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EARLDOM OF MORTON WITH OTHER ORIGINAL PAPERS
IN TWO VOLUMES

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At the Annual General Meeting of the BANNATYNE CLUB, held
in the Hall of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, on Monday
the 1st of December 1851—

The PRESIDENT stated to the Meeting, that the Collection of Ancient Charters relating to the Earldom of Morton, accompanied with a Series of Original Letters and Papers from the Archives of the Earls of Morton, was now nearly completed, and might be expected as one of the Works printed for the use of the Members at the expense of the Club for the following year.

This Collection having been printed under the Superintendence of THE PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB, with the assistance of the late MR. ALEXANDER MACDONALD, one of the Members, the Meeting, while expressing their obligations to the President for the great care he has bestowed upon this Work, RESOLVED,

That the thanks of the Club are due to the RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF MORTON for the use of the Original Documents from which the Collection has been formed.

At a Meeting of the Committee of the BANNATYNE CLUB, held on
Monday the 21st of February 1853—

The SECRETARY reported to the Meeting the arrangements made since the decease of THOMAS THOMSON, ESQ., PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB, in regard to the Series of MORTON PAPERS; and stated, that for the purpose of completing the Work with a suitable Preface, MR. INNES had obtained from the EARL OF MORTON the old Chartulary of Morton, and other important documents.

The Committee were of opinion that the plan originally contemplated of issuing the Work in two distinct volumes, although of unequal size, should be adhered to ; the more modern portion to accompany the prefatory matter ; and authorized the Work to be completed in the manner proposed, and circulated among the Members with all convenient speed.

Extracted from the Minutes of the Club,

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PREFACE.

THE Register of the more Ancient Writs of the Douglasses of Dalkeith, Earls of Morton, which is probably the oldest Chartulary of lay possessions in Scotland, consists of two parts ; the older written soon after the middle of the fourteenth century, and the latter about its close.¹ Together, they contain about three hundred charters.

Such a collection of the records of an historical family early attracted the attention of the late lamented President of the

¹ The older contains forty leaves of vellum of a small folio size, exceedingly stained and defaced, so as to be in many places wholly illegible even where the vellum is entire. The table of its contents enumerates one hundred and six charters, of which twenty-five are wanting.

The latter portion contains ninety-one written leaves of vellum somewhat larger in size, and in a hand perhaps a little later, but the greater part written before the end of the fourteenth century. This numbering, how-

ever, includes a second table of contents of more modern writing than the original one, and a fasciculus of twelve leaves of a handwriting of the following century. The older table of contents of this part enumerates two hundred and six charters, the later one, which includes the fasciculus of later date, gives two hundred and twenty. This part, which still contains all that are given in these tables, with the exception of five charters at the end of the modern fasciculus, is on the whole tolerably legible throughout.

Bannatyne Club, and he devoted some part of his time for several years to superintending the arrangement and printing of the present volume, which is chiefly derived from that source, with the addition, however, of some original documents from the Charter-room at Dalmahoy. Mr. Thomson intended to accompany the collection with a dissertation on the pedigree of this branch of the illustrious house of Douglas; but increasing years and infirmities prevented his fulfilling that intention; and nothing has been found among his papers to indicate the plan or views of the Editor. By a double fatality, the premature death of the excellent Mr. Alexander Macdonald, who had assisted Mr. Thomson in the work, has shut us out from all knowledge of Mr. Thomson's communications with him, and left us to guess at the method and purpose of the following collection from the sheets as they stand printed. Owing to this cause, there are omissions not easily accounted for, and in a few instances, papers inserted without much apparent utility; but the general plan of the work is sufficiently simple.

While the charters are printed faithfully from the Chartulary or the charters themselves, preserving even the abbreviations of the original, the order has been changed, and they are now nearly, if not quite, in chronological arrangement, a matter which has not been at all attended to in the original record. After the whole contents of the Chartulary, there are added a charter of Sir James of Douglas Lord of Dalkeith in 1406, founding six chaplainries in the Chapel of Saint Nicholas of

Dalkeith, and eleven Charters abridged from the Register of the Great Seal.

A considerable body of original papers of three reigns, James V., Mary, and James VI., from the Muniment-room of the family of Morton, have been added as a Supplement to this large body of Ancient Charters. Some of them will be found of much historical interest and curiosity. For convenience of binding, these have been placed in the present volume. It must be understood that the second volume contains the charters and more ancient writs.

Since the time of old Hume of Godscroft, it is surprising how little of the attention of Antiquaries has been directed to the early pedigree of Douglas. Contented with their fabulous original and the real splendour of their historical period, the extant families of Douglas have not sought to give that precision to their descent which modern accuracy demands, and which can only be drawn from charters or authentic records. When any one qualified for the task shall be induced to undertake it, he will find some of his most valuable materials in the present collection.

The romantic historian of the house of Douglas has said of his subject, 'We do not know them in the fountain, but in the stream; not in the root, but in the stemme; for we know not who was the first mean man that did by his virtue raise himself above the vulgar.'¹ Mr. Chalmers, with no weakness for romance, thought he had discovered 'the first mean man' of

¹ Hume of Godscroft's History of the Houses of Douglas and Angus; Preface.

the family in a certain Theobald the Fleming, who had a grant of land on the Douglas Water, from Arnold, Abbot of Kelso, in the middle of the twelfth century.¹ It has been shewn elsewhere, that that was not the original land of the Douglas family, although upon the bank of the same river, and that there is no proof nor any probability of William of Douglas of the twelfth century, the undoubted ancestor of the family, being descended of the Fleming, who settled on the opposite side of his native valley.² These Charters correct another mistake of the author of *Caledonia*, who says, that no person of the first six descents of the Douglases had obtained one grant from the Crown—ascribing their rise to greatness solely to the services of the ‘good Sir James.’³ The ancestry of the first William of Douglas, indeed, is not to be found in a Scotch Charter-chest. Like the other knightly and baronial families of the Lowlands, he probably drew his origin from some Norman or Saxon colonist, who in that age of immigration and fluctuating surnames, sunk his previous style, perhaps some changing patronymic, like those of the ancestors of the Stuarts and of the Hamiltons; little dreaming how illustrious was to become the name which he adopted from his settlement on the bank of the Douglas Water.

William of Douglas, who is known at the conclusion of the

¹ *Caledonia*, i. 579.

² *Regist. de Calchou*, Preface, pp. xxvii., xxviii.; Sir W. Scott, note to ‘*The Monastery*,’ chap. xxxvii. (*Waverley Novels*, vol. x. pp. 472, 473. Library edit., 1853.)

³ *Caledonia*, p. 584. It can be shown that,

in the year 1296, William of Douglas, the father of ‘the good Sir James,’ beside his fief in Douglasdale, and the manor in Northumberland, held lands in six Scotch counties—Fife, Edinburgh, Berwick, Wigtown, Dumfries, and Ayr. (*Rotuli Scotiae*, vol. i. p. 24.)

twelfth century, and who appears as a person of some consequence during the whole reign of William the Lion, had six sons—Erkenbald or Archibald, his heir ; Bricius, a churchman, prior of Lesmahago,¹ who in the year 1203 was preferred to the great Bishopric of Moray ; and four others, who seem to have been provided for out of their brother's northern benefice.

Erkenbald of Douglas is found witnessing charters before the end of the twelfth century, and is known in transactions as late as 1228. This personage attained the dignity of knighthood, and acquired lands beyond the original territory in Douglasdale.²

Several of the Charters of our Register, which appear to have been accidentally omitted in printing it, throw light upon these earlier generations of the family, even before it had become historically illustrious. Thus, early in the thirteenth century, Malcolm Earl of Fife granted to Archibald of Douglas, son of William of Douglas, the land of Levingston and the land of Hirdmanston, both formerly held by William of Kilmaron ; and King Alexander II. confirmed that Charter before the year 1226.³ It is remarkable that, although the family had been for a century before in possession of the lands from whence they derived their name, there is no charter evidence of any earlier property held by them than these grants of Levingston and

¹ Lesmahago was a cell of Kelso, and Bricius and his brother Hugo seem to have been monks of that great abbey. (*Liber Vitæ Eccl. Dunelm.*, p. 95.)

² The authorities for these descents are cited in the 'Origines Parochiales Scotiæ' under the parish of Douglas.

³ Appendix to Preface, Nos. 1 and 2.

Hirdmanston.¹ One of the witnesses to the Earl of Fife's Charter, Freskin, Dean of Moray, marks the early connexion of the Douglasses with that diocese, to which they had already given a bishop, and perhaps also with that great family of the north, the De Moravias, with whom they had arms in common, and of whom old Wyntoun says,—

Of Murrawe and the Dowglas,
How that thare begynnyng was,
Syn syndry men spekis syndryly
I can put that in na story.
Bot in thare armeys bath thai bere
The sternys set in lyk manere,
Til mony men it is yhit sene,
Apperand lyk that thai had bene
Of kyn be descens lyneale
Or be branchys collaterale.

The next Sir William of Douglas was probably the son of Sir Archibald, but this step of the pedigree is not proved otherwise than by his inheriting the family lands. He lived till about 1276.

It is hardly on better evidence that it is asserted that Andrew, the founder of the House of Dalkeith and Morton, was brother of this Sir William, and consequently son of Sir Archibald of Douglas, Lord of Douglas,² or that Sir James, who had Charters

¹ Setting aside the authority of Boece and his fabulous Parliament at Forfar in 1061, which was attended by "Gulielmus a Douglas"—the first transaction of any one of the family or name of Douglas recorded by Godscroft, is the marriage of Hugh Douglas, the son of William, with Marjory Abernethie,

sister of Hugh Lord of Abernethie, in 1259. This historian may be trusted where he quotes documents. He describes the contract of marriage 'which the Earles of Angus have yet extant.'—*Home of Godscroft*, p. 12.

² The fact seems to rest upon their occurrence together as witnesses to a Charter in

of Kincaivill and Caldor-cler, and took his style from Lothian—*de Laudonia*—and who died about 1320, was the son of that William who was undoubtedly the son and heir of Andrew.¹

Here, however, the doubts and difficulties of the pedigree cease. Sir William of Douglas, ‘of Liddesdale,’ who flourished during the reigns of Robert I. and his son, is described in charters as the son of the late Sir James Douglas of Lothian.² Supporting Bruce along with his kinsman and chief, ‘the good Sir James’ of Douglas, he received royal rewards for his service, and transmitted to his nephew Sir James, besides the territories which had got for the family the designation ‘of Lothian,’ extensive lands in Tweeddale, the old Graham lordship of Dalkeith, and the great territories of Liddesdale, with the valleys of Esk and Ewys forfeited by the De Soulises and de Lovels³—and, as if for the express benefit of genealogists, left an entail calling to his succession, in their order, the five sons of his brother John.⁴

The eldest of these, Sir James Douglas, a man of enormous territories and great real wealth, is the personage whose transactions occupy the greatest space in our Chartulary. With his wife Agnes of Dunbar, daughter of ‘Black Agnes,’ the heroic Countess of Dunbar, he got not only the lands of Mor-

favour of the monks of Dunfermline, where they are entered as *Domini Wilhelmo et Andree de Dufglas*. Reg. de Dunfermelyn, p. 97.

¹ Vol. ii. p. 8, No. 10; p. 11, No. 14.

² Vol. ii. p. 11, No. 15; p. 22, No. 30; p. 23, No. 31; p. 29, No. 37.

³ Vol. ii. p. 43, No. 57; p. 47, No. 63.

⁴ Vol. ii. p. 53, No. 70. It may be con-

jectured that it is to these five brothers that Froissart alludes in his most perplexing notice of the Douglasses of his day—‘I have sene a five bretherne, all squiers, bearyng the name of Douglas, in the Kyng of Scotlandes house David; they were sonnes to a knight in Scotlande called Sir James Duglas.’—Cap. exlvii.

dington, Whittingham, and a territory perhaps not so tangible in the Isle of Man, but also by Royal grant for her life, '*pro apparatu et amictu ipsius*,' the incredible sum of 1000 marks a-year, to be levied out of the customs of Aberdeen and Haddington.¹ Hitherto the family had taken their designation from their Castle of Dalkeith, or from Liddesdale, though sometimes styled popularly 'of Lothian;' but a grant from his brother-in-law George Earl of Dunbar, of the lands of Morton in Nithsdale, eventually changed their style and title.²

The marriage of the daughter of Sir James of Douglas with Sir John of Hamilton, Lord of Cadyhow, was arranged by an indenture of 1st November 1388, the original of which, still preserved at Dalmahoy, is so curious in its provisions that it has been thought proper to print it in the Appendix to this Preface.³ The seal appended gives the earliest coat armour that is known of any of the name of Hamilton.⁴

Sir James of Douglas shewed his munificence to the Church during his life as well as in his latter will. Dalkeith was not then an independent parish, but part of the parish of Lasswade. Besides endowing a chapel in his castle of Dalkeith, dedicated to the Virgin and Saint John the Baptist in 1377, he founded and endowed a chaplainry in honour of Saint Nicholas in a chapel, which previously existed at the village, dedicated to the same Saint. This chapel of Saint Nicholas of Dalkeith

¹ Vol. ii. No. 108. ² Vol. ii. No. 100.

³ Appendix to the Preface, No. 9.

⁴ An earlier seal is described by T. Innes as extant in his time in the Scots College at

Paris. It was of David Hamilton, in 1361, and Innes blazons it, *Super scuto tria quinquefolia*.—*Regist. Episcop. Glasg.*, Vol. I. *Tabula*, p. cxxxii., No. 297, note i.

grew by his bounty, till in 1406 it acquired the shape of a Collegiate Church for a Provost and five chaplains with manses and full establishment, the stipends provided out of his lands.¹ It was not till a century after the first endowment of Sir James's chaplains, that his descendant James first Earl of Morton completed the establishment of the Collegiate Church of Dalkeith, by adding three canons endowed with the tithes of three parishes, of Newlands, Kilbueho, and Mordington.²

Undoubtedly the most interesting documents of this collection are the two wills of Sir James Douglas of Dalkeith, 30th September 1390, and 19th September 1392, the oldest wills of any Scotchman known to be extant.³ Commending his soul to God, and the blessed Virgin, and all saints, he gave his body to be buried in the Monastery of Newbotle, beside his first wife Agnes. He appointed Archibald Earl of Douglas, and Sir Henry of Douglas, his uncle, to be guardians of his heir. He gave the half of all his free goods for his funeral, and for masses and alms for the weal of his soul; also his best horse and his arms as a funeral offering to the vicar of Lasswade. He left to James his son and heir, helmet and full arms for tilting,⁴ and his best jack

¹ The curious and valuable deed the 'magna carta' of the College is not preserved either in the Chartulary, or among the original writs at Dalmahoy. It is printed from the original preserved in the charter-chest of Kilsyth, Vol. ii. No. 278.

² Vol. ii. No. 230.

³ Vol. ii. Nos. 193, 196. These were previously printed in the second volume of the

Bannatyne Miscellany. A much older will, that of Saint Gilbert de Moravia, Bishop of Caithness, is said to have been extant in 1636; but it is now unhappily lost.—*Sir R. Gordon's History of Sutherland.*

⁴ Along with his tilting arms he bequeaths 'unum rethe quod fuit in bombicino meo'—perhaps the silk dress worn over arms in the tilt-yard.

and tusches, with his second best horse—an owehe with a ruby in the middle, a ring *de columna Christi*, and a cross made of the true cross—*super quam pendeat Jesus*—a relic of the hair of Mary Magdalene enclosed in silver, a cirelet of gold, and a great counterfilet of gold, a silver basin with a cover, weighing £15, 3s. 8d., his best gilt cup, weighing £18, 2s. His best ring with a sapphire, which was his lady mother's, and which she gave him with her blessing, he left also to his heir with his cordial blessing. He left him also a large quantity of silver-plate, dishes, chargers, and cups; his best bed; all his books, both those of the Statutes of the kingdom of Scotland and those of romance. He left to his daughter Jacoba, a cirelet of gold of forty marks price; to his son John Douglas of Aberdour, all his books of grammar and logie, and ten pounds yearly until he should be provided in ten pounds' worth of land. He specially requested that the books he had borrowed might be returned to their owners. He bequeathed to the Earl of March, his brother-in-law, a ring with a ruby; to his son James his second best belt, a pair of plates and the rest of a suit of armour *pro hastiludio de guerra*; to his brothers William and Nicholas, each a suit of armour; and to the former twenty marks sterling, and to the latter ten marks yearly. The rest of his arms he ordered to remain perpetually in his Castle of Dalkeith. He bequeathed to John de Livingston a ring with a Saint Christopher; a chalice and missal to the Chapel of Saint Nicholas of Dalkeith; a small sum for the support of the fabric of Saint Andrews; a jewel of Saint John of the price of forty marks to the Church of New-

bottle. He gave for the building of the Church of Newbotle, and the wages of the masons, £23, 6s. 8d. ; and twelve silver plates, weighing £18, 6s. sterling, for the use of the refectory, with other sums to the monks to pray for his soul. He left £20 to the Monastery of Kelso, and many small sums to individuals whom he only mentions by name. To be distributed among the poor he gave £13, 6s. 8d. He gave legacies to the Friars preachers of Edinburgh and the Minorites of Haddington. He left to Elizabeth his sister a brooch of gold ; to Sir Henry his brother a small ring with a sapphire ; to Sir Archibald Earl of Douglas a ring with a ruby inscribed *Vertu ne puz auoir conterpois* ; also a sapphire which purifies the blood and has a stalk of gold, also his second best gilt cup with a cover, weighing £8. He left to his son William a gold ring with an emerald, circumscribed with a posey beginning *Remembrance*. He directed for the weal of his own soul and of his uncle's, that all bonds of his uncle's that may be found in his keeping should be burned. An aventale and gloves of plate that had belonged to John Ker—won perhaps as the prize of some tournament—were to be restored to him. His robes of cloth of gold and silk and his furred robes were to be given to the Church of Saint Duthoc of Tain, the Chapel of Dalkeith, and certain churchmen : his other garments to his poor servants. He directed the residue of his plate to be sold for the poor. He left his third best horse and a jewel of Saint John that cost 40 marks to the Monastery of Newbotle, and £23, 6s. 8d. to help its fabric. He bequeathed a sum of only £26, 13s. 4d., to be marriage portions to his

nieces, the two daughters of Philip of Arbutnot. He gave £20 for repairing and roofing the Chapel of Saint Nicholas, and vestments to each of the Churches of Lasswade, Newlands, and Saint Fulan of Aberdour. He gave up to Robert de Livingston his marriage, which he had by gift of the King. He bequeathed to Egidia, his wife, a jewel which she had given him, *dum tamen de jocalibus ulterius non querat*. By his second will, he gave the residue of his goods, after debts and legacies, to the building and adorning of the Chapel of Saint Nicholas of Dalkeith. Sir James long survived these testaments, and died in 1420.¹

The alliances of this princely person were as high as Scotland afforded. His first wife (beside whom he desired to be buried in the Abbey of Newbotil) was Agnes, a daughter of the house of Dunbar; and it is doubtful if he thought he married more nobly when he took for his second, the Lady Giles Stuart, the sister of King Robert II. His eldest son he married to Elizabeth Stuart, the third daughter of Robert III. It may serve to show how little mere titles of honour were as yet coveted in Scotland that this family, so great in wealth and connexions, did not receive the dignity of Earl till James, his great grandson, having married Johan, the third daughter of King James I., was created Earl of Morton, in Parliament 14th March 1457.²

¹ Fordun, xv. 32. He died of a very fatal epidemic, which the Faculty attributed to the badness of the seasons. It was called by our forefathers the *Quhew*. In our day it would have been named *influenza*.

² The style was declared to be derived from the lands of Morton in Caldoreler, the lands of Morton in Nithsdale having gone to his uncle Sir William.

James the third Earl of Morton, grandson of the first Earl, having no sons, obtained a new charter of the Earldom,¹ with remainder to (1.) his daughter's husband, James Douglas, (afterwards the Regent Morton ;) (2.) to Archibald Earl of Angus ; (3.) to Sir William Douglas of Lochleven ; and the heirs-male of their bodies respectively.

By virtue of that settlement, the Earldom came to the Regent. After his death, and when his attainder was reversed in 1585, Archibald the eighth Earl of Angus became Earl of Morton ; and he also dying without sons, the succession devolved on Sir William Douglas of Lochleven, the lineal male descendant of that Henry who was the fourth in the enumeration of the nephews of Sir William of Douglas in his entail of 1351. In 1368 Henry acquired the lands of Lugtoun adjoining his father's lordship of Dalkeith ; had charters of Langnewton in Roxburgh from the Stewards lords of Ochiltree ; and of the castle and lands of Lochleven, which gave their style and usual designation to his descendants. He was a person of great consideration as well as large possessions, being married to a niece of King Robert II., daughter of David first Earl of Crauford ;² and he was attached in some manner to the personal service or attendance of the unhappy Prince David Duke of Rothesay. The descent and subsequent history of that family are well known, but they are not illustrated by this collection,

¹ Crown charter 1564. Ratified in Parliament 1567.

² See his Testament, (vol. ii. p. 176,) and Documents appended to the Preface, No. 8. A

mistaken account of this marriage is given in the Peerages, where Marjory of Lyndesay is said to have married William of Douglas instead of his father Henry.

which is necessarily by its date confined to the charters and transactions of the Earls of the first race.

One uninitiated in the exciting pursuit of charter antiquities cannot readily appreciate the interest with which the zealous investigator searches through a charter-room like that of Dalmahoy. As each massive old chest is approached, and one after another the bolts and locks, with all their quaint devices for puzzling the stranger, give way, and as one after another he opens the little oak drawers, and lets in the light upon their sleep of centuries, he is in constant hope of some important revelation. That small charter no bigger than a man's hand may remove the mystery which shrouds the origin of the race—may tell us from what chateau of Normandy or from what English grange came the ancestors of the Scotch heroes—who was 'the first mean man that did by his virtue raise himself above the vulgar.' Even when that expectation is disappointed, the search is not fruitless. The venerable chartulary gives the precision of record to the lives and actions of one branch of the most illustrious family in Scotland. Every chest yields something to gratify curiosity; to fill up a gap in genealogy; to correct the blunders of heralds; to throw light upon the tenure and descent of lands; the correspondence of those who could write, and documents for shewing the relations of the various classes of society. It is from such materials that our domestic annals are to be written, and the public history of the country is yet to receive its truest as well as its most characteristic colouring.

However the loss of the early Douglas charters is to be

accounted for, the family of Morton have been careful preservers of theirs. Besides the Chartulary written 'book-ways,' there are found in a little black 'coffer' a number of narrow vellum rolls of about the same age,¹ some containing lists of charters and title-deeds of all sorts, with reference to their places of deposit, but unfortunately (like the table prefixed to our Chartulary) without dates. One consists of a rental of part of the Morton possessions for the years 1376-8—valuable not only for the local antiquary, but as perhaps the earliest rental of lay lands in Scotland. It is printed at length.²

The house of Lochleven followed the example of their cousins of Dalkeith, and the charter-room at Dalmaboy, which now combines the united collections of both families, shews many marks of care both in preserving and transcribing their ancient muniments.

There is a carefully written 'Registrum evidentiary domini-norum de Lochleven' compiled in 1573, which commences with the first charter of Henry of Lugton and Lochleven; as well as several bundles of original writs on parchment inartificially stitched together, and some similar *fasciculi* of transcripts of originals by the family notary.³

Although our forefathers began to use their vernacular tongue

¹ One of these Rolls begins—'ROTULUS AD DOCENDUM UBI LITERE DOMINI INVENIUNTUR. *In primis in uno magno schotyll cum uno W. et una cruce super le lyd—In prima capsula,*' &c.; and then the rest are described as '*in uno cofino,*' or '*in secunda capsula,*' and sometimes in Scotch thus: 'In the thred schotill of the elder cofyne.'

² Appendix to the Preface, No. 16.

³ It is from one of these that the letter of

James I., charging the Laird of Lochleven to enter himself as one of the hostages for the King's ransom, is printed in the Appendix to the Preface, (No. 13.) The notary transcriber has given it the following title, shewing his understanding of such mandates. 'The transumpt of ane vreting send be the Kingis grace to unquhil Robert Douglas for ryding of ane raid to Ingland!'

in law and business documents about the end of the fourteenth century, letters of correspondence are hardly met with in Scotch repositories till the sixteenth. Even to the end of the latter century they are incredibly meagre and unsatisfactory. The writers are evidently suspicious not only of the channels of communication, but frequently of their correspondents, whom it might be unsafe to trust with any frank expression of opinion *in writing*. Hence the constant practice in those times of accrediting the bearer to make those revelations which were not to be confided to paper. Another reason, it must be owned, impeded free communication by letter. Although education made a rapid stride just after the Reformation, and it was no longer necessary to enforce the old Statute which obliged barons of substance to put their eldest sons to the schools, yet it cannot be said that the classes of nobility and gentry were generally imbued with literature, and the greater number wrote as if they knew neither their own nor any other language grammatically. Many churchmen, indeed, before the Reformation, were accomplished in all kinds of learning. Public libraries had been established, and a few distinguished laymen had already begun to form private collections of books.¹ But

¹ Some of these are still known to the curious by their book-stamps, which were then impressed on the outside of the binding. Schives, Archbishop of St. Andrews, had his books so distinguished before the end of the fifteenth century. It has been seen that Sir James Douglas of Dalkeith counted his books among his valuables, even before the end of the fourteenth century; and his manuscripts, whether of the laws of the realm or of romance,

would now be beyond price. Even after printing had brought books within the reach of moderate fortunes, we still find MS. copies in old libraries; indeed, the greater number of our Law collections continued to be in writing subsequent to the introduction of printing even in Scotland; and manuscript copies of the ponderous romances of the sixteenth century, (with variations by the transcriber,) are still found at Taymouth and in other old collections.

subsequent to the Reformation, and on to the end of that century, there was no general taste for literature; the leading men of Scotland and women of rank and education still wrote in the constrained style of people unacquainted with the capabilities of their language, and for the most part not indisposed to leave their meaning obscure.

Accordingly, there is little of the interest of modern correspondence—nothing of the free interchange of sentiment—to be looked for in a collection like that brought together in the present volume, from the now united repositories of Morton and Lochleven. Somewhat beyond the limits of this collection, and especially during the period of Earl William, the Lord Treasurer, the letters of correspondence preserved at Dalmahoy become both more frequent and considerably less restrained.

A considerable mass of documents concerning the Regent Morton are valuable as throwing some new light on the life and events of a statesman whose character has not been investigated with any care or research, except by one whose prejudices quite overcame his better judgment. Mr. Chalmers can find no defence nor excuse for Morton, but rails and calls him names, mistakes and twists the evidence, and scatters abuse so indiscriminately upon all previous historians, that his ‘Memoir of the Regent Morton,’¹ if it has any effect, leads the reader to the opposite conclusion from that which he contends for.

The following interesting serap of Parliamentary history has been found at Dalmahoy since the text of the present volume was printed. It is evidently the memorandum of a speech in

¹ Chalmers’s ‘Life of Queen Mary,’ vol. iii.

Parliament in reply to the Queen's opening speech—something akin to those now formalised in the British Parliament at moving the address on the 'Queen's speech.' We may conjecture, with tolerable confidence, that it was used by Morton while Chancellor, or when acting as such before his formal appointment to the office; and its terms seem to point to that Parliament which sat on the 26th May 1563, 'On which day the Queen came to it in her robes and crowned—the Duke carrying the crown, Argyll the sceptre, and Murray the sword,' when 'she made in English an oration publicly there.'¹

'Sen it hes plesit the Quenis Maiestie to mak her awin declaratioun of the grete zele and lufe hir Maiestie hes borne towartis this hir natie countre and ws hir Hienes liegis and subiectis

'On the vther part it is our bundin dewtie to gif vnto God most hartlie thankis that hes gevin vnto ws sic ane lufing prynces to ring our ws

'Quairfoir we aucht to endevoir oure selffis maist earnestlie to set fordwart all sic thingis as may be to the advancement of hir Maiesties estait honour and dignetie

'And that in sic sort as may be to the glorie of God hir Hienes honour and obedyence to the maintenance and quyeting of this our commoun veill and countre

'And becaus thair is grete and wechtie materis to be tretit in this parliament it salbe best that we proceid to the begynning thairof

¹ Randolph to Cecil. The speech may, however, have been made in the Parliament of December 1564.

‘ And seing the auld ancient custome of this countre in the first day of the parliament was to chois the lordis of the artielis Thairfoir we mon proceid vnto the same

‘ It is thoct guid that thair be chosin aucht in nowmer of ilk ane of the thre estatis to the effect that caussis may be the better ressonit

‘ And thairfoir ye my lordis of the temporale estait mon chois the aucht lordis of the sprituale estait

‘ And ye my lordis of the sprituale estait mon chois the aucht lordis of the temporale estait

‘ And thaireftir all ye my lordis togidder mon chois aucht of the comyssaris of burrowis.

‘ Eftir the chosing of the saidis lordis of the artielis to caus thair names be red publictlye that is chosin and thair to declair to the hail estaitis that the saidis lords of artielis will sit in our Souerane Ladyes palice within the Abbay on the morne and will meit at owris to ressonne vpoun sic thingis as is to be resolut on in this present parliament And thairfoir desyir the estaitis and nobilitie to remane vnto sic thingis be resolut as may conveyentlie be done

‘ Item to declair that the Quenis Maiestie wilbe in the Tolbuith vpoun Fryday nixtocum.’

As these ‘heads of a speech’ point probably to the beginning of Morton’s official life, a document which is given in the Appendix to this Preface¹ may be said to mark its close. This is the formal Act fixing his right of precedence. He was now stript of office and power, but still honoured and ordained to

¹ Appendix to the Preface, No. 15.

have the first place in Council. Nothing in the order of the Privy Council is so remarkable, however, as the names of the lords by whom it was passed. Athol, Argyll, and all the courtiers who here did him honour felt no scruple in pursuing him to the death two years later.¹

But the greater number of the documents composing the present volume are from the repositories of Lochleven.

The letter from James Stewart (afterwards Regent) to his mother,² has reference to an event in his life not generally known. He had entered into a contract of marriage with Christian, in her own right Countess of Buchan, while the lady was still an infant. The contract did not take effect; and she married his uterine brother Robert Douglas. Mr. Chalmers, whom it suits to throw all blame on Murray, has used very hard words in describing that transaction,³ with which he was but imperfectly acquainted. The indignation of this letter seems genuine, and it certainly leaves the impression that others were more to blame than Murray in the misfortunes of the Countess of Buchan.

The 'Act for sequestrating the Queen's person,'⁴ though it has been published before, with a fac-simile,⁵ is yet properly included here, both as the original is preserved in the Charter-room at Dalmahoy, and as connected with the most interesting events of the family and castle of Lochleven.

The letter of Knox⁶—one of the few letters of correspondence of the Scotch Reformer that have been preserved—was probably

¹ The characteristic portrait of the Regent Morton, at Dalmahoy, has been engraved for Lodge. It is now in bad condition.

² Vol. i. No. 13, p. 9.

³ Life of Queen Mary, vol. iii. pp. 126, 135, &c.

⁴ Vol. i. No. 26, p. 24.

⁵ Miscel. of Maitland Club, vol. i. p. 250.

⁶ Vol. i. No. 49, p. 52.

written after the visitation under which he suffered in October 1570, and from which he only partially recovered. He was not in the habit of refusing his active aid in such matters as this letter refers to; but now he declines to interfere 'in that and all other cases worldly, for I have tacken my gude nycht of it.'

The Countess of Northumberland's letter¹ to her husband relates to another unhappy prisoner of Lochleven. The Lady's anticipations were too sadly verified, when, to the shame of Scotland, no less than of the Laird of Lochleven, the noble fugitive was 'delivered to the shambles.'

Several documents regarding the warding of the Laird of Lochleven, and his liberation from durance, are explained by documents at Dalmahoy, not printed. There are two Remissions under the Great Seal to William Douglas of Lochleven and to Robert Douglas 'fear' of Lochleven, for their share in the *Raid of Ruthven*—'pro arte, parte captivitatis et detentionis nostre persone &c. in loco de Ruthwen mense Augusti 1582.'²

Before concluding, it must be observed that several of the dates of the deeds in the Chartulary are erroneous, evidently through the carelessness of the engrossing scribe,³ and it may

¹ Vol. i. No. 76.

² Dated respectively 29 Nov. and 27 Dec. 1583.

³ Vol. ii. Nos. 14, 15, and 31. Thus, No. 15 is dated in the *second* year of the King's reign, (A.D. 1307,) but, as it evidently follows the grant of No. 16, dated in the tenth of the reign, (A.D. 1315,) its proper date is apparently the twelfth, A.D. 1317, (the scribe having apparently overlooked the numeral x of the regnal year.) In No. 31 of vol. ii. the date is the Vigil of Saint Mathias, (*Sancti*

Mathie,) A.D. 1323—the 23d of Feb. 1324—a mistake of the scribe for the Vigil of Saint Mathew (*Sancti Mathei*)—the 20th of Sept., A.D. 1323—as is proved by the confirmation of King Robert I., (Vol. ii. No. 15,) dated on the 23d of the same month. That confirmation, however, is itself misdated, being given according to the Chartulary in the *eighth* year of the King's reign, (A.D. 1313,) instead of the eighteenth, (A.D. 1323,) the *decimo* being again omitted.

be allowed, for the benefit of future investigators, to mention that a great number of deeds contained in the Chartulary are not printed in the text. Such of these omitted deeds as seemed peculiarly to illustrate the Douglas family history, or to be of general importance or interest, are added in the Appendix to the Preface. The local antiquary will be well pleased to find along with the rentals of 1376, so useful for rural antiquities, ancient and minute Extents of Liddesdale, divided into its 'quarters,' and of the baronies of Stabilgorton and Watstirker. (Appendix, 17, 18, 19.)

On the last leaf of the venerable little Chartulary is a note of family jewels, which enumerates ten 'chenyeis of perllis,' with a great jewel in the middle of them, of which a representation is thus scratched



summing them up as follows :

'The sowm of all the perllis into x werkis of chenyeis is xxxix^{xx} (thirty-nine score) and a perll,' apparently exclusive of a quantity 'deliuerit to Dam Jamys to the wyrkyng of the chaplet.'

POSTSCRIPT.

AMONG the Harleian Manuscripts, in the British Museum, there are twelve small volumes in octavo bound in two, containing Notes of the Morton Charters and Papers, for the purpose of illustrating the Genealogical History of the Family. They are not so described in the Catalogue, (*MSS. Harl.*, No. 6432-6443,) but they were compiled, it is believed, by David Symson, M.A., “that great Antiquary,” and “Historiographer Royal for Scotland,” as he is styled on the title-page of his “Genealogical and Historical Account of the illustrious Name of Stuart.” Edinburgh, 1712, 8vo.

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APPENDIX.

Carta Malcolmi de Fyffe comitis facta Archibaldo [de Douglas filio] Willelmi de Douglas terrarum de Hyrdmanftoun .

- 1 Comes Malcolmus de Fyffe omnibus amicis suis et hominibus [prefens scriptum vifuris vel] auditoris salutem . Sciant presentes et futuri me dedisse et concessisse et hac [presenti] carta confirmasse Archebaldo de Douglas filio Willelmi de Douglas totam terram meam de Levingftoun quam Willelmus de Kilmaron de me tenuit et totam terram meam de Hirmanftoun quam idem Willelmus de me tenuit per rectas diuifas suas et cum omnibus iustis pertinentiis suis . Tenendas sibi et heredibus suis de me et heredibus meis in feudo et hereditate in bosco et plano in [pratis et] pascuis in moris et marrefiis in stagnis et molendinis et in omnibus aliis ayfamentis ad predictas terras iuste pertinentibus adeo libere quiete plenarie et honorifice sicut aliquis miles in toto regno Scocie feudum suum de comite uel barone liberius et quietius plenius et honorificentius tenet et possidet pro seruicio dimidii militis . Testibus Daud fratre meo . Alexandro de Blare . Alano de Haus Elia filio Odonis . Adam Gormond . Michel filio [Maliton] . Johanne filio comitis de Marr . Merleswyne filio comitis de Buchane . Ricardo Corbet . [Roger] de Berclaye . Willelmo de Coggifdale . Friskyne decano Morauienfi . [Andrea de] Morau[ia] . Waltero Greg . Alano capellano . Hugone et Willelmo clericis . et multis aliis .

Confirmacio regis Alexandri de Levynghstoun et Hirdmanstoun .

- 2 **A**lexander Dei gratia rex Scottorum omnibus probis hominibus totius terre sue clericis et laicis salutem . Sciant presentes et futuri me concessisse et hac carta mea confirmasse donacionem illam quam comes Malcolmus de Fyffe fecit Arkebaldo de Dufglas de tota terra de Levin[ghstoun] quam Willelmus de Kilmaron de eodem comite Malcolmo tenuit et de tota terra de Hirdmanestoun quam idem Willelmus de predicto comite Malcolmo tenuit . Tenendas sibi et heredibus suis de predicto comite Malcolmo et heredibus suis per rectas diuisas suas cum omnibus iustis pertinenciis suis ita libere et quiete plenarie et honorifice sicut carta predicti comitis Malcolmi predicto Arkebaldo inde facta testatur . salvo seruicio meo . Testibus Willelmo de Boscho cancellario meo . Ada et Roberto capellanis meis . Alexandro vicecomite de Striueline . Johanne de Haya . Thoma de Striueline clerico cancellarie . Apud Striueline [xix] die Aprilis .

[Carta Alexandri II. data P. comiti de Dunbar .]

- 3 **A**LEXANDER dei gratia rex Scottorum omnibus probis hominibus totius salutem . Sciant presentes et futuri nos in efcambium terre de Trecquer quam nostram contuleramus Patricio comiti de Dunbar nepoti nostro carta nostra confirmasse eidem Patricio comiti / pro homagio et seruicio / Dundaf et de Strathkawan que fuerunt foresta nostra . Tenendas et habendas Patricio comiti et heredibus suis et suis assignatis de nobis et heredibus nostris in feodo et hereditate per rectas diuisas suas et cum omnibus iustis pertinenciis et plano terris et aquis in pratis et pascuis in moris et marrefeis in pasturis et molendinis cum facco et focca cum furca et fossa cum tol et cum omnibus aliis ad dictas terras pertinentibus libere quiete bene et honorifice per serui-

tium tertie partis vnus militis . Concessimus etiam dicto Patricio ut ipse et heredes sui et sui assignati habeant dictas terras de nobis et heredibus nostris in liberum forestum adeo libere et quiete sicut aliquis aliquam terram tenet in libero foresto in toto regno nostro / quare firmiter prohibemus ne quis dictum Patricium aut heredes suos uel suos assignatos molestare aut terram nostram et libertates eidem super hoc concessas iniuste vexare presumat super nostram plenariam foriffacturam decem librarum . Testibus Waltero filio Alani Justiciario Scotie . Waltero Cumyn comite de Menteith comite Katanay Waltero filio Alexandri . Waltero Olifard justiciario Laodonie . Alano hostiario . Waltero Byset . Apud Kenmore septimo die Julii anno . . . regis vicefimo primo .

[Carta de Langneutoun abbreviata.]

- 4 Omnibus . . . Alanus Senescallus miles dominus de Vgthiltre salutem . . . Sciatis me de consensu et assensu Johannis Senescalli filii mei et heredis dedisse . . . dilecto et speciali meo domino Henrico de Douglas militi pro consilio et auxilio suo mihi et predicto filio meo multipliciter impensis totam terram meam de Langneutoun cum pertinenciis infra vicecomitatum de Roxburgh Tenendam . . . domino Henrico . . . de me . . . in feodo et hereditate inperpetuum . . . Faciendo inde . . . domino superiori seruicium debitum et consuetum Et reddendo mihi et heredibus meis singulis annis vnum denarium tantum nomine albe firme apud Langneutoun in festo Natiuitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste si petatur . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic . . . carte figillum meum est appensum His testibus domino Jacobo de Douglas domino de Dalketh . domino Wilhelmo de Douglas fratre eius . domino Johanne de Edmundistoun . domino Roberto Senescalli de Innermeth . militibus . Jacobo de Douglas de Strabrok . Johanne de Glene . Adam Forstar . et Andrea de Ormyftoun . cum multis aliis .

[Carta de eodem abbreviata.]

- 5 **Omnibus** Alanus Senescalli dominus de Vghtiltre salutem Sciatis me dedisse domino Henrico de Douglas militi terram meam de Langnewtoun et illas centum solidatas terre vna cum toftis et croftis que iacent inter parietes quondam Hugonis Gamyl ex parte orientali et le Buly Rod ex parte occidentali in villa et territorio de Langnewtoun predictis que prius fuerunt Johannis Bane et que idem Johannes mihi resignavit ac quiete clamavit inperpetuum . Tenendas in feodo et hereditate Faciendo inde superiori domino seruicium debitum et confuetum et reddendo inde mihi et heredibus meis fingulis annis vnum denarium argenti nomine albe firme apud Langnewtoun ad festum Natiuitatis Beati Johannis Baptiste si petatur tantum In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum presentibus est appensum . Testibus nobilibus viris dominis Roberto Senescalli fratre meo . Wilhelmo de Douglas . Johanne Senescalli filio meo . militibus . Jacobo de Douglas de Strabrok Alexandro de Cokburne . Thoma de Douglas . et pluribus aliis .

[Preceptum Safine.]

- 6 **Alanus** Senescalli miles dominus de Vghtiltre Johanni Senescalli militi filio nostro Roberto de Leuyngiftoune [et] Nicholao de Douglas salutem Quia dedimus domino Henrico de Douglas militi terram de Langnewtoun vobis mandamus quatenus indilate predicto domino Henrico vel actornato fayfinam de dicta terra liberetis iuxta tenorem carte mee ad quod faciendum vobis potestatem concedimus ratum habentes quicquid vos vel vnus vestrum in liberatione dicte sayfine duxerit faciendum In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Scriptum die Sabbati vicesimo die mensis Junii anno Domini millesimo ccc^{mo} septuagefimo septimo .

[Obligatio Alani Senescalli.]

- 7 **O**mnibus Alanus Senescalli miles dominus de Vghtiltre salutem Quia infeodauī dominum Henricum de Douglas militem de terra in villa et territorio de Langneutoun pro se et heredibus suis Volo et concedo ac per presentes fide media me obligo quod quando-cunque contingat dictam terram a predicto domino Henrico vel heredi-bus suis per processum iuris recuperari ego et heredes mei predicto domino Henrico vel heredibus suis infra annum immediate sequentem ad duos terminos vsuales ducentas libras sterlingorum proportionaliter persoluemus apud monasterium de Neubotle Et ad maiorem huius rei securita-tem inueni Johannem Senescalli filium meum et heredem fideiussorem meum et principalem debitorem qui se obligat ad solutionem predictam sicut ego sum superius obligatus In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum vna cum sigillo filii et heredis mei predicti presentibus est appen-sum Apud Edynburgh vicefimo sexto die mensis Junii anno Domini mil-lesimo trecentesimo septuagesimo septimo .

[Carta xx librarum annuatim Henrico de Douglas.]

- 8 **R**obertus dei gratia rex Scottorum omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue clericis et laicis salutem . Sciatis nos dedisse concessisse et hac pre-senti carta nostra confirmasse dilecto consanguineo nostro Henrico de Douglas militi viginti libras Sterlingorum de magna sustuma nostra burgi de Hadyngtounne annuatim percipiendas per manus sustumariorum nostrorum eiusdem ad festum Pentecostes . Tenendas et habendas ac percipiendas eidem Henrico et karissime nepti nostre Mariorie sponse sue et eorum alteri diutius viuenti et heredibus inter ipsos legitime procrean-dis quibus deficientibus heredibus ipsius Henrici legitimis quibuscumque in feodo et hereditate in perpetuum quousque nos aut heredes nostri

reges Scotie predictos Henricum et Marioriam aut eorum heredes predictos de viginti libratis terre infeodauerimus aut infeodauerint in loco competenti . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre nostrum precepimus apponi sigillum . Testibus venerabilibus in Christo patribus Willelmo et Johanne cancellario nostro Sancti Andree et Dunkeldensis ecclesiarum episcopis . Johanne primogenito nostro de Carric Senescallo Scotie . Roberto de Fyf et de Menteth filio nostro dilecto . Jacobo de Douglas confanguineo nostro / comitibus . Archebaldo de Douglas et Roberto de Erkyne confanguineis nostris / militibus . Apud Edynburgh octauo die Januarii anno regni nostri quarto decimo .

Indentura inter dominum de Dalketh et dominum Johannem Hamiltoun .

- 9 **H**ec indentura facta apud Dalketh primo die mensis Nouembris anno Domini millesimo trescentesimo octogesimo octauo inter nobiles viros dominum Jacobum de Douglas dominum de Dalketh ex parte vna et dominum Johannem de Hamyltoun dominum de Cadzow ex parte altera continet et testatur quod inter partes predictas concordatum est in forma que sequitur videlicet quod dictus dominus Johannes deo volente capiet et in vxorem ducet Jacobam de Douglas filiam secundam domini Jacobi quamquidem Jacobam predictus dominus Johannes conjunctim faciet infeodari in integra baronia de Kinele cum pertinentiis et cum seruitiis libere tenentium in constabulario de Lynlythqw infra vicecomitatum de Edynburgh . Tenendam et habendam predictae Jacobe et heredibus inter ipsam et predictum dominum Johannem legitime procreandis quos etiam heredes predictus dominus Johannes faciet constituet et ordinabit suos veros heredes et legitimos successores omnium terrarum sibi pertinentium seu pertinere valentium qualitercumque infra regnum . Pro quo quidem maritagio coniuncta infeodatione premissis in omnibus ut premittitur faciendis prefatus dominus Jacobus de Douglas dabit et persoluet predicto domino Johanni de Hamyltoun verum annum valorem omnium ter-

rarum suarum quas possidet dñus dominus Johannes in proprietate die huius conventionis secundum quod per fidelem recognitionem antiqui extentus dictarum terrarum valeat recognosci in anno extendi in valore . Et insuper prefatus dominus Jacobus de Douglas dabit et persoluet predicto domino Johanni de Hamyltoune statim post complementum dictorum matrimoniorum et coniuncte infeodationis dimidietatem antiqui extentus omnium tenementorum que de ipso tenentur in capite per wardam vel releium ubicumque infra regnum Ad quamquidem solutionem vt premititur fideliter faciendam predictus dominus Jacobus de Douglas se et heredes suos obligat persolvere predicto domino Johanni de Hamyltoune statim post complementum dictorum matrimoniorum et coniuncte infeodationis centum marcas sterlingorum et deinde singulis annis ad quemlibet terminum Penthecostes et Beati Martini quinquaginta marcas sterlingorum et sic de anno in annum et de termino in terminum ipsam solutionem successively continuabit quousque dicta summa extentus terrarum et tenementorum predictorum vt premititur predicto domino Johanni et heredibus suis plenarie fuerit persoluta . Et si contingat quod absit dictam Jacobam absque herede inter se et predictum dominum Johannem legitime procreando in fata discedere concordatum est inter partes predictas quod predictus dominus Johannes de Hamyltoune et heredes sui reddent persolvent et refundent prefato domino Jacobo de Douglas et heredibus suis tantam summam pecunie bone et usualis monete quantam dictus dominus Johannes recepit in matrimonio cum dicta Jacoba ad tales terminos et locum ac modo consimili ut antea sibi fuerat persoluta . Et si aliquo casu diffortuito contingat dictam Jacobam per mortem fratrum suorum vel aliter ad hereditatem et dominium dicti domini Jacobi patris sui futuris temporibus pervenire quod absit ambe partes predictæ volunt et concedunt quod filius senior siue junior qui superstes fuerit inter predictum dominum Johannem et dictam Jacobam procreatus legitime seu procreandus ipsam hereditatem acceptabit et gaudebit assumendo sibi cognomen de Douglas et arma que gerit ex successione dominus Jacobus antedictus . Et ad omnia et singula premissa fideliter in omnibus perimplenda ambe partes predictæ

manus corporaliter atrixerunt . In cuius rei testimonium huius indenture partibus sigilla partium predictarum alternatim sunt appensa loco die et anno supradictis .

Vne clepe et vne call dune proteccioun—

- 10 I apon the behalf of Sir J. de D. that here standis fayis to the R. that thar standis that qwhar that he his landis his men thaire posseffiounis and al thair gudis was vndir the ferme pece and the proteccioun of our Kyng Robert that now is Kyng of Scotland on Thurisday neift before Yhole last passit thou come with otheris with the to the tounis of Newton and Dodyngstoun in the Barony of Abircorne in the Constabelery of Lithcu within the Schirredome of Edinburgh / the qwhilk tounis the forsaid Sir J. has in malyng of Jonet Gourlay the dowchtir of qwhilome Sir Thomas of Erth Knicht / and thare wrangwisely and aganis the law thou and tha that with the come tuk away twenty-one beiftis oxin and ky stotis and grys of fyndri eildis and fyndri hewis that is to fay blak broun rede and braundit / the price ten pounds of Sterlingis / doand to the fornemmit J. and til his men beforfaid il molest wraug and greif / brekand on him and his men the ferme pece and the proteccioun of howre fornemmit Kyng Robert that nov is Kyng of Scotland / for the qwhilk doying I foume the schame and the skath of the fornemmit J. and his men apon the R. / iiii^e fi of Sterlingis / fwilk as men byis and sellis with in Scotland . and gif thou be the man that this nitis I fal outrak it apon the as lauch of proteccioun wil or as this gude court schewis me of lauch .

[Quitantia Andree de Valoniis .]

Pateat vniversis per presentes me Andream de Valoniis burgenfem de Lanark recepisse a nobilissima domina Marjoria de Lyndefay sponfa

quondam domini Henrici de Douglas militis et ab executoribus ejusdem domini Henrici decem libras sterlingorum unde teneo me solutum dictamque dominam Marioriam ac dictos executores necnon et heredes dicti quondam Henrici et omnes alios et alias quorum quarumque interest quietos et quietas imperpetuum per presentes . In cujus rei testimonium figillum meum presentibus est appensum apud Perth die xxii . Octobris anno Domini m^o. ccc^o. nonagesimo tercio .

Preceptum domini locumtenentis pro domina Marioria de Lyndefay

- 12 **DAVID** regis Scocie primogenitus Dux Rothissaye Comes de Carric locumtenens dicti domini regis generaliter constitutus domino Jacobo de Douglas salutem . Sciatis quod recepimus vnum preceptum domini regis penes vig magni figilli cuius tenor sequitur et est talis Robertus Dei gratia rex Scottorum primogenito nostro David duci Rothissaye Comiti de Carric et Marche Senescallo Scocie locumtenenti nostro infra regnum generaliter constituto salutem . In parlamento nostro [tento] apud Sconam ultimo die Februarii ultimo elapso conquesta fuit nobis Marioria de Lyndefay relicta quondam Henrici de Douglas militis de Jacobo de Douglas domino de Dalketh super diuersis instrumentis sibi factis tam penes tutelam Willelmi de Douglas filii sui quam terciam suam ab ea per ipsum ut dicit iniuste detentis ac etiam alia bona a Marioria de Douglas filia dicti quondam Henrici per eundem Jacobum iniuste detenta / Super quam querelam ordinatum extitit et decretum quod locumtenens partes predictas vocari faciat coram se sub premunitione viginti dierum ad docendum que earum partium ad dictum tutoris officium maius ius habeat et hinc inde partibus iudicet memoratum officium sine vltiori dilacione parti plenius ostendenti Et omnia bona per partem aduersam iniuste capta ad dictam [Marioriam] pertinentia faciat debite restaurari parti huiusmodi dampna

passé Penes vero [terciam] suam recuperandam eidem Mariorie locum-tenens teneat ius commune Quare vobis . . . precipiendo mandamus quatenus ea que in dicto decreto continentur in quantum vestro incumbit officio quum et quoties ex parte dictæ Mariorie fueritis requisiti debite exequ . . . cum effectu ita quod pro vestro defectu amplius inde iustam queremoniam [non audiamus] Datum sub testimonio nostri magni sigilli apud Perth octavo die mensis Maii . . .

[Charge to the laird of Lochlewyn to enter as hostage in England.]

REX .

- 13 **D**eyr frende We chargis yhow stratly in yhour allegeans that yhe addrefs yhow / as for ane / to pafs in Ingland in hostaygis for our deliuerance and at yhe be at Edinburgh at vs the fyrst day of September nixt to cum and thayr to tak yhour journay but langer delay / For it is sua appoyntyd that on nay way it may be delaite . Takand this in paciens / for God willande we fall se weyll for yhour deliuerance / And in the meyn-tyme we fall tak yhow and yhour landis vndyr oure speciell respyt and protectione . Gewyn under oure preue seille at Edinburgh the xvij dai of August the yheir of oure regne the xxij .

Dilecto et fideli nostro

Henrico Dougles de Lochlewyn .

Magna Carta Jacobi Douglas primi comitis de Mortoune omnium terrarum baroniarum suarum infra scriptarum dominii et regalitatis de Dalketh . 1456 .

- 14 **J**ACOBUS dei gratia rex Scottorum omnibus probis hominibus totius terre sue clericis et laicis salutem . Sciatis nos dedisse concessisse et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse dilecto consanguineo nostro Jacobo de Douglas filio primogenito et heredi dilecti consanguinei nostri Jacobi

domini de Dalkeith dominium et baroniam de Dalketh cum castro eiusdem necnon baronias et terras subscriptas Videlicet baroniam de Caldorcleire baroniam de Garmyltounedunyg necnon terras de Hauthornfek jacentes in baronia de Abircorne ac terras de Dechtment et Holdene cum pertinenciis jacentes in baronia de Westercaldore infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Edinburgh ac etiam baroniam de Kilbothok baroniam de Neulandis / baroniam de Lintoune necnon terras de Estfchelis cum earundem terrarum et baroniarum pertinenciis et annexis et certas terras baronie de Kirkwrde et terrarum de Lochurde Quilt et Fethan cum pertinenciis necnon baroniam de Robertoune cum pertinenciis jacentem infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Lanark et baroniam de Abirdowre cum castro eiusdem cum pertinenciis / terras de Wodfeildecyre et Seyfeilde et duas Balbartanis cum molendino et eiusdem sequelis ac ceteris pertinenciis suis in connestabularia de Kingorne infra vicecomitatum de Fife ac tenementum de Hutoune cum pertinenciis jacens infra dominium de Anandirdail / terras de Mordingtoune cum pertinenciis jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Berwick . Quod quidem dominium de Dalketh et castra supradicta cum pertinenciis necnon baronie et terre prefate cum pertinenciis fuerunt dicti Jacobi patris hereditarie et quod dominium et castra predicta baronias et terras prefatas cum pertinenciis idem Jacobus non vi aut metu ductus nec errore lapsus sed sua mera et spontanea voluntate in manus nostras apud Edinbwrgh coram subscriptis testibus per fustem et baculum et suos procuratores ad hoc legitime et sufficienter constitutos sursum reddidit pureque simpliciter resignavit ac totum jus et clameum que in dictis dominio castris baroniis et terris cum pertinenciis habuit seu habere potuit pro se et heredibus suis omnino quietum clamavit in perpetuum . Tenendum et habendum dictum dominium de Dalketh vnacum dictis castris cum pertinenciis necnon prefatas baronias de Dalkeith Caldorcleire et Garmyltounedunyg ac terras de Hauthornfek terras de Dechtment et Holdene / baroniam de Kilbothok / baroniam de Neulandis / baroniam de Lyntoune / terras de Estfchelis et certas terras baronie de Kirkwrde et terrarum de Lochwrde Quilt et

Fethan / necnon dictas baroniam de Robertoune et de Abirdowre vnacum dicto castro de Abirdowre ac etiam terras de Wodfeildecyre et Seyfeilde et duas Balbartanis cum molendino et eiusdem sequelis ac ceteris pertinentiis suis vnacum dicto tenemento de Hutoun et dictis terris de Mordingtoun cum vniuersis et singulis dicti domini ac etiam omnium et singularum dictarum baroniarum et terrarum pertinentiis et annexis predicto Jacobo de Douglas et heredibus suis de nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris in feodo et hereditate inperpetuum per omnes rectas metas suas antiquas et diuisas prout jacent in longitudine et latitudine cum omnibus et singulis libertatibus commoditatibus et assamentis ac iustis pertinentiis suis quibuscumque tam non nominatis quam nominatis ad dictum dominium castra baronias et terras suprascriptas cum pertinentiis spectantibus seu iuste spectare valentibus quomodolibet in futurum et adeo libere quiete / plenarie / integre / honorifice / bene et in pace in omnibus et per omnia sicut dictus Jacobus pater aut sui predecesores predictum dominium de Dalkeith et dicta castra cum pertinentiis / necnon dictas baronias et terras cum pertinentiis de nobis aut predecesoribus nostris ante dictam resignationem nobis inde factam liberius tenuit seu possedit / tenuerunt seu possederunt / referuato tamen dicto Jacobo patri pro toto tempore vite sue libero tenemento dicti domini de Dalketh et dictorum castrorum necnon omnium et singularum baroniarum et terrarum predictarum cum pertinentiis / exceptis baroniis de Robertoune et Kilbothok cum pertinentiis et de quibus duabus baroniis tam feudum quam liberum tenementum earundem baroniarum libere hereditarie pro perpetuo remanebunt cum dicto Jacobo filio et heredibus suis . Et referuata etiam rationabili tertia parte dicti domini et omnium et singularum baroniarum et terrarum predictarum preterquam de dictis baroniis de Robertoune et Kilbothok cum pertinentiis Elizabeth sponse dicti Jacobi patris pro toto tempore vite sue cum contigerit . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus . Testibus reuerendis in Christo patribus Jacobo consanguineo nostro carissimo et Georgeo Sancti Andree et Brechinensis ecclesiarum episcopis / Willelmo

comite Orchardie et de Cathnes domino de Sancto claro nostro cancellario et confanguineo predilecto / dilectis confanguineis nostris Thoma domino Erskin / Alexandro domino Montegomeri / Johanne domino Lindessay de Byris / Johanne domino Dernel / Patricio domino Halis et Alexandro Waffare nostrorum compotorum rotulatore . Apud Edinburgh octavo die mensis Septembris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo sexto et regni nostri vicefimo .

[The Earl of Morton sworn of the Privy Council.]

15 Apud Castrum de Striueling xij Junij Anno 7e . lxxvij .

Sederunt .

REX.

Joannes Comes Atholie Cam^{er}ius.

Archibaldus Comes de Angus.

Colinus Comes Ergadie.

Joannes Comes de Montrois.

Joannes Comes de Mar.

Hugo Comes de Eglintoun.

Willelmus Comes de Glencairne.

Andreas Comes de Rothes.

Georgius Comes de Caithness.

Willelmus Dominus Ruthven.

Patricius Dominus Lindesay.

Laurencius Dominus Oliphant.

Joannes Dominus Maxwell.

Joannes Dominus Hereis.

Jacobus Dominus Ogiluy.

Jacobus Dominus Inncrmeyth.

Georgius Dominus Seytoun.

Andreas Dominus Vchiltre.

Allanus Dominus Cathcart.

Allanus Dominus Sinclair.

Magister de Gray.

Magister de Forbes.

Episcopus Sanctiandree.

Episcopus Glasguensis.

Episcopus de Caithnes.

Episcopus Orchardensis.

Episcopus Morauiensis.

Episcopus Abirdonensis.

Episcopus Dunkeldensis.

Episcopus Brechinensis.

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| Commendatarius de Dunfermling. | Commissarii Burgorum. |
| Commendatarius de Dryburgh. | Archibaldus Stewart pro Edinburgh. |
| Commendatarius de Cumbukynnet. | Willelmus Dominus Cathnensis pro |
| Commendatarius de Culros. | Perth. |
| Commendatarius de Incheauffray. | Magister Jacobus Haliburtoun pro |
| Commendatarius de Kilwynning. | Dunde. |
| Commendatarius de Newbottill. | Joannes Lokhart pro Air. |
| Commendatarius de Sanctcolmis | Thomas Craufurde pro Glasgow. |
| Inche. | Robertus Forefter pro Striueling. |
| | Thomas Walwood pro Sanctandros. |
| | Thomas Lichtoun pro Montros. |

The quhilk day in prefens of the Kingis Maieftie Nobilitie and Eftaittes aboue writtin James Erl of Mortoun Lord of Dalkeyth being admittit to be of his Maiefteis ordinar prevy Counfale quhill the Parliament appoyntit to be haldin at Edinburgh vpon the tent day of Julij nextocum And in refpect of the charge he buir of befoir as Regent to his Hienes Ordainit to haue the firft roume and place in Counfale maid fayth and gais his aith be halding vp his hand That he fuld gif his anfauld leill and trew Counfall in all thingis fould happin to be proponit in Counfale tending to the honor and fuirtie of his Maiefteis maift nobill perfon the common effairis of his realme and lieges thairof and keep the famyn fecret and unrevelit by any maner of way And to be refponfall and accufabill to his Hienes and his Eftaittes of his Counfale And that he fall remaine abyde and be reddey to gif his counfale and not departe without licence of his Maieftie and remanent of the fame Counfale .

16 RENTALE QUARUNDAM BARONIARUM DOMINORUM DE
DALKEITH. MCCCLXXVI.

MOLEND . . .

. xx li xl s . per d . . .

DUE BOUATE TERRE ECCLESIASTICE

Aff . . .

LOUCHURDE

Affedatur Ricardo filio Alani Roberto filio Ade Rogero Wode Gregorio de Mofs Johanni Hird et Laurencio filio Ricardi ad terminum vnus anni pro viii li . plegio altero alterius.

Summa de Louchurde viii li .

BARONIA DE KYLBOUHO.

RAW ET BLANDOWYNE

Affedantur Johanni filio Ade et Johanni Hyldfone ad terminum vnus anni pro x li . vi s . viii d . plegio altero alterius.

VILLA DE KILBOCHOKE

Affedatur Johanni Murokfone Thome de Cauldlaw Radulpho filio Willehmi et Matilde vidue [ad] terminum vnus anni pro viii li . et xii gallinis plegio altero alterius.

COTAGIA EIUSDEM

Quatuor cotagia affedantur pro xxvi s . viii d . videlicet Johanni de Twedale Johanni Walch et Domino Johanni . . .

Eden Bondvyle cepit vnum cotagium pro antiqua firma quam eadem dicit esse vi s . viii d . cum iiii dietis plegio Willelmo Ker.

Matilda vidua cepit vnum cotagium sicut prius pro vi s . viii d . et iiii dietis plegio Thoma Caldlaw.

Adam Lityll cepit vnum cotagium pro vi s . viii d . et iiii dietis plegio Thoma de Caldlaw.

Johannes Murokifon cepit ii cotagia pro xiii s . iiii d . et viii dietis plegio Daw[id] filio Willelmi.

The fume of the cotagis iiii li .

GYLDLANDE CUM II COTAGIIS

Affedatur Willelmo Ker ad terminum vnus anni pro xxvi s . viii d . et viii dietis plegio Johanne Willelmi.

BREWLANDE CUM II COTAGIIS

Affedatur Willelmo fabro ad terminum vnus anni pro xvi s . viii d . plegio Thoma de Caudlaw.

WETLANDE

Affedatur Johanni filio Ade et Johanni Hildfone ad terminum vnus anni pro v s . plegio altero alterius.

MOLENDINUM EIUSDEM

Affedatur Ade molendinario ad terminum vnus anni pro iiii li . vi s . viii d . et pascet vnum porcun ad lardarium domini si sibi mittatur plegio Willelmo de Drouchilde.

ORIENTALES DOMINICE DE KILBOCHOKE ET LE ORCHEARDE

Affedantur Willelmo Drouchilde et Ade molendinario ad terminum vnus anni pro xiii li . xvi s . viii d . plegio altero alterius.

OCCIDENTALES DOMINICE DE KILBOUHOKE

Affedatur Roberto Hildfone Johanni Broun et Willelmo Scharp ad terminum vnus anni pro xiii li . vi s . viii d . plegio altero alterius.

Summa de Kylboucho in anno liiii li . v s . et fic ad terminum xxvii li . ii s . vi d .

WESTIRTOUN DE ESSCHELIS

Affedatur Johanni Cady Patricio filio Michaelis Johanni de Warde Christiane de Wyne et Gilberto filio Ade ad terminum vnus anni pro xii li . plegio altero alterius.

ESTIRTOUN DE ESSCHELIS

Affedatur Willelmo de Burne et Thome filio Andree ad terminum vnus anni pro viii li . plegio altero alterius.

Summa de ii Esschellis in anno xx li . et fic ad terminum x li .

NEWLANDIS.

BORDLANDE

Affedatur Johanni filio Laurenti ad terminum vnus [anni] pro v li . vi s . viii d . plegio Jacobo Swayne.

BREWLAND

Affedatur Michaeli filio Johannis ad terminum vnus anni pro xxvi s . viii d . et vi gallinis plegio Andrea filio Jobannis.

APPENDIX.

QWHITSYDE

In manu domini.

GLENMOTH

Affedatur Andree filio Johannis ad terminum vnus anni pro vi li · xiii s ·
iiii d · plegio Johanne filio Alexandri.

FLEMYNGTOUN

Affedatur Jacobo Swayne et Willelmo filio suo ad terminum vnus anni
pro xii li · plegio altero alterius.

FREMANISLANDE

Affedatur Ade ciffori ad terminum vnus anni pro xx s · plegio Andrea
filio Johannis.

COLTHROP

Affedatur Johanni Watir Johanni filio Johannis et Willelmo filio Willelmi
ad terminum vnus anni pro v li · et ii multonibus plegio altero alterius.

DROUCHHILDE

Affedatur Alano filio Henrici ad terminum vnus anni pro iiii li · plegio
Andrea filio Johannis.

MOLENDINUM DE NEWLANDIS

Affedatur Andree filio Johannis ad terminum vnus anni pro xl s · et
pascet vnum porcum domino si sibi mittatur plegio Johanne filio Alex-
andri.

Summa in anno xxxvi li · vi s · viii d · et sic ad
terminum xviii li · xiii s · iiii d ·

QUYLTE ET LE FETHEN

Affedantur Thome Stulp Laurencio filio Ade Ade filio Symonis Thome Bull Willelmo de Forest et Johanni filio Patricii ad terminum vnus anni pro x li . et foluent annuale plegio altero alterius.

LYNTOUNE.

VILLA EIUSDEM XVIII BOUATE TERRE

Affedatur Willelmo filio Johannis Ade Smot David filio Johannis Thome Smyth Thome filio Alexandri Willelmo Small Ade filio Thome Johanni Swayne et Johanni Lawson ad terminum ii annorum quolibet anno pro x li . xiii s . iiii d . plegio altero alterius.

COTAGIA EIUSDEM VIDELICET IIII

BREWLANDE

DUE BOUATE DE SWYNBURNLAND

Antiqua stent
... Diarce.

Affedantur Willelmo Menar ad terminum ii annorum primo anno pro xviii s . et fecundo anno pro xx s . et tenetur edificare sufficientem domum plegio altero alterius.

MOLLISLANDE

Antiqua stent
iiii marce.

Affedatur Waltero filio Ade ad terminum vnus anni pro xl s . plegio Willelmo de Menar.

BAWDWYNISGILL

Affedatur Willelmo filio Johannis ad terminum vnus anni pro v li · plegio Johanne Lawson de Lyntoun.

QWHITFEILDE

Affedatur Willelmo filio Ade et Dauid Purdy pro iiii li · vi s · viii d ·

Summa baronie de Lyntoun in anno xxii li · xviii s ·
et sic ad terminum xi li · ix s ·

KIRKURDE

Affedatur Alano filio Gilberti et Thome filio Patricii ad terminum vnus anni pro v li · plegio Waltero filio Alani.

MAYDVEN

Affedatur Willelmo de Newbiging ad terminum vnus anni sub ista conditione videlicet quod si dominus dictam terram fursum non reddiderit dictus Willelmus illam habebit pro xx s · plegio Johanne filio Willelmi.

Summa Kyrkurde et Maydven vi li ·

ANNUALI DE HOIPEKELYHO · ANNUALI DE NEWBI

x li · xiii s · iiii d ·

TERRA DE HARDIGTOUN

Peblys in anno ix^{xx} ix li · iii s · preter Horfebruke et Qwhyt Ade et sic ad terminum presentem iiii^{xx} xiiii li · vi s · vi d · preter xl s · de gerfum de Eschellis.

RENTALE DE TYBRIS DE MORTOUN DALFUBILL GARVALDE DE BUTYLL ET DE
MOFFET DE ASSEDACIONE ANNI &C. LXX^{MI} VII ET LEUACIONE ANNI LXX^{MI} VIII.

ASSEDACIO TERRARUM DE TYBRIS ET MORTOUN ET GARVALDE BUTILL MOFFET
ET PRESTOUNE FACTA APUD DRUMFRES XV DIE MENSIS MARCHI ANNO &C.
LXX^O VI^{TO}.

DUBELAUCH

Affedatur Ingramo filio Dungalli ad terminum vnus anni pro xl s . plegio
Symone filio Padine.

GLENCREACH

Affedatur Johanni filio Ferguffi ad terminum trium annorum primo anno
pro xxvi s . viii d . ii^o anno pro xxxii s . iii^o anno pro xxxvi s . plegio Thoma
Hunter.

DALNAW

Affedatur Symoni filio Padini ad terminum vnus anni pro xl s . plegio
Ingramo filio Dungalli.

CLAUCHANE

Affedatur Michaeli filio Gylis ad terminum vnus anni pro antiqua firma
quam idem dicit esse xiii s . iiiii d . plegio Ingramo filio Dungalli.

BREWLAND CUM LE STALLAGE

Affedatur Mychaeli M'Cleifch ad terminum vnus anni pro iii s . iiiii d .

CLAUCHHOPE

Jacobus Raa tenetur soluere antiquam firmam pro eo quod fummonitus
fuerat ad comparendum coram domino et non comparuit pro terra sua
accipienda vel fursum reddenda.

LOUCHIRBANE

Affedatur Alexandro Porter ad terminum vnus anni pro iiii li. plegio Thoma Hunter.

Jacobus Ra tenetur in antiqua firma perfoluenda pro eo quod fummonitus fuerat ad comparandum coram domino et non comparuit pro terra sua accipienda vel fursum reddenda.

TERRE DOMINICE

Affedantur Patricio M'Re ad terminum vnus anni pro xxxiii s. iiii d. plegio Thoma Hunter.

VILLA DE TYBRIS

Affedatur Patricio M'Rey ad terminum vnus anni pro antiqua firma quam dicunt esse xliiii s. videlicet ii terre husband' et i bouata cum dimidia et querendum est quanta terra remanet.

Adam Aylmer cepit vnum cotagium cum le brewland ad terminum anni pro xi s. si dominus noluerit eam in propria manu retinere.

AUCHIRDILAKDY

Affedatur Cuthberto M'Narne ad terminum vnus anni pro xii s. plegio Willelmo filio Walteri.

MOLENDINUM

In manu Thome Hunter.

KNOKYNCHANGILL

In manu Nicholai de Drumfres.

AUCHINBREEK

Affedatur Patricio de Bryn et Johanni M'Leffe ad terminum vnus anni pro xxxiii s. iiii d. plegio altero alterius.

AUCHINGASSYLE

Affedatur Donaldo filio Fergucii ad terminum vnus anni pro xxvi s . viii d . plegio Patricio M'Rey.

CLONYNGARTH

Affedatur Michaeli M'Cleifch ad terminum iiii annorum primo anno pro x s . ii° anno pro xi s . iii° anno pro xii s . et iiii° anno pro xiii s . iiii d . plegio Thoma Hunter.

Thomas Walker et Raynaldus M'Pudirlane tenentur soluere antiquam firmam pro eo quod fummoniti fuerunt ad comparandum et non comparuerunt coram domino ad faum pent' faciendum et nihilominus terra permanet in manu domini.

KNOCBANE

Affedatur Gilmor Macnesche ad terminum vnus anni pro iiii s . vi d . plegio Michaeli filio Gillicrifti.

AUCHNACHT

Affedatur Patricio Makre ad terminum vnus anni pro vi s . viii d . et si plus queri poterit de illo plus tunc foluet.

ERNHANANE · CLOVYNCUDE

Affedantur M'Cleri ad terminum vnus anni pro xvi s . plegio Cudberto M'Narne.

Summa de Tybris in anno xx li . x d . et fic ad terminum x li . v d . preter Clauhope molendinum Knokyncangyll.

MORTOUNE.

THORNHILL

Affedatur Willelmo filio Alani Thome de Dargavane Johanni filio Laurencii Roberto de Couqwhalane Michaeli M'Gilrey Donaldo Wyly Thome Lambe Mariote de Blare Johanni de Dargavell et Thome Scot ad terminum vnus anni pro ix li · vi s · viii d · sub ista condicione quod si dominus acceperit Mortounholme ad vsu suum tunc faciet dominus pent' eum tenentibus prenotatis si voluerint plegio altero alterius.

DOBTOUN

Affedatur Laurencio Newale Gilberto filio Ade Ade filio Alani Johanni Rede Malcolm de Buchane Thome filio Gilcrifti Patricio de Buchane Thome filio Roberti et Tawus M'Gillese ad terminum vnus anni pro ix li · vi s · viii d · sub condicione prenotata plegio altero alterius.

ERISMORTOUN

Affedatur Thome Hunter et Gilcrifto Herwynd ad terminum vnus anni pro vi li · xiii s · iiii d · plegio altero alterius.

DRUMCORKE

Affedatur Roberto de Ecclesia Hugoni de Foresta Hugoni de Rowkell et Ibbote Wales ad terminum ii annorum primo anno pro vii li · vi s · viii d · et secundo anno pro viii li · plegio pro Roberto de Ecclesia Johanne filio Alani et pro Hugone de Rowkell plegio Willelmo filio Alani et plegio pro Ibbota Wales Gilberto filio Duncani et pro Hugone de Forest plegio Donaldo Wyly.

PARCUM DE MORTOUNE

Affedatur Gilberto filio Duncani ad terminum vnus anni pro vi li · xiii s · iiii d ·

LAUCHT

Affedatur Gilberto filio Duncani ad terminum vnus anni pro xl s. xl d.

Summa de Mortoun in anno xli li. x s. et sic ad terminum xx li. xv s. preter molendinum.

MOLENDINUM DE MORTOUNE

Thomas de Mortoun tenetur foluere pro eo firmam pro qua illud prius accepit videlicet pro viii li. et iii quarteriis braffi eo quod non accepit ad terminum nec sufficienter surfum reddidit ad exitum termini scilicet se intromittente cum molendino post terminum.

Summa molendini viii li. in anno et sic ad terminum iiiii li.

DALFUBILL · GARVALDE.

VILLA DE DALFUBILL

Affedatur Willelmo filio Johannis Willelmo Russell Nigello filio Gelyse Symoni filio Reginaldi Thome de Rowle Johanni filio Thome Thome Witty Johanni Stut Ade Couper Thome filio Reginaldi Gileristo filio Gilberti Johanni filio Johannis et Thome de Duncoll ad terminum trium annorum primo anno pro xvii li. vi s. viii d. et quolibet anno duorum annorum sequencium pro xviii li. xiii s. iiiii plegio altero alterius.

MOLENDINUM

Affedatur Domino Roberto rectori de Tynwald et Martino M'Cubyn ad terminum vnus anni pro viii li. plegio altero alterius.

GARVALDE

Affedatur Thome filio Nyuini Ade Wode Johanni clerico Johanni Cruke

Johanni Diefone Johanni M'Cuk Ricardo de Aula Ricardo M'Cuk Thome Boyis et Andree M'Cuk ad terminum vnus anni pro x li · plegio altero alterius.

MIKILHOLME · AUCHINSKEACH · ESKNOKIS

Affedantur Martino M'Cubyne pro antiqua firma quam tenentes dicunt esse viii li · et dominus x li · plegio Johanne Wode.

MOLYNE

Affedatur Ibbote Gray Willelmo Gray et Willelmo Porter ad terminum vnus anni pro iii li · xiii s · iiiii d · et vna xii^{na} gallinarum plegio altero alterius.

RAHILL

Affedatur Thome Blak et Johanni Scot ad terminum vnus anni pro xl s · plegio altero alterius.

MUNYGEF

Affedatur ii li · xiii s · iiiii d ·

CRUNYHATOUN

Affedatur Roberto filio Niuni Thome filio Ade Johanni Gilatpifon et Johanni filio Andree ad terminum vnus anni pro iii li · vi s · viii d · plegio altero alterius.

Summa de Dalfubill in anno lv li · et fic ad terminum xxvii li · x s ·

BARONIA DE BUTILL.

CLOUCHLARBANE

Affedatur Gilberto filio Gilberti ad terminum vnus anni pro vi s . viii d .

AMBRENES

Affedatur Gilberto filio Gilberti Patricio M'Gilqwhud Gilberto M'Wren Patricio M'Giralwy Gilberto M'Gillyn Gilberto M'Cumyne Gilberto M'Gilfud Henrico M'Alcok et Johanni de Herwyne ad terminum vnus anni pro x li . plegio altero alterius.

MARNAUCH

Affedatur Thome filio Gilberti Waltero Harper et Patricio Walter ad terminum vnus anni pro xx s . plegio Thoma Makgilvane.

BARTEANE

Affedatur Willelmo filio Domini Mathei ad terminum vnus anni pro xx s . plegio Thoma filio Gilberti.

CASTELGOUR

Affedatur Thome filio Gilberti ad terminum trium annorum primo anno pro vi li . secundo anno pro vi li . vi s . viii d . et tercio anno pro vi li . xiii s . iiii d . plegio Gilberto filio Gilberti.

BREKAUHLUG

Affedatur Gilberto filio Gilberti Michaeli M'Hay et Matheo M'Nab ad terminum vnus anni pro vi li . vi s . viii d . plegio altero alterius.

MIKILBREKAUCH

Affedatur Gilberto filio Gilberti Gilberto M'Guffok Andree filio vidue

Johanni M'Orry Gilberto M'Corrill Thome M'Gilrewy Johanni M'Crikir
 Johanni M'Claffirdy Andree fulloni et Donaldo M'Gilreigne ad terminum
 vnus anni pro xiii li · plegio altero alterius.

DUO KNOKIS

Affedantur Willelmo M'Moryne Dungallo M'Alayne Gilqwhongill Afche-
 nane et Moricio filio clerici ad terminum vnus anni pro iiii li · iii s · iiii d ·
 plegio altero alterius.

BALGIRDANE

Affedatur Johanni fulloni et Johanni ciffori ad terminum vnus anni pro
 v li · plegio altero alterius.

LOGANE ET PORTHULY

Affedantur Johanni filio Ade Michaeli filio Ade et Willelmo Gudokfone
 ad terminum vnus anni pro vi li · xiii s · iiii d · plegio altero alterius.

CLAK · · · YIS

Affedatur pro iii li · vi s · viii d ·

VILLA DE BUTYLL

Affedatur Johanni Perifman Johanni Studehird Michaeli Couper et Colyno
 filio Hugonis ad terminum vnus anni pro vii li · xiii s · iiii d · plegio altero
 alterius.

MUNCHYSE

Affedatur Gilberto filio Gilberti ad terminum vnus anni pro iii li · xiii s ·
 iiii d.

TORWARDE · TYBIRNES · CUM DIMIDIA MARCATA TERRE DE CULNAW

Affedantur Patricio Makakake et Willelmo Studhirde ad terminum trium

annorum primo anno pro iii li . secundo anno pro iii li . iii s . iii d . et
tercio anno pro iii li . vi s . viii d . plegio altero alterius.

Summa in anno iii^{xx} li . xvi s . viii d . et sic ad
terminum xxxv li . viii s . iiiii d .

MOLENDINUM

In manu Gilberti filii Gilberti.

PRESTOUNE.

GLENWALDY

Affedatur Thome filio Jonete Johanni filio Gilberti Johanni clerico
Johanni filio Patricii Gilberto filio Gilerifti Johanni Owftyne Thome de
Bek et Mauricio M'Nab ad terminum vnus anni pro viii li . plegio altero
alterius.

VILLA DE PRESTOUN

Affedatur Johanni filio Walteri Gilberto filio Michaelis Johanni M'Kethir-
ryke Gilberto filio Mordaci Willelmo M'Cassane Andree ciffori Andree
Scolfyne Alano filio Bricii Johanni Rewfane et Andree filio prioris ad
terminum vnus anni pro xii li . plegio altero alterius et foluent vnam
maream pro secta sua.

MOLENDINUM

Affedatur Philippo filio Gilerifti ad terminum vnus anni pro iii li . vi s .
viii d .

Summa Prestoun in anno xxiii li . vi s . viii d . et sic
ad terminum xi li . xiii s . iiiii d .

TERRE INFRA VALLEM DE MOFFET.

LE COR

Affedatur Johanni Marshell Willelmo filio Donaldi et Roberto filio Willelmi ad terminum vnus anni pro vii li . vi s . viii d . plegio altero alterius.

NEWTOUN

Affedatur Roberto Boyle et Waltero Sprot ad terminum vnus anni pro vi li . xiii s . iiii d . plegio altero alterius.

GRAMPTOUN

Affedatur Johanni filio Willelmi Johanni Joppifon et Alano Jopfone ad terminum vnus anni pro vii li . vi s . viii d . plegio altero alterius.

TERRE DOMINICE DE MOFFET

TERRA DE TORTHORALDE

VILLA DE MOFFET

Affedantur Waltero filio Symonis iiii bouate terre ad terminum vnus anni pro xx s .

Adam de Huke tenetur foluere antiquam firmam pro eo quod fursum reddidit terram suam et nullum plegium potuit inuenire et nichilominus terra fiat in manu domini.

Thomas Porter tenetur foluere domino x s . pro defectu comparant' cum fuerit ad pent' fummonitus et nichilominus terra fiat in manu domini.

Johannes filius Mathei cepit ii bouatas terre ad terminum vnus anni pro x s .

COTAGIA EIUSDEM

Walterus filius Symonis cepit ii cotagia cum dietis pro vi s .

Thomas Potter cepit vnum cotagium cum dietis pro iii s .

Johannes Yhung cepit i cotagium quod Thomas Smith tenuit pro iii s .
cum dietis.

Thomas Potter vnum cotagium pro ii s .

Item Dominus Marcus cepit domum cum acra terre ad terminum vnius
anni pro vi s . viii d .

Walterus filius
Simonis re-
spoudebit pre
isto anno.

Summa huius in anno xxiiii li . vii s . iiiii d . et fic
ad terminum xii li . iii s . viii d .

MOLENDINUM EIUSDEM

ANNUI REDDITUS DE VUIEDRIFE

xl s .

MORDYNGTOUN

Affedatur Patricio de Paxtoun ad terminum trium annorum primo pro
xvi li . ii^o anno pro xvii li . vi s . viii d . iii^o anno pro xviii li . xiii s . iiiii d .

Summa de Mordyngtoun in anno xvi li . et fic
ad terminum viii li .

RENTALE DE ABIRDOURE DE ASSEDACIONE ANNI LXX^vVII ET DE LEUACIONE
ANNI LXXVIII.

DAUCHY v li · vi s · viii d ·

Affedatur Johanni Sithowfone [et] Sithow Cant ad terminum ii annorum quolibet anno pro v li · xiii s · iiiii d · et dimidia celdra auene exceptis multonibus et gallinis plegio altero alterius.

TELNY v li · vi s · viii d ·

Affedatur Sithow Cant Johanni Sithowfone Willelmo de Hill Johanni Broune Willelmo filio Johannis Johanni Mauldfone Willelmo Yhunger Willelmo Cant Willelmo Smert et Matheo filio Johannis ad terminum vnus anni pro v li · xiii s · iiiii d · et hoc quod dederunt in anno precedenti exceptis partibus suis multonum et gallinarum plegio altero alterius.

SMYTHISLANDE xli s · viii d ·

Affedatur eisdem husbandis preter Johannem Sithowfone et Sithow Cant et Matheo Johnfone ad [terminum] vnus anni pro xl s · xl d · exceptis partibus suis multonum et gallinarum plegio altero alterius.

COTELANDE xliiii s ·

Affedatur eisdem husbandis videlicet Matheo Johnfone Willelmo Smert Willelmo Cant Willelmo Yhunger Johanni Mauldfone Willelmo Johnfone Johanni Broune et Willelmo de Hill ad terminum vnus anni pro xli s · viii d · plegio altero alterius.

BRACINA xx s ·

Affedatur Matheo Johnfone ad terminum vnus anni pro xx s · et tenetur edificare domum excepta parte sua multonum et gallinarum plegio Johanne Schurthoufe.

AGISMARTE · LE MEDOW

Affedantur

MORIELL xl s ·

Affedatur husbandis ad terminum vnus anni pro xl s · exceptis partibus
fuis multonum et gallinarum plegio altero alterius.

BREKAUCH xx s ·

Affedatur husbandis ad terminum vnus anni pro xx s · exceptis partibus
fuis multonum et gallinarum plegio altero alterius.

TERRE DOMINICE xii li ·

Affedantur husbandis videlicet Matheo filio Johannis Willelmo Smert
Willelmo Cant Willelmo Yhunger Johanni Auldfon Willelmo Johnfon
Johanni Broun et Johanni Schurthoufe ad terminum vnus anni pro x li ·
xiii s · iiii d · et xvi bollis ordeï plegio altero alterius.

BRACINA

Affedatur Johanni Schurthoufe ad terminum vnus anni pro xx s · excepta
parte sua multonum et gallinarum plegio Matheo Mauldfone.

Summa istius videlicet Abirdour in anno xxxi li · x s · et
sic ad terminum xv li · xv s · iiii celdre auene xvi bolle
ordeï iiii multones et ii duodene gallinarum.

KYNGORNE

ESTIRBALBRETANE

Affedatur Ricardo Starke Michaeli filio suo et Johanni filio Thome ad terminum ii annorum primo anno pro v li. et vno quarterio auene et secundo anno pro v li. vi s. viii d. et vno quarterio auene plegio altero alterius.

WESTIRBALBRETANE

Affedatur Domino Bartholomeo et Galfrido Andifone ad terminum vnus anni pro v li. vi s. viii d. exceptis multonibus et gallinis plegio [altero] alterius cum vno quarterio auene.

MOLENDINUM

Affedatur Willelmo Qwhitbrow ad terminum quolibet anno
pro iii li. vi s. viii d.

TYRY ET SEFELD CUM LE GRAUNGE

Ad terminum Pentecostes dabunt viii marcas de annuo reddito et ad terminum Beati Martini dabunt iii celdras frumenti.

LE MEDOW x s.

Summa de Kyngorne ad terminum Pentecostes xii li. xiii s. iii d. le Medow x s. ad Pentecosten et ad terminum Martini vi li. xvi s. viii d. et le Medow v s.

WDDFELD

In manu domini

KYNNOWLE

Affedatur ad terminum vnus anni pro xviii li · xiii s · iiii d · et sic ad terminum ix li · vi s · viii d ·

HERTHORNHILL

Affedatur Thome filio Ricardi Roberto Hafty Thome Brisbane et Johanni Hafty ad terminum vnus anni pro x li · plegio altero alterius.

HARDIGTOUN

Affedantur Waltero Gray ad terminum vnus [anni] iiii bouate terre pro xiiii s · et si alique alie bouate eiusdem ville carius affedantur in voluntate domini erit ad ampliandum ad eandem summam sicut alie.

SCRALYNE

Affedatur Ade de Belfurde Willelmo Sumer et Thome Markefoun ad terminum vnus anni pro iii li · vi s · viii d · videlicet viii bouate terre et v cotagia cum dimidio plegio altero alterius.

Item affedatur Thome Diefoun vna bouata terre ad terminum vnus anni pro vi s · plegio Willelmo Sumer.

MOLENDINUM FULLONIS

Affedatur Willelmo de Lyntoun videlicet sexta pars ad terminum vnus anni pro viii s · x d · obolo et sexta parte denarii.

Summa huius iiii li · xviii d · et sexta pars denarii.

EXTENTUS TERRARUM VALLIS DE LYDELL.

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| 17 | Grenehov | . | . | . | . | . | xx marce |
| | Wichftalys | . | . | . | . | . | iiii marce |
| | Gildſchaw | . | . | . | . | . | vi s. viii d. |
| | Burnehoufe | . | . | . | . | . | iii s. iii d. |
| | Redemos | . | . | . | . | . | xii s. |
| | Wedonſcelis | . | . | . | . | . | xiiii s. |
| | Stanygill | . | . | . | . | . | v s. |
| | Senefchelis | . | . | . | . | . | ii marce |
| | Foulwod ſuperior | . | . | . | . | . | x s. |
| | Foulwod inferior | . | . | . | . | . | x s. |
| | Carglas | . | . | . | . | . | xxiiii s. |
| | Noua claufura | . | . | . | . | . | iiii s. |
| | Conihayth | . | . | . | . | . | iii s. iii d. |
| | Todholys | . | . | . | . | . | iiii s. |
| | Pollok | . | . | . | . | . | ii s. |
| | Gilleſtede | . | . | . | . | . | ii s. |
| | Gilhoufe | . | . | . | . | . | iiii s. |
| | Todiſtede | . | . | . | . | . | iiii s. |
| | Alcokſtede | . | . | . | . | . | x s. |
| | Locus Willelmi Sturhes | . | . | . | . | . | vi s. viii d. |
| | Locus Croyfer | . | . | . | . | . | v s. |
| | Gumereſtede | . | . | . | . | . | vi s. viii d. |
| | Wyntirſchel | . | . | . | . | . | xiii s. iii d. |
| | Gumyrtryſtede | . | . | . | . | . | v s. |
| | Mylneholme | . | . | . | . | . | xv s. |
| | Watmylnerſted | . | . | . | . | . | iiii s. |
| | Milnehoufe | . | . | . | . | . | v s. ix d. |

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| Gopifhalch | . | . | . | . | . | iiii marce |
| Gubifley maior | . | . | . | . | . | xxii s · viii d · |
| Gufbyfley minor | . | . | . | . | . | viii s · |

Summa huius quarterii xxx fbr · x s · v d ·

QUARTERIUM DE LUDNE.

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| Piperftede | . | . | . | . | . | iiii s · |
| G | . | . | . | . | . | iii s · |
| Har | . | . | . | . | . | ii s · |
| Wllayk | . | . | . | . | . | v s · |
| Blakburne | . | . | . | . | . | vi s · |
| Holfchel | . | . | . | . | . | v s |
| Wllayk maior | . | . | . | . | . | xviii s · |
| Ra | . | . | . | . | . | xvi s · |
| Ran | . | . | . | . | . | · s · |
| Aldfchelis | . | . | . | . | . | · · · |
| Grenfchelis | . | . | . | . | . | · · · |
| Barbarftede | . | . | . | . | . | · · · |
| Dawdemoundftede | . | . | . | . | . | · · · |
| Locus Fethyng | . | . | . | . | . | · · · |
| Locus Loumane | . | . | . | . | . | · · · |
| Locus Willelmi filii Alani | . | . | . | . | . | · · · |
| Locus Ricardi de Roule | . | . | . | . | . | · · · |
| Lawyhalch | . | . | . | . | . | iii fbr · |
| Hyrtyfgarth | . | . | . | . | . | iii s · |
| Carryfchelis | . | . | . | . | . | iiii s · |
| Locus Willelmi del Syde | . | . | . | . | . | viii s · |

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| Brocholey | viii s . |
| Stanyhalch | viii s . |
| Langhalgh | x s . |
| Bulayftede | viii s . |
| Hyrtyftede et Peryfynocftede, | v s . |
| Hyrtytys | xii s . |
| Ragarthfchaw | vi s . |
| Toftys | v marce |

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QUARTERIUM DE ERMYLDOUNE.

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| Newland de Ermyldoun | xiii s . iiiii d . |
| Hetreis | xv s . |
| Terra Johannis Rauffon | xvi s . |
| Locus Ricardi Broun | xii s . |
| Hefylbankftede | xiii s . iiiii d . |
| Hyrtyftede | ii s . |
| Rich fonftede | xvi s . |
| Crawflat | xiiii s . |
| Hoghoufe | xv s . |
| Grevyftede | xvi s . viii d . |
| Locus Thome Gilfon | viii s . |
| Gubacftede | x s . |
| Buldirbaynftede | iiiiii s . |
| Heylandys | xv s . |
| Dolfynefonftede | x s . |
| Grethmanftede | xiiii s . |

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| Locus Ade de Syde | xvi s . |
| Lewynleys | xvi s . ii d . |
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| | vi s . viii d . |
| | xxxviii s . |
| | v marce |
| | ii s . vi d . |
| yngfonftede | xiiii s . iii d . |
| ley | vi s . viii d . |
| [Locus] Elie Nobill | vi s . |
| [Locus Da]uid Stodhirde | xxxiii s . iii d . |
| Rampyfgill | xiii s . iii d . |
| .. gley | ii marce |
| toun inferior | xlvi s . viii d . |
| toun fuperior | xiii s . iii d . |
| Lawys fuperior | xii s . |
| Lawys inferior | vii s . |
| Locus Ennie de Lawys | iii s . |
| Terra de Fawfyde | xxxiii s . |
| Locus Ricardi de Lawis | viii s . |
| Locus Roberti de Lawis | viii s . iii d . |
| Locus Mathei Meryng | xix s . |
| Locus Willelmi Nycfon | xxxi s . |
| Dalftany | xl s . |
| Cuhirftede | xxii s . |
| Lawgappis | xx s . |

Summa huius quarterii xxxv fbr . xv s . iii d .

QUARTERIUM DE MANGERTOUNE.

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| | Ragarth | vii s · vi d · |
| v li · | Speteltoun | iiii tbr · |
| Alyxandir | Mangerton | x marce |
| Armystrand. | Mangertounholme | xiii s · |
| | Grenys | iii s · |
| | Qwhythawlghe | iiii marce |
| | Westburneflat | xxxvii s · iii d · |
| | Pouterlampert | xxiii s · |
| | Dominium inferius | ii marce |
| | Haldykis | vi s · viii d · |
| | Poudercroft | ii s · |
| | Swyne Acre | iii s · |
| | Terra cifforis | xiii s · iii d · |
| | Dominium superius | ii marce |
| | Hardenkaul | xv s · |
| | Tyocfonsted | xii s · |
| | Maldfonsted | xii s · |
| | Milnmore | ii s · |
| | Hungyrflat | xl d · |
| | Mylncotis | x s · |
| | Pratum aule | ix s · |
| | Flygh superior | xxxvi s · |
| | Kelloley cum Mylneholme | v marce |
| | Lanorowftanys | xx marce |
| | Terra Philippi de Faufyde cum Holdoun | xxxv s · |
| | Strypschelden | xxiii s · |
| | Ricarden | vii s · |
| | Halyfyrfled | xx s · iii d · |
| | Hetreys | xviii s · |
| | Redehugh | xv s · |

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FORESTA.

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| Sougdon | xii marce |
| Clehop | iiii tbr . |
| Styrkfchelhope | viii marce |
| Ladlawhope | iiii marce |
| Wytwrahop | viii marce |
| Sondayhop | viii marce |
| Qwytfeld | xx marce |
| Park de Ermetag | vii marce vi s . viii d . |
| Bradle | v tbr . |
| Maleatthop | x marce |
| Goranbery | x marce |
| Bylhop | x marce |
| Tarras | .. marce |
| Cwys | .. marce |
| Catle | |
| Dunle | |
| Cres | |
| Hawthornfyde | v s . |
| Hardenleys | vi s . viii d . |
| Weltremis | xiii s . iiiii d . |
| Folepul | xl d . |
| Blacwd | xiii s . iiiii d . |
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ORIGINAL PAPERS
IN THE ARCHIVES OF
THE EARLS OF MORTON.

Letter from King James V. to James Earl of Mortoun .

REX .

- 1 Trest Coufing and Counfalour We greit zou weill / and hes reffautt your writenis / and to your defyr of our licence to Contra& Mariage betwix Robert Maxwell fone and apperand ayr til our Coufing Robert lord Maxwell and your dochtyr our nece / We ar hartly content of the famyn Conforme to our mynd fehawin to you be our other writenis of befor Subferiwit with our hand At Falkland the xvij day of Junij .

JAMES R .

Confanguineo et confiliario nostro dile&to Jacobo
de Morton comiti ac domino de Dalkeith ꝛc .

The King to the Earl and Countefs of Mortoun .

REX .

- 2 Richt weilbelouit / Coufing and traift counfalour We grete zow hertlie weile and fforfamekle as it is fehewin till Ws that our fifter and ze thinkis to contra& mariage and allia our nece your zongar dochter with Robert Maxwell fone to our coufing Robert lord Maxwell off the quhilk We ar hertlie wele content and erar with him nor any uthar ffor we purpofe to

tak him fra his fadir and bring him vp in our awne boufe / ⁊ god haue ȝow
in keping Subſcriuit with oure hand at Edinburgh the xxj day of Julij .

JAMES R .

To our derreſt couſing ⁊ traift counſalour James erle
of Mortoun and our derreſt fiſter his ſpouſe ⁊ c .

Precept by the King to Robert Lord Maxwell and to John of Maxwell
his brother in favour of the Counteſs of Mortoun .

REX .

- 3 Welebelouit Couſing We grete ȝou wele Forſamekle as It is humelie
menyt to ws be our louit fiſter Katherine Countas of Mortoun that quhare
ſcho hes of ws in few the landis and barony of Buthil and has maid gude
and thankfull payment to oure Comptrollar of all malis and dewiteis
awand to ws thair of ſen ſcho gat the ſaidis landis in few / and ȝe withhald
fra hir ane grete part of the malis of the ſamyn extending to thre hun-
dredth merkis of termes bygane Nochtwithſtanding oure Comptrollare is
payit be hir of the ſaid malis And als ſcho is planetuis that ȝe haue ane
bruther of ȝouris callit Johnne of Maxwell quhilk withhaldis fra hir the
manys of Preſtoun callit the Wrayes quhilk is hir conjunctſement / all
malis and proffittis of the ſamyn of thir thre ȝeris bygane be ȝour toller-
ance / conſidering ȝe ar ſchiref to ws and ballie to our ſaid fiſter We
merwell that ȝe thole ſic maniſeſt wrangis to be done within the boundis
of ȝoure office Therefore We charge ȝou as ye will eſchew oure hie diſ-
pleſure that ȝe mak and cauſe ȝour bruther to mak thankfull payment to
our ſaid fiſter of all termes bygane and tocum for ſcho hes optenit our
lettres on ȝou in the ferd forme / And We will thole thame to proceed
according to Juſtice without ȝe mak and caus to be maid thankfull pay-
ment to hir of all termes bygane and to cum of the ſaidis landis Subſcriuit
with our hand At Edinburgh the xij day of Maij and of oure Regne the
xvj ȝere .

JAMES R.

Exemption by the King to James Erle of Mortoun from all oiftis &c .

REX .

- 4 We understand that our weilbelovit Coufing and Counfaloure James erle of Mortoun Lord of Dalkeith is fubject to diverfe feiknes and infirmitéis in his perfoun havand ane färe leg and not habill to endure grete travel in weifare without extreme danger in his perfoun And thairfore We have exemit our faid coufing as for his awne perfoun and fex fervandis with him fra all our oiftis radis wappinfchawingis and weris be fey or land within our realme or outwith for all the dayis of his life &c . &c . Gevin under our privie Seill and fubfcrivit with our hand At Edinburgh the xix day of Oçtober And of our Regnne the xvj gere .

JAMES R .

From the King to the Countefs of Mortoun .

REX .

- 5 Weilbelouit fifter We grete zow hertly weil fforfamekill as We have writin to our traift coufing zour husband prayand hym to fulfill and to keip the commonyng and promiſ betuix hym and our coufing Malcom Lord Flemyng anent the alienatioun of certane zour husbandis landis to be maid to our faid coufing efter the forme of the faid commonyng becaus the faid Malcom lord Flemyng hes analiit certane of his awin landis to furniſ money to zour husband for his landis Heirfor We pray zou to mak na ſtop nor Impediment thereto / for We heirfay that ze will nocht thoill zour douchter to gif our hir fee of the faid landis to that effe& bot ſtoppes hir therof / We pray zou effe&uufly becaus the faid Malcomis barnis that fuld haue the faidis landis ar fa teynder of blude bayth to ws and zou / and ficlik becaus zour husband is felland and puttand faſt away till utheris that ze forthir the famyn for our faik as ze will report ſpeciall thankis of ws therfor And failzeing that zour husband will not fulfill nor keip his promiſ to our faid coufing We assure zou We fall provyd and

fynd the way that he falbe compellit to keip his condicioun be the law And
forther 3e fall gif credence to this berar in this mater Subferiuit with our
hand at Edinburgh the xij day of Oötober and of our Regne the xix 3eir .

JAMES R .

To our wilbelouit fifter the Countes of Mortoun .

The King to the Thefaurer anent Robert Douglas of Lochleven .

REX .

- 6 Thefaurer We grete 3ow wele / 3e fall understand We have consentit to
put Robert Dowglas of Lochleven in fee of the Erldom of Mortoun and
Lordschip of Dalkeith with thair pertinentis for gude cauffis as he will
schaw 3ow We pray 3ow fail nocht to gar reforme his signature be men
of understanding as he thinkis best And help him in sik thingis as he
desiris / Forder gif credence to him / Subferivit with our hand At Brechyn
the xvij day of Oötober And of our Regne the xxvij 3eir .

JAMES R.

Till our Thefaurer 3c .

Acquittance by George erle of Erroll to Robert Douglas of Lochleven .

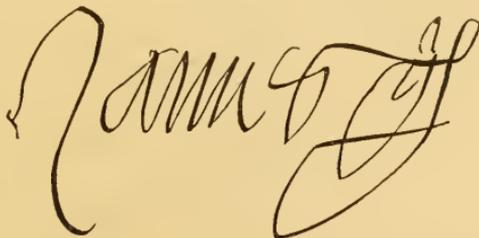
- 7 I George erle of Erroll grantis me haif ressauit fray ane honorabill man
Robert Douglas of Lochleven the foume of ane hundreth merkis wfuale
money of Scotland for the nonentres of his landis of Fossaquhy haldin
of me the said George erle 3c of the quhilk foume I hald me weile con-
tent and payt Discharging and quietclamand the said Robert his airis
executoris and assignais for now and euer and all otheris quhome efferis
of the forsaid foume of j^c merkis be this myne acquittance Subferiuit with
my hand At Kilros the day of August the 3eir of God I^m V^c and
fourte thua 3eris befor thir witnes Androw Hay John Murray Duncan
Robertfone and Androw Montago with otheris divers .

Grozet rzll of rzzoll

Ane Appointment betuix the Duik and my Lord of Mortoun for deliverie of the hous of Dalkeith .

GUBERNATOR .

- 8 My Lord Gouvernour of his special grace and favour hes grantit and be thir presentis grantis to James of Douglas sone to George Douglas Maister of Angus . That the said James cummand instantly furth of the dungeoun of Dalkeith and submittand him alwayis to my said Lord Governours will / My said Lord Governour is contentit that the said James his servandis and geir being now presently within the dungeoun salbe saif and fre to pas at his and ther plesouris and thai all ther geir forsaid to quhatsumevir place thai pleis the said James his servandis and geir to be convoyt fuirly gif as the said James sal desyre apone his humble requisitioun and sute Providing that the said house be deliverit betuix this and the morne ten houris befor none And for the mair securitie therof my said Lord Governour hes subserivit this present And sailgeand that the hous be nocht deliverit agane the tyme apointit / This apointment to be of nane avale and the said James to be punist at my Lord Governouris plesure At Dalkeith the sevint day of November 1543 And thir premissis abone writtin being fulfillit be the said James and his servandis My Lord of his grace Remittis to him and thame the crime of the halding of the house .



Receipt and Discharge by the Commendator and Convent of Sanct-androis to The Lady of Lochlewyne and her son .

- 9 We James be the permiffioun of God Commendatair of the priorie of Sanctandrois and Convent of the famyne grantis ws to have reffavit furth of the place of Lochlewyne fra ane honorable gentill woman Margaret Erkkyne Lady of Lochlewyne And hir sone William Douglas air to wmqhile Robert Douglas of Lochlewyne that last deceffit thre kyftis contening certane reliquis and claithis of filk and gold with divers geir pertening to our place quhilk we caufit be put thair to be fuirlye kepit fra our enimeis handis of Ingland befoir the raid of Langhop / Ane of the faidis kiftis being of auld aik haiffing ane clovyne lyd abone with thre holis in the famyue Ane uthir being of new eiftland bwrđ haiffand . . . lokkis with twa bandis of Irne about It The third of thaim being rycht fua of new eiftland bwird haiffand bot ane lok with crampattis of Irne about the anglaris gawillis and newkis of the famyne / And difchargis the faid Lady and Williame hir sone and all utheris quhome It effeiris of the faidis thre kiftis as is abone expremit Swa that the foirfaidis kiftis and geir be als fuirlye put in our handis agane upoun our expenfis As we caufit the famyne be put within the faid place of Lochlewyne / In Witnes of the premiffis To this prefent write Subferivit with our hand our com-mone Seil Is affixit At Sanctandrois the day of March the 3^{er} of God I^o V^e fourte 3^{er}is .

James Commendator of Sanctandrois .

Den Jhon Wynram Subpriore of Sanctandrois .

Den James Wemis .

Den David Guthre .

Den David Cuke .

Dominus Patricius Dulkanfoun ꝛc .

My lord Erfkynis acquittans In the Quenis grace behalff of iij^e crownis .

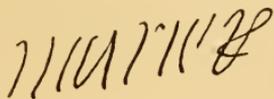
- 10 I Jhone lord Erskene grantes me to haue resflaut fra the handis of maister Johne Bougomyn secretar to the Quenis grace dowriar of Scotland the s^oum of thre hundreth crownis of the sone in name and behalff of Margret Erskene Lady of Lochlevin auchtand be the said Quenis grace unto hir Of the quhilk s^oum of thre hundreth crownis forsaid I grant me wele content and payit And quitclamys and dischargeis the said secretar therof in the Quenis behalff and all otheris quhome efferis for now and euer In witnes herof I haue subseriuit this acquittance in the said Lady Lochlevynis behalff At Blais the xxix day of Januar the 3ere of God I^m V^e and fyfty 3eris .



Precept by Mary Queen Regent to Patrick Home of the Brumehous .

REGINA .

- 11 Comptrollar 3e fall Incontinent eftir the fycht heirof deliver and mak thankfull payment to oure seruitour Patrik Home of the Brumehous the s^oume of fourty pundis money of this realme of the reddiest mailis and dewiteis of oure derrest dochteris propirtie of the termes of Martimes in the 3eir of God I^m V^e and fifty sex and Witsfounday In the 3eir of God I^m V^e fifty sevin 3eris Quhilk salbe allowit to 3ou in 3our comptis 3e kepand this oure precept for 3our Warrant Subseriuit be vs At Halyrudhous the third day of Junij the 3eir of God I^m V^e and fifty sevin 3eris .



The Erll Marshall and the erll of Errolles band for the relief of thaim that ar bund for the Master of Marshalis entras .

- 12 We Williame erle Merfchell Lord Keith ⁊ George erle of Errole Lord Hay fforfamekle as James erle of Mortoun Lord Dalkeith Walter Ker of Ceffurd and Johne Ker of Farnyhirst knichtis ar oblist and bundin with ws conjunctlie and feuerallie To the erle of Northumberland Schir Henrie Percy knicht and to Robert Lord Ogill Inglistmen and to everie of thame failing of uther That Williame maister Merfchell presoneir in England and be the said erle of Northumberland lattin hame in Scotland fall without fraude gile or delay enter agane to the said erle or to the said Schir Henry Percy or to thair assignais within the towne of Norhame he being haille man and feir In fuche fort as lauchfull entrie falbe thair takin of him the first day of September nixtocum efter the dait of the said band And in default that the said Maister enter nocht as said is to content and pay within xx dayis nixteftir the failing of the said entrie the sowme of foure thousand pundis Sterling without fraude cullour or diffait Thairfore to be bundin and oblist and be the tennour hei of bindis and oblistis ws our airis and executouris To freith releif and keip skaithles the saidis Erle of Mortoun Lairdis of Ceffurde and Fairnihirst thair airis and executouris off the said band sowme contenit thairintill and contentis of the samyn At the handis of the said erle of Northumberland Schir Henry Percy knicht and the Lord Ogell and thair assignais and all utheris Be this our obligatioun Subscrivit with our handis our seillis ar affixt AT Edinburgh the aughtene daye of Junij The zeir of God I^m V^c fiftie nyne zeiris .

George erll of Erroll .

Wylyam erll of Merfscheall wyth my hand .

The Prior of Saint Andrews to his mother The Lady Lochlevin .

- 13 **M**other after maist hartly commendatioun / I refavit your wrytting / and hes at lenth confyderyt the same . And treuly hes fa mekle merwelyt thairat / that yff your hand wrytt hayd not persuadit me / the Reportis of the toungis vpon earthe culd nevir hayd maid my hart beleif that heirin I perceave . I knaw affuredly my brother hayd nevir meynit sic thing to my displafeur yff thai quhome I [traift] abuif the rest of the haill world hayd not bene ane spure to him to vndermynd me in abusing the youth- hyd of that . . . Innocent I patt in thair handis as my maist trusty beound all vtheris I haif In deid falowed my hartis inclination in my mariage and Is prowdydit be my fouerayne . . . to god to sum lyiff / albeit I myght Justlyar say ane styill of ane leiffing / and thairfor did not hyd from you how I wes not hable to beir out the stait of my former lyiff by that vther leiffing the quhilk how coistly and cummersum It hes bene to me I neid not to expreme to you that knawis It as my self quhairfor all my mynd wes to haif placed that damofel according hir state and to the contentement of her freindis fa haifing my awin quhome I trusted the playn supplantaris of me I will certife you as I haif my brother already all the brether I haif on lyiff fall not bruik that leiffing during my dayis onles thay bruik It on my belly for sic proceydingis merittis not sic favour at my hand I call your conscience to record yff I hayf bene ane vnproffitabill forster to that house or not and this Is ane small revard for recompense . thus vnder trust and credit to supplant me and with ane abusoun of ane Innocent to spoill me bayth of my leiffing and my honour for I pray you mother with quhat face may I anfuer hir freindis compleyn- ing vpon me the abusoun of hir and the perishing of that ancient leiffing from the surname / as concerning hir the credit I haif gevin you of hir persoune hes maid you Rowme to abuse hir / but for the leiffing I fall god willing in sic fort preserve that nayther fall she nor he haif that pouer be the grace of god . and albeit ge wrytt I fuld be glad to

further sic leiffing to my brother as god prowidis him I am not persuaded that heir Is the prouision of god but (saiffing that honour and reuerence that be law of god and natuir I awcht to zou quhilk also I mynd be goddis grace perpetually to keip and vse towardis zou) I wald in playn termes lett you know in quhat fort I refave this practife at your hand and how lytill ze haif regarded ayther my wele and honour or zit your awin deuty towardis me heirin that nevir wald haif sparit to haif putt my hart with in my bouk vpon your credit Vther thingis I will not wrytt at this present but prayis god to oppin sum ayfyer way to prowid your bayrnis (quhilk ar in deid tender aneucht to me and may be on force) nor be my skayth and dishonour / and sa committis zou to the proteccion of God from Aberdene the ix of october 1562 .

As I keip secreit this matter sa wald

I wish it wer nevir fpokin .

Your sonne at all puer &c

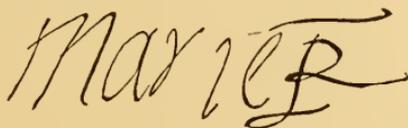


To my mother the Lady of Loychlewin .

Mary Queen of Scots to the Abbot of Dunfermling .

- 14 Venerable fader in god We grete zou wele fforfamekle as for certane occasionis moving ws at this present tyme We haue thocht gude that the temporall landis of oure abbay of Dunfermling be sett in fewferme to oure thesaurair maister Robert Richartfoun with quhome we haue takin sic ordour that the said few fall nowther be preiudiciall to zou / nor to thame that beis possessouris for the tyme of oure said abbay Nor zit to the tenentis thair of As we haue at lenth declarit to your coufing maister Robert Pitcarne And thairfor we pray zou effectiuislie that ze subferue and pas the said maister Robertis charteris maid upoun the saidis few

landis quhilk we haue caufit be fend to you to that effect And mak the famyn to be fend agane in all guidlie haift Sua that this our purpos be na wyfe hinderit as ge will do ws verie acceptable plefure And thus we commit you to God At Edinburgh the laft day of Maij 1564 .



To ane venerable fader in God
the abbat of Dunfermling ꝑc .

Archibald fifth Earl of Argyll to James third Earl of Arran / Duke of Chatelherault .

- 15 **M**Y LORD Eftir my maft humill Commendatiounis your grace fall ondirftand that the Quines Majestie hes defyrit me to be Into Edinbrhwite the xx day of this instand becauif of the Erll of Lenox in Cwming tharfor I thocht it gowd to adwartif your grace of the fame for qwhat ewir beis proponit In tha behalwis I fall do na thing qwhill I fpek wyth your grace farder It fall pleis your grace to gyf credit to my Cofing berar heirof wrytin fra the xix day of feptember 1564 .

Your grace Cofing to command .



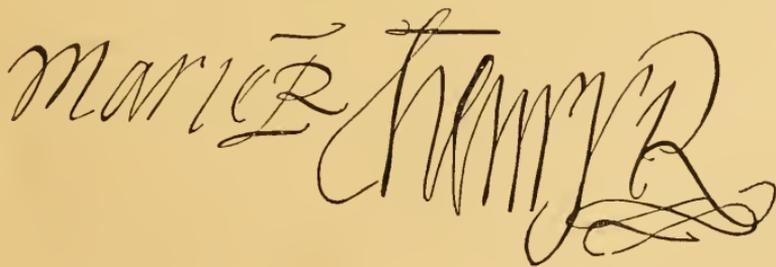
To My Lord Dwkis grace of Satillarolt
gyf this .

Licence by The King and Queen that William Douglas of Lochlevin retain the place and hous of Lochlevin .

Apud Edinburgh decimo tertio die mensis Nouembris anno domini Millefimo quingentesimo Sexagesimo quinto .

- 16 **T**he quhilk day fforfamekle as the King and Quenis Majesties charge wes dire&t to ane herauld or vther officiar of armes Commanding thame to pas and charge Margaret Erskin lady Lochlevin Williame Douglas of lochlevin Robert douglas his sone and apperand air and the said Williame his fader as lauchfull tutour adminiftratour gydar and gouvernour to him and all vtheris his tutouris and curatouris gif he ony hes for thair interesse and all vtheris keparis havaris and withhalderis of the castell and fortresse of Lochlevin To rander and deliuer the samyn to the officiar executour of the same charge And remove thame selffis thair seruandis and guidis furth of the samyn within sex houris nixt efter the charge vnder the pane of tressoun Like as at mair lenth is contenit in the samyn charge Of the dait the sevint day of nouember instant Comperit Adam m^cculloch merchemont herauld and producit the said charge dewlie execute be him vpoun the ellevint day of the said moneth And being inquirit vpoune the said Williamis ansuer Reportit That he wes extremle feik in perrell of his lyff to the said Adamis apparence zit offerit he with all humilitie to obey the command of the said charge with all haift possible to him And to that effect desirit the said Adam to remain with him quhilk he and the countes of Buchane quha than wes travelland with chylde mycht remove and cum furth of the said place **THE KING** and Quenis Majesties vnderstanding alwele be the said herauldis report and declaratioun As be thair traift coufing and counfalour Johnne erll of Mar lord erkin the obedient mynd of the said Williame Douglas towart the deliuering of his said hous and place **THAIRFORE** and in respect of his present infirmitie And of the ernesf fute of thair said traift counfalour

and of Maister James balfour perfoun of flisk Offerand in the said Williams naim cautioune to the effect vnderwrittine Thair Majesties acceptis and Reflavis the said Williamis anfuere as full and sufficient obedience of the said charge And ar contentit that he as of before retene and keip in his awin handes and possessiounes his said house and place of Lochlevin quhill thair hieneffis be further avyfit without skayth cryme or danger to be incurrit be him his saidis moder and sone or vtheris quhatfumeur for thair abiding and Remanyng within the said house and place sen the said charge wes execute aganis thame Of the quhilk charge thair Majesties be thir presentis dischargeis thame simpliciter . And instantlie the said erll of Mar and Michael Balfour of Burly In name of the said Williame Douglas vndertuke and promist That schir William Scott of balwery knycht David Dury of that ilk David Barclay of cullerny the said Michael Balfour of Burly and Johnne Anstruther of that ilk fall cum to the burgh of Edinburgh betuix and the xxij day of nouember instant And thair becum aēt and oblist conjunctlie and feueralie as cautionaris and fourteis for the said Williame Douglas That the said house and place of Lochlevin salbe redde and patent at thair Majesties commandiment with all munitiounes and artallery being within the samyn quhilk pertenis to James erll of Murray at quhatfumeur tyme thair hieneffis fall pleis require the samyn vpoun xxiiij houris warnyng And that nane of thair Majesties rebellis thair seruandis or messingeris salbe reffett suppliant or intertenyt in the said place in the meyntyme vnder the panis of five thousand merkis .

A large, elegant handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Marie de France, the wife of James Douglas, Earl of Morton. The signature is written in a cursive style with long, sweeping flourishes, particularly at the end of the name.

Henry Darnley to The Laird of Lochlevin .

- 17 **L**ard of Lowghe Levyn Whear as We have taken order thorough our Realme ffor Reftraynte of Shotynge with gunnes you beinge sheryfe of thes partes we wyll and commande you hereby To apprehende all perfons within your charge that so vfes to shote contrary our order / And we havinge alrede vnderstandynge of ane John shawe / sune to Maister William shawe / To be a common shoter We allso charge you hereby to take the fayde Johne and fend him to vs with his gune where ever we chaunce to be within three dayes efter this present And farder We beinge Informed of dyvers fyers vfed to be made upon the waters for fythyng wyche scarrethe the fowles / Our pleasure Is also that ye Reftrayne all fuche fyers to be made tyll ye farder vnderstand frome vs / In all which doinge thes fyngned with our hande Shallbe your suffycient warraunt Agenste all perfones Geven at Burley this wendfday the xxij of nouember [1565 .]

HENRY R .

To our welbeloved the Lard of
Lowghe Levyn .

James Stewart [Earl of Murray] To my Lady Countes of Murray.

- 18 **A**fter my maist hartly commendatioun My oncle the Erle of Mar hes wryttin to me anent the kyrk of Eglisgrige It wes nevyr my mynd that he fuld want the x chalderis of wi&uallis he used to refave thairof Tak thair adwysis betuix zou with my mothir and lett her L . be satiffeit anentis thai x chalderis victual and the rest thairof to cum to the prouffeyt of thayme It wes destinat unto I wraytt to zou of befoyr my adwyis . Ze fall now joyne with my mother and use hir counsale and my oncles therle of Marris in zouer swttis and as I may fynd beararis and fuyr

acceffe ge fall knaw forthir of my mynd and that shortly I pray you be blyth and prayse God for all that he fendis for It Is he only that gevis and takis and It Is he only that may and will restoyr agayne . And becumis ws in all lawlynes of hart to awaytt patiently for his leafeur yff my mother fall obteyne ane licence for ane servand of myn for the action of Buchquhane ge fall knaw forthir of my mynd beseikkand God to comfort you to our meitting with my commendatioun to all freyndis that ar freyndis in deid the number quhairof Is growen merwelous skant prayed be God quha met preserve you frome Neucastell the xvij of februar 1565 .

Yours as ge knaw

James Stewart

Warrant to charge James erll of Mortoun Patrick Lord Ruthven and Patrik Lord Lindefay of the Byres and utheris .

- 19 Henry and Marie be the grace of God King and Quene of Scottis To our louittis Peter Thomfoun Hlay herauld messingeris oure
 shereffis in that part conjunctlie and severallie specialie constitut greting
 Oure Will is and We charge you straitlie and commandis that incontinent
 thir our lettres sene ge pas and in our name charge James erll of Mor-
 toutoun Lord of Dalkeith Patrik Lord Ruthven Patrik Lord Lindefay of
 the Byres Williame Maister of Ruthven George Douglas sone naturall to
 unquhill Archibald erll of Angus that last deceffit Andro Ker of Faw-
 dounfyde Williame Dowglas of Quhittinghame Maister Archebald Dowglas
 persoun of Dowglas bruther to the said Williame &c Williame Dowglas
 of Lochlevin &c Alexander Ruthven bruther to the Lord Ruthven and
 utheris personallie or at thair duelling places and failgeing therof be
 oppin proclamatioun at the mercatt croces of the heid burrowes of our

fcheriffdomes quhair thai dwell To compeir perfonalie before ws and Lordis of oure feereit Counsale at Edinburgh or quhair It fallhappyn ws to be for the tyme upone the fext day nixt efter thai and ilkane of thame beis chargeit be 3ow therto refpectiue To anfuer to fik thingis as falbe laid to ther charge under the pane of rebellioun &c Gevin under our Signett at Edinburgh the xix day of Marche and of our Regnnes the firft and xxiiij 3eiris .

Per actum manibus S. D. N. Regis et Regine fubfcriptum .

Mary Queen of Scots to the Laird of Lochleuin .

- 20 **T**raift freind We greit 3ou weill We intend God willing in proper perfoun to repair fchortlie towart Jedburgh and ther to do iuflice to our puir oppreffed fubiectis That oure bordour being anys quietit We may the mair efalie put ordour in the in cuntre in the quhilk Jorney it is neidfull that we be weill and fubftantioufliie accompanyit with oure gude and trew fubiectis Praying 3ow therefore that 3e accompanyit with 3oure houfhaldis and fubftancioufe freindis bodin in weirlik maner addrefs 3ow to meit ws at Peblis the xiiij day of auguft nixtocum And fwa to accompany ws for the fpace of xv dayis efter 3our cuming to Jedburgh As 3e will do ws verray acceptabill plefure and feruice Subfcriuit with oure hand At Alloway the laft day of Julij 1566 .

To our traift freind the lard of
Lochleuin .

- The extract of the copy subscribed be Robert Scott of my Lord of Murrayis Testament .

21 We James erle of Murray Lord Abernethy ⁊c⁰ Being presentlie with licence of the Quenis grace In redines to depart furth of this Realme and understanding that all creatures ar mortale and subiect to death The tyme quhairof is onlie Referuit unto the eternall god . Thairfoir I haif maid constitute and ordanit and be the tennour heirof makis constitutis and ordanis my derrest spous Dame Agnes Keith Johne erle of Mar Johne Wischarte of pettarro knycht Williame Douglas of Lochlevin and Williame Kirkcaldy of grange knycht my executouris testamentaris and my said spous the onlie and vniuersall intromissatrice with my guidis and ane noble and mychtie princes Marie Quene of Scottis ouerifwoman of my said testament and makis my said spous sa lang as sche Remanis wedo vndefloret tutrix testamantar to Elisabeth stewart my lauchfull dochter And gif sche beis mareit or defloret Margaret Erskin my mother And failzeing of hir Williame Douglas of Lochlevin tutouris testamentaris to my said dochter And the Quenis Maieftie my fouerane ouerifwoman to fe all thingis be handillit and Reulit for the weill of my said dochter In witnes heirof I haue subscribed thir presentis with my hand At Sanct-androis the secunde day of aprile The zeir of god I^m V^o lxxvij ꝛeiris Sic subscribitur . JAMES STEWART .

Tenet presens copia In omnibus cum originali copiata et collacionata per me Notarium publicum subscriptum de mandato dominorum consilij et eorundem decret ⁊c⁰ Tertio die mensis aprilis anno Domini ⁊c⁰ lxxvij^o testantibus meis signo et subscriptione manualibus sic subscribitur .

R . SCOTT .

Bond betwixt certain Noblemen &c. and Sir James Balfour keeper of the Castle of Edinburgh . (A copy.)

22 **W**e Erles Lordis baronis and otheris vnderfubfcrivand of the Nobilite having refpect that the Quenis hienes maft noble perfoun wes apprehendit be the erll Bothvell vpon the day of Aprill / And thereafter be fors and violence off armit men convoyit to the castell of Dunbarre / there deteynit and kepit in fuir and ferm ward be the faid erll / be the fpace of dayes / In likmaner hir Grace being Invyronit alfwele be a number of men of were as be the hail frendis of the faid erll Bothvell boddin in armour wes convoyit from place to place in fik parts as he haid maft dominion and power to command / during the quhilk fpace that the faid erll haid hir maft noble perfoun in the thraldome abone fpecifyit hir Majeftie being onlie accompanyit with a few number of hir domeftick fervandis / he ceffit not be all wayes and unleiffum meanis to feduce hir Grace to ane unefull and unhoneft marriage / quhilk from the begynning is null and of na effect for fik caufes as ar notourlie alfwele knawin to other realmes as to ws . The Nobilite and inhabitantis of this our native cuntre in lykwyes being informit that the faid erll as git remanis in his maft wickit intentioun and ferm purpos to kepe our foverannis perfoun in the thraldom and fubieftioun forfaid / invyronit with men of weir and his frendis / fway that nane of the Nobilite of hir Grace realm may refort to hir prefens to knaw hir mynd without thair maft extreme and utter danger quherthrow he intendis to utterlie rwyn and decay the guid fame and brute of our derraft foveran liberte of this commoun wele and previledge grantit to the nobilitie therof . WE therfor conftraynit upon neceffitie hes oppynnit this maft lamentable caife to S^r James Balfour of Pettindrech knyecht clark of our fouverannis register and keper of the castell of Edinburgh / quha being cairfull for the mifordouris above writtin / and tendering the Quenis Majefties maft dangerous eftate and perill that may come to the commoun wele hes upon the lik zeale

with ws faythfullie promifit and be the tennour herof promifes to ayd and affist vnto ws or any part of ws that fall interpryes and put ordour to the premiffis with the caftell of Edinburgh for furthering of our enterpryes devifit or to be devifit in fik ordour as falbe thocht expedient be ws / and adione with ws in all and quhatfumeuer caus that we fall have ado in any tyme heirefter . Providing alwayes that he may be fo requirit as his honor be faiff at our first cuming to the toun of Edinburgh . In Refpect of the quhilkis We the perfonis vnderfubferivand upoun our honour and fidelitie and be the tennour herof bindis and obliges ws that we fall tak efald and plane part with the faid S^r James in all and quhatfumeuer his a^ctions that he hes haid to do befor the dait of thefe presentes and fall defend and mantene him therintill aganis all dedlie . And fiklik fall in all tyme cuming concurre and affist to him in furthfetting of any thing that falbe for the furtherans and advancement of this common wele / and promote him in any eſtate therintill that he falbe meit for and ſpeciallie fall mantean him in the keping of the caftell of Edinburgh . And ſiclik fall affist forteſie mantean and defend him in all his awin particuler caufes and a^ctions quhatfumeuer in all tyme herefter aganis all dedelie for fuir obſerving and keping of the premiffis on his part the faid S^r James fall upon the requifitioun of the Lordis / and terme being appointit for the faid interpryes delyuer in pledge and hoſtage vnto the nobilitie vnderfubferivand the perfons maſt deir and tender to him in all the wardill to remane in quhat place falbe thocht neidfull and meit be the faidis Lordis ay and quhill the performans of the premiffis or quhill they be frede and relevit be the faidis Lordis . In witnes of the quhilkis we the faidis erles Lordis and barronis and alſua the faid S^r James hes ſubſcrivit thir presentes with our handis At

day of 1567 .

*Dalkeyth Creichtoun and Melros wilbe
very handſum dwellingis for them .*

A Letter from England concerning the murder of King Henry Darnley.

23 **H**AVING the commodity of this bearer Mr. Clark, I tho't good to write a few words unto you. I have rec^d some writs from you, and some I have seen lately sent others from you, as namely to the Earl of Bedford of the 16th of May. I have participat the contents thereof to such as I thought meet, this mekle I can assure you; the intelligence given hithere by the French was untrue, for there was not one Papist nor Protestant which did not consent that justice should be done, be the Queen my sov^{ns} aid and support, against such as had committed that abominable ill murder in your country; but to say truth, the lack and coldness did not rise from such as were called to council, but from such as should give life and execution thereunto. And further, I assure you, I never knew no matter of estate proponed which had so many favourers of all sorts of nations as this had: yea, I can say unto you, no man promoted the matter with greater affection than the Spanish ambassador. And sure I am that no man dare openly be of any other mind, but to affirm that whosoever is guilty of this murder, handfasted with advoutre, is unworthy to live. I shall not need to tell you, which be our letts, and stays from all good things here. You are acquainted with them as well as I. Neds I must confess, that howsoever we omit occasions of benefit, honour, and surety; it behoveth your whole nobility, and namely such as before and after the murder were deemed to allow of Bodwell, to prosecute with sword and justice the punishment of those abominable acts, though we lend you but a cold aid, and albeit you, and divers others, both honourable and honest, be well known to me, and sundry others here, to be justifiable in all their actions and doings; yet think not the contrary but your whole nation is blemished and infamit by these doings which lately passed among you. What we shall do I know not, neither do I write unto you assuredly, for we be subject unto many mutations, and yet I think we shall either aid you, or continue in the defence and safeguard of your Prince, so as it appear to

us that you mean his safeguard indeed, and not to run the fortune of France, which will be your own destruction if you be unadvised. I know not one, no not one of any quality or estate in this country, which does allow of the Queen your soveraign, but would gladly the world were rid of her, so as the same were done without farther slander, that is to say by ordinary justice. This I send the 23d of May.

Declaration by the Queen on the state of the Realme . (A copy.)

Apud Edinburgh quarto die mensis Junij anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo Sexagesimo septimo .

24 **T**he Quenis Maiestie considering and thinking vpoun hir awin estait and the governament of this hir hienes realme owir the quhilk almychtie God hes placit hir supreme heid and lauchfull inheritour And with that calling to mynd quhat gret alterationis and strange accidentis hes fra tyme to tyme occurrit during hir Maiesties regne bot maist speciallie sen hir hienes arryvall and returning in this realme and taking of the manyment and governament of the effaris thair of in hir awin perfoun quhilk all (prayfit be God) ar happellie quietit and fet down be hir Maiestie (God sa weill prospering the werk in hir handis) alsweill to hir awin honour as to the satisfi&tioun and contentment of all hir gude subiectis That in all this tyme of hir Maiesties awin presens sen hir said arryvall thay haif neur felt the force of foreyn Innemeis bot leuit in gud peace nor zit bene owirthrowin be the auctouris of ony domestik seditionis that hes nocht bene spedely dantonit and puniffit for thair demerites And sua thay may iustlie compair thair estait in this hir Maiesties regne to the maist happy tyme that hes occurrit in mannis memorie bot as Invy is enemy to vertew and that seditious and unquiet spreitis euir sekis occasion to Interteney trouble and vnquietnes Sa can hir Maiestie neur mein sa sincerlie and vprichtlie nor neur dire&t hir doingis sa perfytlly bot

infest of thankfull hartis and gud obedience hir hienes clemencie is commonlie abusit and recompanfit with thrawartnes and Ingratitud And quhen scho thinkis leif of ony nouatioun Euir sum Inuentioun or vtheris brocht in and the pepill perswadit to beleif it / as that hir hienes cair of this commoun weill wer tint That hir Maiestie merit to subuert the lawis to reie& the counsell and affistance of hir nobilitie and to handle all thingis without ony discretioun contrar the ancient custoum Bot last[lie] that is maist grievous and offensive of all that the health preferuatioun sure custodie and governament of hir maist deir and only sone the prince now in his infancie wer negle&it be hir hienes and na sic attendance haid thairto as appertenit And besidis this the malice of sum hes bene so greit That quhair as hir hienes with avys of hir counfall laitlie set out proclamationis Commanding hir subie&is in certane cuntreis of the realme To be in redines and convene for persute of the rebellious and disobedient subie&is of Liddisdall by quhome the trew lieges ar havelie oppressit It hes bene murmurit and put in the heidis of the pepill that thay forces wer to be convenit for vther purposis that neur enterit in hir hienes mynd ffor in making of the saidis proclamationis hir Maiestie haid na coullorat meaning nor na vther purpos in heid nor is planelie mentionat in the same As the succes will weill declair Quhilkis vntrew reportis and opprobious calumnys sa neirlie tuicheis hir Majestie That constrantlie it behuvis hir to gif plane declaratioun of hir mynd and part to all hir gude subie&is To the effect that thai being certifeit of the veritie may be resolut of all dout and secludand errour may stay thamefelves on the treuth for first as God knowis hir mynd scho neur merit the subuersioun of the [lawis] in na Jote bot rather hes mantenit thame Quhat is abill to be obie&it that euir hir Maiestie tuke on hand vnconsultit be the noble men hir counsaile And in quhat point hes hir hienes handlit ony maner of thing in the publi& effaris by the custome of hir maist noble progenitouris men that ar godlie and hes discretioun may juge and tyme will manifest it to the haile warld And for hir derrest sone Of quhome fall hir Maiestie be cairfull gif scho negle& him that is so deir to hir On quhais

gude succes hir special joy consistis And without quhom hir Maiestie culd neur think hir self in gude estait bot comfortles all the dayis of hir life And git seing men now this biffy in his infancie to grouud the occasioun of thair particulariteis on his persoun It may be thocht quhat thai wald pretend gif he war of mature aige Bot as God hes hard hir prayeris and the prayeris of hir pepill in granting sic happie yssue and successioun of hir body efter hir life to posses and Inioy this kingdome Sa fall hir Maiesties moderlie affectioun towartis him appeir eidentlie that na thing requifite for his nutriture custody Intertenement and preferuatioun falbe forget And with that he committit to sic governance as vthiris princeis of this realme In thair Infancie hes bene accustomed in tymis bigane That in proces of tyme the actouris of sic fals reportis aither in previe or patent fall worthelie accus thame selves of vntreuth and find thame selfis frustrat of thair Inventionis And hir Maiesteis cair towart hir realme and naturall lyf and Inteir affectioun towart hir said derrest sone fall manifest the self As it is in effect to the hail world And that letteris be direct for publicatioun heiroy In dew forme as efferis .

Order by the Privy Council to John Mowbray of Bernbougall .

Apud Edinburgh xj Junij Anno Domini I^{co} V^o lxxij.

- 25 **T**he quhilk day the Lordis of Secrete Counsell having herd how that diverse of the nobilitie and utheris hes presentlie joynit thame selffis togidder in armour and as is brutit purposing to ly about the place of Borthuik quhairin the Quenis Majestie is at this present And to invaid and assege hir hienes maist noble persoun within the said castell And becaus it is uncertane upoun quhat purpose and occasioun thai have convenit at this tyme And gif ony thing be menit be thame towart the Quenis Majesties persoun or utherwayes Thairfore hes ordanit this berare Johne Mowbray of Bernbougall To pas desire and inquire of thame To declair to quhat purpos and upon quhat motioun and occasioun thai have con-

venit thamefelffis togidder at this tyme and quhat Is meanit be thame toward the Quenis Majesties perfoun And gif thai will declair that thing quherin ordoure aucht and fall be takin for establisshing of gude reull and quietnes in the cuntrie that upoun thair advertifment and declaratioun the Lordis of Secret Counfell now present in Edinburgh ar redde with the Quenis Majesties advise and in hir hienes name To conveine and tak sik reasonable ordour therintill as may stand for establisshing and preservatioun of the commoun weill tranquillite and quietnes and avoiding of all Inconvenientis And forther to declair unto thame his credite as Is schawin be toung .

P · HEWATT *de mandato Dominorum Secreti Consilij* .

And for sequestrating the Quenis Maiesties person and detening the same in the hous and place of Lochleven .

Apud Edinburgh decimosexto die mensis Junii Anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo sexagesimo septimo .

26 **F**or famekle as efter the schamfull and horrible murther of unquibile the King the Quenis Majesties late husband / hir Majestie being revist with the Erl Boithuile principall and chief authour of the said murther and thereafter Joynit with him in maist ungodlie and dishonorable maner under the name of ane pretendit mariage Continewing in that state to the evident dangeir of the innocent perfoun of our native Princes lyff / and owerthrow and distruction of the nobilitie and hail state of this common weill / quhill on just necessitie it behuivit the nobilitie and utheris faithfull subjeitis to tak armes for punisment and revenge of the said murther / Aganis quhome come the said erll Boithuile / leidand the Quenis Majestie in his cumpany / and schadoand his murther and utheris wicket enormiteis fra punisment with the cloik of hir auctoritie / And refusand singular combatt / fled and eschapid himself / Hir Majestie in the

mentyme willinglie cuming in the company of hir said nobilitie and faithfull subje&is fra Carbarry hill to Edinburgh / quhair efter they had oppinnit and declarit unto hir hienes hir awin estait and condicioun / and the miserable estait of this realme / with the dangeir that hir dearest sone the Prince stude in / Requirand that she wald suffer and command the said murther and authouris therof to be punist / Fand in hir Majestie sic untowardnes and repugnance thairto / That rather sche apperit to fortessie and mantene the said erll Boithuile and his complices in the saidis wickit crymes / nor to suffer iustice pas forwart / Quhairthrow gif hir Hienes suld be left in that state to follow hir awin Inordinat passiou / it wald not fail to succed to the final confusioun and exterminiou of the hail realme / Sua that efter mature consultatioun be commoun advyfe / IT is thoct convenient / concludit and decernit / that hir Majesties persoun be sequestrat fra all societie of the said erll Boithuile / and fra all having of intelligence with him or ony utheris quhairby he may have ony comfort to eschaip dew punifment for his demeritis / And finding na place mair meitt nor commodious for hir Majestie to remane into Nor the hous and place of Lochlevin / Ordanis commandis and chargeis Patrik Lord Lindfay of the Byris Williame Lord Ruthven and William Douglas of Lochlevin To pas and convoy hir Majestie to the said place of Lochlevin / and the said Lard to ressave hir thairin / and thair thay and every ane of thame to keip hir Majestie fuirlye within the said place / and on na wyfe to suffer hir pas furth of the same / or to have intelligence fra ony maner of personis Or yit to send advertifmentis or direct hir intelligence with ony levand personis / except in ther awin presence and audieuce Or be the commandiment and directioun of the Lordis undersubscrivand or ane part of thame representing the counfall at Edinburgh or utherwise quhair thai sall resort for the tyme As thai will ansuer to God and upon thair dewitie to the commoun weill of this cuntrie Kepand thir presentis for thair warrand / Attour the saidis Lordis and utheris undersubscrivand / obliifis thame and ther airis faithfullie and promittis to the said Patrik Lord Lyndefay Williame Lord Ruthven William Douglas of Lochlevin /

and thair airis To releve and keip thame skaithles of the reffaving keeping and detenyng of the Quenis Majesties perfoun in maner foirfaid And to fortefie mantene and defend thame fra all levand creatures that in the law or by the law wald presume to perfew or Invade thame for the samyn .

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| ATHOLL . | MORTOUN . |
| GLENCARNE . | MAR . |
| J . GRAHAME . | ALEX ^R . L . HWME . |
| SANQUHAR . | SYMPYL . |
| WCHILTRE . | |

Notarial Protest at the Castle of Lochleven by William Douglas of Lochleven in the presence of the Queen .

- 27 *Sanctissimo christi Inuocato Nomine Amen per hoc prefens publicum Instrumentum Cunctis Innotescat quod Anno Incarnacionis dominice millesimo quingentesimo sexagesimo septimo mensis vero Julij die vigesimo octavo Indi&ione decima Anno Regnj serenissime Regine scotorum Marie Anno vigesimo quarto In mei notam publice et testium subscrip-torum presencia Personaliter constitutus Nobilis vir Willielmus Douglace de lochlevin accessit ad personalem presenciam prefate supreme domine nostre Marie Regine scotorum prout sequitur in wlgari And ther exponit and declarit to hir Majestie how It wes cumin to his knowlege that hir hienes being within his housse had be hir lettres subferiuit be hir hand dimittit and ourgevin hir crowne and auctorite In fauouris of hir sone the prince / without the faid Williamis knowlege / And alsua he wes Informit that the nobilite and certane vtheris estatis of the realme war past to Striuiling according to hir hienes faid commandiment to crowne the prince and Invest hym in this kyngdome / And therefore desirrit hir Maiestie sen he wes ignorant of hir proceding and of the subscriptione of the faidis lettres to the quhilk hir grace ansurrit that he was absent that culd not*

know hir Maiesties proceeding nor subscription and maid na compulsion nor coaſtione therto noder be word nor deid And than the ſaid William ſaid that it wald pleiſe hir hienes to pas to ſtriueling and ther declair frelie hir awin plefour and will quhair vnto he offerit hym to convoy hir hienes Quha anſurit that for the preſent ſche culd nocht be preparit to pas thair bot deſirit the ſaid William that ſche nicht remane in his place and vſe hir ſelf at hir eas and quietnes as ſche has done heir to fore Affirmand the lettres quhilkis ſche ſubſcriuit to the effect abone writtin to be of propir motive quhilkis ſche now as of before the ſubſcription therof ratifiit and appreit In reſpect therof the ſaid Williame proteſtit that hir maieſtie ſuld not be comptit heireſtir as captiue or in preſon with hym Quhilk proteſtation hir Maieſtie allowit and admittit De et ſuper quibus omnibus et ſingulis premiſſis ſepofatus Willielmus Douglace A me notario publico ſubnotato ſibi fieri et tradi peciit hoc preſens publicum Inſtrumentum ſiue plura publica Inſtrumenta Acta erant hec apud Lochlevin horam circiter vndecimam ante merediem . . . ſub Anno die menſe Indiſtione et regnj antediſtis quibus ſupra Preſentibus Ibidem honorabilibus viris videlicet Thoma Diſchinton de Ardros Dau penſionario de breching Georgio Douglace et thoma cherie notario publico teſtibus ad premiſſa vocatis pariter et Rogatis ꝛc .

Et ego Joannes feyrn preſbiter ſanctiandree dioceſeos publicus ſacra auctoritate apoſtolica notarius ac dominos per conſilij admiſſus Quia premiſſis omnibus et ſingulis dum ſic vt premititur dicerentur agerentur et fierent vnacum prenominatis teſtibus preſens perſonaliter interfui Eaque omnia et ſingula ſic fieri vidi dici et audiui ac in notam ſumpſi Ideoque hoc publicum Inſtrumentum manu mea propria fideliter ſcriptum exinde confeci et in hanc publicam Inſtrumenta formam redegi Signoque nomine cognomine et ſubſcriptione meis ſolitis et conſuetis ſignauj ſubſcripſi et robo-
raui In fidem et teſtimonium veritatis omnium et ſingulorum pre-
miſſorum Rogatus et Requiſitus .

Joannes Feyrne notarius publicus .

Commissioun to reassave the comptis of gold and silver &c .

- 28 **J**AMES be the grace of God King of Scottis To all and findrie our liegis and subdittis to quhais knowlege thir our lettres fall cum greting Wit 3e ws with expres consent and assent of our derrest coung James Erll of Murray Lord Abernethie regent to ws our realme and liegis to have gevin grantit and committit and be thir our lettres gevis grantis and committis our full power &c to William Maitland of Lithingtoun 3oungar our Secretare Maister Robert Richertfoun Commendatere of San& Marie Ile our Thesaurare Sir Johne Bellenden of Auchnowle Knycht Clerk of our Justiciarie and David Fores General of our Cunziehous Or ony thrie of thame conjunctlie To reassave and fycht the Comptis of all gold and silver reassavit be our traift coung and coun-falour James erll of Mortoun Lord of Dalkeyth fra the Quene our derrest Moderis servandis or utherwayis sen the tent day of Junij last bipast to the dait heirof To charge discharge and perfyte and fute the saidis comptis and the samyn attentiklie to subscrive &c Gevin under our signet and subscrivit be our said derrest coung and regent At Edinburgh the xiiij day of October And of our regne the first 3eir 1567 .

James Regent

James Earl of Murray Regent to The Laird of Lochleven .

- 29 **B**roder efter our hertlie commendatioun / We haif writtin to Farny for ane buk and to Cleishe to gar fend yow a twyn of wyne / As to George Pyngill althocht we think ther be na Inconvenient / howbeit he pas furth or tary In at his plesure / 3it quhill our Returning fra Dumbertane and hering of word out of England It is meitt that he byde still / And fa 3e

fall declair unto him Thus We commit 3ow to God At Stirling In fun
haift the iiij of Januar 1567 .

Your brother

James Legent

Sir William Kirkcaldy of Grange to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 30 Rycht honourabill I haue inquiryet quhat I cann to gett the trew know-
lege of all them that wer of the confaill and conspyracye of the Quene
taken out of Lochleavin and as 3it I beleif I haue not gottin the veritye
of all thyngis but this far is tauld me . It wes anes myndit to haue tane
3our gret boitt with difguysset men and fa cum to the place and tane hir
out perforce but seyng that 3e laid vp the gret boitt It wes anes devyset
to haue maid iiij boittis that fould haue careit xl men in the nycht and
lykwys tane hir owt perforce seyng that this could not tak effect It wes
devyffit to haue stollin men in Sanct Serfis ynche and the moyen fould
haue be drawin be George to haue caufet 3ow carey the Quene furth to
haue playet hir in the said ynche Seyng that all thir iij tuk na effect this
last wes tane on hand and executed devyffet be the Quene self George
and the lad Willie and Curfell wes on the confaill quha refaut all
wrytyngis messages and takens fra Willie fend be George to the Quene .
I can try na may of 3our servandis to be of this confaill / and 3it I per-
faue Johne Drysdail to haue bene a carier of bayth lettres and messages
fra hir but fa far as I can learne he wes not dere&lye vpone the confaill
of hir way taking but suspected / and that becaufe they did anes spaik of
the gret bott to hym quhilk thay Juget to be revelit be hym but to say
the truth It apperis to me the lad Willie wes lang of confaill / and it wes
confailit hym to tell 3ow that quhilk he tauld 3ow as to them that cam
in cumpany with the Lord Seiton I neid not to tell 3ow their names but

James Wartlaw wes their guyd and laid them quyetlye in the hill quhar thay mycht fe the goyng in and out of the boitt quhen I knaw farther ze fall vnderstand It and fa I commit zow to the eternall at Edinburgh castell the first of Junij

zouris to his power

To the Rycht honorabill
Lard of Lochlewin .

The dwbill of the Letter fend to the King of France fra the Nobilite for our Soverane .

- 31 Pleife zoure Maieftie to Reduce to your memorie how we wreit to your Maieftie of the ewill handilling of our fouerane Lady be certane of hir wnfaythfull and defaitfull subie&is In quhom scho had maift confidens and had the haille reule of hir effaris / Be takkin of hir graceis persoune and baldyn in presoun and takkyn hir strynthis mwnitioun and all hir ryches Jouellis reuenuis and all that scho had and left hir na thing / And how thai Intend and zitt Intendis to Reif hir bayth of hir lyf and crown and autorite fene scho eschaipit furtht of thair handis and presoun . And at thatt tyme we maift humblie socht zoure Maiesteis help and support to hir / be zoure Imbassadoure S' de Bevmond futtit to hir / to reponne and stabilis hir Maieftie In hir awin place and autorite royell And siclyk at thatt tyme thair wes with hir grace certane of ws hir nobilite quhay evir hes and wilbe hir faythfull subie&is at all tymes / be quhom hir grace defyrit to be convoyit of Hamiltoun to ane of hir awin strynthis callit Dumbartane (albeit the greitest part of hir nobilite with thair forces hir graceis faworaris and affisterris wes nocht cumit to hir) And be the way the Erle of Murray and certane wnnaturall and Inobedient subie&is be his and thair conspyraceis lay In the way for hir distructioun

and slauchter or scho mycht haif past to Dumbartane quhair be the temerite and raschenes of zounge men / and Incircumspect conditt of our folkis thair wes sum lytill defait of ane part therof to lytill effect / Except takkin and baldin in captiue sum of our pryncipell men / Quhairby thair freindis and feruandis may nocht sa weill tak armoure to do seruice Indwrand the tyme of thair captiuite / And be this ocatioun Oure souerane Lady hes now mair neid of zoure Maiesties help and supple with zour forces nor of befoir . And als scho Is cumit In proper peroun ongaitvort In Ingland to zoure Maiestie for to seik zoure Maiesties help and assistans . And sen zoure Maiestie forbearis hes ay bein protectouris and defenderis of this our realme and ane auld leig therapoun betuix tham . Now at this present We will maist humblie swte at zoure Maiesties hand to schaw and declair In deid zoure affectionat kyndnes tovert this realme In haiste makkin of support to the releif of our souerane that It may be knaving till all contrayis and nationis that ge will schaw zour pryncelie favouris In furtht setting of our souerane and mantenyng of hir In hir necessite Quhairthrow that gif zoure Maiestie fall haif ado with oure seruice in ony tymes cuming / We salbe redde to wair our guddis and bodeis In zoure Maiesties seruice As findre of our forbeyaris hes doun of befoir And for our selfis we ar all fullie delyuert to sett fordwort our souerane Lady to hir pryncelie honour and autorite as Just heretour of this realme with all our forces bayth of men substans our landis and lyffis . And that zoure Maiesties help and support be heir with all dilligens In schort tyme maist humblie we desyre / This estir our maist humlie commendatioun of our seruice / Prayis almichty God to preserue zoure Maiestie Of Dunnoun the

Letter to the Duik of Alva fra the Nobilitie for our Souerane .

32 Ad Celsitudinem vestram dum has literulas damus / Illustrissime princeps / hoc tantum In votis habemus / vt quam Indigne / ne dicam Im-

maniter et barbare princeps nostra Scotorum Regina / ab Anglorum regina tractata sit et detenta notum et compertum habes . Nostra siquidem regina (alterius Illecta multiplicibus pollicitis / partim Scriptis / partim ab oratoris sui ore prolatis / de tutela / auxilio / et protectione Ipsius / contra suos quosdam seditiosos hostes / rebelles et conspiratores / qui dolose et proditorie manus sceleratas In ipsam coniecerunt / Incarceratam diu detinuerunt / arces et fortalicia dolis et technis Interceperunt / Sceptum et auctoritatem eius regalem vsurpauerunt / cique assistentes occiderunt) eandem In angliam Ingressa est / vt Illac proficisceretur In Galliam et Hispaniam . Nihilominus regina nostra Illic adhuc moram trahente / altera quam pro forore habuit reseidit pacta et conuenta / Sic ut per illa staret quo minus regina nostra / aut maiestatis sue oratores per angliam proficiscerentur in galliam vel vt ipsa tuta et Incolumis In natale solum repedaret atque rediret Id quod principibus omnibus Inuisum odiosum et abominabile esse debet dum audiunt reginam a regina spe pollicite amicitie tam Inimice [de]tineri . Quocirca . C . vestram suppliciter obtestamur / vtpote In quem Regine nos[tre] spes tota ynclinata recumbit vt causam eius tam lachrymabilem sedulo perpendas / et vt Scribas efficaciter ad Anglie reginam / Remque ipsam ob oculos magnificentissimi Hispaniarum regis proponas / quatenus Ipse pro regina nostra cum Anglie regina literis agat asperrimis / vt vel eius auspiciis libertate donetur ut citra Impedimentum In galliam si velit proficiscatur / vel In patriam suam reuertatur . Principum revera est principibus opitulari [potius] quam oppressos et pess[unda]tos remorari et in arcta custodia concludere [Nunquam n]os fugit qua formidabilis quamque terribilis sit . C . vestra regine anglorum / et Literis tuis [amiciss]imis non mediocre calcar illi addetur . Lectis Interim literis vestris aliorumque principum Actisque et processibus quibus vsa est in Regine nostre maiestatem / longe Infra regalem honorem et dignitatem / ad amissum trutinatis et perpensis / movebit ipsam haud dubie vt regine nostre Iter patefaciat vt libere regni sui limites egredi possit . Quia si Amplitudo vestra regine nostre excellentiam tantam prosequatur gratitudine / Nos qui Maiestati

eius per omnia obsequimur perpetuo . C . vestre obnoxios effeceris .
 Idem ardentissimis votis humilime precamur ut nobis presidio esse
 velis / militibus aliquot et munitionibus bellicis huc missis ad regine
 nostre sublimitatem ad recuperandas expugnandasque arces Ipsius / que
 ab eius aduersariis fallaciter Intercipiebantur . Apud Largis penultimo
 die mensis Julij 1568 .

Per vestre illustrissime celsitudinis
 obsequitissimos .

This present Is to certifie your . C . of the wncurtis and Inhumane
 handilling (ne dicam barbaricam) of our fouerrane the Quenis Maiestie
 of Scotland be the Quene of Ingland . Quha wnder the hoip of the greit
 and monifauld promis of the said Quein of Ingland bayth be wrytingis
 and hir Imbassadouris speikin of the supple assistans and mantennyng of
 hir agane ane certane of hir awyne rebellis and conspiratouris (that had
 falslie be tressoun pwt handis in hir persoun and lang haldin in captiuite
 takin of hir strynthis / wfurpyng of hir autorite and crowne and slaying
 of hir men assistant to hir) Intrat In Ingland to haif cumit throucht to
 France and to Spange . Nochttheles our Quein being within that realme /
 the fair promeffis wer brokkin and forget sa that scho wald noder tholl
 our Quein to pas throw hir cuntre to France nor hir Imbassadoris nor git
 hir self returne hame frelie to hir awin cuntre as git . quhilk is ane odius
 thing to all prences to heir sic wnfrindfull handilling wnder the promeffs
 of freindschep and kyndnes . Qubairfor We maist humblie beseikis your
 C . as he quhom Intill our Quein maist specielly confydis In / to pondir
 hir cause . And to wreit expresse and effectuallie to the Quein of Ingland
 (mein It to the maist magnifk the kyng of Hispan your fouerrane to writ
 scharplie to the Quein of Ingland) to thoill hir odir to cum to France or
 returne hyr to hir awin cuntre and nocht to stay hir . quhilk is all
 prynces partis rather to support prynces that ar oppressit or Iniurit be
 thair awin subiectis nor to hald thame captiue . We know the Quein of

Inglanð standis in gretar feir of 3our . C . and 3our gud and feharp wryting will caufs hir do mekill And quhen feho feis 3our . C . letter and wther prynees . And als feand hir awin proceedingis tovert our fouerane fa fer agane all pryneclie honour and dignite It will caufe hir deluyir our Quein owt of hir realme / And 3our . C . doand this gratitud to our Quein and fouerrane fall addett ws that ar faythfull fervandis and subieētis to hir Maieftie to 3our feruice And als we maift humblie befeik 3our . C . with help of ane part of 3our foldartis and mvnitioun to our fouerane to recover hir ftrynthis quhilkis ar falſlie tane be the confpyra-touris that Is contrar to hir .

Lord Hereis to the Archbishop of Sanct Andrews .

- 33 My Lord efter my hartlie commendationis of feruice I reffaut ane writtin of my lord of ergylis this fryday at twa houris in the mornyng defyrand me to be vpone ſonday in Glaſgo with my freindis and folkis My Lord I haue writin to his Lordſhip that glaſgo is far furth of my way And I cane nott fa far laive my euntre haveand fa mony ennemeis behind my hand bot vpone ſum gret purpois being fullie aduerteift therof befor / I haue promeiſt to be vpone monday at evin about Craſurd John or vpone the head of the watter of Douglas quhilk in a manner is all ane And gyf his Lordſhip thair will aduerteis me that nyecht quhat gud reſolutioun he has fullie determinat with the adwyfe of 3our Lordſhip I will ſett fordwart to it and thairin do my vtter power . 3our Lordſhip knawis ryecht weill that glaſgo is ryecht far fra me and werie troubleſum to bring my folkis throw thay euntreis and quhen we ſkall and I haid neuer ſaſar ſaid in the contrarie thay will tak our freindis geir or thay want / And therfoir I wald be werie laithe 3e in a manner I cane nocht weill cum ſua far down in that euntre And as 3our Lordſhip knawis to cum throw Douglafdaile and the head of Cliddifdaile and Drumlangrik and thair fauoraris thair till haue thame fa lang aduerteift to ly in my way

in my returne / it is nocht efy to be done And therfoir this is to be adwyfit in his Lordships direktionis . I wnderftand that the day of our foirfaltour is the xvij day . allfar as mycht convenientlie be I wald that foirnoin pafit or we inuaidit thame ffor that we mycht declair to the Quene of England it come of thair perfut the breking of the commonyng fehe haid appointit / howbeit I wnderftand be Gavis Riche quha is laitlie cumit fra the Erle of Murray that he menis nocht to keip his writtin maid to the faid Quene faying the lordis his fallois ar diffparit and will nocht gyf him leve nochtwithftanding he intendis efter the parliament to fend twa or thre in England for to reffoun that matter gyf the Quene will fa accept it oppinyng thir headis to your Lordship fpecialie becaus I was ane fpekar in to it with the Quene and counfale of England awaiting vponne your commandement one monday at evin vponne the head of Douglas watter defyryng your Lordship to refpect quhat inconvenient it is to me to pas to glafgo except I fe thairin befoir fik vrgent neceffitie Leving to trouble you farder I pray God haue you in his keipyng Off Lochmaben the xij of Auguft at twa houris in the mornyng 1568 .

Your Lordship to command with feruice at my power .

Henry's

To my Lord My Lord Arifbifchop of Sanctandros .

Mary Queen of Scots to the Archbifhop of Sanct Andrews .

- 34 **R**euerend fader . We greit you veill . We haif refflout your vrytingis be the bifchope of Rofs and hes vnderftand the famyn We haif vrittin in ciphere to my Lord Flemyng quha will mak you participant therof And fall wryt to you at mair lenth quhen the nixt occafoun fervis Referring the reft thairto and to your gud discretiounne Swa committis you to the

prote&tioune of God Almychtie Off Bowtoun the xxvij of feptember
1568 .

*Z. Marguel Cusignes
MARGEL*

To Ane Reuerend fader The Archibifchop of San&androis .

Copy of my Lord Argill Cypher fra the Quene xvj Decembris [1568 .]

- 35 As to the eftait of my effaris I dowt nott bot 3e haif outhertand at the convention in York our rebellis wes confundit in all that thay culd allege als for covering of thair infurre&tion and imprefonyng of me perfaving the quhilk thay did faymekill be moyen of fum of the Queyn of Inglandis minifteris that aganis hir promefe fche hes lattin thame haif hir prefens and to colour thair cummyng towart hir faid fche wald hir felf outhertand the continvation of this conferens to the effect the famyn fuld be the mair promptle endit with fum happy owtgait to my honour and contentment / and therfor defyrit that fum of my commiffionaris fuld pas towart hir immediatly / Bot the procedingis hes fenfyne fchawin it wes nocht the But fche fchoit at for the mater hes beyn prolongit be delayis / in the meyn tyme the rebellis practesit fecretly with hir and hir minifteris Sway thay haif convenit and accordit that my fone falbe deliverit in hir handis to be nvrefit in the cuntre as fche fall think guid / Item declaring hym to be abill to fuccede eftir hir dethe in kaife fche haif na fucceffione of hir bodye / and that for hir securite the caftellis of Edinburgh and Sterling falbe in the Inglis menis keping on the faid Quenis expenfis / Item with hir moyen and concurrens of the erle of Murraye and his adherentis the caftell of Dunbartan falbe affegit and tane owt of Flemynis handis and lyikwyis randerit to the Quene of Ing-

landis behuif and keping Provyding that the premiffis be kept ſche hes promifit to fupport and mantein the erle of Murray and his adherentis in the vſurpatione of my autorite / and caufe hym be declarit legittime to ſuccede to the crowne of Scotland efter the decefs of my ſaid ſone in kaiſe he be but barnis gottin of his bodie And thairby the erle of Murraye fall acknowlege to hald the realme of Scotland in few of the Quene of England / this is all the equite of my caufe (the congnoſcens of the quhilk I traifit in the ſaid Queyn) hes beyn reverſit and miſerable ſauld for the rwyne of my realme gyf God and guid ſcottis hartis of my faythfull ſubie&tis Remeid nocht the ſammyne / ȝit this is nocht all / thair is ane wthir intelligence and ligue mair ſecreit betuix the erle of Murraye and the erle of Harford quhay fuld marie ſecretar Cecillis dochthir that dreſſis all thir drachthis The quhilk legue the ſaidis erle of Murraye and Harford fuld manteine and fortefye ilk ane wther in the ſucceſſioun that ilk ane of tham pretendis on his awine ſyid that is to ſaye / the erle of Murraye on the ſyid of my realme be rafoun of the ſaid Legittimacione And the erle of Harford on the ſyid of England becaus of vmquhyll Dame Katharene on quhom he begat twa barnis / Sway thay will bayth be bent to my ſonnis dethe / quhay beyng anis owt of my ſubie&tis handis quhat cann I hoip for bot ane lamentabill tragedie ! Thir things ar concludit amangis the chief of my rebellis and the antient and naturall enymeis of my realme / And thair reſtis nay thing now bot moyen to eſtablis and affuir the ſaid erle of Murraye in his vſurpacione / To begin the ſammyne thay wald haif perſuadit me be craft to haif liberallie demittit my crowne and conſent to the regencie of the ſaid erle of Murraye And to caufe me conſcend to ſik ane vnhappye thyng thair hes beyn all craft with boſting and fair promeſis that wes poſſibill / Bot ſeyng I wes reſoluit to do nay thing therin to thair profeit the Queyne of England hes namit new commiſſionaris with thayme that wes all radye deput in nummer of the quhilk the ſaid Cecill and wtheris of his factioun ar therin And nocht permitting me to paſs thair and declair my awin reſonnis that thay wald haif pretendit in the ſaid conference Quhilk

beyng brokin for contravenyng that the said Queyn of England hes maid
 of hir promefis quhilk wes that fche fuld nocht permit the erle of Murraye
 cum in hir prefence affoir that the said conference wes endit And Mair-
 attour that thair fuld be nay thing dwyn to the preiudice of my honour
 estait and ryecht that I may haif in this cuntre eftir hir / My saidis com-
 miffionaris left the saidis conference the fext of this mvneth with
 folempnit proteftacionis that all quhilk war dwyn thairin to my pre-
 iudice in ony fort falbe null and of nay effect nor valour / And thairon
 thay ar deliberat to cum away fay fwne as thay maye / Quhairof I thoct
 guid to advertetis gou to the effect that ge may ondirftand the verite of
 the mater / and informe your freyndis of the famyne I pray ge to
 affembill all my fathfull subie&is togidder and fyrft releve the castell of
 Dumbartane fray Invading therof be rebellis as I haif wryttin to Huntlie
 to cum forthervartis in your affiftance and do all hyndir and ewill ge
 may to the saidis rebellis And stoppe thair returnyng haymwart gyf it
 may be poffibill for thaye wilbe radye affoir gou gyf ge mak nocht haift
 Sway ge beyng all togyddir affemplit in conventione nocht fering that I
 fall difcharge ge in your procedingis as I did the laft tyme / ge fall
 declair and fhawe publictly be oppin proclamation the foirfaid con-
 fpirace and trafone quhilk the rebellis hes confperit aganis the weil of
 the realme Intending to put the sammyn to execution to the wtir diftruc-
 tione therof gyf thay be nocht stoppit in dew tyme And thairfor gyf ge
 with my hail fathfull subie&is and all trew fcottis hartis will do diligence
 to stoppe the performacione of thair intention and hyndir thaym of this
 wyntyr tyid quhilk maift erniftly git as of befor I pray goue to do We
 ar maift affuirit that on the fpring of the geir ge fall haif fufficient releif
 of wthir freyndis .

This is the Copy of my fephar quhilk your Lordship fall rafawe .

Erzlee

The Earl of Huntly to Mary Queen of Scots .

36 Pleis your Maieftie fen my laft difpeche to your hines I come heir to Aberdeine quhair I had of befoire prowidit to remane ane part of this winter And preuenit fum part be reflone of your Maiefties laft lettre fchawand me to haue beine debarrit frome halding of fwm courttis heir quhilk your hienes may perfawe to be bot fa&ionis for I firft drefsit me to the north partis quhair I tuik ordour for your hienes feruice And now hes done the lyk heir for the prowefst of Aberdene hes randerit all to me in your Maiefties name And I haue his howfs git in my poffeffiounne And als his pledge for his feruice to your Maieftie In all tymis heirefter / by his the hail townifchippis fubfcriptiounne of ane generall band to the famyn effect Swa that with Goddis helpe your Maieftie fall fynd your feruice weill adwancit in thir partis quha ewir wald the contrar Als the erle of Atholl hes bene at ane conuentioun in Dundie quhair he defyrit all the noble men and barronis to cum that he belewit fawourit him felf or the erle of Murray in Angowfs mernis or the north partis that be . . . adwyfis he mycht haue exceptit the lewetennendrie of the faid erle of Murray . . . nane come thair bot Robert Dowglaſ callit erle of Bochane the lord Glamys . . . lardis of Inuerforrettie Pittarrow Maſter James Halyburtoun and the prowefst of fan&tandrois The erle of Atholl hes contenewit his conuentioun to the xij day of this moneth / quhat procedis thair your Maieftie falbe aduertifit Always gif the erle of Atholl except fic office with Goddis helpe your grace fall heir that his commoditie thairby fall be fmall efter the making of the premiffis I reffaut thre of your Maiefties lettres the thrid day of this moneth And ane of the dait the vj day of december Ane vther the xvij day and the laft fra George Skynner him felf the firft twa be my Lord Arbrothokis conwoy thankand your Maieftie humblie of your graceis aduertifment and newis and perfawis thairby the vnthankfulnes of your hienes awin fubie&tis to quhome your grace hes fchawin fa greit

guidnes And yit I traift in God that he fall mowe the Quene of Ingland to confidder the Rycht of your graceis cawfe and hir awin preparatiue And vther princes gif this be sufferit vnpuniffit fall tak sic ordour for your Maiefties honour as becumis ane prince to do for ane vther And as to the perticullarris contenit in your Maiefties lettre I fall leif na thing vndone fafar as my fobir Judgement or power may to the advancement of your graceis feruice Als the bifchope of Rofs howfs wes ftollin be my Lord of Murrayis ferwandis and ane ferwand of the bifchopis flaine And Incontinent thereafter in Kynlofs the tutour of Lowett And the archeden of Rofs affeigit the fam agane with xij^e men that it wes recowerit agane within xxiiij houris And the men tane and Justefieth forther quhat feruice pleifs your Maieftie command me with fall be ewir fulfillit efter my power And this ⁊c^e Efter maift humbill commendatioune of my feruice to your hienes prayis the eternal God to be your graceis preferwer in gud health and prosperows fucefs in all your Maiefties cawfis At Aberdene the viij day of Januar 1568 .

The wedder hes bene fa ewill heir this tuentie dayis past that it wes nocht poffible till ane to trawell vtherwayis I fuld have maid your Maieftie fowner aduertifit of my procedingis In this cuntrie quhair I am now occupyit in halding cowrttis for your Maiefties obedience ⁊c^e .

Your Maiefties humbill and obedient fubie& and feruitour .

HUNTLE .

To the Quene .

The Earl of Argyll to the Proveft and Baillies of Edinburgh .

- 37 Trest freindis eftir my hartle commendatioun this present falbe to aduerteis zow that we are informit be our fouerane Ladeis vrittin how the Erl of Murray intendis to deliuer our prince the castellis of Edinburgh and Striueling in Inglifmenis handis for the vter Rewyne of this realme and nobilitie therof / and therfor We thoct guid to mak publik

proclamationis of the famyn to latt all scottis men know the famyn that thai pretend na ignorance therin . Heirfoir hes fend to ȝow fiklyk to aduerteifs ȝow therof ane copie of the said proclamatioune to be proclamit at the mercat croce of Edinburgh to lat all guid scottis men know the veritie The quhilkis we pray ȝow ger proclame the fame as ve dout nocht bot ȝe will do / and sua committis yow to God Of Glasgw the xj day of Januar anno 1568 .

ȝour guid frynd .

To our trest freindis the Proueift and Bailȝeis
of Edinburgh .

The Earl of Argyll to the Archbishop of Sanct Andrews .

- 38 My Lorde eftir hertlie commendationis I ressaunt your Lordshippis lettir this xxvj of Januare efter none togidder with ane pakatt of the Quenis Maieftie sent to me and hes decyphirit the faming quhairof I will nocht writ to your Lordship at this present bot referris to meting . I perfaue na thing therin bot gude like as I beleif your Lordship hes ressaunt the lyke / as to my direktionis to the gentill men of nychttfdaill and galloway I direktit the faming to thame / how sone I fend to your Lordship the wther lettres . As to the instrumentis tane be my Lord of Huntlie and me at the deliuering of the prince to the erle of Mar I fall fend to Johnne Grahme for the faming quhilk I doubt nocht to get . As to the cuming of the Abbot of Dryburghe to speik with your Lordship I am verie glaid therof sua that ther intentis be to be the Quenis Maieftie trew seruandis and I doubt nocht bot it is hir will that all thai that may be drawin to hir feruice be acceptit gif thai will know ther dewitie / As to the rest of Wille Bellis speiking of reportis the faming halily is nocht to be fermlic creditit

at all tymes bot fafer as thai ar confortable latt tham stand in effe&t as
 thai ar . As to the gathering of our aduerfarie partie I will nocht stur
 thairat for gif we ferit ther convenyngis we fould nocht gather . And it
 is sua now that ather man we be maister of the feildis or ellis thai / and
 as to oure cumpany at the leift (gif we be nocht ma) we falbe na fewar
 nor we promeft . As to the chargis to be maid to the men of the Levenax
 as your Lordship writis becaus I am nocht saweill pra&tefit therwith as
 your Lordship is ge fall caus mak thame to sik men as ye pleis and haift
 thame to me and I fall subscribe and signet the faming and fend tham to
 yow agane Sua that thai may be execute be ane officer of armes becaus I
 haif nocht ane heir of my awin and lat thaim be chargit to sik day as your
 Lordship plefis / quhilk ge fall leif out quhill thai cum abak fra me
 agane / And as for the dounfending of my peifs I haif had feruandis
 awaytand daly fen the beginning of this eift wynd to haif brocht hir
 doune and thai mycht neuer remoif of this coift bot how sone poffible
 thai may travell the faming wilbe at your Lordship alwayis thocht the
 wedder stay hir I fall God willing cum forwardis myself with my cum-
 pany Praying yow to caus the wrychtis do the thing thai cann for hir
 grathing quhill sche cum doun hir self / I thank your Lordship hartly of
 the rest of the novellis contenit in your Lordshippis lettre and So referring
 the rest to new aduertisment or meting having no Forder occasioun to
 writt presently Committis your Lordship to the Almychtie God Off
 Strachquhur this xxvij daye of Januare 1568 Forder I pray your Lord-
 ship to aduertis me gif ye be myndit to fend the man away to the Quenis
 Maieftie that I may writ sum cypheris to hir hienes with him and to stay
 him ane quhile quhill I be aduertefit therof that I may fend my writtingis
 with him to the Quenis grace .

Your Lordships Cofing at his pwar .



To my Lorde of Sanctandris .

Charge to ferche and apprehend Thomas Irland .

- 39 **W**illiam Dowglas of Lochlevin We charge you in our Soverane Lordis name To ferche feik tak apprehend bring and present before ws at San&androis or quhair it falhappin ws to be for the tyme Thomas Irland in the parrochyn of Portmook upoun the sext day nixtefir the presenting of this Valentyne to you As ye will anfuer upoun the generall band and under the panis contenit in the famyn Subscrivit with our hand At San&androis the vj day of Maij the yeir of God I^m V^c lxiix geris .

JAMES REGENT .

Charge to deliver the Abbay and place of Melrose to William Douglas of Lochleven .

- 40 **J**ames be the grace of God King of Scottis To our louittis

Meffingeris ⁊c^r .

We charge you straitlie and commandis that incontinent thir our lettres sene ye pas and in our name and autoritie command and charge all and findrie havaris keparis withhaldaris and indwellaris of the Abbay and place of Melros with the gairdis or ony thing belanging to the said place To rander and deliver the famyn to Williame Douglas of Lochlevin fader and lauchfull administratour to James Douglas his sone Commendatare of the said Abbay To be kept be the said Williame to his utilitie and proffit ⁊c^r . And selyke that ye command and charge Sir Walter Scott of Branxholme knyght baillie of Melros To se thir our lettres put in executioun ⁊c^r . Gevin under our Signet and subscrivit be our said dearest Cousing and Regent At San&androis the xvj day of Maij And of our regne the secund yeir 1569 .

James Regent

Testificat be some Monks of Melros of their being compelled to subferyve the Earl of Bothwells feu .

41 **B**e It Kend Till all men To quhome thir presentis falbe sene Ws brethair of the Abbay of Melros and the lefs pairt of the convent thair of vnderwritting / haiffing respe&t to God and gud conscience and for the werray zeill and lufe that ather of ws beris to the eternall trewth and for the exoneratioun of consciens Be this present testimoniall affirmis ratyfeis and appreis that the few that we subfcriuit to James erle Bothwell wes subfcriuit by all gud ordour for werray dredour and feir of our lyfis and tynfyll of our levngis quha said In prefens of diuers honorable men that he fuld exyle ws of the place of Melros tak the keis of our chalmeris frome and schortle burne and mark ws with het keis on our chykkis with mony vther Iniurious wordis . And therfor as we fall anfuer befor the eternall our God quhateuer we did in his faouris we did the samyn for werray feir of our lyffis nocht haiffing respe&t to God nor gud consciens common weill of the cuntre nor git our awin wyllis bot as said is for werray feir Be this our testimoniall Subfcriuit with our handis AT Melros the xvij day of September 1569 Befor thir witness Jhone Stewart of Aldone Robert Wallace in Melros and William Lynlythgw in Drygrange with vtheris diuers .

THOMAS MEYN .

JHONE FOURROIS .

I Jhone Fourrois confessis be this present to hawe subfcriuit James erle Boutwell fewe In name and behalf of Alexander Bellendan quha culd nocht requhyr me to do the samyn bot for feir dyd for hyme as for myself .

BERNARD BOWSTON .

The Earl of Mar to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 42 **T**raift coufing Sen my pacquett wes dire&tit to ȝow this efternune I have reffavit a letter fra David Orme towart his wardouris meanyng It is difficill to him to have the chairge of thame And as I writt of befor the lyk I have written now Thairfor I think it gude ȝe fend ſum ſpeciall freind to him with your mynd And to tak ordour thairintill for aucht or ten dayis This mekle I doubt not bot ȝe will do Remitting all uther thingis to meting quhilk I luik for ſchortlie Committis ȝow to God Fra Striviling Caſtell the xxix of Januar 1569 .

ȝouris att power .

To My traift coufing the
Laird of Lochlevin .

MAR .

Dame Annas Keyth widow of the Regent Murray to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 43 **B**rother after my maift hartly commendatioun I haif refaued ȝour hartly letter and hes confyderit ȝour lowing defyir thairin quhairof I may thank ȝou with all my hart / ȝour guid will in ſic caces I haif amply found and experimented in tymis paſt And yff my dewyte wald permitt me wald wfe the ſame at this preſent / butt being reſolued with my ſelf for mony conſideratiouns to haif done the ſame . I haif bene anis or twyis bayth be wryttingis and meſſage preaſſed be my Lordis fader to cum to his houſe . And knawing my detfull obedience to him beyond all vtheris nou on lyiff I haif promeiſt him affuredlye to be at him / quhilk I dar not nor may not brek . Always quhen It fall pleis God to grant to me my hoip and defyir of the yffhue that I haif eſperance of boyth I and It with me fall Returne to ȝou . to whome and whois houſe I hald and wald the ſame maift tender and deyr . And for all uther thingis I will dire&t M^r Jhone Wod towardis ȝou to hald ȝou in Remembrance of thay thingis

quhilkis ar necessair to be obteyned for the welefair of your brotheris posterite and poor serwandis and help of his creditouris to whais sufficiencye I refer the rest from Sanctandrois the fyft of februar 1569 .

Your sester hartly at powir .

ANNAS KEYTH .

[To my brother the Laird of Lochlevin .]

Decreit Arbitral betuix Gabriell Merfer of Sawling and George Dury .

44 We Patrik Lord Lyndesay of the byres Robert commendatar of Dunfermeling and S^r James Balfour of Pittendreiche knyght president of the college of Justice Juges arbitratouris and amicable compositoris chosin for the part of David Dury of that Ilk takand the burding vpon him for George Dury his bruthir german on that ane parte And William Douglas of Lochlevin S^r William Scott of balweyrie knyght and Robert Coluill of cleithe Juges arbitratouris and amicable compositoris chosin for the parte of ane nobill and potent Lord Johnne erle of Mar Lord Erskyn takand the burding vpon him for Gabriell Merfer of Sawling on that vther perte Anent the hurting of the said Gabriell Merfer and mutilation of Charles Painter his seruand And als anent the sclauchter of vmquhill David Fynlayfone seruand to the said George Dury committit in the moneth of september last bypast wyth all vther materis actionis and cauffis that standis In variance and question betuix thame theranent as the compromit maid therupone of the dait the xvj day of Maij Instant mair fullie beiris Haveing harde proponit and layit out befor ws the clamis allegeances anferis and defensfis of athers parties wyth sik cognitioun and knowlege of the beginning occasioun and committing of the hurting of the allegit mutulatioun and slauchter foirsaid Eftir lang refoning and conference therupone triall and vnderstanding of the veritie God and gude conscience being befor Eis All in voce wyth consent of the saidis burding takkaris and perteis thame selffis Decernis Decreittis and for band and sentence arbitrall finall pronuncis and deliueris that the said

George Dury fall In prefens of the said Gabriell Merfer and his freindis the day off Compeir and present him selff opinlie in this toun of Sanctandris as thai fall think gude and thair declare and confes that the hurting of the said gabriell and mutulation of his feruand wes done vpone na firthocht felony malice Invy nor hid heitred bot chanceit and casuall happinnit vpone suddentey vithout ony motioun preceeding And for amendis fall grant he hes offendit the said gabriell is penitent for the famin and require meist Inteirlie reconciliatioun wyth the said gabriell and to remayn in prefence familiaritie freindschipe and kyndnes lyk as sic accidentis and occasioun of trublis had neuir happinnit nor fallin betuix thame And according therto We decern thame to stand in amitie kyndnes lufe and freindschipe in all tymes cuming And that all aētioun that may redound vpoun the trublis forsaidis may be removit and ceis Ordanis the said Gabriell Merfer to delyuer ane Lettre of flanis and discharge to the said George Dury for the said mutulation of his servand and of all skayth and danger that may Inshew thairfoir and of all aētioun and caus that may be movit aganis thame for the famin in the maist sure and ample forme for the said george and his feruandis weill and securitie as falbe dewifit be thame And siclik decernis and ordanis the said Gabriell the sam day and place to cum in prefens of the said George Dury and his freindis and thair declair and publiclie confes the said vmquhill dauid fynlayfone wes flane fair aganis his will and that he mycht nocht than stope nor stay the famin and git is penitent for the schlauchtir committing and cravis forgifnes to the said charlis paintar his feruand for the famen And that he fall enter in reconciliatioun with the said George Dury and remayn in familiaritie freindschipe lufe and kindnes in all tymes cuming removing all Rancour malice and grudge contermit or hade aganis him be occasioun of the said slauchtir And als ordanis the said George to giff and deliuer to the said Gabriell and his feruand ane sufficient lettre of flanis and discharge of the famin slauchtir of all skeyth danger and perell thai may Incur thairfor and of all aētioun and caus thai may haiff aganis thame for the famin in maist sure and ample forme falbe dewyfit And als

We ordane the said Charlis Paintar to compeir befor the Abbot of Dunfermeling vpoune the xxij day of this Instant and thair in his presens require forgifnes of the said vmquhill dauid fynlayfouns breider for the slauchter committit be him aganis the said vmquhill dauid And this oure decreit arbitrall in all pointis befor writtin We decern to stand in strench and effect in all tymes heireftir but revocation or agancalling quhatsumeur In witnes quhairoff We with the saidis perteis in takin of thair consent heirto hes subsciuit the famin with our handis At

the day off The 3^eir of God I^m V^c lxiix 3^eoiris .
 JHON ERLE OF MAR . S^r J. BALFOUR OF PYTTYNDREYCH .
 WILLIAME DOUGLAS OF LOCHLEUIN .

Letter from the Lords of Scotland to Elizabeth Queen of England .

- 45 **M**ay it pleis 3our Majestie knowing be long experience and secreit conference (quhilk natour did procure) the grete and ernist affectioun that noble man the leitt Regent of this realme bure to 3our Majesties seruice and how far he wald haiff vtterit the same to 3our Majesties contentement giff it had plefitt God to haiff grantit langer sik ane serwand to 3oure heychnes and our 3oung maister and his subie&tis sik ane gouernoure And thairfoir hawing that honour to be his bruther and of natour and dewitie mair neir towchit wyth the vnnaturall and vnvorthie takene away of sa notable ane Instrumett frome his cuntrey and all that crawit the continuance of the purytie of the religioun the amitie and quietnes of both the realmes and consequentlie 3oure Majesties seruice and sureity of 3oure coufing our soueran and beyth the realmis from Invasioun of Strangearis I know nocht ather to quhom mair Justlie I can or may lament and deplor the creuall morthor of sik ane Innocent prince nor to 3oure Majestie Nocht doubting bot as 3our Majestie wes dureing his dayis sa gude and faorable ane maistres and freind to him and vpone the vther parte he sa faythfull and trew serwand to 3our

heichnes bott your Majestie will appardoun me to be the baulder to craife in thir few termis that it may stand with your Majesties plefour to feik be all menis the Just revenge of his Innocent murther with the mentenaris and fortefearris of the famin that in manifest example and awancement of your Majesties honour through all nationis thai may be brocht to wttir wrack and ruyn quhilk being done your Majestie will procure that na Impediment of frendschipe fauour and seruice be ane occasioun to hinder the herttis of our soueran your Majesties coungis true subiectis towardis your hichnes quhom to the abominable fact Is sa detestable that thai will feik all moyance princes and all nationis to thair support befor the famen pas vnrevengit in the eis of the world quhairthrough it may be knawin to all vther nationis that there is in this realme as vtheris honest herttis that rather will geild the lyfe or that sik notable attemptis ga without dew pncifment quherin we will humilie craife your Majesties affitence and support befor all vther Submitting our selfis haille in your heychnes protectioun quhom almychty God euer preferue .

Band for pursuing the murderers of umquhill James Earl of Murray .

46 **W**e the Erlis Lordis gentlemen and barronis undir subserivand Considering the grete losse quhilk the commoun welth of this realme and the gude vill favour and kyndnes that everie ane of ws is destitute of / In particular throw the leitt tressonable odius vile and abominable slawchter and murthoure of umquhill James erle of Murray Lord Abernethy Regent to our Soverane Lord his realme and lieges quha restis with God movit thairfoir of oure debt bound dewtie and allegiance aucht to oure souerane Lord and be proximitie of blude assured freindschipe and affectioun quhilkis everie ane of ws bure towardis him that is with God . Wit ge ws to be bundin and obleist and be the tennour heirof bindis and obleifis ws and everie ane of ws to utheris to tak efauld trew and plane part togidder and for that effect to concur in ane mynd and deliberatioun

for the avancement of the Kingis Majestie oure foverane Lordis authoritie and service And in perfute and feikene of the revenge of the said murther aganis the authoris dewifaris fortifiarris and mentenaris of the same as in honour noble and honest men professing ane quarrell aucht to do And thereon we fall bestow and wair oure lyffis and guidis and neuir schrink nor separat this our convictioun for ony caus bot quhatfumevir actioun falbe attemptit and execute be ony of ws tending to this end or giff ony of us in profecutioun of this quarrell sufferis harme We fall esteme the famin commoun and elik deir to ws as we will answere to God and upoun our honouris treuthis and honesteis And under the pane of perpetuall Infamy and perjury giff ony of ws feillis or dois in the contrar In witness heiroff We haiff subscribed thir presentis with our handis as followis at the dayis and places particularie efterspecifiet .

GLENCARN
MAR

RUTHVEN
PATRICK L. LYNDSEY

SYMPYLL

ALLAN LORD CATHCART
WCHILTRE

Patrick Lord Lindsay to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 47 Brother efter my most hartly commendatioun Pleis zow to wyte that the Superintendend hes written ane letter to me quhilk ze fall resaeue fra this berar and luk quhatt ze think best to be done in the matter advyse and advertise me agane and in lykmaner I think best ze ryd yourself to the Lords and gett ther myndis therintill quhat is best to be done and ther effter we may do / I reffar the rest to the Berer quho to gyff credit / I will nocht trubbill zow to longer letter bot command me to zour mother and to zour bedfellow and swa committis zou to God Of the Stincher the xxvj of marche 1570 .

Be zours at puer .

PATRICK L. LYNDSEY .

To my Brother the Laird of Lochleuyn Delyuer this .

Dame Annas Keyth widow of the Regent Murray to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 48 **B**ruther after my maist hartlie commendatioun . I haif wnderftand be diuers meanis that for na labouris I can mak Hendrie Lawmonthe and wtheris Joynit wyth hym will nocht be content I haif my awne habulliammentis feparatit frome the rest of the geir arrestit be hym and feildome hes bene sene that gentilvemenis geir and ornamentis fuld be thus trublit and stayit for thair huisbandis Dettis . I will hartlie desyir ȝow for the favour of hym that restis wyth God that ȝe will caus me be red of sic feschus men and vnpleasand bufynes and that I may haif my clething and sic thingis as concernis my bodie relewit that I may transport my necessaris and lat thai gentilmen wse the rest of that geir as thay pleis and as thay think thay will answer thairfoir / for as to me I will nawayis meddle thairwith nayther wald I wische it war loist bot wald pray ȝow for the wele of ȝour brutheris barnis to caus sum trustie seruand of ȝouris will the prowest and baillies transport the same out of the schipe and place it in the garderober quhair It wes or ony wthir fwir houfe taking ane Just Inventarie thairof befoir autentik persounis vnto my cunning fowth quhen God pleis to mak me hable And then wyth ȝour adwise ordour may be takin wyth that and all wther thingis for the weile of the barnis and quhen the cowfferis ar feyrehit that may awne geir may be deliuerit to my servandis depending thairvpoun mair nor this monethe bygane . this favour I will craif of ȝow that ȝe will trawail wyth my Lordis seruandis for this my reasonable requeist as my trust is ȝe will do the same and nocht suffer me thus to be handillit without deserving . I knaw nocht to quhome rathar I fuld meine me vnto nor vnto ȝow And my trust is to fynd ȝow ane faythfull bruther and loving freind wnto my barnis ay and quhill ȝe fall sie me deserue wthirvayis quhilk God willing ȝe fall neur Lett malitius toungis be talking the werst thai can that hes nocht lernit to speik weile . The rest of all befinis and

ſpecialie concerning the mater of Buchquhane I refer to maifter Jhone Wod berar heir of . to quhome I truſt 3e will gif credyt and fa after my hartlie commendatiounis to my mother and my ſiſter 3our bedfallow . I commit 3ow to God frome Dunnotter the xxvj Day of marche 1570 .

3our ſiſter at hir power ꝛc .

ANNAS KEYTH .

To my bruther the Laird off Louchlevine .

John Knox to Sir William Douglas of LochLeven .

- 49 After harty commendatioun of my ſeruice unto you rycht wyrſhipfull I receaved your miſſive this laſt of March perceaving tharby the brute that ye hear of the purpoſe of ſome to tack the Caſtell of Sanctandros quhilk brute I eaſely beleve be not alltogidder vane for men will not fail to hurt what thei can the quietnes of this realme and to reenter in thare vſurped poſſeſſioun and iniuſt vplifting of the fruitis that never juſtlye did apperteane to ſick Idill bellies . How ſick trublaris may be ſtayed of thare Interpriſes I remitt to God to whoſe counſall I committ yow in that and all other caſes worldly for I haue tacken my gude nycht of it and therfor bear with me gude ſir albeit I writ not to the Superintendent of Fiff in the actioun that ye deſyr as concernyng the excuſe of the tua miniſteris to our Superintendent I ſhall do the beſt that I can when I meitt with him and thus with my harty commendatioun I committ you to the proteſtioun of the Omnipotent Of Edinburgh the ſam hour I receaved youris this friday att 5 after none 1570 .

Yours to power in God

trubled in body

JOHNE KNOX .

To the Ryght Worſhepful
the Lard of Lochlevin .

Charge to deliver the Castle of St. Andrews to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 50 **D**auid Orme chalmerlane of sanctandrois . Because of this difficill tyme and apperance of trubles / I think it meit 3e delyuer the castell of sanctandrois to the Laird of Lochleven And for 3our warrand 3e fall keip this my lettre / wnto the tyme 3e obtene the erle of Mortonis and the rest of the confall / gif that houfe be nocht swrelie kepit to the Kingis seruice it may trouble his obedience / this mekle I doupt nocht Bot 3e wnderstand / remitting the rest to the Laird of Lochlevins aduerteifment . Subferiuit with my hand at Striuiling castell the x off aprile 1570 .

To my traift freind
Dauid Orme chalmerlane of
Sanctandrois .

The Earl of Mar to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 51 **R**ycht honorable and traift coufing eftir hartlie commendationes I haue reffault 3our writing / Towart the Lettre 3e defyrit to Dauid Orme 3e fall reffaue the fame subferiuit be My Lordis of Morteune Glencairne and me . As to the erle of Lenox ferwand he wes of mynd to haue cumed to 3ow / Bott he alterit purpoife and depertit with all diligence to meit his Maifter / the lettres he fould haue delyuerit Drumquahill hes sent thame with my Lord Lindfayis ferwand . The erle of athole hes bene heir defyring a begynnyng of conference / As I wnderstand my Lord of Morteune hes writtin to the Lord Lindfay to that effect 3e fall defyre him nocht to fail to cum as he beis aduerteifit ffor he hes bene ouir fweir this quhyll . As ffarther occaifoun fall ferue 3e falbe aduertefit I will nocht writt any farder in perticular quhill our meting . Sua Eftir my hartlie

commendationes to my sifter and all the rest of your gude cumpany
Committis you to God ffra Striueling castell the xv day of aprile 1570 .

Your Rycht affurit freind to my powar .

JHON ERLE OF MAR .

To the Rycht Honorable and my
traift couing the Laird of Lochlevin .

Earls of Mar Mortoun and Glencairn to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 52 **E**ftir our hartlie commendatioune / vpoun the Refsett of your lettir we
haue written to Daid Orme To deliuer the castell of Sanctandros to
you / And siclik hes writtin to the Laird of Rankilour for anfuering you
of siclik dewtie as was appointit of befoir to Daid Orme . for keiping of
the said castell / we will pray you howfone ge may commodiouslie to
Reffaue it / And gif the pledgis being tharin beis not deliuerit to the erle
of Mortoune befoir your Refsett therof / ge fall Reffaue thame and keip
thame quhill he fend for thame quhilk will not be lang / My Lord of
Mortoun beis the morne at none in Dumfermeling / quhair we would
wysche ge fuld meit him for conferring with him vpoune sic thingis as
ge fall knaw at your speiking with him / We haue writtin to Daid Orme
that ge will tak ordour with him for the byrun expenffis sen our com-
mandymnt gevyn vnto him As to that anc day mon be appointit for
hering of his comptis And Ordour taken with the chalmerlane of the
bifchoprig for payment thairof / fua sone as he may / gif the same be
not done alrady / And gif ony thing be Restand awand / preceding our
commandymnt gevyn vnto him his comptis mon be sene and affigna-
tionis prowidit tharfoir And fua We commit you to the prote&ioun of
the Almichtie / frome Streveling the xv of aprile 1570 .

Your affurit freindis .

MORTOUN .

MAR .

GLENCARNE .

To our traift freind
the Laird of Lochlevyn .

Earls of Mar Mortoun and Glencairn to the Laird of Rankelour .

- 53 **E**ftir our hartlie commendatioune / We haue dire&it our writing to the Laird of Lochlevyn / to Resfaue the castell of San&andros fra Dauid Orme As alſua to tak Ordour with him Anent the Restis awand to him ſen commandymnt gevyn be ws for keping of the ſaid caſtell / And Inlyikmaner that the Laird of Lochlevyn fall haue ſielik appoyntment for keping of the ſaid caſtell as the ſaid Dauid had of befoir / heirfoir we pray 3ow to ſpeik with the ſaid Laird / and aduiſe with him how Dauid Orme may be fatiſfeit anent the byganis / as alſua how he ſalbe anſuerit in tyme cuming of ſielik appoyntment as Dauid Orme had of befoir on the day This we pray 3ow fail not to do as 3e will Importe our ſpeciall thankis And ſua hartlie fair 3e weil / frome Streveling the xv of aprile 1570 .

3our gude freindis .

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is written in a cursive style and appears to read 'Mar'. The signature on the right is more complex and stylized, with a large loop at the end, and appears to read 'Mortoun'.

To our traift freind
the Laird of Rankelour &c .

The Earl of Morton to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 54 **T**raift freind eftir maift hartlie commendatioun I undirſtand the Lordis in Edinburgh hes written to a greit nowmer quhome thay think will do for thame to be at thame in Edinburgh the xix of this Instant And ſeing thay meane to convene ther forcis it is not meit that thay ſuld be ſleeping Thairfoir prayis 3ow to haue all our freindis and weilwillaris abowte 3ow

warnitt to be in Redynes upoun ane houris warnyng to cum to ws quhan We fend aduertiment quhilk I howip fall not be lang to do / The Lordis in Edinburgh fend the Laird of Trabrowne to the Erle of Suffex with certane Inſtruccionis deſyryng him to leiſ of ony Incurſioun aganis the ſubjectis of this Realme and als deſyryng that Maifter Johne Gordoun the Byſchop of Gallowayis ſone mycht have licence to pas to the Quenis Majeſtie of Ingland with a lettre of thairis / baith deſyris is Refuſt for he is already in Tewedail and hes not ſtayit the Armie bot hes ſtayit Maifter Johne Gordoun and all his writingis / quhill he Reſſave anſuer agane from the Courte The Erle of Levenox come to Newcaſtell the xvj of this Infant And as I underſtand is now in Berwick / Farder ge will knaw be my Lord Lyndefay quhan ge pleis to confer with him / and ſua committis zow to the proteccion of God frome Dalkeith the xix of Aprile 1570 .

Your aſſurit freind .

To my traift freind
the Laird of Lochleven .

MORTOUN .

The Earl of Mar to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 55 Rycht honorable and traift couſing eſter my werray hartie commendationes this is till aduertis zow I have reſſavit a writing from the Erle of Suffex with ſum proclamationis laillie fett out be the Quenis Majeſtie of Ingland quhairof ge fall reſſave ane / in the quhilk ge will perſaif hir Majeſteis gude will and mynd towart this realme I pray zow mak my Lord of Buchane and the proveſt of Dundie participant of the ſame / it is a werie gude dytement and proffitabile to our actioun The conference at Dalkeith hes takin lytill effect as zit the Erle of Athole / the Lord Boid / the priour of Coldinghame and the Comptrollare come thair to ſupper upone Monunday And the maiſt effect of thair ſpeking is to alter the meiting to Muſſilburgh Edmeſtoun Craigmillar or Gilmertoun quhilk of na wayis wilbe grantit Sua I wnderſtand thair menyng is of nane effect . Always as forther actioun fall cum ge ſalbe advertetiſt / The Kingis

Majeftie and all freindis heir continewis in gude helth ꝑe will mak my hartie commendatiounes to my fifter and to ꝑour bedfallow . Sua I committ ꝑow to the proteftioun of the Almychtie Fra Striueling Caftell the tuentie day off Aprile 1570 .

ꝑour Rycht affurit freind
To my powar .

To the Rycht honorable and my
traift coufing the Laird of Lochlevin .

MAR .

The Archbishop of St. Andrews and Commendator of Arbroath to John Hamilton of Grange .

56 **T**rest Cufing efter maift hartlie commendatioun this prefent is to adverteis ꝑow that my L . Duikis grace hes fend to ws and caufit us warne all his freindis and forces to cum to him to Edinburgh bayth on fuit and horfe that will do for him / And therfoir My Lord Claud with all the forces of this cuntre and partis beis in Lynlythqw this fryday the xxviii of Aprill efter none / bayth on fuit and horfe Quhairfoir prayis ꝑow but fail that ꝑe warne all my L . grace tennentis of Kynneill Kerfe Carriddin ꝑc and all the tennentis that my Lordis grace hes in tha partis / And ficlyk warne all the gentill men of Lynlythqw fchyir or therabout to be wyth ther hail forces bayth on fut and horfe wythin Lythqw on fryday or euen to meet my Lord Claud and the rest of my Lordis freindis and fervandis wyth viij dayes furneffing efter thair cumming / and that thai be all weill arrayit with Jak and fpeir / and this ꝑe man do wyth diligence that thai fail nocht as thai luif my Lord gracis weill and honour and thair awin / and fua committis ꝑow to God Of Hamiltoun the xxvj day of Aprill 1570 .

J . SANCTANDROIS .
ARBROTHE .

To Johne Hamiltoun of Grange bailꝑe
of Kynneill and in his abfence to James
his broder or Arthour of the Nefs .

Annas Keyth widow of the Regent Murray to the Laird of Lochleven .

57 Brother efter my maift hartlie commendatioune I reffault your writing quhairby I have perfault the labouris that ye have takin tweching that matter of the maifter off Forbes and as I wrat to you afor I think It be fume wther thing that he be feakand thair nor the bailgerie I wrat to the fuperintendent that I mycht have had the fyrft eudent and feifing that my Lord gat of that Lard for as I belewe It is befor this bailgerie of the maifter of Forbes . The fuperintendent fays to me he hes nocht that infement and allegis that my Lord commandit hym to gywe It to you as he fays he hes done thairfor I pray you brother gar fe quha hes It quhidder ye or he and lat me have the tranffump of It or ellis the dait thairof for I wald fane be quet of the maifter Forbes fwit and speciallie gyff I may do It be rycht . And tweching that ye will to be kept in Leyth I agre to the fame aud to that effect hes writin to my Lord of Mar and the lard of Dwne that they will tak the pane to come thair to that effect bot ye and my Lord of Buquhane man aduertes thame quhat day ye think meteft that thay mak nocht trawell in wayn and as for me I have fend my mynd with the maifter my brother and Robert Keyth of canterland for the Lard of Petterro was fick and nocht weill at eis quhilk was the eaus that he cummis nocht thair at this tyme I defyr nathing to be ftayit in that matter for my abfence for wpone my Lord of Mar aduertement I fall come ower at ony tym . I pray you fir that gyff thair fettis ony feffione that thair may be ordour takin with my Lordis executrie and It war weill done that the geir quhilk Is in the Wardrop war vyfeit be fume tenty hand for fwirly I belewe the maift part of It be fpylt quhilk will profet my barnis les than gyff I had kept It as fum tyme I did and thus leving to trubill you with langar letter quhill forder occaifone committis you maift hartlie to the protectioun of God Frome Dunnottar the thrid of Julij be

Your Sifter at power

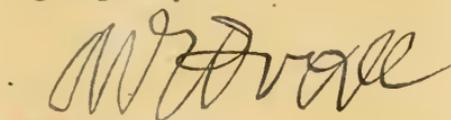
To my brother the Lard
off Loychlewyne &c .

ANNAS KEYTH .

Archibald fifth Earl of Argyll to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 58 **R**ycht traift coufing Eftir hertliē commendationis as this prefent occafion fervis and nochtwithftanding the wariance amangis us in debett and wnfettin of the commone caus quhilk fuld nocht be aggreiyt amangis freindis in thair awin particularis of the quhilk we defire to haif experiance be yow and in fpeciall in thir apperance of trublis that ye will ftand as ane menteiner of our tennentis and puiranis in the laiche and gif chance cumis that we may do the lyk wnto yow or youris our gud will and deid falbe knawin thairin thinkand you maift kyndlie be our opinyone of auld confawit to do for us in thir behalfis and grettar gif it be requirit And yf ye will fehaw this benevolence as we doubt nocht bot ye will the tennentis will ufe your counfell in reafonabill proceedingis As for novellis in this contrey few ar belevit with yow that cumis out of this airthe Therfoir I omitt the faving bot gif ye pleis to aduertes us of ony the berar will caus tham be convoyit be your command to quhom ge pleis gif credit And this committis you to God Of the Carrik the xxij day of July 1570 .

Your guid frynd



Commend me to my Cwmar your wyf I hoyp to God that forthly fryndis on this fyd may reecompencc zow of ony kyndnes ge fawe .

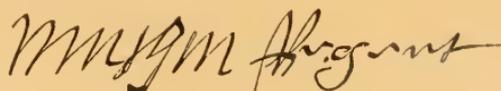
To our Rycht traift coufing the Laird of Lochlevin .

Warrant to charge George Ruthirfurd of Fernitoun to rander the hous and place of Langnutoun .

- 59 **J**ames be the grace of God King of Scottis To our louittis

Meffingeris ꝛc .

OUR WILL IS and with advife and content of our dearest guidfir Mathew erll of Levenax Lord Dernlie our lauchfull tutour and regent to ws our realme and liegis We charge ȝow straitlie and commandis that incontinent thir our lettres fene ȝe pas and in our name and autoritie command and charge George Ruthirfurde of Fernitoun and all utheris havaris keparis detenaris and withhaldaris of the hous and place of Langnutoun To rander and deliver the famyn to ȝow our officiaris executors heirop within sex houris nixtefir thai be chargit be ȝow thairto under the pane of tressfoun With certificatioun to thame and thai failȝie Thay falbe repute haldin estemit demanit and perfewit with fyre and fwerd as tratouris ꝛc. ꝛc. Gevin under our signet and Subscrivit be our said dearest guidfir and regent At Striueling the xvij day of Auguft And of our regne the ferd ȝeir 1570 .



Warrant to assege the place and fortalice of Langnutoun .

60 James be the grace of God King of Scottis To our lovittis

Messingeris ꝛc .

Forfamekill as We and our dearest guidfchir Mathow Erll of Levenax Lord Dernlie our lauchfull Tutour and Regent to ws oure realme and liegis understanding that albeit George Rutherfurde of Fernitoun hes bene chargit under the pane of tressfoun To rander and deliuer to William Douglas of Lochlevin his place and fortalice of Langnutoun ꝛc . Quhairfoir We haif grantit commiffion to the said William Douglas of Lochlevin to convocat our liegis and pas and perfew and assege the said hous and place of Langnutoun And to that effect gif neid be to raise fyre and use all kynd of force and weirlyke ingyne that can he had for wyning and recovering thairof ꝛc. ꝛc . OURE WILL IS and with advife and con-

ent of our said dearest guidfchir and regent We charge you fraitlie and commandis that incontinent thir our lettres sene ye pas and in our name and authoritie command and charge Ker youngar of Ceffurde Wardane of the Middill Marches of our realme and our Schireff of To convocat and asshebill our liegis togidder within thair boundis and pas furthwart with the said William Douglas of Lochlevin .r.c. .r.c. Given under our Signet and Subferyvit be our said dearest guidfchir and regent At Striueling the day of August And of our regne the ferd yeir 1570 .

MATHEU REGENT .

Mathew Earl of Lennox Regent to the Laird of Lochleven .

61 Traist freind Eftir maist hartlie commendationis It is not unknawin to you how thair is ane Taxatioun grantit be the estaittis for making of the expensfis of the honorabill ambassat that is to be direct it to the Quenis Majestie of England for the weill of the King our soverane Lord his realme and obedient people As ye will persave be the directionis and chargeis send for that effect Thairfoir We desyre and pray you effectuatlie That ye will not fail to use all possibill diligence ffor ingetting of the said taxatioun sa far as concernis your part be ressoun of your office and deliver the samyn to the Laird of Drumquhassill collectour appointit for the ressaist therof And gif be your gude will and laubouris ye may caus the haill or a reffonabill part be brocht to the collectour afoir the day ye sould do ws maist speciall plesure becaus the ambassatouris wilbe louked for / befoir thair furniffing can be reddy Thus We commit you to the proteccion of God from Edinburgh the xxvj day of October 1570 .

Your gude freind

MATHEU REGENT .

To our traist freind the
Laird of Lochlevin .

The Earl of Morton to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 62 **C**oufing I Reffavit your writing / And befor the reffait of the fame wes in hand with the Regent for you / he is presentlie content in satisfioun of your coistes and expenffis fustenit divers wayes to let you have the bifchoprick of Sanctandros the penfions standing quhilkis ar presentlie gevin furth of it And will reffave the Erll of Northumberland of your hand gif ge be fatiffeit with this / Let me be advertesit / or utherwayes I wald your self came heir about the 28 day of this moneth that we mycht refoun upon all matteris at lenth to se gif thingis may be brocht to your satisfioun / unto the quhilk tyme I referre the rest and sua efter my hertie commendatioun commitis you to the prote&tioun of God . From Edinburgh the 19 of December 1570 .

Your asfureit frende .

MORTOUN .

To my Coufing the
Lard of Lochlevin .

Mathew Earl of Lennox Regent of Scotland to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 63 **R**icht traift freind efter hartlie commendationes Having laitlie reffavit anfuer from my Lord of Dumfarmeling ambaffadour for the Kingis Majestie in England contening materis of grit wecht quhilk concernis the hail estate And sua requires to be deliberatlie consultit upoun with sic expeditioun as possiblie may be usit Thairfoir We pray you effectuoufle That ge will not fail to be heir in Edinburgh upoun Monunday nixt the xxv day of this instant To gif youre avyise and Jugement with the remanent to be convenit the weill of the Kingis Service and the continewance of that commoun caus quhilk is fa deir to ws all And sa [referring all] uther thingis to your cuming

Committis ȝow to the proteſtioun of Almychtie God At Edinburgh the xxj day of December 1570 .

Ȝour gude freind

MATHEU REGENT .

To our richt traift freind the Laird of Lochlevin .

The Earl of Mar to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 64 Rycht honorable and traift couſing eftir my werie hartie commendatioun having the occaſioun be my broderis departing towardis ȝow I wald nocht omitt till mak ȝow aduerteifment be thir few lynis thatt I am werie defyrous to ſpeik with ȝow And belevit att my being laſt in Edinburgh to have convenit with ȝow / ȝit my Lord of Mortoun and I wes in purpoſe anent ȝour biſſines as ȝe haif wnderſtand be our letteris directit to ȝow Thairfor I will deſyre ȝou to cum our to Edinburgh att this conventioun quhilk is appoyntit the xij of this infant thatt we may confer togidder baith for our awin weillis and the commowne cauſ / I remitt the reſt to my broderis declaratioun quhill our meiting And committis ȝow to the proteſtioun of the Almychtie Fra Striviling Caſtell the ſevint day of Januar 1570 .

Ȝour Rycht aſſurit gude freind at powar

MAR .

To my Rycht traift couſing
the Laird of Lochlevin .

The Erl of Mortouns Exemptioun the tyme he wes ambaffadour in England .

- 65 James be the grace of God King of Scottis To our Prefident and Lordis of our Counſale and Seſſioune ꝛcꝛ . ꝛcꝛ . Forſamekle as We with aviſe of

our derrest guidfehir and lauchfull tutour Matho erle of Leuenax Lord Dernelie ⁊c^r Regent to ws our Realme and liegis and of the Lordis of our secreit Counsale haif dire&tit our rycht traift coufing and counfalour James erle of Mortoun Lord of Dalkeith ⁊c^r our Chancellar and greit Admirall of our realme To the partis of Ingland in the commoun service and affairis of our realme and furth bering of our au&oritie He being tutour of law for the tyme to our rycht traift coufing Archibald erle of Angus Lord Dowglas and Abernethie ⁊c^r his bruther sone And having in his handis the said erle of Angus haill evidentis and writtis quhairby he suld defend and persew his actiouns And now eftir his age of xiiij zeiris compleit Our said rycht traift coufing and counfalour and certane utheris or ony twa of thame (the said erle of Mortoun being ane therof) ar chofin Curatouris to the said erle of Angus in presence of the Lordis of our Counsale and Sessioun THAIRFOIR ⁊c^r We haif superfedid delayit and respectit all and findrie actiounis and causis movit or to be movit aganis our saidis traift coufingis and counfalouris James erle of Mortoun and Archibald erle of Angus thair kin freindis men tenentis and servandis and speciallie thir personis underwritten That is to say erle of Buchane ⁊c^r our coufing William Lord Hay of Zester William Douglas of Lochlevin Archibald Douglas of Kilspindie Patrik Douglas his sone James Forestar of Corstorphin knycht Henry Forestar his bruther germane Walter Urquhard our Scheriff of Cromartie Finlay Manfoun in Pitcalzeane Alexander Hume of Manderstoun his brether thair tenentis John Douglas of Halthornden ⁊c^r ⁊c^r or ony of thame To ceis and rest uncallit persewit or procedit upoun unto the returning of our said traift coufing and counfalour James erle of Mortoun furth of the saidis partis of Ingland and twentie dayis thaireftir ⁊c^r Given under our signet and subserivit be our said derrest guidfir tutour and regent At Edinburgh the xxvij day of Januar and of our regne the ferd zeir 1570 .

MATHEU REGENT .

Andro Hamiltoun of Cochno.
 Robert Hamiltoun of Dalserf.
 Robert Hamiltoun,
deid. Maister James Hamiltoun,
 Patrik Hamiltoun, his fonis.
 Archibald Hamiltoun,
 Johnne Hamiltoun,
 James Hamiltoun of Wodhill.
 Johnne Hamiltoun, his sone.
 Archibald Hamiltoun, Capitane of
 Arrane.
 Gawin Hamiltoun, his sone.
 Johnne Hamiltoun of Peddersburne.
 James Hamiltoun of Boithuelhauch.
 John Hamiltoun,
 Dauid Hamiltoun, his brether.
 Maister James Hamiltoun of Neillif-
 land.
 Johnne Hamiltoun in Udfoun.
 Patrick Hamiltoun, his brother.
 Archibald Hamiltoun in Spittel-
 scheill.
 Alexander Hamiltoun in Kittemuir.
 Adam Hamiltoun in the Holme.
 Thomas Hamiltoun there.
 Johnne Hamiltoun in Vicaris.
 Johnne Hamiltoun in Langrig.
 Thomas Hamiltoun in Udfoun.
 Gawin Hamiltoun in Roploch.
 Williame Hamiltoun in Torfchaw.
 Hannis Hamiltoun.
 Johnne Hamiltoun in Twediefyde.
 Mathew Hamiltoun in Stanehous.
 Johnne Hamiltoun, his sone.
 Arthure Hamiltoun in Heleis.

Alexander Hamiltoun,
 James Hamiltoun,
 Robert Hamiltoun, his brether.
 Andro Hamiltoun,
 Andro Hamiltoun in Over Heleis.
 Alexander Hamiltoun, his sone.
 Thomas Hamiltoun in the toun of
 Hamiltoun.
 Olie Hamiltoun,
 Maister Robert Hamiltoun, his fonis.
 Quintene Hamiltoun, burges of Ha-
 miltoun. *deid.*
 Robert Hamiltoun at the Croce.
 Maister Robert Hamiltoun, perfoun of
 Torrence.
 Johnne Hamiltoun elder, his
 Johnne Hamiltoun younger, brether.
 Robert Hamiltoun of Auchingrymont.
 Johnne Hamiltoun in Grenehill.
 James Hamiltoun,
 Andro Hamiltoun, his brether.
 Robert Hamiltoun,
 Quintene Hamiltoun at Crocefurde.
 Andro Hamiltoun,
 Johnne Hamiltoun, his fonis.
 Richard Hamiltoun in Auchinglen.
 Blais Hamiltoun,
 Williame Hamiltoun, his brether.
 Johnne Hamiltoun,
 Alexander Hamiltoun in Prestoun.
 George Hamiltoun,
 Niniane Hamiltoun, his fonis.
 Johnne Hamiltoun,
 Johnne Hamiltoun in Pannis.
 Alexander Hamiltoun, burges of Lanark.

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| Gawin Hamiltoun in Newlandis. | Gawin Hamiltoun in Errane. |
| William Hamiltoun in Hill. | James Hamiltoun in Letter. |
| Alexander Hamiltoun, | Johnne Hamiltoun in Kirk. |
| James Hamiltoun, | George Hamiltoun in Glencofie. |
| Robert Hamiltoun, his fonis. | James Hamiltoun in Straquheling. |
| Rowy Hamiltoun, | James Hamiltoun in Knokandquhillie. |
| Thomas Hamiltoun in Schawtoun. | Williame Hamiltoun in Sunnok. |
| Johnne Hamiltoun, his bruther. | James Hamiltoun in Burnebray. |
| Thomas Hamiltoun in Overtoun. | James Hamiltoun in Mirretoun. |
| Johnne Hamiltoun, | Johnne Hamiltoun in Burneltoun. |
| James Hamiltoun, his brether. | Thomas Hamiltoun, officiaris. |
| Andro Hamiltoun, | Johnne Hamiltoun, |
| Arthure Hamiltoun in the Nefs. | Thomas Hamiltoun in Boithuile. |
| James Hamiltoun there. | Johnne Hamiltoun of Brouncastell. |
| George Hamiltoun, browftar. | Johnne Hamiltoun of Towitcoit. |
| Richerd Hamiltoun, his brether. | Archibald Hamiltoun of Rybrayis. |
| Johnne Hamiltoun, | Robert Hamiltoun of Mordoch. |
| Johnne Hamiltoun in Grange. | Alexander Hamiltoun of Bathcat. |

deid.

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| Jhonne fumtyme Bischope of Sanct-androis. | Johnne Hamiltoun, his fone. |
| Claude Hamiltoun fumtyme Den of Dunbar. | Robert Hamiltoun, Chalmerlane of Kil-winning. |
| Johnne Hamiltoun fumtyme of Stenhufe. | James Hamiltoun of Sprouftoun. |
| Andro Hamiltoun of Goislingtoun, knycht. | Maister James Hamiltoun of Nelifland. |
| Andro Hamiltoun of Lekprevik. | Alexander Hamiltoun of Netherfeild. |
| Dauid Hamiltoun, bruther to James Hamiltoun of Boithvilchauche. | Robert Hamiltoun of the Grange. |
| Andro Hamiltoun of Cochno. | James Hamiltoun of Rochbank, callit Goudy lokis. |
| | Jhonne Hamiltoun of Corbitcock, mafer. |
| | James Hamiltoun of Wodhall. |

James Hamiltoun of Boithuil-
hauche.

James Muirheid of Law-
chope.

Arthur Hamiltoun of Muir-
town.

Jhonne Hamiltoun of Twey-
dyfde.

James Hamiltoun of the Peill
of Lewingstoun.

Mungow Hamiltoun of Per-
duven.

Alexander Hamiltoun of In-
nerwik.

mortuus. James Hamiltoun of Garrane.

Jhonne fumtyme Commen-
dator of Aberbrothok.

Jhonne Hamiltoun, Provest
of Boithvile.

Robert Hamiltoun of Inchemau-
chan.

James Hamiltoun of the Haggis.

Robert Hamiltoun of Garrane.

Robert Hamiltoun of Milburne.

James Hamiltoun callit of the
Toungis.

Gawin Hamiltoun of the Hill.

Jhonne Crawford, baillie of Monk-
land.

Jhonne Crawford younger of Ferne.
Clelland of that Ilk.

Cuthbert Hamiltoun of Cauder.

Jhonne Quhytfurde of Miltoun.

Jhonne Hamiltoun of
Dalry, fones to the
William Hamiltoun, his Bifchope.
bruther,

All the brether of the Helyis.
Hamiltoun of Orbeiftoun.
Hamiltoun of Fairholm.

Hew Hamiltoun of Blantyre.

James Hamiltoun, his fone.

Jhonne Hamiltoun of Schawtoun and
his twa fonis.

Jhonne Hamiltoun of Kilbowy.

Dauid Forlyth of the Dykis.

The thre breider of Dalserff.

The Hamiltounis of Dalbene.

Robert Hamiltoun of Torrence, and
the rest of that gange.

Arthur Hamiltoun of Orbeiftoun.

Jhonne Hamiltoun, fonis to the
Provest of

M^r Robert Hamiltoun, Hamiltoun

Thomas Hamiltoun of the Toun.

Jhonne Hamiltoun of Boithvile.

Thomas Hamiltoun of Boithvile.

Gawin Baxter thair.

Gawin Hamiltoun, fone to the Abbot
of Kilwinning.

Mathow Hamiltoun of Philpstoun.

Patrik Crummy of Carriddin.

James Muir, burges of Lynlythqw.

Jhonne Hamiltoun in Turnlaw.

Archibald Hamiltoun, his bruther.

James Hamiltoun in Kirkhill.

Arthur Hamiltoun, bruther to James
Hamiltoun of Boithuelhauch.

*foirfaltit
befoir
the
Justice,
&c.*

*declarit
larratouris.*

A Commiffioun to compeir before quhatfumevir Juge to perfew and defend in all my Lord Chancellaris actiounes .

- 67 **B**E IT KEND till all men be thir prefent lettres Ws James erle of Mortoun Lord of Dalkeith ꝛcꝛ Chancellor and grete Admarall of Scotland That forfamekle as we ar prefentlie directit be our foverane Lord with awife of my Lord Regentis grace and of the Lordis of Secreit Counfale to the partis of Ingland in the commoun fervice of this realme and furthbering of his Majefties auctorite fwa that we may nocht be our felf await upoun our awne effaris and befynes within this realme Thairfoir to have maid constitute and ordanit ꝛcꝛ honorable men and our weilbelovits
our procuratouris ꝛcꝛ Gevand grantand and committand to thame conjunctlie and feveralie our verie full free and plane power speciall commandment expres bidding and charge for us and in our name To compeir befor the Lordis of our Soverane Lordis Counfale and Seffioun ꝛcꝛ To do perfew follow or defend As occafioun fall ferve Oure richtis and reffonis to fehaw our abfence To excuis ws to defend Litis conteftatioun to mak The aith of fuithfaftnes and utheris aithis neidfull in our faule to fweir Our parties adverfar to heir be fworne ꝛcꝛ In witnes of the quhilk thing to thir prefent lettres of Procuratorie fufcriuit with our hand our fignet is affixt At Thomptalloun the ferd day of Februar the geir of God I^m V^o and fevinty geiris .

MORTOUN .

Warrand to charge the Surnames of Burnfeild and Haitlie .

- 68 **J**AMES be the grace of God King of Scottis To our lovittis George Zoung Meffingeris our fchereffis in that part conjunctlie and feveralie specialie constitute greting Forfamekill as We our deareft guidfchir Mathow erll of Levenax Lord Dernlie our lauchfull tutour and regent

to ws our realme and liegis and Lordis of our secreit counsale Considering the lang variance and discord that hes continewit betnix the furenames of Burnfeildis and the furenames of Haitleis this tyme past And that gif the famyn be sufferit langar to remane greittar inconvenient may follow And thairfoir willing to tak sum spedy ordour thairin to the satisffa&ioun of bayth the partiis for the quietnes of the cuntre And that aggreement being maid thai may be the mair abill to joyne and assist togidder as our trew liegis in furthsetting of our autoritie and service OURE WILL IS HEIRFOIR and We charge zow straitlie and commandis that incontinent thir our lettres sene ze pas and in our name and autoritie command and charge Williame Burnfeild in Grenelawdene ꝛc^e and sic utheris thair kin and freindis as falbe gevin to zow in bill And als Alexander Haitlie of Lambden George Haitlie in Hoodlaw ꝛc^e and sic utheris thair kin and freindis as falbe siclyke gevin to zow in bill To compeir personallie befoir our said dearest guidschir and regent and lordis of our secreit counsale At Leyth or quhair it salhappin thame to be for the tyme thie xvj day of August instant To the effect that ordour may be tane alswell toward the said variance and contraverfy as toward the assurance allegeit brokin be athir of the partiis to utheris Swa that the cuntre may leif in the bettir quietnes in tymes cuming ꝛc^e ꝛc^e Gevin under our signet and subscribed be our said dearest guidschir and regent At Leith the fyft day of August And of oure regnne the fift zeir 1571 .

MATHEU REGENT .

Licence to George Ufufra&uar of Dunfermling to remane in ward within the place of Dury and sex myles about the same .

REX .

69 We and our dearest guidschir Mathew erll of Levenax Lord Dernlie our lauchfull tutour and regent to ws our realme and lieges understanding George Ufufra&uar of Dunfermling wes chargeit be vertew of oure utheris lettres to remane in ward within the place of Dury and ane myle

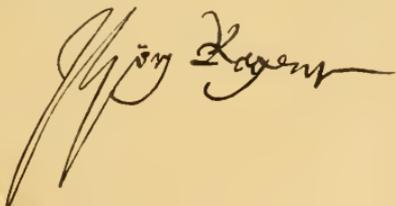
thairabout and on na wayis to transcend the boundis thair of t^c Nochtwithstanding for certane reffonabill causis and considerationis moving ws and our said dearest guidfchir and regent be the tennour heirof gevis him licence and libertie to remane in the said place of Dury and sex mylis about the same for passing his tyme at his plesure t^c Gevin under oure signet and subserivit be our said dearest guidfchir and regent At Leyth the xj day of August and of oure Regnne the fyft geir 1571 .

MATHEU REGENT .

Precept by John Earl of Mar Regent to Alexander Douglas .

REX .

- 70 Fewar of Colbrandispeth and ȝour Chalmerlanis quhatfumevir / Forfamekle as the males and fermis of the landis of Colbrandispeth of the crop and geir of God I^m V^c threfcoir ten ȝeris last bipast wes assignit to the sustentatioun of the hous of umquhile our dearest guidfchir Mathew erll of Levinax Lord Dernlie our lauchfull tutour and Regent to ws our realme and liegis / And understanding that thair is awand to Maister Alexander Douglas stewart of the said hous the soume of four scoir twa pundis xj ȝ . money of this realme for expensis maid be him As his tickett of compt beiris Thairfore it is our will and with avise of our richt traist coufing Jobne Erle of Mar lord Erskin Regent to ws our realme and liegis We charge ȝow that incontinent this precept sene ȝe content pay and deliver to the said Maister Alexander Douglas the said soume of four scoir twa pundis xj ȝ . money forsaid Off the first and reddiest males and prices of fermis of the said crop and geir of God I^m V^c threfcoir ten ȝeris And the same salbe thankfullie allowit to ȝow keband this our precept with the said Maister Alexanderis acquittance for ȝour warrand Subserivit be our said coufing and Regent At Striveling the xvij day of September the geir of God I^m V^c threfcoir ellevin ȝeris .



Charge to George Rutherforde of Farnytoun to appear before the Privy Council Ɣc .

- 71 **JAMES** be the grace of God King of Scottis To our louittis Stewin Riddall Messingeris Ɣc OUR WILL IS and with avife of our richt traift coufing Johnne erle of Mar Lord Erkin Regent to ws our realme and liegis We charge 3ow fraitlie and commandis That incontinent thir our lettres sene 3e pas And in our name and auctoritie Command and charge George Rutherfurde of Farnytoun To compeir personalie befor our said Coufing and Regent and Lordis of our Secretit Counfell At Leith Ɣc upon the sext day nixt efter he be chargit be 3ow thairto Ɣc Gevin under our Signet and subserivit be our said Coufing and Regent At Leyth the penult day of O&tober and of our Reigne the fift 3eir 1571 .

JHON REGENT .

Apud Leyth xxvij Novembris Anno Ɣc lxxj .

The quhilk day George Rutherfurde of Farnytoun being oftymes callit Compeirit not Quhairfoir My Lord Regentis grace with avife of the Lordis of Secretit Counsale Ordanis ane officiar of Armes To pas and put thir lettres to dew executioun Be denouncing of the said George our Soverane Lordis rebell and putting of him to the horne And to escheit and inbring all his movabill gudis to his Majesties use for his contempion Efter the forme and tennour of thir lettres .

JHON REGENT .

The Earl of Mar Regent to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 72 **R**icht traift coufing efter maift hertlie Commendationes 3iftrene the Marishall of Berwick and Maister Randolphe come heir fra San& Johnnestoun and hes maid ws privie to ane aduertifment quhilk thay haue

ressauit lailie with diligence furth of England how thair is a practize in heid and intendit to be execute about the end of this moneth or begynning of the nixt / for conveying away of the Erll of Northumberland out of Lochlevin / ethir to the Castell of Edinburgh or then to Abirdene / That thair fuld be sum thing alsua attemptit aganis the King / howfoeur It be the aduertizment is not to be contemptit / for it is thoct the Lord Seytonis speciall messaige from Duke Dalua tendis to this end / Keip this to gour self / and prouide for the werft quhill ge see to quhat liklyheid thingis drawis / Heirof I thoct gude to aduertize gou / And sua leving for the present to mak langar letter Committis gou in the prote&tioun of Almichtie God At Striueling the xvj of marche 1571 .

Gour affurit freind



To our richt traift Coufing the
Lard of Lochlevin .

Licence to George Leirmonth of Balcomy to abyde at hame fra all oiftis wappinschawingis &c .

REX .

- 73 We be the tennour heirof with awise and consent of our richt traift coufing Johne Erle of Mar Lord Erskin Regent to ws oure Realme and liegis Understanding that Griffell Meldrum mother to our lovit George Leirmonth of Balcomy hes the twa part of his leving and heritage per-tening to hir be resfoun of conjunctfee lyfrent teree or utherwise Swa that the said George hes bot ane small part thairof to sustene himself his wiff bairnis and famelie Thairfoir and for divers utheris ressonable cauffis and confiderationis moving ws gevis and grantis licence to him To remane

and abyde at hame fra all and findrie our oiftis armeis raidis weris wap-
pinfehawingis and assembleis quhatfumevir to be maid be ws ꝛc be fey
or land ꝛc ꝛc Gevin under our Signet and subferivit be our faid
Coufing and Regent At Striveling the xxij day of Marche and of our
Reigne the fift geir 1571 .

JHON REGENT .

The Earl of Mar Regent to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 74 Rycht traift freind efter maift hertlie Commendatioune . We haue fpokin
with the Marfheall and Maifter Randolphe / quha lettis ws to vnder-
ftand / that thay haif infturctioun to fatiffie zow toward my Lord of
Northumberland / and for that purpos hes defirit ws to write for zow to
be heir with diligence quhilk we think beft ze do / for apperandlie zour
Jorney fall not be without frute / We pray zow thairfoir exped zou . And
fa remitting all other thing to meting committis zou in the protectioun
of Almichtie God At Leyth the xxvij of marche 1572 .

Zour rycht affurit freind

JHON REGENT .

To our rycht traift Coufing the
Lard of Lochlevin .

My Lord of Mortonis Commiffioun of Levetenentre to ryde upoun
Clydifdail .

Apud Leith xx^o die mensis Junij Anno Domini I^o V^o lxxij^o .

- 75 Forfamekle as the declairit traitouris rebellis and confpiratouris aganis
our foverane Lord and his auctoritie continewand in thair treffonable
attemptatis and wickit deidis Tending to the overthrow and diftruftioun
of the commoun weil hes of late maid convocatioun of his hienes liegis

and forrayit certane landis within the Levinax and about the citeie of Glasgow / as alſua within Strivilinghire and utheris partes of the realne obedient to his hienes auctoritie / and hes herreit the peciable and gude ſubjectis of thair guides mynding be ſic tyrannie to mantene and continew thair reif of uther menis guides to the greit hurt and prejudice of the Kingis obedience and ſubverſioun of the ſtate of the commoun weill gif the ſame be not ſpedalie reſſtit For remeid quhairof My Lord Regentis grace with aviſe of the Lordes of Secrete Counſale hes thoct meit deliberat and concludit that the cuntrie of Cliddifdale and utheris boundes adjacent ſamekle thair of as is inhabite be the traitouris ⁊c⁊ ⁊c⁊ ſalbe perſewit with fire and ſword quhill they be exterminat or ellis reducit to our Soverane Lordes obedience And for executioun of the ſame gevis and grantis full power and commiſſioun ⁊c⁊ to James erll of Mortoun lord of Dalkeith Chancellor ⁊c⁊ To convocat our ſoverane Lordes lieges in weirlikmaner and to pas furthward invaid and perſew the ſaidis declairit traitouris rebellis and conſpiratouris ⁊c⁊ with fire and ſword thair houſes and dwelling places to caſt down and dimoliſche thair perſonis to execute and demane to the death thair guides and cattell to forray intromit with and expone in pray with all uther kynd of puniſment and hoſtilite / all houſis and ſtrenthes kept be thame aganis our ſoverane Lord and his auctoritie to aſſeige and be force recover ⁊c⁊ ⁊c⁊ ⁊c⁊ .

JHON REGENT .

The Counteſs of Northumberland to the Earl her huſband .

- 76 The rumors and brutis here geven furthe of your Lordſhipis deliuey into Englande hathe trobled many but for my ſelf and for them that be of the wiſer forte and of more iudgement it could neuer finke into our myndes that euer ony of honour or credite wold agree to ſuch a con-
 dicioun eſpeciallie in that nation that haue ſo often taſted of the love of their neighbours in caſes like to yours / and that hathe ſo often neded

therunto . Or that the Larde (who is of that honour and wifdome / as he is taken to be / and hitherto hath shewed him self) wold lay vpon his howfe or honor fuch a burden as in sheweing the president by you that never hathe bene before shewed by ony of his nation in any other / or that by him the mishappe might fall to you / which all we by helpe and succurre of other of the Nobilitie of the fame haue eschewed and avoyded . This (I say) could never seame lykely vnto vs / and therfor did we lesse accompte of fuche fayeingis / as those that haue more grounded opinion of the Lardis dexteritie and honorable dealing / and do hoape more in him for the perfe&ing and accomplishing of our longe desired sewte for your enlargement / then that we can conceave or distrust ony finifter meenyng or vndew devise at his handis tending to your vndoeing or ouerthrow . Although we are not of that mynde but that your ennemyes do and will by all the meanes they can worke by worde / promise / and fayre gloses practife what they may to draw the Larde to agree vnto them . yet we stande in no dowbte of him but that he hathe that consideracioun over his owne honour / and is of that wifdome that he will passe ouer their requestis in wise order / and yet stande as shalbe most agreeable to his calling / feing it restithe in his only power and will / without their impeachment or others comptrollement / to do for you in this case as to him self shall seame best / he folly having the order and possession of you without bonde or charge to stay him from doeing for you as he shall thinke good / of whom alone you are to seke your release / and that way to follow it that it may be graunted with expedition / feing we be prepared and readie to satisfie him vpon the vnderstanding of ony sufficient assurance wherby we may vpon the payment of the money be sewre to haue the possession of your body / and that by long delay and protracte of tyme / many inconueniencis may chance / muche hindrance cumme alswell by the hazarde and perill of your seruantis in passing to and fro / intercepting or miscarriage of letters and other mishappes / as by the great chargis whiche I am at in the often sending and in the expence of tyme which confumithe muche of the litle that I haue wherby myne habitie

will grow to be lesse / and your frendis wax weary / you shall not be hable to yeld so muche benefite to the Larde as now you may do / nor he can take the commoditie whiche now he may haue / which as it liethe you vpon to forsee and to purfue to a conclusion that may take a spedi effecte / so we hoape that the wisdome of the Larde will not let passe this best and offered oportunitie / whiche standithe most with his honour and commoditie to take holde vpon / but will resolue with yow in suche reasonable order as we may with expedition receaue the fine of your agreement / and he may haue from vs his benefite with all beneuolence fauour and commendacioun . Thus besiching our Lord to fende you a good and spedi ende of your lang and paynfull troubles as may be most for the ease of your harte and to your greatest conforte / with humble remembrance of my dew I ende this xxjth of Marche 1572 .

Your Lordshipsis most humble wif

A. NORTHUMBERLAND .

To the right honorable and good L . and
husbande Northumberland .

John Earl of Mar Regent in favor of James Commendator of Melros .

REX .

77 We be the tennour heirop with auise and consent of our richt traift Coufing John erll of Mar lord Erskin Regent to ws our realme and liegis promittis that howfome the pensoun furth of the abbay of Melros pertening to George Lord Seytoun or his sone fall fall be law and be our dispositioun We fall mak richt and securite of the same to James now Commendatar of Melros And mak title and interesse to na other persoun of the same Gevin under our signet and subscrivit be our said Coufing and Regent At Leyth the xxvij day of Aprile and of our Reigne the fyft yeir 1573 .

JHON REGENT .

John Earl of Mar Regent to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 78 **T**raift coufing eftir our hartie commendatioun / this berar your ferwand James Dryfdell hes at our command delyverit to our ferviture Robert Porterfeild the fowme of ane thowfand markis in Ryellis And be this our tikatt We mak it knawin wnto you that the faid James hes thankfullie delyverit the faid fowme Subfcrivit with our hand At Leith the tuentie ane day of Junij 1573 .

JHON REGENT .

The Archbishop of St. Andrews to William Douglas of Lochleven .

- 79 **R**ycht honorable Sir Eftir maift hartlie commendatione please wit I writt to you befor defyryng you to haif fend to me the few mailes of the landis of Bifchopfchyre and alfo fo many barrellis of cilis as ge had went to pay to my predeceffouris and becaus of your abfence at that tyme of Lochleven as I underftuid be the berair of my lettres he delyverit the faid writting to the Lady your fpoufe the quhilk (as I beleif) ge haif fein becaus I haif gottin na anfuer thair of I tuik occasione to wrytt again to you for the fam effe& defyryng your anfuer with this berair John Steuin-foun my fervant quhat ge will do in thir premiffes And gif ge dowtt the perfuitt of utheris for the faid few mailes I will warrand you at all uther handis . Commend me hartlie to the Lady your fpoufe quhom with you I committ to the prote&tion of the Eternal Off Sanctandros the xviiiij of februar 1573 .

Yours at pouer

J . SANCTANDROIS .

To the rycht honorable William Dowglas off Lochleven .

Annabella Countess of Mar to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 80 **R**ycht honorabill Sir eftir my veray hartlie commendatioun . Having reffavit your writting concerning your fylver Off to my honour I declairit the trewth to your feruand James Dryifdail I am veray forie ge fuld conceave sic ane opinioun of me that ge knaw I may borrow that foume and mair . for gif that war I think ge mycht justlie fay . I wer in the wrange gif I mycht do that / and leit you be in sic pane as ge ar in . ffor I will affuir you on my honour houbeit my Lord my husband haid nocht bene debtfull to you gif it had bene in my possibilitie . ge fuld haue haid it with als gud hairt as ge wald haue fuittit the fame . I am affurit your wisdome confidderis quhat occasioun I haue gottin fen my husbandis departing to fay my credeit Zit nochtwithstanding to caus you knaw my part / mak ge the moyen to prouyd that foume upoun land and fall bind my selff in the maist fuirrest forme that ge can deuyse to releiff the fame ay and quhill the thousandis merkis salbe payit The quhilk I wald nocht do to na vthir in Scotland bot to you And think nocht that I mene any defraude or excuife but to fatiffie you gif I mycht ony way to your contentment As knawis God Quha mot haue you in his keeping At Striviling Castell the xvj day of Maij 1574 .

Your affurit gude freind at pouer

ANNABELL COUNTESS OF MAR .

To the richt honorabill and my veray
gude freind the Laird of Lochleven .

Leonard of Cuper to the Lady Lochleven .

- 81 **M**ademe efter my maist hartle commendatioun I refaut ane wreting fra you ane monethe fyin schawin me that your eldest dochter was to be mareit on fondaye next on the jong lard of Wemes of the quhilk I am

werraye gleid and defyrit me to prouyd for all the weild meit and wene-
 fone I mycht gwiddlie get / war nocht the ewell wedder that hes bein this
 oulk ȝe hed bein better stokit prayand ȝow therfor to aperdone me at
 this tyme and refaue fra this berer ane hyind and xxij mowir fowlis with
 onne wder steid or plefur that lysis in my powar salbe rede at all tymes
 quhan ȝour La / pleifis chargis as knawis God quhae mat haf ȝour La /
 in protectioun Frome Cuper the xj day of Junij 1574 be ȝour La /

Affurit kennifman

LEONARDE of Cuper .

To my Lade
 Lade of Loichlewin .

Commiffion to William Douglas of Lochleven to mak convocation of the
 liegis ꝛc .

REX .

82 We be the tennour heirof with avife and consent of our richt traift
 coufing James erll of Mortoun Lord of Dalkeith Regent to ws oure
 realme and liegis for certane caufis and confiderationis moving ws haue
 gevin and grantit and be thir our lettres gevis and grantes full power
 commiffioun and auctoritie to our weilbelovit Williame Douglas of Loch-
 levin To mak convocatioun of oure liegis in weirlik maner And to
 fearche feik tak and apprehend George Ruderfurde oure rebell ꝛc ꝛc
 Gevin under oure signet and subferivit be oure said Coufing and Regent
 AT Dalkeith the xxiiij day of October And of oure Reigne the aucht
 geir 1574 .



James Regent

John Carmichael younger of that Ilk to the Chamberlain of Melros .

- 83 **T**raift freind efter hartlie commendationis this is to adverteis zow that I am to keip day of Marche on Thurisday at the Reidfwyir be nyne houris therfoir I mon requeist zow to accompanie ws hither with zour hail fervandis / As ze will do me L . Regent and my L . of Angus plesure Swa leving to trubill zow quhill meting I commit zow to God At Jedburgh the 2 day of Julij 1575 .

Be zouris affurit freind

JOHNE CARMYCHALL

I pray zow fail nocht to caus all the Lairdis
fervandis of Langnewtoun cwm with zow .

zoungar of that Ilk .

To my traift freind Mr William Henderfon
chalmerlane of Melros .

The Lord Ruthven to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 84 **R**ycht honorable Sir and weilbeluffit Eyme eftir my hertlie commendationes I received your writting fra ane boy of zouris this efter none And hes spokin this morning ny coufing Patrik Murray of Tibbermure to quhome I haue declarit my mynd to be schawin to zow at lenth And falbe reddie at all tymes to zour honorable causis quhene ze salhappin to haue ado I being deulie foirfeyne and aduerteist hei of Remitting to the forder declaratioun of my said coufing Committis zow to the proteftioun of allmychtie God frome Ruthven the viij day of August 1575 .

Youris affurit att power

RUTHVEN .

To the Rycht honorable and his weilbeluffit
Eyme the Laird of Lochleven ꝛc .

Andrew Rutherford of Hundolee and others to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 85 Richt honorable Schir Efter oure hartlie commendationis Pleis your M/ to be rememberit of the wrytting quhilk we sent to you for the schuitting of the tryift quhilk we desyrit your M/ to appoynt concernyng the actionis betwixt your M/ and George Rutherford in Pharyngtoun The caus of the schuitting of the said tryift was / becaus of my Lord Regentes grace cuming in the cuntrie And in our wrytting we desyrit your M/ to appoynt ane new tryift quhair and quhat tyme we sould meitt withe your M/ And becaus as zit we have hard of no new appoyntment maid be your M/ We desyre you / gif your M/ thinkis guid to meitt in Edinburgh upone the elevint twelt threttine or fourtene dayis of Februar nixtocum or ony uther quhatsumever day or places your M/ will appoynt Desyrand you to be sa guid that all executionis of law at your M/ instance aganis the said George may ceise to our meitting as your M/ appoynttis quhilk we fall nocht fail to keep God willing And this we pray your M/ to do for this our requiest . Luiking for your M/ anfuere quhat we fall lowk for committis your M/ to the proteccioun of God From Jedburgh the xix day of December 1576 .

Be your assurit freindis

ANDRO RUTHERFURD of Hundolle .

JOHNE RUTHERFURD of Hunthill .

RICHART RUTHERFURD of Edgerston .

To the Richt honorabill and oure assurit
freind the Laird of Lochelevin .

William Stewart to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 86 Richt honourable Sir efter my humble commendatioun of seruice calling to remembrance my dewtie I culd do na les than to mak your M/

aduertefit how that the tua tratoris of boduelhauch hes bene thir foure monethis past heir in prefoun quhar the ane doith ȝit remane in fure kepeing / and the vther (the eldest I meane) efcapit within thir tua nichtis be the moyane of ane voman that had credit of the kepeing of him / To my grit greiff and hawie difplefour . ffor Capitane Traill and I had determinat to haiff bestowit viij^o guldinȝis for thair chargis as we had conduit with your keparis / And to haiff transportit thame to Zeland / thair to haiff remanit in fure custodie till ȝour M / and vtheris my Lord regentis g / freindis (quha restis with God) had bene aduertefit The Ranfoun that vas demandit for thame baith vas vj^o crownis bot [our] vtter determinat anſwer was iii^o crownis Marie now in reſpect of the abſence of the principale tratour quhat falbe done with the vthair I am nocht certane till It fall pleis ȝour M / to mak me aduertefit / with the quhilk ȝour aduerteifment / It war requesit alſo (ſaiſſand ȝour M / wiſdome) That fauorable lettres var direct frome the regentis grace and nobilitie to the gouernour of this toun Randeriȝ him thankis for the gritt honour he hes done to our Kingis maieſtie and auctoritie in deteniȝ thair tratoris ſua lang conſideriȝ the grit requesitis and manaffiȝis that hes bene vſit to him be the haile nobilitie and principale papiftis of this countriȝ in the fauouris of thair tua tratouris / In the meane tyme I am conſtrant to enter my ſelff in band to him that vas the firſt occaſioun of thair apprehenſioun / vthairuayis I culd nocht be affurit of his fure kepeing that ȝit remanis . Thairfoir It vill pleis ȝour M / Togidder with the reſt of ȝour wyſe freindis to deliberat and avys quhat is beſt to be done in the premiſſes Quhairin my gude will / piſſance / and creditt / falbe employit vpone ȝour M aduerteifment as in all thingis ellis quhairin / I may be able to do ȝour M / honour and ſeruice . Taking to vitnes the eternale God quha mot haiff ȝour M / in his proteſtioune Frome Briſſellis the xxij day of December 1576 .

ȝour M / at his power to command with ſeruice

WILLIAM STEWART .

James Earl of Morton Regent to warne and poind Thomas Brown .

87 **E**ftir our hartlie commendatioun 3e fall reffave thir twa preceptis the
 anc to warne Thomas Brown to Remove fra our twa pairt of the toun
 and lands of Stevinstoun and Howburn occupiit be him / and the uther to
 poind his reddiest cornes cattell guidis and geir for the mailles and
 deweteis therof of the 3eris bigane fen the deceis of umquhile Williame
 Ker of the 3air thair is rowme left in the precept of poinding for the
 tyme of the said umquhill Williame deceis / for the fpace of the 3eris
 fentyne / and for the quantitie of the 3eirlie deweties as 3e may perfave
 quharintill 3e fall speik the said Thomas and according to his declara-
 tioun or as 3e may have ferder tryall thair fill up the saidis blankis of the
 precept and caus John Giffert execute baith the preceptis of wairning
 and poinding / and lat the guiddis and cornes be prayfit and deliver
 thame agane to the said Thomas upoun his promeis of payment of the
 saidis deweteis betuix this and the feist of Wittsonday nixtocum And fend
 the preceptis with a tikket of the executiones therof to ws with diligence
 And fwa we bid 3ow fair weill ffrom Halierudhous this xvij of Marche
 1576 .

James Regent

To our traitt freind George Douglas fone
 to Hector Douglas in Spittlehawch and in
 his abfence to the said Hector his fader .

James Earl of Morton Regent to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 88 Rycht traift coufing eftir our hartlie commendatioun vpon complaint maid of the lait difpleafour offerit be 3ow to my lord of Abirbrothok as he raid throw Fyff IT is thocht convenient be the counfall that the mater tending to the troubill and brek of the cuntre falbe tryit and ordourit be the nobilitie and counfale And that 3e and the lord Abirbrothok fall bayth fend 3our commiffionaris heir agane the xx day of Maij nixtocum inftuëtit to informe ws and the counfall particularlie of 3our greiffis qwerrellis and cauffis of complaint That the occafionis being confiderit of afoir hand We may the mair eafelic refolue on that quhilk is to be done for the weill and quietnes of the cuntre And to the effect that this intendit ordour fall not be impedit with ony further troubill We haue fend ane affurance to 3ow to be fubferiuit quhilk we desire 3ow effectuellie to do and returne it with this berare As 3e will declair 3our obedient gude will to the obferuatioun of quietnes and do ws acceptabill pleafour Sa we commit 3ow in the proteftioun of God At Halyruidhous the xxix day of Marche 1577 .

3our affurit freind

To our rycht traift coufing the
Laird of Lochlevin .

JAMES REGENT .

James Earl of Morton Regent to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 89 Couting Lochlevin . We reflaut 3our lettre declaring that the erll of Buchan had fchewin 3ow / that thair wes chargeis direct from ws and the Counfale / to charge 3ow to fubferiue ane affurance to the abbat of Arbroith quhairof 3e marvellit . It is trew / thair is a charge direct vnto 3ow / in the kingis name and counfale / that affurance falbe gevin and takin on baith fydes / And that for gude order and rule to be kepit in

the cuntrie / quhilk during the tyme of oure office and charge we ar bound of dewty to see the fame obfervit and kepit And truftis that all oure freindis will refpect the fame and not gif occafion to the contrary / gif maters fall out vtherwyfe nor may ftand with law and reafoun be oure freindis then fall the burding thair of be laid vpoun us / and that to oure reproche / gif order beis not put to the fame / We traift / the courfe we haue taken be als honorable and caftull to zow as ony cours befides that quhilk is already tane / can be taken / We wifhe zow to wey and confider thir maters and tak the liklyeft / and that for divers refpectis .

We perfave be zoure lettre / that the commoning betuix zow and Alexander Balfoure is expyrit and not appointit / thairfore we will reftra fra ony farther dealing in that matter till we knaw zoure mynd .

As to the Lord Maxwell / We defire zow to keip bak zoure hand from making him ony new title till farther refolution be taken betuix zow and ws / Sa We commit zow to God At Thomptalloun the aucht day of Aprile 1577 .

Zour gude freind

JAMES REGENT .

To oure coufing the Laird of Lochleven .

James Earl of Morton Regent to the Laird of Lochleven .

90 Rycht traift coufing eftir our hartlie commendatioun / The complaint maid be zow to ws anent the generalitie of the affurance cravit of zow wes declarit be ws to the counfale / Be quibais auife It is thoct gude that the famyn be alterit in the twa speciall poyntis complenit vpoun Swa that the famyn is now put in fic termis as We traift with refoun ze can not refus to fubferiue / And feing the tyme now fehortlie approcheis quhilk wes appointit for ordour to be takin anent the contrauerfy and that na thing can be done befor the affurance firft be paft . We pray zow thairfoir To fubferiue and returne this affurance with fic diligence as

ȝe may gudellie / quhairthrow materis may be the bettir handillit for the commoun weill and quietnes of the cuntre in tyme cuming / As ȝe will declair ȝour affe&tioun thairto and do ws pleasure Thus we commit ȝow to God . At Haliruidhous the xij day of May 1577 .

ȝour affurit freind

To our rycht traift coufing the
Lard of Lochlevin .

JAMES REGENT .

Litera Roberti Douglas filii Gulielmi Douglas de Lochleven .

- 91 **JAMES** be the grace of God King of Scottis To all and findrie &c^r Wit ȝe ws with avife and consent of oure rycht trest coufing James erle of Mortoun lord Dalkeith Regent to ws our realme and lieges To have gevin and grantit to oure lovit Robert Dowglas sone and appeirrand air to Williame Dowglas of Lochlevin the waird nonentres malis fermis and dewiteis of all and findrie the townis and landis of Cuthill Burngranyis alias Burnfyde &c^r lyand within our schirefdome of Perth Of all ȝeiris and termis bygane that the samyn hes bene in oure handis &c^r be reffoun of waird and nonentres or athir of thame fen the deceis of umquhile Jhonne Charteris of Cuthilgurdye &c^r Gevin under oure Privie feill At Halyruidhous the sevintene day of Januar The ȝeir of God I^o V^o thre-ſcoir sevintene ȝeiris And of our regne the ellevint ȝeir .

Per ſignaturam manu dicti Domini Regentis ſubſcriptam .

JAMES Earl of Mortoun Regent to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 92 **Traift** coufing efter our maift hertlie commendatioun / We have reffaut ȝour lettres the firſt of the xxvj of Februare / defiring ws to accept ȝour guidwill in gude part / quhairof we thank ȝow indeid / howbeit we be not vnmyndfull of our awin eſtait / nor ȝit of our grund as ȝe wrait Neyther we traift in reaſon fall it be fund that we haue omittit our dewitie to-

wardes the Kingis Majestie / Nor in our default lost the freindship of his hienes weilwillaris / Quhat ge meane be the treating of the Kingis inymeis / we can not weil anfuere vnto / being sa generall / Bot gif ge wer plane with ws thairin / we wald anfuere geow in the like playnnes / Indeid it is knawin that the necessitie of his hienes awin estaitt and of his realme and hail subiectis efter the lang troubles (qubairin our awin burding wes not least) required peax / quhilk being treatit and concludit be the cheif nobilmen then obedient to his hienes auctoritie / We haif sensyne bene alwayes cairfull to preserve it / Off intent with Gods grace to haif deliuerit the government peciable and quiet in his awin handes / thinking na thing mair dangerous in his minoritie then the renouatioun of troubles And the better to interteny this quietnes We haue done iustice / and shewen our self thairin / and in thingis promised indifferent to all / as the only meanis to retene the realme in vnitie and obedience / Quhat is now intendit and practised to the contrary / Or quhether the alteracioun of this course fall prouif for the honour and weil of his Majestie and the benefite of the hail realme / tyme and experience will declair / And for our proceedingis and administratioun in our charge / We may weil iustefie it prayd be God . before the King the Estaittis of Scotland and all vtheris in the world being reasonable and indifferent .

As tueching the Maister of Marris aduertisement / how vpoun knowlege of the erll of Ergilis cuming to Striueling / the Kingis Maiestie commandit to gif him acces and a chalmer within the castell qubairanent we hard nathing from him self . Quhat it fall pleas his hienes to command fall alswa pleas ws Bot We consider weil anewch / that his Maiesties will or commandment is not to command ony thing that is aganis his awin obedience (as this is) without he be sinisterlie perswadit sa to do / Neyther wes the Maister geow vncle now ignorant that the erll of Ergile wes at the horne / as the last time he pretendit / We ar evill and vnthankfullie acquite for our guidwill borne to the houe of Mar / Bot it may sa fall out that as thay deale with ws Sa may thay be delt with in tyme als vnmeitt / be thair new freindship .

We thank ȝow hertlie of ȝour laſt lettre and aduertifment tueching the erll of Athollis repairing to Striueling / Prayand ȝow to continew ȝour aduertifementis as ȝe ſall ſee occaſioun from tyme to tyme / And althocht We will not deſire ȝowr ſelf to pas to Striueling / ȝit we wald ȝe fuld haue ſum thair / to behald and conſidder the maner / that be ȝour gude meanys We may haif ſum certane intelligence of thair ettilling and proceedingis ffor the Kingis Majeſtie being weil / quhilk is our cheiff cair We are the leſs thochtfull of vther thingis / bot ſall meitt thaim as we may .

M^r Randolphe is to be in Striueling and to preſent a taken and lettres from the Quene of England to the Kingis Majeſtie this nixt tyfday / The effect of his meſſaige as we can ȝit perceave is to ſalute the King vpoun report of his vertuus and gude qualities and to declair the Quene of Englandis fauour and gude affectioun towardis him and his eſtairt / The troublous eſtairt and apparent dangeris in Flanders and France movis this / and a deſire that ſhe hes of the continewance of the freindſhip of this cuntrie . In Flanders ſen the defaitt the ſtates ar reportit to haue recoverit ſum couraige / and that in a ſkarmyſhe the eldeſt bruder of Boithwelhauch fuld be taken preſoner / we haue gottin as ȝit na aduertizement of thay thingis from ony ſcottifman / Thus reſting for the preſent quhill we ſall heir further from ȝow / as ȝe ſall ſind the apperance and proceeding in thingis / Committis ȝow in the protectioun of the Almiehtie AT Halyruidhous the ſecond of Marche 1577 .

ȝour affured freind

JAMES REGENT .

Althogh in our lettre we deſyr ȝow to ſend to Striueling / We remitt it in ȝour awin choiſ and conſideratioune quhether ȝe think meittar to gang or ſend / As ȝe think ȝe may haue maift ſure intelligence of thair intentionis and proceedingis that be ȝow we may be certifiit thair of .

To oure traitt Couſing the
Laird of Lochleven .

James Earl of Morton Regent to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 93 **T**raift Coufing efter our maift hertly commendatioune / The Englis Ambaffadouris as we fchew 3ow of befor rydis the morne to Striueling / and my lord of Angus the Chancellair and Thefaurair rydis weft lykewyfe / Quherfore We wald think it meitt that 3e alfua fuld be thair weft at the fame tyme .

Prayand 3ow to addrefs 3our felf to be thair the morne at evin / Or ellis howfone thairefter as 3e can / Seing thair tary is not to be lang thair / And thairfore the founair the bettir / At 3our cuming 3e will vnderftand be my Lord of Angus my awin meaning / And fa leving all vther thing thervnto / and 3our anfuer and aduertizement thairefter we commit 3ow in the proteccion of the Almichtie At Halyruidhoufe the thrid day of marche 1577 .

3our affured freind .

To oure traift Coufing the
Laird of Lochleven .

JAMES REGENT .

James Earl of Morton Regent to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 94 **T**raift Coufing efter our maift hertlie commendatioune . We reffault 3our lettre of the thrid of marche / And as we tak 3our playnnes thairin in gude pairt / As proceeding from a friend and kynnisman / in quhais gude affectioun toward ws we neur doubtit / Sa 3e may not think it ftrange That we purge our felff of fafer of 3our accufatioun / as in conffience we fynd with our felf to haif offendit in / As tueching our offence to God / we intend not to excufe it bot to fubmitt ws to his mercy . ffor ambicioun furely we think nane can juftlie accufe ws / ffor in our privat eftait we culd and can leif als weill contented as ony of our degre in Scotland / without further afpiring / The bearing of the charge of the gover-

nament of the realme indeid mon leade ws or ony vther that fall occupy
 that place / Not simpillie to respect our self bot his Majesties rowme quhilk
 we supple / And thairin not transcending the boundis of mesour / as we
 traift it fall not be found we haue done . It aucht not to be attributit to
 ony ambicioun in ws / ffor how sone as euir his Majestie fall think him-
 self reddy and able for his awin government Nane fall mair willinglie
 aggre and avance the fame nor I / Sen I think neur to sett my face
 aganis him quhais honour faultie and preferuacioun hes bene fa deir vnto
 me / Nor I will neur beleif to find otherwayes at his hand then fauour /
 although all the vnfreindis I haif in the earthe wer about him to persuaid
 him to the contrary As we wrait vnto ȝow / our freindlie dealing and
 confidence in the house of Mar is not thankfullie acquite / As we traift
 ȝour self confideris / Bot becaus the ambassadouris of England / my Lord
 of Angus the chancellair thefaurair and sum noblemen Rydis west this
 day to see the King / We pray ȝow hertly addres ȝour self to be thair
 howsone ȝe can / And as ȝe fall finde the liklyheid of all thingis / Lett ws
 be aduertist therof with ȝour awin aduise be Alexander Hay quhome we
 haue thoct gude to send west / Seing my Lord of Angus from Striuling
 ridis to Douglas And fa we committ ȝow in the prote&tioune of God At
 Halyrudhous the fourt of marche 1577 .

Ȝour assured freind

JAMES REGENT .

For the avaricioufnes laid to our charge Indeid It lysis not in ws fa
 liberally to deale the Kingis geare as to satisfie all cravers / Nor neur
 fall ony fouerane and native borne prince / lett be ane officiar ethew
 the disdayn of sic as thinkis thame Jugeis to thair awin reward . In
 many caussis I doubt not to fynd the assistence of my freindis / Bot
 quhair my a&tionis fall appeir vnhonest I will not crave thair assistence /
 bot lett me beare my awin burding .

To our traift Coufing the

Laird of Lochlevin .

Discharge by the Privy Council of Scotland to James Earl of Mortoun of his Regiment .

At Striuling Castell the twelft day of Marche the yeir of God I^m V^e threfcoir fevintene yeiris .

95 **THE KINGIS** Maieftie nobilitie and eftaittis convenit Vnderftanding how eftir the lang trublis and dangerous ciuile wear quhairwith this Realme wes inquietit frome the birth and coronatioune of his Majeftie vnto the moneth of Nouember The 3eir of God I^m V^e lxxij 3eiris vmqhile Johnne erll of Mar lord Erfkin than regent to his hienes his Realme and liegis being laitlie deceiffit Att the ernest fuit of the Nobilitie and eftaittis than convenit The nobill and michtie lord James erll of Mortoune lord of Dalkeith being nominat and electit be thame Acceptit vpoune him the regiment of our fouerane lord his Realme and liegis Quhilk cle&ioune and nominatioune with his acceptatioune of the faid charge being dewlie ratifeit and confermit be his hienes and his eftaittis in his Maiefteis Parliament haldin at Edinburgh the xxvj day of Januar The 3eir of God foirfaid / He according thairto enterit in the adminiftratioun of the Regiment of this realme in a maift peralous tyme The Castell of Edinburgh than being stuffit and detenit aganis his hienes be his rebellis and a greit nowmer of the principallis of the Nobilitie than ftanding difobeydient to his hienes autoritie Quhilk castell being recoverit and the diffobedient fubie&is and baill eftait fchortlie pacifit be the prudent and diligent travellis of the faid erll of Mortoune regent with greit and fumptuous chairgis He hes fenfyne worthelie vfit and execute the regiment of this realme quhill that now the end of the twelft 3eir of our fouerane lordis aige approcheing His Majeftie with auife of the faidis Nobilitie and eftaittis hes thocht meit that the government of his Realme falbe frome this furth exerceit be him felf The faid lord regent having lang wisheit his Majefteis awin habilitie for the charge and craveing na thing mair erniftlie than to be difburdynnit thairof with the honoure and fuintie of

his Majesteis perfonne and eftait and the publi& peace and tranquillitie of his Realme and fubie&tis Hes frelie at his hienes defyir dimittit and randerit vnto his Majestie the power and authoritie of the faid regiment to be vfit and exerceit be him selff And his Majestie having gude pruiſ and experience of the faithfull and trew feruice done be the faid lord regent to his hienes in his tender aige alſweill befor the acceptatioune of the Regiment of the realme as fenſyne for the defence and faultie of his perfonne and authoritie chieffie in the dangerous trublis than occurring And being myndfull of the faid gude and faithfull feruice In refpe& thairof And that vtheris of the nobilitie that may happin to be employit in his hienes feruice may ferue his Majestie and his ſucceſſouris with the gretar affectione in tyme cuming Hes thairfoir with auife of the ſaidis Nobilitie and eftaittis Found declairit and decernit that the faid lord Regent hes dewlie lauchfullie juſtlic and diligenticlie exerceit his faid office of Regiment and all effairis cauſſis and chairgis thairto appertening And hes trowlie as accordit in all refpe&tis adminiſtrat the ſame fra the tyme of the accepting thairof to the dait of thir presentis And cuir during the ſame ſpace in all his proceedingis in the government of this Realme kepit ane trew aufauld and juſt part towardis oure ſouerane lord his realme and liegis in all the effairis thairof without cryme offence or falt . And thairfoir his Maieſtie with auife and counfall of the ſaidis Nobilitie and eftaittis hes declairit and decernit That the faid lord Regent his airis and ſucceſſouris ſall nocht be accuſabill of ony maner of cryme of quhatſumeur greitnes or weclit without exceptiounne that may be alledgit committit be him in tyme bipaſt Bot that he is and falbe in all tymes cuming frelie diſchairgit and exonerit of all accuſatiounne Or ony vtherwyis proceeding moving of pley or queſtiounne aganis him or his ſucceſſouris for ony caus cryme or occaſiounne of cryme quhatſumeur that may be imput to him how greit ſoeuir the ſame be And that his hienes forſaid declaratiounne be ane ſufficient exoneratiounne and acquittance to the faid lord regent his airis ſucceſſouris and aſſignayis Off all crymes questionis or offences that can or may be criminalie or ciuillie

imput to him be his Majestie for ony falt or deid done be him his ministeris and seruandis in the said administratioune in the regiment during the space and tyme thair of And the said acquittance and discharge his hienes with auise and consent of the saidis Nobilitie and estaittis hes willit and grantit to be als vailiabil and of als greit strenth force and effect in all respectis As gif the hieest cryme that can or may be Impute to ony perfoun wer specialie expresst thairin Dischairging all his hienes Judges and Ministeris of his lawis That nane of thame attempt ony thing in the contrair thair of and of thair offices in that part And als his Majestie with auise of the saidis Nobilitie and estaittis hes dischairgit quitclomit and exonerit the said lord regent his airis executouris assignayis and successouris his ministeris factouris and seruandis Off all sowmes of money cunzeit and vncunzeit All maillis fermes proffeitis rentis revenues and dewiteis baith of the propir patrimony and casualtie of the realme and dominionis and of his Majesties cunzie and proffeit thair of The thriddis of benefices with all vtheris guidis geir and thingis quhatfumeuir alsweill vnnamit as namit pertening or that mycht onywyis have pertenit to his Majestie sen the said lord Regentis intromissionne with the said office of Regiment intromettit with be him his Ministeris factouris or seruandis in his name during the said space And hes willit and grantit that the said exoneratioune and discharge be als vailiabil and of als greit strenth force and effect to exoner quitclame and discharge the said lord Regent his airis executouris assignayis and successouris of ony thing of quhatfumeuir valew greit or small that may be askit requirit or persewit be his Maiestie or his successouris aganis the said Regent his airis executouris assignais or successouris as apertening to his Maiestie be ony richt or titill during the said space of the regiment and administratioune abonewrittin lyke as the same hed bene specialie expremit in this present Discharge And like as all the gretest and maist vailiabil thingis with the quhilkis he may be chairgit had bene heirintill expremit Exceptit alwyis the Jowellis and pleniffingis of his hienes houffes cleithing artailgerie and munitioune pertening to his Majestie or his darrest moder Intromettit with and Re-

coverit be the said lord Regent quhilkis his hienes willis nocht falbe comprehendit in his said discharge Bot the said lord Regent to stand anfueraill for the same to his Majestie as he falbe requirit And further his Maieftie with auise of the saidis Nobilitie and estaitis Hes promittit in the faith and word of a prince Neur to reuoke the said discharge nor to cum in the contrair thair of in ony tyme heireftir Prouiding alwyfs that this present discharge be nocht preiudiciall to our fouerane lord and his successoris in his Maiefties reuocatione or reductione of quhatfumeuir Infestmentis gevin of his hienes propirtie during his minoritie Or of the richt of quhatfumeuir landis lordschippis offices or digniteis fallin or becum in his Maiefties handis be resloune of forfaltour recognitione bastardry or vtherwyis pertening to his hienes be priuilege of his croune . Quhilik Exoneratioune Discharge and promeis the Kingis Majestie with auise of the saidis Nobilitie and estaitis now conuenit Ordanis to be dewlie ratifeit and approvit in his hienes nixt Parliament to be haldin betuix the dait heirof and the twentie day of Julij nixtocum As alua to be ratifiit and approvit of new in his Maiefties first Parliament at his lauchfull and perfite aige And ordanis and commandis the Chancellare to append his hienes greit feill to the said exoneratioune discharge and promeis now subfcriuit with his Majesteis hand Nochtwithstanding that the same is nocht past his hienes signet and priuie feill For the quhilik this present act and ordinance Subfcriuit be the clerk of his hienes counfall falbe to the said lord Chancellare full and sufficient warrand . *Extradum de libro actorum secreti consilii S . D . N . Regis per me Joannem Andro clericum deputatum eiusdem Sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus .*

JOANNES ANDRO .

The Nobilitieis Obligatioune for Ratifeing my Lord of Mortoun discharge maid be the King in Parliament 7c .

96 BE IT KEND till all men be thir present lettres WE THE NOBILITIE Estatis and vtheris vnderfubfcriuand Vnderstanding how efter

the lang trublis and dangerous euile weir quhairwith this Realme was inquyettit frome the birthe and coronatioun of the Kingis Majestie oure fouerane lord vnto the monethe of November the zeir of God I^{oo} V^e thre-fooir tuelff zeiris vmquhile Johnne Erle of Mar Lord Erkiu then Regent to his hienes his realme and liegis being laitlie deceiffit / at the eirnist fute of the nobilitie and estatis then convenit The noble and michtie lord James Erle of Mortoun lord of Dalkeithe being nominat and electit be thame acceptit vpoun him the regiment of our fouerane lord his realme and liegis quhilk electioun and nominatioun with his acceptatioun of the said charge being dewlie ratifyit and confermit be his hienes and his estatis in his Majesties Parliament haldin at Edinburgh the xxvj day of Januar the zeir of God foirsaid / He according therto enterit in the administratioun of the regiment of this realme in a maist perillous tyme / the Castell of Edinburgh then being stuffit and detenit aganis his hienes be his rebellis and a gritt nomber of the principallis of the nobilitie then standing disfobedient to his hienes autoritie Quhilk Castell being recoverit and the disfobedient subiectis and hailt estaite schortlie pacifyit be the prudent and diligent travellis of the said Erle of Mortoun Regent with greitt and fumptuous chargis / he hes sensyne worthelie vsit and exercit the regiment of this realme / quhill that now the end of the tuelff zeir of our fouerane lordis aige approcheing / His Majestie with our avyse hes thocht meitt that the government of his realme salbe frome this furth exerreit be him selff / The said Lord Regent having lang wisheitt his Majesties awin habilitie for the charge and craving na thing mair eirnistlie then to be disburdeynit therof with the honor and fuirtie of his Majesties persoun and estate and the publi& peax and tranquillitie of his realme and subiectis Hes frelie at his hienes desyir dimittit and randerit vnto his Majestie the power and autoritie of the said regiment To be vsit and exercit be him selff And his Majestie having guid pruiiff and experience of the faithfull and trew seruice done be the said lord Regent to his hienes in his tender aige alswell befor the acceptatioun of the regiment of the realme as sensyne for the defens and faulfftie of his

persoun and authoritie cheiffie in the dangerous trublis than occurring and being myndfull of the said guid and faithfull service . In respect therof and that vtheris of the nobilitie that may happin to be employed in his hienes service may serue his Majestie and his successeuris with the gretar affectioun in tyme cumming Hes therfoir with our aduyse found declarit and decernit That the said lord Regent hes dewtifullie lauchfullie iustlie and diligentlie exercit his said office of regiment and all affairis cauffis and chargis therto appertening And hes trewlie as accordit in all respectis administrat the same fra the tyme of the accepting therof to the daitt of thir presentis and euir during the same space in all his proceedingis in the government of this realme kepit ane trew afauld and just pairte towarde our souerane lord his realme and liegis in all the affaires therof without cryme offence or fault And therfoir His Majestie with our aduyse and counsaile hes declarit and decernit That the said lord Regent his airis and successeuris fall nocht be accusable of ony maner of cryme of quhatfumeuir greitnes or wecht without exceptioun that may be alledgit committit be him in tyme bypast Bot that he is and falbe in all tyme cumming felie dischargit and exonerit of all aecusatioun or ony vtherwis proceeding moving of pley or questioun aganis him or his successeurs for ony caus cryme or occasioun of cryme quhatfumeuir that may be imput to him how gritt so euir the same be And that his hienes foirsaid declaratioun be ane sufficient exoneratioun and acquittance to the said lord Regent his airis successeuris and aff'gnayis of all crymes questionis or offenffis that can or may be criminallie or ciuillie imputt to him be his Majestie for ony fact or deid done be him his Mini eris and seruandis in the said administratioun of the regiment during the tyme and space therof And the said acquittance and discharge His Hienes with our aduyse and consent hes willit and grauntit to be als valable and of als greitt strengthe force and effect in all respectis As gif the hieast cryme that can or may be imputt to ony persone wer speciallie expreffit therein Discharging all his hienes Judgis and Ministeris of his Lawis That nane of thame attempt ony thing in the contrare therof and of ther offices in

that part And als his Majestie with our aduyse hes dischargit quyteclamat and exonerit the said lord Regent his airis executouris assignayis and successeuris his Ministeris factouris and seruandis of all fowmes of money cunzeit and vncunzeit all maillis fermis proffittis rentis revennewis and dewties bayth of the propir patrimonye and casualtie of the realme and dominiones and of his Majesties cunze and proffitt therof / The thirdis of benefices with all vtheris guiddis geir and thingis quhatfumeuir alfweill vunamit as namit pertenyng or that ony wyis mycht haif pertenit to his Majestie sen the said lord Regentis intromissiou with the said office of regiment Intromettit with be him his Ministeris factouris or seruandis in his name during the said space And hes willit and grantit that the said exoneratioun and discharge be als valable and of als greitt strenthe force and effect to exoner quyteclame and discharge the said Lord Regent his airis executouris assignayis or successeuris of ony thing of quhatfumeuir valiew grite or small that may be askit requyrit or persewit be his Majestie or his successeuris aganis the said Regent his airis executouris assignayis or successeuris as appertening to his Majestie be ony rycht or titill / during the said space of the regiment and administratioune abone-writtin lyik as the samyn had bene speciallie expreffit in this present discharge . And lyik as all the greittast and maist valable thingis with the quhilkis he may be chargit had bene heirintill expremit Except alwayis the Jowellis and pleniffing of his hienes houffis and clething pertening to his Majestie or derrest mother intromettit with and recoverit be the said Lord Regent Quhilkis his hienes willis not salbe comprehendit in his said discharge Bot the said Lord Regent to stand anfuerable for the same to his Majestie as he salbe requirit HEIRFOIR We be thir presentis Bindis and obliffis ws our airis executouris assignayis and successeuris conjunctlie To the said Erle of Mortoun now Regent his airis executouris and assignayis That we fall move and persuade oure said fouerane lord nocht onlye to caus his said exoneratioun discharge and promeis and euery poynt therof to be ratifyit and appreuit be his hienes and his estatis in his nixt Parliament To be haldin betuix the date heirof and the

day of nixtocum Bot als to be ratifyit and apprevit [of
new in his] hienes first Parliament at his lauchtfull and perfyit aige
And als dewlie to fulfill To the said Erle now Regent his airis [execu-
touris assign]ayis and successouris all and findrie the premissis and
euery poynt and article therof as is abonespecifyit vnder the pane of
. thousand pundis money of this realme PROUYDING
always That this present Discharge be not preiudiciall to our souerane
Lord and his successouris in his reuocatioun or reducioun of quhatsum-
euir Infeftmentis gevin of his hienes propertie during his minoritie or
of the Rycht of quhatsumeuir landis lordschippis offices or dignities
fallin or becum in his handis be resoun of forfaitor recognitioun bastardrye
or vtherwyis pertening to his Majestie [be] priveledge of his
crowne And for obseruing and fulfilling of the premissis We ar content
That this our obligatioun be insert in the buikis of our souerane Lordis
Counsale and Parliament To haif the stenthe of ane act and decreitt
therof respectiue with the autoritie of the saidis Lordis of counsale and
Parliament respectiue to be interponit therto with executoriallis to be
given thervpoune To poynd and distrenze ws our airis executouris assign-
ayis and successouris for payment of the said fowme and lettres in the
four formes to denunce ws or thame our souerane Lordis rebellis incais
of failze in the premissis And to that effect hes maid constitute and or-
dauit and be the tennor heirof makis constitutis and ordanis Maisteris
Dauid McGill Johnne Schairpe Thomas Craig Alexander Sym Clement
Lytil Richart Strang and ilkane of thame coniunctlie and feuerallie our
lauchfull vndowtit procuraturis Gevand grantand and committand to
thame and ilkane of thame our verray full and plane power expres bid-
ding mandiment and charge for ws and in our names To compeir befor
the saidis Lordis of Counsale and Parliament respectiue at any tyme or
place convenient and ther present therto our present obligatioun and con-
sent and caus the samyn be regiftrat in the saidis buikis of counsale and
Parliament respectiue to haif the stenthe and effect of ane act and de-
creitt therof with executoriallis to pas thervpoune as is abone specifyit

IN WITNES of the quhilk thing We haif subfcryuit thir presentis with our handis AT our castell of Striueling the Twelft day of merche The 3eir of God I^m V^c threfcoir fevintene 3eiris .

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| ANGUSS . | CATHENES . |
| E. ERGYLL . | GLENCARN . |
| JHON L. GLAMMISS . | RUTHVEN . |
| MAR . | JHON L. MAXWELL . |
| ERROLL . | PATRIK L. LYNSAY . |
| ATHOLL . | PATRIK Master of Gray . |
| MONTOIS . | J. L. OGILVY . |
| DAUID ERLE OF CRAUFURD . | HEW LORD SOMERWELL . |
| ROBERT Byschope off Cathnes . | J. DUNKELD . |
| ERLL OF MENTHT . | ROBERT Master of Setoun . |
| AD. ORCHADEN . | INCHEFFRAY . |
| MORAUEN . | S ^r JAMES HOUME . |
| R. DUNFERMLING . | ALEXANDER HOME . |
| NEWBOTIL . | BARGANY . |
| WILLIAME L. BORTHIK . | JHONE STEWART of Tracquair . |
| J. CONSTABLE of Dundee . | J. SEYTOUN of Tulibodye . |
| DEIR . | LORD INNERMEITH . |
| ALEXANDER B. of Brechin . | CAMBUSKYNNEETH . |
| CATHCART . | ALEXANDER Commendatar of Coldyngham . |
| JAMES STEUART . | DRYBRUCH . |
| ALEX ^r . Maister of Mar . | DRUMQUHASSILL . |
| TULIBARDIN Comptrollare . | RO. COLUILL of Cleifche . |
| WILLIAME DOUGLAS of Lochleuin . | |
| VILLIAM | |
| ANDRO KER of Faudonfyd . | |

The Earl of Morton to the Lord Chancellor .

97 My Lord and coufing / I reffaut a copie of a lettre from your fervand this Sunday at efter none / quhilk lettre wes fend to your L . from the Kingis Majestie / vpoun informatioun as appeares / that I fuld be fortefeing and victualling the Castell of Edinburgh / and that I fuld haue haldin the Irnes of the cunzehous occupeit / and that thair wes giftes and dispositiones paffing the feillis vpoun my recent fubfcriptione / and that I fuld retene forces and wes gadding ma .

For answer / fen my conference had with your L . nother haue I gevin occafion Nor git was I of mynd to mak ony novatioune other be victualling or fortefeing the Castell Nor git to mak the Irnes of the cunzehous to be occupeit Nor hes fubferiuit nor paff ony gift or difpofitioun be my fubfcription And the forces quhilk I had ar brokin and nane taken vp Thairfore quhafaeuir hes bene the reporters hes done it vpoun malice and that vntrewly ffor as trew as God levis I nother gaif nor myndit to gif ony sic occafion Bot be the contrar / I am determinat to keip everie word fpokin to your L . and the rest of my lordes being in Commiffioun with you till the fame be fulfillit on my part Other maters taking effect according to oure commoning / This far haue I thocht gude to affure your L . of my meanyng / And prayis gow maift hertlie to mak the fame knawin to the King my maifter and famony of the noblemen thair as ge think gude / Farther I defire to vnderftand howfar your L . hes procedit in conclufioun of the articles gevin be me vnto you / I traift thay being red and weill confiderit / thair falbe nathing found on my part bot guid faith and feruice vnto the Kingis hienes my maifter And thairfore loukis to reffau his hienes fauoure and guidwill to continew towardes me . I am maift defirous to be certefeit at lenth from your L . or Alexander Hay be your aduife of the eftate of the maters present quhairby I may be the mair able to performe thingis promifit on my part And loukis that ge will fee maters to be vprichtlie handillit on the vther fyde / quhairthrow

Adm. Bilb.

all Jelofy and fufpicioun may be takin away and the mowthis of fic to be stoppit as ar bot Inventares of lies / Sa louking for the returne of your anfwer be this berar / I commit your L . to the protectioun of God . AT Dalkeith the xvj day of Marche 1577 .

Your L . affured freind

MORTOUN .

Many of thir maters quhairwith I am chargit / I doubt not bot your L . hes lettin the trewth thair of be vnderstand or now and my trew meaning in all thingis .

To my lord and Coufing

My Lord Chancellair .

The Earl of Mortoun to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 98 Coufing Lochlevin eftir my herty commendatioun I reffaut your writing fchawing that my lord of Angus had steikkin vp the writing that I fend to the Chancellair / and red the fame to the Kingis Majestie and his counfale . quha tuke weill with the fame / At the Chancellair / the Lord Ruthven and Hereis being laft heir / We appointit be commoning for the deliury of the Castell / gif the counfale thair fand the fame gude / The articles I fubferiuit with my hand and deliuerit thame to the Commiffioners / bot as zit hes reffaut na anfwer / And therefore I pray you to affist my lord of Angus to crave ane anfwer vnto me / ffor feing it is the Kingis Majesties pleature to haue his houfe / I am maift willing to deliuer it / and cravis nathing bot a fufficient difcharge of the Kingis Majestie and counfall for my warrand for deliuerie of the faid Castell with the Jowellis movables and mvnitioun being thairin and that vpoun Inuentary with a little tyme to transport our awin geir that is within the fame / I trust all gude men fall find this reffonable And for my part fall performe the fame / I mynd to tak na vther cours / bot to ferue the King trewly / as

I have done from his birth / It is brutit that thay mynd to fend and charge
the Castell to be deliuerit vnder the pane of tressoun / gif this beis done
then it is my wrak that is socht and a great hurt to the King / gif his
Jowellis moveables and mvnitioun fuld be deliuerit without Inuentarie /
gif this be in heid to proceid thus / I pray ȝow laboure at ȝour vttermaift
power at all the Lordes handes to stop it / And trewlie I think na gude-
man will aggre vnto it / feing how reffonable I haue offerit my self to
satisfie the Kingis pleafure vtherwyfe / I will desire ȝow maift erniftlie to
joyne with my lord of Angus and sic vtheris our freindis as ȝe think meit
to help to put this mater of the Castell to a poynt / For I wald be at that
poynt my self to haue nathing ado now / bot to leif quietlie to ferue my
God and the King my maister / This desire and requeift I doubt not / the
Kingis Maieftie and all gude men fall think reffonable .

I trust ȝe haue hard thair wes fum flauchter betuix fum of the Castell
and thame of the toun / quhilk is baith lamentit be the toun and ws / It
come foolifhelie on / Thair mon be a reſpeit grantit to the Capitane and
the Conftable with the reft of thair cumpany for a certane ſpace of ȝeris
now quhen the Castell beis deliuerit / quhairthrow thair lyffis be not in
danger / This ȝe mon travell to obtene and gett with my lord of Angus /
for we fall ſatisfie the freindes of the ſlayne men / and that be the ſicht
of the toun / Farther of my mynd ȝe will vnderftand be the berar Andro
Coninghame To quhom it will pleis ȝow to gif credite / Praying ȝow to
returne ȝoure mynd and anfuer vnto me with him . And ſwa I commit
ȝow to God AT Dalkeith the xixth of Marche 1577 .

Ȝour affured freind and couſing .

MORTOUN .

To my richt traift freind and couſing
The Lard of Lochlevin .

The Earl of Mortoun to the Earl of Angus .

99 My Lord and sone after my herty commendatioune . This trouble that fell betuix the castell and toun of Edinburgh is knawin now to haue procedit without ony malice on ayther fyde / bot be sum zoung dealing of thame of the toun that keptit the West Port / Twa honest men of the toun wes heir with me directit fra the rest / quha declares that we had na malice at thame nor zit they at ws And thairfore lamentis the vnhappynes of the deid as we do / And promisit to me that they wald fend twa to the King to declare the fame to his Majestie and the Counsale thair Swa that na gude purpos betuix the Kingis hienes and me suld stay for that cause / And I vnderstand that Mr Michaell Chesholme and Johnne Johnstoun brother to the Laird of Elphinstoun is directit west to the same effect / I will desire zow to tak the paines and learne quhat they haue done and how the samyn wes taken and aduertise me agane the maner thair of .

The last tyme my Lord Chancellair / Ruthven and Hereis wer heir / we wer in commoning vpoun instructiounes they brocht from the Kingis Majestie and counsale / and in a maner aggreit concerning the deliuey of the Castell / for I wes content to deliuer the Castell to the Kingis Majestie or quhom he suld appoint to ressaue the same / his hienes and his counsale gevand vnto me a sufficient discharge of the Jowellis movables and mvnitioun being within the said Castell for my warrand / Certane articles vpoun this mater I haue returnit with thame subferiuit with my hand / quhairvnto I traist my lord Thesaurar will mak zow previe / quhairby ze may the better vnderstand that mater / I am reddy to fulfill on my part all thingis promisit to his hienes Seing he is desirous to haue the Castell I am content to caus deliuer the same / The Jowellis movables and mvnitioun thairin being takin of my hand be Inventory / and a discharge deliuerit to me of the same / with a little tyme to transport the guidis pertening to our selfis being thairin / ze fall crave this mater ernistlie to be put to a poynt / And tak Lochlevin and sic vther freindis

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M^{rs} Montagu

John
Maid

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Rutten

Thomas Horn of London
Fisher and
Comptroller

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with ȝow as ȝe think gude to the same effect / The brute is heir / that
 thay mynd to gar charge the Castell to be deliuerit vnder the pane of
 trefoun / gif that falbe done / the King will reffane great hurt thair-
 throw / for gif I fuld deliuer the Castell vpoun a charge / the guidis
 thairin not being Inuentareit / It wer na doubt his Majesties great apper-
 and hurt / and altogethir my wrak / for vther men mycht at their pleafur
 poffes and vse his Jowellis and vther thingis / quhilk I haue with great
 labouris recoverit / and to this tyme weill kepit / I pray ȝow fpair na
 travell to stop this at ȝour vttermaist pouer / ffor nother reffoun law nor
 confcience can aggre with this order .

I am forie of the Chancellares vnhappy chance / quhilk na doubt is to
 my greit greif / We mon thank God quhatfumeuir it pleafis him to fend /
 And now fen God hes visitit him / ȝe mon tak the mair panes and await
 the harder vpoun thir maters of myne And leif ȝour paftyme till ȝe haue
 thame put to a poynt / gif the Kingis Majesties pleafur be that ȝe fall
 remane with him / tarie falang as is his pleafur / Marie in the meyntyme
 I pray ȝow fe that ȝour freindis tak na hurt Otherwyfe ȝour courting
 feruis to litle purpois / ȝe mon gett a refpett to my brother the Capitane
 the Constable and the rest that wer with thame for this lait vnhappy
 flauchter in Edinburgh / for it wilbe verie hard to thame to deliuer the
 Castell / not having a refpett / The flauchter being fa recent / I pray ȝow
 to aduife vpoun thir maters wyfelie with ȝour wyfe freindes and put
 thame to a poynt / Lett me be aduertift fra ȝow of the estate of all maters
 as thay stand / with ȝour opinioun and the freindis thair quhat ȝe think
 best to be done / And fa I commit ȝow to God AT Dalkeith the xix day
 of Marche 1577 .

ȝour affured

MORTOUN .

To my lord and sonne
 The erll of Angus .

Agreement between James Earl of Mortoun and the Earl of Rothes and Lords Ruthven and Hereis .

100 Concerning the deliverance of the Castell of Edinburgh Jowellis Artailgearie munitioun and movablis pertening to our fouerane Lord and his derrest moder and of the Discharge to be gevin therof to James erle of Mortoun lait Regent IT is aggreit betuix his Lordschip on that ane part And the nobill and mychtie Lordis Andro Erle of Rothes Lord Leslie &c. Williame Lord Ruthven thesaurer to our fouerane lord and Johne Lord Herreis his hienes commiffioneris in his Majesteis name vpone that vther part That the securitie of the said Erle of Mortonis discharge being finischit and perfytit as the samyn is now corre&tit and deliuerit to the saidis commiffioneris The said Erle of Mortoun salbe redde by him self or vtheris qualifeit personis quhom he fall appoynt to concur with our fouerane lordis commiffioneris that salbe vpone the vther part appoyntit for making of the Inventar of the gudis movable and munitioun to be deliuerit And to begin the xxv day of marche instant at houris befor none And continew in all deligence with convenient speid till the samyn be perfytit And the said Castell with all the movablis and vtheris to be contenit in the said Inventar To be deliuerit to the commiffioneris to be depute to that effe&t within xlvij houris nixt efter the said Inventar be perfytit Providing that at the deliuerance therof the securitie of the said Erle of Mortoun dischairge as the samyn is devisit als weill be the Kingis Majestie as be Nobilitie and estaitis be deliuerit vnto him Subscryvit be the said Erle of Mortoun and the Commiffioneris foirsaidis AT Dalkeyth the xx day of marche The ȝeir of God I^{ow} V^c thrie scoir sevintene ȝeiris .

MORTOUN .

ROTHES .

RUTHVEN .

L. HERYS .

The Earl of Mortoun to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 101 **T**raift freind efter my herty commendatioun I have fend this berar Johnne Douglas my fervand to confer with ȝow upoun sic materis as I have committit to him in credite Be reffoun of quhais fufficiency I will not trouble ȝow with a lang letter Bot desiris ȝow to returne me anwer be him of the maters that he hes to confer upoun with ȝow And swa I commit ȝow to God AT Dalkeith the xxj day of Marche 1577 .

Ȝoure assured freind

MORTOUN .

To my traift freind and coufing
The Lard of Lochleven .

Litera Exemptionis Jacobi comitis de Mortoun domini de Dalkeith .

- 102 **J**AMES be the grace of God King of Scottis To all and findrie oure Judges and Ministeris of oure lawis and all utheris oure liegis and subdittis quhome it efferis quhais knowlege thir oure letters falcum greting Forfamekill as oure richt traift coufing and counfalour James erll of Mortoun lord of Dalkeith lait Regent to ws oure realme and liegis hes trewlie worthellie and dewtifullie adminiftrat the said Regiment ꝛcꝛ ꝛcꝛ And be his earnest cair gud travell takin thairin As als be reffoun of his greit aige being now past threfoir ane ȝeiris ꝛcꝛ Thairfoir Exemis oure said richt traift coufing and counfalour in his awin proper perfoun allanerlie fra all assembleis conventionis oiftis raidis or armeis appointit to be convenit in ony tyme heireftir during the fpace of thir oure letters ꝛcꝛ **ATTOUR** We for the guid trew and thankfull fervice done to ws be oure said traift coufing and counfalour ꝛcꝛ be thir our letters reffavis him his landis ꝛcꝛ in oure speciall falgaird maintenance and defence ꝛcꝛ Gevin

under oure previe feill AT Striuling Castell the twentie four day of Merche The ȝeir of God I^m V^e threfcoir fevintene ȝeiris And of oure Regne the ellevint ȝeir .

Per Signaturam Manu S . D . N . Regis subscriptam .

And anent the Ele&tion of the Kingis Secret Council .

AT the Castell of Striueling the xxiiij day of Marche The yeir of God I^m V^e lxvij yeris .

103 **F**or famekle as oure Souerane Lord having acceptit the government of his hienes realme in his awin perfoun vpoun the voluntary dimiffioun of James erll of Mortoun lord of Dalkeith late Regent to his hienes his realme and liegis His Majestie be aduife of his nobilitie and estaites hes now thocht gude To elect and cheis sex of the temporall and thre of the spirituell estait / to be ordinares of his hienes secrete counsale To remane togidder for furthsetting of his Majesties auctoritie and administratioune of Justice / quhill the nixt Parliament appointit to be haldin the tent day of Julij nixtocum Thay ar to fay

Colene erll of Ergile lord Campbell and Lorne

Johne erll of Athole lord of Balvany

Johne erll of Montrois lord Grahame

George erll of Caithnes

Patrik lord Lyndfay of the Byres

Johne lord Hereis

Alexander Erskin of Gogar

In absence of William maister of Marschall The commendater of
Deir his brother

Robert bischop of Caithnes

Mark commendater of Newbottle

Togidder with William lord Ruthven his Majesties thesaurar Robert commendater of Dunfermling secretar Maister George Buchannan kepar

of the previe feill Sir William Murray of Tullybardin knycht comptrollar and Maifter James Makgill of Rankeloure nedder clerk of register .

The perfonis vnderwrittin to be vpoun the counfale quhen they ar present or quhen our fouerane lord fendis for thame .

Archibald erll of Angus lord Douglas and Abirnethy

Johnne erll of Mar lord Erskin

Andro erll of Rothes

Hew erll of Eglintoun

Andro erll of Erroll

William erll of Glencarne

William erll of Menteith

Johnne lord Maxwell

James lord Ogilvie

Patrik lord Gray and in his abfence Maifter of Gray his fone

James lord Innermeith

Adam bifchop of Orknay

Dauid commendater of Dryburgh

Adam commendater of Cambufkynmeth

And becaus oure fouerane Lord may oftymes be circumvenit and difflait in fubfcriuing in diuers fignatouris of infeftuents donationes giftes condu&is and remiffiones / and ficlik vther lettres tueching his Majeftie in his cafualitie or propertie IT is thairfore concludit decernit and ordanit be his hienes with auife of the faidis nobilitie and eftaites That na fic giftes fignatouris and remiffiones refpettis condu&is or vtheris lettres fall pas in tyme cuming without the aduife and confent of the faides Lordes of fecrete counfale And that all fic lettres and fignatouris be firft fubfcriuit be famony of the faid ordinar counfale as falbe present for the tyme to the nowmer of fex perfonis at the feweft fittand togidder in counfale The Chancellair alwayes being ane And gif ony fic lettres falhappin to pas without thair confentis and fubfcriptiones in maner foirfaid The famin to be of nane avale force nor effe& thairefter And ordanis and commandis the kepar of the great feill previe feill and fignet That nane of thame

anfuer nor pas the faides seillis nor fignet to ony lettres bot sic as falbe fubferiuit in maner foirfaid As thay will anfwer vpon thair office / And this order to indure quhill the faid Parliament appointit the faid tent day of Julij nixt .

The Nobilitis Obligatioune to the Erll of Mortoune anent the Randering of Edinburgh Caftell .

104 **BE IT KEND** till all men be thir prefent lettres **WE** the Nobilitie eftaittis and vtheris underfubferiuaud fforfamekill as vpon the voluntary dimiffioun of James erll of Mortoun lord of Dalkeyth lait regent to our fouerane lord his realme and liegis Of the power and autoritie of the regiment of this realme To be vfit and exerceit be his Majefteis felf in tyme cuming His hienes with auife of his nobilitie and eftaittis hes exonerit quitclomit and difchargeit him Of his office and adminiftratioun of the regiment of this realme fen his acceptatioun therof And of all fowmes of money cunzeit and vncunzeit All males fermis proffettis rentis revenues dewiteis bayth of the propir patrimony and cafualtie of this realme and dominionis And of his Majefteis cunze and proffeit thair of The thridis of benefices and all vtheris gudis geir and thingis quhatfumeuir alfweill vnemmyt as nemmyt pertening or that ony wayis mycht haif pertenit to his hienes fen the faid erllis intromiffioun with the faid office of regiment Intromettitwith be him his minifteris factouris or feruitouris in his name during the faid fpace Except alwayis his Majefties Jowellis and plenifingis of his hienes houffis and clething artaillerie and mvnitioun pertening to his hienes or his deareft moder intromettitwith and recoverit be the faid erll / quhilkis his Majeftie declarit fould not be comprehendit in the faid difcharge Bot he to ftand anfuerabill to his hienes for the fame as he fould be requirit as in his Majefteis exoneratioun and difcharge at mair lenth is contenit And now the faid erll having at command and requiffitioun of his hienes realie and with effe& deliuerit to his Majeftie

and Williame Lord Ruthuen his hienes thefaurare and Patrik Lord Lindesay of the Byris Conjun&lie his hienes commiffionaris in his name havand power to that effect his Castell of Edinburgh with all Jowellis pleniffingis of his hienes houfes and clething artaillerie and mvnitioun pertening to his Majeftie or his deareft moder contenit in ane Inuenture maid betuix the faid erll on the ane part and his hienes commiffionaris foirfaidis fpecialie constitute to this effect on the vther part fubfcriuit with thair handis and interchangeably deliuerit The ane to the faid erll To be kept be him for his securitie and the vther to his Majefties clerk of register to be kept in his hienes register to his behuif Thairfoir his Majeftie with our auife hes exonerit quitclomit and difchargeit the faid erll his airis executouris fuceffouris and assignayis Of the faid Castell of Edinburgh All and findry the faidis Jowellis pleniffingis of his Majefties houffis and clething artaillerie and mvnitioun alfeweill pertening to his hienes as his faid deareft moder intromettitwith and recoverit be the faid erll contenit in the faid Inuenture And hes grantit and declarit the effect of the faid exceptioun contenit in the faid exoneratioun and difcharge fulfillit fatiffit and performit be the faid erll Of famekill as is contenit in the faid Inuenture And that his hienes exoneratioun and difcharge foirfaid falbe als valiable and fufficient in all refpectis as gif the faid haill Inuenture and euery pece and parcell therin contenit wer in the fame difcharge expreflie mentionat Promitting in the fayth and word of a prince be our auife neur to revoke the faid difcharge nor to cum in the contrair thairof in ony tyme heireftir And forder with auife of his eftaittis nobilitie and counfale his Majeftie hes bund and obleift him felf and his fuceffouris To freith relief and keip fkyythles the faid erll of Mortoun his airis executouris and fuceffouris Of all and quhatfumeuir contenit in the faid exoneratioun and difcharge at the handis of quhatfumeuir perfoun or perfonis havand or that fall pretend rycht clame or intereffe thairto HEIRFOIR We be thir presentis bindis and obleiffis ws our airis executouris assignayis and fuceffouris conjun&lie To the faid erll of Mortoun his airis executouris and assignayis That we fall move and per-

fwade our said fouerane lord Not onelie to caus his said exoneratioun
 difcharge and promeis and euery point therof to be ratifiit and approvit
 be his hienes and his estaittis in his nixt Parliament to be haldin betuix
 the dait heirof and the Twenty day of Julij nixtocum Bot als to be
 ratifiit and approvit of new in his hienes first Parliament at his hienes
 lauchfull and perfyte aige And als dewlie to fulfill to the said erll his
 airis executouris assignayis and successeuris all and findry the premiffis
 and euery point and article thairof as is abone specifit vnder the payne
 of fyve hundreth thowfand pundis money of this realme And farther be
 the tennour heirof We bind and obleis ws and our airis executouris and
 successeuris To freith releif and keip skaythles the said erll of Mortoun
 his airis executouris and successeuris Of all and quhatfumeuir contenit
 in the said exoneratioun and difcharge of the said Castell Jowellis plenif-
 fingis clething artaillerie and mvnítioun contenit in the said Inuenture
 at the handis of quhatfumeuir persoun or personis havand or that fall
 pretend richt clame or intereffe thairto And for obseruing and fulfilling
 of the premiffis We ar content that this our obligatioun be infert in the
 bukis of our fouerane lordis counsale and Parliament To haif the strenth
 of ane act and decreit thairof respectiue With the autoritie of the saidis
 lordis of counsale and Parliament respectiue to be interponit therto With
 executoriallis to be gevin thairupoun To poind and distrenze ws our airis
 executouris assignayis and successeuris for payment of the said sówne
 And lettres in the four formes To Denunce ws or thame oure fouerane
 lordis rebellis in cais of failze in the premiffis And to that effect hes maid
 constitute and ordanit And be the tennour heirof makis constitutis and
 ordanis Maisteris Dauid Makgill Johnne Scharp Thomas Craig Alex-
 ander Sym Clement Littill Richard Strang And ilkane of thame con-
 junctlie and feueralie Oure lauchfull vndoutit procuratouris Gevand
 grantand and committand to thame and ilkane of thame Oure verie full
 and plane power expres bidding mandment and charge for ws and in
 oure names To compeir befor the saidis lordis of counsale and Parlia-
 ment respectiue at any tyme or place convenient And thair present

thairto this our present obligatioune And consent and caus the same be
 regiftrat in the saidis bukis of counfall and Parliament respectiue To haif
 the strenth of ane act and decreit thairof With executoriallis to pas thair-
 upoun as is abone specifit IN WITNES of the quhilk thing We haue sub-
 feriuit thir presentis with our handis At Striueling the last day of Marche
 The zeir of God ane thousand fyve hundrith thre feoir aughtene zeris .

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| ROBERT Byfchope of Cathnes . | E. ERGYLL . |
| AD . ORCHADEN . | ATHOLL . |
| MORAUEN . | MONTOIS . |
| BRECHIN . | GLENCARN . |
| NEWBOTIL . | EGLYNTON . |
| R . DUNFERMLING . | CATHENES . |
| J . DUNKELD . | RUTHVEN . |
| JAMES STEUART . | JHON L . MAXWELL . |
| L . HERYS . | THOMAS LYOUN of Baldukey . |
| PATRIK mestr of Gray . | TULIBARDIN Comptrollar . |
| DRUMQUHASSILL . | LOCHINWER . |
| | JAMES HALYBURTOUN . |

The Kingis Discharge gevin to the Erl of Mortoun vpoun the Resfait of
 Edinburgh Castell .

105 JAMES be the grace of God King of Scottis TO all and findrie quhais
 knowlege thiroure lettres fall to cum greting fforfamekle as vpoun the
 voluntary dimiffioun ofoure richt traitt coufing James erle of Mortoun
 Lord of Dalkeith lait regent to wsoure realme and liegis / of the pouer
 and authoritie of the regiment ofoure realme To be vsit and exerceit be
 oure self in tyme cuming We with auife ofoure nobilitie and estaittis hes
 exonourit quiteclomit and dischargeit him of his office and administra-
 tioun ofoure realme sen his acceptatioun thairof And of all fowmes of
 money cunzeit and vncunzeit All males fermes proffettis rentis revenues

dewiteis baith of the proper patrimonye and casualtie of our realme and dominionis and of oure cunze and proffeit thair of The thriddis of benefices and all vtheris guidis geir and thingis quhatfumeuir Alswell vnemmit as nemmit pertening or that ony wyis nicht haue pertenit to ws seu his intromiffioun with the said office of regiment intromettitwith be oure said coufing his ministeris factouris or feruitouris in his name during the said space Exceptit alwayis oure Jowellis and plenniffingis of oure houffis and clething artaillerie and mvnítioun pertening to ws or oure dearest moder intromettitwith and recouerit be oure said coufing quhilkis We declarit fould not be comprehendit in oure said Discharge Bot he to stand answerable to ws for the same as he fould be requirit As in our said exoneratioun and discharge at mair lenth is contenit And now oure said coufing and regent having at oure command and requisitioun reallie and with effect deliuerit to ws and oure traift coufingis and counsalouris Williame Lord Ruthven oure thesaurar and Patrik Lord Lyndesay of the Byris oure commissiouneris in oure Name havand oure pouer to that effect oure Castell of Edinburgh with oure Jowellis plenniffingis of oure houffis and clething artaillerie and mvnítioun pertening to ws or oure dearest moder contenit in ane Inventar maid betuix oure said coufing and late regent on the ane part and oure saidis commissiouneris specialie constitute to this effect on the vther part subscriuit with thair handis and interchangeable deliuerit The ane to oure said coufing and lait regent to be kept be him for his securitie And the vther to oure clerk of registre to be kept in oure registre to oure behuif THAIRFORE with auise of oure said nobilitie and estaittis present To haue exonerit quiteclomit and dischargeit And be the tennoure heirof exonouris quiteclames and dischargeis oure said coufing and lait regent his airis executouris and successoris and assignais Off oure said Castell of Edinburgh all and findrie oure Jowellis plenniffingis of our houffis and clething artaillerie and mvnítioun alswell pertening to ws as oure said dearest moder intromettitwith and recouerit be oure said coufing contenit in the said Inuentar And grantis and declaris the effect of the said exceptioun

contenit in the said exoneratioun and discharge fulfillit satisfeit and
 performit be oure said couping and lait regent of our saidis Jowellis
 plenniffingis clething artaillerie and mvnition contenit in the said
 Inuentar And that this oure exoneratioun and discharge falbe als valiable
 and sufficient in all respects as gif the said Inuentar and euerie pece and
 percell thairin contenit war heirin expresse mentionat And furder We
 with auise of oure nobilitie and counsaile be the teunoure heirof bindis
 and oblißis ws and oure successeouris To freith releif and keip skaithles
 the said erle of Mortoun his airis executouris and successeouris Off all and
 quhatsumeuer contenit in the said exoneratioun and discharge of oure
 said Castell Jowellis plenniffingis clething artaillerie and mvnition
 contenit in the said Inuentar At the handis of quhatsumeuer perfoun or
 personis havand or that fall pretend richt clame or entereße thairto Pro-
 mitting in the faith and word of ane prince with auise of oure said
 nobilitie and estaittis neuer to revoke this oure discharge and obligatioun
 nor to cum in the contrair thairof in ony tyme heirefter Quhilk Discharge
 We promeis alswa not only to caus be dewlie ratifeit and appreit be
 oure estaittis in oure nixt Parliament to be haldin betuix the dait heirof
 and the twentie day of Julij nixtocum Bot als fall caus it be ratifeit
 and appreit be our estaittis in oure first Parliament of new at oure lauch-
 full and perfite aige IN WITNES quhairto thir oure lettres subscriuit
 with oure hand with auise of oure said nobilitie and estaittis now con-
 venit We ordane oure Chancellor to append oure greit seill heirvnto
 Willing this present subscriuit with oure hand to be a sufficient war-
 rand to him Notwithstanding the same is not past oure signet and
 privie seill At oure Castell of Striueling the last day of Marche The
 3^{er} of God I^m V^e threfoir auchtene 3^{er}is And of oure Regne the
 ellevint 3^{er} .

JAMES R .

The King to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 106 Richt traift freynd We greit zow weill Having vnderftand the troublit eftate of our bordouris Tending alfweill to the danger of the publi& peax with England as to the herfchip and oppreffioune of diuers cuntreis latlie weill pleniffit be our gude fubie&is And finding the inobedience and infolence of the thevis and diforderit perfonis fic as it behuvis in this feafone of the zeir to be fuppreffit be force we haue appointit the power of oure gude fubie&is inhabiting the Inner partis of our realme to repair towardis our bordouris agane the ferd day of November nixt to cum Defiring zow effectuaufly thairfoir that ze fubftanciouflic accompanyit with zour kin freindis feruandis and hail force ze may mak will addres zow to be at Jedburgh vpoun the faid ferd day of November nixt to cum prouidit for tuentie dayis To attend vpoun our feruice at the dire&ione of our Lieutenant that falbe fend thither according to our proclamationis to be maid to that effect As ze luff the quietnes and common weill of this zour native cuntrie and will do ws acceptable feruice Thus We commit zow to God AT oure Caftell of Struiling the xv day off October 1578 .

JAMES R .

To oure Rycht traift freind
the Lard of Lochleven .

The Earl of Morton to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 107 Coufing eftir our hartlie commendatioun / We haue intentit a&tioun of Removing befor the Lordis of Seffioun aganis the Lady Lugtoun and the Laird hir fone to remove fra the manfioun orchegaird zairdis and aikeris of Lugtoun refervit in the tak quhilk thai haue eftir the redemptioun / And for ftaying our proces the Laird of Lugtoun hes productit ane auld

tak fett be Robert Dowglas of Lochlevin to Sir Patrick Creichtoun of Cranftounriddell and Katharine Turing his fpous ther airis and affignais of the faid manfioun and orchezaird with the pertinentis ffor all the fpace that the remanent landis of Lugtoun fuld be unredemit be vertew of the reverfioun grantit therupoun of befoir And for xix yeiris efter the redemptioun alfwa for the quhilk thai ar oblift in the tak to uphold the faid manfioun houffis and zardis and mak reparatioun theron on ther awin expenffis / qubilk tak is of the dait the laft of November 1515 zeris Heirintill it is advifit be our men of law that at the geving of the infeftment of the landis of Lugtoun be the Laird of Lochlevin zour fader to Patrick Creichtoun of Lugtoun that laft deceiffit quhilk is lang efter the dait of the tak productit all uther wodfettis and conditionis paft upoun thai landis of befoir hes bene annullit and renuncit fwa that this thair tak can have na place quhilk wilbe maid manifett be infpe&tioun of the laft reverfioun and cancellat evidentis quhilk ze reffavit at the redemptioun Befide this gif ze pleis to accept that condition of thair faid tak quher thai ar oblift to uphald and repair the manfe and orchezaird and perfew for the coiftis fkaith and dampnage ze have fufftenit in the decay therof in ther default thair wilbe . . . to pay zow a large fowme of money therefore quhilk ze [haue] in zour optioun to do / Marie to have this procefs of . . . ganging fordwart ze fuld luik owt the reverfioun and . . . evidentes foirfaidis with fik uther in zour handis as . . . will help the mater and fend thame heir with a fervand of zour awin to be fichtit be our procuratouris / quhilk quhen thai have fervit the turn falbe fent bak agane to zow / And quhen We have gotten our intent concerning the removing the a&tioun upoun the fkaith of the decay of the houffis falbe intentit And fwa We commit zow to the prote&tioun of God At Dalkeith the faxt of November 1578 .

zour affured guid freind

MORTOUN .

To our Coufing the Laird of Lochlevin .

Jene Lyon / reliēt of Robert Douglas younger of Lochlevin / afterwards
Countess of Angus and Lady Spynie to the Laird of Lochleven .

108 **R**ight honorabil Sire / It wil pleis ȝou I haif refaueit ȝour letter quhair-
by I onderstand of ȝour weilfair quhilk as God knaus I am maift glaid
to heir of / It is treu that I am warnit be my uncle to refaue my filuer at
Mertifmes nixtocom bot gif he wil keip that appointit day I can not be
certain to affur ȝou Sir that ȝe may lipin for the fame for I haif euer
fen my father deceifit bein onder warning / and feing I knaw ȝour ado
presently I vald vish I nicht forder the sam / In lyk maner Sir it fal
pleis ȝou to knaw that it is latin me to onderstand that ȝe ar myndful to
taik the mainis of Auchterhous in ȝour awin hand / gif fua be I wil lipin
Sir that ȝe wil mak me aduertifment and as it fal pleis ȝou Sir I
am content for I knau ȝour mynd is not to hender me of that quhilk
is my auin quhilk I am contentit to haif rather nor Auchterhous
quhilk is not fecurrity to me Always I wil luik for ȝour auin anfuere
fua for the present haifing na forder bot to lat ȝou knaw ȝour bairn my
fon is in gud helth prayfit be God my humbil commendations being
presentit I taik my leif committing ȝou in the bliflit keiping of Almighty
God quha mot grant ȝou lang lyf and gud helth Be

ȝour maift humill and louing dochter to be commandit

JENE LYON .

To the right honorabil my louing father
the Lard of Lochlewin .

George Douglas to the Laird of Lochleven .

109 **R**icht honorabill Sir Efter maift hartlie commendatioun I haif nocht
ben wele at eis quhairthrow I mycht haif trawellit my self / bot hes fend
this berar to schaw ȝou that I haif presentlie ado / and man haif filuer
famekill as ȝe may presentlie spair / owther ane thowfand merkis or aucht

hundredth lib The occafoun that I am fa haiftit is becaus I haif maid a blok with the Thefaurar anent fum victualis in gernel and vtouth per-tenyng to Arbroth And he is to difpeche James Murray to Ingland and man haif hard filver this nixt Sunday at the farrest or ellis it will redound to my tynfell Thairfoir I pray 3ow haift the berar agayn with the famyn and gif 3e haif to do within ten or tuelf dayis 3e fal haif I^m lib or mair as 3e pleis for I am nocht presently abill upoun this suddan to get fame-kill filver as I writ for / I am the mair bald and haymelie / becaus 3e defyr me to charge 3ou quhen neceffite requirit Sua leving to trouble 3ou with langer letter Referris forther to 3our advertifment with diligence nocht forgettand my hartly commendationis to my Lady 3our bedfallow Quha with 3ow God haif in his keping At Striviling the xxvij day of Junij 1579 Be

3ouris at power

GEORGE DOUGLAS .

To the richt honorable
the Lard of Louchlevin .

King Henry III. (of France) to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 110 Monfeigneur Lochleuin Le Seigneur D'aubigny Gentilhomme ordinaire de ma Chambre present porteur / Que J'ayme et estime pour fa valeur . M'a fai& entendre quil desiroit Aller en Efcosse pour Aulcuns fes affaires particulieres / Chofe que Jay cue bien agreable Et luy ayant permis de faire le dit voyaige / Je le veux bien quant et quant accompagner de ce mot de lettre pour vous prier que le fauourifiez en fes di&z affaires autant quil vous fera poffible Comme perfonnaige qui m'est fingulierement Re-commande Suppliant le createur Monfeigneur de Lochleuin quil vous ayt en fa faincte garde . Efcrypt A Paris le dernier Jour de Juing 1579 .

HENRY .

A Monfeigneur Lochleuin .

The Earl of Mar to Charles Rutherford .

- 111 Charles Ruderfuird this is to aduerteife you that our coufing the Laird of Lochleuin is departit to the fourth cuntre in Tewideill ffor sic biffines as he hes ado Thairfoir we command you that ge warne and charge our tenentis within the boundis of our barrony of Nisbitt to be in reddines to concur Ryd and travell with him as he fall mak aduerteifment to you withoutt all excufes / evin as gif we wer in the cuntre ourself / quhilk falbe als acceptable feruice as gif our awin perfoun wer thair Sic as ge find contrarious or difobedient in this charge faile nocht as ge will anfuer to ws To mak ws aduerteifment of thair names . We haue writtin to Johne Ruderfuird in the Know to concur and affist with you . Sa fair ge weill . AT Striuiling Caftell the xij of Auguft 1579 .

MAR .

To our fervitoure Chairles Ruderfuird
our officiar in Nisbitt .

The Earl of Mar to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 112 Richt honorable and traift coufing efter my hairtie commendatiounes I have appointit upoun the ferd day of Aprile nixt thatt fum of my fpeciall freindis fall convene heir in Striveling to gif me advife and confale in fum materis I have ado concerning the honour and weill of me and my houfe / quhen sic occasionis falles outt I mon In fpeciall putt you to chairges Thairfore I will requeift you effe&uoflie to tak the panis to be heir att me upoun the fecund or third day that I may communicatt sic thingis as I have to do wnto you / Nocht doubting bott ge will plesure me in this / as I falbe reddie with powar quhen ge pleas to charge me / Sa quhill meting I Remitt all uther thingis

And committis 30w hairtie to God AT Striviling Castell the xxj of
 Marche 1579 .

3our affured gude freind with powar

MAR .

To the Rycht honorable and my traift
 cufinge the Laird of Lochlewin .

Patrick Archbifhop of St. Andrews to the Laird of Lochleven ?

113 Pleis your M^r the Laird of Wemes and I hes ane tryft at Couper the
 laft day of Marche befor none The occafion is upoun ane acclamit
 conftabularie of the caftell of Sanctandros be the gud man of Lathokar
 quhome the Laird of Wemes fortifeis as his freind The evident and
 feafing quhairupoun thai have retourit I have taikin to improwe befor
 the Lordis of Seffion Lyk as the famin is nocht abill to byd tryall of law /
 The gentillmen findis it hard to be burdeanit with the forgeing of
 evidentis And upoun the uther parte I efteme it hurt and difhonour to
 be abufit in ane office of fick confequens quhilk ther predeceffouris hes
 nocht bruikit And quhairof I fe na autentik ground Alwais freindis hes
 fatlitt the matter few dayis from law to fe quhat may follow be meiting
 of freindis / And becaus 3our M^r is ane fpeciall nobill man of quhois
 gud will and affiftance I haue heirtofoir maid ane fpeciall and affurit
 accompt quhen I fould happin to haue ado in my honeft and leifum
 effeiris I wald defyre maift hartlie 3our M^r prefence at the faid day
 that I mycht have 3our M^r counfell and aduifè thairanent as 3our
 Maifterfchip alwais may have me redy at all tymes to do 3our M^r
 quhat honour ftead or plefure fall ly in my power Nocht doubting bot
 3our M^r will accept this my firft and hamelie charge in gud parte Com-
 mittis 3our M^r to the proteftioun of the Almychtie God with my hartlie
 commendationes to my Lady 3our bedfallow From Sanctandros the
 xxiiij day of Marche 1579 .

3our M^r at his power in the Lord

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P · SANCTANDROS ·

The Earl of Mortoun to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 114 **E**fter my heartie commendatioun / This is to lett gou vnderftand I am writtin for be the kingis Majestie to be in Striueling the fourt of Aprile nixt / My purpois is to travell with the King and counfale for the triall of the lait brute that hes past vpoun the furprising of the King . I trust his hienes for his awin weill falbe willing heirvnto / Thairfore I will hertlie desire gou to be in Striueling the said day That I may haue gour aduife and concurrence safar in that mater as concernes me / gif ony sic thing be allegeit ge fall find me honest in thocht word and deid quheneuir that mater cumis to triall / And thairfore will louke for gour counfale and concurrens / Sa I commit gou to the prote&tioune of God AT Abirdour the xxvij day of marche 1580 .

Your assured freind

MORTOUN .

To my traift freind and coufing
The lard of Lochleven .

King James VI. to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 115 **T**raift freind We greit gou weill We haue resolut be aduife of counfale to begin our progres the xxij of this instant to be that nicht in Tullibardin And to extend the same sa far furth as Dynnotter quhair we haue sett our merche and farrest tryift for this geir Quhairin becaus our cheif intentioun is to be acquentit with the cuntrie and be sic Jornayis as we may easilie deall with to vesie the speciall townis and places be the way We haue therfoir send the present to lett gou be foirsene that ge ar of the nowmer And that ge may wele luik God willing for our presence with gou in Lochleavin the vij of Julij nixt ther to continew till dennar

on the morne Thus we commit ȝow to God frome our Castell of Striuling
the x of Maij 1580 .

To oure traift freind the
Laird of Lochleavin .

JAMES R .

The King to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 116 Rycht traift freind We grete ȝow hartlie weil Forfamekle as it is hevely
menit to ws be the young Lady Burley That ſche is very hardly ufit be
yow in thingis quhairof hir foirbearis hes bein in lang and peciable poſ-
ſeffioun ſpeciallie of the teyndis ſchaves of the Mainys and hail barony
of Burley pendicles and pertinentis therof For quhilk hir reasonable
offeris and gude deid is refuſit at your handis Bot ſeing We have ſa pietijt
hir caus That we have reſtorit hir to hir rentis and leving for hir honeſt
Intertenymment We will therefore pray yow effectuallie to uſe na novatioun
toward hir Bot do that favour and courteſſye unto hir as to let hir bruik
and poſſeſſe the ſaidis teyndis and ſuffer hir to Intrometwith and diſpone
therupoun in tyme cuming als frelie and for pament of the ſame dewtie
therefore As hir umquhile fader and predeceſſouris had the ſame of befoir
but ony alteratioun or moleſtatioun therin quherthrow we fall heir na
juſt occaſioun of complaint heirin in hir behalf heirefter As ȝe fall do ws
very thankfull pleſure and ſa We commit ȝow to God AT Dunfermling
the tent day of Auguſt 1580 .

James R.

Gift by the King to William Douglas of Lochleven of the waird of all landis quhilk pertenit to unquhile Robert erle of Buchan .

- 117 **O**ure Soverane Lord Ordanes ane Letter to be maid under his privie Seale in dew forme To his lovit Williame Dowglas of Lochlevin his airis and assignais ane or ma Off the gift of the waird of all landis lordschippis baroneis ꝛc ꝛc quhilkis pertenit of befoir to unquhile Robert erle of Buchan Lord Ochterhous ꝛc and now throw his deccis being or fallhappin to be in our said Soverane Lordis handis be resfoun of waird with all males fermes profeitis and dewties of the famiu during the tyme of the famin waird ꝛc Togidder with the offices of Schirreffschip and Crownarschip of Banff ꝛc And als of the gift of the mariage of James Douglas sone and air of the said unquhile Robert erle of Buchane and failzeing of him be deceis unmareit the mariage of ony utheris air or airis male or female of the said unquhile erle ꝛc Subferywit be our Soverane Lord At Halyrudhous the tuentie day of September the zeir of God I^m V^e and lxxx zeiris And of his hienes Reigne the fourteint zeir 1580 .

JAMES R .

The first charge gevin to the erle of Mortoune to entir in waird in his awin chalmer in Halyrudhous .

Apud Halierudhous ultimo Decembris Anno Domini I^m V^e lxxx^o .

- 118 **F**orfamekle as James erll of Mortoun lord of Dalkeith is suspeçit and delaitit in prefens of the Kingis Majestie and lordis of secreit counfall To haue committit treafoune Quhairfoir his Majestie with awife of the saidis lordis Ordanis ane mafer or vther officiar of Arnis To pas and in his hienes name and auçtoritie Command and charge the said James erll of Mortoune To remain and keip waird in the Abbay of Halierudhous in the hous quhairin he presentlie remanis And on nawis to cum furth of

the famin in tyme cuming Ay and quhill he be fred be his Majestie vnder the pain of trefoune / With certificatioune to him and he failze he falbe reput haldin perfewit and demanit as a tratour and the proces and dome of foirfaltour falbe ordourlie led aganis him Conforme to the lawis of this realme and actis of parliament .

Subscriuit be our foueran lord and the Erllis of Ergile and Lennox .

The Erle of Mortonis charge to enter in Edinburgh Castell &c .

At Halyruidhous the second day of Januar the yeir of God I^o V^c lxxix yeiris .

119 Forfamekle as James erll of Mortoun lord of Dalkeith / being delaitit and accusit in prefens of the Kingis Majestie and lordis of his secrete counsale Off certane poyntes of tressoun and Lefe Majestie wes thairupoun commandit to remane in ward in his ludgeing within his hienes palice of Halyruidhous / And now It is thoct meitt be his Majestie and his said secrete counsale that the said erll fall pas and remane in waird within the Castell of Edinburgh / And for that caus relevis him of his remaning in ward within his ludgeing in the said palice of Halyruidhous And ordanis ane herauld maser pursevnt or vther officiar of armes To pas and in his Majesties name and auctoritic command and charge the said James erll of Mortoun To pas and enter his perfoun in ward within the said Castell of Edinburgh Thair to remane vpoun his awin expensis Ay and quhill he be fred and relevit thairfra within the space of ane hour nixt efter he be chargeit thairto vnder the pane of Trefloune ffor quhais reffett a Letter and warrand is direct alreddy to the capitane and keparis of the said Castell .

JAMES R .

E . ERGYLL .

LENOX .

Apud Halyruidhous secundo Januarij 1580 .

Paft in Counfalē .

Eſmus comes de Lennox

Colinus comes Ergadie cancellarius

Willielmus Dominus Ruthven theſaurarius

Robertus feoditarius de Orknay

Robertus commendatarius de Dunfermling ſecretarius

Jacobus commendatarius de Sanctcolmis Inche

Alexander Hay clericus Regiſtri

Mr Robertus Crychton advocatus

Clericus Regiſtri .

The Earl of Mar to William Douglas of Lochleven .

120 Richt honorabill and treſt couſing after my hairtty commendatioun . The preſent is to deſyr zow effectuſlie nochtwithſtanding the ſtay of the conventione git to keip the apoyntit day tharof in this toun for ſic cauſis as I haif ado quhilkis ar of gret Importance and can nocht tak guid effect without the preſence of my freindis of quhilk number I eſteme zow ane of the ſpeciallis and tharfor I vill luik for na excuſe of zow at the forſaid day / ſa I commit zow to God From Streviling Caſtell the ſecund of marche 1580 .

Be zour affurit freind and couſing

MAR .

To the Richt honorabill and his traift freind

Williame Douglas of Lochleven .

A& of Caution for William Douglas of Lochleven .

*Apud Halyrudehous penultimo die mensis Marcij Anno Domini I^{mo} V^o
lxxxj^o .*

- 121 **T**he quhilk day James Coluile of Eifter Wemys and George Douglas of Rungawie Become actit and obleift coniunctlie and feueralie as cautioners and fourties for William Douglas of Lochleven That the said William fall pas and enter his perfoun in ward beyond the wattir of Cromartie betuix and the aucht day of Apryle nixtocum And that he fall remane and keip ward benorth the said wattir and on nawyfe cum befowth the samyn thairefter Ay and quhill he be fred be oure fouerane Lord vnder the pane of ten thowfand pundis And als that he be him self his sonnes men tennentis and serwandis fall behaue thame selfis as dewtefull and obedient subie&is to his Majestie And on nawyfe do nor attempt ony thing to the hurt or prejudice of his hienes his estait and auctoritie in the meyntyme vnder the pane foirsaid And the said William Douglas obleift him and his aires To releif his saidis fourteis of the premiffis and of all pane and danger that thay fallhappin to sustene thairthrow *Sic subscribitur* James Coluile of Eifter Wemys / George Douglas / *Extractum de libro actorum secreti consilii S . D . N . Regis per me Joannem Andro deputatum clericum eiusdem Sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus .*

JOANNES ANDRO .

The King to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 122 **T**raift freind We greit zow weill Giff we had bene present with our Counsale quhen your bill wes red We fould have infisit to haue had sumquhat of zour desire aggreit unto Alwyis feing it is thoct gude be the Lordis that ze first enter in zour ward conforme to thair formar ordinance quhilk we of our self may not with reffoun alter Ze fall thair-

foir fatiffie thair desire / And upoun knowlege therof to be returnit We fall bald hand to haue 3ow fatiffiit to 3our reffonabill contentment Thus for the presenf We commit 3ou to God From Halierudhous the last day of Marche 1581 .

JAMES R .

To our traift freind the
Laird of Lochlevin .

Licence by the King and Privy Council to William Douglas of Lochlevin to transport his waird fra the water of Cromartye to the water of Dye .

- 123 SOUERANE Lord vnto 3our Maieftye and Lordis of secreit counfall humlie menis and schawis 3oure grace feruitour Williame Dowglas of Lochlevin That quhair it plefit 3oure Maieftie be advise of 3oure hienes secreit counfall To ordane me to entir my perfoune in waird be north the watter of Cromartye thair to remane Ay and quhill I wer fred be 3oure grace be avife foirfaid of the famyn waird / ffor obeyfance of the quhilk ordinance and charge thairin contenit I with dilligence poffibill pafit and enterit my perfoune in waird be north the faid watter of Cromartye vpoun the fevint day of Aprile last bipaft within the tyme appointit in 3oure hienes ordinance with greit difficultye and hafert of my life in watteris be the paffage throw occaifioune of greit windis and tempeftis of weddir notourlie knawin And to testifye my obedience to your grace and LL / Quhairin I intend be Godis grace to continew to my lyfis end I obtenit testimoniall of the famous and gentilmen in the countray of my enterye within the faid waird vpoune the fevint day of aprile / in maner foirfaid As the famyn fubferiuit be thame heirwith producit at mair lenth proportis And albeit that I for obeyfance of the faid ordinance enterit my perfoune in waird benorth the faid watter of Cromartye Nocht being delatit for ony cryme bot to obtemper and obey 3oure

Maiefteis ordinance according to my detfull obedience to your grace
 Quhilk watter of Cromartye is far distant fra my freindis and guidwil-
 laris and I thairbye debarrit fra all freindfelip and guidwill of thame
 And confranit to remane in the cuntray vncouth to me destitute of all
 my freindis and vnabill to attend vpoun my lesum bissynes to my greit
 hurt and skaith Oneles your grace and LL / provide remeid thair of
 BESEIKING heirfoir your Maieste and LL / To confidder the premiffis
 aricht And to transport my said waird fra the said watter of Cromartye
 to the watter of Dye Quhairthrow that my waird may be benorth the
 watter of Dye As the samyn is now benorth the said watter of Cromartye
 And becaus during the tyme of my said waird I may nocht attend vpoun
 the lesum bissynes pertenying to me and my bairnes Nather be present
 befor the Lordis of sessioun to insist in persuite or defens of ony
 actioun or caus movit be me or my bairnes or aganis ws It will pleis
 your Maieste and LL / To command the Lordis of your hienes sessioun
 that na proces be grantit aganis me or my saidis bairnis during the tyme
 of my remanyng in waird And to discharge thame of all proceeding
 thairin and of thair offices in that pairt According to iustice And your
 G / and LL / anfuer maist humlie besaikis ⁊c° .

Apud Dalkeyth terció Maij Anno ⁊c° lxxxj .

Fiat vt petitur for the first part of the desyre of this bill alanerlie with
 provisioun that the souertie fundin be him of befor standing oblist
 for his remaning benorth the watter of Die according to the condi-
 tionis contenit in the formar act without ony brek .

JAMES R .

E . ERGYLL .

MONTRUISS .

The King to the Laird of Lochleven .

REX .

124 Traist freind We greit your weill Forsamekill as We ar informit be our
 louittis fervitouris Archibald Broky in Downe and Thomas Broky his

fone in the Baddis That ge upoun the gift of the waird gevin be ws to
 30w of the Erledome of Buchan have caufit warne thame to Remove
 frome thair rowmes and poffeffionis quhairin thay have remanit kyndlie
 and native tennentis thir mony and divers geiris bygane Committing na
 cryme nor offence aganis thair maifteris in tymes past Nather git to 30w
 fen 30ur entrie to the erledome of Buchan Paying alfwa thair dewitie
 and service according to thair affedationis Thairfoir feing the faid gift
 wes nocht gevin to the wrak of the faidis puir tennentis We will 30w
 that ge upoun 30ur rycht Set thame thair Rowmes and poffeffionis for
 thair maillis and dewiteis quhairin thay have bein in poffeffioun for pay-
 ment of thair dewitie contenit in thair auld rental / and quhilk thay payit
 to umquhile Robert Dowglas laft Erle of Buchane And that ge Remove
 thame nocht fra thair kyndlie poffeffionis and rowmes As ge will We did
 30w kyndnes and plesure In tymes cuning And that this berar report
 30ur anfuere in writ to ws quhat ge will do heirin Subfcrit with oure
 hand At Dalkeith the aughtene day of Maij and of our Regne the four-
 tene geir 1581 .

JAMES R .

To our traift freind
 The Laird of Lochlevin .

The King to the Laird of Lochleven .

125 Traift freind We greit 30w weil / Upoun occaſioun of our uther letter
 dire&t to 30w anent the waird of our louit Abraham Stewart of Monbletoun
 becum in 30ur courtesie be the Erle of Buchanis waird We underftand
 ther is ſum variance and queſtioun fallin out betwix the 30ung man and
 his mother he mynding thairby to prejuger and difpoſſeſſe her of her
 lyfferent thairof to her utter wrak and herſhip Quherupoun We have
 thocht gude to deſire 30w be the preſent gif ge have ſtill into 30ur hand
 that quhilk we requyrit 30w in his favouris of before That in the diſpo-

fitioun thairof to the said Abraham ge Interpone ȝow to his said intentioun and unkyndlie meanyng to his mother and be some gude and effectuell provision to let his richt thairof contene a reservatioun of her lyfferent / as conscience and equitie appearis to crave That for her tyme scho be not troublit further nor reafoun can allow as ȝe will do ws pleafure and gude service Thus we commit ȝow to God At Dalkeith the xxiiij day of Julij 1581 .

JAMES R .

To our trait freind the
Laird of Lochlevin .

Licence by the King and Privy Council to William Douglas of Lochlevin to repair hame .

- 126 SOVERANE LORD Vnto ȝour Maiestie and lordis of ȝour hienes secreit counsaile humlie menis and schawis ȝour G / and LL / servitour William Dowglas of Lochlevin That quhair for obeyfance of your G / charge gevin be advise of ȝour hienes secreit counsaile Commanding and charging me to pas and entir my persone in waird be north the watter of Crommartie / I with diligence possibill to the great hafart of my lyf past and enterit my persone in waird be north the said watter of Crommartie Quhair I remanit in waird ay and quhill it pleisit ȝour Maiestie be advise foirsaid To transporte my said waird fra be north the said watter of Crommartie To the watter of Die / Be north the quhilk I haif remanit continuallie senfyne and tharby debarrit and fecludit fra all acces to my wyiff bairnis and famelie To my great displefure damage and skaith without ȝour G / and LL / provyde remeid therto / Befeiking heirfoir ȝour Maiestie and LL / To confidder the premissis aricht and that I may haiff my waird transportit fra be north the said watter of Die to the watter of forth Swa that I may remane benorth the said watter of forth quhair I pleis In that same estait and vnder the

lyk cautioun as I remanit of befor Be north the faidis watteris of Crommartie and Die / and that I nor my cautioneris Incur na danger for my removing fra be north the faid watter of Die to the foirfaid watter of Forth and 3our G / and LL / anfuer maift humlie befeikis according to Justice .

Apud Halvruidhous quinto Decembris Anno 7c^e lxxxj^o .

The Kingis Maieftie with auife of the lordis of fecreit counfall frethis and relevis Williame Dowglaſ of Lochlevin within writtin furth of his preſent ward And grantis him licence and libertie to repair hame to his awin Dwelling hous Or vtherwayis in quhatfumeur part of this realme in tyme cuming at his pleaſur . And ordanis the aēt maid anent his remaining in the faid ward to be deletit furth of the bukis of fecreit counfall quhairthrow the ſame haue na farder force nor effect in tyme cuming The cautionaris contenit therein being alwayis anfuerabill for ony thing done in tyme bigane aganis the tennour of the ſamyn .

JAMES R .

CRAUFURD .

MONTRUISS .

The King to the Laird of Lochleven .

127 Traift freind We greit 3ow weil The greit and extreme neceſſitie quhilk our lovit James Stewart ſonne lawfull to umquhile Johnne erle of Buchane fuſtenis at this tyme in all thingis pertening to ane honeft mannis eſtate and rank hes movit ws to pitie extraordinarelie his eſtate the mair quhen we confidder how and in quhat degrie he pertenis to that houſe quhairof 3e now Injoye the leving be the waird thairof diſponit to 3ow and that very conſcience wald allowe ſome reaſonable portioun and part thairof upon him be the relief of his neceſſitie / For ws / albeit we could wouchſauffe to helpe him with ſome caſualitie gif that his hap war

to be the first aduertiser It nather can the hope thair of supple his present neid nor haue we uther wayse in hand that may releve him as we wald / For that cause We are movit to have recours to you / quhill we provyde some helpe / and will desyre you very earnistlie to let him haue some resonable part of that waird quhilk ye Injoye to leve upon ather induring the tyme thair of or quhill that some occasioun fall out into our handis that may satisfie and serve his turne / And in the meane tyme to let him be suppleit with some present sowe of money to helpe him to his honest necessaires quhair of it is unfemlie to sie him disappointit being descendit of that race quhairin beydes the dewty of gude conscience ye fall assuredly do us richt acceptable and gude pleasure Swa leaving him to your courtesie and gude discretioun We committ you to God From Dalkeith this xij of Junij 1582 .

JAMES R .

To our traift freind the
Laird of Lochleven .

The King to the Laird of Lochleven .

128 Traift freind We greit you weil Being informit of the great extremitie intendit be you as donatour to the waird of the erledom of Buchane aganis our lovit Henry Mowtray in the removing of him from the laudis of Fetterlether and Lethindie quhair of he allegis him baith auld and kyndlie possessor and takkisman for termes to ryn / We have thocht gude to Interpone us this farre to your proceeding aganis him as to desire you / Seing his rycht and title foresaid / and that his takkis man always lycht upon the air quhen as he cummis to perfyte age That for our cause and for the kyndlie love ye awe and bearis / baith to the bairne and house ye will suffer him peceable to ryn out the termes restand of his tak and title foresaid without any trouble or interruptioun ather be law or beydis it / as ye fall haue us ready to confidder it als farre to

your advantage and commoditie some uther way / Swa Luiking for some gude effe& heirop We commit 3ow to God From Ruthven this v of August 1582 .

To our traift freind the
Laird of Lochleavin .

The King to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 129 Richt traift freind We greit 3ow weil Understanding the litill effect quhilk our former letter direct to 3ow in favouris of our lovit Henry Mowtray hes tane with 3ow / farre within our expectatioun of sa raifonable a fute We are movit to renewe the same unto 3ow be the present Requyring 3ow affectuouflic feing the mater is sa meane and that 3e have the hail be our favour and benevolence That for our cause 3e will consent to let ws haue our pleafour and desyr obeyit in that behalf The difference that standis betwix 3ow is of sa litill value / that we man lippin 3e will never enter it in balance with our requeist / and thairfore as 3e wald have us the lyke favourable in 3our nixt fute sa let it be deservit in this / Seing that utherwayfe we can not think ws thankfullie delt with But trusting 3e wilbe layth to give ws any sic occasioun We commit 3ow to God from Ruthven this viij of August 1582 .

*mak me quite of this
sillie auld mans cummer.*

To our traift freind the
Laird of Lochleavin .

Licence by the King and Privy Council to William Douglas of Lochleven and his spouse &c to eat fische during Lentron .

- 130 We be the tennour heiroff with auisse of the Lordis of our privie counfall grantis and gevis licence To our lovitt William Douglas of Lochlevin his spous and personis in thair cumpanie To eit fische sa oft as thay pleis during this forbiddin tyme of Lentrone viz fra the xvij day of Februar instant unto the last day of Marche nixtocum without ony cryme skaith perrell or danger therthrow to be incurit be thame in thair persones landes or guidis Notwithstanding ony our aētis statutis letters proclamationes or chargis generall or spiciall maid or to be maid in the contrar Anent the quhilkis and panis thairin contenit We dispens for euir be thir presentis Gevin under our Signet and subscrivit with our hand AT Halyrudhous the xiiij day of Februar and of our Regne the faxtene 3eir 1582 .

JAMES R .

A . CAMBUSKYNNEETH .

CULROS .

John Lindfay of Covington to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 131 Rycht honorable Sir efter my hartlie commendatioun / It is not vnknawin vnto 3ow of the gret truble and warding of my awin perfoun in the castell of Edinburch this certane tyme bygaine / vpone ane fals and vntrew report maid of me to the Kingis Majestie and his counfell be M^r Jhone Scharp / allegand that I / or at the leift fuld have causit burne certane corne of his . Qubairvpone I have sustenit ward this sex oulkis bygane / and can have na releif nether 3it dayis affignit to me to try my innocencie / And in respect heirof / my Lord of Anguis hes travellit withe the said M^r Jhone Scharp / and hes apoynted the mater betuix me and him . as 3e may persave be this obligatioun . The quhilk I will hartlie desyr 3ow to subferywe / becaus it is my Lordis mynd and counfell / that sua fuld be . As I beleve / his Lordship will vrett to 3ow / to the same effect .

It wer over tedious to vrett to ȝow the vncourteous and vnreasonable dealing hes bene vfit towardis me fen our laft departing / quhilk I will continew to our meting quhilk falbe quhen plesis God / quha for tbe present mot have ȝow in his bliffit keping From Edinburgh castell the fyft of Junij 1583 .

Your affurit gude freind at power

JHONE LYNDSAY of Covintoun .

To the rycht honorable and his speciall gude freind
the Laird of Lochlewin Delyuer this .

The Earl of Angus to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 132 Coufing eftir my verie hertly commendatiounes Eftir langfum travell in this mater betuix the Laird of Coventoun and M^r Johnne Scharp It is agreit upon that the Laird of Coventoun fall fufcryve ane obligatioun for M^r Johns furetie And becaus it will nocht ferwe with his fufcriptioun only except I and certane uther freyndis as cautioneres for him fufcryve it also It is thocht gud that amang uthers ȝe fuld be ane And thairfore I have fend ȝow the obligatioun to be advifit with Praying ȝow to fufcryve the fam and fend it bak agane with diligence / for it will funder the gentlemannis tryell very mekle And his abyding in the castell hes bene bayth trublesum and coiftly to him / this tyme bygane I hoip ȝe fall nocht be mekle trublit heirefter with this mater For the gentleman is willing to tak up all materis with M^r Johnne be the aduyfe of freyndis Sua for the present I commit ȝow to God AT Edinburgh the sext of Junij 1583 .

ȝour affurit guid freind

ANGUS .

ȝe may the better fufcriue the band for I and the Laird of Covingtoun falbe ȝour releife .

To our traift freynd and coufing
the Laird of Lochlewin .

George Douglas to his brother the Laird of Lochleven .

133 Rycht honorabil Sir and broder eftir my hartle commendation off feruice being reddy to schip towartis the portis off France I thowcht off my devty I could do no lefs fence be my presence I mycht nocht wese gow be thir few lynis to lat gow wnderstand the broderly affection I bair vnto gow and lykeyys to gowr hows quhowbeit that at this present I may do litill in respect as materis standis gitt shall I omitt ne guid officcis quhair evir the occation may offer and my powar may extend at my lewe taking off his Ma / my only sult off benifet wes that ge nor gowr hows suld refave ne wrang be the information off gowr enimis first in respect off gowr feruice don vnto his Ma / and continually fence hes ramenth constant and obedient as be gowr ward ge haue giuen ane guid prwffe his ansuer was that ne persuation suld move him in the contrar and for assurance gave me his Ma / hand in presence off Michell Elphinstoun quhom presently he comandit that in all gowr adois he suld mak him forsein sua broder We man len on to his Ma / promis ge haue hard be the laird off Cleische quhow ge ar relevit off the denger ge nicht haue incowrit be gowr obligations maid to me Lord off Morton for that was havand him be my Lord off Bowchan I haue refavit the thowfand merkis that wes lyen in Hew Todis handis and now in my absence betwix this and mertymes I wald ge towik sic order that the othir thre thowfandis merkis mycht be paid becaufe I haue meid vairning for the redemption off five thowfand off Rowingally thir iij thowfandis being payett ge shall haue dischairge off all may be socht be gowr obligations saiff that that restis in the hows off Howntlys handis and alls ge will se sik order tane off that that may apperten me to meld wyth be office off towtry as ge think maist propir for all thir affectis I haue left ampll procowration to my serwand Jon Dowglas to mell intermet and giue dischairges as nefesarily shalbe requyrit provyding alwayis that ne thing be done by adyce and consent off my bed falow As for nevis I can vreit nen the laird of Cleische will lat

gow mair amply vnderftand my mining in all materis at gowr mittingis I fhall do guid well to haift me hem wyth fick diligence as my affairis may permitt My lord off Lenox hes promift fair to be ne enemy euer to owr hows tym will try Sua broder levan prefently forder to trowbill gow committis gow in Godis protexion From San&andrus the xxvij off Junij

gowr broder at powar to do gow feruice

GEORGE DOUGLAS .

To the rycht honorabill and his broder
the Laird off Lochleuing .

Proclamatioun that nane move or provoke trouble unquietnes or feditioun amangis his Majeftis fubjectis .

At Perth the penult day of Julij the yeir of God I^m V^o lxxxiij yeiris .

- 134 **T**he Kingis Majeftie vnderftanding of the praetizes and buffie trauellis of fome of his vnnaturall and disorderit fubiectis quhilkis be misconstruing and misreporting be word and wrait of his hienes awne gude mynd and proceidingis / ftudyis continuallie to interteny factionis and vnquietnes within this realme / The rather to ftay the ordinar cours of Juftice and to efchew the pvnifement of thair awin evill deferuings to obuiai and refift the effectis of quhilkis wickit fpeiches and trauellis And to refolue and fatiffie all his loving and gude fubiectis fo that peradventure / ftandis git doubtfull of the trewth of his hienes meaning and doingis His Majeftie be aduife of the lordis of his previe counfale / hes thoct expedient to notifie and publifhe to the world Specially to all his awin loving and gude fubiectis / the trewth of his verie mynd and lyking twetcheing hie eftate this geir bygane / and of his prefent conditioun Declairing heirby that fafone as he fand him felf cum to the fevintene geir of his age / and remembrit the troblit eftate of his realme throw the frequent troubles and alterationis occurrit in his goung aige in tyme bypafft (alwayis to his fkaithe and preiudice) Bot fpecialie be that quhilk fell out

the last gear / sa far to his offence and to the mislyking of his mynd
Albeit for publi& quietnes saik / he moderatlie bure with that fait and all
that succedit theron / he had it alwayes in thoct sa sone as God sould
offer proper tyme and occasioun to tak vnto himself his awin place and
state to shaw him a king indifferent to all his nobilite and gude subie&tis
And not to be led or caried away be ony speciall furnames and rates or
be particuler men in ony degrie to the preiudice of that commoun acces
quhilk all gude subie&tis acht to haue to their fouerane Lord and King And
thairfoir of his awin propir motiue vpoun the xxvj of Junij last tuik pur-
pois to pas from Falkland to the Citie of Sanctandris quher reposing in
surtie to the conveining of a gude nowmer of the principallis of his
nobilitie / notiffit vnto thame at their cumming / the effect of his proceid-
ingis and intentioun / permitting and licencing vtheris not writtin for to
pas hame quhill his Majestie be advise of sic chosin perfonis of counsaile
as he electit to tary with him sould deliberat further in all thingis neid-
full Concerning the surtie of his persoun and conseruatioun of the publi&
quietnes of the cuntrey quherintill his hienes hes occupiit him self cheiffie
sensyne / Intending with Goddis grace to governe his realme and sub-
ie&tis heirefter in peax and iustice / and in the professioun of Goddis trew
religioun publi&lie preitchit and be law establishit in the same vnseiking
the hurt or rwyne of quatsumeir his subie&tis In respect of ony ther lait
bygane offence / that fall tymouffie acknowledge the same with penitent
hartis and crave his Majesteis forgivenes therfore / quhilk he is willing to
grant vnto thame / And be thir presentis promissis sa to do / They na-
wayis prouoking him be ony ther new vnlawfull and vnquyet doingis to
remember on ther former transgressionis And vncalling to mynd ony
factiounis that hes bene in his hienes minoritie / quhilkis his Majestie hes
and will haue buriit in obliuion / As he willis the lyk to be amangis his
hail subie&tis euerie ane to vther without ony querrell or questioun for
ony thing that hes happinit or fallin out amangis thame in tyme bygane /
without casting vp or querrelling vtheris for this or that factioun / As his
Majestie hes gevin gude prui of his clemency and fauour to some alreddy

And that letters be direct for publicatioun heirof at the mercat croces of the heid burrowes of this realme and vtheris placis neidfull / That nane pretend ignorance of the fame Commanding and chargeing all and findrie his hienes lieges / To contene thame selffis in quietnes vnder Goddis feir and his Majesties lawfull obedience / And that nane of thame tak vpoun hand to move or prouoke trouble vnquietnes or feditioun amangis his subiectis / be word or deid or to flawe thame the authoris and instrumentis of alterationis and novelteis / Tending to the disturbing of his estate As they will anfuere vpoun their alleageance at their hicheft charge and perrell / And vnder pane of incurring his hienes indignatioun and displeasure gif they fall attempt ony thing in the contrare .

Order to the Keepers of the Castle of Inverness to receive John Leslie of Buchquhane and others in ward .

REX .

- 135 Capitane constabill and keiparis off our castell of Innerness We grete
 30w weill IT is oure will and We command 30w that incontinent eftir the
 ficht heirof 3e refaue Johnne Leslie off Buchquhane Androw Monro of
 Newmoir and William Dowglas of Lochlewin in ward within our said
 castell / And appoint fax personis to ilk ane off thame ffor their keiparis
 Thairin to remane all vpoun their expenffis during oure will and quhill
 thei be fred be ws with auise of oure counfalle As 3e will anfuere to ws keip-
 and thir presentis for 3our warrand / Subscriuitt with oure hand AT Falk-
 land the xxvij day of Auguft and of oure regnne the fewintene 3eir 1583 .

Christian Douglas to her mother the Lady Lochleven .

- 136 It will pleis 3our L / to wit that I have spokin with my Lord anent the
 purpos 3our L / knawis And he hes affurit me that thair is nathing menit

be him bot to performe the offeris that wes maid to the hous of Traquhair I defyrit his L / to put the fame in wrett utherwyfe I culd nocht defyr na honeft gentile man to trawell in that purpos except I wer swir of his L / mynd / His answer wes to me that it wes nocht neidfull to him to put thame in wreit He defyrit me to schaw your L / that the Kingis grace being in Sanct Johnestoun laft with the aduys of M^r William Oliphant the Lard of Balthyok and the gud man of Melginche that his offeris wes present to Sir Robert Melwyn and he schew the fame offeris to Williame Stewart of Traquhair quha thocht thame resonable And wald on na wyfe refuse the fame Bot at that present he wald gif na answer Saying that he wald aduys with uther freindis / My Lord assuris me that ather Sir Robert Melwyn or thane M^r Williame Oliphant hes the fame offeris quhilk he is myndit to performe gif the hous of Traquhair will accept the fame He sayis that ther is nathing that M^r William Oliphant will defyre him to do in that purpos bot he will stand content thairwith My Lord allegis ane promeis of Sir Robert Melwyn quhilk I am sure he will keip quhilk promeis I fall schaw your L / at meitting or than with the nixt that cumis betwene Having na forther occasioun at this tyme Committis your L / to God From Duplin the fourt of November 1583 Be

Your dochter at command

CRISTANE DOUGLAS .

To the Rycht honorable and hir weilbelovit Mother

The Lady Lochlevin .

Gift of the escheit of William Douglas of Lochleven to the Lady Lochleven .

137 **BE** It Kend till all men be thir present letters We Patrik be the mercie of God Archbifchope of Sanctandros and Lord of the Regalitie thairof To have gevin grantit and disponit to our lowit Agnes Leslie Lady of Lochlewine hir airis and assignais ane or ma The escheit of all and

hail the guidis and geir tackis actis rowmis posseffiounis Jowellis gold and silver cunzeit and oncunzeit cornes &c of the landis of Bannettill and Baggedie lyand within the scherefdom of Fyff &c Quhilkis pertenit befor to William Douglas of Lochlewine and now pertening to ws and becumit in our handis be raiffoun of escheit throw being of the said William ordourlie denuncit our Sovereane Lordis Rebell and putt to his hienes horne upon the day of the geir of God I^{co} V^o fourfcoir thrie geires for disfobering our fowerane Lordis charge gevin vnto him and nocht entering himself in waird in the castell of Inverness &c &c In witnes of the quhilk to thir presentis subfcrywit with our hand our seill is affixit AT the day of the geir of God I^{co} V^o fourfcoir three geiris before thir witneffes M^r Jhon Arthour advocat Walter Cokburn and James Arthour our servitouris with utheris divers .

PATRIK bifchop of Sanctandros .

Obligation by William Douglas of Lochleven to Thomas Ogilvy .

138 I William Douglas of Lochleven be this present Oblis me my airis executouris and assignais to pay and redeliuer to Thomas Ogiluy brother to the Laird of Innerquharitie and burges of Dundy the soume of fevin hundreth fyftie pundis scottis mony betuix the dait heirof and Midfomer nixt quhilk fowm I reffaut fra the said Thomas in french mony in the Rochelle To wit nyne hundreth frankis / and the said Thomas to reffave for ilk croun / fyfty schillingis scottis mony quhilk will extend to the soume abone writtin In witnes quherof I have subfcrivit this present obligatioun with my hand AT the Rochelle the 23 day of Maij the geir of God I^{co} V^o fourfcoir fyve geiris Befoir thir witneffis James Blyth burges of Dundy and Henric Douglas my feruand .

VILLIAME DOUGLAS of Lochleuin .

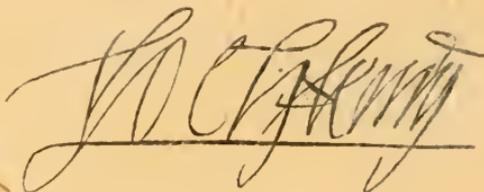
The Laird of Lochleven to his Lady .

139 Best belowit efter maist hairtlie commendatioun This present fall adverties you that at the wretting heirof I am in guid health prayfit be God And defyris the lyk of yow And all my bairnis freindis and servandis that ar on lyve As towart the estat of this cuntrey The King of France hes renuncit in the Parliament of Paris all appoyntments and pacificatioun maid at ony tyme in favouris of the Religioun reformat in this cuntrey And hes commandit be his edict that all Ministers avoyd thame selffis out of this cuntrey within ane moneth wndir the paine of death / And the nobill and gentill men within sex monethis to the effect they may sell thair landis and guidis / and thairefter pas out of the cuntrey God knowis gif that falbe kepit to thame gif they will depend thairon for this last waire maid against thame of the Legie be the King of France Is thocht als great ane falsset as the Massacre of Paris In respect that how sone bayth thair armeis wer listit thair agreit all in ane contrair to the Kingis edict diuerse tymes fet furth be oppin proclamatioun in the contrair that he menit na thing bot to keip the peace / Swa he / and thay of the Papis Legie thinkis to exterminat the word of God out of this cuntrey and all partis of Europe gif God permit thame / quhilk I traist in his guidnes he will nocht bot will disappoynt all thair interpryfis / althocht to the warld thay mak thame nevir swa apperand In respect the great tressoun Is aganis his kirk / quhilk he will preserve as the Appill of his Ee / and confound all his ennemeis This with my hartlie commendatioun to all my bairnis freindis and servandis Committis you and thame to the proteccion of the Almychtye AT the Rochelle the nynt day of August 1585 .

I wret to you the anfuier of Gilbert Lambis letter with him selff and lykwayis the anfuier of Andersonis letter and the anfuier of the Manis of Kingorne / bot I reffavit na uther lettre fra nane of Leith . I

reffavit your laft letter out of ane fchip of Pittinveine As to the
 anfuer therof I wreit with Gilbert Lamb concerning my brother fonis
 effairis And as toward that that concernis myfelff or my hous I
 refer the fame till I heare off the deliverance of my guid dochter
 And thairefter fall do the beft / with Goddis grace / I dout nocht bot
 ge haue agreit with fum man to furneis me / I wreitt to zow with
 James Wrquhart fervant to the Priour of Plufgardene / that Incaice he
 come heir befor Thomas Ogilvy to fend with him gif It wer bot ane
 hundreth crownis for I am neir ane end of the filver that I had alreddy /
 ther cum ane man off Dundee to this toun that declarit my gud dochter
 fuld be lichter of ane lad bot be reffoun I refavit na wretting fra zou nor
 fra na uther theroff I am In doubt giff the fam be off veratie Giff the
 famin be lat us thank God off that benefeit amangis the reft always his
 name be blefit The peft is weray grait in this toun presentlie God fend
 better quhen he plefis .

Yours only


 A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. Warrquhart', written in a cursive style. The signature is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

To his beft belouit
 the Lady Lochlevin .

The King to the Lady of Lochleven .

140 Traift freind We greit zow weill / having neccessarlie ado with palgionis
 to oure awne propir vfe at oure oift and armye fhortelie to pas God
 willing to the weft marche of our realme for repreffing of the infolent
 rebellious and difordour that falang hes continewit thair to our grite

contempt / and the sehortnes of the tyme not ferving that new palzeonis may be maid reddly to oure selff we haue thocht gude to burdyne zow That we may haue the vse of zouris during this veiage And in that respect is contentit to spair the personall seruice of the men tennentis and seruandis of the Laird zour husband duelland on his propir landis Except sik horffis and men as fall cary the palzeonis and twenty ma Careage horffis for oure awne vse / Desiring zow therfoir effectiuilie That ze failt nocht to haue the said palzeoun sufficientlie orderit with cordis pynnys and all vther furnitour belangand thairto Togidder with the said vther twenty gude and hable Cariage horffis and thair graithe for reffaving and beiring of Cadgeattis or barrellis and with euerie horse a sufficient able Careage man with knapscall and Lance staff prouidit alsua with victuallis for thame selffis during the tyme of our proclamatioun quhais seruice in that ordour shall stand and be sufficient for the Laird zour husbandis hail tennentis and seruandis quhom We licence and permitt zow to stent to the effect foirsaid / ffor quhilk this our Letter salbe a sufficient warrand as gif thay had seruit in propir personis / Thus We committ zow to God AT Sterling the xxij day of October 1585 .

JAMES R .

To our traift freind the

Lady of Lochlevin .

To be in Stirling the xxix or penult day of October instant .

Licence by the King and Privy Council to James Commendator of Melros and others to abide at hame fra all oistis &c .

REX .

141 WE and the Lordis of our Secretit Counsaile being informit of the greit seiknes and inhabilitie of our louittis James Commendatar of Melros Henrie Chaip in Mawhill Alexander Steidmane in Kinros Patrik Howburne in Tulleboill Robert Douglas in Drumgarland Robert Douglas in Annecroche Robert Craufurde in Powmylne Henrie Craufurde his

fone Henrie Douglas in Mukert mylne Johnne Douglas in Kenneftoun
 Gavane Douglas in Bowbedy Laurence Dempftertoun in Kinrois M^r Peter
 Quhyte in Portmok Thomas Craufurde in Clafchlokke Gabriell Merfer in
 Cleifhe George Kinloich ther Johne Schaw in Lathangy and quha ar all
 wexit with the feiknefs of the ^{gute} gravell and uther infirmiteis / Swa
 that thai ar not hable to trawell nor cume to our oift and armie appointit
 to convene the penult of Oçtober instant or on the thrid of November
 nixt to cume Thairfore and for diuerfe caufis and confideratiounis moving
 ws to haif licencet and be the tennour of thir presentis with avife of the
 Lordis of our Secretit Counfale licences and gevis frie liberte to all the
 faidis perfonis to abide and remaine at hame fra our faidis oift and armie
 notwithstanding quhatfumevir proclamatiounis actis or ordinances maid or
 to be maid or direct in the contrare Anent the quhilkis and all penalteis
 that may follow therupoun We be thir presentis difpensis with thame
 theranent for ever Attour We be the tennour of thir presentis difchargeis
 our Thefaurer Advocat Leutennentis Crowneris Justice Generall and his
 deputtis and all utheris our officiaris and Ministeris of our lawis Of all
 calling accufing atteiching arreifting wnlawing or poiding of the faidis
 perfonis or ony of thame for the famyn and of ther offices in that part for
 euer Subferiuit with our hand and gevin under our fignet AT Striuling
 the xxix day of Oçtober 1585 and of our Regnne the nyntene geir .

JAMES R .

THYRLSTANE M^r OF GRAY .

Licence by the King to Lady Lochleven to eat fefche in Lentroun .

REX .

142 WE be the tennour heirop gevis and grantis licence to Agnes Dowglas
 Ladie Lochlevin and perfonis with hir in cumpany To eit fefche
 during this forbiddin tyme of Lentroun And vpoun woddinfdayis frydayis
 and fetterdayis during hir lyfetyme ffor the quhilkis fcho fall incurre na
 danger nor pane Notwithstanding quhatfumevir our proclamatiounis maid

or to be maid in the contrar Anentis the quhilkis We dispens be thir pre-
fentis Subferiuit with our hand AT Halyruidhous the xv of februar 1585 .

THYRLSTANE .



The Laird of Lochleven to John Lawrie burgefis of Edinburgh .

143 **T**raift freynd eftir maift hartlie commendation this prefend is to defyre
gow that ge wilbe fa gud as to len M^r James off Carmichell the fum of
tuyntie foure pundis fterlin and In caice ge be nocht content of the fuirtie
that he may mack gow I wilbe cautiuon and dettour for him to gow for
the forfaid fum ge refawand his obligatioun and wrett apoun the refaid
of the famin quhilk doand ge will do me ane plefour this committis to
God At Londoun the fourt day of Aprile 1586 .

Your frynd at his pouar

LOCHLEUIN .

To his treft freind

John Lawrie burgefis of Edinburgh .

John Bofwall of Balmuto to the Laird of Lochleven .

144 **R**ycht honorabill Sir and eme / efter maift hertlie recommendatioun It
may pleis gow to witt that I reflaivit your letter upoun Monunday at evin
and hes confidderit the famyn My freindis and I findis that the fubferiv-
ing of the blank as it is formit and namelie the conclusioun thair of makis
ane equalitie baithe of rycht and poffeffioun betuix the Lard of Wester
Wemeis and me to the Loche / the quhilk nather my freindis nor I ar
myndit to aggre unto fa lang as I leive / and that in refpect that the Lard
of Wemeis rycht and poffeffioun that he pretendis is na thing lyk unto
myne / the quhilk at lenthe falbe knawin be Goddis grace nocht to his

contentment / nor git to thairis that will fortifye him into that wrangous
actioun / I declarit in the end of my last letter the farthest that I culd do
anent the subscribing of ane blank / bot for this gif I wer myndit to sub-
scribe it for ony freind that I haive I suld do it for you . Defyring you
Sir maist effectuouflic nocht to think of me bot that I will and fall do
mair for you nor the Lard of Wester Wemeis will or dar do to witt I
will and dar refer my lyfe and landis and all the rest that I haive to you
quhen occasioun fall serve and fall hafard the samyn in defence of you
and your house quherof ge fall haive experience quhen it fall pleis you
to command as knowis the Almychtie God quha mot preserve you Sir
for now and ever AT Balmwtow the penult of August 1586 .

Your affurit and obedient eme at command

JHONNE BOSSUALL of Balmouto .

To the Rycht honorabill and his maist
speciale the Laird of Lochlevin .

The Master of Glammis to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 145 Rycht honorabill Sir eftir my maist hartlie commendationes I haif
ressavit your letter and as towart the certantie of your filuer quhilk ge
defyrit to know / as I spak to you in Edinburgh I haid the same ther to
deliver to you and in respect of the Refusall I causit deliver the same to
Knokdoliem / And now I am upoun the first of the nixt moneth the lyke
fowme to ressave quhairoff I haif cautioneris in Edinburgh quhilk I luik
for and fall caus deliver the same to you as I haif schawin the berar
quhome with I haif mair amply conferrit therin And swa Remitting the
rest therto I commit you to God this xxj of October 1586 Be

Your affurit freind to his wtter pouar

THO . M^r Glammys .

To the Rycht honorabill and my weray guid
freind the Laird of Lochlevin &c .

The King to the Earl of Buchan .

146 Rycht traift coufing We greit zow hartly weill / At the lait conventioun
of famony of our eftates as affembled we declairit the prefent condioun
of the Quene our deareft moder / for quhome it becumis ws in honour and
dewetie to do all in ws poffible / not doubting of the redy gude will and
promptitude of our haill eftatis and loving fubie&is to that effect / And
feing the mater was able to draw to a capitulatioun The noblemen and
prelattis prefent for the time offerit frelie to gif ws for their awne partis
to the fame effect / everie Erle thre hundreth pundis / everie Lord twa
hundreth pundis / the meaneft of the Prelattis prefent fourtie pundis / And
everie vther prelatt accordinglie refpecting the value of ther benefices /
Nocht dowting bot all thair peiris in Scotland wald do the lyke in refpect
of the caufe wifhing thame to follow the exemple of the faidis noblemen
and prelattis prefent for the tyme / And albeit zour felff was not then pre-
fent zit luyking for na lefs gude will at zour handis / nor ze had bene per-
fonallie heir / we haue burdenit zow with the lyke fowme as vtheris of
zour rank offerit vnto ws Defyring zow effecteuellie that ze will not fail
to prepar the fame fowme mentionat in the roll / quhilk the beirar heirof
will fhaw zow and caus delyver the fame to M^r Williame Leslie quhome
we haue appointit to reffaue it within fex dayis eftir his firft cuming to
zow Sa as the purpois for quhilk the fame is deftinat be not hinderit or
harmit for the inlaik therof / Sen vpoun the confequence of that quhilk
heirvpoun is lyklye to follow dependis the quyeting or vnquyeting of the
haill eftate As ze will declair zour affectionat mynde to the furtherance
of that mater and do ws verie acceptable pleafur / Lattand us vnderftand
be zour letter with the beirar that we may affeuredlie lippin for the
fame / And fwa We commit zow to God From Halirudhous the xij day of
Januare 1586 .

To oure Richt traift coufing the erll of
Buchane and his tutoris .

James 

Licence to James Commendator of Melros to pas to France and Flanders .
 REX .

147 WE be the tennour heirof with auife of the Lordis of oure secrete coun-
 fall Geve and grant oure licence to oure louitt James commendatar of
 oure abbay of Melros To depairt and pas furth of our Realme to the
 pairtis of France Flandaris and vthiris beyond fey / thair to remane for
 doing of his lesum effearis for the space of zeiris nixttocum eftir
 the date heirof / For the quhilk We will and grant he fall nawayes be
 callit nor accufeit / Nor incur na skaith nor dangear thairthrow in his
 perfone landis guidis nor geir Nochtwithstanding qubatfumeuir oure aētis
 statutis ordinanceis proclationis or constitutionis maid or to be maid
 in the contrare Quhairnent and all panes contenit thairintill We dispens
 be thir presentis Dischargeing heirfoir oure Justice Justice clark Aduo-
 cattis and all vthiris oure Jugeis officiaris and ministeris of our lawis
 present and tocum and thair deputis Ōff all calling accuseing troubling
 or onywayes proceding aganis the said Commendatar / Or intrometing
 with him his benefice landis guidis or geir for the premissis and of thair
 offices in that part be thir presentis . Prouyding alwayes that the said
 James commendatar of Melros during his absence furth of oure realme /
 behave him selff as ane deutifull and obedient subiect to ws / and do nor
 attempt na thing tending to the hurte or preiudice of ws oure estate or
 croun Or to the religioun presentlie profeslit within oure realme / Vthir-
 wayes this oure licence to be null and of nane availl strenth force nor
 effect . Gevin vndir oure signet and subferyuit with oure hand AT
 the day of And of oure regne the
 twentiethe zeir 1586 .



Acquittance to William Douglas of Lochleven of the few maills of Melros .

148 **WE** James Commendatar of Melros grantis ws be the tennour heiroff to haue reffaued fra the handis of the rycht honorable Villiam Douglas of Lochleuin our father full and compleitt payment of all maner of maillis and wther dewities auehtand be him to ws be wertew of ony landis and dewities addettit be him to the Abbacie of Melros And be the tennour heirof We hauld ws weill contentit fatiffeit and payit of the famin and of all geiris and termis maillis and dewiteis fen our entres to the said Abbacie to this present day and daitt And thairfoir quitelamis and difchargis the said Villiam Douglas of Lochleuin his airis executouris and assignayis of the samyn for ws and our successouris and all utheris quhome it efferis In Witnes of the quhilk thing We have subferiuit this present acquittance with our hand AT Edinburgh the xxj day of Julij The geir of God I^{co} V^o lxxxvij geiris Befoir thir witneffis M^r William Henderfon commiffar of Melros Johne Douglas in Kenneftoun and Villiam Douglas called Kyllis Villiam with utheris diuers .

JAMES Commendatar of Melros .

Extra& of claufe and article in the Ratificatioun of the Pacificatioun restitutioun and abolitioun grantit to our Soverane Lordis liegis at divers Parliamentis befoir .

149 **In** the A& of the Parliament haldin at Edinburgh the tuentie nyne day of Julij the geir of God I^{co} V^o fourfcoir fevin geiris Intitulat Ratificatioun of the Pacificatioun restitutioun and abolitioun grantit to oure Souerane Lordis liegis at divers Parliamentis befoir / this claus and article is contentit OURE SOVERANE LORD of his naturall dispositioun being at all tymes maift cairfull to vnit the hail haittis of his subie&is That his nobilitie estaitis and commoun people at all tymes nicht be the mair bent

in his seruice for the avancement of the realme Hes in guid effecte declairit his intention nawayfe to enriche his crown with the damage of his subiectis Nor that ony of thame aganis vtheris for ony variance fallin out in his hienes minoritie and les age fuld haue ony maner of stryff heirefter Qubairfoir his hienes and his thre estaittis in his parliament haldin at Linlythgw in the great hall of the palice thair of the tent day of december The zeir of God I^o V^e lxxxv zeiris for great and wechtie considerationis tending to the generall peax and quietnes within this realme Retreitit rescindit and reducit quhatfumeuer proceffis and domes of foirfaltour sentences criminall and penall led and gevin aganis quhatfumevir personis for the allegit offensis contenit in the saidis proceffis and sentences and for quhatfumeuer vtheris cauffis and allegit crymes done or that might be allegit to have bene committit sen his Maiesties coronatioun Or that ar contenit in the saidis sentences of foirfaltour led sen his Maiesties coronatioun at quhat tyme soeuer the saidis crymes ar allegit to be committit befor with all that followit or may follow thairvpoun / Be the quhilk restitution the saidis personis forfeitit denunciit rebellis and put to the horne or that wer ony vtherwys trublit fa monie of thame that wer departit this lyff wer be our said Souerane and his saidis thre estaittis fullelie reponit and restoirit in Integrum to thair landis heretages rowmes possessionis pensionis offices and to thair honour dignitie and fame Siclyk and in the samyn manner as gif the saidis sentences had neuer bene gevin / And forder our said Souerane Lord with avise of his saidis thre estaittis of parliament be ane generall abolitioun dischargit all actionis criminall and penall quhilk might be competent to his hienes selff for his awin proper entres as als that mycht result betuix his subiectis of quhatfumeuir qualitie vpoun ony commoun caus of discontentment of the estait offerit in his hienes minoritie and les aige as in the saidis generall actis of restitution pacificatioun and abolitioun at mair lenth is contenit Quhilkis actis and constitutionis of parliament and euerie ane of thame Oure said Souerane Lord and his thrie estaittis of this present parliament have of new advisedlie sene and considerit in euery point

and circumstance thair of and findis and declairis the famin to have bene and to be maid for the weill of our Souerane Lord the preferuatioun of his estait and for maist iust necessar and profitabill cauffis to the hail realme and for the quietnes of all his hienes lieges And thairfoir his hienes and thre estaittis of this present parliament Hes ratifiet appreit and affermit Lyk as our said Souerane Lord with avise of his saidis thrie estaittis be thir presentis for him selff and his successouris Ratifies affermis and perpetuallie apprevis the same act of restitution pacificatioun and abolitioun of the dait abonespecificit in all pointis headis articles clauffis and circumstances thair of without ony manner of exceptioun ather of personis or crymes (except as falbe exceptit in this present act) And forder be the auctoritie of this present parliament Our said Souerane Lord with advise of his saidis thrie estaittis efter his perfite aige as said is of new reducis rescindis cassis and annullis all and findrie the saidis domes of forfaltour sentences criminall and penall all infestmentis and dispositionis of landis heretages rentis offices and benefices proceeding thairvpoun and that nicht or may be comprehendit vnder the said generall restitution pacificatioun and abolitioun maid at Lynlithgw the tyme foirsaid or that may be comprehendit in the first pacificatioun concludit at Perth the xxij day of Februar The zeir of God I^o V^o lxxij zeiris Ratifiet and appreit in the parliament haldin thereafter at Halyruidhous the last day of Aprile The zeir of God I^o V^o lxxij zeiris Quhilkis and euery partick Our said Souerane Lord and his thre estaittis haldis as expreffit heirin and ordanis the same to haif full effect and force Sen the returne of vmquhile the Quene his Maiesties derrest moder in this realme vpoun the nyntene day of August The zeir of God I^o V^o thriefcoir ane zeiris to be at lenth insert in this present act gif neid be

AND mairower our said Souerane Lord to put all his liegis in full assurance with aduise of his saidis thrie estaittis of parliament have retreitit and rescindit and be the tennour heirof retreitit and rescindis all and findrie processis of foirfaltour led aganis quhatsumeuir personis fra the

day of the arryving of oure Souerane Lordis vmquhile derrest moder within this realme quhilk wes vpoun the nyntene day of August The geir of God I^m V^o thriescoir ane geiris to the day of his hienes coronatioun and declairis the fame to be of nane avail force nor effect with all that followit or may follow thairvpoun except the speceale proceffis and sentences of foirfaltour efter specifit quhilk fall remane and abide in thair awin force Notwithstanding the premiffis Thay ar to say James sumtyme erle Bothuill James Ormestoun sumtyme of that ilk and all vtheris git onlyve quha hes bene foirfaltit for airt and pairt of the murthour of his hienes vmquhile derrest fader *Extractum de libris actorum Parliamenti per me Alexandrum Hay de Eister Kennatt clericum rotulorum registri ac concilii S . D . N . Regis sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus .*

ALEXANDER HAY .

The King to the Laird of Lochleven .

- 150 Traift freind We greit 3ou weil The trouble and wickednes of the thevis and brokiu men inhabiting oure bordouris confranis ws still retene certane plegeis and utheris maift difordourit in the Incuntrey amangis the noblemen barronis and utheris of best habilitie Scing our awne houffis ar not able to keip sic a multitude as necessarlie for this gude occasioun mon be detenit Quhairfoir We Require and commands 3ow That 3e reffaue in 3our custodie and keping Arche Elliott of the Hill quhome presentlie We direct unto 3ow / and retene him in 3our custodie and keping unlatting him pas hame upoun band obligatioun or ony maner of condition quhill he be fred and relevit Alwayes 3e neid not to keip him strait becaus fouirtie is fundin that he fall not eschape Thus We committ 3ow to God Frome Halierudhous the xxv day of O&tober 1587 .

To our traift freind the
Lard of Lochlevin .

James F.

Warrant to retain Archie Elot of the Hill in clois firmance .

- 151 **R**icht traift freind We greit ȝow hairtlic weill / Being moved to tak in plegeis for the gude reule of the difordourit peple inhabiting the bordouris we directit thame to remane and be kepit with certane noble men and baronis in the incuntrey and amangis the rest Archie Elot of the Hill to ȝow And now finding sum new attemptatis of misreule and inobedience we haue thocht meit be this our Letter effe&uusslie to require and command ȝow That ȝe retene and kepe the said plege in clois firmance quhill ȝe ressaueoure command in the contrair Or incais he be departit fra ȝow vpoun quhatfumeuir pretens or occasioun That ȝe certifie ws be write of the very trewth in that behalff / be quhat warrand and quhat suretie ȝe haue for his reentrie As ȝe will anfuer to ws and do ws thankfull and gude plesure Thus we committ ȝow to God AT Haliruidhous the fourt day of februarye 1587 .



To oure richt traift freind the
Laird of Lochlevin .

Warrant to put Archie Ellott of the Hill to fredome and to keip Clemet Elot his brothers son in his place .

- 152 **T**raift freind we greit ȝow weill / ȝe fall putt Archie Ellott of the Hill to libertie and fredome / and ressaue in his place Clemett Elott his brutheris sone / quhome ȝe fall keip and detene in sure firmance / Suffering him nawayes to pas hame vpoun band obligacioun or otherwayes quhill he be

fred and relevit be ws theranent thir presentis fall serve vnto 30w for a warrand Thus we committ 30w to God Frome Haliruidhous the day of februarye 1587 .

To our traift freind the
Laird of Lochlevin .



Obligation by Dame Jean Lyoun Countefs of Angus .

153 We Dame Jeanne Lyoun Countesse of Angus grantis ws to have deteynit in our handes the lettres underwrittin viz. ane nyntein 3eir tak of the teinds of Eliftoun of the dait the 19 of O&tober a thousand fyve hundrethe threefcoir feventein 3eir is Ane nyntein 3eir tak of the teinds of Aberdour of the dait a thousand fyve hundrethe threefcoir and fyftein 3eirs the penult of Marche / The reverfioun givin be Sir Robert Melvill of the lands of Graingemuir and Woodfeild The reverfioun of Langtoun givin be James and Mungo Mure in Langtoun And be thir presents testifies the said lettres not be comprehended in the dischaarge of the Evidents and lettres of the Erledome of Morton and Dalkeith giuin to ws be the Erle of Mortoun / For the quhilk lettres only above specifit We fall be answerable as law will to ony pretending title to the same / In witnes quherof We have subferyvit this present with our hand AT Edinbrughe the tuentie day of Merche a thousand fyve hundrethe fourfcoir and aucht 3eirs Befor thir witnes George Douglas of Pairkheid M^r Nicol Dagleifehe Minister M^r Dauid Houme our serviteur with uther dyvers .

JENE COUNTES OF ANGUS .

GEO. DUGLASS Witnes .

Mr DAUID HOUME Witnes .

Discharge to William Earl of Mortoun as air of tailzie to umquhile Archibald erll of Angus .

REX .

154 WE JAMES be the grace of God King of Scottis Remembering the trew and thankfull fervice done to ws be oure richt trest cwsing umquhill Archibald erll of Angus quha last deceiffit As alio be oure richt trest cwsing Williame now erle of Mortoun Be the tennour heirof Renunes and simpliciter Discharges All and quhatfumevir actioun competent to ws as air to umquhill Dame Margaret Dowglas Countes of Lennox oure guiddame umquhill James Maister of Angus hir broder umquhill Archibald erll of Angus oure grandfire Or ony utheris our predeceffouris aganis the said Williame now erll of Mortoun as heir of tailzie to the said umquhill Archibald erll of Angus quha last deceiffit for his Intromiffioun with the males fermes canes customes casualliteis grefowmes and utheris dewteis and proffeittis quhatfumevir Of all and fyndrie the erldome of Angus Lordschippis of Dowglas Abernethie and utheris landis and baroneis quhatfumevir Quhairunto We as air to ony of oure predeceffouris hes or may pretend richt or enteres And that for all zeiris and termes bygane sen the deceis of umquhill James maister of Angus or umquhill Archibald erll of Angus oure grandfire etc Subscrivit with oure hand and gevin under our signet AT the day of The zeir of God I^m V^o fourefcoir aucht zeiris .

James

The King to the Earl of Mortoun .

155 Rycht traift coufing and counfallour We greit zow hartlie weil Mynding to haue heir a frequent and solempne conventioun of our nobilitie baronis and vtheris our estatis vpoun the xxiiij day of Aprile instant

alſweill for reſolutioun to be tane be thair adviſe anent the mater of our marriage as for the quieting of this eſtate and diuerting of the appearand dangeris threatnit thairto baith be externall and domeſtique pra&tiſes / It is thairfore our will and we deſire ȝow richt affectueuſlie / that all excuſis ſet apart / ȝe faile not to addreſ ȝow to be with ws the ſaid day and place / preparit to aſſiſt ws with ȝour beſt counſale and adviſe anent the premiſſis / as ȝe will teſteſie vnto ws ȝour dewtifull affectioun towardis ws and this hail ſtate and do ws therin rycht acceptable ſeruiſe Thus We commit ȝow to God / from Halyruidhous the firſt day of Apryle 1589 .

To our richt traift couſing and counſallour
The erle of Mortoun .

James P.

Proclamiatioun to charge his Majeſteis liegis within the ſcherifdome of Eſſe to aſſiſt in apprehending the Earl of Huntly .

156 **JAMES** be the grace of God King of Scottis to our louittis

meſſingeris and ſcheriffis in that parte conjunctlie and ſeueralie ſpecialie conſtitute greting Forſamekle as it is vndirſtand to ws and lordis of oure ſecreit counfall That George erll of Huntley and utheris his compliceis quhilkis laitlie conuocat thame ſelfſis togidder in armes for troubling of oure perſone and eſtate ar now returnit bak to oure burgh of Perth / mynding thair to remane quhill thay may haue bettir occaſioun to proſequute thair formair wicked intentioun to the bringing on of mony inconuenientis gif tymous and ſubſtantious remeid be not prouidit / Qubairfoir We haue gevin and grantit and be thir oure letters with aduiſe of the ſaidis lordis of oure ſecrete counfall gevis and grantis oure full pouer and commiſſioun expreſ bidding and charge to oure richt traift couſing and counſellour Williame erll of Mortoun Lord Dalkeith and Andro erle off Rothes lord

Leslie conjun&lie and feveralie To conuocat oure liegis inhabitantis within the boundis of oure scherefdome of Fyffe alswell to burgh as to land regalitie as ryaltie betuix saxtie and saxtene ȝeiris / and utheris sensible personis in weirlykemaner And to pas inchois and inuiron oure said burgh on all partis and all vtheris thingis to do and vse that for apprehensoun of the said erll and utheris his compliceis is requisite to be done / With pouer alswa to this effect to assege houffis raise fyre and vse all kynd of force and weirlyk ingyne that can be had for wyunning thair of and executioun of this present commissioun in all pointis Decerning be thir presentis that quhatsumeuir slauchter mutilatioun or vthir inconuenient salhappin to be committit be oure said commissiounar or the personis assisting him to the executioun of the premissis fall not be imputt as cryme or offence to thame / nor thay fall not be callit nor accused thairfoir criminalie nor ciuilie nor incur na dangeir for the famin in thair personis landis or guidis Exonerung thame be thir presentis of all pane and dangeir that thai may incur thairthrow for euir OURE WILL IS heirfoir and we charge ȝow straitlie and commandis That incontinent thir oure lettres sene ȝe pas and in oure name and auctoritie Command and charge all and findrie our liegis betuix saxtie and saxtene ȝeiris and vtheris sensible personis duelland within the boundis of oure said schirefdome Be oppin proclamatioun at the mercatt croceis of the fame and vtheris placeis neidfull That thay and ilkane of thame weill bodin in feir of weir repair to oure said commissiounar with all possible diligence eftir the publicatioun heirof pas fordwart / assist concur and fortifie him in the executioun of this present commissioun in all pointis vsing his directioun without attempting any thing in the contrarie vnder the pane of tinsfall of lyffe landis and guidis The quhilk to do We commit to ȝow conjun&lie and feveralie our full pouer be thir our lettres delivering thame be ȝow deulie execute and Indorfate agane to the beirare Gevin vndir our signet and Subferyuit with our hand AT Edinburgh the viij day of Aprile And of oure regnne the xxij ȝeir 1589 .

JAMES R .

Mr Andrew de Mazieres [Minister at Thoire in Xaintonge] to the Earl of Morton .

157 Monsieur Jay receu le 7 de ce moys les lettres qu'il vous pleust m'escire de Domdy par la lecture desquelles j'euz nouvelle occasion de remercier Dieu tant de la prosperite de vostre estat en particulier qu'il este de bien en mieux l'honorant de ses benefices que pour la grace qu'il continue a l'endroit de vostre Roy lequel il affectionne de plus en plus a son seruissè l'accourageant a repurger son royaume des abominables idolatries et des imposteurs et sedueteurs qui par faux donner a entendre ayant perdu ung nombre infiny dames ont attiré a leur pouuoir les plus beaux domaines de la terre et a present voyantz leur seduction desouverte par la clarte de la parole de dieu sefforcent de l'esteindre pour pouuoir retenir leur prinse aux despens du salut et repos de tout le monde . Mais ilz feront en fin desconfitz et ruinez . Loue soit donc Dieu Monsieur qui vous a fauory d'ung don si exquis que de vous douer dung tel prince Je le prie de fere la grace aux princes et seigneurs de ce royaume de reconnoistre ung tel bien comme il appartient et leur donner courage d'affister a leur Roy a la poursuyte d'ung tel oeuvre leur donnant ung peuple et subjects dociles et volontaires . Au reste puy mes dernieres lettres que je donnay a Monsieur de Domda la ville de Chartres l'est remise a la subjection de nostre Roy . Le Duc de d'Espèron a presens Montereau fault yonne pres Paris et arresté quarente grandz bateaus quj descendoient au long de la riuère pour la uitailer . On estime que ceux de dedans feront contraintz eux rendre par faute de viures Monsieur de la Noue sous le duc de Longueville a deffait douze enseignes de Lansequenetz quj esloyent venuz pour la ligue Le Pape en son Consiytoire aduertiy de lunion du Roy avec le Roy de Nauarre out esleu deux Cardinaux pour la rompre et maintenir le Roy au propos dont il a fait declaration comme vous auez peu veoyr en l'impression que je vous en ay Enuoyée Je croy qu'ilz sont bien marriz des heureux sucez qu'il a pleu a

Dieu donner au Roy a ces commencementz et de s'estre tant descouvertz contre luy car partout ou le clerge a heu pouuoyr Ilz ont fait rebeller le peuple contre le Roy comme encore ilz l'estudient a ce feur Ce qu'ils ont obtenu a Poytiers ou il y a ung moyne nomm  Protasius qui est Capitaine et menne les hommes a la guerre . Ceux de Bourdeux voyant que les Indaites continueyent obtinement a mesdire du Roy a inciter le peuple contre icellui voyre Dieu par leur deprecacions les ont chaffez et desparty aux Mendiens leur revenu et par ce moyen ont contenu le peuple en l'obeissance du Roy / Le Roy de Navarre a envoy  pardeffa Monsieur de Phay garde de ses sceaus aux fins dauoir de l'argent pour soustenir les grands frais qu'il luy conuient feur Mais les hommes sont si froids a donner que je n'estime pas qu'il puisse auoir ce qu'il pretent veu mesme qu'il est charge dune commission fort odieuse scavoir de remettre les officiers du Roy papistes en leur estats et en desposer ceux que le Roy de Navarre avoyt miz en leur place Et de mettre la messe par toutes les villes de la religion Ce que est fort odieuse aux gens de bien et trouve fort estrange estre advenu au Roy de Navarre / veu qu'au moys de decembre dernier pass  en l'assemblee des deputez des Eglises de France en ce lieu renouvelant l'union cy devant faite a Montauban avec icelles Il jura et protesta de la maintenir religieusement et n'accorder ny feur rien concernant les Eglises que par laduiz et consentement dicelles . Nous ne pouvons esperer une heureuse issue diceux qui fondent le bastiment de leur grandeur sur des pierres d'impiete de perjure et injustice comme font ceux qui autorisent les moynes prestres et officiers papistes / J'ay escrit au Roy d'Ecosse sur la declaration du Roy mais si j'eusse sceu cela je ne le lui eusse teu pour le desir que jay que le Roy de Navarre maintienne Dieu de son cost  sans la faveur peculi re duquel il ne peut attendre qu'une ruine Je scai bien qu'on targera ce fait indigne de quelque beau pretexte mais il ny a raison humaine qui puisse feur valoir devant Dieu l'usage de ce qu'il reprove . Il prononce malediction contre ceux qui mettent le mal pour le bien et les tenebres pour lumiere et qui scauent feur le bien et ne le font pas / la gloyre de Dieu doyt estre plus chere et pretieuse aux fidelles

que celle des Roys . Dieu ayme mieux l'obeissance que les sacrifices combien plus que les raisons vaines des hommes Il honorera ceux qui l'honorent mais ceux qui ne font cas de son honneur seront deshonnez Cest acte assure le papiste qui estoit espouvanté par les exploits que Dieu lui avoyt donné de feur contre icelluy et le rend audacieux pour senhardir a luy courir sus car il le voyt desfia reduit a ce point de luy accorder ce qu'il eut fait difficult de demander a ceux de la religion quand bien les liguez eussent gaigné sur iceux une bataille Le desplaistr que jen ay me feroit estendre plus avant ces discours si je ne craignoy de vous ennuyer en la lecture de mes Regretz O combien est heureuse vostre Roy qui resiste au Diable Le Diable et ses supposts s'enfuyeron et quitteront son Royaume . Je veoy au contraire ce miserable Royaume estre fait la retraite des Diables et dragons plus que Jamais par la lascheté de nos deux Roys Quj les craignez Dieu leur veille feur misericorde et les douer de la foy qui est selon sa crainte et connoissance de verité et combien que la deffense de sa juste cause ne soyt point pourfuyure d'ung tel pied quelle mérite qu'il marche néanmoins deuant l'armee des siens et confonde celle des liguez et vous doint

Monfieur

sa grace et paix saluant voz bonnes graces de mes tres humbles recommandacions a la Rochelle ce 20 de Juing 1589 .

Vostre tres humble et obcissant seruiteur a Jamais

A Monsieur

A . MAZIERES .

Monsieur le Comte de Morthon
en Escosse .

The warrand for deliuerie of Johne Logane .

REX .

158 Willieme erll of Mortoun lord Dalkeith ⁊c We greit ⁊ow wele IT is
oure will and We command ⁊ow That incontinent estir the sicht heiroff

ge deliuer Johnne Logane broder germaine to George Logane portionar of Bonytoun / To oure weilbelouit feruitour James Coluile of Eiftir Wemy's to be keipit and vfit be him conforme to oure dire&tioun gevin thairanent / As ge will anfuer to ws thairvpoune Keipand thir presentis for your warrand Subferiuit with oure hand AT Falkland the nynt day off Auguft the geir of God I^m V^o fourfcoir nyne geiris .

James F.

The King to the Earl of Mortoun .

- 159 Richt traift Coufing and counfellour We greit you hertlie weill / Vpoun knowlege of the lait dangeris quherin the Quene oure dearest fous hes bene / and sum impedimentis objectit for hir present returnyng this feafon / We haue takin purpos to pas oure felff God willing in perfoun to Norroway quher she now remanis / having left a Declaratioun of oure will as thingis falbe governit in oure abfence and thairin hes fpecialie burdynnit you to attend sum tymes on oure Counfell at Edinburgh affifting oure dearest nepheu the Duke of Lennox according to oure dire&tioune / quhervnto fen ge wilbe maid privie / We will forbear presentlie to vse ma wordes Bot defiring you effectuflie to hald hand that the fame oure dire&tioun may be fulfillit as may best stand with oure honour and quietnes of the cuntrie Conforme to the trust quhilk we haue reposit in you / As ge may still lippin for the continewance of oure guid will and fauour We commit you in the prote&tioun of Almichtie God AT Leith the xxij day of October 1589 .

James F.

To oure richt traift coufing and counfellour
the erll of Mortoun .

George Douglas of Parkhead to the Earl of Morton .

- 160 **M**aye It pleis your Lo / Seing his Majestie hes concludit for dyvers gret respects to remaine this winter in theis partis / And being forcit to live upon the King of Denmarks charges is defyrous to be sa quyet as can be .
 Your Lo / son Archibald hes tain occasioun thareupon to purches licience with favorable letters of recommendatioun of his hienes To travell aorth the wardle for a zeir or twa And he hes dealt with me in sic earnist manere to beir him cumpanie / that after I had useit all manere of motives that I could devyfe to dissuade him fra the same (as the hail freinds wha are heir can beir recorde) zit finding it a thing impossible to cause him change opinion I have in lenth rather chofein to be partaker of his fortune then to suffer him to undertake sa venterous ane voyage altogether unaccompanied / Swa as on the ane syde I wald with your Lo / to have my pairte excused Sa may your Lo / on the other syde be sa far assured of my diligent attendance and loving caire over him / that I fall omitte nathing (by the grace of God) that in me lyeth quhilk may ether tend to his proffit / honour or weillfare / And thus leaving the farther declaracion of theis matters to his awne reporte I commit your gud Lo / to the blessed protection of God nocht forgetting my most humble commendatiounis of servuce to your Lo / and my Lady your bedfellowe From Vpslo in Noroway this last of November 1589 .

Your Lo / mest humble and affectioned to do your service

GEO · DUGLASS ·

To the Right honorable my verie gud Lord
 my Lord the Erle of Mortoun .

The King to the Earl of Mortoun .

- 161 **R**ycht traift counsing and counfellowr We greit your hartlie weil The Commissionaris and gentlemen of Denmark / being now departit / We

thocht convenient to proceid with all expeditioun possibill / to the consideration of the Inconvenientis standing in our estait and effairis / and how the famyne may be remeidit / for our awin weill and honour / and to confort and ease of our gude subiectis / quherunto finding your gude advyse necessar we desyre you effectioully that ye will not fail to be heir at Halyruidhous vpon the tent day of Junij nixt to the effect forlaid / quhair your tarie salbe schort / And sa resting to your cuming As ye wische the gude success of this werk and will do us acceptable pleasur / committis you in the protection of God AT Halyruidhous the xxix day of Maij 1590 .

To our Richt traift Cousing and counsellour
the erll of Mortoun .

Order for Proclamation of the Marriage of the Earl of Errol and Lady Elizabeth Douglas and Certificate thereof .

162 **M**inisteris Forfamekill as We parteis onderfubferyuairis are agreeit that the bandis of our mariage be proclamit at placis requisit / to that effect / and in takin as of bayth our consentis therto We have subferyvit this present With our handis At the Newhous the secund of Juin 1590 .

ERROL .

MORTOUN .

ELIZABETH DOUGLAS .

To al and findrie quhome it efferis speciallie the brithring of the ministerie pace and grace from God the father and from his sone the Lord Jesus x^c Forfamekil as it wil pleas you undirstand / the bannis of mariage betuixt the rycht nobil and honorabill parteis To wit Franceis earle of Errol Lord Hay x^c and Eligabeth Douglas dauchtir to ane nobil Lord my Lord Earl Mortoun ar thre several fondayis proclaimed lauchfullie At the kirk of Slanis / na impediment being objected in the

contrarie quherthrow 3e or ony of 3ow may proceed to the celebratioun off the band of mariage Testifeit and subfcrueit as is undirwretin At Slanis the 21 day of Junij 1590 .

ALEXANDER BRUCE Minister at Slanis .

Francis Earl of Errol to the Earl of Morton ?

163 My Lord efter my heartlyeft commendaciouns I am informit that git my ennemies cessis nocht to speik of me / and to renew thingis I haid fatiffcit alradie And albeid I can nocht empefche nor stayie invyfull menis speking git vill I nocht negle&t to acquent freyndis with my innocencie and honest meining bayth to King and Kirk . As concerning his Majesties obedience quhatfumevir I have owrfene therin / and resfaut pardon therof / was vpon na lang precogitat purpos bot suddanlie redackit therto for eschewing of fume rigurus forme dewyfit aganis me be sic as but caus become my onfreyndis / And qwhayfoeur vald faye that than I menit ony subuerfion of religion thay ar ather my ennemies directlie or knawis nocht veill the proces of that turne / feing that all that tyme I offerit my felff to the tryall bayth off his Majestie with his conseill / and of the Kirk / onlye refufit but tryall to be evill vfit . Off this my Lord I think to wreitt the les that I hoip 3our L / rememberis of all / only defyris gif ony occasion beis 3our L / pleis hald hand that fals reportis find nocht place aganis me in my absens / feing nather haid I in the lait trubill ony intention aganis religion nor aganis his Majesties obedience bot forcit / nayther git have I ony intention fra this furth in ony fort to disturbe the quyetnes of the cuntrie / All forther I remitt to the nixt occasion fwa presentlie committis 3our L / in Gods almychtie prote&tion / At Aberdene the xij of Junij 1590 .

3our L / rycht affurit freynd at power

ERROL .

Mr John Knox Minister at Melros to the Earl of Morton .

164 My Lord efter commendatioun of service / Pleis your Lordship / wit the laird of Ceffuird yournger hes bene at conference with M^r Johne Cawden and me anent the state of your tenents of Langnewtown And does mekle marvell that your Lordship hes not a farther regard to thame / At lenth he cam to this poynt that he requyred ws to commune with your Lordship in this mater and in his name to say that it wer most meitt gif your Lordship mycht be perswadit therto / to see gif ge mycht content Andro Ker for his kyndnes of Langnewtown teynd ffor said he thocht Andro Ker hes not demerited weill at my hand as also that I do not allow of sick inordinat fassions as he vses / git he is a Ker and he is come of our hous and I wald be layth to see him wrack / quhat ansuer I maid heirto M^r Jhone Cowden will tell your Lordship / your Lordship knowes that Teviotdail kyndnes will not be forgett without some contentment for it / And it wer not worst to haue some regard to your pure ones quho will ever get the fowr of this labour / As also I will desyre your Lordship to acqyte your self of the brute that goes in the cuntrey of you for this your lingering / Jea thair ar some that sayes your Lordship walbe content to haue all the tenentis of Langnewtown wrackit that ge mycht tak it in manis to your self Quhairin thocht I be not perswadit git I think it your Lordships honour to prove thir speakers liers And so commending your Lordship and your effaris to the proteccion of God commendis you hartlie to him . From Melrois this xxij of Julij 1590 . Be your Lordship at service .

M JHONE KNOX Minister at Melrois .

To the richt honorabill Lord

My Lord Erle of Mortoun .

Francis Earl of Errol to the Earl of Morton .

165 **M**y Lord and father / efter my maist hertlie commendatioune this is to aduertife your Lordship that I refautt ane letter giftrein fra the M^r Lewingstoune / anent the purpose quhilk I spak to your Lordship of the bying off his land lyk as your Lordship may persaue be the maisteris awin lettere send to me quhilk ge please heirwith refaue desyring that you will resolue thairanent fasoone as ge can / becaus youe will know thairby baith quhat he may haife for it and quhat quantetie the land is off / and the terme of payment quhairwith gif your Lordship cannot deal at the present I will desyr that ge will grant him that fawor as to admitt thame tennentis that will deall with him for it quhill will adwantag him and naways endomag your Lordship / likways I will remitt farthar heirin to your Lordships resolutions and ansuer quhilk I luik for fasoone as ge may conuenientlie send it and sa committis your Lordship to God At Logyalmond this fonday lait .

Your maist lowing sone at all pouar to Command

ERROL .

To my maist speciall gud Lord and father

My Lord Earll of Mortoune .

Francis Earl of Errol to the Earl of Morton .

166 **M**y Lord and father / efter my maist hertlie commendatioune I refautt your Lordships letter of the xxix of O&tober vpon fonday the first of this instant quhairby I vnderstand that your Lordship is willing till excamb your landis in Stirlingshyre with the M^r Lewingstouns landis in Tweddell quhair of I fall aduertisse the M^r / and as I refaue ansuer of the M^r your Lordship fall knaw with diligence his mynd / always it is meit in my opinione that your Lordship confidder the waliditie bayth of your awin

landis and his and quhilk of ȝow hes the best landis / till the vther to gif
 fatiffa&ioune / or gif the difference / be not gryt / till leit it be confiderit
 quietlie be sum indifferent men that knawis bayth gif they may be haid /
 As for the lyfrentis that ȝour Lordship writtis the M^{rs} tenentis in Twadell
 hes quhair of ȝouris hes not the lyke / that may be confiderit befor the
 turne be endit betuix ȝow / for fen it is fa far agaitwart / I wald it wer
 at sum point / for albeit I haid the best adwyfe in the warld / I fuld newir
 adwyfe ȝour Lordship ather againt ȝour honor or profeit / fa far as I
 may knaw / and in this turne I fall do quhat I can to gett ȝour Lordship
 contentit with ȝour part howsoever it be it is necessar ȝour Lordship
 fend ane of ȝour awin serwandis to me heir about Thurisday evm aucht
 days / with the rentallis bayth of ȝour awin landis / and the M^r Lewing-
 stouns / as also instruetit in all questiouns that may aryse of any of ȝour
 pairtis / fa far as ȝour Lordship may / and I fall do gudwill my self to
 braik the back of all questiouns gif the difference be not werie gryt / I
 am till ryd vpon Frydday to meit with the Erll of Huntlie at Montroise or
 Brechein anent sic thingis as ar betuix me and his bruther / and as I
 returne ȝour Lordship salbe aduertislit quhat I do with him / Sa to new
 occasioun I committ ȝour Lordship to God At Logyalmond the third
 day of November 1590 .

ȝour ll / maift lowing sone at all pouar to Command

ERROL .

To my maift speciall gude Lord and father

My Lord erll off Mortoune .

The Master of Glamis to the Earl of Morton .

167 My Lord Eftir my maift hartly commendationis I refaut ȝour L / letter
 and fall deliver the silver to my L / Erroll afoir Mertimes and refauc his
 difcharge theroff and fall bring the same with me at my cummyng to
 Edinburgh quhilk falbe God willing in the nixt owyk Becaus my L / Erroll

wilbe heir the morne at nycht I neid nocht to fend to him for my L /
Huntly hes defyrit that he may meit with him in his passing towart Edin-
burgh and to this effect that they may meit on fryday nixt in Montroes
quhilk my L / Erroll intendis to do / This I onderftand be my L / Erroll
himselff and fo for the present nocht hawing ony further occasion I com-
mit your L / to God From Glamis the ferd of Nouember 1590 Be

Your L / fon alwayes to command

THO · M^r GLAMMISS ·

Francis Earl of Errol to the Earl of Morten ·

168 My Lord and father / efter my werrie hertlie commendatiouns being
myndfull till haif fpokin with the Erll of Huntlie heir in sic turnis of my
awin as I wreit of to your Lordship affair / be reafoune of quhais stay /
finding my selff this far agaitwart I haif tane occasioun to ryd north to
be at ane point with him aither fordwart or backward and myndis be
Goddis grace / to returne with all diligence possibill and immediatlie /
thairefter fall fie your Lordship / sa that the turne betuix you and the
M^r Lewingstoune mon ather be dealt furth be sum vther men that can
lyk you beyth / or ellis mon continew quhill I returne / quhilk in my
opinioun is nocht necessary / always that I remitt to your Lordships awin
resolutiounes / Sa for the present to new occasioun / I committ your
Lordship to God At Brechin / the sewint day of Nouember 1590 ·

Your ll / maist lowing sone at all pouer to Command

ERROL ·

To my maist speciall gude Lord and father

My Lord erll of Mortoune ·

Licence by the King to M^cIntoshe to pas hame to his fader &c .
 REX .

- 169 We be the tennour heirof Grantis and gevis licence to M^cIntoshe
 sone lauchfull to Lauchlane M^cIntoshe of Dunnauchtane presentlie re-
 maning as plege with our traift Coufing and Counfalour William erll of
 Mortoun To depairt and pas hame to his fader or utherwise to frequent
 and repair in quhatsumevir pairt of oure cuntrey quhair he pleis &c
 Gevin under our Signet and subserivit with our hand AT the
 day of And of our regne the xxiiij 3eir 1590 .

JAMES R .

The King to the Earl of Morton .

- 170 Richt traift coufing and counfellowr We greit 3ow hertlie weil The fame
 gude God that hes preferuit ws frome all perrellis fen our concepioun
 vnto this hour still disclofis and bringis to further licht the mischevous
 practizes ettilit be Sathan and his ministeris aganis our awin estait and
 perfoun / and the vnnaturall wrang and malice that wes wrocht aganis
 our richt traift coufing and counfellowr the vmquhile erll of Angus of
 gude memorie that last deceiffit / Qubilk mater requiring now to be put
 to the vttermaist triall / We mon effe&uoullie requyre 3ow That 3e fail
 not all 3our vther buffines sett apart to be in Edinburgh vpoun the xj day
 of Aprile instant That be 3our presence and furtherance / this actioun
 may tak sic a formall end be iustice vpoun the xij day of the fame moneth
 as Goddis law and the lawis of our realme allowis of And swa lippyning
 that 3e will not fail to keip this dyett preceissie As 3e luiffit the erand
 and thame quhome it concernis Committis 3ow to Almychtie God AT Dalkeith
 the fourt of Aprile 1591 .

JAMES R .

To oure richt traift coufing and counfellowr
 The erll of Mortoun .

The Earl of Angus to the Earl of Mortoun .

171 My Lord efter my hartlie commendatioun I haue refauit anc letter from his Majestie defyryng me to haue bein in Edinburgh the xj of this instant To haue sen Justice vfit aganis sic perfones as hes ettellit mischewous pratekceis aganis his Majesties awin estait and persoune as also aganis myne and youris ll / wmqhill last prediceffoure that died of guid memorie Heirfoir I maist eirnestlie mon Request your ll / to wreit to the rest of our frendis that your ll / may keipe the said day to further his Majestie / in the ministratioune of Justice / Seing his Majesties intencion tendis bayth to the weillfair of the contrey and speciallie to the veillfair and standing of our house / Treulie thare sold haue na wardlie tourne stayit me frome the keiping of the said day bot it hes plefit God to visit me with ane extreme fyfher that I may [nather] Reid nor gange as is notablie knauen wnto the contrey Thus lukiug your ll / will not fail to keip the said day Becaus of my present diseafe and the fortherance of the ministratioune of Justice Specialie be ws quich tendis maist to our honour Seing God hes moueit his Majestie to sie Justice adminiftrat quhais intencion being sa guid We can not refusis for our awen partis Thairfoir your ll / mane tak burden wpon your ll / at this tyme for me / becaus of my present diseafs Remiting the rest to your ll / wisdome and confideratioune of our dewties / Committis your ll / to the protectione of the Almychtie From Glenbervy the viij of this instant [April] 1591 .

Your ll / affurit coufing at his power .

ANGUS .

I pray your ll / to Remember my commendatioune to your bedfallowe .
Als I Request your ll / to assiff this caus sua that we resaue nor deserwe na sclander of God nor the world &c .

To my weray speciall guid Lord and coufinge

My Lord of Mortoun .

Ludovick Duke of Lennox to the Earl of Morton .

172 My Lord efter my hairtlie commendatione, fene I haif ever found your Lo / to be ane maift speciale and favorable freind towardis me In all my adois mane now burdene your Lo / that my present mariage with Maiftres Lilius Ruthvene be your Lo / soliftatione at his Majesties hand may be Interprett according to my honest mening without prefuming ony disobediance to his Majestie quhilk never fall enter in my mynd for ony worldlie respekt bot fall ay continew as maift speciallie obleift thairto his Majesties humbill subje&t and servand And as to the performance of mariages I dowt not bot his Majestie as lykwys all trew christians acknowledgedis thame concludit be God In the hevines and cannot be eschewed as I am suir myne hes bene frome the beginning haifing my hairt movit with sick extreme affectione did willinglie be my aithe and faithfull promis bind my self thairto that nathair with saif conscience nor honour culd I eschew the same Sua hoiping your Lo / guid word and credit towardis his Majestie wilbe Employit sua far as your Lo / may in this my godlie and honest caus will committ your Lo / to God Frome Dunkell the xiiij of Apryll 1591 .

Your Lo / louinge assurit freind

To my verie guid and speciall Lord

LENOX .

My Lord erle of Mortoun .

Ludovick Duke of Lennox to the Earl of Morton .

173 My Lord I man earnestly requeste your Lo / as in my last letter that in case the King hes conceuit ony mynd aganis my last proceeding heir it will pleis you to concur with my other freindis att courte for pacifeing of his Majestie / I man confes that altho my fact be not odious in the selff / yet I haue offendit in contrauening his Majesteis

intentioun and confequently I fubmit me to his gracious will hoiping with Gods grace never to difpleis him againe / to follow his commands in all pointis according to my bund dewtie / Your Lo / gude offices beftowit on me heirant fall not be lofit yf I fall ever haue the powar to requyte the fame And fo ending wyth my very hartlie commendation I leave your Lo / in the protektion of God / From Dunkell xix of Aprile 1591 .

Your L / maift louing freind

LENOX .

To my Lord

My Lord Erle of Mortoun .

Laird of Drumlanrig to the Earl of Morton .

- 174 It will pleis your Lordship that the laird of Cloisburne / beand fchireff deput of Drumfres in the abfens of my Lord Sanquhar / he come vnder filence and cloud of nicht in the moneth of Merche laft / to your Lordships landis and regalitie of Mortoun / and brak ane fallowis houfe at the braidfyde tuke him felff and his geir but ony ordour / brocht him furth of your Lordships regalitie / without ony tryall of his giltinefs or innocens / Intromettit with his efcheit / and than put him to ane affyis / quhilk wes ane greit noveltie That the fchireff and his deputtis fuld intromet with ony man or his geir within your Lordships regalitie / ffor nather the Lord Sanquhar his predeceffouris fchireffis of the shire nor na vther neuir did the like nor neuir wald haif prefumeit to haif done the famin / quhairof I being aduerteift I directit ane feruand in your Lordships naim and myne and defyreit the faid fallow to be continewit quhill cognitioun wer tane / quhither his tryall appertentit to your Lordship and baillies of your Lordships regalitie or to the fchireff quhilk wes altogethir refusit / quhairfoir I pafte my felf and vpon your Lordships privilege of your Lordships regalitie /

as your Lordships baillie standand vndifchargeit be your Lordship / I take this fallow of his hand without ony trublance or impediment / and the nixt day thereftir I convenient the gentill men of the cuntrie / and in your Lordships naim with your Lordships officer I fenfit ane courte of your Lordships baronie of Mortoun and als I caufit your Lordships said officer summond all the baronie / to that effect And this fallow being convi&t I caufit Justife him / And albeit I haif na titill of your Lordships baillierie zit In refpe&t I remain in poffeffioun of the said baillierie vndifchargeit be your Lordship I thocht I had rather haiff done this and anfuer to your Lordship nor till haif fufferrit the laird of Cloifburn or ony vther I nicht ftop vfurpe ane auctorite within your Lordships regalitie fa fer prejudiciall to your Lordships privilege and honour and myne awin baith / I and my predeceffouris having in abfens of your Lordship and predeceffouris ftill mantenit the libertie of the said regalitie / quhairvpon the laird of Cloifburne rafit lettres To charge me to prefent the said fallow and to compeir perfonalie befor his Majeftie quhilk wes continewit to the faxt of May instant / quhilk day I wes of mynd to haiff kept / And in refpe&t of fik neidfull effairis as I haif ado I may nocht keep the famin / Quhairfoir I will requeift your Lordship In cais your Lordship be prefent vpon counfall To fe my abfens excufit quhill ane vther day that I fall be prefent ffor I dout nocht bot your Lordship will be your Lordships libertie fe this mater excufit Seing that for the keeping of your Lordships privilege I did it / Sa referring to your Lordships anfuer and quhat your Lordship pleiffis to command me I will obey Eftir my hartlie commendationis I commit your Lordship to the prote&tioun of the Almighty Off Drumlangrig the ferd of Maij 1591 .

Your Lordship to be commandit at his power

DRUMLANGRIG .

It will pleis your Lordship to credite the berar quha can gif neid be declair your Lordship the haill cais .

To his verie gude Lord

My Lord erle of Mortoun .

Agnes Countes of Morton to the Earl of Morton .

- 175 It vul pleis ȝour L / that I have bein this mununday in Dundej and hes bocht ane tvne of vyne fewin scoir fextein pundis the tvne and hes gevin my obligatioun to pay it the xv day of Auguft / I haiwe caufit conveyn the tennentis of Auchterhous / and hes caufit the gwidman of Kenneif-toune deill vith thame to sei quhat pryce thai vill giwe for ther fermes / thai vill offer bot four markis for meill and beir for na priggig that Jhone Douglas and I can mak and mony of thame I can get na thing fra tham / sik as Finlafoun / Daud Kinner in the Bonitounce / Petre in the Bowhous and vther diuers / gif ȝe be content vith this pryce advertéis me vith dilligence vith this berair and I fall caus tham provyid the filuer / Forder ȝour L / vill fend to Jhone Hutfone to caus him bring owt of the barony of Kynrofs four kairtis vith sufficient horfes and men to draw the vyne / thai fuld cum to the pow of Lendoris and that thai failt nocht to be at the appointit plaice and Jhone Hutfone vith tham this tvyfday at twa efter none / As for newis ȝour L / fall vit this morning in the dawing thar is ane fifti heiland menn of Athoill all fwt menn cam to ane feild in the manis of Fowllis and twik away ane pwind of nowt thaj var ane lang fpaice away or vord cam to the plaice / howfone vord cam to the plaice thair Ifchewit furth my Lord Grayis twa brethar vith fum of my Lord Humis ferwandis / the nummer of the haille that paffit furth var bot threttein perfonis / or thai overtwik tham the pwind vas at the vatter of Ila / ther the horfe men maid the onnfett on the fwtmen and hes releiwit the pwind and hes flane thre Athoill menn that ar alreddy ded and vther twa that ar fupponit to be ded or the morne fua ther ar fywe on that fyid flainn / ther ar hwrt both vill nocht be the vorfe my Lord Grayis twa brethar / Gilbert and Andro vith his ftewart that vill nocht leiw the arrow is ftockand in his rig bak and can nocht be gottin owt as ȝit / of my Lord Humis feruand ther ar hwrt Jhone Bailge Villiam Daudfone and vill nocht be the vorfe .

My Lord Hwme knew nocht of thar owtryding quharat his L / is heichly offendit for he vald haid riddin vith thame I fall be at hame vith Goddis graice on vedinfday at ewin I pray ȝow fell nocht nor this berair be abak agane at me on tvyfday at ewein / gif ȝe haiwe refawit ony newis or vord abak fra the Kingis Ma / aduerteis me vith this berair / I pray ȝow to caus heft the kairtis for the vyne fua committis ȝow to ȝe eternall God Fra Auchterhous the laft of Maij 1591 .

Be ȝour L / to be commandit

AGNES COUNTES OF MORTOUN .

The Earl of Angus to the Earl of Morton .

176 My Lord efter all hairtlic commendatiounis I haiff fum particular adoes presentlie in Glenberwie Anent the Ceremonies of my fatheris buriall and fum uther effairis qwhilk wer lang to wrait Qwhairfoir I will reqweift ȝour L / maift effectuouflic to obtain me ane licenfe of his Majeftie for thrie or fowr dayes or awcht dayis giff it may be grantit that I may taik ordour withe my adoes mentionat So in referring to the beraris declaratioun committis ȝow to the prote&tioun off God From Dundie the 10 of July 1591 .

ȝour Lo / at all pouer

To the Richt honorabill and very good Lord

ANGUS .

My Lord the Erle of Mortoun .

Sir Duncan Campbell of Glenorchy to the Earl of Morton .

177 My Lorde eftir my maift hartlic commendationis I have receavit ȝour L / letter and underftandis thairbie that ȝour L / is informit be ȝoure tenentis of Keillour that thair is ftollin fra thame certane gudis and that thai wer followit north to Corriemukloch and defiring me to try and ferche the fame / ȝoure L / falbe affurit that not onlie may ȝoure L /

employ me in this mater / bot alfua in gretar / quhairin zoure L / fall find my effeccionat and bent will and mynd to plesure zoure L / to the utir-
 mest / And gif I may owther be moyane or force try the gudis or the
 part quhair thai ar zoure L / falhaif ane gude prooffe of my trauellis and
 diligence for zoure L / requeist / Tuicheing zour L / postscript (that zour
 L / is the mair bauld to write to me becaus it is meanit the gudis ar
 cumiu within my cuntrey) I assuir zoure L / that neither tennent or uther
 perfone depending upone me durst be bauld to intromit with ony manis
 geir wrangulie or recept the same privelie or oppinlie And speciallie the
 gudis pertening to ony of zoure L / tennentis / seing I am baith detbund
 in gude will and freindschip to zour L / as I falbe about to continew
 thairin at all my power And remitting the same to forder occasioun I
 commit zour L / hartlie in the tuitioun of the Almichtie Frome Finlarg
 the thrid day of September 1591 .

Zoure L / verray assuritlie at power

DUNCAN CAMPBELL of Glenvrquhay .

To My Lorde

My Lord Erle of Mortoun .

Sir Duncan Campbell of Glenorchy to the Earl of Morton .

178 My Lorde eftir my maist hartlie commendationis I have receavit zour
 L / letter and hes considerit the contentis thair of togidder with the report
 of the beraris zoure L / servitouris that certane of the Larde of Marchef-
 tonis men duelland in thir boundis hes recept thair geir / Zoure L / knawis
 my mynd I beir to zour L / and zouris be my last letter And as zit with-
 out ony alteratioun of mynd I continew thairin bayth for zoure L / honour
 and furtherance of zoure tennentis Bot becaus I haue obtenit na certaintie
 or triall of the awaytakaris of zoure L / feruandis geir / I culd not for the
 present gif resolvit anfuere to zour L / men bot zour L / falbe assurit I fall
 not forzet to use all diligence and triall I may / to obtene knowlege / zit

thair is ane thing quhilk tendis partlie to my diffavour and utherwys to the greit hurt of the Inhabitantis of this cuntray / That lawland lardis hauand landis within thir boundis for small proffit fettis the famin to unlauchfull perfonis baith oppreffouris of the liegis within the cuntray and outwith the fame being fornaris commone theiffis receptaris of thift and na wyis responfall to his Majesteis lawis And quheneur thai or ony of thairis committis sik offences I as Magiftrat of this cuntray beris the burdene / albeit your L / knawis that everie man aucht to be anfueraill for his tennentis according to the generall band / In the meintyme I fall neglect na tyme nor respect na hand baith to furthure your L / men and to obtene triall to your L / contentment of thair geir / And remitting the rest to forther occasioun I commit your L / in the tuitioun of the Almichtie Frome Finlarg the xvj day of September 1591 .

Your L / verray affuritie att all power

DUNCAN CAMPBELL of Glenurquhy .

To My Lorde

My Lorde Erle of Mortoun .

Declaratioun by the King and Privy Council anent the title of Earl of Morton given to John Lord Maxwell .

Apud Drumfreis duodecimo die mensis Julij Anno Domini I^{co} V^o Nonagesimo secundo .

179 **T**HE KINGIS MAJESTIE with advife of the Lordis of his Secrete Counsale Decernis and Declairis be thir presentis That albeit Johnne Lord Maxwell be nominat and styllit Erle of Mortoun in the lait aēt and ordinance of Secrete Counsale be the quhilk he wes constitute Wardane of the West Marche of this Realme and in sindrie utheris aētis and ordinanceis laitlie maid concerning the advancement of his hienes autoritie and service git the fame nominatioun and style Sall nawayes hurte nor preuge the Richtis and titlis quhilkis Williame Douglas erll of Mortoun

hes and pretendis to have as air of taillie to the erldome of Mortoun nor ȝit Impair him in honnour styll dignitie prehemineceis and privilegeis quhilkis he hes and broikis or may have brouke and posses thairby nather in the Intromitting and vptaking of the mailles fermes and dewiteis appertening thairto bot that he fall brouke and posses the said erldome Intromett with the same mailles and dewiteis and enjoy quhatsumevir liberteis honnouris privilegeis preeminenceis digniteis and place in parliamentis generall conventiounis Secret Councile and utherwayes quhilkis he broukeit and posses befor the Nominatioun and style gevin to the said Johnne Lord Maxwell / expressit in the foirfaidis actis and ordinanceis Alffrelie as he usit and enjoyit at ony tyme bigane preceding the date heirof Nochtwithstanding the same actis and as gif thay had nevir bene maid nor grantit And forder that the lait Declaratioun and act maid be his Majestie in favouris of the said Johnne Lord Maxwell nor na claus expressit thairin fall on nawayes hurte nor prejuge the said Williame Erll of Mortoun nor his saidis Richtis and titles to the said Erldome privilegeis of Regalitie utheris privilegeis offices casualiteis and digniteis quhilkis he broukis and possessis or may clame brouke and posses thairby Be IT alwayes understand that thir presentis fall nawayes hinder nor prejuge the foirfaidis personis of ony actioun quhilkis thay have or may have toucheing the decisioun of aythir of thair rychtis and titles pretendit be thame to the said erldome befor the Jugeis competent thairto as accordis of the law .

The King to the Earl of Mortoun .

180 Richt traift coufing and counsfallour We greit ȝow hartlye wele / heiring of the cuming ower and repair heir in thir pairtes of our declairit traitouris / for executioun of the rest of thair treasonable interpryfes aganis our persoun and estate We haue heirby taiken occasioun in verray ernist maner to desyre ȝour addres toward ws with all possible speid / accum-

panyit with sic force and freindes in subftantious maner as ȝe may haue vpoun the infant / And in the mean tyme that ȝe caus diligent tryell ferche and inquititioun be maid / gif any of they our tratouris be prefentlie within thir pairtes / and the fame be fignifeit to ws and ȝou / with all fpeid and diligence As ȝe will do ws verray speciall and notable plefure and feruice Thus repofing in ȝour readines and gudwill heirant We commit ȝow to God From Falkland the xxiiij of July 1592 .

JAMES R .

To our Richt traift coufing and counfallour
The erll of Mortoun .

M^r William Scott to the Earl of Morton ?

181 **M^y** verie gude Lord efter my commendationis of fervice Pleis my brother in law **M^r** Thomas Hammiltoun ȝoungar of Preiftiffeild being presentit be his Majestie to the place of Sessioun quhilk waikis throw deceis of **M^r** Dauid Chalmer / for observing of the custumat order he is preiffit to purchase the style of sum kirk leving and be aduysfe of freindis he hes delt with **M^r** Dauid Makgill advocat and hes obtenit his gude will of the Prouestrie of Dalkeith quhilk being ane mater of verie small proffitt nocht exceding xl merkis of ȝeirlic dewtie / the gentilman having gretar respect to the style than ony commoditie hes agreit with the advocat and wantis onlie the consent of ȝour L / patrone of the said benefice quhilk he desfris eirnistlie and wald have cum to ȝour Lo / to that effect if the necessitie of his prefens in sessioun did not stay him / Thairfoir feing the mater is of small consequence I will eirnistlie requiest ȝour L / to grant this favor to this gentill man and to subseryve his gift feing it navyise prejugis ȝow of ony proffitt / and that he is habill be gude offices to acyute that plefure to ȝour L / contentment In quhais name I will promeis to ȝour L / that in all ȝour ressonabill adois and causis he salbe ȝour L / gude freind and swa trusting in ȝour L / favor pleis sub-

feryve this gift and fend me the famin with this berar I commend your L / to the speciall prote&tioun of the Eternall From Edinburgh the aucht of October 1592 .

Your L / awin man

M^r WILLIAME SCOT .

The Earl of Angus to the Earl of Morton .

182 My Lord and couffin efter all hartlie commendatiouns I understand my Leving is arrestit by ordour of lawe and becaufe now in the tyme of my truble it is properest your Lo / fuld tak ane doing for me I will request your L / to becum cautione for my leving that it falbe anfuerable to the Kingis Majestie and all haifand entres thairto conforme to the lawes of the cuntray and for your Lo / warand I bind and obliſſis me heirby to warrand and releif your Lo / fra all perrell and ſkayth that fall happin to fall furth theirthrow be this my band maid unto your Lo / therupoun ſubſerywit with my hand At the Caſtell of Edinburgh the ſecund of Februar 1592 .

Your Lo / couffin at pouer

ANGUS .

To my verray guid Lord and Couffin
the Erll of Mortone .

The King to the Earl of Mortoun .

183 Rycht traift Coufing and Counfallour We greit you weil / Seing we ar of deliberatioun to corſe the water upon fryday at morne / We have thocht meit to defyre you be thir presentis to be heir the ſaid day weil accompanyet with the beſt affe&tit of your freindis in feir of weir to accompany ws to the Queineſſerye be aucht houris in the morning /

Whilk we doubt not bot ge will do as our hole treft is in zow and We
 fhall ever remain reddy to requyt zour gudwill at all ocafioun Sua
 committis zow to the proteftioun of the Almichtye From Falkland the
 xvij of September 1593 .

To our Richt traift Coufing and Counfallour
 the Erle of Mortoun .

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James VI." with a decorative flourish at the end.

Commiſſioun to ferche feek and tak David Barclay of Strowie .

- 184 **JAMES** be the grace of God King of Scottis To all and findrie our
 liegis and ſubditis quhome it effeiris to quhais knaulege thir our letters
 fall cum greting Forfamekle as it is wnderftand to ws and Lordis of oure
 Secreit Counſale that upoun the xxij day of September 1591 Dauid
 Barclay of Strowie wes ordourlie denunceit rebell and put to oure horne
 be vertew of oure utheris letteris rafed at the inſtance of Adam Young
 in Middilrig as fader with the brether and remanent kin and freindis of
 umquhile Henry Young and umquhile Williame Young his ſonis ffor his
 not compeirance ꝛcꝛ To have underlyne the lawis for the ſchamefull and
 unworthie ſlauchter of the ſaidis umquhile Henry and Williame Youngis
 committit be the ſaid David upoun the aucht day of September the zeir
 of God I^{co} V^o lxxxxj zeiris As oure ſaidis utheris letteris ꝛcꝛ beiris At the
 proces quhair of the ſaid David maift prouddie and contempnandlie re-
 manis as zit unrelaxt takand na regaird of the ſaid horning Bot paſſis
 up and doun the cuntrey hantand kirkis mercattis and all utheris publi&
 placeis of our realme and ſocietie of men as giff thay wer our free ſub-
 jectis In hie and proud contemptioun of our auctoritie and lawis / and
 encouragement of utheris to committ the lyke ſchamefull and cruell
 ſlauchteris heirefter without remeid be providit Quhairfoir We have
 grantit full power and commiſſioun expres bidding and charge to our
 lovittis the Proveſt and bailzeis of Edinburgh and Perth Shereffis of

Perth and Kynroffchire Archibald Douglas George Douglas John Craufurd conjunctlie and severalie To convocat our liegis in armes And to pas ferche feik and tak the said David quhairvir he may be apprehendit and to bring and present him befor our Justice and his deputis to be punist for his demereitis conforme to the lawis of our realme ꝛc ꝛc Gevin under our signet and subferyvit with our hand At Halierudhous the xij day of Otober and of our Reigne the xxvij zeir 1593 .

JAMES R .

THO . M^R GLAMMIS .

Ro . *Thefaurarius* .

Advice of the Commissioners of the Kirk to the King .

At Edinburgh the xvij day of October 1593 .

185 **T**he Commissioners of the Kirk / barones and burgefiss being conuenit from diuers partis of this realme forfeing the present danger quhairinto the kirk of God within this realme the Kingis Majesties estate and persone and the hail commown weill standis into thocht guid to giwe thair advyse to his Majestie in maner following

1. Item imprimis becaus the Commissioneris ar informit that the excommunicate lordis are to be put to ane assyse and confidering quhat is the maner of this realme in sick materis Howbeit thai will nocht defyre his Majestie that they fall nocht be putt to ane tryell at all / Zit humelie craifis that thair tryell be nocht haiftie nor at the day appointit Bot that it may be delayit vnto the tyme that all the professoris of the gospell be ryplie advysit quhat is meit to be done in that matter And that becaus the haill professoris of the gospell ar myndit to be thair parteis and acuferis in ther foul treasounis As also in respect thai ar alreddie convi& partlie throw breking of waird for crymes of treasoun and partlie throw being fugitiwe from the lawis first in S' Androis quhilk place they wer summondit to and speciallie from the supream feat of parliament .

2. Item We traift that according to the lawis and lovable cufthome of the cuntrei thir excommunicate and treffonable apoftatis feing thai ar accufit of the hieft treafoun that ever wes hard tell of in this land may be committit in maift fure ward / w³ / in the burghis of Edinburgh / Dundie / Striuiling / ꝛc / or as it falbe thocht meitt till ordour be takin with all the papiftis of Scotland / of quhilk factioun thai ar the head and till the eftaitis advyse farder quhat maner of tryell falbe vfit aganis thame .

3. Item We traift that quhen the eftaitis efter dew and mature deliberatioun fall putt the foirfaid tratouris to ane affyfe That the affyfferis be nocht nominate at the optioun of the parteis to be accufed bot to be nominate by the partie accuferis to witt the hail profeffouris of the goppell And that according to the lovable custom of this realme .

Item it is craift of his Majestie that the foirfaidis tratouris are excommunicat and by the juft fentence of the kirk cut of from the focietie of Chryftis bodie that thai be nocht admittit to hawe onie perfoun in Judgement nor benefite of the law till thai be Joynit vnto Chryft and reconcilit vnto his kirk And according to the lawis of the cuntrie and his Majesties awin promeis .

4. Item inace his Majestie will nocht alter the day (as we dout nocht bot he will) Then we traift that as his Majestie profeffis religioun with ws and thai the contraire we that are the profeffouris of religioun may be his Majesties garde and admittit in the maift fenfible and warelyke maner to be about his Majestie To defend his perfoun from thair violence and to accuse thame to the vttermaift Quhilk we ar myndit to do and it fuld be with the los of all our lyfis in ane day for certainlie we are determinatt that the cuntrie fall nocht bruk vs and thame bayth fa lang as they ar Godis profeffit enemeis .

Sir John Carmychall to William Earl of Angus [1593 ?]

186 My Lord my humill commendationis being rememberit I reffault ȝour aduerteifmentis fra my cowfing Wat and theraftir fpak with the King at

greit lenthe tuiching your matteris quha at my earnift fute and defyre and revalid for my feruice / hes becumit mair refonabill nor your desert deseruis / quhen noftir and the wyfis husband fuld wraik as now your l / knowis quhither men be of your counfall or nocht / I haue brocht it to this poynt with the King that your l / fall nathir be in hafard of your lyfe landis nor honouris gif ge will craue the Kingis mercy and grant your offence quhilk he hes to lat you fe and ge can nocht deny I fall mak all thir fure / fwa that the greittest danger ge can incur is to remane ane quhyle in waird quhill mattiris be fettillit / being fure / nathir your lyfe landis nor honour be in danger My lord albeit ge eftemit me ane enemy befor I was ane freind and gave you the beft counfall albeit God wald nocht lecent you to except it and thais that hes drawin you on this / if ge and your hous wraik thay haue bene the occaſioun of it . Gif the King had wraikit at this tyme / I had bene worthy to haue bene hangit quarterit and drawin / That I was the onely ſtay that your heid and James Dowglafs had nocht bene bayth tane at your being in this toun the tyme of the parliament for we knew mattiris than as we do now bot nocht fa cleirly / gif your l / thinkis meit to except thir conditionis lat me be aduerteifit and I fall mak thame fure anewche / gif ge think ge wilbe the man will wraik your ſelf and your hous I tak the greit God to vitnes I haue done mair for your l / and gevin you my counfall mair vprychtlic for your ſtanding nor ony that is cumit of it or ony vaſſall ge haue / I haue fend my cowſing Wat to you to deill in thir mattiris quhom with ge may be plane / gif ge wryte ane anſuer to me wryte in ſic plane termes as the King may ſe it and gif ge fend ony vthir ſecreittis fend it be toung with ſic as ge think maift meit / fwa for this preſent lūiking to heir fra you how far I may ſpeik in your name I comit your l / to Godis proteſtioune Edinburgh this ſettirday in the mornyng .

Be your l / to be commandit with ſeruice gif ge obey God
and the Kingis Majeſtie .

CARMYCHALL .

To the Richt honorable and my very gud lord
and maiftir the erle of Angus gif this .

Agnes Counteis of Morton to the Earl of Morton .

187 It will ples your Lo / that me Lord off Argyll is come heir to Dalkeith this fetterday in the nycht and his Lo / will be mareit this Sunday with your dochter / therfor I pray your Lo / be nocht offendit for I will tak the baldnes on me to end that turne I man craff your Lo / pardone for the fame and prayis your Lo / nocht to be offendit at the fame this is wrettin in haift this fonday in the morneing nocht ellis bot committis your Lo / to the proteclioun of God .

Be your Lo / at hir power

AGNES COVNTES OF MORTTONE .

To my Lord my Lord
Erll of Morttone .

Agnes Counteis of Morton to the Earl of Morton .

188 It will pleis your Lo / the Quenes Majestie will be ther this tyfday and her Majestie lepenis that your Lo / will come and convoy her that day therfor I think it best that your Lo / dyne at x houris and be heir betuix ten and ane efternone I think me Lord Duke and the Abot of Londeris souper with your L / on tyfday therfor it is guid that your Lo / command your cowkis and stewerttis to mak good cheir And nocht ellis bot committis your Lo / to God .

Your Lo / at power

AGNES COVNTES OF MORTTONE .

To my Lord my Lord
Erll of Morttone .

William Lord Hereis to the Earl of Morton .

- 189 My Lord efter rycht hartie commendationis Pleis your L / I haiff refauit your L / letter / quhairby your L / shawis that the tenentis of Prestoun hes bene at your L / declairing that I haiff dischargeth thame to anfuere your L / of ther dewteis of ther landis . For anfuere therto / albeit my Lord my umquhill coufing the tyme of his deceis was in possessione of the upliffing of the maillis and dewties of that Laird of Prestoun / Zit fen his deceis I haiff nather commandit thame mak payment theroff to his sone nather zit contramandit thame mak payment of the famin to your Lo / For I am not myndeit to use courffis contrair the law in ony sorte / althocht as your L / understandis honour and dewtie obleiffis me to do for his bairnis . Sua leving to troubill your L / forther for the present quhill uther occasione I commit your L / to Goddis protection Terreglis the sext of May 1594 .

Your L / at power to command

HERYS .

To the Rycht honorabill my verray guid Lord
my Lord the Erle of Mortoun .

Warrant to retain John Alay and Rowie Beteis .

REX .

- 190 Williame erle Mortoun Lord Dalkeyth &c^e IT is our will and We command you that for certane considerationis moving us we retene and keip Johne Alay and Rowie Beteis presentlie in your keeping still in firmance quher thai ar and delyver thame to na perfoun or personis nochtwithstanding quhatfumevir letters or charges direct to you to that effect quhill we knaw farder of our mynd theranent As we will anfuere to us upoun your obedience Subferivit with our hand At Dundie the day of Marche 1597 .

James P.

Warrant to charge Adam Strudgeon and others .

- 191 **JAMES** be the grace of God King of Scottis To our louittis Johne Weir
Meffingeris our
Shereffis in that part conjunctlie and feueralie specialie constitute greting
OURE WILL is and We charge you fraitlie and commandis That
Incontinent thir our letters sene 3e pas and in our name and auctoritie
Command and charge Adame Strudgeon James Strudgeon and all
utheris havaris keiparis and detenaris of the houfe place and fortalice
of Wraith pertening to our richt traift coufing and counfallour Williame
erle of Mortoun To rander and deliver the same to Robert Somervile
servitour to our said coufing in his name / to be kept be him to his behove
and to remove thamefelffis and thair servandis furth thair of within sex
houris nixt efter thai be chairgit be 3ou thairto under the pane of trea-
foun With certificatioun to thame and thay failzie that the same pane
falbe execute upone thame conforme to the lawes of our realme and
actis of parliament 7c Gevin under our signett and Subservit with our
hand **AT Drumfreis** the sext day of Aprile And of our Regne the xxx
gear 1597 .

JAMES R .

CARMICHAELL .

NEWBOTLE .

TRAKQUAIR .

Daniel Archdeacon to the Earl of Morton .

- 192 **Right honorable** / for as moch as yt bath pleased the Allmightie God
to make me an instrument wherby I haue reuealed such plotts and
praetifes as Francys Moubray had intended against his Prince and the
state of this land / and that for want of other proofes I am not able to
make his treasons knowen to the worlde / I am constrained by force of
armes to prooue him a traitor to his King and contrie and by the power
of God to compell him to confes his faultes wherby my honest / true /

and faithfull seruice to his Maieftie and to this ftate may euidently appere which I dout not but I fhall be able to bring to pafs being affifted by the power of God / who. is euer inclined to fauor and help the true and iuft caufe / and for as much as the triall of this matter is to be performed by a combat betwene Francys and me and the coftome in fuch cafe is that euerye on of the champions is to choofe 2 Godfathers he being allreadie prouided for his parte / I haue thoght good to prouide me felf choofing your Lordfhyp as a nobleman indued with true chriftianitie louing your Prince an contrie / therefore I humblye request your Lordfhyp to grante me the fauor as to grace me and affifte me with your honorable prefence and be my godfather in fo iuft and fo true a caufe / thus your Lordfhyp fhall bynde me exedinglye to your honorable kindenes . Wedenfday next being the 5th day of Januarie fhall be the appointed for the combat / thus ceasing to troble your Lordfhyp any forther with my moft affectionate dutie I humbly take my leaue / From the caftell of Edenbrough this 27 of December 1602 .

Your Lordshyps moft humble and affectionat feruant .

DANIEL ARCHEDEACON .

To the right honorable the erle of Morton .

Ludovick Duke of Lenox to the Earl of Morton .

193 My veray guid Lord We being myndfull to fettill fum guid ordour with the miniftrie of our kirkis of the pryorie of Sanctandros and haueing appoyntit Wodnesday nixt to that affe& We will heirfoir request your Lo / to fufcrywe this teftificatioun of that quhilk your Lo / geves to the Minifter of Hadingtoun mair nor the dewtie of your Lo / tak / that your Lo / gevis of confeience and guidwill the quhilk may helpe ws and do na hinder to your Lo / becaus We haue agreit be the advyife of the faid miniftrie that quhair thai haue ony thing furth of the tua part We falbe releift of als mekle of the third and Swa my Lord of Murray and Sir George Douglas dois the lyk

for our releif Lyk as this berar will fufficientlie informe your Lo / to
 quhom it will pleis your Lo / gif credeit / nocht doutting of your Lo /
 forderance of our weill / as We wis your Lo / prosperitie and weill / We
 remember our veray luiffeing commendatioun to your Lo / and fo We rest
 your Lo / veray affectionat and loveing freind

Hallyruidhoufe 9^o Januarij

LENOX .

1603 .

To My veray guid Lord the erle off Mortoun .

Alexander sixth Lord Home to the Earl of Mortoun .

194 My Lord and luiffing father I refaift your Lo / letter anent the repledg-
 ing of your regaliteis / I haif ane fpeciall direftioun from his Majeftie to
 caus the baillies of ilk regalitie to be prefent with me at the courtis and
 to fuffer nane to be repledgit Nochtwithftanding therof I haif overpafte all
 your Lo / regalities as I nethir haif nor intendis to do to ony utheris /
 Lyke as I falbe redy upone all occaſionis to fatiffie your Lo / commande-
 mentis So I reft .

Your Lo / fone to ferue you

Peblis the xj of December 1603 .

ALEX . L . HOME .

To my verie guid Lord and luiffit father
 my Lord erl of Mortoun .

The Presbytery of Linlithgow to the Earl of Morton .

195 My Lord Our humbill feruice in the Lord Jefus being rememberit We
 reffaut your L / letter Villing us to inform your L / of ſik perſonis within
 your L / regalitie of Caldercleir as ar gyltie of haynous crymes aganis
 the law of God or difobedient to the difcipline of the kirk That your L /
 in Juſtice court mycht miniſter Juſtice to the glorie of God ⁊c^r As to
 your Lo / defyre Efter tryell had be us for fatiffieing of your L / letter
 We could find nane within the foirfaid regalitie that had not ather fatif-

feit the kirk alreddie or quha ar not presentlie under the discipline of the
 famin quabais havie fin suppois We lament / 3it we can not compleyne of
 thame to 3our L / fen they ar subjeçt to discipline We fra our hartis do
 prayfe God for your L / gude affectioun always / quhilk also witnis in
 this 3our L / cair to have 3n puneift that God may be glorifeit Viffing
 that we might have the lyk experience of all the nobilitie of this land /
 Earneftlie beseiking 3our L / also to have regard of the miserabill estait
 of that people quha fua lang hes bene and 3it ar deftitut of the comfort
 of the ghofpel That 3our L / will for the glorie of God forsie fum gude
 meyne quherby that kirk may be plantit / quherin quhen the prince of
 paffouris fall appeir 3our L / fall find that it wes ane gude work done to
 his glorie . The Lord preserve 3our L / always Subscrivit be our Moder-
 ator In our name At Linlythqw the 2 day of Februar 1604 .

3our L / at all humbill fervice in the Lord

The brethren of the Presbiterie of Linlithqw and in our name
 To the Rycht nobill and potent Erle R · CORNWALL Moderator ·
 My Lord Erle of Mortoun &c ·

The King to the Earl of Morton .

196 Right trustye and weilbeloued coufeing We greitt you weil / Vpoun fum
 speciall occasionis of our fervice haveing thocht your repaireing hither
 to be requisite / We ar thairfoir to will and defyre you vpoun the ressaite
 of this our letter with all convenient speid to adrefs your self hither to
 the effect you may be certified of our forder pleafure and will in fuche
 thingis as We fall Impairt to you at your cumming / wherein ye fall do
 ws acceptable fervice And fo We bid you fair weil From our courte at
 Whitehall the fevint of Januarye 1607 .

To our right trustye and right welbeloued cofen
 the Earle of Mortoun giue these .

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