid notit or fundin len thair aquawytie pottis to ony vnfre men within this burcht or vtoutht the samyn, thair pottis to be escheittit and newyr to be randrit to thame agane conforme to the act and statut maid be the prowest baillies and cunsall the thred of November instant.

Ane brocht strakyn be Johne Robertson burges of Innernis on Farquhar McConquhie Roy and Johne Crom that wrangusle and aganis the law the forisaidis personis hes tane away out of the Wod of Oberrechan certan blokis and cuppill treis pertenand to him, price thairof xs. the pece, and hes fundin pairt of the said tymmer sauld be thame in this towne, and desyris justice and ramed of law. Comperit the said Farquhar presentlie in jugement and confessit ij blokis intro-mettit wyth be him; the said Johne Crom of tymes callit and nocht compering is adiugit in americiament and dome giffin thairvpon.
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1567  Ane brocht strakin be Thomas Waus on Johne McGillewye that
8 Nov. wrangusle and aganis the law this instant yeir trocht his nychtbourheid
of his bak dyke and the taill and eist pairt of his yard hes sustenit greit
skayth in drawin steling wyth theiffis eitting and distroying wyth gudis,
and in speciall wyth the saidis Johne his gudis quhilk was tane thair this
last nycht and lys and remanis in plage of the skayth, quhilk was com-
prisit be honest nychtbouris to the quantite of v firlottis victuall, and now
and sindre yeiris of befoir hes sustenit greit skayth in the said Johne his
bak dyke yard and taill thairof, and desyris your maisterschipis to
compell the said Johne to hald me nychtbourschip and to refound
content and pay the skayth instante sustenit in his default. Comperit
the said Johne McGillewye and allegit his dykis bak and eist taill to be
sufficient and the skayth sustenit be the said Thomas to be sustenit trocht
Martyne Waus and in his default of nychtbourschip. The provest
ordanis the baillies wyth certan honest nychtbouris wyth thame to pass
and wesie the skayth sustenit be the saidis Thomas in the said Johneis
default and of his nychtbourschip, and to compell him to hald nychtbour-
schip to the said Thomas eftyr the sycht thairoff.

15 Nov. The jugis heiring and considering the comptis betuix William
Buddyth and Donald Grant hes decernit the said William Buddyth to
refound content and pay to the said Donald Grant the sowme of vij
merkis monic of this realme of the rest of the sowme of fourtie merkis
within xv dayis vnder the pane of poinding of his redeast gudis and geyr,
and also decernis him to pay to the said Donald ane blak bonnate in haill
and compleit payment of the foirsaid sowme of fourtie merkis, and the
said bonnate to be payt at the said William Buddythis returning to
Innernis out of Hamburgh.

Comperit in jugement Fynla Paterson burges of Innernis and hes
resignit the westyr pairt of the Machrie lyand betuix the landis of
Culcabok to the west, the Kearne in the Hie Get to the eist, the bog
betuix the landis of Culcabok to the west, the Hie Get to the eist, and v
riggis beest the Get to ane mering Inteannya wallye and larychis betuix
the landis of Culcabok to the west and the burne of the Inchis to the eist
as the Hie Get passis to the bog, in the handis of the baillies in favoris
of Jasper Dempster burges of Innernis quha hes rassauit him as tennent
thairto, and hes grantit ane assedatioun upon the samyn to the said
Jasper.
Burgh Court Books: Vol. I.

Comperit William Cuming burges of Innernis heward of ane resignatioun maid in the baillies hand of the west pairt of the Machrie merchit as is aboue rehersit, desyrand the cunsall to rassauce and admitt him to the samyn as tennent for his gods penne, viz., xxx. and doing thairfor for the commoun veill of this burcht, and desyris proclamatiaun to be maid at the tolbuyth stayr quha maist giffis thairfor to the commoun veill.

Thomas Waus strekis ane brocht on Johne McGillewye that wrangusle and aganis the law he dammys the commond wennall that na man may pass nor repass trocht the samyn for dube and myre to thair kneis in his default, and desyring your maisterschips to put ordour heirto. The jugis hes decernit the said Johne to mak his pairof cleyne and to put away his muk and all other wtheris that hes muk thair at thair bak dykis within xv díasis vnder the pane of tysnall of the haill muk thairin and disponyng on the samyn.

Johne McThomas McGillephadrik comperit in jugement and gaif in his brocht humle menand and complanand on William Paterson burges of Innernis, that quhar the said William feyt him as his cottar this present yeir to haif sceruit him in the Machre to wpwark for sowde sawing pruiff corne and all wther dewyte ane cottar aucht and suld haif, nochttheless the said William hes dischargit him of the said tact of the Machrie in the awnaris handis, quhartrocht he is destitute of service and maister, Heirfor desyris your maisterschips for the luff of God to cause and compell the said William as he that feyt me to mak me thankfull payment of xij bollis aittis for my sowde, ij bollis aittis sawing pruiff corne, and all wther dewytie wse and wont to ane cottar to get, conforme to the saidis William and his wyffis promess. Comperit the said William and confessit the haill brocht and pointtis thairof. The jugis of his awin tourng grant hes decernit William Paterson to refound content and pay to Johne McThomas McGillephadrik xij bollis aittis for his sowde, ij bollis aittis sawing wyth pruiff cornis, and all wther dewyeties conforme to his promess.

Comperit in jugement Johne Robertson burges of Innernis acclam- and William Ross ane pece gold of fourtie schillingis of King James the Fyft straik quhilk he put in plege to the said William of xsvjs. monie. And the said William compering for himself allegis that he com nocht vnder warrandice of the said gold, and also allegis the samyn to be bot
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1567 the half of xliijs. pece gold for the quhilk he payt four schillingis mayr
25 Nov. nor the walour, heirfor desyris the said Johne be compellit to mak me
payment of the said four schillingis mayr quhilk he rassaulit.

Johne Robertson burges of Innernis is decernit of his toung grant
and fre motyve will to rander and delywer ane pece gold price xls.
strekin be our wmquhill Souerane King James the Fyft to Johne Reid
merchant.

12 Dec. The baillies hes ordanit thair collectour Gilbert Duff of the threddis
of the benefitis of the towneschip of Innernis to delywer to Androw
Sutherland his poynjis poyndit be our said collectour for the
thred of the Chaplanrie of the Greyne of Witsundaye terme anno sexte
sewin yeiris, and the said Andro Sutherland hes actit him self of his fre
motyve will to thankfulle refound content and pay to our collectour
Gilbert Duff the thred of the said chaplanrie of Our Lade of the Greyne
at the prowestis hame cuming fra the parliament.

19 Dec. Comperit in jugement Johne McBean McPherson in name of his
spous Elspet Morison acclamand Johne Dempster ane dowbill ducate of
gold deliuerit to him be wmquhill Thomas Gollan burges of Innernis at
Mertemess in anno sexte sex yeiris, price four pundis, conforme to his
brocht, and comperit Johne Dempster and nayt ony gold rassaulit be him
fra the said Thomas bot it that he gat for quheit sylver in changeing
maner.

30 Dec. Robert Gray dwelland in Houchtercloy hes actit him self of his
awin fre motyve will in our burrow buikis of Innernis to refound content
and pay to James Abraham burges of Innernis the sowme of viij bollis gude
and sufficient malt to be deliuerit to the said James or his serwandis
within the towne of Awacht wyth the commoun fyrlote of Innernis to be
beittit and send to the stane in Innernis.
Burgh Court Books: Vol. II., 1567-86.

Thom Waus strykis ane brocht on Andro McSande that wrangusle and aganis the law he beand his feyt serwand and resauit the mast part of his fee and being in hes servuice, that he left his servuice on New Yeiris Ewyn being the first day of Januer and passit to Jame McFale and remainis with hym, desyrand hym to be compellit to rander hym ane serwand vagis and expensis dale send syne extendyn to sax pennis ilk day quhilk he payit in his dawet. The Syis hes fundyn McSande in the vrang and suld pay ane servand fee send the tyme foresaid.

Thom Waus strykis ane brocht on Jame McFale that wrangusle and aganis the law he resauit his feyt seruand McSande and culzet hym feid New Yeiris Ewyne, desyrand hym to be decernit in the wrang and in falt of gud servuice in tyme cuming that the skayth he sustenis that Jame Mak Fale be compellit to rander the same. The Assys hes fyndyn Jame McFayll in amerciament for resset of his serwand.

Johne Robertson burges of Innernis strykis ane brocht on William Do McPhale that wrangusle and aganis the law he pays hym nocht the rest of his pruiffis that he wantis of Dauid McConyll as he that com souerte for hym to the same for the said Johne Vattis of ane pruif attis of xiiij bollis and pettis ij bollis j firlote attis and sex pekis beyr of x firlottis beyr. And the said William compering in jugement confessit hym to be souerte for the ingang of the prufis quhilkis Dauid McConyll suld thress and desyrit the pruf manis ayth, and thair comperit Johne Gibson and deponit the prufis to be justle castyn, and the jugis decernis William McFale to pay ix firlottis attis and vj pekis beyr within xv days.

Jame McIllereoch strykis ane brocht on Bredach Uykermit that wrangusle hyr styrk com to his sled quhayr ane tartan of hys was and gnew and spylt his tartan quhilk wes worth fyf merkis.

Ane brocht strekyne on William Donaldson that wrangusle and aganis the law he haweand ayll to sell refusit ale to William Budeth serwand for mone. The said William is adiugit in admerciament and dome gyffin thairpon.
1567-68  Jasper Dampster thesaurer strykis ane broche on Alexander Futter, 
7 Feb. Robe McWilliam, Johne Scovt, Jame Chepman, Andro McFale, Thomas 
Moyr, Thomas Donaldson, James Waus, Johne Abram, that wrangusle and 
aganis the law tha wse fre mennis craft in bing and selling of blew woll, 
mader and allme and oder merchandrisse without licence. All the forsaidis 
personis of thair awyn toung grant is cum in vyll, accep Johne Abram 
quha wes nocht varnit, Thom Donaldson quha is absent, quha were ad-
jugit in admerciament and dome giffin thairapon. 

Johne Robertson is decernit to refound content and pay to Dauid 
Cuthbert ane hundreth lachter kabyr. 

14 Feb. Ane brocht strakin be the baillies on Johne Banc cordinar, Sande 
Hay, Jame Tomson, Johne McRorie, Patrik Auchlek, Alexander 
Strachauchin, William Suffre, Johne McGillephadrik, William Hay, 
Johne Reid, Donald Brechin and Rynnald Merschell, buytth haldaris of 
the cordinar craft within the burcht of Innernis, that wrangusle and 
aganis the law thai and ilk ane of thame sellis schone of darrer pricis nor 
the ordinancis and statutis war ordanit of befoir to thame, and als thai 
and ilkane of thame makis insufficient stuff and schone quharthrow the 
puyr serwandis ar alluterle herreit in giffin of greit pricis for thair schone 
by the ordinance and lestis nocht aucht dayis to thame efter the greit 
pricis paying for thame, and als the saidis personis and ilkane of thame 
vsis fre mennis craftis in bying, and lymyng of hydis at the mercate croce. 
The cunsall ordanis the pricis of the schone to be sauld as followis, 

viz., gentill men schone ijs., wemen schone xxd., greit men schone gude 
and stark ijs., litill wemen and bernis schone xvijd., youngar bernis 
schone xijd., and this to induyr to forkdr ordyr be takin heirin. 

Andro Gutthre and Robert Reid ar electit visitouris and vpliftaris of 
the vnlawis and to be dewydit the half to the visitouris the tother half to 
the burgh, and gif ony of the vnfre cordinaris byis ony hydis within the 
burcht the fre men apprehendan the samyn sall haiff the tane half of sic 
leddyr coft and escheittit, and also the cunsell hes licent thame to by at 
mercattis leddyr for steaking of the towne and to sell nane to ony wther 
bot to this burgh. 

16 Feb. Johne Cuthbert hes entrit Alexander McGilleworrycht, Marcus 
Clerk entrit Johne Ard, and Duncan Malcumson entrit Gillicallum 
McDauid Moyr, as thai that becom souerte to entyr thame this day at 
the instance of the Hambrucht man. The Assise foirsaid hes fundin
Burgh Court Books: Vol. II.

Johne Ard and Alexander McGilleworrycht in ameriament for the boisting of Christofer Wafer, Duche man, vnder sylence of nycht the xij day of Januar anno sexte sewin yeiris in cumpanye with Fynla Donaldson. The Assise foirsaidis hes fundin Gillecallum McDavid Moir in the wrang for the drawing of ane sowrd to the said Duche man the nycht foirsaid in the Hie Get, and dome giffin thairvpon.

The provest baillies and cunsall and communitie hes grantit the gift of vij akeris land pertenyng to Schir Patrik Anderson as chaiplane to Sant Michaell to be gewin to James Paterson burges of Innernis in sewe, and to mak his chartyr thairvpon conforme to the akeris set of befoir be the said Schir Patryk, and that for serwice done be the said James to ws.

Ane brocht strakin be the baillies on William Suffre, Johne McRore, William Hay, Johne Dow, Johne Bane, Alexander Hay, that wrangusle and aganis the law thai and ilk ane of thame barkis and lymis leddyr and sellis and passis to mercattis thairwyth and makis the towne to be unstekait. Comperit the foirsaid personis and nayt the samyn, quhilkis was referrit to thair aythis quhat leddyr thai had instante in the watter lyme and bark. Johne Reid grantis him to haue xvij hydis to be in redenes, and the provest and baillies discharrgit him to haif ony vnfre man in pairitis with him vnder the pane of tynsall of his fredome. William Souere confessis he hes iij hydis in the bark in reddines to be wrocht, and ane in the lyme. Alexander Hay grantis him to haif viij hydis in the bark, and ane daker in the watter. John Bane grantis him to haif xij hydis in the bark, and x hydis in the lyme. Item, Johne Dow confessis ix hydis in the bark. Item, Jame Young Tomson grantis him to haif in the bark vij hydis and tuay hydis in the lyme. Rynnald Merschell in the bark iiiij hydis confessis.

Ane brocht strakin he William Cuthbert on Huchoun Dow cottar to James Duff that wrangusle and aganis the law he withhaldis fra him four scoir laiddis turse, price of the laid viijd., and postponis to mak payment heirof without he be compellit. Comperit the said Huchoun and confessit the selling of the said turse, and offeris him to preiff that he requerit the said William to leid the said turse, and that thai ar restan in the monht as yit.

Comperit in jugement Johne Ross burges of Innernis and exponit in presens of the jugis that quhar he coft fra James Irruall dwelland in
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27 Feb. Elgyne tway myln stanis to the myln of Cullodin, quhilk stanis was diluerit be him to Johne Ross at the stane in Innernis, quha rassauit the samyn and payt for thame, and in the meynetyme tuike ane of the said stanis to the myln of Cullodin and careyt the tother stane fra the watter to the dyke, quhilkis stane is tane away be serwandis of Bean Clerkis, quharfor the said Johne Ross protestis contrar the saidis James Iruall or ony wtheris the sellaris of the said stane for costis skaythis dampnaghe and expenssis he happynnis to sustene of his myln trocht the want of the said stane.

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25 Mar. Ane brocht strakin be Johne Ross burges of Innernis on James Wrruwall that wrangusle and aganis the law he com to the Greyne of Innernis at the shore, and thair maisterfulle at his awin hand sauld and disponit on ane mylstane of four fute braid and the ee the thrid day of Merche instant, quhilk mylstane was in the saidis Johne Rossis possessioun and diluerit to him out of Huchoun Wrychtis boit pertenyng to him as his awin propyr gude.

26 April

The baillies hes ordanit the rude of waist land pertenyng Alexander Bane of Tullycht lyand in the Kirk Get on the west syde thairof betuix the landis of wmquhill Thom Christeson to the northt and Johne Merschell to the southt to be recuneist to James Paterson provest for non payment making of the anwellis thairof thir certan yeiris bygane, and that for the first curt.

Martyne Waus burges of Innernis comperit in jugement and gaif in his bill of complaint desyrand William Anderson elder to releiiff him of xs. anwell infeft be the said William to the chaiplanis of Innernis vpon ane aker of land sauld and annaleit be the said William to him, and that for ane obeit to be sungyn yeirle for the said William his fadyr and modyr, for the quhilkis the said Mertyn is soittit and decernit to pay the samyn to the provest baillies cunsall and communitie of this burcht and to thair collectouris and poindit thairfor be the collector.

Erde and stane presentit be William Cuming and James Paterson provest of certan layrrachis of barnis lyand on the Barne hillis quha restis thair anwellis thir certan yeiris bypast, and desyris the saidis layrrachis to be recwneist for non payment making of the anwell thairoff, viz., Gillechrist Gowis barne, Thom Mannis barne, Hendre Gutthre barne,
Thorn, and that Margret be quhilk menycht that wrangusle and aganis the law he fand him nocht ane wark horse to his labour fra Candilmes to vpwark in anno sexte sex yeiris as he that was the said Thomas Waus fyitcottar, heirfor desyris the said Thom Cuming to be decernit to [pay] for the hyre of the said horse dalye viijd. extending in the haill to iiiij lib. monie of this realme.

That day as to the terme assignit to Thom Cuming to answer to the brochis giffin in be Thomas Ross his contrar, comperit Johne Reid procurator for the said Thom Cuming and allegit that Thom Cuming offerit the service of his horse wyth his awin wyff in the said horse heid dalye in mukking or harrowing to saif wtheris mennis horsis fra skayth, be resson the said Thomas horse was foull of the scab; and the said Thomas Ross allegis he offerit meit to the said Thom Cumingis wyff for lauboring of the said horse anes in the day, quha refusit the samyn.

James Chapman is decernit to refound content and pay to Margret Kar spous to James Paterson tuay hespis yarne quhilk scho gaif him to be littit gryyne and blew contenyng thre pundis.

Johne Ross and William Cuming strekis ane brocht on Johne McBean alias Gowernour and William Chessolme that wrangusle and aganis the law the saidis personis wrangusle at thair awin handis hes brokin and telit the merchis betuix ane aker of land of the said Johne Ross and the said William his croft at the eist part of the samyn, lyand on the northe syde of the Skayr Get, quhilk was cognoscit be the prowest baillies and wtheris nychtbouris, and desyris the saidis Johne and William to be pvneist heirfor according to justice, quhartrocht vtheris pretend nane sic in tymes cumin. The jugis hes fundin the said Johne and William in the wrang and ordanit to be pvneist thairfor conforme to resson and justice and dome giffin thairvpon.

Androw McRobe McWannycht for the wrangus and maisterfull setting upon Wille Cuthbert smyth eldar on Sundaye last being the pennult day of Maij with ane drawin sowrd and dingyne at him and cutting of his tartan pled wyth ane straik he leit at him, and war nocht the bettyr reddaris had slane him on the west syde of the watter of Ness, the said William being vnder souerte of befoir for him, for the quhilkis

1 Thom, son of the Cumming.
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1568 the said Andro is adiugit in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon, and is ordanit to be impresonat in the tolbuyth induring the jugis willis.

The jugis hes fundin be the examenatioun of famous witnes that William Cuthbert smyth careit away of the saidis Andro McRobe his coles out of the hillis and montanes of Dunnane to the quantite of ane pek. The jugis hes decernit the said William to content and pay to the said Andro McRobe ane pek coles within xv dayis vnder the pane of poinding of his redeast gudis and geyr, and ordanit to be brydelit for the wrang thairoff.

19 June Johne Ross for himself and his spous Mergret Paterson protestis contrar Mergret Waus the relict of wmquhill James Duff that salang as scho remanis in the landis occupeit be hir instantle efter the feist of Witsundaye last that scho sall pay vs. jd. monie of this realme dalye conforme to the act of parliament.

The prowest baillies and cunsall and communitie hes granitit and lattin to Hendre Kar younger burges of Innernis and to his airis maill lauchfulle gottin of his bodye allanerlie the house in the kirk yard behynd the kirk callit the Ravelstri, and the said Hendre and his airis maill lauchfulle gottin payand thairfor yeirlie to the prowest baillies cunsall and communitie and to thair thesauraris for the tyme the sowme of twentie sex schillingis aucth penneis monye of this realme yeirle maill for the samyn and his dowbill intre thairto.

Convenit within the Chappell of the Brig end the prowest and baillies wyth Martyne Waus, Alexander Paterson, Johne McGillewye, Nicholl Kar, Jasper Dempster, Johne Cuthbert, Gilbert Gollan, James Skynner, Hendre Kar younger, and Johne Grant, all in ane woce hes consentit to the assecdation giffin in be Patrik Skynner and Gilbert Waus, prowydand in case that sic vehement wattyr cum quhilkis salbe able to tak away the said kistis, the said Patrik and Gilbert bindis and oblisiss thame selfsis and thair airis maill lauchfulle gottin to big the saidis kistis agane of new sufficient, and also that the maner and ordour of the fyft fysche paying salbe conforme to the ordour and wse of the diuisioun of the fischis tane wyth cobbill and net, that is to say at euerie mannis schot quha happynnis to be in that pairt of the watter salbe numerit sa monye fischis as thai get and of all keynd of fischis as beis takin the fyft fysche.
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Comperit Jasper Dempster acclamand Donald McAllister McGille-morre half boll greit aittis price xiijs. iiiijd. quhillk he diliiuerit him for biggyne of his pairt of the fayld in Castelleffaris in anno sexte sex yeiris. Comperit the said Donald and confessit the samyn, bot allegit him to be stoppit of the biggyne thairof. The jugis hes ordanit the said Donald to serue the said Jasper in the Machre or quhar he pleis to charg him to for the samyn, quha is content to do the samyn.

Comperit in jugement Donald McConquhe Cheyr, Johne McInteyr, trawellouris of Clanrynald, and gaif in their bill of complaint humle menand that quhar Thomas Cuthbert burges of Innernis hes wrangusle be way of deid takin fra thame thre horsis pertenyng thame as thair awin propyr gudis and geyr and being in thair possessioun the first day of Julij instant, viz., ane blak horse price vj merkis, ane dwn horse price viij merkis, ane reid horse price xx merkis, and wrangusle with-haldis the said horses and differris to rander the said horses agane without he be compellit. The said Thomas being oftymes callit at the tolbuyth stayr as wse is and nocht compering, is adjugit in admerciament and dome giffin thairvpon.

The baillies wyth the adwyse of the cunsall hes set and in assedatioun lattin to Gilbert Waus burges of Innernis the Chappell of the Brig end for the space of ane yeur to be occupeit be him, his intres in and to the said chappell to be at Witsundaye last in anno sexte aucht yeiris, and to induyr to Witsundaye nixt thairefter in anno sexte nyne yeiris, and fordyr induring the provest baillies and cunsallis will and plesour, the said Gilbert payand for the saidis yeiris maill for the said chappell xvjjs. viiiijd. in the yeur to the thesaurer for the tyme and fordyr induring thair willis as said is.

Thomas Donaldson strekis ane brocht on William Peddendreycht that wrangusle and aganis the law he withhaldis fra him the pricis of xvj gallonis brogac quhillkis he wrangusle intromettit wyth, price of the galloun iiijs., wyth thre dussan and thre breid of quheit, price of the dussan vjs., wyth ane firlote salt, price xij., and v firlottis meill, price of the firlote xs.

Donald Brechin younger, Rore McAne, Riche Brechin opinlie in jugement hes dischargit thame selfsis of thair awin fre motyve willis fra Lettyr Mareday furtht newyr to wse the salmond fyshing slaying of the watter of Ness and newyr to [sic] ane fischear thairat, bot to wse the

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1568  cordinar craft quhilk is thair craft, and gif thai be notit brek and cum
17 July  in contrar the samyn thai ar content to refound content and pay to the
kirk or brig wark the sowme of ten pundis the hand.
27 July  Ane brocht strakin be Jasper Dempster on Thom Glass that
wrangusle and aganis the law the said Thom Glass had tuay cawye in
his cornis of Castelleffaris fra the sawing thairof to the schering of the
said crope, viz., sexte sewin yeiris, and desyris the said Thom to be
decernit to mak payment of half boll victuall euerilk calf conforme to the
wse and consuetude of the contray.

It is statut and ordanit be the provest bailles cunsall and com-
munitie of this burcht that vpon certan ressonabil caussis mowing thame
and in setting fordwart of the common weill and liberte of this burcht
hes decernit and alse hes sworne the Hale Evangelist newyr to admit
nor rasauy ony strangear fre man within this burcht for the space of
sewin yeiris except allanerle burgessis sounis and wtheris nychtbouris
beand borne and gottin within this burcht, vnder the pane of perjure and
defamation.

13 Sept.  Thomas Symson officiar past at the command of James Paterson
prowest of Innernis to the Freyouris Predicatouris of Innernis, and thair
arrestit all and haill the Freyouris kirk, houssis, biggynnis, stanis, dykis
of the samyn, that nane within this burcht suld pretend to brek ony
of the foirsaidis kirkis, houssis, dykis, stanis, nor lead thame away
vnto the tyme that the infeftment optenit be the towneschip suld be
fulyllit.

4 Oct.  James Paterson prowest of the burcht of Innernis protestit in name
and behalf of his brethrein bernis that the dyke biggit be Johne Ross
burges of Innernis beest the port yet in the west pairt of his fewe landis
of Demmissdaill be nocht prejudiciall to the saidis bernis nor to the land
adjacent thairto.

27 Oct.  The prowest baillies and cunsall hes statut and ordanit that the
buythis vnder the tolbuith be sett of new for thre yeiris. The cunsall
ordanis the possessouris of the buythis vnder the tolbuith, viz., Alex-
ander Baille and Alexander Paterson ilkane to pay xls. for thair intres
and xls. maill yeirle, Alexander Cuthbert and William Cuming to pay
yeirle for ilkane of thair buythis xls. maill yeirle for the space of thre
yeiris, and fordyr induring gude payment.
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The powrest baillies and cunsall hes ordanit euerilk nychtbour fre or vnfre that rasauit monye for passing wyth the lieutennent\(^1\) to the eist to the place of Dingwell to rander all the monye and grayth rasauit be thame to the awnaris agane.

Comperit in jugement James Waus son to Thomas Waus eldar burges of Innernis and gaif in his bill of complaint humle menand and complanand vpon Johne Reid son to Schir Johne Reid that quhar the saidis James being in Glenchonnycht [Glenconvinth] vpon the xiiiij day of this instant moneth of October at the mercat thair, vsing his merchandeis and thair bying ane benok fra ane Heland man, the said Johne com and tuike the man and the benok togyther wyth him, I byand the samyn repurisst hime saying it was nocht the wse of merchandeis to tak the penneworthis that ane wther is byand or chaipand out of his handis, with that the said Johne gaif the said James ane cwff in the myddis of the mercate to the said James greit dishonour hurt and schame. The jugis hes fundin be the examenion of certan famous witnes that Johne Red hes done wrang in the wrangus taking of the said benok and man that sauld the samyn fra the said James he beand byand and chaipand the samyn, and also hes fundin him in the wrang for cuffing of the said James Waus, for the quhilkis he is adiugit in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon.

Ane brocht strakin be the thesaurar on Alexander Strachin, Johne Dow McGillephadrik, Jame Tomson, William Hay, Donald Brechin, Sande Hay, William Suffre, Johne Reid, Johne McRore, Johne Bane, Rynnald Merschell that wrangusle and aganis the law thai wilfulle defraudis the Quenis Grace liegis in making and selliing to thame schone maid of horse leddy for nowte leddy, trocht the quhilkis the puyr liegis and serwandis ar vtterlie herreyt trocht the bying of sic ewill stuff and vnlauchfull, quharfor thai and ilkane of thame aucht to be pyncest for the samyn as greit offendaris to the commoun veill. Comperit Alexander Strachin, Johne Dow McGillephadrik, James Tomson, William Hay, and confessit to haif maid schone and sauld of horse leddy, for the quhilkis thai ar fundin in the wrang and adiugit in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon. The remanent of the personis foirsaidis compering for thame selfis nayt the pointtis of the brocht quhilk the jugis referrit to thair

\(^1\) Lieutenant of the North.
1568 aythis, quha deponit thai nodyr maid nor sauld schone maid of horse
2 Nov. leddyr, quha are fundin fre and absoluit of the said brocht.

Ane brocht strakin be the thesaurar on all the haill personis foirsaidis that wrangusle and aganis the law thai wse fre mennis craftis in bying of rocht hydis within this burcht and committis forstalling in passing to the landwart townis about ewous adjacent to this towe, and byis the rocht hydis quhilkis ar cumand to the mercate vpon ane meyne price and sellis the schone on ane greit and exhorbitant dartht, and thairfor the hydis sua coft be the saidis personis aucht to be escheit conforme to the act maid thairvpon, and ilkane of thair aythis to be tane and resauint quhat hydis thai haif and coft wyth sic wther tryall as maye be had, lyke as the act maid penultimo Octobris anno lx4 proportion. Comperit the personis following, viz., Alexander Strachin and confessit to haif four dakyrr leddyr, Johne Dow McGillephadrik confessis to haif ij daker four hydis in the hemnast house and four hydis in lyme, Jame Tomson confessit ix in lyme, ij in the watter, William Suffre confessis xij hydis, William Hay confessis half daker in bark, thre in lyme, thre in the watter, Johne Bane ane daker in lyme, Donye Brechin tuay hydis. The foirsaidis personis for bying of rocht hydis and committing of forstalling ar adiugit in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon.

Ane brocht strakin be the thesaurar on the foirsaidis personis that wrangusle and aganis the law thai sell the leddyr quhilk thai bark to boit men and sendis thame to mercattis and fayris, playne contrar the statutis of this burcht and our Souerane Ladeis letters inhibitand and chargeand all maner of man fre and vnfre that nane pass to mercattis wyth barkit leddyr to the tyme the cunsall considerit the Quenis liegis and communitie adjacent about this burcht war sufficientle steakit and thair licienc had and opoten in case thai past to mercattis the contray being steakit as said is, and this samyn ordinance being maid for downe holding of dartht. Comperit the personis following, viz., Alexander Strachin and confessit the selling of sex hydis be the licienc of Jamis Paterson prowest for the tyme to ane boit-man; the said James being present in jugement confessit the licienc, of the quhilk the said Alexander is maid fre. Johne Dow McGillephadrik confessit he had ane daker leddyr to Sant James mercate last be the licienc of the prowest and Alexander Cuthbert ane of the baillies for the tyme, quha being present in jugement nayt the licienc, for the quhilkis he is adiugit in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon.
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Joanne Bane confessis the selling of tuay daker leddyrr, quha is fundin in the wrang for doing of the samyn and is adiugit in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon. Sande Hay confessis the selling of ane daker leddyrr to freindis be the licence of the prowst, quha confessit in juge-ment he gaif him licence, of the quhilkis the said Sande Hay is fundin fre. The rest of the personis within wreit ar fundin fre of the pointtis of this brocht.

Ane brocht strakin be the thesaurar on the haill personis within wreit that wrangusle and aganis the law thai rasae prenteissis at thair awin handis without licence or by the adwyse of the towneschip. The haill personis within wreittin ar fundin fre except William Suffre, quha hes fundin Gilbert Gollan burges of Innernis souerite for his prenteis banket, quha is callit Dauid Gray.

Thomas Symson officiar, at the command of James Paterson schireff deput of the schirefdome of Innernis, past to the Fryouris Predicatouris of Innernis, and thair hes arre sist all and haill the Freyouris kirk, houssis, biggyynnis, stanis, dykis of the samyn, that nane within this towne suld pretend to brek ony of the foirsaidis kirkis, houssis, dykis, stanis, nor leid thane away vnto the tyme that the infeftment optenit be the towneschip suld be sully slit, and this he dyd befoir thir witnes Petyr Wyncistre, Thomas Buddyth and Joanne Crom.

Joanne Reid younger burges of Innernis, being sworne for the commoun veill defense of the crowne of Scotland mentenynng of the libertie and commoun veill of this burcht, hes presentit ane bill in jugement as faworar paire takar cunsalour fortefear assistar and defendar sa far as his power may wyth the cordinaris vnfre men contempnaris of the autorite brekaris of the lawis of Scotland molestaris and trublaris of the commoun veill of the burcht of Innernis and greit hurtaris of the Quenis liegis in breking of the statutis of the burcht, protestand solemnatl that quhat the said bill proportis gif the samyn twechis or proportis ony paire of the premissis that the said Joanne Reid may be callit be the thesaurar to ane particular day to heir and se him be deprivit of his fredome as he that is mensworne and done contrar the privilege of this burcht.

Ane brocht strakin be Joanne Roy McHuchoun on Alexander Baille, Joanne Ross, Jasper Waus and Joanne McGillevye, mulcturaris of the Kingis myln of Innernis, that wrangusle and aganis the law thai mak
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1568 him nocht payment of sex firlottis ij peks malt and the sek that the said malt was in, price thairof xs., quhilk he tuike to the said myln to be grundin as he that acht suckin thairto and left the said malt and sek in the said myln and he na way can get the samyn agane.

Ane brocht strakin be John Reid elder on John Reid son to wmqhll Schir John Reid that quhar the said John younger rasait xiiij[ ] gyrthstingis in ane barne of Martin Waus behynd the towne in anno sexte four yeiris in the moneth of Julij, price of the hundreth vjs. viijd., and withhaldis the saidis stingis and pricis foirsaidis without he be compellit.

17 Nov. Ane brocht strakin be Gilbert Duff collectour to the towneship of Innernis to the intaking of the threddis of the bunfis thairof on William Paterson burges of Innernis that wrangusle and aganis the law the said William makis him nocht payment of the thred of the malis of the half of the Freyouris Watter of Innernis of the termes of Witsundaye and Mertemess in anno sexte sewin yeiris extending to xlvs. vjd. halfpenny for the thred thairoff. Also strekis ane brocht on the said William that wrangusle and aganis the law he makis nocht payment of the hail malis of the tane half of the Freyouris watter of Innernis extending to x merkis iijs. iiijd. of the termes of Witsundaye and Mertemess anno sexte aucht yeiris as he that ocupit the samyn. The jugis hes decernit the said William Paterson to refound content and pay to Gilbert Duff collectour to the towneship the sowme of xlvs. vjd. halfpenny for the thred of the half of the malis of the Freyouris watter of Innernis extending to x merkis iijs. iiijd. of the termes of Witsundaye and Mertemess in anno sexte sewin yeiris within xv dayis vnder the pane of poinding of his redeast gudis and geyr, and also decernit to refound content and pay to the said collectour the sowme of x merkis iijs. iiijd. monie of this realme for the hail maillis of the half of the Freyouris Watter of Innernis of the termes of Witsundaye and Mertemess in anno sexte aucht yeiris.

27 Nov. Comperit in jugement John Kar son to Nicholl Kar and protestit in contrar Patrik Grant of Glenmorriston for iij lib. monie of this realme owkle for the proffeit of ane boit lent be him to the said Patrik sen the tyme he wantit the said boit and for costis skaythis dammage and expenssis sustenit and to be sustenit in the want of the said boit, and inlykemaner protestis in contrar Allan McRynnald for the skayth sustenit in the want of the said boit.
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Andro Gutthre and Robert Reid burgessis of Innernis ar sworne to wse the office of visitour, that is to say to wesie the haill ordinaris and buytht haldaris and workaris thairin to work gude and sufficient wark, and sall pass tweis in the owke trocht the haill buytht haldaris and ane baille wyth thame, viz., Wedenisdaye and Setterdaye, and all the haill wark maid thair in thair buthis to be presentit to the visitouris on Setterdaye eftermone, failyeing thai do the samyn all the wark that beis fundin wyth thame to be eschetit.

Ane brocht strakin be Alexander Cuthbert burges of Innernis on Thomas McMelen and Jame McIndeoyr his cottaris in Eister Drayke that wrangusle and aganis the law thai refuys thame selffis thair wyffis and serwandis to fyll thair awin horsis that is mukkand and wayrand in Eister Drakye sen Michaelmess last without the said Alexander mak thame ane new sowde thairfor, desyryng the saidis personis to be compellit as thai that ar cottaris to me to serue me in all labouris necessar and in speciall in fylling of thair awin horses as thai aucth to do of resson. The jugis hering the premisses hes decernit thame euere cottar thair wyffis and serwandis to fyll the horses thair daye about.

William McPhadrik, William Boy McPhaill, Murreall Neyn Barroun, 4 Dec. ar followit for the wrangus tacking of thair malt to the myln of Kilbean quha aucth suckin to the Kingis myln. Comperit the said William McPhadrik and confessit to haif had to the said myln of Kilbean j boll malt, William Boy McPhaill confessit to haif had thair v firlottis malt, and Murreall Neyn Barron ij bollis confessit. The saidis personis ar decernit to haif done wrang and adiugit in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon and ordanit to be poindit for the wrang thairoff. And Johne Gibson younger confessis j boll; dome giffin thairvpon.

The jugis hes decernit Johne McConquehe cottar to Johne Grant to mak compt reknyngr and payment to the said Johne Grant of all pruiffis handlit be him the tyme he was cottar to the said Johne Grant.

Jasper Dempster is becumin actit souerte and cautioune to entyr 11 Dec. Neill McLester within the tolbuyth of Innernis befoir the schireff principall or his deputis ane or may the Law day efter Yule being the xj day of Januar nixt to cum to vnderlye the law for sic chrymes as ar to be imput to him vnder the pane of law, and William Cuthbert is becumin

1 The Mill of Bucht.
1568 actit souerte for Johne Gollan that he shall perschew the said Neill the
11 Dec. said day and sall gif in his dittaye in wret.

As to the terme assignit to Johne McConquhie to mak compt reknyng and payment to Johne Grant of all his pruiffis and wther dewete wsit and wont to ane cottar to mak to his maister, the said McConquhie being present in jugement allegit compt and reknyng to be maid of lang tyme bygane and na thing to be restan be him to the said Johne Grant, and the said Johne Grant restan awand him ixs. harwist fie and vj firlottis sowde, quhilk the said Johne Grant hes referrit to the said Johne McConquhie and his wyffis aythis.

Hendre Kar younger hes payt to William Cuthbert thesaurar of the burcht of Innernis the sowme of iiiij pundis monye of this realtime for his dowbill intre of the fourte schilling fisching of the wattyr of Ness as he that is rasauit be the towneschip tennent thairto be the resignatioun of Nicholl Kar. And the said thesaurer diliuerit the samyn instantle to William Cuming at the towneschipis command in pairt of payment of the sowme restan awand him be the towneschip for lyme coft fra him to the tolbuyth.

18 Dec. Thom Stewart humle menit and complenit to the prowest and baillies that qhar he send ane sek of malt contenyng sex firlottis to the Kingis myln wyth Andro nye Muk, quhilk sek and malt eftyr the putting of the samyn in the myln the ix day of December instant the saidis Thomas Stewart can nocht fynd nor apprehend, quhilk sek was bundin wyth ane raipe of stray, thairfor desyrand the jugis to ordane the fermoraris and William Cuming thair principall myllar and crope berar of thair mylnis to mak him payment of the said sek and malt contenit thairintill. The jugis foirsaidis considering the depositionis of the witnes fyndis that Marcus Clerkiis dochtyr callit Marioun Clerk lowsit the foirsaid sek of Thom Stewartis bundin wyth the raipe of stray and teakyn foirsaid in the myln and grand the samyn, and eftyr the grynding of the samyn brocht it hame to Innernis to her faderis house, and thairfor decernis the said Mareoun Clerk to refound content and pay to Thom Stewart the foirsaid sek and vj firlottis malt.

1568-69 Johne Reid son to Schir Johne Reid is decernit be the jugis to rander
29 Jan. and delywer to William Cuthbert thesaurar of the burcht of Innernis all
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and hail the brass rasait be him fra the scollaris of the scule tane be thame of the stane of the hie alter and new ile within the kirk of Innernis.

It is dewysit statut and ordanit be the prowest baillies and cunsall that forsakele as thair thesaurar is yeirle molestit in the vptaking of the townes malis of onye vacant tact or tackis in to the tyme of the ryghteous airis maile lawfull intre and succeeding thairto conforme to our infeftment and prescriuit lawes of this burcht maid thairvpon, quharbe it hes occurrit that the townes thesaurar forsaid being incertan quhom at to craiff the forsaid townes malis, and the said lawfull airis maill respective abouewrittin being sleouthfull to craiff his intre at the townes handis for frusterin and delaying of his dowbill intre, and forsakele as the forsaid es provest baillies and cunsall considering the inconvenience of wedowes dois approche in suffering thame bruike onye of our commoun tackis immediatle after the deceise of hir wmquhill husband, as namele it maye be persaunit towartis Mergret Waus the relict of wmquhill James Duff burges of Innernis hes bene sufferit express aganis our infeftment and lawes of this burcht to bruike ane pairt of the Machre quharin hir wmquhill husband deit last in; For the quhilk causis it is statut that quhatsum不久 aitackisman deceissing but airis maile or haffing airis maile and being minor, that instantlie the thesaurar of this burcht to intromett or possess thairwyth aye and quhill the provest baillies and cunsall dispone thairvpon conforme to thair infeftment forsaidis, and quhatsumewrir does the contrar salbe callit at the instance of the thesaurar and successour to the samyn vacant tact for intrusing thame self thairin, and this to stand for ws and our successouris in all tyme cuming.

Comperit in jugement James Paterson burges of Innernis and protestit befoir the prowest and baillies for the tyme, insafar as the said James and the rest of the cunsall togyther wyth the rest of the inhabitantis of this burcht war chargit to compeir befoir the prowest and baillies to this day, that insafar as of the optenyng of our Souerane Ladeis confirmation vpon the chaiplane landis togyther wyth all the donatioun thairin, that insafar as the saidis landis payis fernes to the vtilite and proffeit of the possessouris quha possessis the saidis landis instante, that the said fernes be furthcumand to the said prowes baillies and cunsall and to the vtilite and proffeit of this towne and commond weill thairof and to haff place thairto in all tyme cuming.
Ane brocht strakin be Thom Donaldson on James Abraham that wrangusle and aganis the law he makis him nocht payment of v quartis aquawyte quhilkis he restis him for ane horse he sauld to the said James at Witsundaye last was conforme to his promess and condition, and postponis to mak payment thairof without he be compellit. Comperit the said James Abraham and nayt that he promest him ony aquawyte bot ix merkis of monye of the quhilkis he is payt of iiiij merkis, quhilk the pairte referrit to the saidis James ayth alluterle. The saidis James deponit opynle in jugement that he promest newyr aquawyte bot ix merkis monye allanerle, of the quhilkis he is payt of iiiij merkis as said is. The jugis considering the premisses hes decernit James Abraham to refund content and pay to Thom Donaldson fyve merkis monye of this realme within xv dayis.

Ane brocht strakin be Johne Robertson burges of Innernis on James Watt burges of Elgyne that wrangusle and aganis the law he diliueris nocht to the said Johne thre crownis of the son and ane zeopindaill quhilk he put in plege of fyve pundis small monye to him, and desyris the saidis James to rasaue his monye lent and to rander the saidis crownis and zeopindaill or ellis to pay the said Johne als mekill as he payt for thame to vtheris.

The jugis hes decernit Thomas Paterson burges of Innernis to refund content and pay to Johne Fraysser alias Stoute the sowme of xxxijs. monye of this realme as he that becom dettour to him for certan yearnis littit to Mr. Alexander McKenze, and also decernit to pay him iij. monye for wyrssattis littit to the said Thomas himself.

Donald Vrquhart, Donald Hendre and Magnis Brebnar being warnit to the weche this last nycht personalie and at thair dwelling placis contemptatle disobeyt and com nocht, for the quhilkis the foirsaidis personis ar adjudig in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon.

Ane brocht strakin be William McPhaill on Johne McKearrois that wrangusle and aganis the law he cleschit the said William this last nycht in Elspet Barnetts house and callit him preist keait he was, wyth wtheris sindre injurious wourdis, and thaireftyr chaisit the said William trocht the towne and ower the dykis thairof wyth ane drawin quhynzear, and war nocht the weche he had slane the said William. The assise foirsaidis hes fundin be the examenation of certan famous witnes the said Johne McKearrois to haif done wrang and is adjudig in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon.
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The thesaurar William Cuthbert strekis ane brocht on Johne Mc-Kearrois and William McPhaill that wrangusle and aganis the law this last Frydae at ewin thai trublit the towne in chasing of vtheris wyth quhynzearis owyr nychtbouris dykis, and rast the towne in feyr be resson of this trublous wardill and the feyr that this towne standis in instantle, desrying the saidis personis to be decernit to haif done wrang for the committing of the falis foirsaidis. The assise foirsaidis hes fundin the saidis personis in the wrang, for the quhilkis thai ar adiugit in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon.

Comperit in jugement Jasper Dempster burges of Innernes and gai in his bill of complaint humle menand and complanand vpon Mergret Waus the relict of wmquhill James Duff burges of Innernes that quhar he being in our sourane Lade the Quenis Grace servise in this instant monetht of Merche the said Mergret Waus causit eyr sawe and harrow ane pec land of his callit the Laarycht of the Machre, and mukkit ane wther pece callit the heid of the Boig quhilk was decernit to be as commondtye to bayth the towne of the Machre and Inchis, in he contemptiou of the ordinance and statut maid be the baillies and nychtbouris.

Jasper Dempster burges of Innernis protestit that nychtwythstanding he be nocht entrit in the soit roll in the land callit Sant Michaelis Manse lyand in the Eist get on the southt syde of the samyn betuix the landis of Alexander Paterson to the eist, James Duffis ayris to the west, the front to the Kingis get to the northt, the taill to the hyll to the southt, that the non entring thairin be nocht prejudicall to him and to his rycht and tytle thairof.

The baillies foirsaidis hes followit and perschewit Johne Myllar and Dauid Maleis burgessis of Pertht that wrangusle and aganis the law thai pay nocht the dewetye to the baillies, viz., euerilk pertenan ij bollis salt callit the syse boll as thai that ar pertenaris of the haill salt presentlie brocht heir in thair crearis. The foirsaidis personis compering in jugement and allegit thame to be burgessis of this realme, quharfor thai aucht nocht to pay bot thair small custum, nochtwythstanding thairof the foirsaidis Johne and Dauid ar cumin in the baillies will.

Thomas McMelen, Johne McInnis McChonan and McIndeoyr cottaris in Eistyr Drakye ar decernit to refound content and pay to Alexander Cuthbert burges of Innernes the sowme of nyne bollis aittis
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23 April within xv dayis.
27 April The haill buytht haldairis of the cordinaris of Innernis are soittit and
perschewit be the thesaurar William Cuthbert that wrangusle thai and
ilkane of thame contempnatre hes contravenit the actis statutis and
ordinance imput to thame be the prowste baillies and cunsall in bying of
leddyr and usig of fre mennis priwelegis. Comperit Johne Dow
McGillephadrik and confessit the bying of leddyr, Rynnald Merschell
confessit the samyn, viz., ane hyde, James Tomson confessit, William
Hay confessit the bying of leddyr and making of schone of horse
leddyr, Sande Hay confessit bying of leddyr, Johne McRore confessit
the making of schone of horse leddyr, the quhilkis personis ar adjugit
in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon.

The thesaurar strekis ane brocht on all the broustaris of Innernis
fre and vnfre that wrangusle and aganis the law thai haif brokin the
actis and statutis of this burcht in selling of beyr darrer nor xd. the quart,
aill darrer nor viijd. the quart, and inhibitioun being put be the office
men in jugement that na brogak suld be brewin or sauld in this townne
be fre or vnfre thairof, nochtwythstanding the personis following hes
brokin inhibitioun contempnatre in hee vilipentioun of the prowst
baillies and Vtheris office men as followis, viz., Magie Gorre of hir awin
confession as the samyn quhilk was referrit to hir ayth deponit
to haif sauld beyr for xijd. the quart, Agnes Gollan confessit beyr for
xijd. the quart, Johne Roy McHuchoun for selling of brogac, James
Abrahamis wyff for tacking of xd. for the quart aill, Ane Donaldson
for selling of brogac, Johne Grantis wyff for selling of brogac, Fynla
Donaldsonis wyff for selling of brogac, Elspet Skynner for tacking of xd.
for the quart aill, Elspet Francheauchter for selling of xd. aill, Mage
Uykgilleyweye for selling of xd. aill, Agnes Cuthbert for selling of xd. aill,
Johne Gollanis wyff for selling of xd. aill, Mage Neilson for selling of
xd. aill, Gelis Gald for selling of xd. aill. The haill personis foirsaidis ar
decernit be thair awin propyr confessiounis to haif done wrang and
brokin inhibitioun, for the quhilkis thai and ilk ane of thame ar adjugit
in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon.

29 April As to this terme quhilk was assignit be the prowst baillies and
cunsall to Jasper Waus of Lochslyn, James Paterson, William Cuming,
Jasper Dempster and Thomas Waus to produce all evidentis infeftmentis

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charteris instrumentis wreittis and all wther thingis quhilk thai haif in their keiping concernyng the veill of this burcht to be put in keiping in the stepill, comperit James Paterson, Jasper Dempster and Thomas Waus and confessit thame to haif pairt of charteris evidentis instrumentis and wreittis pertynyng the said provest bailles and cunsall. The saidis James confessit to haif the last infeftment opetenit be him vpon all chaplanreis vicaragis freyours and watouris thairof being within the parochin of the samyn, together wyth ane decreit opetenit thairvpon in contrar all collectouris deput be our Souerane Ladye for discharging of thame to intromet wyth ony fruittis thairof in tymes bygane and to cum, except in special all the collectour of the towneship of Innernis, the quhilkis the said James is presente contentit to gif present and delyuer to the provest bailies and cunsall at thair command, and because of the provestis absence this day being affixt to the samyn effect the saidis James now as of befoir hes haldin the samyn in his keiping to the cunsall be fordyr advisit. And also the saidis James grantsis him to haif ane chartyr wyth ane testimoniall and decreit of wmquhill the Bischop of Ross vpon certain anwellis pertenyng Sant Michaelis chaplainre in the towne of Rosmerkye, quhilkis inlykemane is contentit to delywer. Siclyke Jasper Dempster confessit to haif ane instrument of sasing vpon xs. anwell of Sande Sutherlandis nether land merchit betuix the landis of Our Lade of the HieAlter to the northt and the said Sande to the southt, the front to the Kingis get to the west, the taill to the foull pule to the eist, wyth ane acquittance of Mr. Henre Kynross. And Thomas Waus confessit to haif diliuerit in jugement to the provest and baillies for the tyme, viz., Jasper Waus and Johne Ross the infeftment of Sant Petyr and the infeftment of Clag Boy, and diliuerit the fundatioun of Sant Michaell to Schir Patrick Anderson quhilk he allegit it to be diliuerit be him to Jasper Waus provest for the tyme.

The jugis cunsall and communite foirsaidis hes consentit to the gift of vij akeris land opetenit be James Paterson of Sant Michaelis chaplainre wmquhill Schir Patrik Anderson, and hes admittit him tennent thairto paying his maill and dewete thairof to the collectour of Innernis for the tyme, as his chartyr maid thairvpon proportis.

Dauid Cuthbert, vicar of Warlaw and chaplaine of Our Lade Chap-lanre of the Hie Alter fundat within the paroche kirk of Innernis, gaif in

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his bill of complaint menand and complanand that quhar Andro Dempster burges of Innernis withhaldis fra him viij bollis victuall ferme for four aker land lyand in the See Feyld occupieit be the said Andro pertenyng to the said chaplanre of the crope sexte sewin and sexte aucht yeiris, and also withhaldis fra the said Dauid iiij bollis ferme of the crope sexte aucht yeiris for ij aker land occupeit be the said Andro lyand in the Schipland pertenyng the said chaplanre, and siclyke withhaldis iiij bollis fermes for tuay akeris land pertenyng the foirsaid chaplanre lyand at the Braid Stane crope sexte aucht yeiris, and refusis to mak payment heirof without he be compellit.

30 May

John Cuthbert smyth is becumin actit souerte and cautien for Wille Cuthbert his son to refound content and pay to Johne Reid burges of Innernes the sowme of sex firlottis victuall betuix the day and dait heirof and the feast of Witsundaye nixt in the yeir of God jnuvel sewintye yeiris, and that for the leyne of the smyddye lwmes following, viz., ane studie, ane pair belleis, tuay mekill hammeris, thre teangis, ane bulle-aix and the naill tuyll, quhilk grayth pertenit to wmqhill William Reid alias Smyth, faiyleing thairof the said Johne as cautionar foirsaid to refound content and pay the pricis following quhilkis the saidis lwmes and grayth ar comprisit to at the dait heirof, viz., the studye comprisit to vj merkis, the belleis to iiiij merkis, the tuay hammeris to xxs., the rest of the small grayth to xijis. monye of this realme.

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John Kar son and apperand ayr to Nicholl Kar burges of Innernis is becumin actit souerte and cautionar for the said Nicholl his fadyr to thankfulle refound content and pay to Hendre Kar younger burges of Innernis the sowme of thrattye bollis gude and sufficient eakin bark betuix the dait heirof and the feast of Maremess nixt being the xv day of August nixt, faiyleing of payment at the day foirsaid the said Hendre sall haif full and fre ingress in and to the crope instanlte that is growand in the Freyoursis yards; Alse gif the said Nicholl happynnis to get ony impediment in the donee bringyne of the said bark and may nocht get the samyn to the said Henre at the day foirsaid, in that case the said Hendre is contentit to rasae fra the said Nicholl at his nixt hame cuming fra the locht or at the day foirsaid the sowme of xvj lib. vsuall monye of this realme faiyleing of the bark foirsaid. Johne Kar son and apperand ayr to Nicholl Kar hes actit him self to refound content and
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day to Henre Kar younger burges of Innernis the sowme of four bollis
victuall of the first beis wynyn of the Freyouris yard.

The juge hes decernit Nannes Ross and Gilbert Paterson to refound
content and pay to Mr. Thomas Howeson minister of the burcht of
Innernis the sowme of iiij merkis monye of this realme for the Mertemes
terne last in anno sexte aucht yeiris for the male of the fewe land fewit
to wmquhill William Paterson be Schir James Duff, and xlvs. vjd. half-
pennye for the thred of the Freyouris Watter of the yeir of God jnve
sextie sewin yeiris.

Ane brocht strukin be Alexander Strachin on Martyne Waus burges
of Innernis that wrangusle and aganis the law he diliueris him nocht ane
buclar sourd and ane steill bonnet quhilkis he lent to wmquhill Johne
Strachin, quha on his deyd stray lent the said sourd and steill bonnet to
Magnis Waus, and now the said Martyne possessis the samyn and will
nocht restoyr thame.

Ane brocht strukin be Martyne Waus executour to wmquhill James
Symonson on Alexander Strachin that wrangusle and aganis the law
the said Alexander makis him nocht payment of vjs. he restis for ane
steill bonnet and iijs. lent monye as the said wmquhill James compt
buike proportis.

In the actioun and cause of vjs. for ane knapskawe and iijs. lent
monye acclamit be Martyne Waus executour to wmquhill James Symon-
son at Alexander Strachin quhilk was referrit to his ayth this day,
comperit the said Alexander and deponit opynle in jugement he was
nocht awand to James Symonson ane pennye at the tyme of his deceise,
of the quhilkis he is fundin fre and absoluit.

The jugis hes decernit Thomas Glass to refound content and pay to
Magnis Caskin thre bollis aittis of this crore sexte nyne yeiris betuix
this and Candilmess nixt, thrie cheis half cheis price of the piece iiijd., ane
lambe, and xvijjd. for his pairt of the butyr.

The jugis hes decernit Johne McConyll, Donald Dow and Thom
McHendrik cottaris to Johne Ross to refound content and pay to Johne
Ross burges of Innernis the sowme of sex bollis aittis inleakit of tuay
pruiffis aittis quhilk thai had the handling of, conforme to the ayth of
Johne Donaldson castar of the saidis pruiffis.

Johne Roy Grant in Vrquhart product in jugement ane chartyr of
sasing on ane pece land lyand on the west syde of the Watter of Ness

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3 Oct. anwell to our Ladie Chaplane of the New Ile.
12 Nov. The provest bailles wyth the schirreff deput of the schiref dome of Innernis hes ordanit and discernit the feyr of the boll victuall this yeir to be four merkis monye of this realme and all creditouris to paye na less, and that for the yeir of sexte nyne yeiris.
14 Nov. Comperit in jugement Johne Grant burges of Innernis and maid resignatioun in the handis of the bailles foirsaidis of his half aucutan pairt landis of the Barne Hillis, Mylfeild and Claye pottis fra him and his airis in favouris of Gilbert Duff burges of the said burcht and his heiris maill lauchfulle gottin. And the provest balzes and consell ressauid and admittit hym tennent, and his dubbill entre payit to the thesaurer.
19 Nov. Ancroocht strakyn be James Paterson on Andro cottar that wrangusle and aganis the law he makis him nocht compt reknyng and payment of iij bollis quheit, four bollis gret aittis and ij bollis beyr of the rest of ingang of his pruiffis, quha postponis and differris to do the samyn without he be compellit. The jugis hes ordanit the saidis James to warne the pruiffis castaris this daye auccht dayis.
5 Dec. Johne Dempster burges of Innernis is becumin actit of his awin fre motyve will in our burrow buikis of Innernis cautionar and full dettour for Isbell Laye that the grayth following, viz., ane kowing tube price vjs. viijd., ane striy skeipe price xviiijd., tuay litill tubbis price of the pece iijjs., ane auld brasin pot xiijs. iijjd., tuay pointt coigges, ane keyne dische, ane pan price xvjs., v plaittis of tree, ane quart and ane choppyn stoip, thre elnis lynnyng price ixs., ane litill stule, ane irne craike, ane fyr kist lokkit and bandit price vjs. viijd., xvjs. wortht of quheit candill, ane payr auld keardis price iijjs. iijjd., quhilk is diliuerit instanle in the saidis Isbellis keiping be Mr. Martyne Logye and Gilbert Gollan executouris to wmuquhill Jonat Dempster, to be furthcumand to Agnes Gollan dochtyr to wmuquhill Donald Gollan.
11 Dec. The provest bailles and cunsall hes ordanit the thesaurar to intro-mct and possess him wyth wmuquhill James Duffis wattyr and land be resson of the non intres of his son Sande Duff thairto, and to sett the samyn to the vutilitie and profleet of the commoun weill of this burcht.

The provest bailles and cunsall hes componit wyth Robert Waus to be payt for his fourtie schilling maling of the watter of Ness for the sowme of fouertie pundis monye of this realme.
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Johne Gibson younger for the wrangus vsing of ane stallangear craft and brewing nocht attolerit nor admittit be the cunsall, he being inhibitit be the officiaris, for his contemption is adjugit in amerciament and dome giffin thatairvpon.

Johne McPherson of Breyne gaif in his bill of complaint humlie menand that quhar Duncan McConquhie Dow in Daviid [Daviot] makis him nocht compt reknyng and payment of the fruitis of the wicarage of Daviid thir thre yeiris bygane, as he that is ane of the fermoaris of the said kirk and he intromettit wyth the haill fruittis thatairf, and to releiff him at the handis of Johne Ross of the samyn. The jugis hes decernit the said Duncan to mak compt reknyng and payment within xv dayis.

Duncan McConquhie Dow in Davaid gaif in his complaint as followis humlie menand and complanand on Johne McPherson of Breyne that quhar the said Johne McPherson withthalmis fra him as factour to Johne Ross burges of Innernis of his teynd of Mekle Breyne his styrkis wyth his kaues yeirle be the space of thre yeiris, viz., anno sexe fyff, sexe sex and sexe win an yeiris, extending in the haill to x sterkis, sex stane cheis and thre stane buttyr, wyth sex lambes be the spece foirsaid, viz., thre styrkis in anno sexe fyve yeiris, wyth tuay stane cheis, ane stane buttyr, tuay lambes, tuay kyddis, ane gwis and four fleissis woll, four styrkis in anno sexe sex, tuay stane cheise, ane stane buttyr, tuay lambes, tuay kyddis, ane gwis, four fleis woll, and thre styrkis in anno sexe sewin yeiris, wyth tuay stane cheis, ane stane buttyr, tuay lambes, tuay kyddis, ane gwis and four fleis woll, price of the styrk of thre yeiris auld of the first yeir aboue mentionat v merkis monye, price of the styrkis the secund yeir v merkis, price of the styrkis the thred yeir xls. monye of this realme, price of the lambes ourheid of the saidis yeiris vjs. viijd. the pece, price of the kyd be the space foiirsaid yeirle iijs., price of the stane cheis be the space foiirsaid vjs. viijd., price of the stane buttyr be the space foiirsaid xvjs., price of the gwis yeirlie ijs., price of the fleis woll yeirlie xijd., wyth the professe and teyndis of Flychtie and Lytill Breyne for ane yeir, viz., anno sexe sex yeiris extending to iiiij merkis monye for the haill duete thatairf. The jugis hes decernit him to mak compt reknyng and compt payment betuix this and New Yeiris ewin.

Comperit in jugement Jonat Cuthbert and maid hir fayth and greit ayth, the halye ewangelist be hir twechit and sworne thatairvpon, that scho is nocht compellit nor coactit be na persoun nor pairtie to the caus eftyr

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Schir Johne Gibsone parson of Vnthank and Schir Johne Nicholson vicar of Lagane ar electit andchosin burrow clerkis of this burcht of Innernis.

1569-70 Jan. Johne Neilson burges of Innernis is becumin actit of his awin fre motyve will souerte and cautioun for Patrik Skynner burges of Innernis that the said Patrick sall desist and ceise in all tyme cuming fra slaing of blak fysche, and gif it chances the said Patrik or ony of his serwandis in his name be comprehendit in ony tyme cuming slaye ony blak fysche that hes raynes in thame or hie fysche that hes melgis in thame, the said Patrik sall refund content and pay to the provest bailles and cunsall of this burcht the sowme of ane hundreth pundis vsuall monye of this realme vnforgewin.

14 Jan. Johne Nobill serwand to Hendre Kar elder for the wrangus drawing of ane knyff to Thomas McLeyr to the effect to haif done him skayth vpon Vphalye daye last and for gewing him monye injurious and ewill wourdis, for breking of Yule gerthe and trubling of the towne, is adjugit in americiament and dome giffin thairvpon.

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Comperit in jugement Johne Morison son and ayr to wmquhill Donald Morison and gaif in his bill of complaint humlie menand that quhar according to the accustomet vse and practyk of this realm eftyr the depairting of my wmquhill father I aucht to haif had my pointtis of airschip out of his house, viz., ane mask fatt, ane geill fat, ane stand, ane irne speit, ane crwik, ane pan that was the best contenying thre quartis, ane pot, ane horse, togyther wyth four merkis monye quhilk was rasauit be Elspet Gorrye for the said horse hyre to the montht at tuay tymes, ane chanlar, ane schrywin, ane almerye, ane meit buyrd, ane weschell buyrd, ane standand bed, ane kist, ane kow, ane weddyr, ane yeowe, ane cod, ane blew bonnat, ane gray coit, ane tartan of blak and quheit, ane pair of Heland hois, ane sourd, quhilk pointtis of airschip abouewreittin Elspet Gorrye spous to the said wmquhill Donald withthaldis fra him;
And siclyke the half of the geyr that was superplus by the pointtis of heretage that was in his wmquhill fatheris house and possessioun the tyme of his deceise, that is to say xxx heid scheip young and auld, four bollis ane firlote victuall, tuay bollis victuall that grew to him in the Lytill Hiltoun, ane stand, ane kow, ane stirk, thrie firlottis malt onbrewin, ane stane and ane half stane of woll and yearne, thre merkis monye, wyth diuersis vtheris gudis and geyr wyththaldis fra him be the said Elspet Gorrye, quha postponis and differis to pay and delywer the samyn without scho be compellit.

Thomas Waus burges of Innernis comperit in jugement for his intres of fyve ruidis feyld land ane kill and malt house lyand bewest the watter of Ness, quhilkis landis Johne McGillewye gaif in his petitioun desyrand to be seruitt in the saidis landis this daye, and in fault of comperance of the said Johne the said Thomas Waus protestit that he be nocht hard in tymes cuming without the said Johne produce ane brewe of our Souerane Lordis chappell, and thairfor the said Thomas Waus product ane chantyr of Johne Waus his wmquhill father on the saidis landis kill and malt house of the dait at Innernis the twentie day of Aprill the yeir of God jmvce fourtene yeiris, and also hes producit ane testimoniall vnder the subscripition of William Cuming notar publict and the seill of Thomas Flemyng baillie, quhar the saidis Thomas Waus son and ayr to the said wmquhill Johne Waus his fadyr and Gilbert Waus his brother was seruitt in the saidis landis of the dait at Innernis

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1569-70 28 Jan. the xvij day of Aprile anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo nono; And also hes producit ane rolment of curt haldin at Innernis of reductioun of ane evident quhilk the said John McGillewye hes of his fadyr Donald McGillewye, quhilk the said Donald gat be resignatioun from Maistyr Farquhar, Bischof of the Iles, daitit at Innernis the fyft day of December the yeir of God jmvce xxj yeiris vnder the subscriptioun of Robert Waus notar and scribe for the tyme, togyther wyth the seill of William Reid, ane of the baillies for the tyme, quhilkis evident was fundin null and of nane awaill and the said evident beand at that tyme dischargit and newyr to haif strentht thaireftyr in the samyn, and the pairteis desyris the said rolment of curt to be registrat in the curt buikis quhilkis the jugis hes consentit to.

[Then is taken in the Minute of 5 December 1521, as follows.]

The burrow curt of Innernis haldin in the tolbuyth of the samyn be William Reid baillie the v day of December the yeir of God jmvce and xxj yeiris, the suittis callit the curt lauchfulle fensit and effermit as wse is, in presens of ane nobill and mychtie Lord Thomas Lord Fraysser of Lowet, Maistyr Auchelmus commissier of Murray, and Maistyr Thomas Crag chalmerland to my lord of Murray for the tyme, the quhilk day comperit in jugement Alexander McGillemartin alias Kennytht burges of Innernis, the quhilk presentit ane petitioun in wreit desyrrand at the said baille juge to caus knaw and tak cognitioun vpon ane resignatioun renunciatioun and fynall discharge of all rychtis charteris evidentis just tytle or clame quhatsumcwyrr that Maistyr Farquhar Hectourson the saidis Alexanderis sister son hade in or to fyve ruidis of seyld land with ane kill and malt house lyand on the west syde of the watter of Ness as the saidis Alexandris chartyr mayr fullelie beiris in it self, quhilk v ruidis kill and malthouse the said Alexander annaleit to the said Maistyr Farquhar Hectourson, and gif thai rychtis and alienatioun giffin be him to the said Maistyr Farquhar war renuncit owergewin and dischargit be the said Maistyr Farquhar to the said Alexander for gratitudis and thankis done be the said Alexander and at dispositioun of the said Alexander nochtwythstanding of his intrusig of him be haldin of wrangus chartyr in defraude of the said Alexander and in his greit skayth and tynsall of the saidis v ruidis and kill foirsaid be way of wrangus chartyr and sasing gewin of that allegit rychtis to Donald

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McGillewye burges of Innernis be the said Maistyr Farquhar; And than in the said court comperit in jugement ane reuerend fadyr in God Deyne Nicoll priour of Bewlye and Schir Donald Reid vicar of Vrray procuratoris in that pait speciale constitut be the said Maister Farquhar lyke as the said Maister Farquharis procuratorj in it self at mair lentht contenit vnder his propyr seill, the quhilkis procuratoris herand the saidis Alexandris petitioun wyth bayth the parties consentis and be the tennour of the said procuratory causit to be red, and summittit thame in the saidis Maister Farquharis name wyth all rychtis evidentis and just tytillis he mycht allege to the intres and possessioun of the saidis v ruidis wyth kill and malt house to the deliuerance of certan inquest choisin be the said baillie juge of maist vnsuspect beand present for the tyme be consent of bayth the parteis to knaw on the saidis petitioun artekillis and evidentis as said is. The quhilk baillie juge heirand the saidis petitionis in jugement producit and red the defence of procuratoris in the name of the said Maister Farquhar allegit and proponit, causit ane inquest of the best and woortheast onsuspect to be vphosin quhartrochit the lauchfull cognitioun and knawlage in the saidis materis mycht be knawin and the grownd rycht considerit, the quhilkis names followis, that is to say, Thomas Paterson, Johne Cuthbert, Barroun Alexander Cuthbert, Alexander Paterson, Johne Cuthbert smyth, Johne Kar, James Donaldson, Johne Anderson, Thomas Donaldson, Johne Gollan, Johne Williamson, James Symondson, Johne Bur, Alexander Skynner and Thomas Alexanderson. The quhilkis personis abouewreittin the halie ewangelist twechit all in ane woce accordand agreand and diliuerand furthgaif fand and diluererit be Thomas Paterson chancellar of the said assise that the said Maistyr Farquhar Hectourson renunits resignit and overgaif be way of resignatioun all rychtis clames possessionis evidentis just tytillis he had or mycht haif of the saidis v ruidis land wyth kill and malt house, and was be the said Maister Farquhar lauchfulle dischargit and ouergewin in the fawouris of the saidis Alexander for gratitudis doyne; and that the alienatioun maid be the said Maister Farquhar to the said Donald McGillewye and chartyr thairvpon giffin on the saidis v ruidis kill and malt house ves of nane awaill nor effect, and fand the said Mr. Farquhar content and payt be the said Alexander for the resignatioun and ouergewin of the saidis lands, and at the said Donald McGillewye suld desist of the saidis land kill and malt house in tyme cuming, and suld mak
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28 Jan. the said Alexander to be payt of costis and damnage and proffeittis the

said Alexander mycht haif had of the saidis landis kill and malthouse or

sustenit for the tyme, the said Alexander prewand lauchfulle the awaill of

the samyn; on the quhilkis diliuerance the saidis Alexander desyrit and

askit in jugement this present rolment to be gewin vnder the said baille

seill day and yeir foirsaid.

4 Feb. Comperit in jugement George Morison acclamand Margret Merschell

xij elnis lynnyng in name and behalf of Johne Fraysser barroun of

Moneak quhilk the said barroun diliuerit hir to mak him sarkis of.

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15 April Jasper Dempster burges of Innernis comperit in jugement and

exponit thair that quhar he had maid ane spoit hoill within his awin

wall of the landis of Sant Michaellis manse and marches thairof

pertenyng to him in heretage for use of him self his house and land

betuix him and Alexander Paterson son to wmquhill William Paterson

and Nannes Ross his spous, protestand that the samyn be nocht prejud-

icail to him nor be oblemsit to hald the said spoute hoill thair bot as the

said Jasper or his airis thinkis expedient.

22 April

Comperit in jugement Mr. Thomas Howestoun minister of Innernis

and thair exponit that quhar Jasper Dempster burges of Innernis is

restan awand him xxvjs. viijd. money of this realme, viz., for the scule

fee xxjs iiijd., and of the Freirouris land occupeit be him iiijs. iiijd.

halfpennye, and desyrit the jugis cause him be payt thairof. And the

said Jasper being present in jugement confessit the samyn to be awand

to him wyth iijs. iijd. monye foirsaid for the feue maill of Sant Michellis

Manse pertenyng to the said Jasper in heretage of the Mertemess terme

last in anno sexte nyne yeiris, quha offerit payment of the hail aboue

wreit to the said Mr. Thomas, quha refusit payment of the said feue

maill of the said manse and said he wald haif na thing ado thairwyth,

bot that the towneship aucht and suld rasae the samyn.

Alexander Paterson eldar burges of Innernis is decernit to refound

content and pay to Elspet Barnet the spous of Johne McKearrois ane

firlote victuall.

Ane brocht strukin be Thomas Waus burges of Innernis on Johne

Abraham that wrangusle and aganis the law he hes brokin downe

distroyt and spilt ane wall biggit wyth steakis and watling of wandis and

browne sufficientle mendit be Robert Fraysser in the eistyr chalmer
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quhar the said Johne dwellis, and put in tennentis thair by the saidis Thomas advyse. The jugis hes fundin that the said Johne Abraham suld haif haldin the said wall haill and sufficient as he that was tennent thairin and diliuerit him sufficientle, and decernis him to mak it also sufficient as it was as his intromissiou thairwyth.

Ane brocht strukin be James Paterson procurator fiscall in name and behalf of the towneship of Innernis on James Waus son to Thomas Waus eldar that wrangusle and aganis the law the said James being chargit be the ballet John Robertson and the officiaris vpon the xxiiiij day of Aprile instant to haif deliuerit the keis of his buyth and loft occupeit be him to that effect to haif sychit his leddy r and sic wther grayth as he had thair for sic ressonabill caussis as movit the prowest bailles and cunsall, nochttheless the said James contemptaitle dissobeit the ballet and officiaris and on na way wald randr nor delwywer his said keis to the effect foirsaid in hie contemptiou of our Souerane autorite and owris. The jugis considering the premissis hes decernit the said James Waus to haif done wrang and is cumin in the prowest bailles and cunsallis will and dome giffin thairvpon.

Robert McWilliam oftymes callit at the tolbuyth stayr as wse is and nocht compering as he that was lauchfulle warmit to this day at the instance of the procurator fiscall personallie apprehendit, quha contemptaitle past of the towne and dissobeit the samyn without licience of the prowest or bailles, for the quhilkis he is adjugit in americament and dome giffin thairvpon, quharfor the said procurator desyrit the bailles to cause his buyth be closit to the cunsall be forder advysit.

Johne McConquhie cottar to Johne Neilson is decernit to refound content and pay to the said Johne Neilson and his wyff thre scheip quhilkis thai want of the compt of thair scheip diliuerit to the said McConquhe at his intres wyth thaim to be payt within xv dayis vnder the pane of poinding, vpon the quhilkis Johne Neilson requerit act of curt. And the said McConquhe is fundin fre of all the cheise acclamit at him and his wyff be the said John Neilson and his wyff extending to the number of iiiij xiiiij cheisis price of the peice viijd., quha allegit the samyn payt and referrit the samyn to their aythts, quha ar absoluti thairfra.

Comperit in jugement Magie NykGleschen and desyrit the jugis to grant hir ane edict to summond curatouris to hir of the narrest of fadyr and modyr kyn, quhilkis the juge hes decernit and grantit.
The inquest foirsaid hes seruit Fynla McMorrest as narrest and lauchfull ayr to his wmquhill fadyr Morreist McGillemeill in all and haiill the landis quhilkis his wmquhill fadyr deit last west and saisit in, viz., in ane rude of land lyand bewest the watter of Ness betuix the landis of Williame Ard his airis to the northt and Alexander Hay to the southt, the front to the watter of Ness to the eist, and the tail to the auld dyke to the west; Ane wther rude of land lyand betuix the Walk myllead to the southt and the commondis landis to the northt, the front to the watter of Ness to the eist, and the taill to the commoun wennall to the west; Ane wther house lyand betuix the landis of Fynla Paterson to the northt and the commoun wennall to the southt, the front to Alexander Cuthbertis landis to the eist and the taill to the commoun wennall to the west; And tuay rude of feyld land lyand on the west syde of the said watter of Ness betuix the landis of James Dempstaris airis to the southt and the Ruide chaiplane to the northt, the front to the Bishops of Murrayis landis to the west, and the taill to the Kingis get to the eist.

Fynla McMorrestis is seruit as burges conforme to his petitioun and referris the gyld to the inspectioun of the buikis, quha hes sworne the greit ayth to wse the samyn trewele induring his lyff and to scot and lot walk and ward according to the wse and consuetude of burrowis, and hes fundin Hendre Kar younger cautioune for the spycie and wyne and hes payt for his intres vs. to Gilbert Duff thesaurer for the tyme conforme to the wse of burges sounis.

Ane brocht strukin be James Paterson and Johne Cuthbert burgessis of Innernis and procuratouris fiscall thairof on William Suffre, James Tomson, Sande Hay, Rynnald Merschell, Johne Dow McGillephadrik, Alexander Strathanauchin, William Hay, Johne Bane cordinar, that wrang- usle and aganis the law ye and ilkane of you hes contravenit the actis statutis and ordinances of this burcht in bying of leddyr hard and fresche in oppin mercate and landwart, lymyng and barking thairof, passing to mercattis wyth the samyn and selling of leddyr to vnfre men, selling of schone darrer nor the pricis statut and ordinat, making schone of horse leddyr, bying of lambe skynniss, kyd skynniss, gait skynniss, scheip skynniss, and plukking thairof, bying of pleddis, and thairin vsing fre mennis privilegis in forstalling maner, and on na way will desist and ceise thairfra to the greit hurt hawye dannoage and skayth of this burcht and inhabitantis thairin without thai be compellit. Comperit the foirsaidis personis
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euerilk man for him self except Alexander Hay and confessit bying of leddyr, lymyng and barking thairof, selling of the samyn to vnfre men, selling of schone darrer nor the statutis and ordinances, making schone of horse leddyr, for the quhilkis thai ar adjugit in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon.

Johne Auchlek and Allister Flemynng confessit bying of certan lambe skynnis and kyddis in Straythharregak quhilk thai sauld to Johne Flemynng. The jugis hes ordanit thame to desist and ceise thairfra in all tyme cuming and hes remittit this as the first offence.

William McGleschen for making of schone in his awin house, selling of the samyn darrer nor the pricus statut and ordanit, making of horse leddyr schone, nocht being admittit to wse the samyn, of his awin towng grant he is adjugit in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon.

The provest bailles cunsall and communit present for the tyme wyth consent of the haill cordinar craft hes statut and ordinat that na buyyht haldar of the said craft fre or vnfre tak vpon hand to except or rasaeue ony prenteissis odyr fre or vnfre mennis sounis and in speciall outdwelleris in na tyme cuming without leiff askit and opetenit of the provest bailles and cunsall, vnder the pane of ten pundis vnforgewin.

Comperit in jugement Alexander Duff eldest son lauchfullle gottin to wmqhill James Duff burges of Innernes and gaif in his bill and petitioun desyrand to be cognoscit as narrest and lauchfull ayr to the said wmqhill James Duff his fadyr and to be entrit in all landis tackis and stedings quhilkis his said wmqhill fadyr deit westit and saisit and was in possessioun of the tyme of his deceise, viz., fourte schilling maling of the Watter of Ness, the half stell, and ane half aughtan pairt landis of the Barne hillis Mylnfeyld and Clayepottis, haldin of provest bailles cunsall and communithe of this burcht conforme to the wse and practyk vsit of befoir, quhilk was proclaimit at the tolbuyth stayr as wse is. And quhar na persoun nor pairtie comperit to oppone or object contrar the pointtis of the said petitioun Johne Reid in name of the saidis Alexander Duff requerit act of curt.

The inqueist foirsaid hes seruit Alexander Duff as narrest and lauchfull ayr to his wmqhill fadyr James Duff burges of Innernis.

The provest bailles and cunsall of the burcht of Innernis adimitis Alexander Duff son and ayr to wmqhill James Duff burges of Innernis as tackisman to all watteris landis quhairin his said wmqhill fadyr was

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in possession of the tyme of his deceise, and is entrit fre burges and
9 May    gyld of this burcht, dispensand wyth his ayth to he cum to perfyte aige,
and hes payt vs. to Gilbert Duff thesaurer for his intres. James Paterson
and Martyne Waus burgessis of Innernis ar becum actit in our burrow
buikis of Innernis that Alexander Duff sall scot and lot walk and ward
conforme to oderis nychtbouris of this burcht to his perfectioun, and
for the provestis hois and banket as wse is.

Comperit in jugement Johne Ross burges of Innernis and gaif in his
brocht humle menand that quhar Christian Flemyng his serwand woman
rasauit certan lynyng clais to wesche, and amangis the rest ane lang small
towald contenyng sex elnis in lentht and sex quartar braid small lynyng
price of the elne xiijs. iiiijd. monye of this realme, quhilk towald scho
postponis to delywer to him or his wyff or the pricus foirsaidis without
scho be compellit. Comperit the said Christian and confessit the rasait
of the said towall to wesche, and allegit scho hang it in the halister and had
ane marrow callit Jonat Tomson and left the said clais in keiping wyth
hir, and that scho aucht to releiff hir thairoff. The jugis hes ordanit
Johne Ross and his wyff to preiff the pricus thairof instantle, quhilk the
said Flemyng hes referrit to the gudewyffis ayth, quha depouit the elne
of the said towall to be wortht xiijs. iiiijd. monye of this realme, the haill
extending to iiiij lib. monye of this realme. The jugis considering the
premissis hes ordanit Christian Flemyng to becum in Johne Ross and his
spous will, quha dyd the samyn in jugement.

The procuratouris foirsaidis followis James Chapman and Johne
Stowte alias ........... that wrangusle and aganis the law thai occupe the
place of fremen of this burcht in bying of tod and otter and all maner
of merchandice and leddyr, and alse in bying of mader alme and blew
woll plane contrar the lawis and actis of burrowis. Comperit James
Chapman and confessit the bying of bewl woll mader and alme fra fre
men and selling thairof to fre men.

Comperit in jugement Maistyr Thomas Howeston minister of the
burcht of Innernis and complanit vpon Jasper Dempster as he that was
restan awand to him the sowme of viij. ixd. monye of this realme of
this last Meritymness and Witsundaye termes of the Freyourius landis
beyond the watter occupet be him and vpon all vtheris that restis tuay
termes vnpayt, protestand that gif the said Jasper or any wtheris that
restis tuay termes lattis the said tuay termes pass in the terme, in that
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case protestis that thair fewe be null in it self and that thair chartyr be of na stretht force nor effect.

Comperit in jugement James Paterson and protestit and also desyrit that insafar as the commond pastuyr beand manurit occupeit and possedit be certan personis, quhilkis aucht and suld be woyd and giffin to the sustentatioun of the puyr anes gudis and bestial quhilkis payis scottis and lottis wyth the towneschip, quharfor desyris your maisterschips to cause arreist the saidis pasturis quhilkis ar manurit to lye vnder arreistment aye and quhill it be decydit and that because of commoun pastuyr.

James McPhaill gaif in his complaint humlie menand that quhar Farquhar Roy feyt him with the said James to be his cottar this yeir and promest him serwice, nochttheless the said Farquhar entris nocht to his serwice without he be compellit, quha promest him viij bollis sowde for his service, and also desyris the said Farquhar the serwice of ane horse he promest him. Comperit the said Farquhar and confessis he feyt him and that he promest him viij bollis aittis of sowde. The jugis hering the premissis hes decernit the said Farquhar to fynd souerte for payment of the said sowde to James McPhaill in respect of the want of his service, and nais that he promest ane horse serwice, and this day aucht dayis assignit to Jamis McPhaill to preiff the samyn.

Comperit in jugement Mr. Thomas Howeson minister acclamand Fynla Donaldson burges of Innernis vs. maill for his part of the Freyouris land occupeit be him of this last Witsundaye terme in anno lxx yeiris. And the said Fynla being present in jugement allegit he aucht to pay the samyn to the airis of wmquhill George Cuthbert as superior thaito and fewar thairof. The jugis considering the premissis hes ordanit the said Fynla to pay the said terme and all wther termes in tyme cuming to the minisyer aye and quhill the principall fewar be entrit in the saidis landis.

Comperit Williame Cuthbert prowest of Innernis in presens of the baillies cunsall and communitie of this burgh of Innernis being for the maist part thairof convenit and assemblit within the tolbuyth of Innernis, and thair he exponit to thame that he had opetenit the consentis of the provest baillies cunsall and communitie of this burgh till haue the haill Freyouris yeadis and croftis boundit and merchit within the auld wallis thairof to him and his airis maile for all the dayis of his lyftyme, and that
thai had subscriuit ane assedatioun to him thairof vnder thair subscriptionis manualis as at mair lentht is contenit in the said assedatioun of the dait the xx day of Junij anno lxviiij, quhilk assedatioun he presentit to thame opinlye and desyrit thame thai being all convenit togyther that thai wald rasawe and admit him tennent and tacksisman of the saidis Freyouris yeardis and croftis thairof conforme to the said assedatioun for the yeirle payment contenit thairintill. And siclyke because the subscriptionis of the said assedatioun wes gottin be him particularie, that thai all now being all togyther convenit as said is wald ratefie afferme and apprewit the said letter and assedatioun the subscriptionis and haill contentis thairof to be alse validat and to haif sic strenht force and effect sen the dait of the samyn foirsaid and siclyke in all tyme cuming as gif the samyn had bene subscriuit be thame gif thai had bene all convenit togydder, and that thai wald ordane the commoun seill to be putt thairto, and heirupon desyrit thair ansueris. Quhilk letter of tact and assedatioun being opinlie red amangis thame, and thai being awysit thairwyth and vnderstanding that the commoun gude was na thing hurt nor deminisst thairbe, in respect that the saidis yeardis and croftis foirsaidis pait newyr mair of befoir nor is contenit in the said assedatioun, thai all togydder ratefeit apprewit and affermit the said letter of tact and assedationis thair subscriptionis thairof of the dait foirsaid, and the samyn to be of als greit strentht force and effect sen the dait thairof and in all tyme cuming as gif the samyn had bene grantit gewin and subscriuit be thame gif thai had beyne convenit all togydder as thai now ar, and hes rasauit and admittit him tacksisman and tennent to thame of the saidis Freyouris yeardis and croftis conforme to the tennour of the said assedatioun sen the dait thairof and in all tyme cuming induring his lyftyme, he makand thankfull payment conforme to the tennour of the said assedatioun of the malis contenit thairin, and ordanit the commoun seill to be put to the said assedatioun.

1 July Ane brocht strukin be Magnis Caskin on James McPhaill that wrangusle and aganis the law he makis him nocht payment of ane hummyll blak oxe of fyve yeiris auld slane be the wowes in December last, as he that becom cautioun and souertie for Thom Glass cottar to the said Magnis to do that law wald for him as he that was his feyt cottar, and aucbeit and suid haif keipit his gudis fra all maner of skayth.
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The jugis hes decernit Christian Beowis in the wrang for the wrangus rabuitting sklandring and defamyng of Jasper Dempsteris wyff conforme to the depositionis of certan famous witnes rasauit admittit and sworne in the said cause, decernis hir to entyr within the paroche kirk of Innernis the morne being Sundaye at ten houris afoir none, and thair to beir in hyr heid the brandis indering the tyme of preching in presens of the haild congregatioun thair for the tyme, and thaireftyr to ask hir mercye, and dome giffin thairvpon. And gif scho beis fundin wse the lyke in tyme cuming to be banneist of this towne for ewyr.

The provest baillies and cunsall haffing convenit within the tolbuith for tacking of ordour wyth thair burgh and estait of the samyn and haiffing hard the complaintis of Alexander Baille, Johne McGillewie and Johne Ross fermoraris of the Kingis Mylnis of this burcht, and as thai allegit getting na obedience of the thrall suckin thairof out-suckin and insuckin or onye vther quhatsumever victuall taking fyre and watter within this burgh, as alssua nocht getting obedience for dychtting stanking and chengeing of the myIn leid watter gang and dame of the saidis mylnis, Thairfor it is statut ordanit and decernit be the said provest bailleis and cunsall for thame selffis thair airs assignais and successouris, as also bindis and oblissis thame and thair forsaidis to the forsaidis fermoraris and thair successouris, that all and haill thair victuallis growand within the boundis of our said fredome and territorie sali thankfullie pay to the saidis fermoraris the mowter and knayship of thair saidis victuallis growand within the territorie of the said burcht, and siclyke wyth the consent of the cunsall and communitie of the samyn bindis and oblissis ws that all maner of killis and malt houssis giffin within this burgh in heritage fewe tact or for ferme salbe haldin bundin and obleist to mak compt of the victuallis dryit within the said killis at the leist the mowter and knayship thairoff to the saidis fermoraris and thair successouris in all tyme cuming.

Maistyr Thomas Howesoun minister of Innernis gaif in his bill of complaint humle menand that quhar Alexander Paterson elder and Fynla Donaldson burgessis of Innernis withhaldis fray him the maill of ane aker of land pertenyng to Sant Michaellis chaplandrie in compleit payment of the thred of the said chaplanre, viz., viij merkis, for the said Alexander allegis the said Fynla suld pay the said maill and the said Fynla the contrar, that the said Alexander suld payt, qhilk extendis to

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1570 xijs. monye yeirle. Comperit the saidis Fynla Donaldson and allegit that
he and Alexander Paterson maid excampbion of landis, that is to say
the said Fynla gaif the said Alexander for the aker abouewret ane wther
aker of the Ruide chaipland landis, and the said Fynla payand the duete
thairof him self to the Ruide chaiplane and the said Alexander to haif it
fre, and the said Alexander payand for the aker of Sant Michaellis
chaiplandre to the said chaipland xijs. monye be yeir.

24 Oct.     Hendre Kar youngar burges of Innernis isbecumin actit in our
burrow buikis of Innernis of his awin fre motythe will to thankfulle re-
found content and pay to John Neilson burges of Innernis the sowme
of fourtie bollis beyr wyth the cherite, viz., fourtie peckis beyr gude and
sufficient stuff, to be diliuerit at the stane of Innernis wyth the common
firlote of this burcht betuix the day and dait heirof and the feist of
Lammas nixt.

28 Oct.     Ane brocht strukin be the thesaurar of this burcht on Nannes Ross
the relict of wmquhill George Cuthbert of the Auld Castelhill that
wranguslie and aganis the law scho withhaldis and deteneis ane warstay
quhilk sum tyme laye in the Ravestri for keiping of the ornamentis thair
for the tyme, quhilk aucht and suld pertene to the towneschip of Innernis
and tane out of the said Ravestri be the said wmquhill George to his awin
house, quha ordanit the samyn to be randrit to the prowest baillies cun-
sall and communite the tyme of his deceise, nochttheless the said Agnes
being callit and perschewit for the samyn was decernit to haif diliuerit
the said warstaye in the towneschipis keiping, quha as yit postponis and
differris to rander the samyn without scho be compellit as scho that hes
the samyn in hir possessioun. Comperit the said Agnes and of hir awin
fre motythe will hes actit and obleist hir self to rander and delywyer the
said warstay in and to the cunsall house on Tuisdaye nixt vnfailyeant.
The prowest baillies cunsall and communite hys statut and ordanit
ane dekin to be chosin and electit vpon the cordinaris and skynnaris of
this burcht, and the said dekynnis to be of thair awin craftis men electit,
quhilkis dekynnis sall concur togyther wyth the prowest and baillies for
ordour putting to the saidis craftis men, the said dekinis haiffing for thair
rewardis the thred of all wrangis wyth wther small causualiteis, and the
tuay pairt to be distribuit vpon the commoun weill of this burcht.

Comprisaris of fische and flesche for ane yeir: Alexander Paterson
eldar, Gilbert Gollan, Robert Reid and Johne Robertson baill or ony ane
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of the bailleis, quhilkis personis sall sycht the vplandis meit and beiff that cummes to the mercat that the samyn be nocht meuchit nor meneist and to comprise thair awin beiff as neid beis.

It is statut and ordanit that na quhieill sleddis pass nor cum vpon the brig, and quhatewyr he be that dois the samyn sall pay for the first fault xs., the nixo fault xxs., the thred horse sled wyth the rest of the grayth thairof, and Johne McGillewye, Johne Robertson and Alexander Paterson eldar to be maisteris of wark of the said brig and oursearis thairof.

It is statut and ordanit be the prowest bailles and cunsall that the superintendent and minister elect and cheis four honest men of this burcht eldaris and deaconis and that for ordour putting to the fornicatouris.

The hail craft of the skynnar craft of Innernis wyth the consent of the prowest baillies cunsall and communitie hes choisin and electit William Donaldson burges of Innernis dekin and owyrsear of the said craft, prowying the said dekin sall hald court on the trespassouris and wyth him ane of the baillies, and the said dekin sall haif for his service and labouris the thred pairt of all escheittis and accidentis, the tuay pairt incumand to the common weill of this burcht. [Deacon of the cordiners also elected.]

The prowest baillies and cunsall hes statut and ordanit that all stallingearis within this burcht salbe rasaut for payment euere ane in thair awin vocatioun, prowying that nane of the saidis stallingearis by nodyr skyn hyde pled, nor lit quheit woll, &c., and gif ony of the saidis personis byis ony of the saidis graythis foirsaidis or ony staple gudis in mercattis, that thai present the samyn to the fre men of this burcht vnder the pane of escheting of the samyn. And forder the hail communitie and burgessis of this burcht hes obleist thame selffis newyr to request for ony of the saidis stallingearis that beis fundin culpable in breking of this act and statut. And forder gif ony fre man within this burcht notis apprehendis or may haif knawlege of ony vnfre man forstalling ony sic steiple gudis as is aboue weiritin menand the samyn to the prowest bailles and cunsall of this towne, the said fre man sall haif the thred of the vnfre mannis geyr being eschetit as said is.

Ane brocht strukin be the thesaurar of this burcht on Johne Reid son to Schir Johne Reid that wrangusle and aganis the law he hes brokin
1570 ane arrestment put in his tymmer be James McBarron officiar in the
towneschipis name, and hes sauld the samyn na souerte nor cautiou
fundin, and thairin hes brokin ane arrestment as said is, and also
occupieis the privilege and fredome of fre men in bying and selling of
tymmer and all wther maner of grayth, Heirfor desyris the saidis John
for his contemphtoun to be decernit to haif done wrang, his gudis and
geyr to be confiscat, his bodye to be pvneist according to the lawis of
this realme, quhilkis brocht is prowin be the officiar fairsaid and wtheris
famous witnes. The jugis hes decernit the said John to haif done wrang
and to be pvneist for his contemphtion and dome giffin thairvpon, and is
fundin fre of the arrestment, quha requerit act thairvpon and is absolut
thairof. And also the said John is followit for the wrangus trubling of the
curt in his maisterfull and heycht speiking in he contemphtion of our
Soueranes autorite prowest and bailles of this burcht, saying that he was
also gentill ane man and gude as ony was heir present in the tolbyuth
jugis and all, he is adjugit in americiament and dome giffin thairvpon.
Also the said John Reid is followit for the wrangus byrnyng of the com-
moun firlote quhilk was put in the cunsall house, and brynt the samyn
the tymne he was put thair in ward, and desyris the said John to rander
and gar byg also gude ane firlote. The said John allegit the actioun of
the firlote to be decydit and clerit of befoir, quhilk is referitt to the curt
buikis to be producit on Setterdaye nixt.

6 Dec. Convenit within the tolbyuth of Innernis the prowest bailles and
cunsall for ordour putting to the vnfre merchantis following, viz., John
Fraysser alias Stoute, James Chapman, Fynla Clerk, Thomas McAllister
Fuctour and Gillespik McGregor. All thir personis ar admittit to sell
small chrymerie and wse of merchandice payand thairfor as eftyr
followis. Also it is inhibit be the prowest bailles cunsall and merchantis
of this burcht that none of the saidis personis by within this burcht of
Innernis skyn, hyde, nor steple gudis, as woll, pleddis, irne &c. Item, gif
it happyynnis thame or ony ane of thame to pass to mercattis to by ony
of the saidis steple gudis efter the bying thairof, thai sall present the
grayth coft within the burcht of Innernis and offer the samyn to fre
burgessis thairof, and gif thai or ony of thame failyeis thairin or contra-
venis this act and statut, all the gudis and geyr being coft and present
wyth thame for the tyme salbe eschetit. Also gif the saidis personis
vnder colour pretend to leyiff ony of the saidis gudis to the burgessis of
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this burcht of ane inconvenient price, it salbe lefull be the command of
the provest and baillies ony of the saidis fre merchantis within this
burcht quha ewyr beis comprehendit do the samyn, the said merchant or
burges sall tak tryall thairof and etyr the said tryall being takin the said
grath to be eschetit and byaris thairof to be deprauit of the liberte
grantit and gewin to thame. And also admittis thame the litting of
yearnes and selling of salt coft fra nychtbouris of this burcht and
merchantis thairof of euere man, payand to the commoun weill of this
burcht as followis, viz., Johne Stowte to pay v lib. monye of this realme
for the liberte grantit to him foirsaid and vsing of the samyn to
Michaelmes nixt in anno sewintie ane yeiris, Fynla Clerk xls., James
Chapman iij lib., Thomas McAllister Fuctour xiijs. iiijd., Gillespik
McGregour iiij lib., James Waus xls., Robert McWilliam xls., and Alex-
ander Hay xls., for vsing of thair fredomes inlykemane to the terme
foirsaid, quhilkis James Robert and Alexander are admittit to wse the
privilege of fre men to the sycht of ane act maid anent the admission
of fremen payand the sowmes intitulat at thair takis abouewreit,
and this to induyr to the said feist of Michaelmess nixt in anno lxxj
yeiris.

James Paterson prowest of the burcht of Inneinis, procurator for
ane nobill and potent Lord George Erle of Huntle Lord Gordoun and
Baidyenocht, schiref principall of Inneinis, comperit in jugement and
protestit in contrar Donald Farquharson and Margret Nykeachin his
sister wyth the rest of thame quha was convictit of the violence opetenit
befoir William Cuthbert prowest of Inneinis and juge dirigat be our
Soueranes commissioun of quhat violence was opetenit contrar the saidis
personis euerilk ane of thame for thair awin pairtis respective of the
heast pricis that victuall giffis that is to say xxvj xls. viijd. the boll as he
allegis.

Comperit in jugement Magnis Caskin and protestit, in case Thomas
McFynla Annon delywer him nocht ane oxe of v yeiris auld instante
conforme to the decreit opetenit his contrar for the oxe inleakit and slane
be the wolf in his deweit, for the hyre of the said oxe contrar the said
Thomas alse mekle as ony oxe giffis betuix Esse and Cullodyn as he that
becom souerte and cautioun for Thomas Glass his brother to do that law
wald to the saidis Magnis, and also protestis for ane sufficient oxe of sex
yeiris auld at vpwark.
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Donald Vruhart for the wrangus drawing of ane knyff to Johne

13 Jan.

Fraysser alias Stowte to haif slane him vpon the xxiiiij day of December last being Yule Ewin and thairin brak Yule gertht, for the quhilkis the Assise fairsaidis hes fundin him in the wrang and is adjugit in amercia-

ment and dome giffin thairvpon.

The assise fairsaidis hes fundin Edward son to wmqhill Barrald myller in the wrang in the wrangus passing to Johne Ard wyndo and braking thairof and prowoking of him to cum furth, and efter he com out struike him in the heid wyth ane eaxe and drew ane greit quantite of his blude, being vnder sylene of nycht and breking of Yule gertht, for the quhilkis the said Edward is decernit to be put the morne being Sundaye in the cukstule in presens of the haill peple, failyeing he compeir the morne in the mornynge within the tolbuyth to the samyn effect he to be scurgit trocht the towne and banneist thairof for ewyr and thair to remane induring the jugis will, and dome giffin thairvpon.

3 Feb.

Richie Brechin is decernit to refound content pay and delywer to

Thomas Wrych ane keill of ane boit of xxij fute lang wyth ane blok he promest him for the leyne of the eaxe to be payt as wynd and weddyr seruis vnder the pane of poinding.

10 Feb.

Mr. Thomas Howesoun minister of Innernis producit in jugement

ane decreit gewin and grantit be the minister eldaris and deaconis con-

trar all the fornicatouris of this burcht, desyrand the jugis to interpone

thair autorite thairto and to put the said decreit to executioun in all pointtis.

17 Feb.

Comperit in jugement Maister Thomas Howeson maister of the

grammar scule within the burcht of Innernis and exponit that quhar he

was bundin and obleist to fynd and hald ane doctour vnder him for

teching of the bernis, and quhar the towneship withhaldis fra him x

merkis monye of his pentioun of the scule for non fynding thairof, Heirfor

hes presentlie in jugement offerit to the provest baillies and cunsall Andro

McPhail minister to be doctour vnder him for teching of the saidis

bernis, quha is in reddines to entyr instantle and to induyr to Lammas

nixt for x merkis, and gif he war thocht qualefeit to induyr langar quha

wald nocht rasaeu him, Heirfor protestis that the withholding of the said

ten merkis be nocht prejudicall to him be resson of his offeris to the

towneship, bot that he may [haif] tyme and place to call for the samyn

as law will loco et tempore.

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In the actioun and cause mowit intentit and persewit be Gillespik McGregor aganis Fynla McGillecharrycht in Vrlarust in Pettye humele menand that quhar the said Fynla com to him in the moneth of Maj in the yeir of God m v sexte and nyne yeiris and hyrit to the said Gillespik ane horse to haif careyt ane laid to the montht and to haif careyt the samyn out and hame agane, and diliuerit him xxx. wyth ane pair horse schone, quhilk horse tyrit at the Kirk of Dauid quhar the said Gillespik behuifit to hyre ane wther horse fra Gillemertin McJonye for xxvjs. viijd., wyth ijs. he gaif for ane pair horse schone to the said horse and ijs. monye he gaif for keipng of the saidis Fynla his horse, extending in the the haill to xxxijs. viijd. monye of this realme, wyth xxvjs. iijd. monye foirsaid as for the expenssis of the pley taxt and modefeit in the said cause, as the said process led and dedueit thairvpon at mair lentht proportis. The jugis considering the process wyth the rychtis ressonis and allegationis of bayth the saidis pairteis hard seyne and considerit wyth the depositionis of certan famous witnes rasauit admittit and sworne in the said cause, decreittis and decernis the saidis Fynla McGillecharrycht in Vrlarust in Pettye to refound content and pay to the samyn Gillespik McGregor the sowme of xxiiijs. for the hyre of the horse foirsaid, wyth xxiiijs. iijd. monye foirsaid as for the expensis of the pley taxt and modefeit in the said cause, extending in the haill to xlviijs. iijd. monye of this realme.

Johne Grant burges of Innernis is decernit be the jugis to content and pay to the keard for mending of Thom Cummenychis pan ijs. vjd. as he that was decernit of befoir to pay the samyn.

Johne Robertson burges of Innernis hes constitut Johne Annand prowest of Elgyne his procurator in the actioun and cause mowit be him contrar Martyne Waus burges of the said burcht et promisit de rato et grato.

William Cuthbert and Jasper Dempster burgessis of Innernis and procuratouris fiscall of the said burcht strekis ane brocht on Gillespik McGregor merchant that wrangusle and aganis the law he hes coft certan pleddis hydis and wther graythis tuay horse laid and hes depescit the samyn to Sant Johnestoun this instant day afoir day, quhilk grayth he coft by the actis and statutis of this burcht and express in contrar the samyn and in he contempt of the prowest and bailles of this burcht,
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Heirfor desyris the saidis Gillespik to be decernit to haif done wrang and to be pvneist according to resson equitie and justice; And also hes contravenit the attolerance grantit and gewin to him and hes vsit the samyn mair large nor the act proportis; Heirfor desyris him to be deprivit of the liberte gewin and grantit to him or ellis to allege ane ressonabill cause quhy it suld nocht be done. Comperit the said Gillespik and allegit to haif coft the grayth depescit vtouht this burcht, and the procuratouris foirsaidis desyrit him depone quhat grayth he had and quhar it was coft, quha deponit to haif direct away xv quheit pleddis, xx dussan lambe skynnis, xij dussan kyd skynnis, vj dussan calf skynnis, v stane quheit woll, and allegis to haif coft the pleddis foirsaidis in Vrquhart, Straythglass and in the cumtray about, and none to be coft in this towne nor fra nane fre man thairof, quhilk the procuratouris foirsaidis referrit to his ayt, quha refusit to sweyr. In respect of the quhilkis and for the ressonis foirsaidis and wther ressonabill caussis mowit the jugis procuratouris and cunsall hes decernit the said Gillespik McGregor to remane within the tolbuyth of Innernis aye and quhill he present the said grayth depeschit and put away fraudefulle be him this daye afoir day.

7 May
James Paterson prowest of the burcht of Innernis hes rasuait Robert Waus burges of the said burcht souerte and cautiou for Gillespik McGregor to entyr and present within the tolbuyth of Innernis befoir the provest bailles and cunsall the grayth following confessit be the said Gillespik in jugement the fyft of Maij instant direct be him the said day to Sant Johnestoun, viz., xv quheit pleddis, xx dussan lambe skynnis, xij dussan kyd skynnis, vj dussan calf skynnis, v stanes quheit woll, and this to be diliuerit vpon xv dayis warnyng, failyeing thairof the pricis or walour thairof.

26 May
James Paterson prowest of the burcht of Innernis exhibeit and product in jugement ane burrow precept of the baillies of the burcht of Innernis dewle execut and indorsat, berand in effect that quhar he opetenit ane infeftment to the towneship of Innernis of Our Souerane Ladeis the Quenis Grace vpon all and haill the threddis of the parsonage vicarage chaiplanreis freyours watter crofis landis and yeardis thairof, be vertu of the quhilkis the said James causit arreist all and haill the Freyours kirk wallis and the wallis about the yeardis of the samyn and stanes thairof thair to remane vncassin downe led tane away or disponit on be ony maner of person or personis aye and quhill ordour war takin
thairin, as the saidis arreistmentis insert in the burrow buikis at mair lentht proportis of the dait xii\textsuperscript{o} Septembris anno lx8 and the sext of November anno sexte aucht yeiris, arreistit be Thomas Symson officiar, nochtheless certan particular personis as eftyr followis, viz., Johne Neilson burges of Innernis, James Waus, Hendre Kar younger, Petyr Waus burges thair, Alexander Paterson younger thair, Williame Cuthbert thair, Nannes Ross thair, Patrik Skynner thair, James Skynnar thair, Williame Buddyth thair, Thomas Cuthbert thair, Martyne Waus thair, Gilbert Gollan thair, Andro Sutherland thair, Andro Gutthre thair, Alexander Hay thair, hes brokin downe the Freyours kirk wallis and the dyke wallis about the haill yeardis thairof, and hes led and tane away the stanes of the samyn and disponit thairon to thair awin vsis vtilite and profteit, nochtwythstanding of sindre and diuere arreistmentis put thairin hes brokin the said arreistmentis in he contempiou of Our Soueranes autorite and owris, the saidis arreistmentis nocht being lowsit. The foirsaidis personis and ilkane of thame respective being summonit to this day to heir and se thame and ilkane of thame respective be decernit be decreit of curt to haif done wrang in the wrangus and maisterfull breking of the said arreistmentis, and thairfor to be pvneist in thair bodeis gudis and geyr conforme to the lawis of this realme, and thair haill gudis and geir to be confiscat to our Soueranes wse and owris for thair contempiou according to justice, as the said burrow precept in itself at mair lentht proportis. The foirsaidis personis and ilkane of thame respective, except Williame Cuthbert, Nannes Ross, Patryk Skynner, and Andro Sutherland, being ofymes callit at the tolbuyth stayr as wse is and nocht compering, the saidis James accusit thair absence as thai that war lauchfulle warnit and desyrit process contrar the absentis.

Johne Ross prowest of Narne comperit in jugement and hes re- pleigit Donald Gawinson to his jurisdictioun of Narne out and fray the jurisdictioun of Innernis, and hes fundin Jasper Dempster burges of Innernis souere and cautiou for administratioun of justice vpon xv dayis warnyng, vnder the pane contenit in the act of colleracht.

Comperit in jugement Mr. Robert Poynt superintendent of Murraye and proponit to the prowest and baillies his formar petitioun concernyng the fornicatouris and reparaling of the kirk, and desyrit thame to mak actis bayth concernyng the tane and the tother. The prowest and
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baillies hes decernit that the fornicatouris that hes fundin cautioun afoir
and hes transgressit sensyne thair cautionaris to be poindit, and thair that
hes nocht fundin cautioun to be compellit to fynd the samyn. And
inlykewais concernyng the kirk as thair that promest to reparall the samyn
sasone as thair mocht, and the said superintendent hes promest to laubour
McIntoische to get his kyndness of the ruiff of the Freyouris kirk to
reperall the ower kirk callit the paroche kirk.

9 June 

Ane brocht strukin be Williame Cuming on Thomas McConquhie
that wrangusle and aganis the law he payt me nocht as he that was my
cottar and tuike sowde yeirle of me ane lambe yeirle as cottaris auc hot
and suld pay to thair maisteris be the space of auc hot yeiris bygane,
desyrng him to compellit to pay me yeirle ane lambe of the yeiris of
God j m v c sexe thre, sexe four, fyve, sex, auc hot, nyne and ten yeiris.

Ane brocht strukin be Williame Cuming on Thomas McConquhie
his cottar that wrangusle and aganis the law he haueand my cornis in
thressin and barne that he send nocht his serwand to fyll the muk sleddis
in Innernis as ane cottar auc hot to do, and thairfor auc hot and suld
recompanse me for ane serwandis expensis that wraycht the said laubour.
The saidis Thomas is fundin fre thairof.

Ane brocht strukin be Williame Cuming on Thomas McConquhie
that wrangusle and aganis the law he uptuike yeirle his sowde at his awin
hand and tackis the sein of my cornis yeirle, and wald nocht desyre his
sowde at my serwand haiffand commissioun of me to see the diliuering
of his sowde nor requerit my wyiff thairof, bot tuike the samyn at his
awin hand to my greit hurt and skayth. The Assise hes fundin the saidis
Thomas in the wrang and dome giffin thairvpon.

Hendre Kar younger burges of Innernis of his awin fre motyve
will is becumin actit in the burrow buiks of Innernis to reftound content
and pay to James Abraham burges of the said burcht the sowme of xv
bollis gude and sufficient beyr wyth the cheritie wyth the common firlote
of Innernis.

23 June 

Ane brocht strukin be Williame Cuming on Thomas McConquhie
that wrangusle and aganis the law he hes sustenit all his gudis to the
numner of x or xj heid gudis on my stray thir thre yeiris bygane, viz.,
sexe auc hot, nyne and ten yeiris, trocht the quhiliks ane of my best oxin
deit in his dewcit in threscoir nyne yeiris, price thairof xij merkis monye
of this realme, and all my gudis this present yeir hes inleakit as is

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notorius knawin; And nochtwythstanding his gudis be sustenit on my 1571
stray as said is his haill guding quhilk is mair nor myne he hes applyt
to his self and his sawing and myne to be considerit in respect of my haill
growtht and beitting and mending of my biggyensis and guding thairof.

Ane brocht strukin be Williame Cuming on Thomas McConquhie
that wrangusle and aganis the law yeirle thir thre yeiris bygane he
refusit yeirle to await and keip my peis as he that was ane of my cottaris,
quha aucht and suld haif keipit my peis on my expensis and he to
rasaue my peis comprisit be the sycht of nychtbouris, quhilk alluterle he
refusit trocht the quhilkis was vtterle distroyt. The Assise hes fundin
him fre of the yeiris bygane, provyding that all cottaris in tyme cuming
keip the keynd of cornis that beis sawin in thair maisteris tackis quhilk
thame selfis ar cottaris of, and the peis to be keipit vpon the maisteris
ressonabill expensis.

Ane brocht strukin be Williame Cuming on Thomas McConquhie
that wrangusle and aganis the law he yeirle be the space of thre yeiris
hes worne my cartis and sleddis, viz., yeirle tuay mukkin sleddis and tuay
corne sleddis and coft newyr ane sled, Thairfor desyrying him to be
compellit to rander me for ilk yeir sa monye sleddis as he hes worn of
myne or the walour quhilk my wyff or serwandis payt for thame in the
mercat. The pairte nayis the brocht. The Assise hes ordanit the said
Williame to soit his serwand men for his sleddis of the yeiris acclamit.

Ane brocht strukin be Williame Cuming on Thomas McConquhie
that wrangusle and aganis the law he nychtle tuike wyth him and his
wyff thair schaiffis in harwist efter labour quhilk thai aucht nocht to haif.
The saidis Thomas allegis to haif rasauit his schaiff fra the greiff, of the
quhilkis the saidis Thomas is fundin fre. And also the Assise hes statut
and ordanit that na schaiffis be giffin to ony maner of persoun in tymes
cuming or rasauit be the cottaris or ony wther serwandis, and quha dois
the contrar sal contient and pay to the maister of the said cornis xls.
monyne vnforgewin.

Ane brocht strukin be Williame Cuming on Thomas McConquhie
that wrangusle and aganis the law he makis me nocht compt reknyng and
payment of his pruiffis of the cropes sexte fyff, sexte sex, sexte aucht,
sexte nyne and ten yeiris. The Assise ordanis the said Thomas to mak
compt of the last tuay yeiris of the yeiris acclamit, and also ordanis the
said Williame to gif in the restis of euerie yeir be it self.

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Ane brocht strukin be the said William on Thomas McConquhie
that wrangusle and aganis the law he payis nocth his teyndis of his aittis
and beyr be the space of v yeiris. The Assise hes fundin his teynd yeirle
to be payt and is absoluit thairfra.

Ane brocht strukin be William Cuming on Thomas McConquhie
that wrangusle and aganis the law he led his cornis out of Knokintynnall
in the yeir of God j̅m v̅e sexe sexte sex yeiris to Lytill Drakye to Patre
Skynnaris of the grownd of Knokintynnall after the samyn was arreistit
on fundin souertie to haif done that law wald. The said Thomas con-
fessis the arreistment to be put thairin and allegis he hes nocth brokin
the said arreistment, and that he nother causit leid nother led him self
his cornis foirsaidis, bot that the gudewyff spous to the said William
vnwitting of the saidis Thomas causit leid his cornis to Lytill Drakye,
of the quhilkis the Assise hes fundin the saidis Thomas fre and absoluis
him thairfra.

Ane brocht strukin be William Cuming on Thomas McConquhie
that wrangusle and aganis the law he makis me nocth payment of his
taxationis of euerilk yeir sen sexe fyff yeiris conforme to the tennentis
and cottaris of the cuntyre. Comperit the saidis Thomas and allegit he
was newyr requerit of taxationis, and gif he had he suld haif payt
conforme to his nychtbouris. The Assise considering the premissis hes
fundin the saidis Thomas aucht and suld haif payt his taxatiouns sua he
had bene requerit, in respect he was not absoluis him of all byganis and
is fundin fre thairof.

Ane brocht strukin be Thomas McConquhie on William Cuming
that wranguslie and aganis the law he withhaldis fray me ane boll
wyndowyng aittis quhilk I suld haif had for the wyndowing of fourscoir
bollis aittis of the crope of sexte aucht yeiris, And siclyke that he with-
haldis fra me the pruiff of xxiij bollis beir the said yeir, quhilk I aucht
of resson to haif for my labouris and service lykeas all vtheris cottaris
gettis, and also wythhaldis fray me thre firlottis half fyrlat aittis of my
sowde the said yeir. Ansuers the said William and sayis he gaif newyr
ane cottar the pruiff of his beir in respect the beir of the said towne of
Knokintynnall wes brocht to this towne yeirle be the space of diuerse
yeiris bygane and thressin be my awin serwand men of my house,
quharfor I aucht to pay na pruiff beyr to him. The Assise hes fundin
the said William fre of the clame of beyr foirsaid and ordanis compt and
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reknyng to be maid of the pruiffis, and the said Williame to pay him his wyndowing cornis.

Ane brocht strukin be Thomas McConquhie on Williame Cuming that wrangusle and aganis the law he withhaldis fra me sex firlottis aittis of wyndowing cornis quhilk I sud haif had for the wyndowing of sex scoir bollis aittis and for the laiff of my dewe service done to him of the crope of sexte nyne yeiris, and also withhaldis fra me vij pekis aittis of my sowde the said yeir wyth the pruiff of xij bollis beir quhilk I sud haif had for my service as vtheris cottaris gat. The saidis Williame being present in jugement desyrit compit reknyng and payment of his pruiffis. The jugis hes decernit compit reknyng and payment of bayth the pairteis and the said William is fundin fre of the beyr pruiff.

Ane brocht strukin be Thomas McConquhie on Williame Cuming that wrangusle and aganis the law he withhaldis fra me ane firlote aittis of wyndowing corne quhilk I sud haif had for my lauboris of the crope of sexte and ten yeiris, and also wythhaldis fra me the pruiff of ix bollis beyr the said yeir. Decernis bayth the pairteis to mak compit reknyng and payment of all the pruiffis of aittis preceding, and fundin fre of all the clame of beyr foirsaid.

James McFarquhar indweller in Innernis is becumin actit of his awin fre motyve will and alse is becumin bundin and obleist and be the tennour heirof bindis and oblissis him faythfulle be the faytht and treuth in his bodye his airis executouris and assignais to big ane sufficient chalmer of tuay cuppill and ij forkis at the ower end of the saidis James land, quhilk was said and annaleit to him be Donald Brebnar in Demmsdaill, and that to the said Donald to dwell in for all the dayis yeiris and termes of the saidis Donaldis lyftyme to be vphaldin and watter thycht be the said James induring the saidis Donaldis lyftyme, quhilk chalmer God willing salbe biggit betuix the day and dait heirof and the feist of Beltan nixt being the first day of May in anno sewintie tuay yeiris; for the quhilkis the saidis Donald Brebnar actis himself to refound content and pay to the saidis James his airis executouris or assignais the sowme of xiijs. iiijd. monye of this realme for the maill of the said chalmer yeirlie, to be payt be the said Donald at tuay termes in the yeir to wit Witsundaye and Mertemess induring the saidis Donald his lyftyme, failyeing the saidis James vplift and big the said chalmer sufficientle at the terme foirsaid to the said Donald, in that case he bindis

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1571 and ollissis him his airis executouris and assigis faythfullle to content
23 June and pay to the said Donald yeirle xls, monye of this realme induring the
saidis Donald his lyftyme aye and quhill the said chalmer be sufficientle
biggit as said is.
21 July Johne Reid son to wmquhill Schir Johne Reid is decernit to refound
content and pay to Schir James Duff the Ruide chaiplane iijs, anwell be
yeir yeirle sen his intres in and to the ruide of land possessit instantle be
him lyand in the Kirkget betuix George Cuthbertis airis to the northt
and Johne Reid minister of Kilmeour to the southe, to be payt within xv
dayis vnder the pane of poinding; Inlykemaner is decernit to pay to Schir
Dauid Cuthbert Our Lade chaiplane of the Hie Alter xijd, anwell be yeir
yeirle sen his intres and intromission wyth the said ruide of land, to be
payt within xv dayis vnder the pane of poinding.

Dauid Cuthbert burges of Innernis gaif in his bill of complaint in
jugement humle menand that quhar Johne Reid son to wmquhill Schir
Johne Reid and he hes bene this last yeir in pairtis as pertinaris in bying
and selling of certan tymmer coft fra Patrik Grant of Glenmorristoun to
the quantite of xix hundreth gerststingis and thre bunchis and liiij
dussane rales, quharwyth the said Johne intromettit and sauld at his plesour
and withhaldis the haill monye thairof, viz., price of the hundreth stinging
ijs. and wyth pairt xs., price of the dussan of rales xxiiijs. and wyth
pairt thairof xxx. and wther pairt xviij. vjd., and will nocht mak me
compt reknyng nor payment conforme to his intromissioun and rasait
without he be compellit.
28 July Comperit in jugement Williame Cuming burges of Innenris and
chalmerland to my Lord Huntlie and exponit that quhar my lord Huntlie
hes aye fisheing callit the Fre Schot within the watter of Ness as his
infeftment will proort, and be vertu thairof the said nobill lord and his
predecessouris and tackismen war in possesioun of the fisching to be
fischit be the cobillis and fishearing of the fisching quhar the said Schot
fell, and now laitle this last Frydaie Johne Ross burges of Innernis
refusit his cobbill net and fishearing to serue and fishe the samyn of the
auld maner as it was consuetude, and thairfor protestit for the proffeit
that the said nobill Lord and his tackismen mycht haif had of the said
fisching, and protestis that the said nobill Lord in tyme cuming haif his
awin propyr fisching in the watter of Ness, and that he and his tackis-
men in his name may occupie the samyn in all tymes cuming conforme
to the Act of Parliament as fre heritouris of fisching may.
James Paterson, provost of Innernis, in name and behalf of the haill towneship of Innernis, protestis in contrar the said protestatioun maid of befoir be William Cumming and Patrick Skynner that insafar as the said William and Patrick hes protestit that quhar this last Frydaie beand the Fre Schot and thai in possessioun of the samyn be my Lord Huntlie, anseris the saidis provest and allegis that the said Fre Schot was remanand and awaittand on the said Patrik and William to be lauborit at their plesour, na man makand thame interruptioun or impediment; And also quhar he allegis that the awnaris, viz., watter men aucht and suld fynd cobbill and grayth and serue the said schot that day or quhen it fell thair, anseris the said provest that thai war newyr in wse of the samyn bot induring thair awin will and plesour, nor yit the said nobill Lord nor his tackismen war newyr in wse of the said Fre Schot bot the begynnnyng of the samyn to be at the nixt pryne etter Beltan yeirle, and thairfor the said protestatioun maid of befoir to be null in it self and nocht of verite.

Donald Vrquhart gai of his brocht vpon Jonat Tomson the spous of Johne Stewart that wrangusle and aganis the law sco withhaldis fra him thre cleowis of yarne to tartanes, ane hespe of quheit yarne estimet to four pundis weycht, thre elnis of lynnyng price of the elne vs., quhilk grayth aboue mentionat was wranguslie tane away fra him and pairt thairof fundin wyth the saidis Jonat be hir awin confessioun. Comperit the said Jonat Tomson in jugement and producit ane blak clewe of wyrsattis, and anser producit Agnes Neyn William McMurquhie as hir varrand quha put the said clewe in plege wyth hir of vd., quhilk the said Agnes confessit opynlie in jugement the tacking thairof out of the saidis Donaldis house and putting of the samyn in plege to the said Jonat as said is of vd., and deponit scho newyr diluerit to the said Jonat ane penne worth of the graytht foirsaidis except the said clewe, of the quhilkis graytht and clame foirsaid wyth the clewe the said Jonat Tomson is fundin fre and absoluit thairfra in respect the said clewe was diluerit to the pairtie.

Johne McGilage wyte ane of the baillies of the burcht of Innernis gai in his bill of complaint humle menand and complanand vpon Thomas Symson and Katte Hendre his spous, that quhar he beand doand his lefull bessines haiffand na thocht of ewill this last Moundaye the saidis Thomas com on me wyth ane drawin knyff intending to haif slane me
had nocht beyne the bettyr reddaris, without ony motioun or cause bot be
ressoun I reprewit him for his vnworthie speikings quhilk spak in my
presence to Thomas Moir lykesas I commandit, and also exhortit him
plessandlie to haif sovit the saidis Thomas Moir according to resson gif
he had oycht to say to him, and the saidis Thomas Symsonis answar was
to me that he had na sylwer to fyll my fowll sydis, with monye vther
injurios wurdis quhilk I abhor to put in wreit; And thatreftyr I beand
cumand hame to my awin house Katte Hendre his said spous lape in my
face and raiff my face my beyrd and my sark, and said to me false com-
mond auld theiff and dyour that I was, quhy slew I hir husband, I nocht
offending him nor hir in odyr wurd or deid; And forther the said Katte
Hendre of malice because scho gat nocht hir will of me scho raiff Wil-
liame Donaldsonis beyrd and cheikis without ony motioun bot because
he Reid hir fray me. Quharfor prayis your maisterschipis to cause me be
restorit to my rude fayme as opynlie as I was put thairfray, and to puneis
ather of thame for thair offenssis conforme to thair deserwingis, and in
case the samyn be nocht done conforme to equitie it will gif vtheris
evill examplill to do the lyke to the rest of your office men. Comperit
the foirsaidis personis and nayt the hail pointis of the formar complaint.
And the said John spain for probatioun of his cause hes instantle
roducitt certan famous witenis, quha war rasuait admittit and sworne na
partie opponand thair contrar, quha being examenit the jugis being ryle
adwysit thairwth and wyth the allegatios of bayth the saidis pairteis
hard seyne and considerit hes fundin the saidis Thomas Symson and his
spous hes done wrang and ar adjugit in americiament thairfor, quharfor
the provest baillies cunsall and communitie present for the tyme viz.
James Paterson provest, John Robertson bailie, John Ross, Alexander
Baille, William Cuthbert, Alexander Paterson eldar, Alexander Cuth-
bert, John Cuthbert, Jasper Dempster, Nicoll Kar, Fynla Donaldson,
Hendre Kar younger, Patrik Skynner, William Donaldson, William
Buddyth, Gilbert Paterson, Andro Dempster, Andro Gutthre, Robert
Reid, John Kar, John Grant, John Merschell, John Bur, John Demp-
ster, and Jasper Cuming all wyth ane woce hes dischargit and deprawit
Thomas Symson of his fredome for the space of ane yeir and day, and
forder hes decernit and ordanit the saidis Thomas to cum to the paroche
kirk on Sundaye nixt afoir none in tyme of preching in presens of the
minister and haill congregatioun being thair present for the tyme, and

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thair to tak his toung in his hand and say, toung you leid, for the offensis committit be him in the baille John McGillewye, and hes ordanit Katte Hendre his spous to be had to the inercate croce instanctle and the brankis to be put in hir heid, and thair to remane induring the prowest and baillies plesour and will for the wrangis committit be hir in the baille foirsaid.

The prowest and baillies hes decernit Mergrét Ogilbe to be put in the gowis for the wrang committit be hir on Alexander Cuthberties ser-wand woman and dingyne of hir and drawynge of hir blude and thair to remane induring the jugis will.

Thomas Symson in presence of the prowest and baillies and the haill towneschip foirsaidis hes of his awin fre motyve will dischargit and hes renuncit his fredome opynlie.

Petyr Waus burges of Innernis protestis that the serwing of Mareoun Waus be nocht prejudiciall to him in respect hir procurator Schir Johne Gibson [Parsoun of Vnthank] is ane Papist, quha aucht nocht to haif place to procuyr in na cause as the Actis of Parliament, proportis.

Ane brocht strukin be Johne Ross burges of Innernis on Johne Reid McWillame Roy, Thomas Lummyc, Williame Genour and Andro Barroun fishearis that wrangusle and aganis the law the saidis personis hes brokin his boit quhilk they borrowit to haif brocht ane fraucht of pettis owyr the Ferrye to Alexander Cuthbert, and desyris the saidis personis to be decernit to rander and delywer the said boit als sufficient as scho was the tyme thai rasauit hir wyth costis skaythis damnage and expensis sustenit in the want of the said boit in thair contrar. Comperit Johne Reid and Thom Lummye and nayt thai promest to pass for the said fraucht of pettis or thai thai borrowit the said boit, and Johne Ross and Alexander Cuthbert offeris to preiff the brocht.

The prowest baillies and cunsall and communitie hes rasauit and admittit Williame Cuming and Williame Cuthbert burgessis of Innernis tennentis in and to the fourte schilling maling of the Watter of Ness possedit be wmquhill Thomas Waus burges of Innernis, euerilk man of thame xxx. wortht of the said Watter, vpon the compositioun of ane hundreth pundis, euerilk man fyftie pundis monye of this realme.

Thomas Daigleische sadlar in Innernis gaif in his bill of complaint humle menand and complanand on Alexander Cruyschank dwelland in the burcht sea that quhar he appoitnit wyth the said Alexander in Innernis lykeas Johne Gollan and Johne Stowte dyd for careing of ane
1571  pakkald and frauchtong of the samyn to Barris fair in Dornocht last and
28 Nov.  promesat to haif diliuerit the said pakkald and grayth thairin at the
mercatt, and trocht his remanyng fra the said mercatt I sustenit greyt
skayth nocht onlye of the mercatt bot out of my pakkald I want tuay
peces of clayth, viz., ane pece of Dundye grais contenand vij elnis and
half elne price of the elne xvs. monie of this realme, and ane wther pece
of Kynsay greyne contenand vij elnis price of the elne xs. monye foirsaid,
and ane sek price xijs. wyth ane pece towe, and that trocht the lowsing
and oppenyng of my pakkald, quhilk pece towe was bundin about the
said pakkald, desyryng your maisterschipis to compell the said Alexander
Cruyschank to delywer me my clayth agane wyth sek and towe or ellis
the pricus abouewreit togydder wyth the skayth I haif sustenit trocht his
remanyng fra the said mercatt extending to x merkis, or ellis to allege
ane ressonabill cause quhy the samyn suld nocht be done.

3 Dec.  The provest baillies and cunsall hes rasauit and admittit Alexander
Paterson youngar burges of Innernis tenent in and to the aucthan pairt
landis of the Barnehillis MyInfeild and Claye Pottis occupiit and
possedit be wmquhill Thomas Waus burges of Innernis vpon the com-
positioun of fourtie merkis to be payt instantle.

20 Dec.  Mareoun Waus sister german and lauchfull ayr to wmquhill Thomas
Waus burges of Innernis producit in jugement ane petitioun sayand that
hir wmquhill brother deit last westit and saisis in all and sindrie the
landis following and at our Soueranes fayth and peace, viz., in ane
tenement of land lyand within the burcht of Innernis in the Brig end on
the north syde of the gett, betuix the watter of Ness at the west and
Johne Robertson burges of Innernis at the eist, the front to the Kingis
hic gett to the southt, the taill to the common wennall to the northt.
Item, ane aker of land lyand in Damisdaill betuix the landis of Sant
Catherinis chaiplane now fewe heritage to Johne Ross at the eist and the
landis of Our Lade chaiplane of the Greyne at the west, lyand as the rest
of the saidis landis lyis southt and northt. Item, ane aker of land lyand
in Gairbreid betuix the landis of wmquhill Alexander Paterson at the
eist and west. Item, ane ruide of land lyand at Sant Thomas Chapell
betuix the landis of Sant Catheryne pertenyng now to Johne Ross in fewe
at the southt and northt. Anc other ruide of land lyand in the said feyld
betuix the landis of Sant Michaell at the southt and Alexander Cuthbertis
landis at the northt. Item, fyve ruidis of land lyand on the west syde
of the watter of Ness, of the quhilkis tuay ruidis wyth ane kill and malt-house lyis betuix the landis of wmquhill Johne Fowl at the southt and wmquhill William Reid eldar at the northt, extending fray Alexander Kennychtis land at the eist and the landis of Kynmyleis at the west. And ane other ruide in the said feyld lyand betuix the landis of Our Lade of the Hie Alter at the southt and northt, the auld foss at the eist, the landis of Kynmyleis at the west. And other tuay ruide in the said feyld betuix the landis of wmquhill Alexander Smyth at the southt and Sant Michaellis land at the northt, extending fra the auld foss at the eist and the landis of Kynmyleis at the west. Itam, ane chalmer in the Kirk yard on the eist syde of the kirk of Innernis betuix the landis of wmquhill Hendre Kar at the southt and Sant Catherinis land at the northt, betuix the common Kingis Gett and the Kirk yeard eist and west. Ane vther chalmer in the Kirk yeard betuix the landis of wmquhill Huchoun Bane at the west and William Reid youngaris land at the eist, and tuay schillingis anwell rent be yeir of ane pece land lyand betuix Johne Cuthbertis land at the eist and the Wattyre of Ness at the west, and desyris to be seruit heirin and conforme thairto cause ane baille pass and gif me sasing vpon my service. Quhilk being opynlie reid and proclamat at the tolbuyth styar as wse is, and quhar na person nor pairtie comperit to oppone or object in contrar the said petitioun nor na pointtis thairof the saidis Mareoun requerit act.

Johne Ross burges of Innernis comperit in jugement and gaif in his bill of complaint humle menand that quhar he diliuerit in the keiping of Johne McConyill and Andro McConquhie his serwardis and cottaris in this toune ane gray hors price xxiiij merkis monye of this realme wyth the rest of his wark horses for awaitting vpon his service laubour and vther necessaris neidfull, quhilk hors hes inleakit and deit in the saidis Johne and Androis deweittis this last ferd day of Januar instant in giffing of cauld draff and watter to him, and in thair non depending on him bot left him that hail nycht efter that had giffin him caff and draff efter the watter, and com nocht nar him to the mornyng on the day forsaid to haif past wyth the said gray horse and the rest to the pleucht, sua the said horse in thair deweittis in fault of tint taking to him hes fundeit in the guttis and ballye, and thairof tuike the bottis and crepit on his wambe lyke ane dog trocht the sairness was in his guttis, trocht the
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12 Jan. wyth caf and draff togyther and in the non depending on him as said is
hes inleakit and deit to his greit hurt hawye dampnage and skayth in his
laubour now dalye cumand vpon hand. Heirfor desyris the saidis Johne
McConyill and Andro McConquhie to be decernit be decreit of curt to
rander and delywer to him als gude aike horse or ellis the price aboue
wreittin as thai that war his serwandis andcottaris and aucht and suld
half keipit the said horse bayth nycht and day.

19 Jan. Comperit in jugement Petyr Waus burges of Innernis and gaif in
his brocht humle manend that quhar Dawid Robson beyond the Ferrye
is restan awand him xvij merkis monye wyth ane boit full of peittis and
ane hundreth hering, and that for ane boit quhilk he sauld to the said
Dawid in the monethit of October last bypast.

26 Jan. Thomas Gray in jugement hes actit him self of his awin fre motyve
will to fulfyll the band of matrimonie wyth Hellyne Waus dochtyr to
Martyne Waus burges of Innernis within xv dayis vnder the pane of ten
pundis vsuall monye of this realme.

9 Feb. The inqueist foirsaid hes fundin Isbell Garne in the wrang for the
 wrangus calling of Christian Nykqueyn spous to Williame Suffre missaell
carlingis geit that satt at the kirk style and hir hand in ane kettill of
watter for lippyrd and missalnes and that scho suld brak hir bak, and dome
giffin thairvpon. The jegis hes decernit hir to be put in the gows and
thair to remane induring the jegis will, and forder gif scho beis notit wse
the lyke in ony tyme cuming in contrar ony of the inhabitantis of this
burcht to be brynt on the cheik and bannecist of this towne for ewyr, and
dome giffin thairvpon.

Comperit in jugement Hendre Kar eldar burges of Innernes and gaif
in his bill of complaint vpon Mareoun Waus ayr to wmquhill Thomas
Waus burges of Innernis her brother and onyle intromissatrix wyth his
gudis and geir, humle menand and complanand that quhar soch with-
haldis fra him ane apill gray horse quhilk he lent to hir wmquhill brother
Thomas Waus quhen he past in our Soueranes service to the Raid of
Falay, quhilk was in the yeir of God jmjv c xlij yeiris, quhilk horse was
comprisit be honest famous nychtbouris quhen the said wmquhill Thomas
Waus rasautit him to xxij merkis monye of this realme, and as yit
deteneis and withhalten the said horse and on na way will mak payment
of the said horse nor pricis foirsaidis.

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Petyr Waus burges of Innernis and Robert McWilliame indwellar thair ar becumin actit of thair awin fre motyve willis souertis and cautionaris for ane honnorabill man Johne McEachin, Lard of Garloch, to refund content and pay to Johne Reid son to umquhill Schir Johne Reid pentionar of Bennocht the sowme of xxiij pundis gude and vsaul monye of this realme betuix the day and dait heirof and the feist of Pasche nixt to cum being the sext day of Aprile nixt in anno sewintie tuay yeiris vnder the pane of poinding of thair redeast gudis and geyr, And the saidis Johne McEachin of Garloch is becumin actit for the releiff of the saidis Petyr and Robert vnder the panes foirsaidis in presens of Duncan McAne McEachin, Allister Roy McAne McEachin, and Murquhow Pypar, servandis to the saidis Lard.

As this terme quhilk was assignit to Johne Reid to preiff wmquhill Johne Morison officiar payt of vs. acclamit at him be Gilbert Duff collectour to the vptakyn of the taxatioun of the Prince baptyme, producit Johne McGillewye quh Mary doenit that Johne Reid diliuerit to wmquhill Johne Morison vs. monye, vpon the quhilkis the said Johne Reid is fundin fre and absoluit.

Johne Gibson gaif in his bill of complaint humlie menand and complanand that quhar Christian Neyn Gowin, the spous of wmquhill William McPhadrik, wrangusle deteneit and withheld fra him ane coffyr wyth xij thrattye schilling peces thairin, fourte bard and Dowglas groittis, and wyth vj vnce brokin sylwer that his wyiff had the tyme of hir deceise, quhilk the said Christian rasait the samyn tyme quhan scho was in the extremes of deith, and on na wayis will rander nor delywer the said coffyr coffyr wyth the sylwer cumzeit and uncunyeit abouweirit without scho be compellit.

Gilbert Gollan, procurator for the said Christian Neyn Gowin, allegit the said actioun and cause mowit be Johne Gibson in contrar the said Christian is spirituall cause and teistit gude, and aucht nocht to be callit soittit nor persewit be the provest and baillies and that thai ar nocht competent jugis in the said cause, bot aucht to be persewit before the Commissar quha is competent juge to the said cause. The jugis admittis the saidis allegatioun and referris the samyn to the Commissar.

Ane brocht strukin be Alexander Cuthbert burges of Innernis on Gillemechell McSchir Andra and Fynla McChannycht his cottaris, that wrangusle and aganis the law thai haiff in thair negligence tynt and slane
1572 to me ane blak oxe quhilk cost me aucht merkis and ane half usuall monye of this realme, quhilk oxe in thair deweittis brak his crag in the pleucht at Alhallowness last in the calling of ane wther yok of oxin on his bak of forse, and or he culd be rescwet it brak his crag.

Ane brocht strukin be Jonat Dempster, the spous of Duncan Beg McConquhe Dowe, on Gillemechell McAne McGillemorrie that wrangusle and aganis the law he withhaldis fra hir ane silver bruche of four vnce wyecht, price of the vnce xxvjs. viijd., wyth ane christall stane bundin in silwer, price thairof xls., wyth the warkmanschip thairof, and ijs. iiijd. monye was in ane purse.

25 May Forsamekle as the prowest bailies and cunsall of the burgh of Inverness hes considerit and hes consideration of the tumult and vprore adjacent about quhar thair was accustummit to be ane publict conventioun in the Channorie of Ross, that trocht the quhilks ferouris sindre to cum thair to wse thair merchandice as thai war accustummet, thairfor the saidis prowest bailies and cunsall hes statut and ordanit and be the tennour of thir presentis statutis and ordanis and also licentis and permittis all maner of man to cum to the burgh of Inverness hauieand merchandice to sell, and thair wse thair mercatt and merchandice, quhilk salbe lefull and frelie permittit and grantit to all maner of man to by and sell for the space of threedays as gef thai war fre burgessis, payand thair dewe custumes allanerlie but ony impediment stope or trubill, and this to all and sindrie quhom it efferis we mak it knowin.

7 June Fynla Donaldson burges of Inverness exponit in jugement that quhar Alexander Paterson youngar hes bigget vpon the back syde of his house certan wyndois, quhilk wyndois ar bigget in contrar the lawis of burrowis and statutis thairof, quharfor protestis that the biggyn of the saidis wyndois be nocht prejudicial to him.

Ane brocht strukin be me Alexander Paterson youngar burges of Inverness in the handis of James Baititis and James McBarroun officiaris vpon Fynla Donaldson burges of the said burcht, that quhar I haif ane ruide and ane pece of land as I of the commond law practik and wse of burrowis aucht to haif my eafe drope fra, nochttheless the said Fynla Donaldson by equitie and reasoune and lawe of burcht hes biggit ane greit paire of his landis far within the boundis of my saidis landis, and hes tuay houssis fast biggit to the braide syde of my house, and hes consumit the haill or maist paire thairoff wyth fyre and vtherwais through want of
my eafe drope my wowte and sellar is consumit and dalie consumes wyth watter for fault of passage of the water that fallis fra my eafe drope that is haldin in be him and in his default trocht want of the said passaige of the water that fallis fra my eafe drope, Quharfor I beseik you my lord prowest and baillies to cause wesie my said land and consider the skayth I susteyne be the said Fynla, and to compell him to rander and restoir to me sic land as he hes of myne, and mend my wallis quhilkis he hes fyirit be his selff and his tennentis, and to mak my eafe drope fre quhartrocht my saidis wowttis may be skaythless of weite be passage away of the water that fallis fra my eafe drope quhilk is haldin in be him to my greit hurt, quhilk I wald nocht sustene yeirlic for ane hundreth pundis, beseeiking you my lordis prowest and baillies for justice and rameid of lawe, and your maisterschipis guidlie answier heirvpon humle I beseik.

Allister McAn McThomas is decernit to pay to Gilbert Duff ane muk sled or ellis xvijjd. monye for the price thairof within xv dayis vnder the pane of poinding.

Allister McAn McThomas is decernit to content and pay to Gilbert Duff ane boll aittis of the inleaik of ane pruiff be the depositioun of James McBarron, pruiffman.

Mareoun Ogilbe is decernit to rander and delywer to James Waus ane rubbour of xij quartis quhilk he lent hir.

Ane brocht strukin be Johne Robertisoun on Johne McSande his cottar that wrangusle and aganis the law the said McSande held on my expenssis tuay horses and four heid of gudis by the horses that seruit myself fra the tyme he entrit wyth me to his depairting fra me to the greit hurt of my horses and bestial, desyring the saidis Johne McSande to be decernit to refound content and pay to me ane hundreth thraiiffs stray, price of the thraiiff xijjd. monye of this realme, and desyris the samyn to be modefeit.

John McSande is decernit to content and pay to Johne Robertson burges of Innernis ane gude and sufficient fed kyd or lambe as he that was his cottar, conforme to the wse and consuetude of this countray.

Robe McAndra McRobe is decernit be the jugis to serue Andro McFuctour his maister to ane terme, and the said Andro to fend and meit him according to his servisce as ane serwand aucht to be done to.
In the action and cause mowit be Alexander Paterson youngar burges of Innernis aganis Fynla Donaldson burges thair, in the quhilk cause it was assignit to the said Fynla to qualifie the exceptioun peremptour proponit be him and his procurator and to produce all vtheris his peremptouris quhilkis he wald wse in the said cause the fyft day of Julij instant, and be ressoun of the trublis of the cuntray the said fyft day na curt nor process mocht be had in the said cause, bot the said terme desertit in itself.

In the action and cause mowit be Alexander Paterson younger burges of Innernis aganis Fynla Donaldson burges thair anent the desyre of the said Alexanderis eafe drope of his house, the juge being adwysit wyth the process hes fundin be the burrow lawes of this realme that the said Alexander aucht and suld haif the drope of the syd wall of his house libellit, callit the eafe drope, fre fra the saidis Fynla his landis adjunit and biggit to the saidis Alexanderis landis, and thairfor decernis and ordanis the said Fynla to red his landis fra the saidis Alexanderis syd wall that his eafe drope thairof may be fre, and to mak the samyn fre to the saidis Alexander conforme to the burrow lawes of this realme be sic space and rowme as is contenit in the samyn.

Christan Dingwell the spous of Robert Fraysser gaif in hir bill of complaint in jugement, humle menand and complanand that quhar Agnes Cuthbert, the spous of Johne Dow McKennycht in Ellan [the Island], schamefulle scanderit and defamit hir, saying that the said Christan left in hir house quhar scho dwelleris instantle wichecraft, trocht the quhilkis scho can gett na saill to hir aill, and left the samyn in aittis quhar the said aill laye and gantreis thairof. The said Agnes is decernit to cum the morne being Sundaye in presens of the peple and minister to the paroche kirk and thair ask the said Christan forgeweness, and dome gifsin thairpon.

The prowest and baillies of the burcht of Innernis sittand in jugement, comperit Schir Johne Nicolson procurator for Agnes Waus and Johne Munro of Urquhart hir spous for his intres and [in] thair names allegit that the said Agnes Waus was the lauchfull sister german of wmquhill Thomas Waus burges of Innernis hir wmquhill brodyr and ane of his lauchfull airis gottin and borne of ane father and ane mother, and because the said Thomas decessit without ony airis male gottin of his bodie the said Agnes Waus his secund sister german aucht and suld of lawe and
practik of this realme be seruit as ane of the said Thomas airis hir
wmquhill brother of the haill half landis gudis and geyr pertenyngeto
him at the tyme of his deceis, and because of the slauchteris and
cummerse quhillis hes hapnit betuix the Clan Chennycht, the Clan
Chattan and the Munrois within the space of tuay yeiris vnrecunsalit
as yet, the saidis Agnes Waus and Johne Munro hir husband for feyr
of thair lywes and herschip of thair gudis dar nocht cum to the saidis
burcht of Innernis quhar the saidis wmquhill Thomas landis lyis to gett
the said Agnes seruit as ane of the saidis Thomas airis, nocht to persew
hir rycht and tytle of his landis and geyr; thairfor the procurator foirsaid
es protestit that thai maye half thair place to persew thair actioun
befoir thair judgis competent, and inlykemane gif neid beis to call for
reductioun as occasiony seruis for the caussis foirsaidis for the truble
dalye invalescent in the pairtis of Ross.

Ane brocht strukin be the thesaurar of the burcht of Innernis on
all and haill the vnfre broustaris of the burcht of Innernis, viz., Jonat
Neyn Gowin, Agnes Waus, Marrat Cowike, Elspet Gorrye, Magie Nyk
Worrycht, Katte Hendre, Jame Chapman, William Tomson, Murriell
Browne, Johne Clerkis wyff, Agnes Gollan, Johne Angussonis wyff,
Catheryne Reid, Mareoun Ogilbe, Christian Dict, Johne McKennycht
in Ellanis [the Island] wyff, Mage Neilson, Jonat Cuthbert, the spous
of Jame McGillereocht, Elspet Skynnar, Jame McPhaillis wyff, Johne
Banes wyff, Robert Fraysseris wyff, Christian Fargusson, Esbell Gaderar,
Scheak Neyn Tawes, Emelie Clerk, Jonat Neyn Andra, Agnes Neyn
Donquhie, Jonat Neilson, William Bane for his wyff, William McMarris
wyff, William McCorenis wyff, William Hudis wyff, Catheryne Nyk Cowll,
Agnes Fyff, Marrat Nyk Cowll, Jonat Dempster, Christian Brebnar,
Christian Fergusson, Christian Nyk Queyne, Isbell Kennocht, Agnes
Cuthbert, the spous of John McGillephadrik, Johne Karis wyff, Donald
Urquhartis wyff, William Dow McPhaill, Thomas Brebnaris wyff, William
Boy McPhaillis wyff, William Hay Moreisis wyff, William McPhadrikis
wyff, Helyne Waus, Allister McThomas Royis wyff, Allister McPhadrikis
wyff, Jonat Brodye, Robe McAllesteris wyff, on thame and ilkane of
thame respective in name and behalf of thair wyffis, that wrangusle
and aganis the law thai and ilkane of thame respective hes contravenit
the actis statutis and ordinancis of this burcht of Innernis in selling
of aill of darrer pricis nor it was ordanit, that is to say the quart aill

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1572 gude and sufficient stuff for vjd. and the war all of minar pricis, as
15 Oct. the cunstaris sett the samyn, nochttheless thai and ilkane of thame
respective sauld darrer and tuike vijd. for the quart all ewill stuff.
18 Oct. Ane brocht strukin be the thesaurar on all and haill the fre brou-
staris of this burcht, viz., Christan Paterson, William Donaldsonis wyff,
Johne Reidis wyff, Johne Burris wyff, Jonat Christeson, Mage Neyn
Intagert, Hendre Kar eldaris wyff, Johne Grantis wyff, Mage Gorrye,
that wrangusle and aganis the law thai half contravenit the ordinancis
of this burcht in selling of all darrer nor vjd. the quart. The foirsaidis
personis be thamesellis and thair husbandis confessit the samyn, for
the quhiliks thai ar adjugit in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon.
Absentes: Thomas Cuthbertis wyff, Christan Vrquhart, Magie Morison,
Elspet Duff, Barbara Waus, Rorye Johnesonis wyff, Gilbert Gollanis
wyff, William Andersonis wyff, Magie Nykgilleweye, Jonat Kar, of tymes
callit at the tolbuyth stayr as wse is and nocht compering ar adjugit
in amerciament for thair absens and dome giffin thairvpon.
25 Oct. Ane brocht strukin be William Cuming and William Cuthbert pro-
curatoris fiscall of the burcht of Inverniris on Donald Vrquhart, Allister
McThomas Roy, Johne Gibson, Thomas Gray, Allister McWilliam
McPhadrik, William McConylbane, that wrangusle and aganis the law
thai and ilkane of thame hes thir yeiris by past and this yeir in speciall
visit the privilege of fre burgessis in forstalling maner in bying and
selling to vnfre men and strangearis of all keynd of tymmer, sic as
ralis, cuppill treis, keaberris, steaikis, kearnox, wandis, gerthstingis,
and sic vther tymmer as vsis this mercatt, to the greit skayth and
hurt of the inhabitantis of this burcht, quha can gett na keynd of
tymmer to thair biggyne for thame, and for the exhorbitant dertht rasit
be thame.

Comperit in jugement Sande Watt dwelland in Faythlie in presens
of the provest and baillies, and thair made oppin confessioun that all
debaittis betuix Robert Bolden, Inglishman, and him was fynallie endit
concordit and aggreit.

29 Oct. It is statut and ordanit that quhat ewyr thai be of the vnfre
brouostaris within this burcht vsis brewing and entrit at thair awin
hand, nocht being admittit be the provest baillies and cunsall, in all
tymes cuming, that thair fattis and all vther brewing weschellis salbe
brocht to the mercat croce and thair to be brynt without ony forder

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process to be led thairintill, and this to be maid knawin to all and sindre to quhom it offeris.

Ane brocht strukin be the procuratoris foirsaidis on all and haill the còrdinaris aboue expremit that wrangusle and aganis the law thai and ilkane of thame hes rasit ane exhorbitant dertht in this burcht and custra vpon the schone mair nor the actis and statutis maid of befoir and pricis maid on the schone, that is to say gentill mennis schone for ijs. viijd., serwardis schone ijs. iiiijd., wemen schone xxd., and bernis schone xvj or xviijd. as thai ar of eyld.

Comperit in jugement Johne Berne burges of Perht and gaif in his bill of complaint, humle menand that quhar he coft fra Gilbert Paterson burges of Innernis sewin barrellis gude and sufficient salmond in the moneth of September in the yeir of God jvm vcv threscoir and allewin yeiris, of the quhilkis the said Gilbert hes rasait fourtie pundis monye and hes my obligatioun for the rest, and the said Gilbert aucht and suld cause James Blair delywer me the said fishe on the scheoir of Dundye without any cummerse betuix the day and dait heir-of and the first day of November in the yeir aboue wreittin, and fra the port of Dundye till France upon the said Johne his wentur, and quhen the said Johne com to Dundye to rasaue the said salmond fra James Blayr, the said James wald nocht anser nor ken me for thame for certan comptis was betuix the said Gilbert and him: Referrit to his ayth simpliciter, quha deponit that he sauld viij barrellis salmond quhilkis war in the handis of James Blayr conditionallye to the said Johne Berne, bot knew nocht gif he wald gett thame or nocht, and because he knew nocht gif he wald gett thame or nocht wald nocht obliiss him thairto, bot allanerlie his messay bill direct to the said James for diliuering of the said salmond gif thai war vnsauld, and gif he gat nocht the said salmond he suld haif his awin sylwer agane. In respect thairof the jugis hes absoltu the saidis Gilbert Paterson of the clame of viij barrellis salmond foirsaid acclamit be the said Johne Berne and makis him fre thairof, and decernis the said Gilbert to rander his monye foirsaid to the said Johne Berne.

The provest baillies and cunsall, being convenit within the tolbuyth of Innernis for ordour putting to the barkit leddyru and barkaris thairof, hes statut and ordanit, be command and assent of the haill burgessis of this burcht being within the burgh of Innernis, that na burgess man
Within this burcht, beand barkaris of leddy, sell na barkit leddy to
8 Nov. any strangear within this burcht or vthoutht the samyn, but that thame
selffis in propyr persoun pass wyth their leddy to mercattis and sell the
samyn thair, or ellis to sell the samyn to ane burges man within this burcht,
and quhat ewyr burges that beis attechit for bying of ony barkit leddy
fray vnfre men the saidis fre manis haill leddy togyther wyth the vnfre
manis leddy to be eschetit, and quha beis notit or fundin do the contrar
and brakaris of the samyn for the first fault sall pay to the commoun
weill of this burcht xx li., the next fault xl. li., the thred depravatioun
of his fredome.

The provest bailles and cunsall, considering that oft and sindrie
tymes their conventiounis for gude ordour tacking concernyng our
Soueranes liegis and for gude statutis making within this burcht, quha
aucht to be myrrour of the rest of the cuntrye, and the samyn at all
tymes contempnit and statutis brokin, lyke as hes beyne insert and rollit
in our buikis, quha contempnying and brekis the samyn and dissobeis the
prowest bailles and cunsall, yit nochtwythstanding for gude ordour taking
to God prowye forder stabilitie that faltoursis may be pvneist and the
committaris of offenssis maye be keipit in scoir inrollit within our buikis:—
It is statut and ordanit that for downe putting of dertht of barkit leddy
and rocht hydis rasit be the barkaris within this burcht in manifest
contemptioun and breking of our statutis maid to the samyn effect
diverse tymes of befoir, that na rocht hyde be coft within this burcht
of darrer price nor xxs. the rocht hyde, the barkit hyde to be sauld
to the buyththaldaris and workaris thairin presentle within this burcht
for xxvjs. viijd. vnder the panes foresaidis, in respect that vtheris quha
war buytht haldaris and na burgessis hes contempnit thair buytht halding
and alluterle hes maid thame to be travelouris wyth barkit leddy, and
thairin contempnand our statutis and ordinancis. And to the effect that
this act and statut suld tak effect, statutis and ordinancis the cordinaris
being wythin this burcht presentle, makaris of schone, that fray this day
furtht na gentill mennis schone be sauld darrer nor xxxijd., husbandmen
and serwand schone xxxd., wemen schone ijs. iiijd., bernis schone xxxd.,
xvjd. and xiiijd., as the bernis ar of aige, and that this act towartis the
pricis of schone be publictle devulgit at the mercatt croce of Innernis,
quharthrowe that the liegis thairbe may fall of the pricis of the rocht
hydis and may sell the samyn conforme to our statutis.
Itam, the cunsall hes continewit to the nixt conventioun to tak ordour wyth the craftismen quha ommittis thair craft and markis of fre merchandice, nocht beand burgessis.

Siclyke, to tak ordour wyth the vnfre men that vsis merchandice, sic as Johne Fraysser alias Stowte, Jame Chapman, Robert McWilliam, Fynla Clerk, Thomas Fuctour, Thomas Daigleische sadlar. Itam, the cunsall ordanis thame to be callit to ane particular dyet at the thesauraris instance, quharthrow thai may pay for thair libertie as the cunsall thinkis expedient to be payt be thair deliuerance.

Itam, as towartis thame that travellis owyr the Ferrye in fraude of the burcht and stopping of the victuallis to cum to the mercatt to sell the samyn, and trocht thair passing thair raisis dertht, the cunsall ordanis the victuallis sua brocht to this burcht be stallangearis to be tane out of thair houssis as escheit and the thesaurar to ansuer thairfor, and the committararis thairof to be dischagit fra brewing for the space of that yeir.

Itam, towartis broustaris that entris and vsis brewing at thair awin handis vnadmittit, quhilk statut is alreadye maid in the moneth of October last the xxix thairof be the provest bailzeis and cunsall, as the samyn in it self mair fullelie proportis.

The provest baillies and cunsall hes lattin to Jasper Dempster burges of Innernis ane chalmer rowme within the kirk yeard, extending to thre cuppill and tuay taill forkis, on the west syde of the said kirk yeard, betuix the landis of Alexander Hay to the northt, the commoun wennall at the south, the kirk yard at the cist, the wattir of Ness to the west, to him and his airis for payment making yeirle of ijs anwell to the provest baillies and thair thesauraris for the tyme.

Comperit in jugement Farquhar Grasycht [Farquhar the shoe-maker] and gaif in his bill of complaint, hawelie menand and complanand that quhar he had in Rynnald Merschellis bark fatt within the saidis Rynnaldis chalmer four hydis barkit wyth the saidis Rynnaldis leddy, quhilkis four hydis wyth the saidis Rynnaldis awin leddy war liftit out of the said bark fatt vpon the xxj day of November instant, quhilk hydis he put on the fatt syde to haif tane thame away with him schortlie, nochtheless the said Rynnald said to him it war bettyr laif the leddy war the said fatt syde to thai droppit the wattir and war lyttar to be careyt and dryar, and sua be the command and desyre of
1572 the said Rynnald he left his leddyr thair be the space of four or fywe
22 Nov. houris or thairby, and left the keye of said chalmer wyth the said
Rynnald and atheris of the saidis pairteis ledderis lyand on the fatt
syde droppand the watter. And at his returnyng to haif rasait and
tane away his leddyr wyth him, quhilk he left hail in the saidis
Rynnaldsis chalmer in his keipin, wantit of the four hydis ane half
hyde and the wambe of ane hyde of the best of the four hydis, and
in respect the saidis hydis war within the saidis Rynnalds chalmer and
the kye in his keipin, aucht and suid mak compt to the said Farquhar
thairof, and safar as the said Rynnald causit him laif his leddyr, quhilk
he was in purpos to haif tane away schortlie efter the lifting thairof.
Comperit the said Rynnald for ansuring heirto, and confessit to haif
causit him to laif his leddir and to haif the kye of the said chalmer.
The jugis in respect of his confessiouin and be his awin toung grant
hes deccerit the said Rynnald to refound content pay and delywer to
Farquhar Grasycht ane half hyde wyth the wambe of ane wther half
hyde gude and sufficient stuff.

26 Nov. The prowest baillies and cunsall in jugement hes grantit and con-
sentit that the barne vpon the Barne hillis vpon the eist syde of the
Gett betuix the Barnes of wmquhill Hendre Gutthre at the southt,
Alexander Baille at the northt, to be vsit and possessit be Agnes Gollan
and Johne Cuthbert hir spous, as the samyn quhilk was possedit be the
said wmquhill Thomas Gollan, vpon the payment making of xijd. anwell
yeirlie to our thesaurar, and ordanis ane baille to gif thame sasing
thairvpon. And inlykemane to Alexander Baille and Johne Robertson
sasing to be gewin to thame of thair barnes lyand thair.

Comperit in jugement Robert Oigstoun dwelland in Faythle in
Bowchane, and gaif in his bill of complaint, humle menand and com-
planand that quhar Petyr Waus burges of Innernis com to the port and
hawin of Faythle in the moneth of September last bypast wyth ane
Duche schip of his awin, quha desyrit me be ane pertinar of the said
schip wyth him and to tak the thred thairof, to be transportit thairfray to
Norway and in agane to the said port and hawin of Faythle, and thair to
loise and delywer hir laidnyng, the thred part of the said laidnyng to be
dilluerit to the vilitie and proffeit of the said Robert. And for the
caussis and ressonis foirsaidis the said Robert dilluerit to the said Petyr

1 Faythlie, the ancient name of Fraserburgh.
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xvij bollis malt, and ane firlote, thre bollis, ane firlote malt thairefter put in the said schip in the saidis Robertis behalf and rasait be the said Petyr fra ane callit Andrew Stiell in Inwernocht, price of euere boll xxxs. vsuall monye of this realme, extending in the haill to xxx lib. xvs., nochtwythstanding of the premissis the said Petyr hes falit in his promess and pointitis heirof and hes keipit na pairt of the samyn, to the complanaris greit hurt hawye dampnage and skayth as is allegit. Comperit Petyr Waus and nayis him to haif bot the thred skayr of the said schip, and the rest of the pertenaris aucht to be soittit callit and persewit as he for his pairt gif ony pactioun was.

Comperit in jugement William Buddyth burges of Innernis and gaif in his bill of complaint, humlie menand and complanand that quhar Robert Oigstoun dwelland in Faythle deliueris him nocht ane thousand skayt gude and sufficient merchant wayr thornebak and maik beand accept, quhilk aucht and suld haif bene diliuerit and payt to the said William at the feist of Witsundaye in the yeir of God jumbo sexte aucht yeiris, as ane obligatioun and contract maid betuix the said Robert and me at mair lentht proportis, of the dait at Innernis the xiiiij day of Nouember the yeir of God sexte sewin yeiris, quhilk thousand skayt sufficient merchant wayr aucht and suld haif bene diliuerit to the said William at Witsundaye thaireftyr, nochtwythstanding the said William past to Faythle to rasauie the samyn and thaireftir send ane serwand for the said skayt, and culd nocht cum be thame, and as yit postponis to mak payment of the said skayt without he be compellit, quha aucht and suld haif payt the samyn at the said terme of Witsundaye as he that rasait v lib. monye in pairt of payment for the samyn.

Comperit in jugement Patrik Skynnar burges of Innernis, and humlie menit that quhar he hes observit and keipit the actis and statutis maid be the provest baillies and cunsall tweching the bying of rocht hydis, as the said act and statut at mayr lentht proportis to this day, quhilk he redundit to his hawye dampnage and greit skayth in respect monye and sindre of the burgessis of this burcht hes brokin the saidis actis and statutis and hes giffin for the rocht hyde mair nor xxs., quhilk is notoriouslie knawin and sindre of thame convict in the curt buikis thairfor. And insafar as the haill burgessis barkaris of leddyr hes brokin the saidis actis and statutis in giffing of mayr nor xxs. for the rocht hyde, quhilk act and statut the said Patrik hes on na way
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29 Nov. contravenit to this day and is and was reddye aye to haif obseruit and kepit, in respect thairof protestis that quhat he do in contrar the saidis actis and statutis in tymes cuming be nocht prejudicall nor hurtfull to him, in respect he was aye reddye to haif kepit the saidis actis and statutis quhilk he dyd alredye to this day.

13 Dec. The jugis hes admittit Androw McWilliam McPhadrik to brew and to be ane stalleangear to Michaelmess nixt efter the dait heirof, paying thairfor xvjs. iiijd., and for his inlawe of this last yeur iiij., to be payt or he wse ony brewing.

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31 Jan. Ane brocht strukin be Helyne Dict on Donald McInnoyar serwand to John Reocht McAye, that wrangusle and aganis the law upon the xxij day of Januar instant the said Donald com in to my sisteris house and thair was drinkand in uther cumpanye, and quhan thai had done sperit quhat cost the aill, ansueris scho and sayis aucht penneis the quart, na forder offence done to him be the said Helyne, callit hir and hir sister Christian Dict commond theiffis and houris, banneist ribaldis that war banneist of this towne all nycht and durst nocht be seyne pass of the towne in day lycht, wyth monye vther injurious wourdis. The assise foirsaid be the examenatioun of famous witnes hes fundin the said Donald McInnoyar in the wrang tweching the heidis of the brocht foirsaid, in respect thairof he is adjugit in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon.

14 Feb. Ane brocht strukin be Marjorye Cuming serwand to William Bane in Culcabok that wrangusle and aganis the law William Tomson the brebnar hes spilt and destroyt to me xiiij elsis hewit clayth quhilk I gaiif him to wirk the seund day of Februar instant or thairby, quha hes wrocht ane pairt thairof to my contentatioun, the rest of his awin fasoun bye my adwyse or command, and mocht haif had for euerilk elne thairof gif he had done his duetie in the lauboring and wyrking thairof xvs. monye of this realme, desyring the said William to be decernit to recompance me the skayth I haif sustenit in his deweit or ellis to allege quhy he aucht nocht to do the samyn. Comperit the said William Tomson and allegit he dyd his duetie sua scho had gewin him grayth and hewis to work the said clayth wyth, and the said Marjore allegit the contrar, that he gat and rasauit all his desyris quhilk scho aucht to him gewin him. In respect thairof the jugis being ryple adwysit heir-wyth ordanis the said Marjorie to waik the said haiill clayth and cause
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the samyn be dycht, and quhat pricis the said Marjorie optenis or gettis for the pairt maid to hir effect, prewand the samyn trewle befoir the provest and bailles, decernis the said William to intromett wyth the tother pairt of the clayyth whilk is nocht wrocht to the said Marjoreis effect, and to pay to hir als mekle as scho gettis or optenis for the rest sauld be hir.

That day was producit in jugement ane complaint of Dame Jonet Campbell, Lade Lowatt, humle menand that quhar William Buddyth burges of Innernis makis hir nocht payment of x merkis monye of this realme as he that becom souerte and cautioun for Nicoll Kar burges of Innernis for hir maill of the fisching of Abertarff of the yeir of God j[nv]c threscoir and twel yeiris.

Mr Thomas Howstoun, minister of the Wourd of God within the burcht of Innernis, producit for himself and his spous and the langast lewaris of thame tuay thair airis an evident vpon ane ruide of burrow land sauld and annaleit to him be Alexander Bane [of Tullycht], lyand within the burcht of Innernis in the Kirk Gett on the west syde of the samyn, betuix the landis of Alexander Baille of Dunnane at the southt, the airis of wmquhill Thomas Christeson at the northt, the front to the Hie Kingis Gett at the eist, the taill to the Watter of Ness at the west, quhilk ruide of land payis yeirle to our Ladie Chaiplane of the New Ile iijs. anwell be yeir, desyryng to be entrit in the soi roll, quhilk was granitt.

James Abraham burges of Innernis producit in jugement ane evidunt vpon tuay ruidis of land lyand on the west syde of the Watter of Ness contigue togyther, betuix the landis of the Freyouris Predicatouris of Innernis at the southt, the saidis, James awin landis at the northt, the frontis thairof to the Watter of Ness at the eist, the talis to the commoun wennall to the west, of the dait at Innernis the vij day of May the yeir of God j[nv]c sewinte tuay yeiris, vnder the signe and subscriptioun of William Cuming notar publict, desyryng to be entrit in the soi roll, quhilk was granitt.

Comperit in jugement William Tomson, son and air to Alexander Tomson in Chanorie of Ross, and producit ane mandement and procuratore of Laurence Bannerman allegit baille and chalmerland of the Bishoprik of Ross, and allegis that Mungho Gollan [burges of
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23 April Comperit in jugement Johne Bur and gaif in his bill of complaint humle menand and complanand vpon Johne Dow McRorye, that quhar the said Johne Dow past wyth him to Perth as he that was his feit serward in the moneth of Merche last bypast, notwithstanding the said Johne Dow past to Dundye wyth Fynla Clerk out of Sant Johnestoun by my command, nochtwythstanding he being my feit serward, and diliuerit the kye of my chalmer quhar I was luigit to Tearlocht McGregor by ony command of me, quha thiteouslie stawe away out of the said chalmer xvj dowbill elnis of pledding and ane half, price of euereilk fywe dowbill elnis ij merkis monye of this realme, wyth ane coit of tartan, price xxx., quhilk tartan and coit or pricis foirsaidis the said Johne Dow alluterle refuissis to mak payment of without he be compellit. Siclyke at our hame cuming the samyn tyme I diliuerit my sourd to the said Johne Dow to beir ane pairt of the way, price thairof x merkis monye of this realme, and will nocht delywer me the said sourd nor pricis aboue wreittin without he be compellit, to the complanaris greit hurt hawye damprage and skayth as is allegit.

Ane brocht strukin be Johne Bur on Thomas McAllister Fuctour that wrangusle and aganis the law he makis him nocht payment of xijs. vjd. monye of this realme for ane poynit and muchekin aquawytie he sauld to him in the montht of Merche last bypast.

30 May Comperit in jugement Mr. Thomas Howstoun, minister of the burcht of Innernis, and humlie menit to the prowest baillies and touneschip judicialiter in jugement, that quhar Johne McWalter Stewart publicle opynle and playnelie exponit and declarit to dierse sindrie personis that safar as the said Mr. Thomas was to big vpon his awin propyr heritage that quhat he biggit in the day he suld cause be distroyt and cast downe in the nycht, inlykemaner as was done to Johne Dow McGillep iadrilikis house in the downe casting of his tymmer and breking thairof. In respect of his declaratioun foirsaid protestis that quhat dampinge and skayth that he sustenis, that the samyn fall vpon the said Johne, and that he may haf tyme and place to call and persewe the said Johne as law requeris.

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That day as terme assignit to Johne Dow McRorye to mak ansuer to the brocht and complaint of Johne Bur, comptit the said Johne Dow and gaif in his ansueris in wreit as efter followis. Item imprimit, ansueris the said Johne Dow to the complaint of Johne Bur, giffand and nocht grantand that he conductit himself and his tywy horsis wytth his tywy laidis out of this towne to Sant Johnestoun in the moneth of Merche last bypass, the said Johne Bur diliuerit him na pleddin vnder compt of elnis except tywy laid of sindre grayth, sic as yarne woll and pleddis, all bundin in the laidis quhilkis he had on his horsis to Sant Johnestoun, and at his cumin thair diliuerit the samyn to the said Johne Bur onsterit opnit or molestit be him or ony in his name, and at his command put the saidis laidis in Johne Frayssers chalmer in this syde of the Brig end of Sant Johnestoun wyth the rest of Thomas Fuctouris laidis. And quhar he said that he diliuerit the kye of the said chalmer to Tayrocht McGregor, quha hes stollin fra him xvj dowbill elnis pledding and ane half, price of euerilk fywe dowbill elnis xxvjs. viijd., ansueris that giffand and nocht grantand that the said kye was diliuerit to the said Tarlocht, he beand ane serwand wytth Fynla Clerk for the tyme and of the cumpanye wytth ws, the said Johne Bur had rasauit the key of the chalmer fra the said Tarlocht and lossit his laidis himself, quhilk was saiflie diliuerit in the chalmer be him onsterit be him or ony in his name, and intromettit wytth the samyn himself in presens of Thomas McAlister Fuctour, and tuite pairt of the grayth was within the saidis laidis wytth him to the litstaris chalmer, and left the rest of his pleddis in the said chalmer onmissit, and the said Tarlocht beand wytth the said Johne Bur as serwand to my returnyng agane out of Dundye to Sant Johnestoun, and thairfor se himself had saiflie rasauit his laidis, intromettit wytth thame, and lossit the samyn, the said Johne Dow beand absent, and nocht diliuerit to the said Johne Dow vnder compt, and be resson of his rasett of the key of the chalmer and intromettit with his laidis and opyning of the samyn him self, na thing wanting thairout of, quharfor the said Johne Dow aucht and suld be absoluit fra the said clame of Johne Bur in respect of the premissis. And as to the coit acclamit the said Johne Bur allegis Tarlocht had stollin fra him, ansueris that he left the said coit vpon the said Johne Bur his bodye and newyr had forder ado thair-wyth, nor yit was nocht obleist to keip the samyn. And as to the sourd acclamit be Johne Bur, ansuris that the said Johne Bur had the said
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sourd in his awin cumpanye to Sant Johnestoun, and brocht the samyn
hame agane wyth him to Straythdown, quhilk sourd he newyr deliuerit
to the said Johne Dow in keipng, but he put the said sourd vpon the horse
bak, and I callit the horse as I aucht to do, I beand in cumpanye wyth
him and the rest of the cumpanye behynd ws, and the said sourd was
nocht away in my deweit bot in his awin, and that because quhen he put
his sourd vpon the horse bak he band it nocht, quharthrow it mocht haif
bene keipit vpon the horse bak, and thairfor the said Johne Dow aucht
to haif absolvitor of the samyn. Quhilkis being red in jugement
William Cuthbert procurator for Johne Bur allegis the anseris foirsaid
to be na direct anser to the brocht and complaint of Johne Bur, and
thairfor desyris the said Johne Dow to mak anser thairto negative or
affirmatyve to the said brocht.

20 June

The prowst bailles and cunsall beand considerit togyther eftir lang
conferance, haiffing consideratioun of the greit skayth done to this burcht
be forstallaris and byaris of tymmer and barkaris dalye, and trocht the
exhorbitant dertht and heing of pricus of tymmer that the policie of this
burgh dekeis, and nychtbouris can nocht get to thair biggynnis na keynd
of tymmer for policie of this burcht, and that trocht forstallaris and
burgessis strenthenyng thame in thair libertie and fredome thair in
hendering greittumlie the policie of this burcht, haiffing consideratioun
heirof and nocht willing to put at the committaris of the saidis offensis
gif thai will forbeir in tymes cuming, and for prowyding of rameid heirof
it is statut and ordanit be the prowst bailles and cunsall that na fre man
nor forstallar, cowpares of tymmer or barkis, bye ony keynd of tymmer or
barkis befoir nyne or ten houris at the farrest; and quha beis fundin and
apprehendit brekand of this statut the tymmer and barkis coft or sauld
befoir the said hour salbe confiscat as escheit, and the burgessis brekaris
of the saidis statutis salbe callit at particular dyettis and accusit for
breking of the statutis and contravenyng of thair aythis quhilk thai maid
the tyme thai war maid fre burgessis for obeing of the Kingis autorite
and lawes, the statutis and ordinancis of the prowstest and baillies of this
burgh, and to be pvneist as the law leiffes; And ordanis this Act and
statut to be publicitl proclamit at the mercatt croce, quharthrow thai
pretend na ignorance in tyme cuming; And for strenthenyng of the said
act and statut foirsaid Alexander Cuthbert and William Cuming burgessis
of Innernis offeris the sowme of nyne lib. monye to the commoun well of

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this burcht for the escheittis of the contravenaris of the said statut betuix
this and Alhallowmess nixt, and William Cuthbert and his collegis offeris
x lib., and Jasper Dempster wyth his collegis offeris xij lib. to the
common work of this burcht betuix this and the said day.

Jasper Dempster and Fynla Donaldson burgessis of Innernis ar
becumin actit of thair awin fre motywe willis souerteis and cautionaris
for Duncan McRorye and Neyn Rorye his dochtyr, to do to
Gillandreis McWilliam McGillandreis and William his son all that
becummes of the law tweching ane allegit contract of mariage maid
betuix the said William McGillandreis and the saidis Duncanes dochtyr
foirsaid in hir faderis person, writtin and subscriuit be Petir Waus burges
of Innernis without notar or minister of the dait at Innernis the
day of the yeir of God jmvx lxxiiij yeiris, as the samyn in itself
at mair lentht proportis, befoir thir witnes Androw McPhaill, minister in
the Erse toung of Innernis and Pettie, Gilbert Duff, wyth vtheris diuense.

Robert Wedall is adimitit and rasait to be ane buyththalda
be the baillaries of this burcht wyth consent of the haill cordinar craft
or maist pairt thairof present for the tyme, and hes payt his duetie
thairfor.

Alexander McGillichooan burgess of Dingvell of his awin fre motywe
will vncoactit or compellit hes actit himself his airis executouris and
assignais, renuncean his awin jurisdictioun and summittan himself to the
jurisdictioun of the provest and baillies of the burcht of Innernis, to
refound content and pay to Androw Gutthrie burges of Innernis thrie
daker leddyr oxe and kow hyde gude and sufficient merchant wayr
betuix the day and dait heirof and Sant Boniface day in Lentryne, being
the xvj day of Merche nixt, and immediatle following the day and dait of
thir presentis, faileyeing thairof he sall refound content and pay to the said
Androw the sowe of tuay merkis monye for euerilk hyde, extending in
the haill to xl pundis vsuall monye of this realme.

The provest baillies cunsall and communitie hes granitit and gewin
to Gilbert Duff burges of Innernis and his airis all and haill ane barne
rowme quhilk was newyr occupit, lyand vpon the Barnehillis on the
north syde of wmquhill Thomas Flemyngis barne, quhilk lyis presentle
waist, for the yeirle payment of xijd. anwell be him and his airis to the
prowest balilies and cunsall or thair thesauraris yeirle, vpon quhais gift
and grant the said Gilbert requirit act of curt, and hes ordanit ane balille
to gif him sasing thairin conforme to the rest of the Barnes lyand vpon
the said Hill.

Johne Ross and James Paterson burgessis of Innernis ar electit and
chosin maisteris of wark to the Kirk and brig, and to wse the samyn
trewlie aye and quhill thai be dischargit.

Johne Robertson, Alexander Cuthbert and Jasper Dempster burgessis
of Innernis ar electit and chosin maisteris of wark to the wattyr wark for
the space of ane yeer as thai will ansuer thairvpon.

The provest baillies and cunsall hes ordanit James Paterson to be
procurator fiscall of this burcht, and hes electit him for persewing and
defending of the towneshipes effaris, and ordanis him to entyr wyth the
prowest of Faythleis buyrdis beand within this burcht as escheit for
breking of ane arreisment, and to nummer and tak compt of thame and
all vther his grayth that may be apprehendit within this burcht.

The provest bailles and consall ordanis the statutis maid of befoir
tweching the mowlter of the Kingis Myln to be obseruit and keipit in all
tymes cuming, and that thais quha ar electit stallangearis for this present
yeir to Michaelmess nixt be astrictit be act for to com to the Kingis Myln
with thair mowlter and stuff, prowyding thai haif gude servise and euere
mannis rowme keipit, vnder the panes that thai be restrictit quartarlie to
gif thair aythis quhat thai haif to odyr mylnis.

The name of the stallangearis that ar dischargit alluterle for this yeir,
viz., Christian Flemyng, Donald Myllar, Agnes Gray, Robe Wedall,
William Chessolme maltman, William McGleschen, Johne Bane Mc-
Gleschen, Robe McAllister.

Ane brocht strukin be James Paterson procurator fiscall of the
burgh of Innernis on Huchoun McThomas Roy, Johne McFynla Roy
and Duncan McLauchlyn and his son, that wrangusle and aganis the law
vpon this last Sundaye at ewin vnder sylence of nycht com quhar the
towneschipis weche war rasauit, and in the samyn tyme of the weche
setting and rasauyng trublit the weche and the hailt towe, trocht quhais
trublis rasit schouting and crying in the nycht, war nocht the bettir
reddaris, had cumin to greit cummerse. Adjugit in amerciament.

Isebell Kennocht the spous of wmquhill Thomas McLeyr maltman
hes fundin Gilbert Duff burges of Innernis souerte and cautioun that scho
sall absteyne fra fornicatioun wyth Johne Moy and all vther personis in
all tyme cuming, vnder the pane of x lib. to be pait to the kirk wark
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vnforgewin and bannessing of this towne for ewyre, And the said Isbell hes actit hir self for the releiff of the said Gilbert at all handis quhom it efferis in presens of the provest bailles and minister, and hes rasauit the ministeris tekat thairvpon.

Johne Dempster hes fundin Henrie Kar eldar burges of Innernis souerte and cautiouen that he sall abstene fra fornicatioun wyth Elspett Duff his ante, and sall nocht be fundin nor notit nycht nor day wse hir house nor dwelling nor scho wyth him in na tyme cuming, vnder the pane of xx merkis monye to be pait to the kirk wark vnforgewin, and to be pyneist according to the actis of Parliament, in presens of the baillies and James McBarroun officiar.

Comperit in jugement Donald Ard and producit his petitioun proclamit at the mercat croce as wse is to this day, desyring to be seruit as narrest and lauchfull ayr to his wmquhill fadyr William Ard in quhat landis he deit last westit and saisit in viz., in ane rude of land lyand bewest the watter of Ness, betuix the landis of William Dow McPhaill at the northt, Fynla McMorreist at the souert, the front to the watter of Ness at the eist, the taill to the Fowssie at the west, payand yeirlie vd. to the King and ijs. anwell to Sant Johneis Chaiplane and his successoris fundat within the paroche Kirk of Innernis; And that I am of perfyte aige, and that the saidis landis ar haldin in burgage, and that the saidis landis ar wortht now be yeir the saidis Kingis maill and anwell, and was wortht the samyn in tyme of peace, and that the saidis landis ar now in the handis of provest and bailles of the burcht of Innernis in fault of me nocht soittin my tytle thairto, and desyris to be ratowrit and selit vnder your maisterschipis selis, and saisie to pass thairvpon as efferis.

Johne Cuming, cowpar, the second son of William Cuming, burges of Innernis, lauchfulle gottin betuix him and his spous Agnes Merchant, is rasauit and admittit fre burges and gild of this burcht, quha hes giffin his fayth and laute to the Crowne of Scotland, provest and bailles of this burcht, and hes sworne the greit ayth to be lele and trew to thame and to keip the actis statutis and ordinances of this burcht, and sall furthsett the samyn to the vthermaist of his powar wyth his lyff gudis and geir induring his lyf tyme, quha hes actit himself to the provest for his hois wyth spyece and wyne as wse is.

The minister comperit acclamand Thomas Ross vjs. anwell of his tuay landis he dwellis in, quha allegit he knew nocht the samyn. The
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1573 jugis hes decernit the saidis Thomas to produce the evidentis of the saidis landis the law day efter Yule, quharthrow the said anwell may be knawin and the said minister may haif payment.

Henrie Kar youngar burges of Innernis is becumin actit souertie and cautiou for Androw McWilliam McPhadrik that in na tyme cuming none of the nychtbouris fische of this burcht reft tane away or ony vther wayis obtainit or gottin salbe rassauit be himself his wyff or serwandis within his house or lugeing be ony capitanes Heland men of ony claines adjacent about, vnder the pane of ten pundis vnforgewin to the kirk or brig wark.

William Cuthbert prowest of the burcht of Innernis being present in jugement chargit the baillies, viz., Johne Cuthbert and Jasper Dempster, to tak ordour wyth the injuris and offensis of this burcht for administratioun of justice, observation of gude ordour within this burcht in halding of curtis anes in the owke or oftar as neid beis or occasioun seruis, in pynessing of obstinat personis that remanes fra the sermon and the Word of God on the Sabot day, to tak ordour wyth the commounoslaris quharthrow the Kingis liegis may be seruit, and to correct all wrang mett and mesouris, to tak ordour wyth commoun stabillaris that the samyn be seruit wyth come stray and candill, to tak ordour wyth breid and aill, and candill makaris, and wyth forstallaris, vnder the pane of all dampnage and skayth this burcht happynnis to sustene trocht their sleuthht and negligence in executioun of their offices, and in respect of his charge foirsaid protestis for absoluitior of the samyn in case inquisitioun cum of the autoritie.

1573-74 Alexander McCullocht dwelland in the Innour vnder the Lard of 2 Jan. Fowlles hes actit himself in the burrow buikis of Innernis, renuncean and his awin jurisdictioun and summittand him to the jurisdictioun of the prowest and baillies of Innernis in this case, to refound content and pay to Johne Dempster burges of Innernis thrie hart hydis and tuay hynd hydis betuix the day and dait heirof and Sant Duthois day at Myd-symmer nixt and immediate following the day and dait of thir presentis in the yeir of God jmv c lxxiiij yeiris, failyeing thairof he sall content and pay to the said Johne Dempster v lib. monye of this realme vnder the pane of poinding.

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That day as this terme quhilk was assignit to Thomas Ross to produce the evidentis of the houssis pertainyng to wmquhill James Duff burges of Innernis quhar he dwells presente, quhartrocht the anwellis thairof mocht be knawin and payment maid to the minister of vjs. be yeir as chaiplane to Sant Michaell, quha hes falit in the productioun thairof and done na diligence for obserwing of this terme, in respect thairof the jugis hes decernit the saidis Thomas Ross to refound content and pay to Mr Thomas Howeson minister of the burcht of Innernis the sowme of vjs. anwell yeirle conforme to the auld rentall maid be his predecessouris.

Johne Dow McRorye is admittit ane of the stallangearis of this burcht for payment making conforme to the rest, in respect that he hes fulfyllit the bond of matrimonye wyth Agnes Fyff.

The prowest and baillies hes ordanit that na fornicator nor adulterar in na tyme cuming be hard in jugement in persoit of ony thair caussis or actiones to the tyme thai be reformit.

Schir Johne Nicolson vicar of Lagane is becumin actit of his awin fre motyve will in the burrow buikis of Innernis, renuncean and his awin jurisdictioun and summitting him to the jurisdictioun of the prowest and baillies of Innernis, to refound content and pay to Petir Waus burges of Innernis the sowme of xij bollis gude and sufficient beir, mett wyth the Abbot of Fernes firlott consand wyth the common firlote of Innernis, to be rasauit be the said Petyr in the towne of Myddill Ganye in Ross fra William Moir tennent to the said Schir Johne, and to be careyt frelie to the boit syde to the hawin of our Ladie port of Kilmeour vpon the saidis Schir Johnes expensiss.

The prowest and baillies hes statut and ordanit the four officiaris of this burcht, viz., Thomas Symson, James Baittis, James McBarroun and Johne McKearrois, that thai and ilkane of thame pass to thair awin quartaris of the towne as thai war commandit thairto, and charge all the inhabitantis of this burcht to cum to the kirk vpon the Sabot day to the preching to heir the Wourd of God techit, vpon the pane of xls. the first fault, thrie pundis the nixt fault, and four pundis the thred fault, quhilkis officiaris sall warne and charge euere man thair awin streit as followis, viz., Thomas Symson the Kirk Gett, James Baittis the Eist Gett, James McBarroun Demisdail, and Johne McKearrois the Brig end; and the saidis officiaris to keip the kirk the Sabot Day vnder the pane of xls. for noting of the absentis. And siclyke the prowest hes ordanit the thre
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The provest and bailies and cunsall ordanis the Act of Parliament maid anent all bestiall gottin and tane in the cornis euerilk fute ane pennye for the first fault, the nixt fault ijd. the fute, the thred tyme thai be takin in the cornis iijd. euerilk fute, and so furth induring thair takin in the cornis, and this to be maid knawin to all thais quha hes bestiall quhartrocht thai pretend na ignorance.

The provest baillies and consall hes statut and ordanit for avoiding of dertht and vther inconveniences appering to occur on this burcht, that na maner of man fre nor vnfre within this burcht tak vpon hand to brew ony brogatt within this burcht for the space of ane yeir and forder induring the cunsallis will, vnder the pane of deprauation of thair fredomes for the space of ane yeir etter thai be convict, and that drink browin be thame to be disponit to the puyr.

13 Mar. Ane brocht strukin be Johne Myllar in Conyche on William McAgow in Scatuk in Pettie that wranguslie and aganis the law on Sundaye last, being the vij day of Merche instant, the said William cum in to James Baittis house quhar the said Johne was drinkand wyth his cumpanye, without ony motioun or caus he callit the said Johne Myllar commond theif and that he suld half of his heid. The inquest foirsaid be the examenatioun of certan famous wites rasauit admittit and sworne in the said cause hes fundin the said William McAgow hes done wrang, for the quhilkis he is adjugit in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon.

The said William McAgow for the wrangus dingyne of the said Johne Myllar wyth ane soud in the heid, breking of his heid and drawing of ane greit quantitie of his blude, is adjugit in amerciament and dome giffin thairupon. Siclyke the said William McAgow for the wrangus trubling of this burcht and raising of schouittis and cummerse thairin, is adjugit in amerciament and dome giffin thairupon.

William McAgow strekis ane brocht on Johne Myllar that wranguslie and aganis the law the said Johne straik him wyth ane durk in the heid and hes drawen ane greit quantitie of his blude to his greit hurt hawye 234
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dampnage and skayth. The inqueist foirsaid hes fundin the said John Myllar fre of this brocht, be vertu of the quhilkis he is absoluit thairfra.

Ane brocht strukin be Gillespik McAn Bane on John Myllar foirsaid that wranguslie and aganis the law the said John Myllar vpon that samyn day striuke my wyiff callit Elizabeth Nykcowl in the heid wyth ane sourd and drew ane greit quantitie of hir blude. The Inqueist foirsaid hes fundin the samyn to be of verite, in respect thairof the said inqueist hes decernit him to haif done wrang and is adjugit in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon.

Gilbert Gollan burges of Innernis is becumin actit souerete and cuatioun that Jasper Gollan sawl sultryll the band of matrimonie wyth Jonat Reid betuix this and Thursidaye nixt being the xvij day of Merche instant, vnder the pane of ten pundis monye vnforgewin.

William Cuthbert prowest of the burcht of Innernis protestit in contrar the tennentis and husbandmen dwelling bewest the Wattir of Ness quhilkis was poindit for halding of thair myddingis in the common wennall and stopping of the waye thairof, quhilkis poindis being diuere tymes comprisit and thaireftir offerit to the pairteis awauris thairof, quha on na wayis wald releiff thair awin poindis and paye the vnlawes nochtythstanding the samyn was offerit to thame be John Mc Kearrosis and the rest of the officiaris, quha deponit in jugement thairvpon, in respect thairof protestis that thai haif nother place nor tyme in ony tyme cuming to call or persew ony of the officiaris of this burcht or office men thairof for the saidis poindis.

Ane brocht strukin be Martyne Waus burges of Innernis on John Mc Pherson of Breyne that wrangusle and aganis the law he delyweris me nocth ane schrywin of myne quhilk apertenit to wmquhill Schir John Waus, quhilk schrywin apertenis to me, and vther geir coft be me fraye the Quenis Grace Majestie, quhilk I haif the Quenis Grace gift to testefie the samyn, and the said John Mc Pherson will nocth delywer me the said schrywen without he be compellit.

That day as this terme quhilk was assignit be the jugis to James Paterson procurator for John McPherson to mak ansuer to the brocht of Martyne Waus tweching the clame of ane kist callit ane schrywin acclamit be the said Martyne at John McPherson, comperit the said

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1574. James proctor foirsaid and desyrit Martyne Waus intres quhat he had tweching the clame of the said kist acclamit be him at John McPherson, quha producit for his intres ane gift of bastardrye opitenit be the said Martyne at the handis of Our Souerane Lordis moder of the bastardrye of wmquhill Schir Johne Waus, of the daith at Edinburgh the pennisit day of Aprill anno lvj yeiris and of Hir Grace regne the xiiiij yeiris.

Johne Robertson burges of Inverness hes constitut James Paterson schirf deput of Inverness his proctor in the action and cause mowit be Johne Cuming his contrar, et promisit de rato et grato.

19 April

Comperit in jugement Johne Cuming burges of Inverness, son naturall to William Cuming burges of the said burcht, and exhibeit and producit ane legittimatioun of Our Souerane Lordis grantit and gewin to him, and desyrit the samyn to be insert and registratt in the burrow buikis of Inverness, and to haft the lauchfull extract thairof quhilk salbe als sufficient as the principall, quhilk was publice red in jugement and exponit and the samyn ordanit to be insert in the said burrow buikis as eftir followis: Jacobus Dei gratia Rex Scotorum Omnibus probis etc. [Letters of Legitimation follow in full.]

24 April

Comperit in jugement Johne Gollan and producit ane petitioun say-and, I Johne Gollan am the narrest and lauchfull ayr of wmquhill William Gollan burges of Inverness my fader, and that my said wmquhill fader and alse my gudeschir deit in heritable possessioun of thrie cuppill biggyne and tuay taill forkis of ane pece land lyand in the owyr pairt of Demisdaill bewest the commoun wemnall betuix the landis of William McCoren at the northt, the Hie Kingis Get at the west, the Barne Hill at the eist, and the commoun landis of this burcht at the southt, haldin of the prowest bailles cunsall and communitie of the burcht of Inverness for the yeirle payment of xijd. anwell to thame and thair thesauraris, and because my evidentis thairof in my minoritie war distroyt and put away I desyre at your maisterschips to be seruit as narrest and lauchful ayr to my said wmquhill fadyr of the said pece land be oppin proclamation at the mercatt croce of Inverness and be the soit roll, be ressoun it is notoriousle knawin to all the nychtbouris of this burcht that my said fader, my gudeschir and grandschir war in heretable possessioun thairof, quhilk petitioun being proclamit to this day and na pairtie opponand the contrar, except Williame Cuming allegit the said pece land to pertene to the Portar
land and to my Lord Huntle, nochtwythstanding thairof William Cuthbert provest, Johne Cuthbert and Jasper Dempster bailies hes ordanit the said Johne Gollan to possess the said pece land, and to cause bers and seik his evidentis in the kirk, and forder Jasper Dempster rentall man for the tyme confessit to haif rasauit xijd. anwell of the said land fra Johne Gollan.

Comperit in jugement Johne Robertson burges of Innernis and gaif in his bill of complaint, humlie menand and complanand that qhar Johne Reid son to wmquhill Schir Johne Reid said to honest men within this burcht that I suld say on the Regentis Grace that I wald haif coft him for ane quart aquawytie, and to haif causit his Grace to smoir justice for the samyn in the actiou to be persewit be the said Johne Reid; and forder the said Johne Reid said he suld pass qhar the Regentis Grace war and suld schaw v nto his Grace in presens of the nobilitie of Scotland qhar I spak sic speiking on his Grace as is aboue wreittin; Heirfor desyris your maisterschipis to cause and compell the said Johne Reid to preiff the said speiking afoir your maisterschipis, in case he do nocht the samyn desyris your maisterschipis to do me justice, for the mater is weychtie vnto me and ane poynit of my lyff, gif I war sic ane man to haif spokin the like of my Lord Regentis Grace, and desyris justice and remeid of law.

James Paterson, burges of Innernis, of his awin fre motywe will is becumin actit souerte and cautioin for James McDauid Dell, that he sall fulfiill the band of matrimonye wyth Isbell Donaldson, now his present companyeoun, betuix the day and dait heirof and Sant Colmes day being the nynt day of Junij next to cum, vnder the pane of poinding of ten pundis monye of this realme.

Martyne Waus burges of Innernis is becumin actit of his awin fre motywe will in the burrow buikis of Innernis souerte and cautioin for Katte Inglis, that scho sall abstene fra committing of fornication wyth Allister Flemyng in all tyme cuming, vnder the pane of ten pundis to be pait to the kirk wark.

Johne Merschell burges of Innernis and Allister McWilliam in-dwellar thair ar becumin actit in the burrow buikis of Innernis conjunctle and seuerale as souerteis and cautionaris for Johne Bur that he sall underlye the injunctionis of the kirk concernyng the doing of his publict repentance, as he salbe requerit be the minister to do the samyn sic
1574 dayis as effor, vnder the pane of xx lib. monye of this realme to be vpliftit be the prowest and bailles and the samyn to be imploit vpon the kirk wark.

Comperit Gilbert Gollan to heir and se decreit pronunisit in the actioun and cause mowitz be Johne Bur aganis him as he that was warnit to this day to the samyn effect, and afoir the pronuntiatiou thairof allegit Johne Bur aucth noch to haif decreit in respect he is ane adulterar, and hes committit adultre by his spousit wyf in Maij last in the Chanorie of Ross, and Johne Bur allegis the contrar, that he aucth to haif decreit in respect he is cumin in the ministris will and in the kirkis will and reddie to do his penence and repentance, and thairvpon hes rasauit the ministeris tekat. The jugis hes continewit this decreit to forder adwysement, and pairteis to be warnit to this daye aucth dayis.

William Dowe McPhaill, Williame Boy McPhaill, Johne Gibson, Allister McWilliam McPhadrik, Andro McWilliam McPhadrik, Donald Vrquhart, Mage Nykinslegycht, William Hay, Agnes Neyn James spous to wmquhill Morreist McGillemeill, quhilkis personis being summonit to this day to heir and se thame and ilkane of thame be decernit be decreit of curt to haif done wrang in the wrangus passing wyth thair sukkyn by the Kingis MyLn to ye myLn of Kilbean, quhilkis personis confessit the samyn and be thair awin toung grantis ar decernit to haif done wrang and adjugit in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon.

10 July Johne Robertson burges of Innernis hes actit him self of his awin fre motywe will to content and pay to Thomas Ross and his spouse the sowme of xls. vsuall monye of this realme within xv dayis, and that for expenssis maid be thame at Witsundaye in anno lxxiiij yeiris vpon the said Johne and his cumpanye as Abbot Vnresson for the tyme.

16 July Johne McPherson of Breyne, Angus McPherson in Far, and Duncan McPherson, his son, in Gask, ar becumin actit of thair awin fre motywe willis in the burrow buikis of Innernis souertis and cautionaris for Fynla McEwin McIntagart, that the inhabitantis nychtbouris and indwellaris of this burcht of Innernis salbe harmezles and skaythles of the said Fynla and all that he may stope and latt, and newir to trubill nor inqueat this burcht induring his lyff, and forder ar obleist to entir the said Fynla within the tolbyuth of Innernis in presens of McIntioschie [the Laird of MacKintosh], quarthrow this towneschip maye be harmezles and skaythles of the autoritie of sic as is to imput to his charge.
The provest baillies and cunsall being convenit within the tolbuyth of Innnernis, viz., John Cuthbert and Jasper Dempster, baillies, James Paterson, Alexander Baillie of Dunnane, Alexander Paterson, John McGillewye, Dauid Cuthbert, James Skynnar, Fynla Donaldson, and Henre Kar youngar, all wyth ane wois hes lattin and gewin to William Cuthbert, provest of Innnernis, and his airis all and haill the laarycht of the auld scule lyand at the eist part of the Freiouris wall, betuix the said wall of the Freiouris yard at the west, the Hie Kingis Gett passis to the Chapell yard at the eist, the said Freiouris wall at the northt, and the commoun wennai passis to the wattir of Ness at the southe, for the yeirlie payment of vs. anwell be yeir, to be pait be him and his airis to the provest baillies cunsall and communitie of this burcht or thair thesauraris qhatsumewir for the tyme.

Comperit William Cuthbert provest of the burcht of Innnernis in present of the baillies [and others] hes presentit Johne Blynschell to the vicarage of Innnernis, conforme to our Souerane Lordis infeftment grantit and gewin to ws vpon the benfitis of this burcht.

The baillies and cunsall foirsaid, that forsamekle as William Cuthbert provest for the tyme presentit his bill to the cunsall menand him to be in the towneschippes dett of the sowme of fyftie pundis, for the quhilks Alexander and John Cuthbertis ar souerteis for payment thairof, and berand that the Wattir of Ness be the occasioun of fluidis and nowuds is able for to weseche and tak away the croft of the Freiouris yard lattin to him be the towneschip in fewe, and that be the away tacking of the aslar wall beand at the wattir syde, desyrand the towneschip that it wald pleis thame to big the saidis wallis wyth stane lyme and aslar wark, and to vphald the samyn for stopping of the wattir and saiftie of the land and croft within the said wallis, quarthrow he may be abill to pay his fewe maill yeirlie conforme to his infeftment, vtherwayis to defalk him of the said sowme of fyftie pundis sic ane ressonabill pait thairof as he and his airis mycht be able to big and vphald the samyn, and thai to be restrictit thairto thair airis and assignais for the biggyn and vphalding of the samyn. The cunsall foirsaid being present for the tyme, considering the premissis wyth his indigence and the destrytoun and byrmyng of his house, hes remittit and dischairgit to the said William Cuthbert the sowme of thrattie thrie pundis sex schillingis aucct penneis of the foirsaid sowme of fyftie pundis for the
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1574 cauliss foirsaidis, and the saidis pece wall at the watter syde, for resist-
ing of the watter as said is, to be biggit be the said William and his airis, and be thir presentis the cunsall hes dischargit the souerteis foirsaidis of the souertie thay becom for him of the said sowme.

6 Nov. Comperit in jugement Mr Thomas Howstoun, minister of the burcht of Innernis, and producit ane act maid in the Assemblie, that quhar it is statut and ordanit be the provest baillies and cunsall and be the assemblie for keiping of the Sabott day and the preching be the inhabitantis of this burcht, that the four officiaris sall pass troch the townne euerilk Sundaye, ilk man to his awin streit, viz., James McBarroun to the Brig end, Thomas Symson to the Kirk Gett, James Baitis the Eist Gett, and Johne Gollan Demisdaill, chargeing euere person to compeir within the paroche kirk at the thred bell, and the absentis sall content and pay to the commoun wark vs. ilk man euere Sabot Day, and tuay officiaris to await vpon the hail township fra the thred bell to the preching be done to the effect to note the absentis, and the tother tuay to keip the kirk, vnder the pane of xxx. gif thai do the contrar or dois nocht thair duete. And also it is statut and ordanit the officiaris to attend vpon thame quha passis to the Sundaye watter on Setterdaye efterone, conforme to the Act maid in the Assemblie as the said Act proprotis, viz., Thomas Symson in the Kirk Gett, James Baitis at the Brig end, Johne Gollan at the Castelhill, and Jame McBarroun beyound the watter of Ness. Also it is ordanit in the Assemblie as concernyng fornicatouris, that all thai that dwellis in biggynis chalmeris or houssis within the burcht be warnit particularlie to marie, wyth certificatioun to the awnaris of the biggynnis gif thai expell thame nocht out of thair biggynnis, thai beand warnit thairto wythin sic ane terme as salbe prefixt to thame, the saidis byggynnis salbe demolischit and tane downe, and thai quha hes thair concubynes in houssis and intendis to marie, that thai marie bethix the dait of thir presentis and Andirsmess nixt to cum or at the farrest at Yule, provyding alwais thai thair publict repentance be maid, the quhilk act preceding is referrit be the office men to the counsall.

Patrik McAnes son to wmequhill Johne McAnes is admittit and rasauit be the baillies ane buytht haldar of the cordinar craft, quha hes sworn the greit ayth to be lele and trew to the crowne of Scotland, prowest and baillies of this burcht, and brethrein of the craft, and to keip
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thair actis, statutis, and ordinancis, and sall furthsett and defend the samyn wyth his lyff, guidis, and geir.

Ane brocht strukin be James Paterson, procurator fiscall of the burcht of Innernis, on all and haill the vnfre broustaris and stalleangearis of this burcht, viz., Jonat Neyn Gowin, Magie Neilson, William Tomson, brebnar, Johne Abrahamis wyff, Agnes Browne, Margaret Symonson, absent, Agnes Gollan, Mage Neyn Donald McMorreist, Catheryne Reid, James Chapman for his wyff, Agnes Cuthbert, Martha Varrand, Jonat Baitcis, Elspett Skynnar, Magie Duff, Margret Clerk, Robert Patersonis wyff, James Wilson for his wyff, Scheak Neyn Tawes, Emelie Clerk, Elspett Gorrye, Catheryne Lobane, Jonat Neilson, Elspet Baldon, Jonat Reid, Isbell Kennocht, Agnes Fyff, Elspett Barnet, Jonat Dempster, Christian Fergusson, Christian Nyk Queyne, Mage Neilson eidar, Johne Auchlexis wyff, Donald Vrquhartsis wyff, Allister McWilliam McPhadrnikis wyff, Andro McWilliam McPhadrnikis wyff, Riche Brechinis wyff, Johne Gibsonis wyff, Robe McAllister McHendrikis wyff, Robe McCowllis wyff, Allister McThomas Royis wyff, that wranguslie and aganis the law thai and ilk ane of thame hes contravenit the actis statutis and ordinances of this burcht in selling of aill for xijd. the quart, that being diverse tymes inhibit and chargit to sell the quart aill na darrer nor viijd. the quart, nochttheless contemptatle hes dissobeit and brokin the saidis inhibitionis to the greit hurt of this burcht and dertht rasing thairin without ramed be fundin thairfor. Comperit the foirsaidis personis be thame selvis and thair wyffis as is abouewreittin and confessit the haill pointtis of the brocht of thair awin young grant, ar decernit to haif done wrang and adjudgit in americiament and dome giffin thairvpon.

Comperit in jugement Johne Cuthbert burges of Innernis and gaif in his bill of complaint, humlie menand that quhar Johne Neilson makis him nocht payment of sex dolouris delierit to him in anno lxix yeiris, togyther wyth vther half dolour the said Johne Cuthbert maid expesssis vpon thrie barrellis beiff, quhilk the said Johne Neilson send wyth him vpon his awin wentour to be sauld in Flanderis gif mercatt mycht be had thairon, or conforme to his power to wse thame as his awin geir, desying him to be decernit to mak payment heirof or ellis to allege quhy he aucht nocht to do the samyn.
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26 Mar. menit on Robert Waus burges of Innernis and Johne Clerk indwellar
thair, that quhar thai haif brokin downe the commoun dykis biggit be the
commonis in the wennallis for awoding of the pest, viz., the said Robert
for the downe breking of the dyke in the eist end of Johne McGilleweis
wennall, and Johne Clerk for breking downe of the dyke in the eist pairt
of the wennall behynd his house now occupeit be him pertenyng to the
airis of wmquhill Schir Johne Alwes, desyryng the said personis to be
decernit to haif done wrang in the downe breking thairof and away
tacking of the samyn, and thairfor aucht and suld big the samyn agane
sufficientle. Comperit Robert Waus and allegit he opentin licencie of the
baillies in respect he had ane dyke of mude to big for drawing of watter
thairo, quha hes tane vpon hand to big the samyn als sufficient as it
was betuix this and the Law day eftir Pasche nixt, and Johne Clerk
absent ordanit to be warnit of new to the samyn effect.

23 April The prowest and baillies ordanis the assemblie to be haldin within
the Litill Ile in the queir, and vpon the townschesipes expenses ordanis
seittis of tymmer to be biggit thair be ane wyrcht, and ane litill tabill to
wreit vpon in the myddis thairof, because it is ane queat rowme for
halding of the assemblie in.

21 May Royre Johnston strekis ane brocht on Gilbert Gollan as he that
becom souerte to do that law wald for Johne Gollan, that wrangusle and
aganis the law the said Johne makis him nocht payment of ten pundis
xs. quhilkis he gaif him in aquawyte, quha tuike the samyn wyth him to
the Iles in the yeir of God j\textsuperscript{14} vc lxxij yeiris, without he be compellit.
Comperit Johne Gollan and confessit in jugement to haif rasauit fra the
said Royre tuay gallonnis aquawyte, and the said R oyre allegis to be ten
quartis j pynt, vpon quhais confessiou James Paterson procurator for
the said R oyre requerit act. And the said Johne Gollan allegit to haif the
rubbour rasauit the samyn as yit in respect thairof, and for clering of the
mater the jugis hes ordanit Johne Gollan to produce the said rubbour
this daye aucht dayis, failyeing thairof to refound content and pay to
the said R oyre the foirsaid soiwme of ten pundis xs. monye for the said
ten quartis j pynt of aquawyte.

8 June Jasper Dempster and William Cuming burgessis of Innernis hes
of thair awin motywe fre will actit and obleist thameselis to big thair
laarychtis and rowmes of thair chalmeris of the kirkyard sufficientle
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quarthrow na beist sall entir thatirin within xv dayis, vnder the pane of tynsall thatairof and dispersonyng of the samyn to vtheris quha will big the samyn.

Comperit in jugement Schir Dauid Cuthbert, chaiplane to Our Ladie Chaplaniie of the Hie Alter fundat within the paroche kirk of Innernis, and hcs presentit erde and stane of xj chalmeris rowmes lyand in the kirkyard vpon the eist pairt thatairof, betuix the Freyuris Wennall at the northt, the kirk style and Hie Kingis Gett at the southt, the Kirkyard at the west, and the Hie Kingis Gett passis to the Chapell Yard at the eist, and this for the last curt of thrie curtis, and desyris cognitioun to be takin thatirin in the nixt heid curt.

Jonat Cuthbert comperit acclamand Johne McKearrois ane greit pan contenying thrie quartis j pynt, quhilk he tuike fra hir quhen Johne Robertson was Lord Abbot, price thatairof xxx. monye of this realme, quha postponis to rander the said pan nor content and pay the pricus foirsaidis without he be compellit. Comperit the said Johne and allegit he poindit hir thatirof and diliuerit the samyn to the Lord Abbot, nochttheless the jugis hes decrenit and ordanit the said Johne McFargus to rander and delwyer the said pan to Jonat Cuthbert or ellis the pricus foirsaidis.

Johne Reid son to wmquhill Schir Johne Reid is rasauit and admittit fre burges of this burcht and alsed gild brother, quha is sworne to be lele and trew to the Crowne of Scotland, prowest and baillies of this burcht, and to keip the actis statutis and ordinances of this burcht, and sall furthsett the samyn wyth his lyff gudis and geir to the uttermaist of his power, quha hes fundin Fynla Donaldson souerte for ane pair stenyne hois to the prowest, and ane dowblet to the baille, wyth spice and wynye as wse is.

Ane brocht strukin be Jonat Dempster spous to Johne Reid McWilliame Roy on Christian Nykquene the spous of William Suffrycht, that wrangusle and aganis the law vpon Frydaie last in the Hie Kingis Way, without ony occasioun maid to the said Christian, callit hir glangoir myssaell lypper carles geit scho was, trocht the quhilk hir fadir behuiffit to be stollin all nycht of the towne, and that thrie elnis of lynnyng vaud nocht fyll the holis was in his leggis of the lipper, wyth monye vther injurious wourdis, beseikint for justice and rameid of law.

Donald McAye McRobert, assignay to Johne McWilliam Dow brother and air to wmquhill Thomas McWilliam Dow in and to the
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1575 pointtis of heritage following, vpon the quhilkis the said Donald acclamis of Isbell Kennocht, viz., ane brewing caldroun, ane pot, ane pan, ane speit, ane cruike, ane chanlar, ane mask fatt, ane geill fat, ane stand, ane barrall, ane trowing tub, ane watter saye, ane bukket, ane weshing tub, ane horse, ane oxe, ane sourd, ane steill bonnet, ane knyff, ane pleucht, colter and sok, ane teangis, ane meit buyrd wyth brander and forness, wyth all vther pointtis of heritage quhilkis ane air aucht to haif conforme to the actis of Parliament, and desyris the said grayth to be randrit as accordis of the law.

30 July Comperit Johne McGillewie and Gilbert Gollan for answyer making to the clame of Donald McAye, and nayis that the said Donald aucht to haif ony pointtis of heritage bot bairon pirlote and burges, and James Paterson procurator for Donald McAye allegit quhatsumewir haißand tenement or ruide of land or sok man aucht and suld haif pointtis of heritage according to the lawes and consueute of this realme.

29 Oct. Allister Gordoun indwellar within the burcht of Innernis uncoactit or compellit, of his awin fre motywe will, hes actit himself in the burrow buikis of Innernis to refound content pay and delwyer to Allister McThomas Roy dwelland bewest the Watter of Ness the sowme of twentie bollis victuall gude and sufficient stuff wyth the cherite gude and sufficient Sutherland victuall, to be deliuerit to the said Allister McThomas Roy or his factoris in his name at the Stane of Innernis quhar the schipples and boittis lyis, wyth the commoun mett of the said burcht of Innernis.

The prowesest baillies cunsall and communitie of the burcht of Inner-nis hes rasauit and admittit George Ross burges of the said burcht tennent in and to the quarar of the Kingis Myln of Innernis possessit be wmquhill Johne McGillewie burges of this burcht last possessour thairof, and now be the said George and his airis maill lauchfullie gottin of his bodie allanerlie, vpon the compositioun of the sowme of fourtie pundis vsuall monye of this realme to be pait to our thesaurar for the tyme.

William Cuthbert burges of Innernis is rasauit and admittit tennent in and to the quarar of Litill Drakye lyand within the greschir of Innernis be the deceise of wmquhill Johne McGillewie last possessour thairof, vpon the compositioun of four pundis monye.
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The provest bailies and counsale hes statut and ordanit and for ane lawe makis to be haldin and keipit within this bucht of Inernis imperpetuum, for ane gude ordour and supplement of the commoun weltth thairof and maneyng of the operationis quhilk sail happin to be for the tyme or ony vther gude wark, that quhen onye vacans, in speciall fourtie schilling maling of the Wattir of Ness or quartar of the Kingis Myln or landis, sail happin to waike, the optenaris of the towneschip, viz., provest bailies and cunsallis admissioun to other of thame sail content and pay for thair compositioun of rasawing of thame as tennent thairto the sowme of fourtie pundis allanerlie, and this act to be obseruit fullylit and keipit in all pointis in all tyme cuming.

Comperit in jugement Johne Bur and gaif in his bill acclamand Fynla McMurrycht ane aquawite pot, quhilk he sauld to the said Joline for the sowme of aucht merkis monye, and ane chanlar, quha rasauit in pairt of payment thairof xxv. monye, v quartaris poldawie, price thairof viij., xjs. he rasauit fra Johne Burris wyff, tuay elnis blew cairsay price xxiiij., tuay chanlaris price xxs., ane greit irne curike price xviiij., extending in the haill to v lib. xijd. monye.

That day as terme assignit to William Cuthbert procurator for Andro and Johne Cuthbertis to produce any act of Parliament and ane vther act of the Assemble quhar na minister aucht to procur in presens of civyll jugis, quha producit the extract of an act extract out of the Buikis of Generall Assemble of Scotland giffin to all the ministeris of the diocie of Murray be Mr. Robert, Superintendent, giffin out be Master Thomas Howstoun, minister of Inernis, and subscriuit be his hand, as eftir followis:—

One of the Acts extract out of the Buike of the Generall Sessioun of Scotland.

Itam, that the ministeris mell nocht wyth wardlie efferis, nather be procuratoris nor scribis in ciwell curtis, nor notaris in ciuill and prophane materis, onless it be amangis the brethrein in mater concernyng the promoting of religioun, or for the relieff of the puir, as of orphanis pupillis and siclyke, and that thai be nocht serwandis to gentill men, or wse na wyle offices quhilk maye eschame thair estait and vociation, nather becum serwandis to Papistis nor owr familiar wyth thame, onless it be knawin for ane gude cause and of mynd to convert thame from thair superstition and idolatrie, nather hawut owr mekle on drinking or
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3 Dec.  bankatting wyth thame, according to the admonitioun of the Apostill—
Nolite jugum ducere cum infidelibus &c.—This is the trewe copie of ane
of the Actis extract out of the Buikis of the Generall Assembel of
Scotland and giffin to all the ministeris of the diocie of Murray be Mr.
Robert, Superintendent for the tyme, to be wreittein in the buikis and to
be obseruit and keipit be thame.

Ita est, Mgr. Thomas Howeson, minister Nessensis, teste
manu propria.

16 Dec. Johne Cuthbert son to Dauid Cuthbert is followit for buyth
halding vnadmittit be the prowest baillies and craft, and selling of schone
to wemen for xxxd., quhilk was ordanit to be sauld be the visitouris for
ijs., desyring him to be decernit to haif done wrang and pvneist according
to justice.

The prowest baillies and visitouris, wyth the adwyse consent and
assent of the haild cordinar craft of this burcht, hes statut and ordanit
that in na tyme cuming that na buyth haldar of the said craft be rasauit
nor admittit to hald buyth bot he that hes in gudis and geir wortht xx
lib., and this to remane as ane pepetuell law.

The prowest baillies cunsall, wyth consent of Johne Cuming and
Robert Reid visitouris of the cordinar craft, and wyth consent and
assent of the hail craft, hes statut and ordanit that in all tyme cuming
euerilk buyth haldar of the cordinar craft the tyme of their admissioun to
be ane buyth haldar sall pay to our thesaurar the sowme of xs., and
euerilk prenteis at his intres to his maister in and to the said craft sall
pay to the thesaurar vs., and this to be imploiet to the commoun weill of
this burcht. And siclyke hes statut and ordanit that euerilk buyth
haldar admittit and to be admittit haif euerilk Setterdaye in his buyth
tuaye pair bernis schone, and the samyn to be schawin and sychtit be the
visitouris, and quha beis fundin brekaris heirof sall pay to the baillies
viij vsfowgewin.

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25 Feb. Ane brocht strukin be Margret Waus spous to Johne Ross on
Henrie Sutherland, that wranguslie and aganis the law he postponis and
differsis to mak hir payment of all and haill thre bollis thrie firlottis and
ane pek salt of the rest of xxv bollis salt diluierit be hir to the said
Henrie, price of the boll iiij merkis, inde x lib. iiij. iiijd.; Siclyke
deluerit him in maner forsaid aucght weddie of irne, price of the weddic
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xxxv., inde xiiij lib., wyth xxs. lent monye, and ane half vnicorne of gold, price xvij.

Ane brocht strukin be Margret Waus, spous to Johne Ross provest of Innernis, and the said Johne for his intres, on John Frayser alias Stowte, that wranguslie and aganis the law the said Johne in manifest defraude of the said Margret and hir spous be the space of sewin yeiris bygane hes colludit wyth Kennocht Owyr, Chapman, quha being hir hyrit serwand in the moneth of November in anno lxvj yeiris, and in teakin thairof entrin in payment of his fee, and rasait fra hir the sowme of fourtie schillingis in pairt of payment of his said fee for lauchfull service to be done to the said Margret and hir spouse during the space of ten yeiris immediatle following his intre, quhilk was in the moneth and yeir of God foirsaid, and suld haif lattin hir haif all his leddir quhilk he culd purchas induring the space foirsaid, and in the begynnynge of his intre borrowit fra hir the sowme of fourtie tuay merkis monye of this realme, for the quhilkis he suld haif brocht hir all his leddir; Nevertheless be collusioun of the said John Frayser alias Stoute in resetting fra the said Kennocht Owir all maner of leddir that the said Kennocht can purchas, and thairbe maiting the said Kennocht in all mercattis adjacent to this burcht, sic as Sant Boniface fair, Pardoun fair, Bryde daye, Mertemess, Munrois fair, wyth the rest of vther small mercattis adjacent to this towne, nochtwythstanding that he knew him to be serwand to the said Margret and awand hir so mekle monye as is aboue expremit; quha hes colludit wyth the said Kennocht and rasait and coft all his leddir be the space foirsaid, lyke as he laitlie in the last Bryde mercatt he rasait four martyrkis, sex otteris, quhilk the said Margret offeris to preiiff, so that so lang as the said John Frayser and he colludis he cummes newyr to the towne that the said Margret mycht be pait at the leist of hir dett awand hir, quhilk is ane greit hinder and skayth, first in wanting of hir traffik, and nixt in defraude of payment of the dett awand hir be the said Kennocht. Heirfor desyris the said Johne to be decernit to restoir to hir the said mertrikis and otteris, as he that coft the samyn fra hir feit serwand, and to desist and ceise fra forder melling with the said Kennocht or rasetting or bying fra him in ony tyme cuming. Comperit the said John Frayser and nayt the haill abouewreit, quhilk the pairtie hes referrit to his ayth, quha deponit the greit ayth that he coft na leddir fra the said Kennocht Owir except viij otteris he coft fra ane man was wyth
1575-76 Kennocht Owir, in respect thairof the jugis hes fundin the said Johne fre of all the clame abouewreit and absoluis thairof.

Johne Fraysser alias Stoute of his fre motywe will vncoactit or compellit is becumin actit in the burrow buikis of Innernis that quhat grayth or leddir Margret Waus maye sufficeintle preiff in tymes cuming to be coft be the said Johne Fraysser fra Kennocht Owir or ony vtheris hir chapmen and servandis, that the samyn grayth and leddir fundin coft be him in maner forsaid salbe randrit and diliuerit to the said Margret Waus, without ony payment maid to him or redres of the sylwer deliuerit be him to quhom he byis the said grayth fray, and oblissis him newir to crave redres thairof in case he be fundin do the samyn.

1576 Johne Ross prowest of the burcht of Innernis producit ane instrument of sasing vpon the vicar of Innernis manse, and ane aker of land lyand in the Schipland, betuix the landis of Sant Michaellis chaiplane at the west and wmquhill Robert Waus airis landis at the eist, the Skaye Gett at the south, the dyke that lyis to the Churrie at the northt, wyth ane croft of the vicaris in Essie, betuix the burne of Essie that rynnis betuix Essie and Ballerobert at the southt, the landis of Essie at the northt, and the chapel of Essie at the west, and the landis of Essie at the eist, vnder the signe and subscriptioun of Schir Johne Gibbsone notar publict, of the daft anno Domini &c. sexagesimo tertio mensis vero Maij die decimo quinto, and desyris to be entrit in the Sot Roll.

Maister Thomas Howstoun, minister and vicar of Innernis, protestit incontrar the said Instrument producit be Johne Ross, that the samyn be nocht prejudiciall to his tytle quhilkis he hes in and to the said vicarage, and that he maye haif tyme and place to call and persewe for reductioun thairof loco et tempore. And inlykmaner James Patersone, procurator fiscall of the burcht of Innernis, protestis that concernyng the aker foir-said be nocht prejudiciall to this towneship, because the samyn apertenis to thame and was in the vicaris possessioun for fynding of breid and wyne to the kirk, and that thai maye haif tyme and place to call and persewe for the samyn loco et tempore.

That day towartis the ordour tane be Johne Ross, prowest, Alexander Cuthbert, ane of the baillies of the burcht of Innernis, wyth vtheris thair nychtbouris, towartis the questioun mowit be Gilbert Patersone, ane of the baillies of the burcht of Innernis and tennent in the Inchis merchit

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wyth the Machre pertainyng to Jasper Dempster and Fynla Paterson, 1576
that quhar the said Jasper makis new nowatioun in teling of the Kingis
commoun gett quhilk passis to the Montht trocht the Machre and Inchis
auld wse and wont, and also in teling of ane pece of the commontie newir
appropriat to odyr Machre or Inchis, bot to haif remanit as commontie,
quhilkis was sychtit be the prowest baille and personis foirsaidis vpon
the xxvij day of Aprill instant. The prowest and baillies ordanis the
officiaris to pass and arreist the samyn landis to remane vnfordir occupit
be the said Jasper or Gilbert, and in the meynetyme inhibitioun in wreit
as our precept to charge the said Jasper Dempster nither to teill nor sawe
the foirsaid land and croft, and in tymes cuming nither to rywe nor teill
ony foder of our commontie vnder the pane of breking of inhibitioun,
and the commoun gett to be usit of the auld maner, and the burne to haif
the passaige as the auld moder burne had of befoir in all tymes bygane.

Ane brocht strukin be James Patersone and William Cuthbert,
procuratoris fiscallis of this burcht of Innernis, on Johne McKym indwellar
within this burcht, that wranguslie and aganis the law the said Johne, being
directit be the prowest baillies and cunsall vpon the xiiij day of Merche
last bypast to Edinburcht to our commisionar William Cuming, wyth
our commissioun for keiping of the conventioun of burrowes in Edinburcht
the xvij day of Merche, quha being direct wyth expediioni and wyth
effect he fraudefulle to the greit hurt and skayth of this burcht tareit be
the waye fra Tuisdaye in the mornyn to Setterdaye thairefter he past
out of Elgin, sua in his deweit the towneship hes incurr greit hurt and
skayth in the taxatioun of the bullyeoun taxt on thame, heirfor it wald
pleis your maistershipis to puneis the said McKym in exempill of vtheris,
that nane within this burcht do the lyke in tyme cuming. Comperit
Johne McKym and confessis the brocht, and allegis he was seik, and is
cumin in the towneshippes will, quhilk is referrit to ane Assise. The
inquest foirsaid hes fundis that Johne McKym hes done wrang, and the
jugis to puneis him according to thair discretioun, and dome giffin
thairvpon.

The prowest and baillies hes ordanit Johne McKym to be leischit
at the mercat croce, and thairefter banneist of this towne for ewir induring
the towneshipes will, and in case he be fundin heir agane vnreecunsalet
wyth the prowest bailles and cunsall, to be brynt on the cheik, and dome
giffin thairvpon.

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13 July The visitouris [of the cordinar craft] followis James Tomson, that wrangusle and aganis the law he makis ewill and insufficient wark of schone, to the greit lychtli of ws and dishonour of this burcht and office men thairof, and to the greit hurt and skayth of the Kingis grace liegis, and makis schone of horse leddir, waittis of smyddie belleissis and auld buittis, desyris him to be decernit to haif done wrang. The saidis James being present in jugement confessit the making waittis to schone of auld belleissis, for the qhilkis he is adjugit in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon.

14 July James Tomsone cordinar streks ane brocht on John Cuming [one of the visitors], that wranguslie and aganis the law he cam to my buyght on Wedenisdaye last, and thair braggit and boistit me, and allegit I had mair wark maid nor I schewi he, and that I maid schone of horse leddir, and baid me pass and hang myself, and that he suld put ordour to me as he thocht gude, and keist my schappyne knyff to the stanes; heifor desyris to be exemit fray his charge and utterlye summittis my self to your wysdomes, thairfor desyris justice and rameid of law. Comperit John Cuming, and confessit he said he maid schone of horse leddir, qhilkis he offeris to preiff, and nayis the rest of the brocht, qhilk is referrit to probatioun. The inquest forsaid hes be the examenatioun of certan famous witnes fundin James Tomson cordinar in the wrang for his inobedience in the non-presenting of his wark to the visitour John Cuming, and is fundin fre of the rest of the brocht, for the wrang forsaid he is adjugit in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon. The inquest forsaid hes fundin John Cuming visitour of the cordinar craft to haif done wrang in saying to James Tomson grewouslie he suld cause him schawe his wark, and he had hangit himself, and for casting of his scharping irne to the stanes, is adjugit in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon.

15 July Johne McWilliam McPhadrik in Drakye, Marrat Neyn Andra Brebnar and the said Andro Brebnar hir fadyr hes actit thame selffis of thair awin fre motywe willis in the burrow buiks of Innernis, and also be the tennour of thir presentis bindis and oblissis thame selffis thair airis executouris and assignis that Andro McWilliam McLeyne salbe harmeles and skaythles him self his freindis of thame and all that thai maye stope and latt vnder the pane of law. And forsamekle as the said Andro McWilliam McLeyne hes contentit pait and diluerit to the forsaid Johne
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McWilliam McPhadrik, Marrat Neyn Andra Brebnar and Andro Brebnar the sowme of vij merkis monye of this realme, and that for satisfactioun and sythment of the hurt committit and done be the said Andro McWilliam McLeyne on the said Marrat Neyn Andrais ee, of the quhilk sowme of vij merkis monye forsaid we hald ws weill content and pait, thairof queitclames dischargis and assignais for now and ewir, and that in contentatioun and sythment for the said hurt done be the said Andro McWilliam on the saidis Marrattis Neyn Andrais ee; and also be the tennour of thir presentis and for the caussis forsaidis dischargis the said Andro McWilliam McLeyne of the said hurt, and also oblissis ws our airis executouris and assignis and freindis newir to soit call persewe molest hurt nor trouble the said Andro McWilliam be ws or our freindis in na tyme cuming. And also the said Andro McWilliam McLeyne is becumin actit and also obleist that the saidis Johne McWilliam McPhadrik, Marrat Neyn Andra Brebnar his spous and Andra Brebnar hir fader salbe harmeless and skaythles of him and all that he may stope and latt bot as law will vnder the pane of jc merkis. And this done befoir thir witnes Allister Ross in Eister Daltolycht, William Pypar in Dunnane and Gilbert Duff.

Murquhov McSchir Dowll in the Isles hes actit him self in the burrow buikis of Innernis of his awin fre motywe will, renunceand his awin jurisdictioun and summitting him to the jurisdictioun of the provest and baillies of Innernis in this case, to thankfullie refound content and pay to Johne Neilson burges of Innernis the sowme of xl merkis monye of this realme betuix the day and dait heirof and the feist of Alhallow-mess nixt, being the first day of Novumber nixt to cum, vnder the pane of poinding of his redeast gudis and geir quharewir the samyn maye be apprehendid.

The provest and baillies hes chargit the officiaris to command and charge all thais quha hes vnauchfull tennentis dwelland in thair big-gynnis within this burcht to cause thame flit out of the samyn, failyeing thairof to tak downe the house aboue thair heidis, and the awnar of the house to ansuer for the skayth and thift done be thair tennentis on the towne.

The provest and baillies and cunsall for vmchewing of inconveniens hes ordanit the Kingis rebellis and hornaris, to wit Johne Grant, Nicoll Kar and Thomas Cuthbert, to be put in captivitie and haldin thairin, and

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Imprimis, for discussing gif ony fre men or burges in this burcht maye carie aill beir or vther siclyke vivers to Loch Ness or onye vther placis in prejudice of the libertie of this burcht and statutis maid of befoir inhibitant thame to carie or away tak onye of the said vivers. The Cunsall considering of the persoit of James Baittis, James MacBarroun, Jokke Anderson, &c. for careing of aill out of this burcht contrar the statutis maid of befoir the xxv day of November anno lxxiiiij yeiris, that in respect that the provest wyiff James Paterson opent licience of Johne Cuthbert ane of the baillies, quha be his confessioun befoir the cunsall for his offense, gif he onye did, summittis him in thair will, and the cunsall remittis the offense forsaide in respect of his licience at this present, and statutis and ordanis that in tyme cuming that na sic licience be permittit to the baillies, bot only to the cunsall, concernyng the putting of victuallis aill and vivers of the towne, and in case onye of the office men licent onye to pass wyth vivers victuallis or aill to the lochis or onye vther places in hurt of the libertie of this burcht in tyme cuming, that licience to be na licience and of na awaill force nor effect, and the grantar and gewar of the licience to pay the sowme of xls. to the operatioun of ane commoun wark, and the effect of this act to be extendit for the suppressing of ane dertht and forthering of ane commoun weill.

As to the frie men that send aill to the Locht bye the licience of the towne ar ordanit to be callit befoir the cunsall conforme to the actis maid of befoir. The provest baillies and cunsall ordanis to tak of thais quha careit aill to the Locht the sowme of xls. to be imbrocht to the commoun weill of this burcht for breking and contravenyng of the statutis.

Ane brocht strukin be William Cuthbert burges of Innernis on Patrik Henderson sourd slippar, that wrangusle and aganis the law he deliueris me nocht ane pair of Heland hiltis wyth the plwmet thairof quhilk I deliuerit to him to be put on ane sourd bled, price thairof xls. monye, quha will nocht delywer the said hiltis nor pricis forsaids without he be compellit. Comperit the said Patrik and confessit the rasait of the said hilthis, in respect thairof the jugis hes decernit the said Patrik to delwyer the said hilthis to William Cuthbert.
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Comperit in jugement Fynla McPhaill and gaif in his brocht humlie menand that quhar Margret Symonson spous to Johne Clerk deteneis and wythhaldis fra him auchtsoir bard groittis, price of the pece ijs., auchtene pece of fyff schilling testounis, wyth xxv pundis monye of this realme.

Comperit in jugement Mareoun Ogilbe and producit ane sylwer bruche pertenyng to Magie Neilson, quhilk scho allegis to haif coft fra ane serward of the Lard of Knoideartis, in respect thairof the said Magic desyris hir to be dettour in the haill grayth tane out of hir house, viz., fyff coddis wyth thair cod wairis, tuay new lynnyng sarkis, ane lynnyng collar, thre new sekkis, tuay pewter plaittis, and the bruche forsaid quhilk scho comprehendit wyth the said Mareoun, or ellis to fynd ane dettour. The juge hes assignit to the said Mareoun the law day efter Pasche to fynd ane dettour.

Johne Neilsoun burges of Innernes of his awin fre motywe will is becum actit and als bundin and oblist faythfullie his airis executouris and assignais in the Burrow buikis of Innernes souertie and cautiou for Dame Elizabeth Stewart, Ladie Lowett, to refund content and pay to Deyne George Murray, ane of the brethren of Bewling, the sowme of fourtie merkis vsuall monye of this realme, to be payt yeirlie in all tymes induring the said Dame Elizabeth and Deyne George lyftyme at tuay termes in the yeir, viz., Witsunday and Mertemes be equall half proportionis, and that for his tact of the mylne of Bewling sett to the said Dame Elizabeth be the said George for the said yeirlie payment of xl merkis.

Donald Boy indwellar in Innernes is becum actit in the burrow buikis of Innernes to refund content and pay to Androw Gutthre burges of Innernes the sowme of xxijs. viijd. monye of this realme in name and behalfe of Johne Roald, monk in Bewling.

Comperit in jugement Johne Neilsoun burges of Innernes, and humle menit that quhar the provest for the tyme and vtheris his nychtbouris wyth him intromettit wyth ane sex airis bot pertenyng the said Johne Neilsoun, quhilk wes lyan at the stare besyde the dok quhar the schippis lysis, quhilk sex airis boit he wantis wyth hir profitt be the space of sewin yeris, and can gett na redress thairof to his greit hurt hawye dampnage and skaytht, Quharfor protestis in contrar the said provest for all costis 1576-77 26 Jan.

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Blais Alwes, burges of Elgin, Henre Froster, Henrie Kay and Michael Kay and Alexander Robertson, indwellaris within the burcht of Elgin, and Henre Ryn in Ros Ile, are becumin actit within the burrow buikis of Innernis of thair awin fre motywe willis, renuncian thair awin jurisdictioun and summitting thame to the jurisdictioun of the burcht of Innernis in this case, that forsamekle as William Bane, messinger shirref in that pairt be vertu of our Souerane Lordis letters commandan him to cerse and seik all forstallit guidis boucht or sauld be vnfre men fray vnfre men or ony vtheris within the libertie of the burcht of Innernis vpresentit to the mercat thairof, attetchit and intromettit wyth certan hydis pertenyng the saidis personis as escheit gude, quhilkis hydis apertenis to the personis particularlie following, viz., of Blais Alwes threttie aucht hydis, of Henre Frosteris auchtene hydis, of Henre Kais sewin hydis, of Michael Kais sex hydis, of Alexander Robertson xij hydis, and of Henre Ryn in Ros Ile xiiij hydis, quhilkis personis forsaidis be the cirneist supplicatioun of the provest baillies and cunscall of the burcht of Elgin presentit to the provest baillies and cunscall of Innernis, quhais ernist desyre safar as concernit the provest baillies and cunscall of Innernis vpon the restrictionis following safar as concernit to thair pairt, but prejudice of safar as of the saidis ledderis as apertenis or justlie aucht to apertene to our Souerane Lordis the Kingis Grace and His Grace Thesaurar, and also quhilkis apertenis or justlie maye apertene to the Greit Almerall or his deputis, insafar as the said leddir war apprehendit in ane boit within the flude merk, and for releiff of the said William Bane, officiar of armes, and provest baillies and cunscall of Innernis the forsaidis personis oblliss thame thair airis executouris and assignais, renunceand the benefice of thair awin jurisdictioun as said is and summitting thame to the jurisdictioun of the burcht of Innernis in this case, to releiff and skaythless keip the said officiar of armes provest baillies and cunscall of Innernis at our Souerane Lordis thesauraris handis and the Greit Almerall and his deputis handis, and sall exhonour thame of all costis skaythis dampnage thai sall happin to incur to the walour and quantitie of the said leddir at thair handis, and also oblliss thame in all tymes cuming nocht to commit onye forstalling vnder the pane of confiscatioun of the gudis sall happin to be fundin wyth thame sua
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forstallit, togyther wyth restitutionoun of the walour of the geir presentlie rasanit be thame fra the said officiar of armes, quhilk aucht to pertene to the towneship of Innernis for thair pairt of the escheit of the leddir forsaid, bye the Kingis pairt and Almerallis.

William Cuming, burges of Innernis and ane of the bailles of the said burcht for the tyme, in presens of the nychtbouris, and in name and behalf of the haill communitie, protestit in contrar Johne Ross and Margret Waus his spous tweching the novatioun maid be thame in biggin of ane myln of new novatioun vpon sex aker feild land lyand in the territorie of Innernis vpon the suckin of the Kingis Myln of Innernis, quhilk sex akeris he had of Sant Catherynis chaiplane fundat within the paroche kirk of Innernis, lyand in Deirbocht betuix the landis of Sant Johnes chaiplane at the northt, the Kingis Hie Gett at the southt, the hill at the west, and the myln burne at the eist, and of the prowest and baillies cunsall and communitie as superioris thairof, nocht haiffing power to big ony myln thairon, solemnpatle protestit in presens of Margret Waus his spous that the biggyn of the said myln be nocht prejudicial to this towneship or Kingis Myln, bot that the prowest and baillies maye be ordour of law gett hir demoleist and downe put, and the said Johne and his spous to incur the danger that maye of law for biggyn of the said myln, haiffand na power thairto of thair superioris and the Kingis Majestie, conforme to the instrument tane in the handis of Mr Martyne Logye tweching the said new novatioun maid be the said Johne Ross and his spous and vpon the interruptioun maid be the fermoraris, viz., Alexander Baillie and Robert Waus, in the biggyn of the said myln on the said landis of Deirbocht.

Comperit the fermoraris of the Kingis Myln and gaif in thair complaint as effir followis: Provest bailleis and cunsall of the burcht of Innernis, We, Alexander Baillie of Dunnane and Robert Waus, burges of the burcht of Innernis, your maisterschipis tennentis and fermoraris of the Kingis mylnis of Innernis, humlie menis and complanis on Johne Ross burges of the said burcht and Margret Waus, that quhar thai beand bond suckin and thrall suld [gang] to the Kingis mylnis of Innernis, lyke as all the inhabitantis within the commontie and libertie of the said burcht ar, hes maid ane new novatioun in the biggin of ane myln on ane of the boundis of the territorie of Innernis, the quhilkis the like was newir done or maid be onye inhabitant or indwellaris within this burcht vpon our libertie in
1577 na mannis tyme, the saidis John Ross nor his spous forsaid haiffand na power nor privilege grantit to them nor thair predecessouris to big onye mylnis vpon the privilege of the Kingis myln of Innernis. Heirfor, sen that the samyn is laitlie begwn be the saidis John and Margret Waus his spous, that your wysdomes, as our superioris and wersallis to the Kingis grace myln, ye mak interruptioun and impediment to the said new novatioun in biggin of the said myln, and that your wysdomes meyne on the said novatioun to our Souerane Lord the Kingis Grace His Regent and Sessioun of the said novatioun making, and call thame befoir thame for the contempitioun in doing thairoff.

John Ross burges of Innernis anseris be Mr Martyne Logye his procurator, sayis and allegis that the myln biggit on thir landis of Sant Catheryneis chaiplane on na wais can it be handersum to the said fermoraris, bot rather ane forderance to the commoun weill of the burcht, seing the said John Ross seikis nocht na corne growdand within the thrall suckin of the saidis Kingis Mylnis to his mylne, bot extraneall victuallis cunand out o fther cornis, nocht prejudegis the townis actis and constitutionis of thair mylnis of this burcht, and gif it beis fundin the contrar the said John Ross willinglie oblissis him his airis and assignais for all costis skaythis dampgage and expenses the fermoraris of the saidis Kingis mylnis sustenis or sall happin to sustene be his said myln of Deirbocht, and heirvpon summittis him simpliciter to the jugement of the provest baillies and cunsall quhat tyme thai pleis to decerne, becaus it is trew the townis is superioris to him.

James Paterson, provest, John Cuthbert and William Cuming, baillies, and the rest of the cunsall and communitie all wyth ane woice grantis thame to be bound suckin to the Kingis Myln of Innernis, aggre-and wyth the formar contract maid of befoir betuix the provest baillies and cunsall and communitie of this burcht and the fermoraris of the saidis Kingis mylnis, of the dait of the said Contract xv Augusti anno xxix yeiris, provyding that the inhabitantis of this burcht haiff sufficient mylnis for gude service doing to the inhabitantis and fermoraris thairoff, that is to say euverilk man keipand thair awin rowme, and to wait and abyde vpon watter sex houris efter thair rowme, and giff the mylne be brokin or want watter the fault nocht to be imput to the myllar, and quhat passis bye presentit to the myln and laid downe in the myln in fault of servise, the myllar to be astrictit to pay the fermoraris or ellis to
be dischargit, and in cais of the absence of the fermoraris or onye of thame in awaitting to keip and inbring the suckin to the saidis Kingis myln, that quhat victuall thair servand sall preiff to pass bye thair myln that it salbe lesum to the fermoraris to persew for the ferme and the myllaris duete thairoff.

The provest baillies and cunsall decernis the pretendit myln of Johne Ross to be biggit on the landis of Deirbocht to be demollesit at sic tyme as quhan scho salbe biggit, and als decernis in generall all costis skyththis and expenssis the fermoraris of the Kingis mylnis of Innernis sail happen to sustene.

James Irruwell comperit in presens of James Paterson, prowest, William Cuthbert, Johne Gollan and William McPhaill, officiaris, and exponit that quhar himself and his boit was arreistit within this burcht at the command of William Cuming baillie for non deliuering to Johne Kennedie in Banff fyff dussan cuinyie rebell and lyntallis, and for lowsing of the said arreistment hes fundin William Tomson younger souerte and cautiou to delywer to the said Johne Kennedie within the towne of Banff v dussan hewin wark cuyne rebell and lyntallis as said is betuix the day and dait heirof and the feist of Pasche nixt.

Ane brocht strukin be James Paterson ane of the procuratoris fiscallis of the burcht of Innernis on all and haill the vnfre broustaris of this burcht admittit this last yier, viz., and thais that entrit at their awin hand, viz., Magnis Caskinis wyiff, Duncane Malcumson, Fynla McConylieir, Johne McThomas McBean, Thomas Genour, George McAne Reocht, William McConylbane, Agnes Waus spous to Johne Dason, Allister Skynnar, Johne Ard, Jonat Baittis, Elspet Skynnar, Mareoun Clerk, Elspet Fargusson, Agnes Anderson, Jonat Neilson, William Chessolme, James Tomson, Marreat Nykmer, Magie Duff, Isbell Kennocht, Andro McPhaill, Johne Stewart, Jame McBarroun, Johne Reid McWilliam Roy, William Suffrycht, Gelis Schort, Johne Aucklek, Helyne Sowlis, Allister McWilliam McPhadrick, Johne Kar, Andro McWilliam McPhadrick, William Tomson, brebnar, Agnes Gray, William Dow McPhaill, Robe McAllister McHendrik, William Hay, Magie Grant, Riche Brechin, Robe McAllester, Johne McThomas, Jonat Kelocht, Elspet Barnet, that wrangusle and aganis the law ye and ilk ane of yow hes contravenit the actis statutis and ordinances of this burcht [in selling ale dearer than the fixed price].

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10 Oct. Robert Williamson burges of Innernis is becumin actit in the burrow buikis of Innernis of his awin fre motywe will souerte and cautioum for Jonat Nykmeir, spous to wmquhill Donald Clerk in Dauid [Daviot], that scho sall nocht commit fornicaitionoun wyth Gillepadrik McAnè McGillepadrik nor nane vther in ony tyme cuming, vnder the pane of ten pundis monye to be paiit to the commoun wark of this burcht.

The vnfre baxteris admittit this yeir:—Donald Grantis wyiff, Cateryne Donaldson, Jonat Cuthbert spous to wmquhill Jame McGilleroocht, Beak Crowbycht, Johne Stewartis wyiff alias Inwak, Agnes Neyn Fynla Moir, Margret Dempster spous to Allister Fuctour.

8 Oct. James Paterson, ane of the procurator fiscallis of the burcht of Innernis, strekis ane brocht on all and hail the fre wemen of this burcht of Innernis, that wrangusle and aganis the law thai and ilk ane of thame hes contravenit the actis statutis and ordinances of this burcht in selling of aill darrer nor aucht penneis the quart aill, bot contemptnatle hes tane xd. for the quart, to the greit hurt and skayth of this burcht and rasing of dertht thairin, quhais names followis, viz., Jonat Kar, Christane Paterson, Magie Gorrye, Jonat Christeson, Beatrix Dict, Johne Robertsonis wyiff, Helyne Johneson, Petir Waus wyiff, Christane Vrquhart, Thomas Karris wyiff, William Donaldson for his wyiff, Elspat Paterson, Agnes Donaldson, Fynla Donaldson for his wyiff, Andro Skynnar for his wyiff, Jonat Waus dochitir to Martyne Waus, Robert Reid for his wyiff, Heleyne Gray, Magie Nyk Gillewye, Agnes Flemyng, Henre Kar eldar for his wyiff, George Cuming for his wyiff, Johne Burris wyiff, Barbara Waus.

10 Oct. Allister McThomas Roy is becumin actit souerte and cautioum for entring of Donald McAndra McAdam in Eister Moneak in the Ard within the tolbuith of Innernis befor the provest baillies or schireffis of this burcht vpon xv dayis warnyng, to vnderlye the law for presenting to the mercat croce of Innernis this day ane mart without heid feit or hyde, vnder the pane of jc lib., in presens of Johne Gollan, Johne Reid, and William McPhail officiaris.

21 Oct. Johne Gollan, ane of the burrow officiaris of the burcht of Innernis, at the command of William Cuthbert provest of the said burcht of Innernis sittand in jugement, Johne Cuthbert of the Auld Castelhill and Alexander Paterson, baillies of this burcht of Innernis, in ane fensit court chargit Allane McRynnauld of Eister Leis within bar, as he that

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rebuiket blasphemit wyth injurious wourdys and ignomeneous sclanderit the said prowest, Robert Waus his clerk of court, and the saidis baillies, wyth the remenant of the assessouris being thair for the tyme, to the heych contemptioun and rebellion of our Souerane Lordis autorite and stait royall, prowest baillies and membris of court forsaid, sittand in fensit court as said is, willing to haif done justice and adminstrat equite to all parteis complanand, and sua judiciallie representit our Souerane Lordis persoun, vnto the tyme that the said Allane be his manessing and boisting in trublance of our Souerane Lordis court in calling of the prowest baillies and membris of curt as knaiffis lownes theiffies sneikis, putting of hand to his sourd and quhynnyear within the bar, tending thairbe to haif maisterfulle and crewellie sett on the said prowest baillies clerk of curt and vtheris membris thairof and assessouris assisting the administratioun of justice: the qhilk Allane, being chargit be the said Johne Gollan burrow officiar forsaid to haif remanit in waird for his rebellious wourdys and intentioun of his bludedefact, gif he had bene permittit to haue done the samyn as he that put hand to his sourd and quhynnyear to that effect within bar, refusit in onye sort other of the saidis prowest and baillies charge giffin be the moutht of the said officiar, or yit in refuis of thair charge in our Souerane Lordis name to remane in ward conforme to the said charge, bot remowit him self out of the said tolbuyth, giffing no reverence nother to our Souerane Lordis charge, nother to prowest nor baillies forsaid representand his grace persoun judicialie in fensit court as said is.

Comperit in jugement Gilbert Duff, thesaurar of the burcht of Innernis for the tyme, and humle menit that quhar thair is certan waist laarychtis of Barne rowmes lyand vpon the Barne hillis, euerilk rowme thairof addettit in xijd. anwell yeirlie thir certan yeiris bygane, na payment maid of the anwellis thairof, viz., Henre Guthre for his laarycht, Henre Kar eldar for his anwell yeirle of his Barne rowme and the Barne rowme of wmqhill Thom Man, and can nocht fynd the ryctheous airis heirof nor payment can be had of the anwell thairof as said is, in respect thairof the said thesaurar hes presentit erd and stane in the prowest and bailles handis for non payment making of the anwellis thairof, and desyris the saidis landis and waist laarychtis to be disponit to nychtbouris for biggin thairof and thankfull payment making of the anwell thairof.
Magie Duff spous to Farquhar Grasycht producit hir bill of complaint in jugement in forme of brocht vpon the said Farquhar hir spous, humlie menand that quhar he adneris nocht to hir as scho that is his mareit spous, conforme to ane deliuerance led and past befoir the minister of this burcht, eldaris and deaconis and assembplie thairof, for the actioun of adultrie being prowin befoir thame be his awin confessioun wyth Agnes Skynnar, and for satisfaction of the kirk ordanit the said Farquhar and Agnes Skynnar adulteraris to present thame selffis thrie severall Sundayes in sak clayth wyth mytaris of paper on thair heidis in the kirk, and in case the said Farquhar wald nocht adneir to the said Magie Duff his said spous, treit and intertennye hir as his lauchfull spous, ordanit the said Farquhar and Agnes Skynnar to be banneist and exylicit of this burcht for the said chryme of adultrie, quha being persewit presentlie in jugement be his said spous, quha utterlie refuissis and awowis newir to adneir to hir, and according to the formar deceit pronuncit be the minister eldaris and deaconis and in respect of his confessioun in jugement, ordanis and decernis the said Farquhar and Agnes Skynnar to be banneist of this burcht to the tyme thai be recunsalit wyth the prowest baillies and minister.

Comperit in jugement John Waus of Lochtslyn, Robert Waus, William Baillie and Alexander Cuthbert, burgessis of Innenris and fermoraris of the Kingis mylnis of Innenris, humlie menand and complanand on Gilbert Gollan, Johne Reid McWilliam Roy, Johne McFargus, Johne Abraham, Robert McAllister McHendrik, Allister McWilliam McPhadrik, Andro McWilliam McPhadrik, and Riche Brechin, that quhar thai and euerilk ane of thame hes past and grundyn thair stuff to vther mylnis, nocht-wythstanding the hail suckin within this greschip and outsuckin is boundin and thrall suckyne to the Kingis mylnis of this burcht, and the saidis personis thair wyffis and serwandis in thair names of thair speciall command and cause hes put thair saidis stuff and cornis fra our said Kingis mylnis and takis the samyn to vther myllis, aganis thair contract and oblishing, to the greit skayth of the fermoraris, prejudice of the Kingis myln and the libertie thairoff, and to the abwse of the commoun wealth of this burcht, Quharfor desyris the saidis personis be decernit to haif done wrang in the bypassing the Kingis myllis sen the monetht of September last in anno Ixxvij yeiris, or ellis to schaw ane ressonabill cause quhie thai

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aucht nocht to do the samyn according to justice. Comperit Robert McAllister McHendrik and confessit to haif past wyth four bollis aittis to vther mylnis sen the moneth aboue wreit, bot tuike his malt to the Kingis myln. Richie Brechin confessit to haif had iij firlottis stwoff to Kilbean. Jonat Dempster spous to Johne Reid McWilliam Roy confessis hir man to haif past bye the Kingis myln to vther mylnis by her command. Johne Abraham confessit he tuike ij sekkis of malt quhilk he coft beyond the Ferrie, quhilk lychtit nocht in this burcht, to vther mylnis. Quhilk personis be thair awin confessionis ar decernit to haif done wrang in passing bye the Kingis mylnis wyth thair suckin, for the quhilkis thai ar adjugit in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon. The jugis hes decernit Robert McAllister McHendrik and the rest aboue wreit according to thair confessionis thair stuff to be appropriat to the saidis fermoraris, or ellis the precis quhilkis the samyn giffis in this towne presentlie.

Comperit in jugement Thomas Gray humlie menand that quhar he had incurririt greit skayth in his yard in the deweit of Jonat Kelocht be sweeney and vther beistis, quha hes destroyt four beddis young plantis, four beddis ingyeonis, ane persell bed, sindre herbis, sic as gentiane, roismarie and laurie, quhilkis ar all eittin destroit and spilt be the sweeney, quhilk skayth I wald nocht sustene for xls., desyring the said Jonat be decernit to haif done wrang in the none halding of sufficient nychtbourship and to content and pay the skayth he hes incurririt in hir deweit; quha being oftymes callit at the tolburyth stair as wse is and nocht compering, scho is adjugit in amerciament and dome giffin on hir absens.

Ane brocht strukin be Constant Man, Myllar in the Bucht to my Ladie Lowett, on Androw McWilliam McPhadrik dwelland bewest the Wattir of Ness, that wrangusle and aganis the law the said Androw com to the myln of the Bucht vpon the xv day of Maij instant, and thair in his office house maisterfulle and crewallie sett on the said Constant, and wald haif slane him wyth ane fuite spade, and thaireftir tuike my awin knyff and wald haif slane me war nocht the bettir reddaris stuidie bye, and also dang me vnder him in the wattir vnder the said myln quheile, and thair dang me in the heid wyth ane stane, quharwynth he drew ane greit quantitie of my blude to my greit hurt hawye dampnage and skayth as is allegit. The inquest forsaid hes convict the said Andro McWilliam McPhadrik in all and haill the pointtis and heidis of the formar brocht, for the quhilkis he is adjugit in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon.

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Comperit in jugement Magie Kar, spous to William Cuthbert prowest of the burcht of Innernis, and thair vtoutht the presens of hir said husband, of hir awin fre motywe will vncoactit or compellit be hir said spous or any vther in his name, quhar scho maid fayth thairvpon in jugement, the said Magie frelie puirlie and simpilie renuncit resignit and owergaiff hir conjunct fie of all and sindre the landis of wmquhill the haill Blak Freiris of Innernis, haiyll yairdis and croftis within the wallis of the saidis wmquhill Blak Freiris wallis of Innernis, wyth all jure rycht, tytill of rycht and clame propertie and possessioun quhilk scho had and hes or in ony tyme cuming maye haff in or to the forsaidis landis aboue expremit within the boundis aboue mentionat, in favoris of the said William Cuthbert hir spous sua that he maye frelie dispone annalie and vtherwaiz wse the samyn as he thinkis gude, without ony stope or impediment to be maid be hir thairintill in tyme cuming, to qhatsumewir persoun or partie hir said spous sall happin to dispone the samyn, and promittis newir to cum in contrar the samyn in jugement nor vtoutht jugement in ony tyme heirefter cuming; Prowyding alwaiz that in case hir said spous dispone or annalie the samyn to ony persoun, that howsone or quhat tyme the samyn beis redemit and outqueit agane fray thame that the samyn sall happin to be annaleit to, that scho maye haff fre ingres and regres agane thairto and to her conjunct fee thairof, nochtwythstanding of this present renunciation aboue wreittin, and the samyn nocht to be prejudicial thairefter to hir conjunct infeftment of the saidis landis, vpon the quhilkis the said William Cuthbert prowest and William McFarquhar in name and behalf of Allister McFarquhar McConquhie of Dummakglas and the said Magie Kar hinc inde requerit act of curt and instrument in the handis of Mr. Martyne Logie notar publict, befoir thir witnes James Paterson schiref deput, William Baillie, Fynla Donaldson, John Neilson, and Andro Dempster, burgess of Innernis.

Comperit William Cuthbert, prowest of the burcht of Innernis, in presens of the cunsall presentlie convent, and declarit to thame that he behuiffit to wedsett the Freiris croft and yairdis within the auld wallis thairof, togyther wyth the houssis biggynnis quhar the saidis William Cuthbert dwellis lyand and adjacent vnto the said Freiris croftis and yardis, boundit betuix the saidis Freiris landis at the west and the Kingis Hie causay at the eist, quha on na wayis will do the samyn without the consent and assent of the baillies and cunsall of this burcht as owerlordis
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and superioris thairof, quhiliks personis forsaidis all in ane woce consentis and assentis to the wedsett or alienatioun of the saidis landis aboue specefeit, vnder protestatioun and provyding that the possessour of the saidis landis salbe haldin and restrictit to thame for the yeirlie payment of the maill and duetie of the saidis landis contenit in the saidis William Cuthbertis evident conforme to the tennour of the samyn.

Comperit in jugement Johne Neilson burges of Innernis, and humlie menit that quhar William Cuthbert prowest of the burcht of Innernis for the tyme, wyth vtheris his complices and nychtbouris of the said burcht of his causing command assistance and ratihabitioun, intromettit wyth ane boit of his the tyme thai past and persewit William Wyisman for the spuilyeing of the Duche schip be the space of nyne yeiris bypast.

Comperit Andrew McPhaill, minister, and producit ane instrument of sasing vpon ane ruide of land lyand within the burcht of Innernis in the streit of Demisdail, extending fra the Kingis hic gett at the west to the auld fowssie on the Barne hillis at the eist, quhilk pais xijd. anwell yeirlie to Our Ladie chaiplane of the New Ile, desyring to be entrit in the soit roll, quhilk was grantit.

Magie Neilson, spous to Johne Dow McConquhie, being accusit in jugement for brewing of aquawyte and vsing of the privilegie of ane fre woman, and scho adhering to the libertie and privilegie of hir hous of barroun burgessrie, be the quhiliks as scho allegis scho aucht to be fre thairof. The jugis in respect thai vnderstand hir halding, quhiliks contenis na certane nor limit thing within itself of na keynd of fredome expect for commoun service making to the king, for the quhiliks thai ar dischargit in to thair saidis haldings for paying of any maill to the king except the said service callit servitium forensicum wyth caik and pudding; And comperit Johne Neilson hir father, quha on na wayis allegit to na certan libertie be resson of the halding of hir hous, bot allanerlie scho haiffing privilegie as narrest and ane of the airis eldast succeeding to him, for the quhiliks ressonis continewis the ansuer heirof to the cunsall.

Ane brocht strukin be Thomas Duncane in Kilrawok on Patrik Henderson sourd slippar, that wrangusle and aganis the law this instant day deliverit hir my sourd to poleis and dycht in his awin hand, and betuix him and his serwand hes brokin the said sourd, price thairof four pundis monye of this realme, desyring him to be decernit to mak him als gude as his awin, or ellis to paye the pricis foirsaidis.

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The jugis hes admittit Johne Anderson to wse the privilege of ane stalleangear, that is to wse brewing to the feist of Michaelmess nixt, and hes referrit the compositioun thairof to the cunsall.

Ane brocht strukin be James Paterson and Johne Cuthbert, procurator fiscallis of this burcht of Innernis, on all and haill the commoun huyr mungaris, harlattis and fornicatouris following, viz., Elspat Gutthre, Cateryne Neyn Dauid, Christane NykIntolmycht, Jr Jonat Clerk, and Effie Stewinson, that wrangusle and aganis the law and also aganis the actis statutis and ordinances maid in the Assemblie, that quhar ye and ilkane of you vsis commoun harlottrie, huirdome, fornication and adultere wyth all strangearis and vtheris quha reperis and hantis within this burcht, quhilk redundis to the greit sclander of the kirk, reproche, schame, and dishonour of this burcht and magistratis thairof, and na les to the fylthie and horrabill defectioun and defyling of the saisdis strangearis be the fylthie fouliness called the glangoir, quhilk hes infectit monye and diverse within this towne and contre about, quharfor desyris thame be decernit to be banneist of this burcht and brynt on the cheikis in exempill of vtheris. [Names of Assise].

Elspat Gutthrie, dochtir to wmquhill Henrie Gutthrie, is becumin actit in the burrow buikis of Innernis of hir awin fre motywe will that scho in na tyme cuming salbe fundin remane within this burcht forder nor four tymes in the yeir to do hir lefull bessines or thais bessines or service quhom scho hapnis to dwell or remane wyth, and quhat tyme scho chances to cum to this burcht that scho remane na langar thairin nor twentie four hoursi, vnder the pane of birnyng of hir on hir cheik.

The assise forsaid hes fundin the foirsaidis Katheryne Neyn Dauid ane commoun huyr mongar and convict thairin; Christane Nykintolmycht convict as ane commoun filthie harlott and huyr mongar, trocht the quhilkis scho had the glangoir; Jonat Clerk convict in lyke maner, as scho quha had the glangoir trocht hir fylthie huirdome; Effie Stewinson convict as ane commoun huyr; quha ar ordanit to be banneist of this towne for ewir, and in case thai or ony ane of thame beis fundin or notit within this burcht in ony tyme heirefter cuming that thai salbe brynt on the cheik wyth ane Byrne irne, and dome giffin thairvpon.

1 Christian, daughter of the Tolmie.
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Ane brocht strukin be Jame Browne on Patrik Henderson and his spouses, that wrangusle and aganis the law thai trublit and dang him without ony motioun or caus, and hes rewinn his face and flesche wyth thair nales, and hes drawin ane greit quantitie of his blude to his greit hurt hawye damnage and skayth.

Alse Patrik Henderson and his spouses strekis ane brocht on Jame Browne that wrangusle and aganis the law he trublit and dang us and hes rewinn our faces and flesche, and hes drawin ane greit quantite of our blude wyth his teitht, quhilkis blude being seyne be the jugis hes decernit the saidis personis to haif done wrang, quha ar adjugit in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon, viz., on bayth the pairteis wrangis.

James Paterson and Johne Cuthbert, procurator fiscallis of the burcht of Innernis, strekis ane brocht on David Alschnourson alias Cuike, Johne Stewart, Fynle McConyille, and Johne Ard, fleschearis within this burcht, that wrangusle and aganis the law ye and ilk ane of yow, expres in contrar the actis statutis and ordinances of this burcht and commoun weill thairof, passis to the mercat croce of Innernis and byis quik martis leifand on thair feit for four or fyff merkis the pece, and sellis the samyn agane to the nychtbouris of this burcht for xvijis. the quartar, to the greit hurt and hendre of this puir burcht and liegis thairof, and thairin rasing of sic ane derth within this burcht that can nocht be laid, desyng the saidis personis to be decernit to haif done wrang and to be pvneist heir-for according to justice in exempill of vtheris, that nane within this burcht pretend the like in time cuming. Alse ye ar followit for bying of carragis of martis at the mercat quhilk aucht to steaik the townie, expres in contrar the actis and statutis, and sellis the samyn agane to quhom ye pleis, quhilk redundantis to the greit hurt of this burcht and nychtbouris thairof. Alse ye ar followit for selling of talloun vtoutht this burcht to strangearis and outlandis men.

The provest and bailleis hes ordanit the haiil fleshearis abouewreit that nane of thame tak vpon hand to sell the stane of moltit talloun darrer nor xvjs. the stane to the nychtbouris of this burcht, and that nane be sauld vtoutht this burcht to outlandis men or strangearis in na tyme cuming vnder the pane of escheting of the samyn.

Johne Roy McConyll McAllan and Allister McFarquhar McPhersoun ar becumin actit of thair awin fre motywe willis souerte and
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Keppocht in Lochaber, renunceand thair awin jurisdictioun and summitti-
ing thame to the jurisdictioun of the prowest and bailleis of Innernis in
this case, to thankfulle refound content and pay to Henre Kar younger
burges of Innernis the sowme of xxij merkis gude and vsuall monye of
this realme, ane fyne quheit pled wyth the pertinentis eftir hir discretioun,
to be pait at the feist of Lambmes nixt.

7 April

Comperit in jugement Allane Watsone acclamand Fynla Clerk
burges of Innernis xx bollis salt he sauld to the said Fynla for xx quheit
pleddis.

Comperit in jugement George Morisone burges of Innernis, quha
persewit be ane brocht Allane Watsone citisinar in Sant Androis of the
sowme of fourscoir sewin pundis four schillingis monye of this realme
befoir the prowest and bailleis of the burcht of Innernis for certan
pleddis coft be the said Allane fraye the said George. [Decree against
Allane].

10 April

Ane brocht strukin be William Cuthbert and Johne Cuthbert, pro-
curator fiscallis of the burcht of Innernis, on Thomas Dalgaliesche, sadlar,
that wrangusle and aganis the law ye being ane vnfre man visis the
privilege liberte and fredome of ane fre man in bying of ledder, barking
and lymyng thairof, and selling of the samyn to quhom ye pleis, and alse
vsis the craft of ane cordinar in working and making of schone in preway
and queat chalmeris, to the mair verificatioun of the quhilkis sum of the
said leddar was apprehendit in maid schone to the nummer of xvj or
xvij pair, and forder quhar ye haif in the wattir xxiiij hydis and v hydis
in the bark, wyth thre or four stane cuffit woll, quhilk ye ar to send to
the Montht; and alse ye ar followit for barralling of talloun and taking
of the samyn out of this burcht, and plukking of skynnis and putting of
the samyn in lyme; desyreng the saidis Thomas to be decernit to haif
done wrang and to be pvneist heirfor according to the actis of Parlia-
ment and statutis and ordinances of this burcht, as he quha hes vist the
samyn of lang tyme bygane prewatile to the greit skayth and violatioun
of the actis statutis and ordinances of this burcht and in hie contempt of
the magistratis thairof. Comperit Thomas Dalgaliesche and confessis
xxiiij hydis in the wattir, v hydis in the bark, confessis the woll, confessis plukking of skynnis to his craft, for serwing of the
samyn, confessis schone making of horse leddir. The inqueist haiffing
God and gude conscience befoir ee hes fundin be the examenatioun of certan famous witnes the said Thomas Dalglesche to haif done wrang in vsing of the privilege liberte and fredome of this burcht mair nor is contenit in the act maid tweching the privilege grantit and lattin to him be this townschip, and is convict in bying of talloun forder nor steakis his craft. The inquest hes fundin him fre in the schone making, in respect he deponit to haif maid thame to him self and his serwandis and nocht to sell ; fre of the barrassing of talloun ; convict in the rest of the brocht, and dome giffin thairvpon.

William Tailyeour, indwellar in Leytht, is becumin actit of his awin fre motywe will in the burrow buiks of Innernis, renunceand his awin jurisdictioun and summittting him to the jurisdiction and jugement of the prowest and baillies of Innernis in this case, as souertie and cautiouin for James Robertson and Johne Dryeburne, skipparis of the boit callit the Cristofeir, to refound content and pay to Mr. Johne Robertson, thresnor of Ross, the sowme of ten pundis sex schillingis aucht penneis monye of this realme betuix the day and dait heirof and the xix day of Aprile instant being Pasche day, and that for ane barrell of salmond, quhilkis thai ar convict in payment of to the said thresnor.

Comperit in jugement William Cuming, burges of Innernis, and humlie menit for him self and Patrik Skynnar, taxt men to my Lord Huntlie of the Fre Schot vpon the Wattir of Ness, that quhar Jasper Dempster, burges of Innernis, vpon the first day of Maij instant maister-fulle spuilyeit out of the said Patrik Skynnaris house at the wattir syde the saidis Lordis samond fische slane that day in the saidis Lordis fisching and schot, quharfor protestis in my Lordis name and in thair awin names that thai maye haif heirof that law maye gif thaim of the profficitis thai maye preiff at onye tyme the saidis Lordis fisching extendis to.

Johne Mortoun, citesinar in Sant Androis, is becumin actit of his awin fre motywe will in the burrow buiks of Innernis, renunceand his awin jurisdictioun and summittting him to the jurisdiction of the prowest and baillies of Innernis in this case, to releiff and skaythles keip Robert Waus burges of Innernis at the handis of ane rycht honorabill man Thomas Fraysser, wardatour of Lowett, that quhatewir the said Thomas optenis or recoveris of the law in contrar the said Robert Waus, as he quha hes actit him self to him for satisfactioun and payment making of
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1579 tuay barrellis quheit fische and ane barrell beiff, quhilkis being cassin ower buyrd be occasioun of storme and weddir be Christall Robertson and his marenaris out of the crear callit the Buklar in Anstyr upon the coist syde thairof.

19 May Jacob Bartillis, burges of Hamburgh, and Hortabill Bartillis his son and apperand air, be the tennour of thir presentis of thair awin fre motywe willis ar becumin bundin and obleist, renunsing and simpliciter dischargeing thame of thair awin jurisdictioun and summitting thame to the jurisdictioun decreit and sentement of the provest and baillies of the burcht of Innernis in this caise, that is to say as William Cuming burges of Innernis hes be his pretendit maner arreistit thir schip and gudis thairin at the instance of ane nobill and mychtie Lord George, Erle of Huntlie, Lord Gordoun and Bairdynamocht, of ane allegit clame of certan leid coft be Lewie Smyth fra the said nobill Lordis father, that quhat tyme or quhowsone we the said Jacob and Hortabill my son chances to arraywe in quhatsumewir port in Scotland, in Leyyth, Dundie, Aberdeyne, Innernis, or onye vther port in Scotland, sall be thir presentis content paye and delywer to the said nobill and mychtie Lord as concernynge the said allegit clame mowit be the said William Cuming in his behalf in thair contrar of the said leid gif it be of veritie, or gif the said nobill Lord preiffis the said Jacob to haif coft or sauld wyth his lordshipis father the said leid acclamit; and quhat the said nobill Lord producis quharbe thai suld paye the samyn salbe willing in maner forsaid to paye the said leid conforme to reasoun and lawes of this realme.

22 May Andro McWilliam McPhadrik is becumin acit for his wyiffis gude haiffing maneris and condetioun in tyme cuming, that scho sall nocht be notit nor hard in wourd nor deide wyth hir nychtbouris, purr nor riche, in tyme cuming, and in case he stanche hir nocht as said is, and gif scho be hard in tyme cuming, he sall refond content and pay to the Brig wark the sowme of ten lib. monye of this realme vnforgewin.

23 May The prowest and baillies hes rasait and admittit Allister McConquhie, son to Duncan McConquhie Dowe in Daud, to be ane buythhal达尔 of the cordinar craft of Innernis, quha hes sworne the greit ayth to be lele and trew to the crowne of Scotland, prowest and baillies of this burcht, and brethrin of the craft, and sall scot lot walk ward with this burcht to his power.

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Comperit in jugement William Robertson as this terme quhilk was assignit to him for productioun of his intres of the sclait hous, quha producit the prothogoll buike of William Cuming notar publict, wreittin and subscrivit be him noter forsaid of the dait xxvj mensis Semptembris anno lxxvj, quhar he is lauchfullie westit and seisit in the said land.

The jugis hes decernit Isbell Leslie to refound content and pay to Henrie Kar eldar, burges of Innernis, ane quart aill or the pricus thairrof for his mask fatt, quhilk scho hes had the wse of sen Witsundaye in anno lxxvij yeiris, as scho quha promest him ane quart aill for euerilk mask scho brewit wyth the said fatt.

Comperit in jugement Gilbert Duff, chaiplane to Sant Katheryn fundat within the paroche kirk of Innernis, menand that quhar the tuay landis of wmqhill Gilbert Hay hes bene in wse of payment of vjs. anwell be yeir, thre s. everilk land, of lang tyme bygane to the saidis Gilbert Duff chaiplane forsaid and his predecessouris past memor of man, nochtetheless James Paterson burges of Innernis hes sen the deceis of wmqhill Schir William Anderson, quha deceisit at Mertemes or thairbye in anno lxxv yeiris, intromettit wyth the said wmqhill Gilbert Hayis landis and on na wayis will mak payment of the said anwell yeirle be the space of four yeiris, extending yeirle to vjs. anwell, quharfor protestis that the non payment making thairrof be nocht prejudicall to him nor his successouris, bot that he or thai quhatsumewir maye half tyme and place to call and persewe for the samyn, and payment to be decernit according to thair rentall.

Allister McWilliam McPhadrik producit his service quhar he was seruit as narrest and lauchfull air to his wmqhill father William McPhadrik, quha deit last westit and sasit in ane particat of land lyand bewest the wattir of Ness, betuix the landis of John Neilson at the southt, the commoun wennall at the northt, the Kingis gett at the west, John Gibsonis landis at the eist, payand thairfor yeirle ijs. anwell to the freiris predicatouris of Innernis and thair successouris; And also ane vther ruide and ane half ruide landis lyand bewest the wattir of Ness betuix the landis of sumtyme the freiouris predicatouris of Innernis at the northt, the commoun landis of Innernis at the southt, extending fra the Kingis gett at the wattir of Ness at the eist to the commoun wennall at the west, payand to prowest bailies of Innernis or thair thesauraris ijs. yeirle anwell according to the auld evident, of the dait of the said service
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5 Oct. Cuming noter publict.
24 Oct. William Cuming, Johne Cuthbert, Robert Waus, and Jasper Dempster, baillies of this burcht of Innernis, Johne Ros, James Patersone, Johne Cuthbert of the Auld Castelhill, Alexander Cuthbert and Gilbert Paterson, hes all wyth ane woce the greit ayth sworne that thai nor nane of thame sall consent to the admissioun of onye maner of man to be fre burges and gild of this burcht except onlye burges sounis of this burcht being qualefeit haiffing stob and steaik, and this to be obseruit and keipit for the space of sewin yeiris be fullelie furthrunnyn and outgane.

The baillies forsaidis hes desyrit Gilbert Gollan, burges of Innernis, as principall custummar of this burcht, to rander and gif in the firlottis and pekis pertenyn to him to be producit within the tolbuyth of Innernis in presens of the prowest and baillies thair, quharthrow it maye be seyne and considerit gif the saidis firlottis and peckis be sufficient conforme to the actis and statutis maid thairanent, quhilk Gilbert custummar hes tane vpon hand to produce the samyn to be mendit be the adwyse of the prowest and baillies gif neid be conforme to the said actis, and in respect he is callit and persewit as principall custummar protestis that na vther man within this burcht haif place to the said custummarie induring his lyftyme.

Donald McHuchoun Beg in Drumchardnye is becumin actit of his awin fre motywe will, renunceand his awin jurisdictioun and summitting him to the jurisdictioun of the prowest and baillies of Innernis in this case, as souerte and cautioune for Thomas McIntinclarycht1 to do to William Cuming all that becummes him of the law of quhat the said William hes to imput to the saidis Thomas charge, and also the said Donald McHuchoun Beg hes actit him self law borrowis for the saidis Thomas that William Cuming his wyff, bernis, serwandis, houshald gudis, geir, cornis, and cattell, saibe harmeless and skaythless of the saidis Thomas and all that he maye stope and latt bot as law will, vnder the pane of law.

28 Oct. Ane brocht strukin be William Cuming burges of Innernis on Thomas McIntinclarycht, cottar in the Bucht, that wrangusie and aganis the law he tuike the beir that was sawin betuix him and the said William

1 Thomas, son of the Sinclair.
in halffar is with the said William his seid, tuike twentie schaiffis thairof and put four schaiffis in ilk steake of aittis of fyff steakies, extending to xx schaiffis, quhilk being apprehendit be Jasper Cuming son and apperand air of the said William, the said Thomas seing the samyn apprehendit said to the said Jasper, quhow culd he bettir wair him self nor on him that hes heritage to tyne, and also desyrit fyre to Byrne all the cornis was thair for the tyme, of the quhilkis xx schaiffis thair is presentlie tuaye schaives to be sychtit. Comperit the said Thomas and allegis giff sic was to be done be his wyiff and desyris hir to be soittit and persewit thairfor.

Ane brocht strukin be William Cuming on Thomas McIntinclarycht his cottar that wrangusle and aganis the law he haiffing my gudis in keipin, haiffing his payment thairfor, hes lattin tuay kye of myne be stikkit wyth the hornis of vther gudis in fault of hyrding, desyring him be decernit to recompane the skayth I haif sustenit heirin in his dewet. Comperit McIntinclarycht and allegis to haif deliuerit the saidis gudis haill and fearyr within the said William Cumingis clois, and offeris to preiff the samyn.

Ane brocht strukin be Magnis Caskin on Andro McLeoyd his cottar, that wrangusle and aganis the law he makis him nocht payment of ane blak oxe of fyff yeiris auld stollin out of his cottar hous on Sundaye at ewin last, being in the saidis Andro McLeodis keipin wyth the rest of his oxin, haiffing his sowde thairfor, aucht and suld haif kepit the said oxe as the rest fra theiff, wolf, pott and myre, desyring him be decernit to randrer and delywer the said blak oxe or ellis to allege the contrar. Comperit Andro McLeoyd and allegit he aucht nocht to keip the said oxe fra theißis, and that be ressoun of the insufficiencie of the said Magnis cottar hous. And Magnis Caskin allegis the said cottar hous to be sufficient as the rest of the cottar houssis in the cuntre.

Thir personis following being accusit for passing bye the Kingis myln wyth thair suckin to vtheris mylnis, sic as Deirbocht, Leis, Culcabok, as thai qua ar bund suckynnaris to the Kingis myln, viz., Jonat Neilson, Christian Fargusson, Scheak NeynTawes, Helyne NykPhaill, [and 24 others], quhilkis personis hes actit thameselfis in case thai be apprehendit or notit in ony tyme cuming pas bye the Kingis myln to otheris mylnis forsaid, thai and euerilk ane of thame sall content and paye the sowme of thre pundis monye to the commoun wark of this burcht vnforgewin.

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Ane brocht strukin be Duncane McLauchlin, tennent to Alexander Cuthbert in Litill Drake, on Andro Cuthbert son to David Cuthbert, that wrangusle and aganis the law in this last harvest com to the said Duncan in Drakye, qhar he wes schering and collecting his cornis, desyring of him ane thiggyne of corne, quha gaif him ane stowke of aittis. Thairafter the said Andro past to the said Duncane son callit Thomas McConquhie desyring of him ane thiggin, quha offerit him sex schaifis aittis, and in respect he grantit him nocht his desyre trublit and dang the said Thomas, and alse trublit and dang the said Duncan as he quha com to red thame fra vtheris and boistit to slaye thame, and dang at thame wyth ane bow that was in his handis, and said he suld bynd thame bak for bak, desyring the said Andro Cuthbert to be decernit to haif done wrang and pvneist for the trubling of sic puri men and serwandis, quha nayt the haill heirof.

Ane brocht strukin on all and haill the vnfre broustaris of this burcht quhais names followis: [a large number of men and women charged with selling ale dearer than the fixed price]. Alse ye and ilkane of yow ar followit for non keiping of the preching on the Sabotht day, as ye quha aucht and suld keip the kirk the said daye, and postponis to do the samyn without ye be compellit. The haill personis forsaidis hes actit thame selfis of thair awin fre motywe will to keip the kirk and preching on the Sabotht day in all tyme coming, vnder the pane of tynsale of all and haill the liberte privilege and fredome quhilkis thai haift of the prouest baillies and cunsall of this burcht, and to be dischargit thairof in case said the act be nocht obseruit and keipit in all tyme cuming.

Johne Neilson burges of Innernis is becumin actit souertie and cautioun for entring of Magie Neilson his dochtr befoir the prouest bailies and cunsall the tent day of December instant for breking of waird, scho being chargit to remane within the tolbuytht induring the the jugis will for satifecing of the bailles for hir vnlaw.

James Farquharson confessis bying of pleddis and skynnis vtouht this burcht, clayth and woll, quhilk as he allegis to haift sauld to fre men of this burcht. Also confessis the selling of xxv pleddis to ane Edin burcht man at Maremes last, quhilk he coft in Urquhart. Johne Dunbar for using of merchandice, bying of clayth, pleddis, selling of salt, vnadmittit be the prouest baillies and cunsall, is adjugit in amerciament
and dome giffin thairvpon. Donald Fraysser confessit to haif sauld the salt quhilk he rasauit as his stent of the schippes, confessis bying of claytht and selling of the samyn to whom he pleis, also confessis ane stane talloun sauld to the cordinaris of this burcht; for the quhilkis the saidis Donald is adjugit in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon, as he quha vsit the samyn vnadmittit or attollerit be the prowest baillies and cunsall.

Ane brocht strukin be the procuratoris fiscall of this burcht on all and haiil the vnfre men that byis and copes tymmer, that is to say, William Tomson, Gilbert Kar, Donald Vrquhart [and others], that quhar ye and ilkane of yow hes, bye all ordour and contravenyng of the actis of this burcht, hes coft tymmer, sic as rales, caberis, steakis, watling, buirdis, eaik and fyr bark, at your awin handis, quhilkis being arrestit be the officiaris of this burcht for the tyme, viz., Johne Gollan and William McPhaill the xij day of July last bypass, qharfor that ye and euerilk ane of yow be decernit to mak anser for the saidis tymmer bark plankis and sic vther tymmer coft be yow vnadmittit be the cunsall according to justice. Comperit William Tomson maltman, and confessit bying at the Ruidemess certan eakin buyrdis and plankis vtoutht this burcht and bark, convict in the wrang thairof. Gilbert Kar confessis bying of all keynd of tymmer, bying of hydis, barking and selling thairof to vnfre men to quhom he pleis, for the quhilkis he com in the cunsallis will. Donald Vrquhart confessis bying of tymmer and selling thairof to vnfre men and strangearis, for the quhilkis he is becum in the cunsallis will. Allister McWilliam McPhadrilk confessis bying of tymmer and housing of vtheris mennis tymmer to thair cuming agane, for the quhilkis he is adjugit in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon.

Comperit Petir Waus acclamand Johne Gib certane peces of tymmer intromettit wyth be him of the said Peteris in this towne at the Brig end thairof in the moneth of November last, viz., saucht, asche and holyne, to the nummer of thre dussan and ten pece, price of the haiil xvj lib. 

Comperit Johne Gollan acclamand William McGleschen ane bow wyth ane dussan arrowes in ane bag, price thairof xls. monye of this realme, quhilk he lent to the said William in anno 1576 yeiris.

Comperit in jugement George Ros and William Cuthbert, procuratoris fiscallis of this burcht, quha exhibeit and producit ane burrow
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precept of the provost and bailies of the burcht of Innernis dewle execut
and indorsat, berand that quhar vpon the sewint day of this instant
Januar the provest bailles and cunsall being convenit within the tolbyuth
of the said burcht for stenting of horses to hame bring the commoun
stones, wynyn for reparation of the port on the brig, and deliberatioun
adwyissatle of sic vther thingis as concernyng the commoun weill of the
said burcht and nychtbouris and inhabitantis of the samyn, being thairin-
till congregat to the effect forsaids, quha all in ane woce consentit thairto,
as alssua Johne Reid son to wmqhill Sir John Reid being personalie
present in the said tolbyuth was in semblable maner requerit to contribuite
wyth the said extent be the moutht of the provest and bailies being pre-
sent for the tyme, as he that was fre man and burges within the said burcht
and thairbe astrictit to concur wyth the provest bailles cunsall and com-
munitie forsaids in scot lott stent and taxt, conforme to the tennour of his
electioun in burgesschip and ayth giffin thairvpon, quha nochtwyth-
standing, in manifest contempt and disobedience of the said provest and
bailies representand for the tyme the Kingis majesteis persoun and his
autoritie royall, wyth his cuwerit heid, but reverence to God prince nor
magistrat, refusit alluterlie to stent lott or contribuite wyth the saidis
prowest bailles and cunsall to the hame bringyne of the said stanes to
the said commoun wark, expres contrar the tennour of his said electioun
in fre man and ayth giffin thairvpon. And also the said Johne Reid
opprobriouslie in presens of the saidis magistratis as said is gaif to Johne
Gollan nychtbour within this burcht the mantie and lye, na wayis
acknowlegeing God, prince, nor his magistratis, aganis his said electioun
and aytht as is allegit, as the said precept in it self at mair lentht pro-
portis.

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Thir personis following being accusit for halding within this burcht
of sweene dalie hurting thair nychtbouris in holing of thair landis and
yardis, as thai quha ar forbiddin gudis and aucuth nocht to be haldin
within burcht, desyring the saidis forbidden gudis in caise thai be nocht
haldin and keipit fra the nychtbouris skayth quha ewir he be that fyndis
or comprehendis thame in thair skayth to dispone vpon thame thair.
Comperit Andro McPhalis wyff and confessit to haif thre sweene, James
Wilson confessis tuay sweeney, Thomas Kar confessis sweene, Johne
Reid confessis ane sowe, Johne Dow McConquhie, Patrik Auchlek, Johne
Merschell, Jonat Paterson, Thomas Ross, quhiliks personis forsaidis hes
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actit thame selffis and also chargit be the jugis that thai and ilkane of thame remoiff and put awaye thair sweyne of this burcht, quharthrow nychtbouris maye be skaythles of thame, as thai that ar vnlauichfull gudis, within xlviij hours, vnder the pane of ten pundis the handis to the brig wark of this burcht, and also hes ordanit proclamatioun to be maid in the kirk and mercat croce for remoiffing of the said sweyne of this burcht in this forme following quarthrow thai pretend na ignorance, quhilkis proclamatiounis being maid opinlie and being chargit in jugement the saidis personis and all vtheris haiffing sweyne to vnderlye the panes forsaidis vnforgewin:—Forsamekle as it is humlie menit to God and halie kirk that nychtbouris of this burcht of Inneirnis heirin dwelland deteneis and haldis forbiddin gudis sic as sweyne, quha will nocht sustene thame within thair awin biggynnis, bot sufferis thame to offend thair nychtbouris nycht and day in wrutting and eittting of thair cornis and gerse, tending thairbe to rais occasioun of discord, for desyring of gude and faithfull nychtbourrecht to be obseruit and keipit according to the law of God and man, inhibiting in Gods name, our Souerane Lord the Kingis name, prowst and baillies of this burcht, that all inhabitantis of this burcht quha hes plesour to deteny, withhald, sustene, and keip to thair plesouris sweyne, that thai hald thame within thair awin biggynnis, cloissis, or rowmes, quharthrow thai resort nocht wythin thair nychtbouris boundis except quhar thai maye optene licience thame to trawell in, wyth certificatioun gif thai do the contrar the personis quhais landis thai maye fynd thame in maye dispone on thame conforme to Gods law and actis of Parliament, becaus thai ar forbiddin gudis, and quharthrow the personis forsaidis and all vtheris haiffing sweyne within this burcht pretend na ignorance, and for eschewing of forder inconveniens, hes causit proclame the samyn within the paroche kirk of Inneirnis in tym of preching, and thaireftir at the mercat croce of this burcht, upon the xiiiij day of June anno lxxix yeiris and vpon the xvij day of Januar yeir forsaid.

The personis followit quha entrit to brewe at thair awin handis vnadmittit be the cunsall:—James Wilson being accusit for brewing at his awin hand as he quha dischargit him self opinlie in jugement at Michaelmes last, quha confessit he brewit nocht sen Michaelmes bot ane broust at Yule last, and that he sauld ane pairt thairof. Comperit his wyff be hir self and deponit the contrar, quha is fundin mensworne.
1579-80  Jonat Buddyth confessis brewing of ane broust at Yule, and sauld the
16 Jan.  samyn within the hous. Robert McAllister confessis ane broust agane
Yule, and deponit he sauld nane thairfra, quha is absoluit thairfra.
Robert Wedall confessis ane broust brewing betuix him and Thomas
Gray at Yule, ar fundin fre of selling thairof. Andro McInslegocht
confessis ane broust at Yule, deponit he sauld nane thairof, absoluit. Thomas
Genour confessis brewing at Yule unadmittit, and alleges licence of
Jasper Dempster baille, continewit to the cunsall. Allister Skynnar
confessis brewing be the licence of Johne Cuthbert baillie for payment
of the duetie conforme to the rest of the stalleangearis, continewit to the
cunsall.

23 Jan.  Ane brocht strukin be William Cuthbert and George Ross, procur-
atoris fiscallis of this burcht, on Nicoll Kar, Johne Neilson and Johne
Bur, burgessis of Inverness, that wranguslie and aganis the law nocht-
wythstanding ye and ilkane of yow being inhibeit be vertu of ane act of
Parliament maid for discharging of all aquawytie pottis within this
realme fra the last day of December last bypast, nochttheless the saidis
personis dalye and nychtlie sensyne occupeis and visis thair aquawyte
pottis now as of befoir the charge and inhibitioun past thairvpon, in hie
contempt of our Souerane Lordis actis maid thairanent and prowest and
baillies inhibitioun past thairvpon as said is, quharfor for avoiding of
forder inconvenient and danger to cum vpon the magistratis of this
burcht in case thai be fundin sleuthfull in overseing of the saidis pottis
and brewaris of the samyn, thairfor thaye to be decernit to vnderlye the
dynt of the said act of Parliament and all that followis thairvpon.

6 Feb.  The jugis hes decernit Johne McThomas McBean to hald sufficient
nychtbourschip in tyme cuming to Johne Cuming his nychtbour as he
quha hes incurit greit skayth in his caill and herbes in tymes bygane in
the said Johne McBeanis dewet, and to big his dykis sufficientlie.

5 Mar.  Comperit Robert Waus ane of the baillies of the burcht of Inverness
and repleggit Jasper Dempster fra the schiref courtis and his deputis to
be persewit befoir the prowest and baillies of this burcht in the actioun
and caus mowit be Johne Neilson his contrar.

1580  Ane brocht strukin be William Cuthbert and George Ros, procur-
25 Mar.  atouris fiscallis of this burcht, on Johne Ard, Jasper McWilliam
McOlmorrie, Dauid Dict, Andro Muk, and Andro McRobe, that

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wrangusle and aganis the law ye and ilkane of yow hes hyrit your horses to the locht Nes wyth aill, viz., Johne Ard j horse, Jasper McWilliam ij horses, Dauid Dict tuaye horses, Andro Muk ane horse, and Andro McRobe ane horse, and diuers tymes of befoir hes careit aill, brogatt, beir, wyth all kynd of wiwers, expres in contrar the actis and statutis maid thairanent, to the greit hurt hawie damagne and skayth of this burcht and liegis and rasing of dertht thairin, conforme to the saidis actis maid thairanent, that is to saye euerilk horse that passis to the locht wyth sic grayth to be eschett, and the awnaris of the horses to be pvneist in ther bodeis gudis and geir according to the saidis actis and statutis maid for suppressing of dertht, nochtwythstanding ye and ilkane of yow wyth the rest of thais quha hes horses within this burcht hes bene diuere and sindre tymes inhibeit be the baillies and thair officiaris to wse the lyke, nochttheless ye haif done the contrar and hes contempanatle brokin inhibitioun, desyryng the saidis personis to be decernit to haif done wrang and pvneist heifor in exempill of vtheris that the lyke be nocht vst in na tyme cuming. Comperit the forsaidis personis and confessit to haif hyrit thair horses to Nicoll Kar, nochtwythstanding heifor the procuratoris forsaidis desyryng the samyn to be cognoscit quhethir gif thai haif wrangit or nocht in the breking of inhibitioun. The inqueist forsaid in respect of the actis and statutis maid heiranent and inhibitioun past thairvpon fyndis the saidis personis to haif done wrang, for the quhilkis thai ar adjugit in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon.

William Cuming, ane of the baillies of this burcht judicialiter in jugement, quhar Jasper Dempster ane of the baillies of the said burcht stude at the bar without leiff askit or grantit to procur, contrar the actis and statutis of this burcht, plane contrar his ayth and making of the said act and statut of constitutioun of this burcht for pvnisment of thais that transportis the wiwers out of this burcht and speciallie aill to the Locht Nes and the carearis thairof, quhilk aill was vnder arreistment careit be the personis forsaidis, and quhar the said Jasper contravenit his ayth and trublit the curt in speaking at the bar as ane partie without leiff askit or grantit, requerit act and instrument; and Jasper Dempster allegis the contrar, that he contravenit nocht the actis nor statutis maid be the cunsall nor hes nocht contravenit his ayth bot in commoun speiking, as the rest of the nychtbouris dyd and na forder.

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1580 Thomas Symson being accusit for selling of xijd. aill after the samyn was cunyncht and sett for xd. the quart, nocht wythstanding thairof the saidis Thomas dyd the contrar, quha being present in jugement confessit the samyn. The jugis be his awin confession hes fundin the saidis Thomas to haif done wrang, as he quha is ane officiar quhateuacht and suld gif gude exempill to vtheris, for the quhilkis he is adjugit in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon, and ordanit to be poindit for vijs.

23 April Anent the compaint maid be Johne Cuthbert burges of Innernis, tackisman of the tane half of the towne and landis of the Merkenche, to the baillies cunsall and communitie of the said burcht of Innernis, vpon ane novatioun and rywing out of ane pece new land callit the Thorne Bus be Johne Neilson, now present possessour of the tother half of the saidis towne and landis of the Merkenche; And the said Johne Cuthbert understanding him self to paye lyke maill and duetie furth of the saidis landis of Merkenche in maner as the said Johne Neilson, thairfor allegis that ane equall partitioun and dewydung aucht to be tane vpon quhatsumewir land laitlie rewin out or to be rewin, the commontie being exceptit; and at quhais desire thir personis following being of the cunsall baillies and sum of the commonis, to wit, Williame Cuming and Robert Waus, baillies of the burcht of Innernis, Johne Ros burges thair, Alexander Cuthbert, Gilbert Patersone, Robert Reid, Nicoll Kar, burgessis of Innernis, and for secluding and satling downe of all contraverseis quarell and debaittis mowit or to be mowit be atheris of the saidis Johne Cuthbertis and Johne Neilsoun contrar vtheris, quhilk honorabill personis aboutewrittin comprerit vpon the said grantowd of the Merkenche for mitigatioun and putting to rest the forsaid allegit novatioun and out rywing of the said Thorne Buss, quharof the said Johne Cuthbert comprerit for his intres and desyrit the forsaidis nychtbouris to consider the forsaid novatioun being of the auld be the space of fourtie yeiris preceeding commoun. The said Johne Neilsoun for himself and his intres desyrit of Johne Cuthbert tackisman forsaid, wyth consent of the prowest baillies and cunsall, ane partitioun and equall dewydung of the said hailt towne and landis of Merkenche to be tane and sum competent day, the nychtbouris being adwysit and craffit to this effect. And quharbe the samyn suld tak the bettyr effect the said Johne Cuthbert requerit Johne Ros tackisman of the said half of the said towne and landis of the Merkenche, gif he wald grant to the dewydung of the saidis
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haill landis of Merkenche conforme to the desyre of the said John Neilsoun now present possessour thairof, quha voluntarilie grantit and consentit to the samyn.

Ane brocht strukin be Laurens Robertson, son to John Robertson burges of Innernis, on Allister McThomas Roy, that quhar the said Laurence being awaitting on his fatheris barne, keipand the samyn and doand his lefull bessines thairin, hoippand na ewill bot to haiff leiffit vnder Godis peace, our sourcannes, and your lordshipis provest and baillies of this burcht, the said Allister com in to the said barne vpon him of sett purpois, he being alone thair vpon the xxiiij day of Aprill instant, and crewellie maisterfullie and vnmercifullie sett vpon the said Laurence, and drew ane greit durk knyff, and said that my father vas awand him ane reid benok and walde rewenge the samyn on me, and gaif me thre streikis wyth the said durk in the heid, to the greit effusion of my blude, and walde haiff slane me war nocht I fled awaye fra him, desyring justice and rameid according to justice. Comperit the said Allister and nayis the haill brocht forsaid. The inquest forsaid hes fundin the said Allister to haiff done wrang in the troubleshooting dingyne and blude drawing of Laurence Robertson in respect the samyn is referrit to his ayth, quha refusit to depone in the said caus or to queit himself fra the said blude, for the quhilkis he is adjugit in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon.

Catheryne Boy and Marie NeynAne Garrow for the wrangus dingyne of vtheris in opin mercat and troubleshooting of the townie ar adjugit in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon, and ordaniit to be put in the stokkis, and thair to remane induring the jugis will and pleisour.

Ane brocht strukin be John Cuthbert of the Auld Castelhill on Marrat NykConquhie and Magie Myll his servandis, that wrangusle and aganis the law thai beand his feit servandis, haiffing crediet of his hous quhan him self and his wyiff vald be at the sermond on the Sabotht day and a landwart wther dayis of the owke vsand thair lefull bessines, the said Marrat and Magie hes ane fals kye and opnit his sellar durris, and tuike out of the said sellar certan beiff, meill, flowr, salt, beir, wyth sic vther grayth was thairin diuers and sindre tymes, vsand the samyn as thai plesit sen Mertemes last, and disponit and gaiff the samyn to Donald Grantis wyiff callit Elspet Cowpar. Allsua ane wther servand woman callit Magie Anderson gaiff maist commonlie to James Wilsonis wyiff, callit Isbell Donaldson, Layis dochtir, sic grayth as is aboue specefeit, to

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his greit hurt hawie dampnage and skayth, as the kye presente is heir to
testifie the deid done be thame.

Ane brocht strukin be Johne Cuthbert of the Auld Castelhill on
James Wilson and his spous Isbell Donaldson, that wranguslie and aganis
the law thai commonlie rasauit fra his saidis serwandis divers and sindre
tymes thir thrie yeiris bygane certan woll to greit quantitie, beiff, meill,
beir, flowr, quheit, salt, and sic vther grayth as was in the said seilar,
qhiilk geir be tymes thai rassauit fra Magie Anderson, and quhen the
said Isabell Donaldson langit efter their cuming wyth sum grayth scho
said to them, ye ar bot puir theiffis, ye dar do na thing, for quhen I was
in service as ye ar I wald haif my part of sic stuff as was in that hous,
for the gudeman nor gudewyff will mys na thing in respect the gudewyff
beris the keis in hir awin keiping; and desyris the saidis personis be
decernit to haiff done wrang and puneist according to justice.

The Assise hes fundin Marrat NykConquhie to haiff done wrang be
hir awin propri confessioun in Judgement, for the quhilkis scho is ordanit
to be brynt wyth ane irne on the cheik, thairefter to be banneist of this
burcht for ewir, and in case scho be fundin heir agane to be drownit, and
dome giffin thairvpon. Siclyke the Assise hes fundin Magie Myll to haiff
done wrang be hir awin propri confessioun, quha is ordanit to be banneist
of this burcht for ewir and dome giffin thairvpon. The inquest hes
fundin Elspat Cowpar to haiff done wrang as scho quha rasauit the said
Johne Cuthbertis meill be the confessioun of the giffaris thairof serwandis
forsaidis, and ordanis Donald Grant and his spous to be banneist of this
towne and to remoiff within thre dayis, and in case thai be fundin agane
remane heir to brynt on the cheikis bayth he and scho, and dome giffin
thairvpon.

30 June
William Suffrycht of his awin fre will hes actit him self to paye to
the provest baillies and cunsall for vsing of the privilege liberte and
fredome of ane freman in bying of rocht leddir barking and lymyng
thairof iiij lib. monye, to be wairst vpon the commoun wark of this burcht,
and for vsing thairof till Michaelmes, provyding he send na leddir to
mercattis vnder the pane of escheitting thairof.

Fynla McMurraycht for vsing of the said privilege pais xxs. xxx. Allister Skynnar is ordanit to content and paye for vsing of the said
privilege to Michaelmes nixt iij lib. Allister McConquhie for vsing of
the said privilege vnadmittit be the provest baillies and cunsall is
ordanit to paye xls., and to use the samyn to Michaelmes nixt for payment making thairof. Robert Wedall ordanit to paye xxxs. for his privilege to Michaelmes nixt.

Comperit in jugement Thomas Genour, indwellar within this burcht of Innernis, and presentit his bill of complaint, humlie menand that quhar him self his boit and serwandis past to Bowchane wyth certane barkit leddir of the nychtbouris of this burcht, quha upon the thrid day of October anno lxxix yeiris landit saiflie in the port of Downe in Bowchane and depeschit the said leddir out of the boit, quhar at the quhilkis tyme Andro Paterson dwelland in the said towne of Downe com to the saidis Thomas boit him self and vtheris his serwandis and complices in his name, quha maisterfullie and wranguslie tuike awaye wyth him thrie airis of the saidis Thomas boit, trocht want of the quhilkis haifland course of wynd to haif brocht thame hame, to wit, him self his boit and serwandis was constranit to haif lyin four dayes thair wyth his boit and serwandis on his expenssis in the said port or he culd gett his airis. And immediatle thairefter com ane greit tempest of weddir at thair out coming of the said port, and dang the said boit on the craggis, quhilk hurt the said boit ryocht ewill, him self and his serwandis in danger of thair lyffis trocht the greit tempest and contrarious wyndis, quhar the said Thomas was constranit in speyr hoipe to mak calffing to his boit of the sark was on his bak for saiftie of thair lyffis, quhilk boit and beitting of hir eftir thair hame cuming wynd expenses maid on hir and his serwandis and danger of thair lywes was darrer to the saidis Thomas nor ten pundis monye of this realme, quhilk skaythis dangereus expenssis and all com on him be the said Andro Paterson and in his deweit trocht his wrangus intrometting and awaye taking fra him of his airis forsaidis, and this done to him without onye offence done be him or onye of his to the said Andro Paterson; desyring the said Andro be decernit to refound content and paye to him the forsaied sowme of ten pundis as for the greit skayth and hender and expenses sustenit in the saidis Androis deweit, and forder to do justice in the premisses. Comperit Andro Paterson and confessit his intromissioun wyth tuaye airis of the saidis Thomas boit, and that for sum actioun he had aganis Androw Barroun.

Comperit in jugement William Cuming burges of Innernis and producit his bill of complaint, humlie menand and complanand that quhar...
the said William, haveand aene dog of the keynd of sleutht hwindow to await
on his chalmer and clois for impediment making in the nycht to theiffis
or offendaris quha wald preis to his lugeing in the nycht, and alsua
necessar to persew vnlauchfull gudis, sic as sweyne quhilkis wruttis wpe
nychtbouris cornis, and also was aene necessar dog to the said William
Cuming to await on him quhar or quhat place the said William travellit
to, nochtwynsthe standing Robert Reid burges of Innernis maliciouslie on
ewill wicket will and greit hatrett and preway gruge in hارت the said
Robert Reid had at the said William Cuming, on Tuisdaye last, being
the seconde day of August instant, hes crewellie slane his doge and giffin
him thre streaikis wyth ane quhynzear.

Robert Reid burges of Innernis strekis aene brocht on William
Cuming burges of the said burcht, that wrangusle and aganis the law
the said William hes brocht hame aene dog out of Murray quhilk hes done
and dois to his nychtbouris greit harme and skayth, lyke as on Tuisdaye
last was the said dog slew aene sowe of the said Robertis, doand na harme
to him nor fyndand the said sowe in his skayth, bot had past furtht of
the saidis Robertis clois, quhilk sowe was full of gryes, and for feayr
scho suld haif done skayth to nychtbouris held her dalie and nychtlie in
his awin clois to the said dog scho com out, and wes slane be the
said dog. The said William Cuming assuring thairto sayis it was
ordonit and statut be publict ordinance be act of curt to Robert Reid
and vtheris diverse nychtbouris of this burcht detenearis of sweyne, quha
wrutt vpe thair nychtbouris cornis and dalie dyd thair nychtbouris skayth,
that nane suld be haldin within this burcht : the quhilkis slauchter of the
said sowe, gif scho be his, the said William Cuming awowes the dog slew
the said sow and nayis the hunting of him, and thairfor the said Robert
Reid, beand aene burges of this burcht, beand sworne the tyne of the
rasait of his ayth of burgesrye to mantene and observe the Kingis lawes,
dewe obedience to the provest baillies and cunsall of this burcht, hes
playnelie contravenit his ayth in breking of the statutis and ordinances
of this burcht in deteneing of sweyne efter the act.

The said Robert being accusit for his sweyne deponit to haif nane
at this present, and hes obelisit himself to haif nane sweyne within this
burcht in tyme cuming, in case he do, quhar thai may be apprehendit
in ony skayth, to be slane. Siclyke Andro McPhaill confessis j sowe,
James Wilson confessis sweyne, quha hes ordanit in case thai be fundin
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vtouht their clois to be slane, and the said sweyne newir to be persewit be thame.

Donald McAngus McAllister of Glengarrie is becumin actit in the burrow buiks of Innernis of his awin fre motywe will souertie and cautiouand for Ewin McAne VeConquhie in Killenan in Auchdrom, renunceand all jurisdictioun and summitting him to the jurisdictioun of the provest and baillies of Innernis in this caise, to thankfulle refund content and pay to Johe Robertson burges of Innernis quhatsumewir dettis of geir the said Johe Robertson will sufficientlie preiff to be awand him be the said Ewin befoir the said provest and baillies, provyding that the said Ewin war warnit be oppin proclamatioun at the mercat croce of Innernis vpon the premonitioun of xv dayis warnyng to compeir befoir the said provest and baillies and to mak anser vpon the said Johe Robertsonis clame, and speciallie concernyng the sowme of xvij merkis monye contenit in ane confermit testament of wnquhill Johe Strachin and now pertenyng to the said Johe Robertson as executour to the said wnquhill Johe Strachin, and in this caise refusing the jugement of all other jugis except the said provest and baillies allanerlie; And inlykemane that the said Johe Robertson mak dewe advertisment to the said Lard of Glengarrie at Ellan Dreuechane to the effect forsaid, and in caise of the non comperance of the said Ewin, and the said Johe Robertson optenying decreit in his contrar, in that caise the said Donald McAngus of Glengarrie permittis be thir presentis the said Johe Robertson to poind and distreinye quhatsumewir gudis or geir pertenyng onye of his cuntre folkis dwelling within his boundis and cuntreis, aye and quhill he be satefeit of the said sowme contenit in the said decreit, befoir thir witnes Rynnald McAllan, James Habram, Gilbert Ker, Johe Reid buiks, and Robert Waus, noter publict, commoun clerk of this burcht, vpon the qulilkis Johe Robertson requerit act in presens of the witnes foresaidis.

The provest baillies cunsall and communitie of the burcht of Innernis being assemblit and convenit togyther wythin the cunsalhous of the tolbuyth of Innernis, hes condiscendit statut and ordanit quhen and quhat tyme onye of the commoun tackis of wattr, mylnis, or landis fallis and chanes to becum in our handis be inleaik of airis maile lauch-fullie gottin of his bodie allanerlie quha being last tackisman awnar and possessour of onye of the saidis commoun tackis or any pairst thairof,

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that in that caise the narrest of his blude being of his surname, being
burges and gild of this burcht able and qualefeit thairfor, without onye
contrarietie sall succed to the said vacant tack or tackis; and gif it sal
happin that the said narrest of the last possessouris blude and surname
be nocht burges and gild of this burcht at the deceis of the last possessour
of onye of the saidis commoun takis, in that cais, sua the intrant be of the
last possessouris blude and surname and dwelling within this burcht, and
lynallie descending of burgessis and gild of this burcht allanerlie, haiffig
fre bigging of his awin, making the maist part of thair habitatioun and
dwelling within the samyn, being ydoneus and indowit wyth gude
qualiteis and conversation reput and haldin be the cunsall, than sal he be
promowit to his burgesrie and gild and sall succed to the last posses-
souris vacand tact or tackis, payand particularlie ilk persoun entring to
onye of the saidis commoun tackis in this maner as effir followis, viz.,
the airis maile lauchfulle gottin of the last possessouris bodie allanerlie
payand for his tact or tackis his dowbill intre allanerlie, quhilkis failycei
the narrest of blude and surname sall pay for ilk merk land ten merkis
monye, the quartar of the Kingis myln and fourtie schilling maling of
the watter of Ness fourtie pundis of compositioun. And attour forsas-
mekle as the said prowest and cunsall, considering and haiffig large
attendance that thair watter cumand vnder the forme of dispositioun in
maner aboue wreittin dois intricate and confuse the commoun weill of this
burgh, quharbe that thair forsaed wattr maye cum in the handis of thre
or four particular personis to the dissalowance of ane gude ordour,
Quharfor it is provydit quhan onye fourtie schilling maling of the watter
of Ness fallis and becummes in our handis for inleaik of airis maile lauch-
fulle gottin of his bodie allanerlie quha being last possessour thairoff,
that the narrest of his blude and surname being burges and gild of this
burghs sall succed to the said maling vacand of the said watter of Nes,
onles he be steakit wyth samekle of befoir, and gif sua be, it salbe lesum
to the prowest baillies and cunsall for the tyme to dispone the forsaed
maling to the nixt narrest of blude and surname of the said last posses-
sour, and sua furtht successive to the blude and surname being burges
and gild of this burcht, and linallie descending of maill of burgessis of
the samyn allanerlie, being meite and qualefeit for the samyn vacand tak,
sua that in all tyme cuming the said prowest baillies counsall and
remanent burgessis of this burcht hes statut and ordanit that na burges
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of the samyn sall brwike nor jois forder of the wattr of Ness bot ane
fourtie schilling mailling anlanelie, haldin of the prowest baillies and
cunsall of this burcht; And gif it sal happen, as God forbid it do, that
the narrest of blude and surname inleak, quharbe that thair beis nocht
ane alwy being burgess and gild of this burcht and lynallie descending
of thame as said is, being indwellaris in this burgh, to succeed to the
rowme and place of ane vther, in that caise it salbe lesun to the said
prowest baillies and counsell to dispone onye of the said vacand tackis
equaltie to thais burgessis of this burcht quha wantis tackis, being quale-
feit thairfor, and to nane haiffing tackis within this burcht. And for
faythfull obserwing fulfylling and keiping of all and haiil the premisses
the provest baillies cunsall and communitie sa monye as can wreit hes
subscriuit this present statut wyth thair handis, and the remanent of
the communitie that can nocht wreit subscriuit be the notaris vnder-
wreittin be thair handis at the pen led at thair commandis, And this to
stand ferme and stable for ws and our successouris in all tymne cuming.
William Cuthbert, prowest off Innernis, w't. my hand; William Cuming
ane of the balzes of the bruche of Innernes, w't. my hand; James
Habram baille, v't. my hand; Jhone Kar baylze, w't. my hand;
Jhonne Ross, w't. my hand; Wm. Bailze, w't. my hand; Jhone Cuithbeirt
of ye Ald Castell Heill, w't. my hand; Gilbert Patirson, w't. my hand;
Al' Il Cuithbart, w't. my hand; Jhone Cuithbartt, w't. my hand; Dawid
Cuthbart, w't. my hand; Alex'. Duffe, w't. my hand; Jhone Robertson, v't.
my hand; Fynla Donaldson, w't. my hand; Jhone Cuming, w't. my hand;
Alexander Patirson, w't. my hand; George Cuming, w't. my hand; Jamis
Donaldson', with my hand; Henry Suderland, w't. my hand; Jaspar
Dempster, w't. my hand; Gilb'. Duff, wy't. my hand; Mr. Jo'n. Ross, w't. my
hand; Nicholl Kar, Johane Roye Cuming, James Skynnair, Patrik
Skynnair, Robert Reid, Henrie Kar eldar, Henrye Kar zung', Andro
Gutherye, Alex'. Haye, Thomas Cuthbert, Andro Skynner, George
Morison, Thomas Kar, Johne Merschell, Johnne Gollane, Thomas Kar,
Andro Dempster, Johnne Nelson, Johane Bur, burgessis of Innernes,
w't. our hands at the pen led be Robert Waus, notar publict, and commoun
clerk of ye broch off Innernes.

Jasper Cummyng, procurator fiscall of the burcht of Innernis, exhibeit 15 Dec.
and producit in jugement ane burrow precept of the prowest and baillies
of this burcht of Innernis dwlie execut and indorsat, berand that

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1580   for sakekle as it was ressonit be the commissionaris of burrowis in diuers
their conventionis anent the multitude of fre burgessis and brethrin of
gild maid and creatit in diuers burrowis of this realme, quhiliks dwellit
and remanit out of burgh quharof thai war maid fre and maid na residence
thairin, tending to the greit henderance of the inhabitantis of the burcht
and na les disawantaige of the estait of merchantis and forderance of
the commoun weill of the said burcht, and for rameid heirof the commis-
missionaris of burrowis convenit hes statut and ordanit and votit and in ane
vniforme consent aggreit that the prowest and baillies of ilk burcht of
this realme sall caus mak lauchfull citation and warnyng vpon pre-
monitioun of fourtie dayis to all and sindrie personis quhom thai haif
maid fre men and brethrin of gild, nocht dwelling within the towne
quharof thai ar fre, to cum and dwell and mak their actuall residence,
wyth their wyiffis, bernis, famyll, fre and flitt within the burcht quharof
thai ar fre, hald stob and steak within the samyn, skatt [scot], lott, vache,
walk and ward wyth the inhabitantis thairof, betuix this and the xv day
of December nixt to cum, and failyeing thairof to heir and se thame selffis
and ilk ane of thame decernit to haiff tynt thei fredome and prewilege
of the burcht quharof thai ar fre, and to be put furtht of the rollis and to
haif na libertie nor prewilege within the burcht in na tyme thairefter, as
the said statut and act maid thairvpon in the self mair fullelie proportis.
Be vertu quharof lauchfulle summonit warnit and chargit be oppin
proclamation at the mercat croce of this our burgh of Innernis honorabill
men, that is to say, Robert Dunbar of Durris, Johne Waus of Lochtslyn,
Johne Wyncister of Alterlie, and Adam Davidson in Catnes, to compeir
within the burcht of Innernis quharin thai war maid fre men befoir the
prowest baillies and cunsall and brethrin of gild, and thair to present
thameselfis, thair wyiffis, bernis and famell to mak thair actuall residence
to that effect, to hald fyre and flitt within this burcht as thai that ar fre
men and brethrin of gild, hald stob and steak within the samyn this day,
and to heir and se thame and ilkane of thame respective forsaid to be
decernit to haiff teynt thair fredomes and prewilege of this our burcht,
and to haif na libertie nor prewilege of this burcht in maner forsaid in na
tyme coming. Comperit Johne Waus of Lochtslyn, and for obeying of
the said summondis and contentis of the samyn till e waide the sentence
and decreit of his depravailoun and tyning of his fredome of burges and
gild of this burcht, and protestit that the said decreit on na wayis suld be
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gewin aganis him, insafar as he was newir citit nor requerit of befoir to mak his actual residence within this burcht, to hald fyre and flett, stob and steaik wythin the samyu, and thairfor is content and willing to bind and obliis him self to dwell and remane within this burcht to the effect forsaid, or ellis ipso facto to tyne and to be forfaltit of his libertie privilige and fredeome of this burcht in all tyme cuming, wyth all possessionis tackis rowmes and stedinis qhuilk he hes, haldin of the said provest baillies and cunsall, to fall in thair handis and to be at thair disposition in caise he mayd nocht his habitatioun and dwelling within the said burcht all the haill yeir, or at the leist the maist paift thairof, conforme to the burrow lawes of this realme, and desyris the jugis answeris. The said provest and bailies, finding and understanding the gude mynd and answer of the said Johne Waus of Lochtslyn for his ernistfull craiffing and requering him self, as alsua willing him self to be bunding and obleist to hald fyre and flett, stob and steaik, and to mak actuall habitatioun and residence within this burcht, for decoring outsetting manteinyng and defending the libertie and commoun weill thairof, as alssua for advancement and gude furthsett of trafficaris and merchanttsis, for the qhilk caus and to the effect forsaid ordanis him to be actit bundin and obleist within our burrow buikis, vpon the qhilkis the said Johne Waus requerit act. [Obligation to this effect follows.]

Comperit Jasper Dempster, procurator for the said Robert Dunbar [of Durris], sayis and allegis albeit that gude will and mynd he buyr to wse his dwelling within this burcht for the maist paift of the yeir, and to fulfyll the actis statutis and ordinances maid be the commissionaris of burrowis thairanent and summondis direct thairvpon, and nochtwisstanding of the samyn insafar as it being notoriouslie knawin to the jugis and nychtbouris about that lesumlie the said Robert Dunbar culd nocht repair hant and mak his actuall residence heir without the greit hasart of his lyffe, becaus of deidlie feide standing and as yet vnrecunsalit betuix him and sum of the clannis ewous to this burcht; thairfor vnto the tyme that the said deidlie feid war recunsalit that he culd nocht haiff securitie of his lyff to repair and dwell within this burcht onles sic eelest war put to rest and queatnes, and for this caus can nocht bynd him self in this troublussum tymes for to mak his actuall residence and habitatioun within this burcht as being burges and gild thairof for the caussis forsaidis; and thairfor craifffit your maisterschipis answeris, and to considder howe
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1580 hard it standis wyth him on ilk syde at this present, and desyris the
15 Dec. prowest and baillies ansueris, quha considerit his allegance to be trew
and of veritie, thairfor wald spair and continew the saidis Robertis
residence within this burcht quhill the formar deidlie feide war recunsalit, and quhill forder stabilitie occurrit within this realme. [Johne
Wyncister of Alterlie and Adam Davidson in Caithness, in respect of
their non-appearance after citation, are deprived of their freedom as
burgesses.]

20 Dec. Thomas McAye in Beanchir in Straytherne hes fundin Thomas
Cuthbert eldar and Johne Wrycht souerte and cautioune that he sall
noch in na tyme cuming be comprehendid slaye blak fiscke in onye tyme
cuming or quheit fiscke vpon the wattr of Ness betuix Claycht-nye-helig
and the sea, vnnder the pane of j*c lib.

1580-81 Convenit within the tolbuyth of Innernis the prowest baillies and
8 Jan. cunsall for ordour putting to the fishearis of the salmond fiscke of
Innernis and thai maisteris, awnaris of the said fiscke, concernyng the
meit fiscke quhill of auld was cuttit be the fishearis and brocht to the
mercat croce of this burcht for serwing of the nychtbouris of the said
burcht, as the actis maid thairanent at mair lentht proportis, for ordour
putting heirto the prowest baillies and cunsall, wyth the adwyse of the
rest of the cobbill men awnaris of the said fisching, hes statut and ordanit
that in na tyme cuming the maisteris of the saidis fische and cobbill sall
noch bye na meit fische, bot suffer the samyn to cum to the mercatt to
be sauld to the nychtbouris of this burcht quha hes na fisching of thair
awin, and inlykemaner the fishearis that thai cutt and pairt the said
fiscke and present the samyn to the mercatt croce in all tyme cuming
vnnder the panes contenit in the actis maid thairanent.

1581 Ane brocht strukin be Jasper Cuming, William Cuthbert and Jasper
7 April Dempster, procuratoris fiscallis of the burcht of Innernis, on Thomas
Dailglesche, sadlar, that wranguslie and aganis the law the saidis Thomas
hes contravenit the act of attollerance of libertie grantit and gewin to him
be the prowest baillies and cunsall of this burcht in bying of quheit
pleddis, woll, toddis, mertrackis, otteris, scheip skynniss, gait skynniss, nowte
hydis, bynokis, talloun, salt and wyne, wyth al vther keynd of merchan-
dice nocht contenit within the act of attollerance of libertie grantit to
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him, quha hes sauld the samyn to wnfre men noct being fre burgessis of this burcht, and sua vsurpis the libertie of this burcht in forstalling maner in bying and selling of sic geir as is above mentionat.

Jasper Dempster procurator forsaid desyris the saidis Thomas Dal-glesche to be chargit in waird to he fynd soueretic that the actioun acclamit within the brocht contenit be furthcumand to the cunsall as law will, quhilk the jugis grantit, quha was instante wardit be the command of the jugis.

Comperit in jugement Fynla Patersone burges of Innernis, tennent and tackisman to the eister half of the towe and landis of the Machre, lyand within the greschip of Innernis and schirefdome of the samyn, betuix the landis of Jasper Dempster burges of Innernis, tennent and tackisman to the westir half of the said towe and landis of the Machrie, at the west, the landis of Lytill Drakie at the eist, the landis of the quartar Inchis at the suth, and the landis of Knokintynnall at the northt, and of his awin fre motywe will vncoactit or compellit hes puirlie and simplie resignit the said half towe and landis of the Machre in the handis of William Cuthbert provest and Johne Kar one of the bailleis of this burcht of Innernis, fray him his airis and assigis, and renuncis all his tytle propertie and possessiou qhilk he had hes or in ony tyme cuming maye half in and to the saitis half towe and landis of the Machrie allanerlie, in faworis of Jasper Dempster burges of Innernis and his airis maill lauchfulie gottin or to be gottin of his bodie allanerlie, quhilks failyeing incumand to the narrowst of his blude and surname, conforme to aue act maid be the provest bailleis cunsall and communitie of the burcht of Innernis as the samyn in the self at mair lentht proportis, of the dait at Innernis the xxj day of November anno fourscoir yeiris; And the said Jasper Dempster is rasauit be the said provest and baillie as tennent to the said half towe and landis above wrettin, quha hes pait the dowble intre thairof extending to xxvjs. viijd. monye of this realme.

Forsamekle as the provest bailles and cunsall, wyth the minister 27 Sept. eldaris and deaconis of this burcht, fyndis Catheryne Keith, spous to Androw Vrquhart, to abwse hir in outsetting of hir as aue dissawar of the commoun peple, thairfor decernis hir to be banneist of this burcht, and gif scho beis fundin heirefter heir agane to be brint on the cheik and all vtheris assoiat in hir cumpanye, conforme to the act of Parliament maid anent vagabundis and beggaris, and commandis and chargis all the

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1581 inhabitantis of this burcht that none of thame rassaue or harborye onye beggaris or vagabundis on craiffit or sperit the provest baillieis and cunsall, gif sic personis quhatsumewir resortis to this burcht ar to be rassauit or lugit, and quha dois the contrar to be pynest conforme to the act of Parliament, and to gif vpe thair names quhom thai luige wyth, and to be pynest in thair bodeis gudis and geir as manifest contempnaris and brekaris of the actis of Parliament and statutis and actis of this burcht; And in sing and teakin of her lesing making scho beris ane crowne testefaeand the samyn.

9 Dec. Gilbert Paterson producit ane evident vpon ane buytht of the eister pairt of the sclaihous opnand on the cors merchand as is contenit in the formar pettioun.

1581-82 Comperit in jugement Henrie Sutherland as terme assignit to him be the jugis to produce sic tytle as he had of the Chapell Yard of the Greyne, quha compering and schew na tytle and forder allegit to haif na tytle without he gat the samyn of this towneship. The jugis in respect thairof hes decernit Henrie Sutherland to haif done wrang in intrusing of him self in the said Chapell Yard, and cutting of the treis cassin downe be the wynd, and disponyng thairon as he thocht gude to quhom he plesit, and ordanis preceptis to be direct for the provfeit of the violent occupatioun thairoff.

10 Feb. All and haill the indwellaris beyond the Wattir of Ness being accusit be William Baillie, provest, and Jasper Cuming, for stelng cutting and distryng of the browmes and hanyngis of Dunnane and the Bucht of lang tytle bygane, and last of all sen Yule last, thai thair serwandis being dierse tymes notit tane and comprehendit thairwyth, quhilk personis all and togyther being present in jugement, as thai quha war lauchfulle warmit to the samyn effect, hes all in ane woce becumin actit in the burrow buikis of Invernis of thair awin fre motwye willis that thai nor nane of thame dwelland bewest the wattir of Ness nor thair serwandis in na tytle cuming salbe fundin notit or comprehendit cutt, steill, distroye or tak awaye ony of the hanyngis and browmes of Dunnane and Bucht, and in caise onye of the indwellaris beyond the wattir or thair serwandis be apprehendit be the serwandis of William Baillie or Jasper Cuming, in that caise the awnaris of the serwandis tane
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and comprehendit wyth browme or hanyngis sall vnderlye the will and jugement of the saidis William Baille and Jasper Cuming.

The haill cordinar craft wyth the visitouris forsaidis fyndis William Dict wourde and qualiseit to be ane buyght haldar, payand the duetie following, to wit xs. for his intres and aucht merkis monye for his bankeit to the bailleis and haill craft, and sall act him self for non vsing of the liberte and privilege of fre men in ony tyme cuming except his craft allanerlie.

Allister Vrquhart humlie menis that quhar this present daye in the mornyng he com to George McAnie Reochtis dwelling and said to him he wrangit to be tackand awaye the muk and guding that was nocht his awin bot his maisteris, and in the contentioune the said George drew ane durk and struik the said Allister in the heid, and drew ane greit quantite of his blude to his greit hurt and skayth. The jugis be the examenatioun of famous witnes hes fundin George McAnie Reocht to haif done wrang for the blude drawing of the said Allister Vrquhart, for the quhilkis he is adjugit in amer ciament and dome giffin thairvpon.

Comperit Jasper Dempster burges of Innernis, and gaif in his bill humlie menand that quhar Thomas McGillechallum hes depa rtit and past out of his towne landis and biggin of the half Machre without onye warnyng maid to him according to the wse and consuetude of the cuntre, thairfor desyris him to be decernit to paye to the said Jasper for this yeir as he dyd the last yeir bypass, extending to xiijs. iiijd. monye of this realme, wyth ane lambe and sex dayis labour of his horses to his turse, and vther sex dayis to his mukking.

Huchoun Fraysser of Gwischannis is becumin actit in the burrow buikis of Innernis of his awin fre motywe will, renunceand his awin jurisdic tioun and summittin him to the provest and bailleis of Innernis in this caise, as souert and caution for entring of John McOleyr in Alcok and Donald McOleyr his son, as thai quha being art and pairt and be thair speciall command inwadit and crewellie persewit William Irrewing messinger wyth bow and culwering, to entir the saidis personis to vnderlye the law the xxvij day of August nixt, being the third daye of the air nixt, for the chryme forsaid.

The provest bailleis and cunsall hes sett the forstallit gudis quhilk chances to be forstallit this present yeir to cum to Robert Waus, William
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1582 27 Oct. Cuthbert and George Cuming, all and haill vpon this syde of the ferrye of Cromertie and within xij myles of the schire, for thankfull payment making to the prowest bailleis and cunsall and thair thesaurarlis of the sowme of sex pundis monye of this realme, and this to induyr for the space of ane yeir.

15 Nov. Ane brocht struikin be Jame Roy, commoun menstrall of the burcht of Innernis, on Agnes Gollan youngar, that wrangusle and aganis all law equite and justice, he being this last nycht, being the xiiij of this instant, passing trocht the towne and streittis thairof playand as wse was, and afoir the said Agnes hous, com out thairof certan wickit personis quha being lugit wyth hir, and keist stanis and cloddis at him, hurt him thair-wyth, and drew ane greit quantite of his blude, to his greit hurt and skayth and greit lychtlie and dishonour of this towneship, and efter he followit thame to the dur the said Agnes stekit the samyn and wald nocht lat him in, desyring the said Agnes to be decernit to haif done wrang as scho quha lugit and intertencit sic as committit the said lychtie vpon the haill towne and thair menstrall, and to be pyneist according to justice. The inqueist forsaid hes fundin be the examenation of certan famous witnes Agnes Gollan to haif done wrang, and hes convict hir in the blude maid vpon James Roy in respect scho lugit and gaif hous rowme to the committaris of the said blude, and for trubling of the towme vnder sylence of nycht, for the quhillcis scho is adjudgit in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon.

1582-83 23 Feb. The bailleis hes inhibeit Alexander Duff, James Cuthbert, Petir Waus, Johe Ros, Alexander Cuthbert, Johe Neilson, and rest of the watter men, that none of thame tak vpon hand to bye onye of the meit fishe of the salmond fisching of this burcht in onye tyme cuming othere of thair awin or vtheris, bot to suffer the samyn to be brocht to the mercat, partit and sauld to nychtbouris quha hes na wattir.

Johne Cuthbert burges of Innernis is becumin actit souertie and cautiou for Farquhar McFarquhar the fischeair that he sail nocht be notit nor comprehendit in na tyme cuming wyth onye stollin salmond fische, and in caise he be tane thairwyth his lug to be naliit to the trone without onye forder delaye.

1583 12 May Allister McWilliam McPhadrik dwelland bewest the Wattir of Ness is becumin actit in the burrow buikis of Innernis of his awin fre motywe
vol. agnes the jonat davochcraig presens the for bona. to christan megie elspat helyne jonat margret the catheryne jonat and will this burgh ster of mcphaill vjs. viijd. 1583 12 may innernis making handis cowpar symonson buddytht pundis xiijs. the space maill of and pait thre and provest thair tyme the narrest lauchfulle innernis, dawacht his viijd. said and realme this admittit assignais the the monye and airis yeiris, said of airis tuay duete pait; 15 oct. allister and morison acclamand allister mcconquhie four pandis monye and ten schillingis wyth tuay laidis watling, as for the maill and duete of his buytht and chalmer sett be him to allister for the space of tuay yeiris, wyth ane eakin fork qhilk cost him xxxd., qhilk the said allister borrowit, qhilk monye, watling and fork suld haif bene pait of lang tyme bygane.

comperit george morison acclamand allister mcconquhie four pandis monye and ten schillingis wyth tuay laidis watling, as for the maill and duete of his buytht and chalmer sett be him to allister for the space of tuay yeiris, wyth ane eakin fork qhilk cost him xxxd., qhilk the said allister borrowit, qhilk monye, watling and fork suld haif bene pait of lang tyme bygane.

comperit within the tolbuyth of innernis johne waus of lochtslyn, 23 oct. and thair in presens of the provest and bailleis aboue wrëttin, and hes of his awin fre motywe will resignit in the handis of johne cuthbert provest and johne robertson baillie his quartar of the kingis myln of innernis, wyth the mulcturis deweteis and proffeit of the samyn, fray him and his airis maile in favoris of alexander cuthbert, burges of innernis, and his airis maile lauchfulle gottin of his bodie, vpon the reversion of thre hundreth merkis vsuall monye of this realme, that is to say quhat tyme or quhowsone the said johne waus of lochtslyn, his airis maile lauchfulle gottin of his bodie or thair assignais, qhilkis faileyeing the narrest of his blude and surname being burges and gild of this burcht or thair assignais, on ane day betuixe the son rysing and downe setting of the samyn, reallie contentis and payis the forsaid sowme of thre hundreth

1 Bona. 2 Davochcraig (Lochend).
merkis monye forsaid haill and togyther in numerat monye within the
paroche kirk of Innernis to the said Alexander Cuthbert and his airis
maile lauchfulle gottin of his bodie, quhilkis failyeing to the saidis
Alexander Cuthbertis lauchfull air quhatsumewir, vpon the premonitioun
of fyftene dayis warnyng to be maid be the said Johne Waus or his for-
saidis to the saidis Alexander Cuthbert or his foirsaidis befoir ane notar
and famous witnesssis, or at the said Alexander Cuthbertis paroche kirk
in presens of the said notar and witnesses vpon ane Sundaye in tyme of
dewyne serwice befoir nowne, and the samyn being intimet to the said
Alexander Cuthbert his airis or assignais forsaidis conforme to the com-
moun style of the redemption of landis, it salbe lesum to the said Johne
Waus of Lochtslyn or his forsaidis to nummer the said sowme of thrie
hundreth merkis monye forsaid within the said paroche kirk, and thair-
eftir to depone and consigne the samyn in suir and ferme keiping in
the handis of the provest or ane of the maist responsall bailleis handis of the
said burcht of Innernis for the tyme, to be furthcumand to the vtilitie and
proffeit of the said Alexander Cuthbert his airis maile or airis quhatsum-
ewir, quhilk being done the said Alexander oblissis him and his airis and
assignais forsaidis to cum in presens of the provest and bailleis of the
burcht, and thair to repone the said John Waus of Lochtslyn and his for-
saidis in thair awin place of the said quartar of the Kingis myln of
Innernis, wyth the mulcturis deweteis and proffeittis thaorroff.

William Cuming burges of Innernis, in name and behalf of my Lord
Huntlie, liewetennent, and his deputis, quhar that William Cuthbert
smyth accusit Edward Anderson opinlie in fensit curt, saing to him that
he had stollin his wark Iwnes, quhar the said Edward said he wald the
theiff and the rasett war hangit, and quhar that William Cuming requirit
bayth the parteis to fynd souerteis and to tak souerteis of the saidis
parteis to vnderlye the law, beand vnder thair jurisdictioun and jugement.

Rorye Bane, son to Alexander Bane of Tullycht, is becumin actit
souerte and cautiou for entring of William McConyll Glas within the
tolbuyth of Innernis vpon xv dayis warnyng to vnderlye the law for sic
chyrmes as onye of the nychtbouris of this burcht hes to imput to his
charge, as he beis chargit thairto.
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The provest bailleis cunsall and wattirmen of the lang wattir of the Wattir of Ness hes electit and chosin Robert Waus and Alexander Duff, burgessis of Innernis, maisteris and oversearis of thair particular and commoun warkis of the said Wattir of Ness, that is to say that euerilk awnar and portionar of the said lang wattir be moneist and warnit vpon the premonitioun of aucht dayis warnyng to mend euerilk man his awnin particular wark, and the forsaid maisteris of wark craiff the forsaidis awnaris to mend, beit, and vpmak thair awnin warkis, and in caise onye of the said wattir men be obstinat to mend and repair thair foiirsaidis warkis, it salbe lesum to the saidis maisteris of wark to convene, transact, compone, and aggree wyth the fischearis for mending of thair forsaid wark, as may be modefeit justlie be the forsaidis maisteris of wark of the quantitie of monye and expenses salbe emploit be the forsaidis awnaris vpon thair warkis forsaidis, quhilkis gif thai refuis it salbe lesum to the saidis maisteris of wark to intromett and mell wyth the forsaidis awnaris of the warkis fische, and to mak silwer thairof to be bestowit vpon the forsaidis wark, wythout onye impediment of onye of the awnaris of the said fische, toties quoties, to the quhilkis we provest baillies and cunsall and wattir men vnderwreittin oblissis ws faythfullie; and siclyke as anent the commoun wark of the said lang wattir, oblissis thame, how oft the samyn salbe cassin downe, that the samyn salbe mendit commonlie amangis thame haill wattir men, and to this effect oblissis thame to taxt thame selfis for mending of the said commoun wark, and ilk persoun refusar to pay to the saidis maisteris of wark xls. monye to be bestowit vpon the said wattir wark; And attour the saidis provest bailleis and cunsall statutis and ordanis that quhatsumewer tymmers cummes vpon the wattir wark and brekis onye of the samyn, that the samyn tymmer salbe escheitit to the wattir wark, and quhat vtheris tymmeris cummes downe vpon our brig, or strekis or trublis the said brig, the samyn tymmer inlikemamer salbe escheitit to the said brig wark, and the samyn to indwir and continew aye and quhill ane bettir ordour be tane heirintill.

The provest bailleis cunsall and wattirmen aboue expremit hes statut and ordanit that tuaye kistsis salbe maid, to wit ane on euerilk syde of the wattir wark or the maist commodious pait of the said wattir, vpon the expenses of the proprietaris and awnaris of the said wattir and fisching thairof, and oblissis thame to taxt and contribute wyth vtheris for biggin of the saidis kistsis, and quhasumewir refuissis to taxt and
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1584. contribute in maner forsaid sall haiff na intres to the profiteit of the 
19 June fisching, quhilkis God willing sal happen to be tane in the saidis kistis, 
unto the tyme thai mak equall contributioun ane or maye quha refuissis 
as said is; to the quhilkis bindis and oblissis ws faythfullie be thir 
presentis, and for the mair securitie heirof hes subscriuit thir presentis 
wyth our handis day yeir and place forsaid.

Johne Cuthbert of the Auld Castelhill, provest, wyth my hand; 
William Cuming, ane of the bailleis of this burcht, wyth my hand; 
Johne Kar, ane of the baillies, wyth my hand; Petir Waus, ane of the 
bailleis, wyth my hand; Johne Ros, ane of the wattirmen, wyth my hand; 
Jasper Dempster, ane of the wattirmen, wyth my hand; Gilbert Paterson, 
ane of the said wattirmen, wyth my hand; Robert Waus, ane of the 
wattirmen, wyth my hand; William Robertson, ane of the wattirmen, 
wyth my hand; Alexander Duff, ane of the wattirmen, wyth my hand.

3 July Thomas Paterson and Thomas McCowll producit thair billis desyrsyng 
to be rassauit and admittit buytht haldaris of the cordinar craft, quhilk 
being hard seyne and considerit the bailleis causit the craftismen and 
honest buythhaldaris to pas to the cunsall hous, to wit, William Suffrycht, 
James Tomson, Fynla McMurrycht, Allister Skynnar, Johne Auchlek 
and Robe Wedall, for trying of the saidis personis quhilkis ar to be 
rassauit and admittit, quha being sworne deponit the saidis personis, 
quha ar Thomas Paterson and Thomas McCowll, to be quaifeit and of 
gude conversation to be rassauit and admittit, quhilkis tuaye ar sworne 
to be lele and trewe to the Kingis Majestie of Scotland, provest and 
bailleis of this burcht, and bretherin of thair craft, induring thair lyftyme, 
and sall scot, lot, walk, ward wyth this burcht to the vtermaist of thair 
poweris, and hes fundin William Suffrycht and James Tomson souertis 
and cautionaris for thair intres silwer and thair banket.

burges of Innernis souertie and lawborrowis that Johne Stewart Inwak 
salbe harmesles and skaythles of him his kyn freidis partakaris assistaris 
and defendaris, all that he maye stope and latt bot as law will, vnder 
the panes contenit in the actis of Parliament.

26 Oct. Comperit Patrik Beltan, sourd slippar, quha producit in jugement 
ané tuaye handit sourd pertenyng to winquhill Fynla McConylleir, quha 
put the said sourd in plege of xs. iiijd. to the said Patrik, quhilk 
sourd the said Patrik hes deliuerit to the bailleis, quha deliuerit the said
sourd in the keiping of Johne McFargus burrow officiar to remane wyth him in his keiping aye and quhill the said Patrik be pait of the forsaid xs. iiijd., the samyn being pait, thairefter the said sourd to be furthcumand to onye person haiffing intres thairto, and the said Patrik protestis that the said sourd be nocht deliuerit to he be satefeit of the said sowme of xs. iiijd. forsaid, quharvpon requerit act.

The inqueist forsaid hes all in ane woice seruit Helyne Gollan as air to wmquhill James Gollan, hir father, in the ruide of land contenit in the petitioun forsaid, reserwend lyfrent to Jonat Neilson hir mother, and also seruit in hir fredome as air to hir said wmquhill father, quha deit burges and gild of this burcht.

Comperit in jugement William Cuming, burges of Innernis, and producit his bill and complaint in this maner following, My Lord provest and baillies of the burcht of Innernis, vnto your lordshipis I your lordshipis nychtbour William Cuming burges of the said burcht humlie menis and complanis on James Wilsone alias Cuike, that quhar sen the tyme of my birtht I haif bene norischit vpbrocht and led my lyf within this burcht of Innernis, and reput be my nychtbouris your lordshipis predecessouris, provest baillies cunsall of this burcht, of gude fame honorabill conversatioun and of gude lyf, sua that thai thocht me wourdie qualifieit and meit to wse diuere of their offices as being ane of their special membris, as thair commoun clerk, thesaurar of thair burcht, and vsing of office of bailyerie and haiffing thair credence, and diuers tymes principall commissionar maid be thame in compering in Parliament, conventionis of burrowis, makar of thair chekker compitis, and all vtheris thair gude caussis as plesit thame to birding and charge me wyth, quharin all my doingsis in your services and predecessouris I haif bene fundin and reput honorabill, honest, lautfull in my behavoris, vsage, conversatioun and lyf; Nocht-wythstanding heirof James Wilson alias Cuike, be quhais spreit I trowe the dewill, hes publicltlie opinlie playnelie in playne mercatt, at the mercat croce of Innernis, in presens of the commoun popular being present at the tyme, vpon Wedenisdaye the xvij day of Februar instant, publiclie defamit me, sclandrit me and callit me commoun theiff and lyeart safar as laye in him, I nocht being present to offend him in wourd thocht or deid; Heirfor desyris your wysdomes, gif I haiff bene sic ane man as ane theiff or lier, that the said James suld be put to the poynit of tryall for
probatioun heiroff, vtherwais to be puneist for his offenses to be exemplill
to vtheris nocht to sclander defame and speik ewill of onye famous or
honorabill persoun, but that publiclie the notorietie of his punishement
mocht be knawin bayth in his bodie gudis and geir, and your lordshipis
ansuris vpon the premissis maist humlie I requir. Comperit the said
James Wilson and nayis the haill pointtis and heidis of this formar com-
plaint producit be William Cuming, quhilkis is referrit to ane inqueist the
tryall heiroff. [Inquest named].

The inqueist foresaid hes fundin, be the examenatioun of certan
famous witnes rasauit admittit and sworne, James Wilson, partie defendar
foresaid, to haiff done wrang in the wrangus defamyng and sclandering of
William Cuming, and for pvneissing heiroff the jugis hes decernit and
ordanit the said James Wilson to remane in weird to sex houris at ewin
to he fynd souertie for entring the morn within the toibuyth befoir the
bailleis thair at nyne houris befoir newne, and thai to put the brankis in
his heid trocht this haill burcht and four streittis thairof, and in cause he
be fundin or notit wse the like agane in defamyng and sclandering of
onye of the nychtbouris of this burcht in onye tymie cuming, he to be
banneist of this burcht for ewir, and that for his commoun sclander, and
dome giffin thairvpon.

The provest bailleis and cunsall of the burcht of Innernis for the
tyme ratefeis and apprewis the statut maid of befoir aganis the cottaris of
the burcht and greweschip of Innernis, that thai nor nane of thame suld
nocht intromett nor vptak onye of thair sowddis without licencie of thair
maisteris wyth thair maisteris serwandis being present at the rasaitt
thairoff, and in caise thai or onye of thame tak thair sowde at thair awin
handis bye the maisteris presens or his serwandis in his name, that ilk
boll attit tane be thame wtherwais sail allowe to the maister ane boll
victuall; And this statut all wyth ane woces hes ordanit, and ratefeis and
apprewis the actis maid of befoir to the effect aboue specefeit.

7 Mar.

Lauchlane McIntoischie of Dunnachtan[1] is becumin actit in the
burrow buikis of Innernis of his awin fre motywe will souerte and
lawborrowis for Gillepadrik McConquhie Dowe and his complices, that
Johne Dowe McAne McSchir Innis his kyn and freindis and nychtbouris
of this burcht salbe harmless and skaythles of him and his frindis, and of
all cummerse in tymie cuming of sic as maye incur of him and his

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freindis vnder the pane of law; And siclyke Allister McMaister alias Betoun, in name and behalf of the laird of Glengarrye, is becumin actit in lykemane souerte and lawborrowis for Gillepadrirk McConquhie Dowe forsaid, his kyn freindis and partakaris, that Johne Dow McSchir Innis his kyn and freindis salbe harmeles and skaythles of him bot as law will vnder the pane of law; And the saidis personis to remane souerte and lawborrowis as said is, aye and quhill the actioun and caus mowit betuix the saidis personis be decydit be four honest personis on euerilk pairt electit be the forsaidis parteis.

Ane brocht strukin be William Cuthbert, procurator fiscall of this burcht of Innernis, on all and haill the personis following, viz., Christian Trent, Margret Fair, Margret Arthur, Elspet Nyk Gleschen, Effie Baxter, Elspet Wallas, Margret Anderson, Agnes Neyn Schir Andrea, Catheryne Prioress, Jonat Buddytht, Margret Nyk Farquhar, Jonat Neyn Ane Bane, Isbell Hogstoun, Jonat Neyn Aye, Jonat Sowles, Agnes Anderson, Magie Neyn William Bulgycht, Beak Moir, Christian Neyn Ane McThomas, Christane Neyn Gowin, Agnes Gordoun, Marion Fyff, Jonat Neyn Innis, Christian Brebnar, Margret Neyn Danid, Christian Morison, Christian Grant, Gormyll Dow beyound the wattir, Catheryne Neyn Patrik Roy, Fynla Mcane Gald alias Scherpe, Thom Donaldson, Johne McWilliam tailyear, that wrangusle and aganis the law thai and ilkane of thame hes contravenit and contempnate lychtleis and derydeis the law of God and man in committing of the fyilthie wyild and vnhonnest chryme of fornicatioun and adultere, as commoun personis awaiting vpon euerilk man bayth day and nycht as tyme occurris, that persewis or desyris the samyn of thame as commoun fylthie wyild fornicatouris and adulteraris, to the greit sclander and defamation of the wourd of God, the Kirk, and provest and bailleis of this burcht, quhilk redundis to the greit dishonour lycht. and scheme of the office men of this burcht gif the samyn be vnpunissit and it be of verite; heirfor desyris the saidis personis and euerilk ane of thame to be decernit to haiff done wrang, and to be pyneist according to justice for thair demeritis, and to be brynt on the cheikis and bannenis of this burcht for ewir, as thai quha ar commoun hwiris, harlattis, fornicatouris, adulteraris, hous haldaris wyth thair companyeonis, and leiffing and vphalding vpon pykrie and thift of nychtbouris barnes, houssis, tursis, stakkis, and sic vther pikrie and thift;
For assuring heirto hes comperit all and haill the personis forsaidis in jugement, to wit, Christian Trent and nayis the haill brocht, Margret Fair confessis Thomas Paterson and nane vther, Margret Arthour confessis fornicatioun wyth Donald McInnis, Elspet Nykgleschen confessis fornicatioun wyth Tom Aucheak, Effie Baxter nayis all men, Elspat Wallace confessis houss holding wyth Donald McRichie, Margret Anderson nayis the haill brocht, Agnes Neyn Schir Andra nayis the samyn, Catheryne Priores confessis fornicatioun wyth Allister Smytht, Jonat Budyghtt confessis fornicatioun wyth Thomas McGillemcchell, Margret Nyk-Farquhar confessis fornicatioun wyth Thomas McCowll, Jonat Neyn Ane Banc confessis to haif lyin in fornicatioun with Johne McThome thir xviiij yeiris bygane, Isbell Hogstoun confessis Paull McMurrycht, Jonet Neyn Aye confessis Donald Dow McIntaillycar, Jonat Sowles nayis the haill heirof, Agnes Andersone confessis Thomas Husband, Magie Neyn William Bulgycht nayis, Beak Moir confessis Huchoun McBarroun, Christian Neyn Ane McThomas confessis William Wrycht, Christian Neyn Gowin confessis Dowlas, Agnes Gordoun nayis all man, Mareoun Fyff confessis Henre Brebnar and nayis onye boidall holding, Jonat Neyn Innis nayis adultere and fornicatioun, Christian Brebnar confessis, Marrat Neyn Dauid confessis Patrik Skynnar, Christian Morison confessis Watte Trowpe, Christian Grant nayis, Gormyll Dow confessis wyth Bod Dowe, Catheryne Neyn Patrik Roy confessis Innes, Fynla McAn Gald confessis Agnes Neyn Ane Banc, Thomas Donaldson confessis Murriell Kar, Johne McWilliam tailyeour confessis Isbell Tailyour; the pvnisment heirof and tryall of the nayis forsaidis is referrit to the inqueist following. [Names of Inquest.]

The inqueist forsaid hcs fundin Margret Anderson, Agnes Neyn Schir Andra and Christian Grant fre of the haill pointtis and heidis of the brocht within wret. The inqueist hcs fundin the rest of the personis contenit in the brocht be thair awin confessionis to haif contravenit the law of God and man in committing of the fylthe cryme of fornicatioun, quharfor thai and ilkane of thame ar adjugit in amerciament, and dome giffin thairvpon.

The jugis wyth the adwyse of the inqueist hes ordanit Christian Trent, Margret Fair, Margret Arthour, Catheryne Priores, Isbell Hogstoun, Jonat Neyn Ane Banc with McThome, Jonat Sowles, Beak Moir with McBarroun, Agnes Gordoun, Margret Fyff, Jonat Neyn Innis,
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Gormyll beyound the wattir, Jonat Neyn Aye McRobert, Effie Baxter, to be banneist of this burcht for ewir, and to remoiff within xxiiij houris as banneist personis, vnder the pane of byrmyng on thair cheikkis in caise thai be fundin within this burcht in onye tyme heirefter cuming, and dome giffin thairvpon.

The jugis wyth the inquest withinwreit hes ordanit and decernit the rest of the personis conteinit in the brocht within wreit to be brankit wyth the blankis in thair heidis, wyth mytaris thairon, trocht the haill four streittis of this burcht, in exempill of vtheris, and in caise thai or onye of thame be notit wse fornicatioun in onye tyme cuming, to be banneist of this burcht for ewir, and dome giffin thairvpon.

All the personis content within the brocht ar fundin fre of adultre, quharvpon thai requerit act.

Neill Mcill McLester and Margret Neyn Ane McThomas ar be cumin actit and obleist to fullfyll the band of matrimonie in face of halie kirk on Pasche day nixt, vnder the pane of bannisment of this burcht for ewir. Patrik Skynnar and Marrat Neyn Dauid ar be cumin actit and obleist to fullfyll the band of matrimonie at the feist of Pasche nixt, vnder the pane of bannisment of this burcht for ewir, and hes fundin James Waus souertie for fullfylling of the samyn as said is vnder the panes forsaidis. Donald McRichie hes fundin William Cuthbert burges of Innernis souertie and cautioun for him that he sall fullfyll the band of matrimonie wyth Elspat Wallace, his present companyeoun, betuix the day and dait heirof and the feist of Mydsymmer nixt, being the xxiiij day of Junij nixt to cum, faiyleing thairof to put hir awaye fra him, and newir to haif ado with hir thairefter vnder the pane of bannisment of this burcht for ewir. Thomas McCowll hes fundin Thomas Cuthbert burges of Innernis souertie and cautioun for him that he suld fullfyll the band of matrimonie in face of halie kirk wyth Margrat Nyk Farquhar betuix the day and dait heirof and the feist of Mydsymmer nixt, being the xxiiij day of Junij nixt to cum, faiyleing thairof to put hir awaye cleyne from him and newir to mell wyth hir agane, vnder the pane of bannisment of this burcht for ewir. Thomas McGillemechell is be cumin actit and obleist to fullfyll the band of matrimonie wyth Jonat Buddytht betuix the day and dait heirof and the feist of Beltan nixt, being the first day of Maij nixt to cum, or ellis to discharge him of hir, vnder the pane of bannisment of this burcht for ewir.

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Comperit in jugement Johne Waus of Lochtslyn, quha producit ane commission of ane nobill and potent lord, George Erle of Huntle, Lord Gordoun and Baidyenocht, subscriit be him of the dait at Edinburcht the xvij day of August anno fourscoir and four yeiris, quhilkis commissioun being directit to the provest and bailleis of the burcht of Innernis or onye ane of thame, to the effect to rassaue the aythis of certan jugis deputis of the schirefdome of Innernis for trew and faithfull administratioun of justice in sindrie and diuere actiounis intentit and to be intentit and persewit be the said Johne Waus of Lochtslyn and Johne Waus his son and apperand air for cognoscung the said caussis befoir thame, quhilk commission of Johne Robertson baille rassauit and causit the samyn to be judicallie red, and conforme thairto craifit the aythis of William Baillie, William Cuming, and Johne Kar, jugis deputis in that caice, for just trew and faithfull administratioun of justice.

Angus McAllan of Knoodeort hes fundin James Cuthbert burges of Innernis full detour for him to refound content and pay to Johne Neilson burges of Innernis the sowme of twentie four merkis monye of this realme within xv dayis vnder the pane of poinding of his redeast gudis and geir; And the said Angus McAllan of Knodeort, being present in jugement, is becumin actit of his awin fre motywe will, renuncean all jurisdictioun and summitting him to the jurisdictioun of the provest and bailleis of Innernis in this caice, to releiff varrand and skaythles kep the said James Cuthbert of the forsaid sowme of xxiiij merkis monye forsaid at the handis of the said Johne Neilson vnder the panes forsaidis; And the said Angus McAllan is becumin actit to content pay and delywer to Johne Neilson fyff gude and sufficient kow hydis betuixe the day and dait heirof and the feast of Alhallowmes immediatle following the day and dait of thir presentis, being the first day of November in anno Ixxxv yeiris, vnder the pane of poinding of his redeast gudis and geir quharewir the samyn may be apprehendit.

15 May

Comperit Thomas Wrycht humle menand yit as of befoir on Rynnald Merschell and Magnis Caskin, that quhar thai hald him nocht nychtbour-schip in thair dykis biggin, quhartrocht he maye wse sum pollecie in his yard, in respect now is the tyme of yeir of herbis setting and sawing and of caill, desyris thame to be decernit to big thair dykis within xv dayis, quhilkis the juge hes ordanit.
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Comperit in jugement Huchoun Fraysser of Gwischan and presentit ane lettir of bailyerie of ane nobill lord Symon Lord Fraysser of Lowet, being wyth expres consent and assent of rycht nobill and potent Erlis, James Erle of Arrane, Lord Awan and Hammitoun, Chancellar of this realme, Johne Erle of Montrois, Lord Grahame, Thesaurar, Schir Johne Matheland of Thressiltoun, knycht, Secretar to our Souerane lord, Mr. Robert Melyne of Murdocarnye, knycht, Thesauraris deputis, curatouris for the said Lord Lowet, be the quhilk lettir of bailyerie the said Huchoun Fraysser is contenit baillie for the space of thre yeiris without onye discharge, as the said lettir of bailyerie in the self mair fulleie proportis, and directit to the provest and bailleis of the burcht of Innernis to rassaue and tak the ayht of the said Huchoun for faythfull administratioun of justice vpon the said Symon Lord Fraysseris fewe blenche laudis takis rowmes and possessionis contenit in the said lettir of bailyerie, subscriuit be the said Symon, Lord Fraysser of Lowet; Arrane, curatour; Matheland, curatour; Melyne, curatour; At Halierwdehous the xviiij day of Aprile the yeir of God jn v. fourscoir and fyff yeiris, According to the quhilkis the said Huchoun Fraysser is acceptit to the said office.

Comperit in jugement Johne Cuthbert, partinar and awnar of the schip of Innernis callit the Marie Fortwne, and acclamit Mr Allane Martyne, citizinar of Sant Androis, the sowme of xxxj lib. xijs. monye of this realme, quhilkis he hes rassauit fra Lauchlane McIntoischie of Dunnachtane in the said Johne Cuthbertis name, or at the leist aucth and suld apertene to the said Johne Cuthbert for the sowme of monye quhilk he hes debursit to the sellaris of the said schip. And comperit Mr Allane Martyne, and allegis that he hes rassauit na monye fra McIntoischie in the said Johne Cuthbertis name at na tyme, bot that he had rassauit fra the said McIntoischie sexscoir ellewin pundis xijs. monye, and that for the sowme quhilk he hes deluerit to William Cuthbert, skippar of the said schip, and vtheris at the said McIntoischies command, and hes rassauit the sowme in compleit and thankfull payment of all sowmes debursit be him at the said McIntoischies command, and thairfor be thir presentis dischargis the said Lauchlane McIntoischie of the sowme foresaid for now and ewir; and also be thir presentis dischargis the said William Cuthbert skippar foresaid of the sowme of ane hundreth pundis deluierit at the said McIntoischies command to him, and of all obligationis wreittis comptis and reknyngis betuix thame preceding the dait heirof.

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11 Oct.

The lieutenant court at Inverness held within the tolbuyth of the samyn be Capitane Thomas Kar, lieutenant deput to ane nobill and potent lord, George Earle of Huntle, Lord Gordoun and Badzenocht, schirif principal of Inverness, lieutenant general of the north partis of Scotland.

Capitane Thomas Kar exhibitis in judgement ane commissioun of ane nobill and potent lord, George Earle of Huntle, Lord Gordoun and Badzenocht &c., lieutenant general of the north partis of Scotland, for acceptatioun of the office of lieutenant deputtie and justiciarie within the burcht of Inverness, vpon all and sindrie personis slayaris of blak fishe betuix the fylling of the sea and the wattir moutht of Nes and the Locht Nes, and generall all and sindrie vther things to do ante [hante?] wse and exces [exerce] that in the office of deputie forsaed in the premissis ledis to be done, giffin vnder the subscription manuell and signet of the said nobill lord lieutenant forsaed, of the dait at Kilrawok the fer day of October the yeir of God jmv(c) fourscoir and fyff yeiris: Vpon the quhilkis productioun and acceptatioun of the said office the said Thomas Kar requerit act of cur, and conforme thairto hes ordanit preceptis to be direct vpon all suspect personis slayaris of blak fishe vpon the wattir of Nes and rasettaris thairoff.

16 Nov. Agnes Gordoun and Johne Stewartis wyiff be thair awin confessionis ar fundin to haif done wrang in usin of candill making vnadmittit be the towneschip, for the quhilkis thai ar adjugit in amercliament and dome giffin thairvpon.

27 Nov. Fynla Clerk and Thomas McOley ar decernit to refund content and pay to Alexander Cuthbert xvjs. vjd. for ane cage of wyne delierit out his sellar be his serwand to ane callit Gillecallum McCorll in Glenelge, as thai quha becom full dettour for the samyn.

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28 Mar. William Baillie of Dunanne, Johne Cuthbert of the Auld Castelhill, William Cuthbert, burges of Inverness, and Robert Waus, burges thair, exhibeit and producit in judgement ane commissioun of ane nobill and potent lord, George Earle of Huntle, Lord Gordoun and Baidzenocht, lieutenant and justice generall of the north partis of Scotland, committand and his deputis conjunctlie and seueralie for executioun of justice and putting of sic personis contenit in the said commissioun and dittaye to be giffin in to haiff tryall of assise thairto, ilk persoun vnder
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the pane of ten pundis; and vpon the acceptatioun of the said com-
missionoun giffin vnder his lordschipis subscriptioun and signet, daittit at
Elgin the xvj day of Merche the yeir of God Jmve lxxxv yeiris, followis
the commisionoun:—Be it kend till all men by thir presentis, Ws George
Erle of Huntlie, Lord Gordoun and Baidzenocht, lieutenant generall of
the Northt, to haiff maid constitut creat and ordanit our veiibeluiffittis
Capitane Thomas Kar, William Baillie of Dunnane, Johne Cuthbert of
the Auld Castelhill, William Cuthbert, burges of Innernis, and Robert
Waus, burges thair, and ilkane of thame conjunctle and seueralie our
vrray lauchfull and vndouttit commissionaris and justice and lieutenant
deputis to the effect vnderwreittin, giffand granttand and committand to
thame as said is our full fire plane power expres bidding and charge for
ws and in our name lieutenant and justice courtis to hald within the
towne and burgh of Innernis vpon the personis efter following . . . .

To charge the personis abouewreittin within sex dayis to fynd caution to
vnderlye the law at sic day as the said commissionaris sell appoint
conforme to justice, and gif thai fynd nocht cautious within the said sex
dayis to put thame to the horne, escheting and imbringyne thair gudis
and geir to our wse for thair contemptioun, and to thais of the forsaidis
personis that fyndis cautious to accuse thame be dittaye, and as thai be
fundin culpabill to convict thame conforme to thair desert, and gif onye
of the saidis personis be notorious lymmaris that our saidis commission-
aris seik serche tak and apprehend thame and bring thame in firmance
and securite to put thame and accuse thame be dittay conforme to the
commoun ordour of law, wyth powar to our saidis commissionaris courtis
to hald vpon the saidis personis als oft as neid beis, to sett begin afferme
and continew assise of the best and worceast personis within the burcht
or without in the shire and town of Innernis ilk persoun vnder the
panes of ten pundis, officiaris serjandis all membris of curt sic as
officiaris clerkis dempstaris to creat and caus be sworne, for the quhilkis
thai sell anser, soittis mak be callit, absentis to amerciat, trespasseris to
pvneis, vnlawes amerciamentis and eschetis of the saidis courtis to rais
vplift applye and imbring to our wse, and gif neid beis to poynd thairfor,
and to charge the saidis personis abouewreittin and ilkane of thame
vnder the panes of rebellioun and to denuence thame as neid beis, and to
summond the assysaris vnder the panes forsaidis to compeir at sic
peremptour day as our saidis commissionaris sell think expedient, and
1586 generallye all and sindre vther thingis to do wse exerce and hant that to
28 Mar. the office of lieutenenttre deput in sic caises is thocht neidfull to be
done, ferme and stable haldand quhat thingis our saidis commissionaris
in the premisses think neidfull to be done according to justice; In witnes
of the quhilkis hes subscriuwt this our Commissiouen wyth our hand and
affixit our signet at Elgin the xvj day of Merche 1585, anno vć. fourscoir
fywe yeiris.

18 May The provest bailleis wyth the remanent nychtbouris of the burcht
presentle convent, haiffing respect to the honour and weill of this burcht
and for suppressing of derht, hes be thir presentis statut and ordanit that
na fornicatour adulterar incestuous personis or wechis wse onye keynd of
libertie or priwilege within this burcht in bying selling of onye keynd of
wywers or other gudis quhatsumewir in onye tyme cuming to the tyme
thai be reformit, vnder the pane of xxs. euerilk persoun als oft as thai be
fundin culpabill.

William Tomson maltman is becumin actit for entring of Effie
Baxter within the paroche kirk of Innernis befoir none in tyme of
preching on Sundaye nixt, being the xix of Maij instant, to mak hir
publicit repentance thair for abvsing of hir persoun in fornication, vnder
the pane of jć lib. Magnis Caskin hes becumin actit for entring of
Magie Nyk Cowll within the paroche kirk of Innernis on Sundaye nixt
in tyme of preching befoir none, to mak hir publicit repentance thair for
the fornicatioun committit be hir, vnder the pane of jć lib. Johne Stewart
is becumin actit for entring of Isbell Stewart within the paroche kirk of
Innernis on Sundaye nixt in tyme of preching to mak hir publicit
repentance, vnder the pane of jć lib. James Donaldson is becumin actit
for entring of Christian Neyn Lauchlyn on Sundaye nixt within the
paroche kirk of Innernis to the effect forsaid vnder the pane of jć lib.

Johne Buddytht is becumin actit souerte and cautioni that Jonat
Buddytht sall absteyne fray Thomas McGillemecchell, tailzeour, and fraye
all maner of men, fray committing of fornicatioun with thame in onye
tyme cuming without scho get onye to marie hir, vnder the pane of ten
pundis monye of this realme.

David Alscheourson is becumin actit for entring of Elspat Birnye
on Sundaye nixt to mak hir publicit repentance as is abouewreit, vnder
the pane of bannisment. Robert Williamson is becumin actit that Agnes
Neyn Rore, his sister, sall absteyne from committing of fornicatioun with

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McGillandres the cordinar in all tyme cuming, vnder the pane of 1586

Margret Fyff being persewit in jugement after the bannisment of hir of this burcht, quhat occasioun scho had to cum heir, quha confessit to haif cumin to this burcht be the command of hir moder, quha baid hir meit hir in the burne of Alte Skacht on the first Moundaye of the raicht at Beltan last, quhilk scho dyd. Margret Fyff is ordanit to be put in the gowis, thair to remane induring the jugis will, and thairefter to be banneist of this burcht for ewir, and in caise scho be fundin heirefter within this burcht to be brynt wyth ane irne on the cheik, and dome giffin thairvpon.

Fynla McMurrycht, Allister McConquhie and Johne Wrycht ar becumin actit of thair awin fre motywe willis souerteis and cautionaris for entring of Johne McWilliam, Tailyeour, within the paroche kirk of Innernis afoir none in tyme of preching the morne being Sundaye, and thair to mak his publict repentance vnder the pane of bannisment of this burcht for ewir.

Comperit in jugement Jasper Cuming, William Robertson, and 8 Sept. Alexander Duff, procurator fiscallis of the burcht of Innernis, and producit thair brocht and complaintis, berand in effect that quhar Johne Neilson burges of Innernis, be him self his serwandis and complices in his name of his causing command assistance and ratihabitioun, hes this last Wedenisdaye, being the viij day of September instant, maisterfullie and contempnatle, in our contemphtioun of our souerane lordis authorite and his Grace actis of Parliament, the lieutenent provest and baillies of this burcht, hes recentlie past to the halcht and bus bewest the said burcht of Innernis, cuttit distroict and tane awaye wyth him tuaye horse laidis of the greyne young saplyne, saucht, birk, and of the vther young growtht thairoff, to the greit hurt of this burcht, quhilkis laidis being comprehendit and intrometit wyth be the bailleis and nychtbouris of this burcht at the tolbuytht stair of Innernis, the saidis laidis being chargit thair to remane aye and quhill the dettouris and doyaris heirof war comprendit, the said Johne Neilson contemnpatle, in hie contemphioun of our souerane lordis authorite, provest and bailleis of this burcht, injurit the magistratis of this burcht and in speciall Johne Kar baille, quha said to the said baillie he suld haif ane amendis of him and that he suld ordour him, and that he was ower pert to intromett wyth the saidis laidis
in respect the said wod and bus pertenit to the laird of Grant, the said
8 Sept. John Neilson being ane fre burges and sworne to the weill of this burcht,
quha hes done playne contrar his ayth and fidelitie, quharfor desyris the
said John Neilson to be decernit to haiff done wrang and to be pyneist
according to justice. Comperit John Neilson and hes confessit the haill
brocht and pointtis thairoff, and that the samyn bus and halcht aper-
tenis to the Laird of Grant, and this burcht to haiff na tytle thairoff.
And forder the said John Neilson is persewit and followit for cutting
distroying and awaye tacking with him of the said wod samekle as wailit
his barnis in tymes past thir certan yeiris bygane, quhillk the said John
Neilson confessit, quharfor the procuratoris fiscalis foraidis desyris the
said John Neilson to be decernit to haif done wrang. The said John
Neilson for the wrangis and injuris committit be him foraid be his awin
confessioun is decernit to haif done wrang, for the quhillkis he is adjugit
in amerciament and dome giffin thairvpon.

Gilbert Gollan is fundin fre of the cutting of the said bus. John
McCallon is fundin fre of the samyn, quharvpon he requerit act, and that
he sawe the cottaris of the Hiltoun cutt the said halcht and bus.
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Approved at the Twenty-fourth Annual General Meeting of the New Spalding Club, held on Thursday, 29th December, 1910, at 3 p.m.

The Council feel assured that it will give satisfaction to members to hear that the King has graciously acceded to the request of the Council that His Majesty should become Patron of the Club. It is of interest to recall that the late Prince Consort was Patron of the Spalding Club from 1848 until the death of His Royal Highness; that when the Club was resuscitated in 1886 as the New Spalding Club, Her late Majesty Queen Victoria was graciously pleased to become its Patroness; and that in 1901 a like honour was conferred on the Club by His late Majesty King Edward.

Since the last General Meeting held on Tuesday, 28th December, 1909, there has been issued to members:—

I.—Musa Latina Aberdonensis. Vol. III.: Poetæ minores. Edited by William Keith Leask, M.A. (Pp. xxxii + 480: with three portraits in photogravure.) This volume completes the series, of which Volumes I. and II. were issued, under the editorship of the late Principal Sir William D. Geddes, in 1892 and 1895.

The whole of another volume has either been printed off or is in type, viz. :—

II.—The Records of Inverness. Edited by Mr. William Mackay and Mr. Herbert Cameron Boyd. Vol. I.: Selections from the Records of the Burgh Court for the period 1556-86, giving a very complete view of an old Scottish Burgh during a period of special importance in the history of Scotland, the period of the Reforma-
tion. The volume is illustrated by, *inter alia*, two plans specially prepared by Mr. James Fraser, C.E., and showing the Burgh and the Burgh lands as they existed in the sixteenth century; also by an early "prospect" of Inverness from a hitherto unpublished drawing in the British Museum.

The programme of the Club includes the following works approved by the Council, from which the issues for 1911 will be selected:

**III.—The House of Gordon. Vol. III.** The general Editor, Mr. Bulloch, reports that the account of the Naval and Military Services of the Gordons, to have the sub-title "The Gordons Under Arms," has now been completed by Mrs. Skelton, who has unearthed a large and absolutely unique mass of material, much of it from official sources never previously tapped. He regrets, however, to say that the hopes expressed in 1907 of his being able to undertake the printing of the volume, copies of which would be supplied to members at a cost to the Club of only the necessary paper and binding, cannot for a variety of reasons be realized. He therefore suggests that the Club should undertake the work, he subscribing £100 towards the cost of the volume. The Council recommend that this proposal be agreed to, subject to the arrangement of the book being approved by the Committee. The volume would be extremely valuable to military as well as to genealogical students. Nothing like it has ever been attempted before.

While this work, on which Mrs. Skelton has spent five years of continuous labour, is still in manuscript, Mr. Bulloch himself has got a large mass of material on different branches of the family into print, although unfortunately he has had to scatter it about. Between
December 1, 1909, and December 1, 1910, he has communicated Gordon articles, other than mere paragraphs, to 120 issues of ten newspapers—Free Press and Journal, Aberdeen; Banffshire Herald, Keith; Banffshire Reporter, Portsoy; Dumfries Courier; Fraserburgh Herald; Huntly Express; Nairnshire Telegraph; Ross-shire Journal, Dingwall; and Strathspey Herald, Grantown. Three series of these articles have been reprinted in pamphlet form; and he has further communicated an exhaustive account of the Cairnfield Gordons to the Banffshire Field Club.

The subjects dealt with include the beginning of a full biography of the second Duke of Gordon; incidents in the fascinating career of Jane Maxwell, wife of the fourth Duke; and some account of the fifth and last Duke. He has dealt with every family of Gordon owning or occupying land along the entire valley of the Dee from Braemar to Blairs, thus—Abergeldie, Aldighash, Auldenruif, Aucholzie, Auchallater, Balmoral, Blaircharrish, Bovaglie, Braichlie, Crathienaird, Culter, Dorsincilly, Drum, Eddiston, Glenmuick, Kennerty, Lasts, Lausie, Littlemill, Maryculter, Micras, Monaltrie, Peterculter, Toldow, and Tomindoes. The scientific family of Gordon-Martins of Montpellier, believed to be a cadet of Abergeldie, has also been traced.

The other families dealt with, for the first time or by way of addition, have been—Auchintoul, Cairnfield (including Arneidlie, Arradoul, Auchinalrig, Briggs, Coynach, Garmouth, Lunan, Myrieton, Rosieburn, and Whitburn), Craibstone, Craigmyle, Culvennan, Cuffurach, Dalchairn, Dykeside, Elgin (George Gordon, Kintyre Pursuivant), Farskane, Fraserburgh, Fyvie, Goval, Kirdels, Logie, Minmore, Norfolk, Pitchaise, Salterhill, Seaton, Tormore, and Wardhouse.
The Salterhill group is extremely interesting as probably being, in the persons of the ministers of Comber and Rathfriland, Co. Down, the ancestors of many distinguished Gordon families in Virginia, including that of General William Fitzhugh Gordon, to whom Mr. Armistead Churchill Gordon of Staunton, Virginia, devoted a biography (of 412 pp.) published at New York since the last report to the Club.

IV.—Folk Music and Song of the North-East of Scotland. The Editors, Mr. Greig and the Rev. Mr. Duncan, report that the work of collecting the older popular minstrelsy of the North-East, which has proved vastly greater than any one anticipated, is now well advanced, and that they have put a considerable portion of the materials into shape for the press. They desire that the book to be issued by the Club shall be a quarry in which future workers will find folk songs and ballads which in another generation would otherwise have become extinct. Such—whether variants of well-known forms or new discoveries—will be given in conjunction with their characteristic tunes. Though it may be interesting to record also fragments which have become divorced from music, it is only when words and airs are found together that the ballad or song can be regarded as still living. Most interesting and significant is the extensive survival of ancient modes of singing which have had no vitality in recognised music for centuries.

V.—Selections from the Records of the County of Banff. The Editor, Mr. Grant, reports that in the Seafield Correspondence from 1689 to 1710 he has found important material available for county history.

VI.—Records of the Society of Advocates in Aberdeen. The Editor, Mr. Henderson, reports that he has nearly completed his accumulation of materials, and
undertakes that if required the work could go to press during 1911.

VII.—The Records of Inverness. Vol. II. The Editors report that ample materials exist for a second volume covering the period from 1602 when, after a gap of sixteen years, the extant Burgh Court Records recommence, down to the Forty-Five.

VIII.—Records of the Scots Colleges. The Editor, Rev. W. Forbes Leith, reports that he has accumulated a considerable amount of additional illustrative material.

IX.—Bibliography of the Shires of Aberdeen, Banff and Kincardine. The Editor, Mr. Kellas Johnstone, reports that he has now retired from his professional work in London and is devoting his whole time to the completion of this important book of reference. He desires to mention with deep regret the loss to the Club of an earlier worker in the same field of research through the death of Mr. George Walker, who first suggested to him almost forty years ago that the absence of a Bibliography left a serious blank in our local Annals, and to whom he was indebted for his earliest lesson in the rudiments of the Science. The greater portion of the material for the first volume, consisting very largely of the extensive collections of Mr. Alexander Webster Robertson is in an advanced state of preparation, and will reach the printer’s hands as soon as its careful revisal is finished.

X.—The Rise of Natural Science in the North of Scotland. Based on the MS. Collections of David Skene, M.D.: to be edited by Professor J. W. H. Trail, F.R.S.

XI.—The Register of Baptisms in St. Andrew’s Catholic Church, Braemar. The two volumes of this
Register extending over the period 1703-1757, and containing about 1500 entries, have been transcribed and indexed, and the transcript is deposited in the University Library. The Register, which has at once a genealogical and a philological interest, would fill about half a Club volume of average size, and the Council is of opinion that it might advantageously be combined with other Roman Catholic Records extant within the district which is the sphere of the Club.

At its last meeting the Club approved a suggestion made by Mr. William Kelly that something should be done to preserve the Cross in the Dean Cemetery, Edinburgh, erected in 1870 by members of the Spalding Club in memory of Dr. Joseph Robertson. Mr. Kelly was authorised to take the necessary steps, and he now reports that as the lettering, which had always been rather thin and fragile, had become badly wasted, he commissioned Messrs. Singer of Frome to cast two bronze panels reproducing in raised letters the original inscription: *Joseph Robertson, LL.D., F.S.A., Curator of National Historical Documents, Register House, Edinburgh. Died 1866, aged 56. Erected by Members of the Spalding Club.* These panels have now been fixed in position. The Council highly appreciate Mr. Kelly's guidance in the restoration.

Since the last Report was submitted by the Council, the Club has sustained exceptionally heavy losses through the death of three members of the Executive Committee: Colonel James Allardyce, LL.D., one of the Vice-Presidents of the Club, Convener of the Committee on Family History, 1886-91, and of the Executive Committee, 1904-10, and Editor for the Club of *Historical Papers relating to the Jacobite Period* and of *The Family of Burnett of Leys*; Mr. Peter Duguid-McCombie, of Easter Skene, joint-editor (with the late Sir W. D. Geddes) of the *Lacunar Basilicae Sancti Macarii*; and Mr. George Walker, Aberdeen, referred to above. Other members of the Club who died within the past year were Mr. George Barclay, Edinburgh;
Rev. Andrew Christie, Kildrummy; Sir John Forbes Clark, Bart.; one of the Vice-Presidents; Mr. John Cran, Bunchrew; Sir Archibald Hamilton Dunbar, Bart., of Northfield; Mr. Thomas A. Mackay, Edinburgh; Mr. Thomas Skene, Melbourne; Mr. James Spark of the firm of bookbinders which has acted as such both for the Spalding Club and the resuscitated Club; Mr. W. L. Taylor, Peterhead, whose unique collection of books on psalmody has, through the generosity of a member of the Club, been acquired for the University Library.

The places rendered vacant by some of these deaths have, under Rule 9, been filled by representatives of the deceased members, but other vacancies allow the admission of new members. As new members are usually desirous of securing a full set of the Club's publications, it may be stated that although the earlier issues are entirely out of print (as indicated on pp. 15-17), the volumes occasionally come into the market, and the Secretary can usually direct a new member to a source whence they may be obtained.

The Council, being of opinion that the entry by the Club upon the twenty-fifth year of its existence is an appropriate time for doing so, resolve to put on record a special vote of thanks to their esteemed Secretary, Mr. P. J. Anderson, for his devoted, untiring, and most valuable services in the interests of the Club from its inception to the present time. They further unanimously resolve to recommend to the Club that by way of emphasising their appreciation of the value of these services, Mr. Anderson should be requested to accept a sum of Fifty guineas by way of special Testimonial.

The Council wish to express their continued obligation to the Society of Advocates for permitting the Annual General Meeting of the Club to be held in the Society's Hall; and to the Curator of the University Library for granting the use of a room for Committee meetings.

DAVID LITTLEJOHN, C.
ABSTRACT.

Framed from the Annual Accounts of the Club for the period from 18th December, 1909, to 21st December, 1910.

THE CHARGE.

Assets at close of last account,             £1511 11 4
Subscriptions for year 1910, £359 2 0
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Subscriptions for year 1911,                  15 15 0
Arrears and payments by new members for back volumes, 4 14 6
Composition for Life Membership,            10 10 0
Interest,                                      44 2 8
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Amount of the Charge,                          £1942 12 6
THE DISCHARGE.

1909.

I. MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS PAID.

Jan. 13. Miss M. Craig: transcribing, £ 0 10 0
Feb. 12. Scottish Record Soc.: subscription, 1 1 0
Mar. 7. Edmond & Spark: paper, . 120 12 6
May 24. Miss J. E. Kennedy: indexing, . 9 9 0
June 17. Aberdeen Univ. Press: printing, 167 12 10
    do. sundries, 7 19 3
    Edmond & Spark: sundries, . 1 17 2½
Dec. 16. Taylor & Henderson: printing, . 50 0 0
    Edmond & Spark: binding, . 31 0 0
    Aberdeen Univ. Press: sundries, 4 2 9
    R. B. Fleming: photographing, . 1 13 0

$395 17 6½

II. SECRETARY AND HONORARY TREASURER.

Secretary’s Salary, 1909-10, . . . £26 5 0
Secretary’s Postages, 18th Dec., 1909, to date, 4 15 0
Hon. Treasurer’s outlays, including Insurance on paper, etc., . . . 7 5 8½

38 5 8½

III. ASSETS AS AT 21ST DECEMBER, 1910.

Loan to Aberdeen School Board, . . . £350 0 0
Loan to do. do. . . . 300 0 0
Loan to Aberdeen Town Council, . . . 350 0 0
Six Deposit Receipts with North of Scotland and Town and County Bank Ltd., 392 19 3
One do. do. being amount of Compositions received from eleven Life Members, who were surviving on 21st December, 1910, . . . 115 10 0

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Amount of the Discharge, equal to the Charge, £1942 12 6
Note.—The Miscellaneous Disbursements are allocated as follows:

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Total Disbursements: £395.17 6d.

1 Together with £1,104 paid in 1907; £351.15.4 in 1908; £310.6 in 1909; and £29 cost of additional paper used: in all £305.7.10s (£50 of this defrayed by a Member of the Club).

2 Cost of paper used to date, £33.
RULES OF THE NEW SPALDING CLUB.

(As approved 11th November, 1886, and amended 16th December, 1886, 21st December, 1894, and 29th December, 1897.)

1. The objects of the New Spalding Club shall be to promote the study of the History, Topography, and Archaeology of the North-eastern Counties of Scotland, and to print works illustrative thereof.

2. The Club shall consist of five hundred [16th Dec., 1886] members, subscribers of one guinea annually: each subscription to be paid on or before the first day of January in each year.

3. The general management of the affairs of the Club shall be vested in a Council, consisting of a President, at least ten Vice-Presidents, and not fewer than forty ordinary members, including a Secretary and a Treasurer: all to be chosen yearly at a General Meeting of the Club, to be held at Aberdeen, in the Month of October, or at such other time within each year as may be found convenient. At all Meetings of the Council seven members shall form a quorum.

4. Immediately after the Annual General Meeting the Council shall elect Acting Committees to carry on the work of the Club.

5. The accounts of the Club shall be audited annually, by two Auditors, to be chosen at the Annual Meeting from among the members.

6. The name of any member in arrear with his annual subscription on the first day of October in each year may be removed from the list of members.

7. Vacancies in the membership shall be filled up according to priority of application.

8. Members may, at any time, compound for all future annual subscriptions, by payment of ten guineas over and above the subscription for the current year; and it shall be in the power of the Council to exempt from subscriptions, annual or other, any member who may present to the Club a work, the printing of which, as a Club publication, has been sanctioned by the Council.

9. Every member shall receive one copy of every volume assigned by the Club to the years for which he has paid subscriptions; and the editor of each work shall receive five additional copies of his work. [The heir, executor
or representative of a member shall have no claim to volumes issued by the Club after the member's death, unless he be admitted a member of the Club in place of the deceased. 21st Dec., 1894.]

10. The number of copies printed in each case shall not exceed five hundred and twenty-five, and no copy of any work printed by the Club shall be offered by it for sale; [but it shall be competent for the Editorial Committee to arrange for extra copies not exceeding twenty-five, additional to the five hundred and twenty-five, of any volume considered appropriate, to be placed at the disposal of the University of Aberdeen, which shall refund to the Club the prime cost of such extra copies, and employ them, outwith the bounds of the United Kingdom, as a part of a series of inter-academical publications. 29th Dec., 1897.]

11. The Club shall undertake the issue of its books without the intervention of publishers or booksellers.

12. A General Meeting of the Club may be called at any time on presentation to the Secretary of a requisition signed by twenty members; and the above rules may be altered at any General Meeting, provided that the members have received from the Secretary at least fourteen days' notice of the proposed change.
WORKS ISSUED BY THE SPALDING CLUB, 1841-1871.
(See Seventeenth Report, for 1903, pp. 12-16.)

WORKS ISSUED BY THE NEW SPALDING CLUB, 1887.


7. Do. do. Tomus alter. (Pp. lxvi + 496, with twelve plates, eight in colour.) 1892. [10s. 6d.]


i. Register of burgesses of guild and trade of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1399-1631. Edited by Alexander M. Munro. A few copies printed with separate title-page.
ii. Inventories of ecclesiastical records of N.E. Scotland. Edited by
P. J. Anderson. A few copies printed with separate title-page.

Do. do. Vol. II. (Pp. viii + 632.) 1908. [10s. 6d.] This
volume contains:

i. Summary of Fiar's Prices in Aberdeenshire from 1603. By David
Littlejohn, LL.D. Some copies printed with separate title-
page.

ii. Baptism Registers of S. Paul's Episcopal Chapel, Aberdeen, 1720-
93. Edited by A. Emslie Smith.

iii. Register of Burgesses (continued from Vol. I.), 1631-1700. Edited
by A. M. Munro.


Do. do. Vol. II. (Pp. xi + 498, with eleven plates. Sixth
Annual Report.) 1893. [Out of print.]

six plates. Fifth Annual Report.) 1892. [Out of print.]

15. Do. do. Vol. II. The Epigrammata and remaining secular
[Out of print.] Sixteen copies of pp. xli-lvi (with alterations and additions)
printed on Japanese vellum, with separate title-page: "The Bibliography
and Portraits of Arthur Johnston... By William Johnston, M.A.,
M.D. Printed at the University Press, 1896." (Pp. 28.)

Leask, M.A. (Pp. xxxii + 480, with three plates. Twenty-third Annual
Report.) 1910. [10s. 6d.]

8vo. Hand-List of Bibliography of the Shires of Aberdeen, Banff and Kin-
cardine. By Alexander W. Robertson, M.A. (Pp. iv + 134.) 1893. [2s. 6d.]

11. Officers and Graduates of University and King's College, Aberdeen,
1495-1860. Edited by Peter John Anderson, M.A., LL.B. (Pp. xx + 399,
with four plates.) 1893. [Out of print.] Fifty copies of pp. 1-94 printed on
ordinary paper, with separate title-page: "Lists of Officers, University
and King's College, Aberdeen, 1495-1860. P. J. A. Printed at the
University Press, 1893."

Edited and Translated by James Moir, M.A., LL.D., Co-Rector of Aberdeen
List of members, 30th June, 1894.) 1894. [10s. 6d.]

13. The Records of Aboyne, 1230-1685. Edited by Charles, 11th Marquis of
Huntly, Earl of Aboyne, etc., P.C., LL.D. (Pp. xiv + 590, with eleven
plates.) 1894. [21s.]


22. **The Family of Burnett of Leys with Collateral Branches.** From the MSS. of the late George Burnett, LL.D., Lyon King of Arms. Edited by Colonel James Allardyce, LL.D. (Pp. xxiii + 367, with twenty-one plates. Fourteenth Annual Report.) 1901. [10s. 6d.]

23. **The Records of Invercauld, 1547-1828.** Edited by the Rev. John Grant Michie, M.A., Minister of Dinnet. (Pp. xi + 523, with nine plates.) 1901. [10s. 6d.]

24. **The Albemarle Papers, 1745-48.** Edited by Charles Sanford Terry, M.A. Vol. I. (Pp. xxvii + 385, with five plates.) 1902. [10s. 6d.]


26. **The House of Gordon.** Edited by John Malcolm Bulloch, M.A. Vol. I. (Pp. lxxviii + 533 with one plate.) 1903. [10s. 6d.] This volume contains the following fasciculi; with independent paginations:—
   i. Bibliography of Gordon Genealogy. (Pp. xiv.)
   ii. The Balbithan MS. (Pp. 68.)
   iii. Abergeldie, by the Editor. (Pp. 48.)
   v. Gight, by the Editor. (Pp. 146.)
   vi. Lists of Gordons in Scotland. (Pp. 223.)

33. Do. do. Vol. II. (Pp. xlvi + 611, with one plate.) 1907. [10s. 6d.]
   i. Bibliography (continued). (Pp. xx.)
   ii. History by Ferrerius. Edited by Rev. S. Ree. (Pp. 32.)
   iii. History by Straloch. Edited by Rev. S. Ree. (Pp. 76.)


Do. do. Vol. II. Records, 1598-1649. (Pp. xxxii + 541.) 1906. [10s. 6d.]

WORKS UNIFORM WITH THE ABOVE, BUT NOT FORMING PART OF THE SERIES.

A. Descent of the Family of Skene (Chart). Compiled by Henry John Trotter, M.P. 1888. [Presented by the Compiler to accompany No. 1, supra.]


D. Genealogical Tree of the Family of Burnett of Leys with the collateral Branches (Chart). Compiled by William Kendall Burnett, M.A. 1893. [Presented by the Compiler to accompany No. 22, supra.]


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2. New Spalding Club issue No. 20.

3. Do. No. 21.

4. Do. No. 22.

5. Do. No. 23.


9. Do. No. 27.


11. New Spalding Club issue No. 28.


17. Do. No. 30.


25. **Alcyonarians and Antipatharians.** By Professor J. A. Thomson, etc. 1907. (Pp. vi + 240, with twenty-one plates.)
26. **Surgical Instruments in Greek and Roman Times.** By J. S. Milne, M.A., M.D. 1907. (Pp. xii + 187, with fifty-four plates.)
27. New Spalding Club issue No. 32.
28. **Flosculi Graeci Boreales.** By Professor John Harrower, etc. 1907. (Pp. xiv + 323.)
29. **Record of the Quatercentenary.** By P. J. Anderson. 1907. (Pp. xii + 657, with five plates.)
30. New Spalding Club issue No. 33.
31. Do. No. 34.
32. **The Religious Teachers of Greece.** (Gifford Lectures, 1904-06.) By James Adam, LL.D. (Pp. lvi + 467, with one plate.)
33. **The Science and Philosophy of the Organism.** (Gifford Lectures, 1907.) By Hans Driesch, Ph.D. (Pp. xiv + 329.)
34. **Proceedings of the Aberdeen University Anatomical and Anthropological Society, 1906-08.** (Pp. viii + 118, with twelve plates.)
35. New Spalding Club issue No. 35.
36. **Pigmentation Survey of School Children in Scotland.** By J. F. Tocher, B.Sc. (Pp. vi + 175, with twenty-six plates.)
37. **The Science and Philosophy of the Organism.** (Gifford Lectures, 1908.) By Hans Driesch, Ph.D. 1909. (Pp. xvi + 381.)
38. **Studies on Alcyonarians and Hydroids.** Third Series. By Professor J. A. Thomson, etc. 1909. (Pp. vi + 124, with sixteen plates.)
40. **Aberdeen Friars: Red, Black, White, Grey; Preliminary Calendar of Documents.** By P. J. Anderson. 1909. (Pp. 157, with one plate.)
41. **Studies on Alcyonarians.** Fourth Series. By Professor J. A. Thomson, etc. (Pp. xviii + 338, with nine plates.)
42. New Spalding Club issue No. 36.
43. Do. No. 37.
44. **Bulletins of the Aberdeen and North of Scotland College of Agriculture.** 1910. (Pp. 344, with two plates.)
45. New Spalding Club issue No. 38.