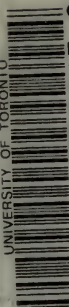


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## P R E F A C E.

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THE PROTOCOL BOOK of Mr. Gilbert Grote is No. 15 of the series of Protocol Books preserved in the Record Department of His Majesty's General Register House.

Though it discloses very little information regarding the notary himself, there is no reason to doubt that he was a native of the County of Caithness, with which, especially with the Parish of Canisbay,<sup>1</sup> the Grotes were for many centuries intimately connected. He is designed in his notarial docquets as "clerk of the diocese of Caithness,"<sup>2</sup> and he seems to have resided in the county,<sup>3</sup> at least, during the years 1548 and 1549, before he settled down in Edinburgh. The presence of a number of Caithness and Orkney writs in his Protocol Book, and the fact that he was employed professionally by the then Earl of Caithness, all tend to strengthen a belief in his Caithness connection.

While nothing definite has been ascertained regarding his parentage, the conjecture may be hazarded that he is identical with the Mr. Gilbert Grote, son and apparent heir of Mr. William Grot, who, on 24th May 1543, resigned a two-penny land in Dungsby into the hands of his superior in favour of Hugh Grot, his brother.<sup>4</sup>

During the period covered by his Protocol Book, Grote was resident in Edinburgh, his writing-booth being in the High Street. The transactions recorded, however, are by no means confined to Edinburgh and its neighbourhood, for, like his modern successor, he drew his clients from all quarters—from Orkney in the north to the Solway in the south, and from the shires of Berwick and Aber-

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<sup>1</sup> *Origines Parochiales Scotiæ*, Vol. II., p. 814.

<sup>2</sup> No. 173.

<sup>3</sup> No. 272.

<sup>4</sup> Calder's *History of Caithness*, p. 246.

deen in the east to the Island of Coll in the west. In addition to exercising the office of notary public, Grote was employed as a writer in the offices of the Treasurer and the Comptroller, the published accounts of these officials disclosing various payments to him between the years 1558 and 1580.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Accounts of the Lord High Treasurer, Vol. X. ; Exchequer Rolls, Vols. XIX., XX., XXI.

# PROTOCOL BOOK OF GILBERT GROTE

1552-1573.

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1. Instrument (*defective*) narrating a Decree Arbitral (dated at Edinburgh 1st August 1552) pronounced by Mr. Thomas M'calzeane, Mr. Johnne Spens, and Mr. George Leslie, judges chosen by Sir Willame Scot of Balwerie, Knight, and Johnne Sym, burgess of Edinburgh, regarding the claim of the latter against the former for certain merchandise bought and received by Sir Willame from umquhile William Sym, father of the said Johnne, as instructed by claim, extract from the said William's compt book, and the depositions of Elizabeth, lady of Balwerie, and Michell Scot, son and apparent heir of Sir Willame,—whereby they decerned and ordained Sir Willame to make payment of the gear or prices thereof therein mentioned, or else to shew sufficient discharges therefor. Done on 1st August 1552. Witnesses, Johnne Gordone, Andro Kennady, Michell [Sc]haw, and the notary, 1.
2. Memorandum (*very fragmentary*) narrating that Alexander Dunbar of Cumnok compeared in presence of the notary and witnesses, and "comptit nwnmerit and tauld" the sum of £ Scots, which he thereafter delivered to Alisone . . . , who acknowledged having received payment of the same and discharged all claims between them prior to the date [hereof?]. Done on 12th March 1554 in the forestair of the notary's chamber, within the tenement of John Young, burgess of Edinburgh and Writer to the Signet. Witnesses, Patrick Leslie, John Chesholme, elder, and John Chesholm, younger, 1.
3. Memorandum narrating that Crystiane Wardlaue, relict of umquhile Robert Leslie and spouse of David Wrycht, of her own free will, ratified and approved in all points (a) the contract of marriage (dated at Edinburgh 6th September 1548) between her and the said David, and (b) the assignation which she made to him lately. Done on 3rd April 1554 in her dwelling-house on the south side of the Kowgait of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Mr. John Leslie, her son, Donald M'Ry, and Robert Droummond, 2.
4. Memorandum narrating that Johnne Dowglas in Rathobyris obliged himself to pay yearly at Whitsunday and Martinmas by equal portions to Thomas Weir of Blakwod and Thomas Weir of Braxfeild, his son, the yearly maill of £10 contained in the letter of tack granted by them to him, for the space of three years, of their quarter of the lands of Rathobyris, lying in the parish of Ratho and regality of St. Andrews. Done on 1st May 1554 in the dwelling-house of the notary in Edinburgh. Witnesses, Robert Pete and John Lamb, 2.
5. Memorandum narrating that Thomas Stewart, brother of Alexander Stewart, for himself and in name of his brother, of his own free will, consented to



the redemption by Jonet Gourlay, relict of umquhile Williame Stewart, of certain lands lying within Falkland, which Andro Gardnare *alias* Straquhyne had in wadset, and that for the "kyndlie luf, favour, and weill of hir and hir barnis." Done on 5th May 1554 in Edinburgh. Witnesses, Hugh Grot and Alexander Mowat of Ratter, 2.

6. Memorandum narrating that Cuithbert Kincaid in Brochtoune compeared in presence of the notary, and offered to George Touris of Innerleytht, personally apprehended, the sum of £10 Scots for the maill of the Craig, occupied by the said Cuithbert and held by him of the said George, for the terms of Whitsunday and Martinmas last by past. The said sum was "tald and numerit" in presence of the notary and put into a purse ready to be delivered to the said George, who refused to receive it. Done on 10th May 1554 in the High Street of the burgh of Edinburgh, near the vennel called "The Feild." Witnesses, John Bell and Thomas Johnestoune, 2.
7. Memorandum narrating that the above-mentioned George Touris openly said that he ought not to receive any mails from the said Cuithbert Kincaid because he had never received or admitted him as tenant of the lands of Crag, nor had he been offered the maill thereof within 40 days following the terms of . . . He, therefore, refused to receive the maill above offered, and pleaded that the offering should not prejudice his action against the said Cuithbert. (Cf. No. 78, *infra*.) Same date, place, and witnesses as preceding instrument, 2.
8. Memorandum narrating that "Villiam Hall, officiär, kaist furtht the stress—ii stulis—furtht of the houssis of Calsayend." Done on 11th May 1554. Witnesses, James Smytht and Alexander Car, 3.
9. Memorandum narrating that an officer and serjeand of Lord Ruithven (*name blank*) ejected and cast furth of the dwelling-house of . . . his stress, viz. :—"tua stulis," and that he thereafter entered . . . to the possession of the said house by "hesp and stepill," and made certification to the occupiers thereof that if they further occupied it they would be held violent possessors thereof. Done on 11th May 1554, 3.
10. Memorandum narrating that James Dowglas, procurator for James Reid in the Calsayend, alleged that the said James had a title from Robert Schepman of the Scheillis to the lands of Calsayend, which he would produce before whatever lawful judge the said Robert "plesit"; and that the said James, therefore, would occupy the said lands and abide therein with charge of law till his title was produced [reduced?]. Done on 11th May 1554 upon the common lands of the Calsayend "foranent the hous dour thairrof." Witnesses, Arthur Cleland, William Johnnesone, messenger, and William Muire, 3.
11. Memorandum narrating that George Patersone in Lesmahago, of his own free will and for certain good deeds, etc. done to him by Thomas Weir of Blakwod, constituted him and his heirs cessioners and assignees in and to (a) all right, title, interest, etc. which he had in his steading of the 18 shilling-land, formerly pertaining to Dik Wilson, lying in the barony of Lesmahago and sherifdom of Lanark, and to all profit therein for "ane year last bipast"; and (b) his horses, nolt, corn, cattle, and crops thereon for the said year, wrongously taken and withheld from him by Archibald Hammiltoune of Raploith and his accomplices. Done on 24th May 1554 in the notary's writing-booth on the south side of the High Street of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Robert Hendersoune, butcher and Burgess of Edinburgh, John Patersone, brother of the said George, and John Lamb, 3.

12. Memorandum narrating that Robert Forman (being in readiness by the command of the Queen's grace to pass to Flanders) for the love, favour, and kindness which he had to Elizabeth Crychtoune, his spouse, and his bairns, disposed and renounced all his lands, possessions, goods, etc. in her favour, for her use and that of their bairns in case he should be "vesyit be deceis or his hame cuming," but that otherwise they were to be reserved to himself as before. Done on 30th May 1554 in his dwelling-house in the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, James Hendersone, John Murray, Mungo Fairlie, Patrick Ronaldsoun, royal messenger, and Alexander Lacprevic, notary public, 3.
13. Memorandum narrating that the foresaid Elizabeth Crychtoune, uncompelled and of her own free will, disposed and renounced in favour of her said spouse, for his own use and that of their bairns, in the event of his returning alive and she herself being dead, everything conveyed to her by the above memorandum. Same date, place, and witnesses as above, 4.
14. Memorandum narrating that . . . required George, commendator of Dunfermeling and vicar general of the bishop of Galloway (who was *extra regnum in remotis*), to confirm the testament of . . . , and offered to pay the "coit." Done on 14th May 1554 in the Queen's chamber in Holyrood Palace. Witnesses, William, commendator of Culros, and John Murdo, 4.
15. Memorandum narrating that Johne Kennady openly declared that the money he was to receive from Villiam Brusone, burgess of Perth, for certain white fish sold by Brusone in England, was in name and behalf of Mark Broune, burgess of Edinburgh, in part payment of the said fish—which were "coft" by the said Mark from the said Johne, and delivered in Caithness to George Sutherland, factor for the said Mark. He further protested that the receiving of the said sum should not prejudice any action he might have against the said Mark for the fish in time coming. Done on 16th July 1554 in the notary's writing-booth on the south side of the High Street of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, John Baine, David Vat, and Johne Lambe, 4.
16. Memorandum narrating that the foresaid Villiam Brusone openly protested that the delivery of any money by him to the said Johne Kennady for the fish should not prejudice him in any manner of way in time coming, notwithstanding any action moved betwixt the said Mark and Johne regarding the said fish and money. Same date, place, and witnesses as above, 4.
17. Memorandum narrating that Richeart Gray, burgess of Edinburgh, and Robert Schepman, brother and heir of umquhile Mr. Johne Chepman of the Schelis, compeared personally in presence of the notary and witnesses, and, in name and behalf of Patrik Dunbar, young laird of Cumnok, delivered a Letter of Reversion (dated 26th May 1536) granted by Johne Portar in favour of Alexander Dunbar of Cumnok for the redemption of the 4 merkland of old extent of Broklauch and the lands of Stroneskeauch, lying in the barony of Cumnok and sheriffdom of Ayr, to Mr. Johnne Abircrummy, burgess of Edinburgh, who acknowledged having received the same. The Letter of Reversion contained a tack of said lands for 3 years after redemption, and was subscribed by Alexander Makneill, notary public, for the granter. Done on 25th July 1554 in the Collegiate Church of St. Giles of Edinburgh. Witnesses, William Craik, burgess of Edinburgh, Sir Andrew Seres, chaplain, and David Wat, 4.
18. Memorandum narrating that Valter Malcolme, dwelling at Deinmillis of the Vatter of Leith, compeared in presence of the notary and witnesses, and



alleged that he was "reft and spulzeit" of his heritage by Johnne Bell and Thomas Johnnsoune fixing certain stones as meithes and marches within his heritage without a lawful court. He, therefore, protested for remeid of law, time and place convenient. Done on 9th October 1554 in the dwelling-house of the said Valter in the village of Dene. Witnesses, David Kincaid of Cottis, John Gilbert, burgess of Edinburgh, and John Duncane, 5.

19. Memorandum narrating that Thomas Hume, Johnne Norie, William Johnnsoune, Thomas Riche, and Johnne Simsoune compeared, in presence of the notary and witnesses, upon the debatable ground betwixt Thomas Johnnesoune in the Dene and Valter Malcome, and made certain meithes and marches of stones, and caused them to be fixed therein, as the just marches between the said debatable lands, in the same manner as they formerly did, being sworn thereto as they alleged. Further, the said Thomas Johnnesoune openly declared he had neither done wrong nor "spulzeit" the said Valter of his heritage, and that the said meithes, marches, and stones were set in the places where they were formerly set by the foresaid persons, chosen and sworn thereto, at command of Lord Lindsay, their master, and his precept given thereupon. Same date and place as above. Witnesses, John Gilbert, burgess of Edinburgh, John Dunnone, and John Lamb. 5.
  
20. Instrument narrating that William Sinclair, clerk, uncompeled and of his own free will, constituted, nominated, and ordained procurators (*names blank*) to compear on any lawful and competent day in the parish church of Latherin in the diocese of Caithness in presence of the parishioners of said parish, and there, during divine service, when a majority of the parishioners were assembled for divine worship, to ask them to elect him to the clerkship of the foresaid parish church, and in his name to receive real, actual, and corporal possession thereof from them and from the hand or hands of their principal or principals in their name by receiving the stoup of holy water and sprinkler of said church, which they were to re-deliver as is customary in like cases. He promised to ratify all his procurators might do under hypothec of his goods, moveable and immoveable. Done on 10th March 1554 in the notary's dwelling-house within the tenement of John Charteris, burgess of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Robert Chepman of Schelis, Alexander Lauder, burgess of Edinburgh, David Wat, and John Lamb, 5.
  
21. Memorandum narrating that Robert Schepman, brother and heir of umquhile Mr. Johnne Chepman, compeared in presence of the notary and witnesses, and, uncompeled and of his own free will, renounced, discharged, and delivered to James, Lord Somervile, personally present, the Obligation (dated at Carnweth 27th April and registered in the books of the official of Lothian 1st May 1528) granted by his lordship's father to the said Mr. Johnne, together with the infeftments following thereupon. He also acknowledged having received from Lord Somervile the various sums of money aftermentioned, which were "tawld comptit and now-merrit" to him, in presence of the notary and witnesses, viz.: "xxxvi. li., viiij. les in quhite mony, xix sc[ot]tis pecis of gold, single and double, extending to xx. li., aucht s., ane rider extending to xxxs., thre cronis of the sone extending to iij. li. xviiiis., xiis. in quhit mony, thre vther scottis pice of gold price vi. li. Summa; . . . merkis and fiwe vantad xii penneis. Mair xlii. li. quhit mony. Summa totalis viii<sup>xx</sup> merkis and viiij. Mair xx. li., mair ii. merkis, mair four crounis of the sonne extending to v. li. iiiis., mair v. new peces extending to v. li. xs., xxxiiiij. douglas grotis extending to lis. xxd. mony quhilkis makis xx. merkis." Done on 22nd June 1554 in the dwelling-house of William Mureheid, burgess of Edinburgh. Witnesses, the said William Mureheid, David Maitland, Thomas Moffet, Thomas Kilpatryk, William Thomsoune, John Somervile, and David Veche, 6.

22. Memorandum narrating that Alexander M'Kesoune, citizen of St. Andrews, compeared in presence of the notary and witnesses, and openly shewed and declared that he had obtained the Queen's letters, by deliverance of the Lords of Council upon Letters of Cursing, and sent the same, in order to be signeted, first to Neill Laing, and thereafter in his absence to Johnne Zonge, keepers of the signet, who refused to do so without double payment; and that he had sent double payment to them (*viz.*, 10 shillings), but that they had as yet refused to signet the letters. He, therefore, protested that he might have action against them for any damage he might sustain through their refusal. Done on 30th July 1554 in the notary's writing-booth in Edinburgh. Witnesses, Alexander Robertsoune, burgess of Edinburgh, William Thomsoune, messenger, and David Vat, 7.
23. Memorandum narrating an Agreement (dated at Edinburgh 20th August 1554) between Stevin Bell in Bewlaw, on the one part, and (a) Thomas Bathcat, elder, on behalf of Johnne Bathcat, his son, both servants and hindis to the Laird of Barnebowgall, (b) Adem Bathcat and Thomas Bathcat, yr., in Bewlaw, brothers of the foresaid Thomas Bathcat, elder, on behalf of Andro Bathcat, also brother of the said Thomas, elder, and (c) Johnne Bathcat, on the other part, as follows:—The said brothers bound and obliged themselves to renounce and discharge in favour of the said Stevin all kindness, right, title or interest which they had in the steading of Bewlaw, purchased by him from them, and the said Thomas, elder, also bound himself to deliver the letter of tack which he had of the steading. In consideration thereof, the said Stevin bound and obliged himself to pay to the foresaid Thomas, elder, the sum of 20 merks Scots as well as to deliver to him the letters of lawburrows, which he (Stevin) purchased against the said brothers. [*Cf.* No. 35, *infra.*] Done on 20th August 1554 in the notary's dwelling-house in the tenement of John Charteris on the south side of the High Street of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Johnne Traill, Johnne Veir, Johnne Purve[s], Johnne Bell, and Johnne Lausoune, 7.
24. Memorandum narrating that Alexander Cunynghame, macer, compeared personally, together with one of the serjeands of the burgh of [Edinburgh], and poynded the "insicht gudis" which were in the dwelling-house of . . . Blinsell, in the said burgh, at the instance of William Waich, William Hoge, and Hew Kennadie, vealaris, for a certain sum of money assigned to them as their wages by the Lord Thesaurar. A full list of the poynded goods is given. Done at Edinburgh 22nd August 1554, 8.
25. Memorandum narrating that the foresaid Hew Kennadie and William Hoge constituted Johnne Fildy their procurator in all their matters, actions, and causes. Done on 30th August 1554 in the notary's writing-booth. Witnesses, Robert Chepman, Alexander Lauder, and John Lambe, 8.
26. Memorandum narrating that Sir Johnne Sinclair, provost of Rosling, and Henry Wardlaw of . . . , executors of Henry Wardlaw of Kilbawbertoun, discharged Alexander Wardlaw, son and heir of the said Henry, of all violent and wrongous occupation of 4 oxengang of the land of Nether Libertoun, with the mill and mill-lands thereof, etc., lying in the sheriffdom of Edinburgh, and renounced all action they had or might have against him. Done on 23rd October 1554 in the lodging of the laird of Bass in Edinburgh, then the dwelling-house of Mr. Robert Hereot. Witnesses, Mr. Henry Sinclair, dean of Glasgow, John Sinclair, dean of Restalrig, David . . . , and John Wemis, 8.
27. Memorandum narrating that the above mentioned Alexander Wardlaw, uncompelled and of his own free will, bound and obliged himself, "betuix this day and Sondag cum viii dais," to freely leave, denude, and "red" himself, his wife, bairns, servants, and goods, furth of the above subjects,

- and leave the same void to the foresaid Sir Johnne to be "broukit" by him conform to his infestment. Same date, place, and witnesses as above, 8.
28. Memorandum narrating that Alexander Achesoun in Seytoun compeared in presence of the notary and witnesses, and openly confessed that he was "nocht responsall to be causioun and souertie to do to George Hereot in Langnudry all that law will for lovsing of the arrestment maid at his instance vpone the cornis, cattell, and gudis of . . ." He also granted and said that his own corns were under arrestment at the instance of the "auld Lady Seytoun." Done on 24th October 1554 in the notary's writing-booth on the south side of the High Street of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Alexander . . . in Baubirny, George Hereot, younger, and John Lambe, 9.
29. Memorandum narrating that Patrik Kelso in Selkirk, uncompelled or co-acted, granted that he was owing to Cristiane Broune the sum of £9 Scots, which he bound and obliged himself, his heirs, executors, and assignees to repay to her. Done, on 24th October 1554, within the lodging of William Schepman in the burgh of Edinburgh in the east cellar under the east chamber thereof. Witnesses, Robert Schepman of Schelis, David Wat, and John Lambe, 9.
30. Memorandum of an Obligation for a sum of money. (*Names and amount blank.*) Done on 6th November 1554 within the dwelling house of . . . in the vennel called the "Kirk of Feild Wynd," 9.
31. Memorandum narrating that Robert Chepman of the Schelis alleged that Mr. James Lindesay and Mr. Johnne Prestoun, thesaurar of Edinburgh, had committed "spulze" upon him through wrongous spoilation of "vii peces of gret aik ilk pice of xx fut lang," and, therefore, protested for remeid of law. Done in the public highway of Edinburgh on 19th February 1555. Witnesses, Sir William M'Dowall, chaplain, Thomas . . . , John Bennet, and Andrew Sclater, 9.
32. Memorandum narrating that Johnne Cuthbertsoun, officer in that part specially constituted by a precept of Robert Fairlie of Braid, past (a) to the grounds of the lands called . . . occupied by Andro West, and cast furth earth and stone of the ground of the same, because there were no moveable goods apprehended thereon; and (b) to the dwelling-house of Alexander Perie in Over Braid, and removed part of his goods therefrom "viz., ane scheir and ane stule, and slokynnit the fire." He thereafter sought the said Alexander's goods on the ground of the half of the foresaid lands of Over Braid, and there apprehended certain sheep, oxen, etc., pertaining to him and removed them furth of the ground in token of the said Alexander's flitting therefrom. Done on the grounds of the foresaid lands on 5 June [1555] "viz., Wednesday in Witsoun eouk." Witnesses, Walter Bell, John Fairlie, James Lowry, and John Lamb, the notary's servitor, 9.
33. Memorandum narrating that Margaret Kere and Johnne and Besse . . . granted the receipt of ten "crownis of the son," left to them by umquhile Johnne Chepman in the hands of Robert Howburne, whom they discharged thereof. Done on 1st April 1555 in the dwelling-house of Agnes Symssoun, relict of the late William Chepman, lying in the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Michael Rynd, goldsmith, George Michelhill, and George . . . , 10.
34. Memorandum narrating a contract (dated at Edinburgh 1st May 1555) between David Kincaid of Cotis and Elizabeth Cokburne, his spouse, on the one part, and Johnne Bell in Bellis-mylnis, "gudsonne" of the



said David, on the other part, whereby the first parties, on the narrative that the said David was by his obligation bound to pay to the said Johnne 140 merks in name of "tochirgude" of which sum there was still 120 merks due, bound and obliged themselves in satisfaction of the balance to pay to him, within 8 days from the date hereof, 8 bolls bear with the "cheritie," to be sown by him. Further, they ordained him to take up from any person he pleased 6 bolls bear for his use, and bound themselves to free and relieve him of the price thereof "as the feir gangis at lammes nix to cum." They also discharged him of the sum of 20 merks due to the said Elizabeth by his obligation, and of the sum of £10 due to Grissell Wardlaw, her daughter, for which he was acted, and bound themselves to obtain a discharge of the latter sum when required. Done on 1st May 1555 in the dwelling-house of John Kincaid, in the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses to the contract and instrument, Cuthbert Kincaid, David Kincaid, Adame Vilsoune, William Lychtharnes, and Robert Kincaid, 10.

35. Memorandum narrating an Acquittance and Discharge (dated at Edinburgh 1st July 1555) by (a) Thomas Bathcat, elder, on behalf of Johne Bathcat, his son, both servants and hinds to the Laird of Barnebowgall, (b) Adame Bathcat and Thomas Bathcat, Yr., in Bewlaw, brothers of the said Thomas, elder, and (c) Johne Bathcat, his eldest brother,—the said brothers taking the burden on them for Andro Bathcat, their brother,—granting that they had received from Stewin Bell in Bewlaw the sum of 20 merks Scots, in full and complete payment of all right, kindness, interest, etc., they had or might have in the steading of Bewlaw, which he purchased from them, and then occupied by him; and discharging him thereof and granting the Contract (No. 23, *supra*) fulfilled in all points. Done at Edinburgh 1st July 1555. Witnesses to the Discharge, Johnne Bell, William Scot, Johnne Jak, David Wat, and Patrik Archar, burghess of the Cannogait, 11.
36. Memorandum narrating that Alexander Miln, son of Robert Miln in Dunbarro, was to pass in service with Oswald Portuus to Flanderis so long as they could agree, and that David Spence, burghess of Edinburgh, and dwelling at the west port thereof, had become surety for him to the said Oswald, "be tuecheing and wphalding of thair handis to vtheris." Done on 19th January 1555 in Edinburgh in the dwelling-house of Hercules Methwen, baker and burghess thereof. Witnesses, the said Hercules Methwen, Thomas Adamesoune, and Alexander Sim, 11.
37. Memorandum narrating that Mr. Gilbert Ostlar, vicar pensioner of Lanark, required Andro Levingston, vicar thereof, personally apprehended, to make payment to him termly of his pension of £10, so far as it remained unpaid. Done on 23rd January 1555 in the chamber of Mr. Thomas Kincragy in his lodging in the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, the said Mr. Thomas, John Park, and Francis Weir, 12.
38. Memorandum narrating that Iszobell Hammiltoune in Edinburgh granted that she was formerly hand-fast with William Campbell, notwithstanding which she, of her own free will, renounced and discharged the bond of handfasting in his favour, so that he might be as free as he was before the same was granted. Done on 31st January 1555 in the notary's writing-booth in Edinburgh. Witnesses, John Campbell of Ardarrach, John Cragy, baker, Patrick Scot, David Wat, and Archibald Innes, 12.
39. Memorandum narrating that Lancelot Hammiltoune appealed and reclaimed to the Lords of Council or any other judges competent from (a) the decreet-arbitral (dated at Edinburgh 10th December 1555) pronounced by the judges chosen by himself and Sir Johne Haistie, vicar of Dal-kaytht, regarding certain debatable matters and actions specified in the said decreet, and (b) all letters and executorials to pass thereupon. He

also constituted Mr. John Monypenny his procurator in the appeal. (Cf. No. 64, *infra*.) Done on 8th February 1555 in the notary's writing-booth in Edinburgh. Witnesses, Mr. Peter Simpill, David Wat, and James Maccall, 12.

40. Memorandum narrating that William Aytoune, of his own free will, on the narrative that he was due to Cristiane Kirkcaldie, Lady of Culluthii, certain sums of money, constituted and ordained her his cessioner and assignee in and to the sum of £10 Scots, due to him by Alexander Aytoune, his brother, in satisfaction of a part of his bairn's part of goods, with full power to her to intromit therewith. Henry Laverok on behalf of the said Cristiane asked instruments. Done on 9 July 1555 in the notary's writing-booth in Edinburgh. Witnesses, Andrew Morray, Hector Ramsay, and David Wat. 12.
41. Memorandum narrating that Andro Oliphant compeared in presence of the notary and witnesses, and delivered in keeping to Jonet Monypenny, spouse of Mr. George Leslie, an Obligation (dated at Deip 14th March 1554) granted by Thomas Stewart, burges of Dundie, in his favour, for payment of 25 "crownis of the son." Further, compeared Katheryne Thane, spouse of the said Thomas Stewart, who in like manner delivered in keeping to the said Jonet (1) an Obligation (dated at Dundie 23rd March 1544) granted by Alexander Dunbar of Cumnok, sheriff of Murray, in favour of the said Thomas for payment of £32 Scots, and (2) another Obligation (dated at Dundie 28th March 1548) by the foresaid Alexander Dunbar to the said Thomas for payment of £18 Stg. The said Jonet granted receipt of the said three obligations, and the said Andro ordained her, in the event of the said Thomas or his spouse paying to her the sum of £16 Scots in his name and behalf, at the first "Marie day" following, to re-deliver the three obligations to them. Done on 10th July 1555 in the dwelling-house of Mr. George Leslie, within the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, John Young and William Aitken, burges of the said burgh, 12.
42. Memorandum narrating that James Smytht, saddler and burges of Edinburgh, compeared in presence of the notary, and granted that he had received in keeping from Andro Oliphant the sum of 50 "dowble dukattis" in gold which were to be made furthcoming to George Dowglas, son of David Dowglas, yr., and failing him to Jane Dowglas, daughter of the said David, and bound and obliged himself to make the said sum furthcoming to them. It was further provided that the said sum should not be paid before the said David's homecoming, and on his homecoming to him at his desire, but should he not return it was to be delivered as above provided. (*Deleted by command of the said James and David.*) Same date and place as above. Witnesses, Thomas Elesoun, Symon Patersoun, and Edward Nicholsoun, 13.
43. Memorandum narrating that James Hammeltoun of Manerstoun compeared in presence of the notary and the official of St. Andrews within the "archedenrie" of Lowthiane, and, uncompelled and of his own free will, revoked and annulled "all and quhatsumeuer commoning, talking, wordis, condicionis, and promessis" said and spoken that forenoon between him and Agnes Hammeltoun, daughter of umquhile Sir James Hammeltoun of Fynnart, Knight; and willed and ordained that they should be of no avail, force, strength or effect, with all that followed or might follow thereupon, in time coming. Done on . . . September 1555 within the lodging (*pro tempore*) of the said official on the north side of the High Street of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, David Scot and William Peblis, 13.
44. Memorandum (*incomplete*) narrating that Robert Wathirsoun, provost of Linlithqw, past to the "vter schalmer dour" of Mr. William Creichtoun,

"withtin the turnepyk thairof," and there offered to fulfil his part of the decret pronouncd betwixt him and the said Mr. William [and?] Mr. Abraham Creichtoun, provost of Dunglas. He thereafter past to the dwelling-house of William Craik, burgess of Edinburgh, and there "comptit and nwmerit" five pieces of gold, "ilkane off thame extending to xliiiiis, extending in the heill soume xx lib, xi crownis of the sone and thre vnicornis price of the pice xxiiis, summa in the heill xvi li xvis. ane angell nowbill extending to . . ." Done at Edinburgh on 11th October 1555, 13.

45. Memorandum narrating that Robert Craufurd, of his own free will, granted and confessed that, in the month of October last, he "in his avin neglegens tint ane hors" pertaining to Thomas Lamb, writer, which he had in custody for the time. He obliged himself to pay to the said Thomas £10 Scots in case it should not be found again, but should it be found he was to be free from such payment. Done on 29th April 1555 in the notary's writing-booth. Witnesses, Alexander Stewart, George Stirviling, and David Watt, 14.
46. Memorandum narrating that Mr. Alexander Scot, parson of Westra and vicar of Sanda, constituted and ordained Johne Grot in Leith his procurator for pursuing Sir William Mill, vicar pensioner of Sanda, for 5 lasts bear of the crop of 1554 sold to him, or for the highest prices thereof. Done on 23rd November 1555 in the chamber of the said Mr. Alexander, in the tenement of John Sym, burgess of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Walter Portuis, William Lawsun, John Stephane, and William Hall, 14.
47. Memorandum narrating that Andro Hume of Ninewellis became cautioner and surety to Alexander Dunbare of Cumnok for the non-entries, byrun-mails and duties of the lands of Dunbarishauich *alias* Ronald-hauch, lying in the sheriffdom of Berwick, for all the years and terms the same were in non-entry since the decease of Sir Robert Logane of Restalrige, knight, spouse of unquhile Dame Elizabeth Hum, heritor of the said lands, conform to retour purchased by Robert Logane, then of Restalrig, of the said lands. Done on . . . 1556 in the notary's writing-booth in Edinburgh, 14.
48. Instrument(*undated*) narrating that Michael Bartene, with consent and assent of John Mathesone in Brochtoun, his curator, compeared in presence of the notary, and, in consideration of certain sums of money, etc., paid to him by Elizabeth Fentoun of that ilk, revoked and renounced a lease for the term of 19 years granted by her to him of all her lands lying in the Middelton of Strabrok in the sheriffdom of Linlithgow. Mr. David Quhitlaw asked instruments on behalf of the said Elizabeth. Done in the Collegiate Church of St. Giles of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Alexander Seytoun in Northrig, John Seytoun, John Speir and John Broune in Halthornesik, and John Hart, bailie of the Canongate, 14.
49. Memorandum narrating that Margaret Wemis, spouse of Mr. Patrik Hume, compeared in presence of the notary, and, in name and behalf of her husband, offered to Lord Johne, commendator of Coldinghame, the sum of £26 : 6 : 6 Scots in complete payment of the feu-mails, for the terms of Martinmas 1554 and Whitsunday 1555, of the lands of the Law and town of Coldinghame, Halcroft, Armstrangis-park, "and gryslandis, cottagis" and Hillend, held by her husband of the commendator and place of Coldinghame. Further, she desired him to receive the said sum, and on his refusal protested that it should not hurt her husband nor his lands. Done on . . . December 1555 in the chamber of the said lord within his lodging in the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Ferdinand Hume and James Spens, 15.
50. Memorandum narrating that . . . protested on behalf of the above-



mentioned Lord Johne for a copy of the above instrument at his expense.  
Same date, place, and witnesses as above, 15.

51. Memorandum narrating that Johne Carnoquhane, burges of Edinburgh, openly said that he "wanttit" 5 bolls of meal, and that it was said to him by neighbours that Johnne Williamsone took the same away, "and thairfor the said Johnne Carnochquhane allegis and said that the said Johne Williamsone askit instrumentis." Done on 12th December 1555 in the dwelling-house of James Hendirsone, baker, burges of Edinburgh. Witnesses, the said James Hendirsone, James Chapp, Alexander Hereot, and Alexander Brys, mason, 15.
52. Memorandum narrating that Johnne Bell, dwelling at Bellis-miln, beside the Water of Leith, of his own free will, gave and disponed to Johne Fairlie, son of Willizam Fairlie, dwelling at the West Port of Edinburgh, the sum of 2 merks Scots, to be disponed to his utility and profit. Done on 13th December 1555 in the notary's writing-booth. Witnesses, the said William Fairlie, David Watt, and John Averty, 15.
53. Memorandum narrating an agreement between Jhone Bell, dwelling at Bellis-miln, and Thomas Johnesone, dwelling in the Den, whereby both parties, for the love, favour, amity, and kindness they bore to each other, bound and obliged themselves (*a*) to stand in all time coming good and true friends and brethern to each other; (*b*) to take "ane lele, trew, and afald part" with each other, in all their lawful actions, causes, and debates against any other person; (*c*) to defend each other in all their actions to the uttermost of their power; and (*d*) to refer any distant debate or quarrel which might arise between them to the decision of their friends. It was also provided that the said Jhone Bell should discharge the claim for thirle multure, which he had against the said Thomas, who was to pay during his lifetime to the said Jhone, as he should desire, "ane led of beir or ane leid of malt." The penalty for non-performance was £100 Scots. Done on 14th December 1555 in the dwelling-house of Jonet Bell within the burgh of Edinburgh, on the north side of the High Street thereof. Witnesses, Cuthbert Kinked, indweller in Crage, David Clark, burges of Dysert, and David Wat, 15.
54. Instrument narrating an Indenture (dated at Edinburgh 13th January 1555) entered into between Johne Nytok, cordiner and burges of Edinburgh, on the one part, and Symoune Watsoune and Bessy Dicsoune, his mother, on the other part, as follows:—The said Symoune, of his own free will, with consent of his mother, bound himself in prenticeship to the said Johne Nytok for learning, using, and exercising the craft and office of cordinership for the space of 6 years from the date hereof, which was declared to be the date of his entry to the craft. He was to serve the first 5 years for meat and drink without fee, and the sixth year for meat, drink, and fee, his clothing to be at his own and his mother's expense in the meantime, for which the said Johne was to be paid £6 : 10s. Scots in the proportions therein mentioned. The said master became bound to instruct and learn his apprentice in all points of the craft, and not to hide nor conceal any points thereof from him, and the said Symoune, on the other hand, bound and obliged himself to be a good, leal, true, and thankful apprentice and servant to his master, and not to hurt nor harm him in any way. Done on 10th (*sic*) January 1555 in the dwelling-house of the said Johne Nytok within the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses to the Instrument and Indenture, Robert Chepman, Alexander Lauder, burges of Edinburgh, James Stewart, cordiner and burges of Edinburgh, David Wilsoune, James Chepman, and Andro Chepman, 16.
55. Memorandum narrating that Sir Adame Kingorne, parson of Newdoske, and William Gurlay in Leithe (spouse of Jonet Kingorne, sister of



umquhile Katheryne Kingorne, who was spouse of umquhile William Blaky) curators to William Blaky, Margaret Blaky, and Jonet Blayky, three of the bairns of the said umquhile William and Katheryne, compeared in presence of the notary, and alleged and declared (*a*) that there was a contract (dated at Edinburgh 5th December 1555) formerly made betwixt Niniane Blaky and David Blaky, his brother, intromitters with the goods and gear of the said umquhile William, their brother, and of his spouse, on the one part, and themselves, as curators foresaid, on the other part, for payment to them, on behalf of the said bairns, of 240 merks Scots betwixt the date of the Contract and 15th January following; and (*b*) that they were ready to fulfil their part of the contract, but that the said Niniane and David had neither kept nor fulfilled theirs, as the 15th of January was past and payment had not been made. They, therefore, protested that the contract had expired, and that they might have action against the said Niniane and David for recovery of the whole goods and gear of the said umquhile William and Katheryne. Done on 16th January 1555 in the notary's writing-booth. Witnesses, Andrew March (Marcii), Andrew Boswall, George . . . , David Wat, and Archibald Innes, 16.

56. Memorandum narrating that Alexander Vrquhart, in consideration of certain sums of money, made and constituted Alexander Dunbar of Cumnok his cessioner and assignee in and to (*a*) one-half of the action and cause "intent" by him against Villiam Wauch, burgess of Edinburgh, for his wrongous occupation of the lands of Thornehill in the sheriffdom of Elgin; and (*b*) one-half of the yearly profits thereof during the said wrongous occupation. Done on 28th March 1556 in the notary's writing-booth in Edinburgh. Witnesses, Robert Schepman of Schelis, John Gardyn, John Chesholm, and David Wat, 17.
57. Memorandum narrating that (*a*) Patrik Scot, tutor as he alleged to Gawin Scot, son and heir of umquhile Alexander Scot, in name and behalf of the said Gawin, as well as in his own as tutor foresaid for his interest, and (*b*) William Cowtis, officer of the burgh of Edinburgh, warned (1) Andro Gibsoun, baxter and burgess of Edinburgh, first at his dwelling-house within the burgh because he could not apprehend him personally, and immediately thereafter personally apprehended in the dwelling-house of Jhone Cherteris, (2) Hew Chepman, son and heir of umquhile William Schepman, at his dwelling-house within the burgh in presence of his mother, as he could not be personally apprehended, and (3) Robert Schepman and Sir Niniane Brady, chaplain, tutors to the said Hew, both personally apprehended, for their interest, to compear in the Colledge Kirk of St. Geill in the burgh of Edinburgh, upon Whitsunday-even next, in order to receive a certain sum of money for redemption of a . . . which pertained to the said umquhile Alexander, and was disposed by him to the said umquhile William; and to hear and see the same lawfully redeemed and quitout, and the reversion fulfilled in all points. Done on 11th April 1556 in the notary's writing-booth in Edinburgh. Witnesses, Robert Purves, cutler, William Hall, the said Jhone Cherteris, and [Johne] M'Neill, 17.
58. Memorandum narrating that the said Johne M'Neill, in name and behalf of the foresaid Andro Gibsoun, asked what sum was contained in the said reversion and by whom it was made, to which the notary answered, "I kend now [nocht?] quhat the soume was, nor zit be quhome the rauersioune was maid, becaus at this tyme I had nocht sein the said rauersioune nor gottin inspectioune thairrof." Same date and place as above, 17.
59. Memorandum narrating that Thomas Williamsoun, son and heir of umquhile Archibald Williamsoun, burgess of Edinburgh, and William

Trumbill, also burgess of Edinburgh, of their own free will, renounced and discharged the instrument formerly taken by them in the hands of the notary, so as to make the same of no avail, force or effect in time coming. Done on 28th March 1557 in the notary's writing-booth in Edinburgh. Witnesses, William Adamsoun, Robert Simsoun, and David Wat, 17.

60. Memorandum narrating that William Cowtis, one of the officers and serjeants of the burgh of Edinburgh, caused the persons aftermentioned to apprise "ane lang meit buird wiith the credill of fir to xxxvs., ane schort buird wiith the credill of aik to xxxvs., liticampt bed of fir to xs., ane kist of fir to xxs., and ane chinlay of irne, estimat to tua stene wecht or thairby, to xvis.," pertaining to umquhile William, commendator of Culross and comptroller to the Queen, and amounting altogether to £6: 16s. (?) (less 5s. for the officer's fee). He, thereafter, offered the same to any person at the said prices, and because he could get no buyer therefor, he sold and assigned them to Willame Lawsoun, burgess of Edinburgh, in part payment of the maill owing to him for his lodging occupied by the said commendator. He also showed that he apprised them at the command of [John] Sym, one of the bailies of the burgh of Edinburgh, the arrestment thereon being loosed and surety found to the baillie to do as law will. Done on 30th May 1556 in the said lodging. Witnesses and apprisers, Edward Thomsoun, burgess of Edinburgh, William Glenney, "foirsaidis," and Robert Colwene, 17.
  
61. Memorandum narrating that James Fallowisdail, dwelling at the [Kirk of Lochinnok?] in the barony of Renfrew, compeared in presence of the notary, and, uncompelled, declared that he had sold and delivered in the month of May last, within the town of Lochinnok, to Johne Lufe, also dwelling at the said Kirk, 15 ells of "herdine claytht" at 10d. per ell, amounting altogether to 12s. 6d., and received payment thereof from him in the said town. He, therefore, obliged himself to warrant the same to the said Johne as law will at the hands of all persons claiming right thereto. Done on 3rd June 1556 in the notary's writing-booth. Witnesses, Andro Zorksoun in Suantoun [Swanstoun?], William War, there, David Watt, and James M'Call, 18.
  
62. Memorandum narrating that George Welche, son of umquhile Thomas Velche, sometime burgess of Drumfries, of his own free will, made and constituted James Welche, also burgess of Drumfries, his lawful donator and assignee, in and to all right, title, and claim of right which he had or might have in (a) a land and tenement lying on the west side of the "Hegait" of the burgh of Drumfries; (b) an annual rent of eleven shillings to be taken up yearly from the lands of umquhile John Wode, then occupied by Mali M'burny; and (c) an annualrent of eight shillings to be taken up from the lands of umquhile Adame Sandersone, then occupied by Janet Greir, his relict, lying in the Freir Wynd of Drumfries. It was also provided (1) that the above assignation would only take effect in the event of the said George dying before his return from the voyage he was then to make to France; (2) that if he returned home, the above assignation was to be of no strength nor effect, and it should be lawful to him to intronit with the above lands and annual rents as freely as he could have done before the making of these presents; and (3) that the said James might uplift and intronit with the annualrents till the homecoming of the said George, when he was to make compt, reckoning, and payment thereof to him. Done on 21st August 1556 in the notary's writing-booth. Witnesses, George Ostene, burgess of Drumfries, Robert Chepman of the Schelis, and Alexander Lauder, burgess of Edinburgh, 18.
  
63. Memorandum narrating that Thomas Kincragy, procurator for William Ramsay, and . . . , executor of Nicolas Ramsay of Dalhusy, ap-

pealed from . . . , according to the tenor of a schedule given in. Same date as above. Witnesses, Ralph Weir and Alexander Lauder, 18.

64. Memorandum narrating that Lancelot Hammiltoun appealed and reclaimed to the Lords of Council, or any other judges competent, against the decree arbitral (dated at Edinburgh 10th December 1555) pronounced by Mr. Johne Abircrombie and Robert Heriot, advocates and burgesses of Edinburgh, judges chosen by Sir Johne Hestie, vicar of Dalkaith, and himself, and from all that followed or might follow thereupon. (*Cf.* No. 39, *supra.*) Done on 8th February 1555 in the notary's writing-booth. Witnesses, Mr. Peter Sempill, David Wat, and James M'Call, 19.
65. Memorandum narrating that Williame Wilsoun confessed that he was servant to William Mur for the space of one voyage, and that he received £20 in the town of St. Johnestoun. Andro Elphistoun asked instruments on behalf of the said William Mur. Done on 18th September 1556 in the Cannogait beside Edinburgh. Witness, John Donaldsoun, skipper, dwelling on the west side of the Water of Leith, 19.
66. Memorandum narrating that Robert Chapmain of the Schelis openly protested that should William Mur renounce, dispoone or overgive his right, kindness, and title to the mailing, occupied by him, of the half of the said Robert's lands of West Schelis, to any person other than the said Robert himself, he should forfeit his tack of the said mailing. Done on 19th [September] 1556 in the dwelling-house of James Mur, indweller in the town of West Schelis. Witnesses, William Scheill, John Nittok, cordiner, the said James Mur, and Andrew Chepman, 19.
67. Memorandum narrating that a procurator (*name blank*) for the Laird of Richartoun warned Lady Punfrastoun and her son at their lodging in Edinburgh, beside the place of the Greyfriars, and made intimation of the said warning to her, personally apprehended, within the kirk of the said Greyfriars, conform to letters of procuratory. Done on 22nd September 1556. Witnesses, James Patersoun, George Hammeltoun, indweller in Edinburgh, John Weir, and Thomas Patersoun in Richartoun, 19.
68. Memorandum narrating that Williame Cunynghame, messenger, compeared in presence of the notary, and granted that, at command of James Adamsoun, burgess of Edinburgh, he past to the lands of Bonaly, upon the Wednesday next and immediately following the feast of Whitsunday 1555, and there, either by virtue of the Queen's Letters of Concurring or precept by the said James, concurred to the ejection of Agnes Livingstoun, relict of umquhile Thomas Frissall, furth of the foresaid lands pertaining to the said James. Done on 16th January 1556. Witnesses, Andro Livyngstoun, burgess of Edinburgh, James Frissall, James Mac-call, and the notary, 19.
69. Memorandum narrating that Robert Erskin in Sherefhall offered to prove that "ane garit ox," which William Barry, messenger, poidned, pertained to him, and was delivered to him at Whitsunday last by William Giffert of Sherefhall. The messenger assigned the "morne" to prove the premises, failing which he would apprise the said ox. Done on 25th September 1556 in the Canogait. Witness, John . . . , 19.
70. Memorandum narrating that (a) Mr. David Quhytlaw, procurator for Beatrice Borthik, daughter of umquhile William Borthik of Sowtra, specially constituted by her letters of procuratory, and (b) William Borthik, son and heir of the said William, past to William Lynlichqw of Drygrange, and desired him, personally apprehended, to fulfil and to cause his son Johne Linlichqw to fulfil in all points, by the 10th of



October 1556, the contract of marriage entered into between them and said umquhile William and his daughter ; and certified that the said Beatrice would be ready, on her part, to fulfil all points of the contract, and protested that her part thereof be held as fulfilled. Done on 25th September 1556 on the north side of the High Street of Edinburgh before the tenement of John Carkettell. Witnesses, the said John Carkettell, Richard Gray, and Alexander Lauder, burgh of Edinburgh, 20.

71. Memorandum narrating that the foresaid William Lynlichqw answered and said that he was ready, "of lang tyme of befor and offerit reddy in Sanct-gelis kirk of lang tyme by-past," to fulfil the said contract of marriage for his own part, and that he was yet ready to fulfil the same. Same date, place, and witnesses as above, 20.
72. Memorandum narrating that Jhone Bell, dwelling at Bellis-miln on the Water of Leicht, compeared in presence of the notary, and offered the sum of forty shillings Scots to Agnes Kinkaid, relict of Johnne Mair, indweller of the burgh of Edinburgh, personally apprehended in her dwelling-house on the north side of the "gait" of the said burgh, in complete payment of all sums of money, etc., which she might ask or claim from him before the date hereof ; and, on her refusing to receive said sum, protested that her refusal should not prejudice him in time coming. Done on 14th October 1556 in the dwelling-house of the said Agnes. Witnesses, James Mathesone and James M'Call, 20.
73. Memorandum narrating an agreement between Helene Tovris and Margaret Blaklok as follows:—The said Helene, conjunct fiar of the land and tenement (with "kachepullzard") which pertained to umquhile Richart Blaklok, her spouse, lying on the south side of the "he-gait" of the burgh of Edinburgh, between the tenement of Mr. James Scot on the east, the tenement of David Kinloch on the west, the land occupied by Thomas Lewingstoun, skinner, on the south, and the said "he-gait" on the north, was to resign, renounce, and overgive her conjunct fee of said land and tenement, by Martinmas next, into the hands of one of the bailies of the burgh of Edinburgh in favour of the said Margaret, in consideration of the sum of 40 merks Scots to be paid to her by the said Margaret. It was also agreed that she should intronit with and uplift the next Martinmas maills, and relieve the said Margaret of the Martinmas annuals, and that the said Margaret should intronit with and uplift the Whitsunday maills and all following and relieve the said Helene of the Martinmas and all subsequent annuals. Done on 22nd October 1556 in the dwelling-house of the said Margaret within said tenement. Witnesses, Adam Purves, carpenter, John Inglis, mason, and Alexander Veir, formerly servitor of the late Earl of Boithuill, 20.
74. Memorandum narrating that George, Earl of Caithnes, compeared in presence of the notary, and showed he had found surety to the Queen to be in Edinburgh upon the 10th of November 1556, under pain of £20,000. He, further, protested that he and his surety should be relieved of the said penalty as he had appeared in Edinburgh on said day. Done on 10th November 1556 in his chamber within the "foirland" of Dame Haliburtoun on the south side of the "he-gait" of Edinburgh. Witnesses John Grot, servitor, David Wat, Alexander Mulikyn, and Ingram Sinclair, 21.
75. Memorandum narrating that Robert Chepman of the Schelis, apparent heritor of the lands after-mentioned, compeared in presence of the notary, and declared that Andro Housoun had done wrong in so far as he had wrongously molested and troubled Johnne Moubray, tenant and occupier of the 40 shilling-land called Ewerland, lying in the town and territory of Cramond-regis and sherifdom of Edinburgh, by stopping and impeding

him in the tilling and manuring of the said lands and in his possession of the meadow thereof. He, therefore, protested for remeid of law and that the said wrongous molestation should not hurt nor prejudice him in any manner of way regarding his right to the said lands. Done on 6th November 1556 on the ground of the said lands. Witnesses, Alexander Lauder, burgess of Edinburgh, Adame Bell, servant to the Laird of Barnebowgall, Johnne Nittok, Andro Chepman, Johnne Purdy in Cramond, George Portuus, there, and William Andersoun, there, 21.

76. Memorandum narrating that the foresaid Johnne Moubray, tenant and occupier of the said lands, then pertaining to Agnes Cokburne, relict of umquhile Waltere Chepman, burgess of Edinburgh, in conjunct fee, also declared in the same terms as the preceding memorandum, and protested that the wrong done to him by the said Andro Housoun should neither hurt nor prejudice the right of conjunct fee and liferent of the said Agnes in the above-mentioned lands and meadow, nor his right as her tenant therein. Same place, date, and witnesses as above, 21.
77. Memorandum narrating that Adame Bell, of his own free will, bound and obliged himself not to molest, inquiet nor trouble Alexander Lauder, burgess of Edinburgh, or Marioun Hay, his spouse, in the peaceable "brukin and josinge" of 5½ oxen-gang of land in Smetoun, within the regality of Mussilburgh and sheriffdom of Edinburgh, the profits and duties whereof were to "incum" yearly to their utility, behoof, and profit and that of the longer liver of them during their lifetimes. Done on 19th November 1556 in the said Alexander's house in Marlionis Wynd in the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Mr. George Hay of Mynzane, Johnne Moffat, brother of the said Adame Bell, James Synclar, and James McCall, 21.
78. Memorandum narrating that George Towris of Innerleith compeared in presence of the notary with a letter of commission granted by James, Earl Bothuill, Lord Halis, Crechtoun, etc., sheriff principal of the sheriffdom of Edinburgh, making Alexander Hepburn of Quhitsum and others sheriffs of the sheriffdom of Edinburgh in that part, specially constituted, for taking cognition in an action, which formerly moved and depended before David Kintor, sheriff-depute of the said sheriffdom at the instance of the said George against Cuthbert Kincaid, and required the said Alexander to accept the office of sheriffsip. Further, narrating that Hepburn accepted the office and was sworn by Allane Dikkesoun, burgess and one of the bailies of the burgh of Edinburgh, to minister justice equally. (Cf. No. 7, *supra*.) Done on 5th December 1556 in the dwelling-house of . . . within the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, the said Allane Dikkesoun, William Ramsay, servant of the said Alexander Hepburn, Thomas Cragiswallis, indweller in Halis, John Walklet and James Hendirsoun, officers or serjeands of the burgh of Edinburgh, and William Sinclar, 22.
79. Memorandum narrating that the above-mentioned George Towris, in presence of the notary and witnesses, past to the personal presence of Johnne Mosman, notary and sheriff-clerk of the sheriffdom of Edinburgh, and intimated to him the above commission and discharge contained therein. Done on same date in the writing-booth of the said Johnne Mosman on the south side of the High Street of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, William Tait, John Weir, and Alexander Ramsay, 22.
80. Memorandum narrating that the above-mentioned George Towris compeared in presence of the notary, and made intimation to the foresaid David Kintor, personally apprehended, of the foresaid commission, discharge contained therein, and acceptance by the said Alexander Hepburn of Quhitsum of the office of judge therein conferred on him,

who also compeared and ratified the said acceptance. The said George Towris also, in verification of the intimation, produced and showed the commission to the said David Kintor. Done on same date in the Tolbooth of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Mr. John Monypenny, John Hendersoun, burgess of Edinburgh, Thomas Cant of Sanctgly-grance [Sanctgylgrange?], and John Mosman, notary public, 22.

81. Memorandum narrating that Issobell Gray, spouse of Alexander Achesoun in Salt-Prestoun, compeared in presence of the notary, and protested, in name and behalf of her spouse, that neither he nor she should be held to answer for four score crowns, "twa les," for the ransom of two Englishmen prisoners. Done on 31st December 1556 in the dwelling-house of James Achesoun, goldsmith in the Canongate. Witnesses, Sir Adam Kilry, curate of the parish church of Halirudhous, Robert Hunter, David Wat, and Henry Donny, 22.
82. Memorandum narrating that Johne Achesone asked instruments that he might have a copy of the preceding instrument. Same date and witnesses as above, 22.
83. Memorandum narrating that Alexander Fergusson, son of umquhile Niniane Fergusson, constituted Mr. Thomas Kincragy his procurator in all actions during his absence. Done on 20th January 1556. Witnesses, Raff Weir, James M'Call, and William Schaw, 22.
84. Memorandum narrating an agreement between William . . . and James . . . whereby the former was to compear and deliver to the latter the sum of £20, in the dwelling-house of Thomas Aikman in Edinburgh, at the term specified in a contract, and should the latter or anyone in his name not compear to receive the same his 3 years tack was to be of no avail. It was also agreed that should the said William not compear to deliver the said sum it should be lawful to the said James to still "brouk" his 3 years tack, and if at the ish thereof, the said William did not deliver to him the sum of £40 contained in the contract he could "brouk still the said . . . conforme to the letter of tak quhilk the said William hes of the said Robert (*sic*) during the space of the saidis xix. yeris quhilk he hes to ryne." (*The names of the parties are said to be "withtin writtin" but their surnames are omitted. The memorandum is very carelessly drawn up.*) Done on 19th March 1556 in the notary's writing-booth in the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Thomas Aikman, burgess of Edinburgh, Thomas Schepman, David Wat, and John Govane, 22.
85. Memorandum narrating an agreement between Mr. Peter Semple and Johne Gray whereby it was agreed (*a*) that the former should do his "vter diligens" to pursue the summons raised against . . . for the ejection of the latter furth of his mailing of . . . ; (*b*) that he should be entitled, for his labour and diligence therein, to one-third part of whatever sums of money, goods, etc. he should recover by decree of the Lords of Council or by agreement ; and (*c*) that neither of them should agree with any other party without the advice of the other. Done on 24th March 1556 in the notary's dwelling-house within the tenement of William Craik, burgess of Edinburgh, on the west side of the vennel called Peblis Vynd. Witness, Bartholomew Gray, 23.
86. Memorandum narrating that Margaret Bell, spouse and executrix of Johne Veche, burgess of Peblis, constituted Mr. Petir Symple her procurator for pursuing James Gulane, indweller in Leyth, for the sum of £44 Scots which he and his father owed to the said Johne. It was also agreed that the said sum when recovered should be equally divided between the parties, and that if one of them should settle with the debtor without the consent of the other the party not consenting was to receive one-half, the



procurator, however, "makand the haill expenssis in the persut thair of."  
(*Cf.* No. 103, *infra.*) Done on 13th January 1556 in the notary's writing-booth. Witnesses, David Wat and James M'Call, 23.

87. Memorandum narrating that Robert Grahame of Knokdoleane granted that he had received from Gilbert Eclis, in name and behalf of the Lord Thesaurar, the sum of 50 merks Scots, and that he obliged himself to relieve him thereof and to make payment to him again should he be compelled to repay the said sum to the Lord Thesaurar. Done on 16th April 1557 in the said Gilbert's chamber at the head of Leyth Vynd. Witnesses, Johne Hammiltoun, macer, George Lawsoun of Borland, Robert Johnesoun, and Johne Danis, 23.
88. Memorandum narrating that the foresaid Gilbert Eclis, in name and behalf of Gilbert, Earl of Cassellis, thesaurar, granted that he had received from Georg Lausoun of Borland the sum of 50 merks Scots in part payment of a greater sum, and obliged himself to warrant and relieve him thereof at the hands of the said Earl and all others. Same place, date, and witnesses as above, 23.
89. Memorandum narrating that Mr. Thomas Weddell, procurator for . . . Cambell, asked instruments that he required Sir . . . to execute the official's letters of summons upon Mr. Johne Campbell, commendator of Arquhattane, at the instance of . . . Campbell, pensioner of the Illis. Done on 1st April 1557 in Edinburgh. Witness, Sir Alexander Hendersoun, 23.
90. Memorandum (*only half a line written*) narrating that Janet Steuart, lady of . . . Done on 6th April 1557 in Edinburgh, 24.
91. Memorandum narrating that Johne Nithoke, cordiner, and Andro Chepman took instruments upon the "subscriyng of the takis, and that he was gangand vpoun his feit and in helth." Done on 25th May 1557, 24.
92. Memorandum narrating that Johne, Lord Borthuik, protested that the lands of Hethpule were lawfully redeemed and quitout by reason of the money consigned that day in the hands of the thesaurar of Edinburgh, who confessed that the same was in his keeping. Done on 5th June 1557 at the altar of St. James the Apostle, in the Collegiate Church of St. Giles in Edinburgh. Witnesses, Cuthbert Ramsay, John Hammiltoun of Cumnok, Michael Borthuik of Glengelt, Thomas Borthuik of Pirntado, and Mr. Thomas Cranstoun, notary public, 24.
93. Memorandum narrating an agreement between Robert Weir, flesher and burgess of Edinburgh, for himself, his kin, friends, servants, and "alia," on the one part, and Thomas Hammill, dwelling in Edinburgh, for himself, his kin, friends, servants, and "alia," on the other part, as follows:—The said Thomas was to grant and deliver to the said Robert a sufficient letter of assithment for the hurting and mutilation of the "thowme and formost finger" of his left hand, seven years bypast, by the said Robert, who, in assithment and satisfaction of the said mutilation, was to content and pay to him the sum of £12 Scots as follows, viz. :—(1) To George Dalgles £5 : 8s. at Lammas 1557 for furnishing meat and drink during the time of the "lecheing"; (2) to the said Thomas himself, within 14 days after the date hereof, the sum of forty shillings; and (3) the balance at Lammas next 1557. Further, the said Thomas and Alesoun Cutlar, for her interest, acknowledged having received the sum of 40 shillings in part payment of the above sum of £12. Done on 11th June 1557 in the tavern of Mr. Thomas Mariobankis on the north side of the High Street of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Mr. Thomas Kincragy, procurator before the Lords of Council, Johne Weir of Blakwodzardis, the said George Dalgles, Johne Weir, burgess of Edinburgh, Rychart Hendersoun, burgess thereof, Robert Buchquhannane, and David . . . , 24.



94. Memorandum narrating an agreement between Gilbert Ecclis, servitor of the Earl of Cassillis, and Mr. Nicholl Ruthirfurd, executor-testamentary of Jonet Rutherfurd, whereby the latter, in consideration of the sum of 200 merks to be paid to him: by the said Gilbert, bound and obliged himself to constitute him his cessioner and assignee in and to the Queen's letters for pointing and distraining James Ker of Mersingtoun for the sum of £1000 Scots, which he owed to the said Jonet, and for payment of which he was acted in the official's books of Lothiane and cursing raised on him by virtue thereof. He also acknowledged having received the sum of 100 merks in part payment of the above sum of 200 merks, and bound and obliged himself, at the acting of the said Gilbert and his surety, to make him "sicker" of the assignation. Done on 23rd June 1557 in the chamber of the said Mr. Gilbert. Witnesses, John Weir of Blakwodzardis, Georg Cuk, Thomas Touch, and John Deinis, 24.
95. Memorandum narrating that the foresaid Mr. Nicholl Ruthirfurd protested that he be "nocht oblist to the premissis" until the said Gilbert and his surety were acted for the above sum of 100 merks. Witnesses as above, 25.
96. Memorandum narrating that the parties to the agreement (No. 94 *supra*) renounced and discharged the same and all their rights therein. Thomas Kar, son and apparent heir of James Kar of Mersingtoun, asked instruments. Done on 26th June 1557 in the chamber of the said Gilbert Ecclis on the north side of the High Street of the Canongate. Witnesses, Hector Furd, Alexander Dicsoun in Le Peill, and Alexander Cuniingham, macer, 25.
97. Instrument narrating an Acquittance and Discharge (dated at Edinburgh 28th June 1557) by Johne Patersoun, burgess of Edinburgh, whereby he granted that he had received from Johne Greir in Cormilligane, in the parish of Tinroune and sheriffdom of Drumfres, the sum of 160 merks Scots (borrowed by him about 16 years previous) for redemption of one-half of the lands of Carmilligane in the foresaid parish and sheriffdom, and, in consideration thereof, discharged him thereof, granted the lands to be lawfully redeemed, and ordained the act made in the books of the official of St. Andrews within the "Archedenrie" of Lothian to be deleted. Done on 27th [28?] June 1557. Witnesses to the Discharge, Williame Greir, burgess of Edinburgh, Williame Greir in Marginloch, Johne Greir in Cormilligane, and Williame Johnesoun, messenger, 25.
98. Memorandum narrating an agreement between Alane Roger and Stevin Roger, his brother, whereby it was provided that the said Alane should "mak the haill expensis" for pursuing Adame Millar and Marioun Pettigro, his mother, for certain crimes committed by them upon the said Stevin; and that he should receive the sum of £8 in payment of his expenses, and do his "vter" possible diligence in pursuing the action. Done on 6th July 1557 in the notary's dwelling house. Witnesses, James M'Call and John Govane, 26.
99. Memorandum narrating that Eelspet Colchone, relict of Thomas Weir of Blakwod, compeared in presence of the notary and constituted Johne Weir, her second son, her procurator and assignee in and to all criminal and civil actions that she had or might have against Tohmas Weir of the Moit for the spoilation from her of certain goods and gear furth of the place of Braxfeild, in the month of . . . 1556; with power to pursue the same and all other actions concerning her. Done on 24th July 1557 in the notary's writing-booth. Witnesses, Alexander Lauder, burgess of Edinburgh, John Innes, burgess of Elgyne, James M'Call, and John Govane, 26.
100. Memorandum narrating that James Frisall, saddler, and Mr. Johne Aburnathy, vicar of Saltoun, compeared in presence of the notary and discharged Andro Abirneithy of his apprenticeship to the said James for 5 years as apprentice and the sixth year for fee, conform to the Indenture

made thereupon. The said Indenture was also discharged as well as (a) Johne Dowgall, burges of Edinburgh, surety and cautioner for the said Andro, and (b) the said Mr. Johne and Alexander Keith of Carnis. Done on 2nd August 1557 in Edinburgh. Witnesses, Alexander Abirnethy, Martyne Dalgleis, burges of Edinburgh, and George Smytht, burges of Edinburgh, 26.

101. Memorandum narrating that, with reference to the allegation of Villiame Andersoun, burges of Edinburgh, and Agnes Reid, his spouse, dwelling "fornent" the Butter-trone, that Alexander Strabrok, servitor to George, Earl of Caithness, had taken up certain spices from them, on his "credance vnpayit," amounting to 55s. 6d. Scots, for the use of the Earl, and that he declared to them that he paid the said sum to Andro Keith, dwelling in the town of Subister in Caithnes,—the said Andro compeared in presence of the notary and declared that he never "kend sic thing," and denied that any payment was made to him by the said Alexander or any allowance made to him by the Earl. Done on 20th May 1558 in the notary's dwelling-house in Edinburgh. Witnesses, Sir Thomas Richert-soune, vicar of Halkirk and Skenane, Alexander Or, cutler, and John Govane, 26.
102. Instrument narrating that Elizabeth Grahame, spouse of George, Earl of Caithness, uncompeled and of her own free will, revoked and annulled her consent, assent, and subscription to (a) the contract entered into between Robert, bishop of Caithness, and her husband, in August 1549, because she had done so for fear of and in obedience to the will of her husband, and lest she should afterwards incur his displeasure, etc., and (b) all other contracts, etc., entered into between the said parties prior to the date hereof. Done on 5th August 1557 in her chamber in the lodging of the Earl on the south side of Nuddreis Wynd. Witnesses, John Grote and Ingram Sinclair, servitors of the Earl, 27.
103. Instrument narrating that Margaret Bell, relict and executrix-testamentar of [John] Veche, burges of Peblis, uncompeled and of her own free will, constituted John Halden, burges of the burgh of Edinburgh, her cessioner and assignee in and to a decreet or sentence of the official of St. Andrews within the "archidenry" of Louthiane, for the sum of £44 Scots, obtained by her against Johnne Gulane, heir of umquhile James Gulane, burges of Edinburgh, and that in consideration of certain sums of money paid to her by her assignee, and also for payment of the sum of £5, being the balance of a sum of £10 due to her, whenever he recovered the sums contained in the foresaid decree (*Cf.* No. 86, *supra*). Done on 7th August 1557 in the notary's writing-booth on the south side of the High Street of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Andrew Reidfurd, servant to Mr. David Borthuik, Andrew Hammiltoun, and James Makcall, 27.
104. Instrument narrating that John Rynd, eldest son of Andrew Rynd, burges of the burgh of Perth and fiar of the lands aftermentioned, ratified and confirmed the sasine and resignation made by the said Andrew in favour of Archibald Blinsell of an annualrent of 6 merks furth of the said Andrew's lands, lying in the burgh of Perth between the lands of Johnne Maxtoun and James M'Brek on the east and west, and which were resigned in a clause of warrandice of the clerkship of the burgh of Perth in terms of a contract entered into between the said Andrew, John Rynd, his second (?) son, and the said Archibald. Further, the said John Rynd, eldest son of the said Andrew, bound himself to resign of new said annualrent, if necessary, in favour of the said Archibald and Jherome Blinsell, his son, and to pay it till redeemed. (*Cf.* Register of Deeds, Vol. 2, 131.) Done on 24th September 1557 on the High Street of the Canongate. Witnesses, Andrew Rynd, brother-german of the said John Rynd, John Zoung, baker and indweller of the Canongate, and John Galloway, also indweller of the Canongate, 28.

105. Memorandum narrating that Johnne Mowbray of Bernebowgell, who compeared in presence of the notary, showed he was presently to pass to his "souerane ladiis oist, raid, and armi convenand to the bordouris of this realme for defens thairof aganis oure auld enemeis of Ingland," and, in case he should not return alive, he, uncompeled and of his own free will, constituted and ordained Elezabeth Kirkcaldie, his spouse, his lawful executrix-testamentar as also tutrix-testamentar to Robert Mowbray, his son and apparent heir. He also left his "part of gudis" equally to his four daughters, viz. :—Agnes Mowbray, Katherine Mowbray, Gelis Mowbray, and Jane Mowbray, and in case he returned alive it was provided that the instrument to be extended hereupon should have no effect. Done on 2nd October 1557 in the dwelling-house of Alexander Lauder, burgess of Edinburgh, on the south side of the burgh. Witnesses, Mr. John Monypenny, Mr. James Bartane, Mr. Adam Bell, and the said Alexander Lauder, 28.
106. Instrument narrating that Alexander Scrymgeour, son and heir of the late David Scrymgeour, burgess of the burgh of Dundie passed to the presence of David Lyndsay, Master of Crawford and fiar thereof, and requested him to implement and observe his part of a contract (dated at the church of Bendoquhy 3rd April 1549) entered into between him, on the one part, and the said Alexander, with consent of George Arrot of that Ilk and Henry Auchterlony in Setoun, his curators, Agnes Auchterlony, his mother, and James Stewart, her spouse, for their interest, on the other part, and especially that clause thereof in which he was bound and obliged to cause his lady to renounce her conjunct infeftment of the lands therein specified before any judge competent ; and protested for remeid of law should he do to the contrary. Done on 1st October 1557 in the yard of the tenement of the late William Chepman, burgess of Edinburgh, on the south side of the burgh and adjacent to the tenement of John Charteris, also burgess of Edinburgh. Witnesses, James Zoung, servitor of Mr. John Abircrummy, and David Weddirburne, 28.
107. Instrument narrating that Mr. David Quhytlaw of Cauldsyde compeared in presence of the notary and, uncompeled and of his own free will, ratified and approved the Obligation (dated at Edinburgh 6th November 1555) granted by him to Katherine Rathe for payment of 100 merks. Further, on the narrative that he was to pass to the "oist," he left in legacy to her all his "insyght geir" in his chamber in Edinburgh, to be intromitted with and dispoed by her for the utility and behoof of the bairns gotten betwixt them. He also left to [her?] "all his bukis withtin his chalmer togiddir witht the warkis of Barthill<sup>1</sup> contentit in v bukis, the warkis of Bauld<sup>2</sup> in vii bukis, the werkis of Jasvun<sup>3</sup> in vi bukis, the warkis of Bartachein<sup>4</sup> in thre buikis, the warkis of Speculatour<sup>5</sup> in twa buikis, the warkis of Prepositus and Johannis de Annanie<sup>6</sup> in twa bukis, the warkis of Panorma<sup>7</sup> in v bukis, being in the handis of Maister Thomas M<sup>c</sup>Calzeane ; togiddir alsua witht the warkis of Cynus<sup>8</sup> on the C [Code] in ane volume, the warkis of Saleciet<sup>9</sup> in thre volumes, the warkis of Paule de Castro<sup>10</sup> in four volumis, the werkis of Felineis<sup>11</sup> in thre volumis, the warkis of Johannis de Bellamera<sup>12</sup> in vi volumes, being in the handis of Maister Johnne Spens ; and the warkis of Cardinalis<sup>13</sup>, being in the officialis handis of Sanctandrois withtin the archedene of Lowthiane, the decretalis and Johannes de Milla<sup>14</sup> vpoun the second, thrid, fourt, and fyft bukis thairof, being in the handis of Maister Archibald Dowglas ;" and declared this, his last will, to be irrevocable, and any subsequent one to be of no strength or effect. Done on 4th October 1557 in his dwelling-house in the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Robert Borthuik, servitor of William Ogill, clerk of Chancery, Thomas Davidsoun, inhabitant of Edinburgh, and David Bowsy, notary, 29.

<sup>1</sup> Bartolus de Sassoferato, civilian, 1314-1357. <sup>2</sup> Baldus de Ubaldis, civilian and canonist, 1327-1400. <sup>3</sup> Jason de Mayno, civilian, 1435-1519. <sup>4</sup> Johannes Bertachinus,



civilian, ob. 1497. <sup>5</sup> Gulielmus Durantis, canonist, 1237-1296. <sup>6</sup> Johannes de Anania, canonist, ob. 1457. <sup>7</sup> Panormitanus (Nicholaus de Tudeschis, archbishop of Palermo), canonist, ob. 1453. <sup>8</sup> Cino da Pistoja, civilian, 1270-1336. <sup>9</sup> Bartholomeus de Saliceto, civilian, ob. 1412. <sup>10</sup> Civilian ob. 1441. <sup>11</sup> Felinus Sandaeus, canonist, 1444-1503. <sup>12</sup> Johannes (l. Egidius) de Bellamera, canonist. <sup>13</sup> Jean le Moine, cardinal bishop of Porto, canonist, ob. 1312. <sup>14</sup> (?) Johannes Andreae Mugellanus, canonist, 1270-1348.

108. Memorandum narrating that George Diksoun in Nunland compeared in presence of the notary, and, on the narrative that he was "now to pas to the quenis grace oist and armi, presentlie convenand to the bordouris of this realme for defens thairof aganis our auld enemies of Ingland," and in case he should not return again alive, made Thomas Diksoun, his son, his assignee in and to the right and kindness of his 19 years tack, as well as to the 2 husband-lands in Traprene, which he held of Earl Bothuile in liferent. He also left to Margaret Henry and to Issobell Dicksoun, his daughter, procreated betwixt him and the said Margaret, and to the "barne that scho is witht presentlie, gif scho ony hes," (a) all his "cornis" in Traprene, (b) all his horses and clothing, (c) the mail of the Nunland, extending to 10 merks, which John Foddas should pay at Martinmas following, and (d) the sum of 50 merks owing to him by Johnne Diksoun of the Bankheid. He appointed George Hepburne, parson of Hach, Robert Diksoun of Bourtrig, and Robert Diksoun of Hassindeinmanis his executors-testamentar, and provided that this instrument should be of no avail if he returned alive. Done on 4th October 1557 in the dwelling-house of Mr. Thomas Kincraghe within the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, the said Mr. Thomas Kincraghe, William Ramsay, and John Carfra, 29.
109. Memorandum narrating that Matho Woddell, brother of Marioun Woddell, uncompeled and of his own free will, in case "god vise him be deceis in the quenis grace armi presentlie passand to the bordouris," constituted his said sister his "donatrice" and assignee in and to the following sums of money, viz., "xxxjs. iiijd. awand to him be Williame Mathe in Leidloch, that is to say, xxjs. for hay, vjs. iiijd. less for mowing, iijs. for ane ox gars, and xvjd. for the casting of iiij day wark of pettis, and als to ijs. awand be Johnne Tennent in the Scheilhell of Carnis, tennent vnder William Kneland of Ormstoun, and to all vtheris sic thingis as scho kendis." It was provided that should he return this instrument should be of no avail. Done on 6th October 1557 in Edinburgh. Witnesses, James Cowan in Calder, James Malvill in . . . , and Johnne Curre in Setounhall, 30.
110. Memorandum narrating that, in respect of a contract entered into between them, Mr. Alexander Mauchane granted that he had received from James Mowbray of Berntoun (1) a charter of confirmation and instrument of sasine of the lands of Over Berntoun, (2) reversion by Adam Bell for £300 for redemption of an annualrent of 3 chalders bear and wheat furth of the said lands, and (3) reversion by [James Aikman] for 200 merks for redemption of an annualrent of 1 chalder victual, wheat and bear, furth of the said lands. Elezabeth Dennistoun, spouse of the said James, asked instruments. (Cf. No. 116, *infra*.) Dated at Edinburgh 7th October 1557, 30.
111. Memorandum narrating that the above-mentioned Elezabeth Dennistoun granted that she had received from the foresaid Mr. Alexander Mauchane (1) a charter (dated at Edinburgh 19th September 1554) granted by umquile Issobell Mauchane, relict of Gilbert Lauder, [burgess of Edinburgh], in his favour of the lands of the Manis of Schambody, occupied by William Prymros, Johnne Horne, Williame Aitkene, and Gilbert Erskin, and lying in the barony of Schambody and sheriffdom of Clakmannane; (2) a charter (dated at Spot 28th March 1551) granted by

- umquhile George Hume of Spot, with consent of George Hume of Spot, in his favour of the lands of Middill Hartside, occupied by Adam Mandarsoun, the half of the lands of Over Hartside, occupied by David Thomsoun and William Hall, one part of the Manis of Hartside, occupied by James Bennett, and the "onset" of the mylne of Hartside, all lying in the lordship of Spot, sheriffdom of Edinburgh, and constabulary of Haddington, with the lands of Doun in special warrandice thereof; and (3) instruments of sasine, precepts, and obligations of warrandice of the above-mentioned lands of Schambody [and Hartside]. (*Cf.* No. 117, *infra*.) Done on 7th October 1557 in the dwelling-house of Mr. John Spens in the vennel called the Blak Freir Wynd. Witnesses, the said Mr. John Spens, John Kynnier of that Ilk, and Francis Vr, burgess of Edinburgh, 30.
112. Agreement between Johnne Carkettill of Fingland and George Craige, burgess of the burgh of Hadingtoun, whereby the latter, in consideration of £120 Scots to be paid to him by the former, bound and obliged himself (a) to infest him in a tenement of land, with the yard and pertinents, lying on the south side of the "quenies hie gait" of the said burgh, between the land of Thomas Diksoun on the east, the land of Henry Cambell on the west, Myldis-burne on the south, and the said "hie gait" on the north; and (b) to warrant the same free from all other alienations, annual-rents, etc., under exception of the burgh mail extending to 5d. yearly and an annualrent of eight shillings alleged to be due to Our Lady Altar in the parish kirk of the burgh. Dated at Edinburgh 8th October 1557. Witnesses, Alexander Dun (?), George Smytht, tailor and burgess of Edinburgh, Andrew Cowy, tailor, and James Smyth, tailor, 31.
113. Memorandum (*undated*) narrating that the said George Craige bound himself to cause Elezabeth Flemyng, his spouse, to renounce her conjunct infestment and liferent in the above tenement in favour of the said Johnne Carkettill. Done on the forestair of the tenement of the said Johnne Carkettill, on the north side of the High Street of Edinburgh. Witnesses same as in preceding entry, 31.
114. Memorandum narrating that Thomas Merschell, master cook to the Queen, who compeared in presence of the notary, shewed that he was to pass to her grace's army and, in case he died therein, made the following provisions, viz. :—(a) He constituted Patrik Murray of Tibbirmur, David Merchell of Dysert, William Tyrie of Busbie, and Thomas Merchell in Angony, tutors-testamentar to James Merchell and Margaret Merschell, his bairns, and also executors-testamentar with Robert, bishop of Dunkeld, as "ourman." (b) He set in tack to Johnne (James?) Merchell, for his lifetime, the lands of Petthyfles in the parish and sheriffdom of Perth, with entry at the term of Whitsunday following his death, but should the said lands be redeemed he left the money to be disposed to the said Johnne (James?) at sight of the said tutors and "ourman." (c) He ordained the foresaid James Merchell to pay to his eldest sister, Cristian, the sum of 20 merks yearly, until he paid to her 200 merks. (d) He left to his other son and daughters the profits of the lands of Rossychell and Westertoun of Kynlandis in the foresaid sheriffdom, until each was paid the sum of 200 merks at their marriage, at the sight of the foresaid tutors and "ourman," and should the lands be redeemed the profits of the money were to be "warit" upon their marriages as above. (e) Should his eldest daughter die unmarried her part was to go to her next eldest sister. (f) He left to the foresaid Johnne (James?) one-fourth of the "insycht geir" and the remanent moveable goods were to be disposed by the foresaid tutors and executors for behoof of his bairns. (g) The above provisions were to have no effect should he return alive. Done on 5th October 1557 in the notary's writing-booth.

Witnesses, Alexander Ros, James Glooc, younger, indweller in the town of Over Pitkerne, John Merchell, and James Kirkcaldy, 31.

115. Memorandum narrating that . . . constituted Adam Fullertoun, burges of Edinburgh, his assignee to the gift of the escheat of the Laird of . . . Done on 10th October 1557 in the chamber of Gilbert Ecles. Witnesses, the said Gilbert Ecles, Alexander Bruce, Thomas Reid, and John Govane, 32.
116. Instrument in similar terms to memorandum No. 110, *supra*. Elizabeth Dennestoun, spouse of James Mowbray, who is designed as of "Ovir Bernetoun," asked instruments. Done on [7th October 1557] in the dwelling-house of Mr. John Spens in the vennel called the Freir Wynd in the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, John Kinneir of that ilk, the said Mr. John Spens, and Francis Vre, burges of Edinburgh, 32.
117. Instrument in similar terms to memorandum No. 111, *supra*, but, in addition to the writs therein mentioned, it also acknowledged receipt of a Crown Charter of Confirmation of the lands of Schambody. Same date, place, and witnesses as above, 32.
118. I. Instrument narrating that Thomas Quhyte, indweller in Kyncragy, constituted and ordained Mr. Patrick Simpill his cessioner and assignee in and to all actions, etc. concerning him, and specially to an action of spuilzie, which he had or might have against William Sim in Freir-mynl, who unjustly evicted him, in the month of October 1556, from his mailing of Freir-mylene; and  
II. Memorandum narrating that the foresaid Mr. Peter [Patrick] obliged himself to pay to the said Thomas two third-parts of all goods and profits obtained by him in the said actions, the said Thomas being content that Mr. Peter should have one-third part for his trouble. Done on 28th October 1557 in the notary's dwelling-house. Witnesses, Alexander Lauder, burges of [Edinburgh, John] Govane, and James M'Call, 33.
119. Instrument narrating that . . . [Campble of Icharin?], procurator for Archibald Maccawis of Auchnacraif, constituted by letters of procuratory (dated at Dunbartane 5th September 1556), appeared in the personal presence of Mary, Queen Dowager and Regent of Scotland, and there delivered up by staff and baton and purely and simply resigned the 2 merklands of old extent of Auchnacraf, lying in the lordship of Lochquhou and sheriffdom of Argyle, in favour of Archibald Campbell of Inverraw and Margaret Campbell, his spouse; which resignation the said Queen Dowager received, and gave delivery of the foresaid lands by staff and baton to the said Archibald (personally present) for himself and spouse. [Cf. *Registrum Magni Sigilli*, Vol. iv. 1307.] Done on [28th October 1557?] within the palace of Holyrood. Witnesses, George, Earl of Huntlie, Gilbert, Earl of Cassillis, Robert Grahame of . . . , William Brussoun, macer, John Skrymgeour, teacher, and James Maccall, 33.
120. Instrument narrating that Jonet Reche, spouse of Patrick Huchesoun, with his consent, constituted and ordained Sir James Hill, chaplain and clerk of the parish of Govan in the diocese of Glasgow, her cessioner and assignee in and to one-half of the escheat of the moveable goods, debts, and sums of money, pertaining to umquhile John Patersoun *alias* Scheillis, which fell to the Queen by reason of the decease of the said John, who was born a bastard, and was disposed by gift under the privy seal to the said Jonet. Done on 30th October 1557 in the lodging of George, Earl of Caithness, in the vennel called Nudreis Wynd in the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Peter Thomsoun, Ylay Herald, John (?) Kenedy, servitor of the said Earl, and James M'Call, 33.



121. Instrument narrating that . . . of Elphingstoun passed to the personal presence of Sir John Ramsay, sub-prior (superioris), and Alexander Smeithbeird, iconomus, of the monastery of Holyrood near Edinburgh, and there, personally apprehended in the church of the said monastery, openly and publicly required and desired them that that day, as the day appointed by him for them, they should carry off the teind sheaves of the Manis of Elphingstoun, because they were cut and ready for leading and uplifting from the said lands; and protested that, having made this public intimation to them, any damage or destruction done to the same by our old enemies of England or any others should not prejudice him, neither should he incur any hurt thereby or be answerable for the price thereof to them. Done on 28th September 1557 in the church of the monastery, 34.
122. Instrument (3 *lines illegible*) narrating that Mr. Thomas Woddell compeared in presence of the notary and produced (1) a letter of procuratory (dated at the Bass 1st November 1557) granted by Robert Lauder, younger, of the Bass in his favour, authorising him to see and hear the lands of Tynyghame redeemed by [James Stewart, commendator of St. ?] Androis,<sup>1</sup> on payment of the sum of money contained in a reversion granted by Robert Lauder, elder, of the Bass, and (2) an instrument of sasine (dated 3rd October 1550) under the hand of Sir Thomas Achesoun, notary public, in favour of the said Robert, yr.; and because no one compeared to pay the said sum, he protested that the said lands were not redeemed, and should still remain in possession of the Lauders until they were of new lawfully warned. Done on 4th November 1557 at the altar of St. James in the church of St. Giles of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Maurice *alias* Mawis Towris, macer, Alexander . . . , burgesses of Edinburgh, William Lauder, William Wod, servitor of the said Robert Lauder, yr., and Cuthbert Hendersoun, servitor of the said procurator, 34.
123. Instrument narrating that Archibald Craufurd, procurator for Katherine Mur, conform to letters of procuratory (dated at Irwin 16th December 1554) granted by her with consent of Thomas Broun, her spouse,—passed to the personal presence of Mary, Queen Dowager, regent of Scotland and mother of Mary, Queen of Scots, and there delivered up and purely and simply resigned by staff and baton the one-half of the 5 merklands of old extent of Errathill, lying in the bailiary of Kyle-Stewart and sherifffdom of Ayr, in favour of the said Katherine and spouse, and the longer liver in conjunct fee and the heirs lawfully procreated or to be procreated between them, whom failing to the heirs of the said Katherine whomsoever; which resignation the said Queen Dowager received and delivered the said lands to the said Thomas, for himself and spouse, by redelivery of the foresaid staff and baton. The above letters of procuratory were subscribed for the said Katherine Mur by James Broun, notary public. [*Cf. Registrum Magni Sigilli*, Vol. iv. 1227]. Done on 11th December 1557 in the Queen's chapel within the palace of Holyrood. Witnesses, Henry Levingstoun of that Ilk, Arthur Kneland, and David Watt, 35.
124. Instrument narrating that Sir Michell Dysert, chancellor of the chapel royal of Stirling, compeared in presence of the notary and of Ninian Stewart of Kildennauen, and notified and intimated to the said Ninian, personally apprehended, an assignation (registered in the books of the official of Lothiane 5th December 1557) granted by Mr. Robert Lawmontht, rector of Lawmonth, in his (Sir Michell's) favour of a yearly sum of £40 Scots contained in an act and letter of assedation, registered in said books 28th November 1552. Done on 7th December 1557 in the High Street of the burgh of Edinburgh near the vennel of the Friars

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Fraser's *Earls of Haddington*, Vol. ii. p. 265.



Preachers called the Blak Freir Wynd. Witnesses, Andrew Elphinstoun, burgess of Edinburgh, Alexander Franche, William Lauder, and Sir William Younger, chaplain, 35.

125. Instrument of sasine following on and narrating a Precept of *Clare Constat* (dated at Culross 6th February 1557) by William, commendator of the monastery of Culross, and the convent of the same, directed to Robert Bardnar and John Kelt as bailies for infesting Robert Sandis, indweller in the town of Leith, as heir of his kinsman, Edward Sandis, in the lands of Blairkerie and one-half of the lands of Quhithillis with the woods, meadows, and moors thereof, lying in the lordship of Culroschyre and sheriffdom of Perth. Sasine given by the said Robert Bardnar to the said Robert Sandis. Done on 6th February 1557 on the ground of said lands. Witnesses to the Sasine, Sir Robert Holcat and Sir Alexander Bauerage, monks of the said monastery, Walter Kelt, Thomas Turnour, John Brand, Edward Turnour, John Kelt, William Trumbill, Henry Logan, John Arnott, David Thomsoun, indwellers and inhabitants of the towns of Culros, Blairkerie, and Quhithillis, and John Govane, 36.
126. Obligation by the foresaid Robert Sandis whereby, on the narrative that the abbot and convent of the abbey of Culros had feued to him the lands above-mentioned, he, nevertheless, bound and obliged himself to let them have "full ingress agane to the proffitt, coill, and woid of the saidis landis, in tymes cuming, conforme to James Erskin of Balgonis few landis withtin the lordship of Culros." Dated at the Abbey 6th February 1557. Witnesses, Robert Bardnar, Jhone Kelt, and Jhone Govane, 36.
127. Memorandum narrating that Dene Jhone Huchesoun, one of the monks of the abbey of Culross, protested, in name and behalf of Jhone Sandis, son of umquhile Henry Sandis, that the feu set by the commendator and convent of Culross to the above-mentioned Robert Sandis, of the foresaid lands, should not hurt nor prejudice the said Jhone Sandis anent any right or title he might have thereto in time coming. Done on 6th February 1557 in the chapter of the monastery of Culross. Witnesses same as in No. 126, *supra*, 37.
128. Memorandum narrating that the above-mentioned Robert Sandis openly requested the foresaid Dene Jhone Huchesoun, like the remainder of the brethern, to subscribe with his hand the Precept of Sasine of the lands above-mentioned,<sup>9</sup> and to consent to the sealing thereof with the common seal of the abbey; and that the said Dene Jhone refused to do so, whereupon the said Robert protested that his refusal should not hurt nor prejudice him or his feu in any manner of way in time coming. Same date, place, and witnesses as above, 37.
129. Instrument narrating that George Hume, indweller in the town of Leith, brother-german of Dame Elizabeth Hume, prioress of the monastery of the nuns of Ecclis, passed to the personal presence of (a) Mr. Alexander Fores, provost of the Collegiate Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Fields near the burgh of Edinburgh and secretary and datary to the Archbishop of St. Andrews, legate *natus* with the power of legate *a latere*, and (b) Francis Petri, Frenchman, writer of letters and provisions in the legate's chancery, and inquired of them if any grant had been made by the archbishop concerning the provision to the said monastery of Dame Mariot Hammiltoun, pretended and alleged prioress of the same; and that they replied that as yet they had not seen any such grant neither was it contained in the register. Done on 24th February 1557 in the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Mr. Mathew Foster, preceptor of the Hospital of St. Anthony situated near the town of Leith, William Foster, son and heir of the late Mr. George Foster, George Swyntoun, and John Govane, 37.

130. Memorandum narrating that Jhone Sinclair compeared in presence of the notary, and showed that he had given his oath and been sworn that day, within the consistory of the College Kirk of St. Giles in Edinburgh, before the official of Sanctandrois within the "archidene" of Lowtheane and his commissaries, in order to verify the points of a writing (dated at Edinburgh 3rd March 1557) by which he confessed, of his own free will, that he had "carnell daill" with Marioun Birkwod; and that he approved of the said writing openly before the notary. Antone Cammissat, "procurator galze, witht Dargill notir [in gallie?]" asked instruments. Done on 19th March 1557 in the notary's writing-booth in Edinburgh. Witnesses, John Gilbert, goldsmith, Patrick Hay, apothecary, John Brome, James Makcall, and John Govan, 37.
131. Memorandum narrating that Oswald Porteus, dwelling in Newbottill, on the narrative that he was in readiness to depart furth of the realm to other parts beyond the sea on business, that he had "tua zoung barnis callit Marioun Porteus and Margaret Porteus, his dochteris, being pupillis in thair minoritie and les age and thair moder decessit," and that he was willing, in case he died before his return again, that they should be helped and sustained,—nominated and constituted the said Marioun, whom failing the said Margaret, whom failing his nearest and lawful heirs whomsoever, his cessioners and assigness in and to all his tacks, steadings, houses, biggings, corn, cattle, etc., within the town, territory, barony, and lordship of Newbottill. He nominated and ordained his friends and neighbours, Patrik Nicolsone and William Porteus, indwellers of the town of Newbottill, to be "actouris, factouris, rewalaris, gidaris" of his said daughter's tacks, etc. during his absence, they being bound to account to him for their intromissions on his homecoming; and he also reserved power to enter into possession of the above subjects should he return again. Done on 3rd March 1557 in the notary's dwelling-house in Peblis Wynd in the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Robert Hoge, William Stodert, John Creichtoun, servitor of Mr. Abraham Creichtoun, provost of Dunglas and one of the Lords of Council, and John Govane, 37.
132. Memorandum narrating that the above-mentioned Patrik Nicolsone and William Porteus protested that, notwithstanding the foresaid "privilege of factouris" granted to them, they should not be hurt nor prejudiced thereby, and that they should not incur any skaith nor trouble in their persons, lands, gear or goods for any pleas, actions or causes concerning the said Oswald Porteus. Same date, place, and witnesses as above, 38.
133. Memorandum narrating that the above-mentioned Oswald Porteus compeared in presence of the notary and, uncompelled and of his own free will, because he was then in readiness to depart furth of the realm on business, constituted and ordained the above-named Patrik Nicolsone and William Porteus his procurators, for calling, following, and pursuing his debtors and intromitting with the sums so received, and specially with the sum of £16 Scots to be received from Jhone Wod in Newbottill for redemption of an acre of land lying in the Medo-flatt, within the barony of Newbottill, wadset by him to the said Oswald. Done on 5th March 1557 in the notary's dwelling-house in Edinburgh. Witnesses, James M'Call and John Govane, 38.
134. Instrument narrating that George Bruce passed to the personal presence of (a) Gilbert Cowstoun in Ferretoun, procurator for Margaret Bruce, spouse of John Cowstoun in Ferretoun, conform to letters of procuratory (dated at Ferretoun 10th January 1557 and subscribed for her by Thomas Rannale, notary public), in his favour, and (b) the said John Cowstoun, and there, personally apprehended, intimated and notified to them, (1) Sentence definitive (dated in the consistory of the chapel of St. Ann in

St. Andrews 4th March 1557) pronounced by William Cranstoun, provost of the Collegiate Church of St. Salvator within the city of St. Andrews and official of St. Andrews principal, by which he decerned the said Margaret, as executrix and intromitter with the goods of Thomas Bruce, her brother, and the said John Cowstoun, her spouse, for his interest, to pay to George Bruce, son of the late David Bruce of Wester Kennet, the sum of 600 merks Scots together with the expenses of the action ; and (2) Letters Monitorial (dated at St. Andrews 4th March 1557) following thereupon, addressed by the official of St. Andrews principal to the curate of the principal church of Clakmannan, or to any other chaplain, commanding them to lawfully warn the said Margaret and spouse to pay the said sum of 600 merks to the said George, within 40 days immediately following the warning, under pain of excommunication, etc. The intimation having being lawfully made, the said procurator replied that, in name of the said Margaret, he was willing to assign to the said George all goods and debts which pertained and were due to her brother, in payment of the debts due by him to the said George, whom she made and constituted her cessioner and assignee thereto, with power to dispose thereupon. Done on 22nd March 1557 in the notary's writing-booth on the south side of the High Street of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, John Kyninmond in Falkirk, James Makcall, and John Govane,

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135. Instrument narrating that Reinhold Blakie, a Scottish merchant and burgess of the burgh of Elsynure, compeared in presence of the notary holding in his hands one part of the letters of indenture (dated on the day of St. Peter and St. Paul [*i.e.* 29th June] 1557 and signed by Laurence Dugould, minister of the word of God,) entered into between him and Sigfrid Fodes, citizen of the city of Emden, for the conveyance in the said Sigfrid's ship of several lasts of fruit and onions from Emden to Leith within 14 days, or 3 weeks at the most, from the feast of St. James to be celebrated after the date of the above letters, and thereafter sailing from Leith *ad portum Barnasiensem aut Chiren* in France and there loading his ship with salt and wine to be conveyed either to the burghs of Ayr or Dumbarton ; and because (*a*) the feast of St. James was long by-past and neither the said Sigfrid nor his ship had called within the Kingdom of Scotland with the foresaid cargo according to the terms of the agreement, although he had expected them daily from the date of said feast, and (*b*) he was much injured through the fault and failure of the said Sigfrid and had incurred large expenses thereby, he protested for remeid of law and for payment of any sums of money and damages payable by him through the fault and failure of the said Sigfrid, etc. Done on 22nd April 1558 in the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Mr. Peter Sempill, David Creichtoun, James Makcall, and John Govane,

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136. Memorandum narrating that James Robertstone in Auchtermuktie, assignee of Jhone Greif, compeared in presence of the notary and protested, in name and behalf of the said Jhone, that the act made by Mr. Jhone Scrymgeour of Myris, Richert Maxwell, Patrik Rankene, and Thomas Gilmour, feu-tenants of the Queen's lands of Auchtermuktie, as cautioners for payment of £60 to the Lord Comptroller, should not hurt nor prejudice either of them as to the redemption of a twelfth-part land, lying in the south quarter of Auchtermuktie within the stewartry and sheriffdom of Fife, for which the said Jhone had granted an obligation. He, further, protested that none should have any interest therein but themselves, and offered to fulfil the points of said obligation, as they had often required a reversion in terms thereof. Done on 1st April 1558 in the notary's writing-booth. Witnesses, Patrick Rankene, Richard M . . . *alias* Gilliour, and John Grote, son and heir of the late Master Walter Grote, burgess of Dysert,

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137. Instrument of Sasine narrating that David Kincaid, liferenter of the west part of the lands of Coittis, passed to the piece of land aftermentioned, and there, with consent of Issobell Cokburne, his spouse, and John Kincaid, his son and apparent heir, fiar of the foresaid lands, gave sasine *propriis manibus* of a piece of land ("contenand in breid eist fra the land pertenant to Jhone Burne tuelff elnis and ane half, and in lenth fra the said watter assendand vp sowthtwartlie quhill it cum to the rod or gait that passis besyd the heid dyke of the said Jhone Burnis land and zaird, for biging of houssis and ane zard vpoun the said pece land, the said hous to contene in lenth tuelff elnis and ane half, and the said zard to be conforme to the boundis of the said Jhone Burnis yard of his land foirsaid"), lying on the south side of the Water of Leith within the sherifffdom of Edinburgh, between the lands of the said Jhone Burne on the west, the middle of the said Water on the north, and the said "rod" on the south, to James Man and Katherine Turnour, his spouse, and the longer liver of them in conjunct fee, personally present and accepting. Done on 21st April 1558 on the above piece of land. Witnesses, Stephen Kincaid and Robert Kincaid, brothers, John Bell, indweller at Bellis-myln, Robert Wardlaw, John Jak, Robert Roger, Walter Huchesone, and William Watsoun, 41.
138. Instrument of Sasine narrating that the above-mentioned David Kincaid passed to the house or tenement with yard (occupied by John Scott and Jonet Chalmer, his spouse), lying on the south side of the Water of Leith, within the sherifffdom of Edinburgh, between the land of Robert Roger on the east, the "rod" that passes to Bellis-myln on the south, the "rod" descending from the said Miln to the Water of Leith on the west, and the said Water on the north, and there *propriis manibus*, with consent of John Kincaid, his son and apparent heir, gave sasine of the same to the said John Scott and spouse and the longer liver of them in conjunct fee, whom failing to Mariot Makie, daughter of the said Jonet, whom failing to Margaret Scott, daughter of the said John, whom failing to the nearest and lawful heirs whonsoever of the said Mariot. Done on 28th April 1558 in the said yard. Witnesses, John Brue, David M'Kie, Robert Wardlaw, Robert Roger, and John Govan, 41.
139. Memorandum narrating that Cuthbert Fergusson appointed Jonet Wilsoun, his spouse, to be his executrix as well as tutrix to his children (John, Isobell, Bessie, Jonet, and the child which was being nursed) so long as she should remain a widow or until she married again, in which event he appointed Mr. John Abircrumme to be tutor to them. He also appointed him his procurator for appearing in presence of any judge spiritual or temporal. Done on 3rd May 1558, in the lodging of the said Mr. John Abircrumme within the town of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Stephen Kincaid, Patrick Herver, and John Govane, 41.
140. Memorandum narrating that Adam Blakwod, burgess of the burgh of Perth, acknowledged that he had received from Thomas Merschell of Pettcarne, in name and behalf of Isobell Kinglassy, his spouse, daughter and heir of the late John Kinglassy, burgess of the said burgh, the sum of £40 Scots, for redemption of an annualrent of 8½ bolls meal furth of the croft commonly called Vnthank, lying on the west side of the burgh of Perth, between the "commonelone" on the east and south, and the lands of the Carmelite Friars of Tulilum on the west and north. He, therefore, granted the said annualrent to be lawfully redeemed in terms of a letter of reversion (dated at Perth 4 May 1546 and subscribed for him by Robert Rollok, notary public,) and discharged all sums due by them before the date hereof, as also an act between them entered in the books of the official of St. Andrews principal. Done on 10th May 1558 in the dwelling-house of John Dowgall, burgess of Edinburgh, on the north side of the High Street thereof. Witnesses, the said John Dowgall,

James Rynd, burgess of Edinburgh, [Abraham?] Eviot, burgess of Perth, and Alexander Ros, 42.

141. Instrument narrating Letters of Procuratory (dated at Boquhople, 16th April 1558 and subscribed for the granter by Robert Done, notary public,) by Robert Stewart of Blairgarry constituting Mr. John Spens of Condy, John Fentoun, and William Pyot his procurators, conjunctly and severally, for resigning into the hands of the Queen Dowager, Regent of Scotland, as into the hands of the Queen the 40 shilling lands of Blairgarry lying in the lordship and stewartry of Menteith and sheriffdom of Perth, in favour of Thomas Grahame of Boquhople, his heirs and assignees; and that, in virtue of the said letters of procuratory, the above-mentioned William Pyot passed to the personal presence of Mary, Queen Dowager, and there, by staff and baton, delivered up and purely and simply resigned the foresaid lands in favour of the said Thomas Grahame; which resignation the Queen Dowager received, and delivered the said lands again to the foresaid Thomas, personally present and accepting, in terms of a charter to be made to him thereupon. Done on 15th May 1558 in Holyrood Palace. Witnesses to the Letters of Procuratory, Mr. Patrick Grahame, rector of Kylmoir, Andrew Menteithe, Walter Makhenry, and Walter Lytilljhone. Witnesses to the instrument, Richard Trovp, macer, Alexander Cochran, keeper of the outer door of the Regent's chamber, and John Govane, 42.
142. Instrument narrating that James Ross constituted and ordained James Irvin and Alexander Irvin, son of the said James, his assignees in and to one-half of the lands of Finlarg in the sheriffdom of Abirdene, which he held in rental from the Queen. Done on 21st May 1558 in the writing-booth of John Jhonestoun, Writer to the Signet, on the north side of the High Street of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Thomas Grahame of Boquhople, Mr. Duncan Forbes of Monymusk, the said John Jhonestoun, John Arnot, Thomas Auchmuwty, and Mr. John Kere, his servants, 43.
143. Instrument narrating that Alexander Blair, procurator for Patrick, bishop of Moray, perpetual commendator of the Monastery of Scone, and brother and heir of the late Mr. John Hepburne of Beynstoun, constituted by letters of procuratory, dated at Scone 20th April 1558, passed (1) to Clerkintoun to the personal presence of Patrick Cokburne of Clerkintoun *alias* Newbigging, tutor of Patrick Congiltoun of that Ilk, brother and heir of the late Oliver Congiltoun, who was son and heir of the late Robert Congiltoun of that Ilk; (2) to the personal presence and dwelling-place of Elizabeth Hepburne, relict of the said Robert Congiltoun and liferentrix of the lands aftermentioned, and William Chirnsyd, her spouse; (3) to the principal place of Congiltoun, as the principal place of the said Patrick Congiltoun, where he gave three knocks at the outer door or gate, but failed to get an entry or to apprehend him; and (4) to the monastery of the nuns at Haddington where he heard the said Patrick generally dwelt with the prioress thereof, and where he was informed by some women who dwelt therein that he (Patrick) was within or not far from the monastery, although he was unable to find him there; and, in name and behalf of the bishop, warned them successively, for their respective rights and interests, to compear in the parish church of Haddington, upon the 26th day of May following, in order to receive upon the High Altar thereof the sum of 400 merks Scots for redemption of the lands of Lytil-balquhomory and Formonthillis lying in the barony of Leslie and sheriffdom of Fife, sold by the said Mr. John Hepburne to the late Henry Congiltoun of that Ilk, grandfather of the said Patrick Congiltoun, under reversion of the principal sum; and to hear and see the same lawfully redeemed in terms of the letter of reversion. (*Cf.* Nos. 156, 158, and 167, *infra*). Done on 6th May 1558 at the above places. Witnesses, Robert Gib, Queen's messenger, William Mudy, gardener at Clerkintoun,



- William Broun, and Mr. William Walterstoun, chaplain and notary public, 43.
144. Instrument narrating that Sir David Hammiltoun of Fingiltoun, knight, cessioner and assignee of William Wallace in Blaklaw, and having right to all his right, title, and kindness of the thirty-three shilling and fourpenny lands of Blaklaw (formerly occupied by Adam Wilsoun) lying in the bailiary of Cunynghame and sheriffdom of Ayr, by decree of the lord comptroller and commissioner of the king, contained in an instrument (dated 13th May 1558) under the hands of Sir Robert Ewin, notary public,—passed to the personal presence of Bartholomew Weilmour of that Ilk and Thomas Grahame of Boquhoppill, and there disposed and granted all his right, title, and kindness in the above lands to Alexander Cunynghame of Hill, in order that he might be rented in the King's rental in place of the said William Wallace. Done on 22nd May 1558 in the chamber of the said Thomas Grahame at Holyrood Palace. Witnesses, Robert Hendersoun, butcher, William Pyot, servitor of the said Thomas Grahame, Mr. James Hammiltoun, and Thomas Huntar, 44.
145. Memorandum narrating that Thomas Hall, indweller in the town of Leith, uncompelled and of his own free will, constituted and ordained Jhone Masoun, indweller of the burgh of Glasgow, his actor, factor, and procurator *in rem suam* for uplifting, receiving, and intromitting with the debts and sums of money due by the following persons, viz. (a) Andro Wilsoun in Greneend of Inchynnan, £3, (b) Alane Houstoun in Sobar (Southbar?) "ane kow, and to gif in viijs. agane of the price of her," (c) Jonet Patersoun, spouse of James Woddrow in Glasgow, "lent money," (d) Jhone Craig in the Insche 20 shillings, being part of a sum of 40 shillings due by him to unquhile Katherine Woddrow, spouse of the said Thomas Hall, and to discharge him of the other 20 shillings, and (e) any other sums due to the said unquhile Katherine and now pertaining to the said Thomas. Done on 19th May 1558 in the notary's dwelling-house within the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, William Lauder, Patrick Hay, apothecary, and John Govane, 44.
146. Memorandum narrating that Jhone Huntar, dwelling in Prestounpannis, compeared in presence of the notary, and ordained and constituted Mr. Richert Strang and Robert Weir, burgess of Edinburgh, his procurators for recovering from Jhone Cosar, burgess of Edinburgh, the sum of £12 for "fracht and viii lydais expenssis" extending to £4, together with towing silver and all other sums of money due by Cosar to him; with power to pursue the action depending at his instance against the said Jhone Cosar, before the provost and bailies of the burgh of Edinburgh, for recovery of said sums. Done on 13th May 1558 in the notary's writing-booth in Edinburgh. Witnesses, James Makcall, John Govane, and Alexander Halyburtoun, 45.
147. Memorandum narrating that Alexander Lauder, burgess of Edinburgh, compeared in presence of the notary, and granted that he was owing to Williame Patersoun, baxter and burgess of Edinburgh, the sum of 50 shillings Scots, which he bound himself, his executors, and assignees to pay within 40 days from the date hereof. The said Williame Patersoun discharged the obligation granted by the said Alexander for the sum of 40 shillings and for payment of the above sum of 50 shillings. Done on 10th June 1558 in the notary's writing-booth in Edinburgh. Witnesses, Thomas Weir of Mot, Andrew Chepman, and John Govane, 45.
148. Memorandum narrating that Mr. George Strang, procurator for David Towris, second son of George Towris of Innerleith, and his curators, compeared in presence of the notary, and (1) desired Adame Maistertoun and Patrik Runseman, messengers, sheriffs in that part, to let the

following animals pass free, which they were personally present to apprise, viz., 16 score and 9 "zowis," 7 "wedderis," and 11 score and 12 "lammis, by the scheip of David Zoung, schephird, and Thomas Taburnaris scheip," the said shepherd making faith that 20 "zowis" and 30 "lammis" pertained to him, and that the remainder were the property of the said David; and (2) protested that "samony as inlaikis in thair defaultis sall inlaik in thair awin handis, and thai salbe haldin to anser for the samyn to the said David and his curatouris as law will." James Murray, officer and servitor to the said George Towris, asked instruments. Done on 20th May 1558 at the West Port of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Sir John Watsoun, chaplain, James Dettour, John Gilcrist, burgess of Edinburgh, and Sir James Dunkesoun, chaplain, 46.

149. Note "to insert the Instrument of Andro Hammiltoun of Cochnoch in this place." (*The Instrument is not inserted.*) 46.
150. Memorandum narrating that George Towris of Innerleith, granted that he had sold, in name and behalf of David Towris, his second son, to Jhone Cochrane, Jhone Colyne, Jhone Cowtis, Jhone Guilliame, Archibald Zoung, and Thomas Airth 29 score "zowis, lammis, and hoggis" and 36 "milk ky and stirkis," for the sum of £303 : 12s., and discharged them thereof "to the effect that ane greit part of the said sowme" might be delivered and paid to Henrie Drummond, chamberlain of Halirudhous, and Mr. Alexander Chalmer, his factor, on behalf of the lord commendator of Halyrudhous, to whom the said stock was appraised. It is stated that the said stock was sold for relief of William Ker and James Cranstoun, burgess of Edinburgh, sureties acted in the books of council for payment of the sum for which it was appraised. Further, the said George Towris obliged himself to pasture the said stock on his lands of Innerleith and Wardy, till the feast of Michaelmas following, at the rate of 5 shillings for every "sowme." Done on 13th June 1558 in the chamber of the said George Towris, within the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, James Dennestoun, parson of Ardewan, James Murray, Martyne Nicholsoun, burgess of Edinburgh, Jhone Gilcrist, Patrik Ogill, and Williame Hunyman, 46.
151. Instrument narrating that George Towris of Innerleith and David Towris, his son, fiar of Est Nesbet, passed together to the Castle of Edinburgh, where, at the outer door or gate thereof, the said George openly and publicly shewed that they were charged by virtue of their sovereign's letters in the four forms (purchased by deliverance of the lords of council upon the decreet obtained at the instance of Williame Chirmisyd) to fulfil and obey the command thereof under pain of warding of their persons in the said castle. He, further, declared that they had come to enter themselves in ward in obedience to said letters, and desired Archibald Haldane, constable of the castle, to receive them therein (who did so); and protested that, having fulfilled the command of the said letters, they should not incur any process of horning in their persons, lands, goods or gear, by virtue of the said decree and letters. Done on 8th April 1558 at the outer gate of Edinburgh Castle. Witnesses, Duncan Cunynghame, George Hume, keeper of the said gate, John Mullar, Thomas M'Clay, and Robert Watterstoun, 46.
152. Instrument narrating that George Towris of Innerleith, patron of the chaplainry of St. Ann, founded by his predecessors in the aisle of St. Ann on the north side of the parish church of St. Cuthbert under the castle wall of Edinburgh, had granted and disposed the said chaplainry, which was vacant in his hands and at his disposal through the decease of Sir Alexander *alias* Elphingstoun (*sic*), last chaplain thereof, to David Towris, his second son, during his lifetime, with the fruits, annualrents, lands, tenements, etc., pertaining thereto, by delivery to him of "ane plak"

as is customary in like cases. Done on 15th April 1558 in the chamber of the said George within Edinburgh Castle. Witnesses, Patrick Ogill, James Murray, John Cochrane, and Robert Cowttis, 47.

153. Memorandum narrating that the above-mentioned George Towris, patron of the said chaplainry, in name of his said son, David, granted the foresaid chaplainry to Sir James Duncansone, chaplain, in order that he might celebrate the divine offices in it till the said David reached his perfect age, with power to him if necessary, with their consent, to appoint a chaplain under him during said period. Same date, place, and witnesses as above, 47.
  
154. Memorandum narrating that the foresaid Sir James Duncansone, uncompelled and of his own free will, bound and obliged himself not to allege or claim any right, title or interest in the foresaid chaplainry or in the fruits, annualrents, profits, and emoluments thereof in time coming, but only to intromit therewith in name and behalf of the said David, till he reached his perfect age, at the sight and advice of his said father. He also appointed the said George factor for uplifting, ingathering, and intromitting with such fruits, annualrents, etc., for the use and profit of the said David. Same date, place, and witnesses as above, 47.
  
155. Instrument narrating that James Murray, procurator of the foresaid George Towris, passed to the parish church of St. Cuthbert, situated under the castle wall of Edinburgh, and there, at the altar of St. Ann, gave institution and real, actual, and corporal possession of the chaplainry of St. Ann to the said David Towris, during his life, by delivery to him of the chalice, book, missal, and other ornaments of the altar and chaplainry. Done on 16th April 1558 at the said altar in the aisle of St. Ann in said church. Witnesses, Thomas Jhonesoun, bailie of Lord Lyndsay of the Byris, Mr. Thomas Weddell, advocate, John Cochrane, Patrick Ogill, William Loch, burgess of Edinburgh, and Sir Andrew Heslope, chaplain of the chaplainry of the Blessed Virgin Mary in said church, etc. 47.
  
156. Instrument narrating that Sir Adam Broun, procurator of Patrick, bishop of Moray, commendator of the monastery of Scone, and heir of the late Mr. John Hepburne of Beynstoun (constituted by letters of procuratory dated at Scone 20th April 1558) passed to the parish church of the burgh of Haddington, and there, upon the high altar thereof, caused to be numbered and counted the sum of 400 merks Scots, which he offered (1) to John Fores, procurator for Patrick Congiltoun, brother and heir of the late Oliver Congiltoun, who was son and heir of the late Robert Congiltoun of that ilk, and for Patrick Cokburne of Clerkingtoun *alias* Newbigging, tutor of the said Patrick Congiltoun, and (2) to Elizabeth Hepburne, relict of the said Robert Congiltoun and liferentrix of the lands aftermentioned, and William Chirnsyd, her spouse, for his interest, for redemption from them of the lands of Lytill Balquhomory and Formonthillis lying in the barony of Leslie and sheriffdom of Fife. Further, narrating that immediately thereafter the said Elizabeth and spouse and the said John Fores requested the said sum to be paid to them, but because neither were willing, upon receipt thereof, to grant a renunciation and discharge of the lands and their rights and titles thereto, unless the sum was paid to them alone, and because the said Elizabeth, on the ground that she was sole liferentrix of the foresaid lands, declined to renounce her right and title to the said sum, unless it was delivered to herself and spouse, the said procurator requested Bernard Thomsoun and Thomas Dikkesoun, bailies of the burgh of Haddington, personally present, to receive it to be kept for the use and profit of both parties or any of them having interest therein; and that, on the said Bernard Thomsoun refusing to receive it, the procurator offered it to the said



Thomas Dikkesoun, who accepted it and acknowledged having received it for the purposes above-mentioned. The procurator, thereupon, solemnly protested that the lands were redeemed according to the tenor of the letter of reversion, and that the said letter was fulfilled in all points. (*Cf.* Nos. 143, 158 and 167). Done on 26th May 1558 in the said church. Witnesses, Robert Symssoun, dean of christianity of Haddingtoun, Archibald Kyill, William Browne, of the burgh of Haddingtoun, Henry Congiltoun, formerly tutor of that Ilk, Robert Diksoun in the monastery of Haddingtoun, John Browne, heir of the late Mr. William Browne, and James Hendersoun, indweller in Scone, 48.

157. Memorandum narrating that Patrick Creichtoun of Lugtoun, uncompelled and of his own free will, passed to the ground of the lands aftermentioned and there *propriis manibus* gave sasine and real, actual, and corporal possession to John Bellenden of Pendrech, in liferent, of the lands commonly called St. Leonards (occupied by himself and his tenants), lying near the burgh of Edinburgh, within the barony of Brochtoun and sheriffdom of Edinburgh, by delivery to him of one penny Scots and earth and stone of the foresaid lands. Done on 18th July 1558 on the ground of said lands. Witnesses, Sir Andrew Bertrame, prebendary of the Collegiate Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Field, Stephen Story, indweller of the town of St. Leonard, David Creichtoun, son of the said Patrick Creichtoun, and John Govane, 49.

158. Instrument narrating that Elezabeth Hepburne, relict of the late Robert Congiltoun of that Ilk and liferentrix of the lands aftermentioned, and William Chirnsyde, younger, her spouse, passed to the personal presence of Sir Adam Broun, procurator for Patrick, bishop of Moray, commendator of Scone and heir of the late Mr. John Hepburne of Beynstoun, and openly desired him, after the "compting, nowmering, and telling" of the sum of 400 merks upon the high altar of the parish church of Haddington, for redemption of the lands of Litill Balquhomory and Formonthillis, lying in the barony of Leslie and sheriffdom of Fyfe, to deliver the said sum to them, on sufficient caution being found that it should be made furthcoming to Patrick Congiltoun, brother and heir of the late Oliver Congiltoun, son and heir of the foresaid Robert Congiltoun, or any others having interest thereto, at the time of her decease, and produced and presented Williame Chirnsyd of Eist Nesbett and Patrik Sleich of Cumlege as cautioners for that purpose. Further, narrating that the said procurator refused to deliver said sum to them, whereupon they protested that his refusal should not hurt nor prejudice them regarding their right to said lands, and that the lands should not be held redeemed, on the ground that the reversion bore that the money should be consigned in the hands of the bailies of the burgh of Haddington for the time, whereas such consignment was made only in the hands of one of them, viz. Thomas Dikkesoun. (*Cf.* Nos. 143, 156, and 167). The name of Patrick Cokburn of Clerkintoun *alias* Newbigging, tutor of the said Patrick Congiltoun, occurs in the instrument. Done on 26th May 1558 in the parish church of Haddington. Witnesses, Sir Robert Symssoun, dean of Haddingtoun, Bernard Thomsoun, bailie of Haddingtoun, John Lyndsay, James Clerk, Cristall Sleich, servitor of the foresaid Patrik Sleich, Archibald Kyle, burgess of Haddingtoun, John Browne, and James Brone, 49.

159. Instrument narrating that William Harbesone compeared in presence of the notary and, uncompelled and of his own free will, renounced, discharged, and quitclaimed (a) the decreet of violence (dated 2nd June 1551) obtained before Jhone Muir and Andro Dunlop, bailies of the city of Glasgow, by Cristiane Logane, his spouse, formerly spouse of the late Alexander Hepburne, citizen of said city, and himself, for his interest, against Jhone Gibsoun, burgess of Dunbertane, for his wrongous and violent ejection of them furth of one-half of an orchard pertaining to

him, whereby he was decerned to pay to them £13 Scots for the profits of the said half orchard, for one year from the month of February 1549, and to restore them to their possession thereof; and (b) all other actions they might have against him. Done on 7th July 1558 in the lower chamber of the dwelling-house of James Adamsoun, burgess of Edinburgh. Witnesses, George Hume of Broxmouht, and the said James Adamsoun, 50.

[Part of Instrument No. 161 *infra* is written in the Protocol Book immediately after the preceding entry and deleted], 51.

160. Memorandum narrating that Thomas Robertsoun, burgess of the burgh of Perth, uncompeled and of his own free will, in consideration of certain sums of money paid to him, made, constituted, and ordained Margaret Cok, his mother, John Maxtoun, burgess of the said burgh, and Peter Blindsell, conjunctly and severally, his cessioners and assignees in and to (1) all actions which he had or might have against any person in time coming, (2) the following goods, viz.—“ane steik of mella claytht contenant fourtie ellis, ane gray mantill, ane dosand of blecheit lynnyng claytht, and fyftie four ellis of cammes,” and (3) all his other goods, debts, sums of money, etc. He delivered the goods above-mentioned to the said John Maxtoun and Peter Blindsell, who acknowledged receipt thereof. Done on 28th July 1558 in the notary's writing-booth on the south side of the High Street of Edinburgh. Witnesses, John Dewar, James Makcall, and John Govane, 51.
161. Instrument narrating that (a) Henry Bruce, procurator for Margaret Schaw, relict of the late Walter Grahame of Blairsessenoch and Garturris and conjunct fiar of the said lands, (constituted by letters of procuratory, dated 29th June 1558 and subscribed for the said Margaret by Robert Done, Notary Public), and (b) George Grahame, son and heir of the said Walter, for his interest as heir foresaid, passed to the personal presence of Alexander Erskin of Congloir (Cognoir?), fiar of the lands and barony of Cardross in the sheriffdom of Perth, where the said procurator offered to deliver to him 10 merks 6 shillings and 8 pence for the mails of the foresaid lands of Blairsessenoch and Garturris, due to him by the said Margaret for the terms of Martinmas 1557 and Whitsunday 1558; and on his refusal to receive it, the procurator and the said George Graham thereupon protested that such refusal should not hurt nor prejudice the rights of the said Margaret and George to said lands. Done on 4th July 1558 in the garden of the Queen Regent on the west side of the palace of Holyrood. Witnesses, Malise Grahame in Drummond, Donald Dow in Cardros, James Michelsoun in the Straith of Menteith, and William Patersone in Kilpunt, 52.
162. Instrument narrating that Thomas Lindsay, indweller in the town of Leith, made, constituted, and ordained procurators (*names blank*) to compear in presence of the presidents, prefects, and magistrates of the town of Rosandal in Brabant, on any lawful day and especially before or after the 14th November following, in order to produce (a) an act (dated 9th July 1558) by the president, councillors, and auditors of civil causes in Scotland, regarding an action moved by Herman Freis, citizen of Hamburg, against the said Thomas for the alleged spoliation of his ship called the “Marie,” with certain merchandise belonging to him, and (b) letters of commission directed by the foresaid president, councillors, and auditors of civil causes to the foresaid magistrates; and, in order to prove an exception peremptorily proponed by the said Thomas against the supplication of the said Herman, to ask them (1) to duly execute the terms of such act and commission in all its points, articles, and clauses, (2) to cite, produce, and swear witnesses dwelling within their jurisdiction regarding the proof of the articles of the exception, and examine them in the points thereof, and (3) to take down their depositions in

writing, etc. Power was also given to the said procurators to take and raise acts, decrees, instruments, etc., lead proof, answer libels, make protests, send letters to the granter to prove said exception in presence of the said president, councillors, and auditors, together with the depositions of witnesses, before 15th January following, and generally to do everything which the granter could have done if personally present. Done on 18th October 1558 in the notary's writing-booth. Witnesses, Master Peter Sympill, brother-german of Robert, Lord Semple, William Hendersone, burgess of Edinburgh, John Williamesone, burgess of Edinburgh, Patrick Donaldsone, and John Govane, 52.

163. Memorandum narrating that the foresaid Thomas Lindsay passed to the presence of Marie, Queen Dowager and Regent of Scotland, and intimated that the Lords of Council had by their act and commission assigned to him certain days (especially the 1st and 13th of October following to compear before the mayors, masters, and judges of the towns of Berwik and Newcastle in England, in order to prove by witnesses the points and clauses of the above-mentioned exception proponed by him against the supplication of the foresaid Herman Freis. He, therefore, desired her to give him license to pass to England in order to prove same, to which she answered, "we will nocht be ony maner grant nor gif licence to zow to pas in Ingland salang as the weir standis betuich that realme and this realme of Scotland." Done on 11th October 1558 in Holyrood Palace. Witnesses, Sir Jhone Campbell of Lundy, knight, Master of the Queen's Household, . . . , Master Usher thereof, and James Harlaw, Writer to the Signet, 53.

164. Instrument narrating that Mr. James Annand, canon of Orkney, attorney, specially constituted by letters of attorney from Chancery, for Alexander Annand, son and heir of the late Thomas Annand of Auchterellane, having and holding in his hands (1) precept from chancery directed to David, Earl of Crawford, Lord Lindsay, and (2) precept of sasine by the said Earl for infefting the said Alexander in the lands of Auchterellane and Cukistoun, with the mill thereof, and the superiority of the lands of Hiltoun lying in the barony of Auchterellane and sherifffdom of Abirden,—passed to the personal presence of the Earl and inquired if he was willing to obey the commands of the royal precept by subscribing and sealing the foresaid precept of sasine, to which request the Earl replied that he was willing to obey the royal command, and had subscribed the said precept of sasine, and that he was also willing that his seal (which he had not with him at the time) should be afterwards appended thereto. The Earl, thereupon, protested (a) that, in so far as he had obeyed the royal command by subscribing the said precept of sasine, he had done so under compulsion, and only on account of the obedience which he was bound to render to his sovereign, and not otherwise; (b) that notwithstanding said compulsion and obedience to the royal command, he could sue for reduction of the retour in favour of the said Alexander and the sasine following thereupon whenever convenient; and (c) that he should also have action against the said Alexander for any damage which might happen to the farms, profits, and duties of the said lands. Done on 16th October 1558 in the outer chamber of the Earl's lodging in the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, John Creichtoun of Ruthvennis, David Betoun of Melgound, Alexander Lindesay of Vane, James Ouchterlony of that ilk, and Mr. Clement Litill, advocate in Edinburgh, 54.

165. Memorandum narrating that Andrew Zorstoun, occupier, had appealed according to the tenor of a schedule to be made. Done on 19th January 1558. Witnesses, Archibald Maw, barber and burgess of Edinburgh, Archibald Dowglas, Mr. David Maitland of Ferding, and John Govane, 54.



166. Memorandum narrating that Adame Bell, executor-testamentar of Robert Chepman of the Schelis, passed to the personal presence of Jhone, archbishop of St. Andrews, primate and legate of Scotland, and desired him to confirm the testament of the said Robert, and that his lordship replied that he "nicht nocht now conferme the samin becaus thair wes ane dative ellis gevin." Done on 6th June 1558 in the lodging of James, Duke of Chatellarhalt, near the Collegiate Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Field near the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, George Cok, John Masoun, and John Cokburn, brother of the Laird of Skirling, 54.
167. Instrument narrating that Patrick, bishop of Moray, perpetual commendator of the monastery of Scone and heritable proprietor of the lands of Formonthillis, Hoill, and Litill Balquhomory, lying in the barony of Leslie and sheriffdom of Fyfe, compeared in presence of the notary and summoned to his presence Andrew Thomsoun in Formonthillis, Mathew Wobster and Thomas Spens in the Hoill, and Malcolm Tod in Litill Balquhomory, who answered, in reply to his inquiries, that they never had any tacks from him of the foresaid lands. Further, narrating that he produced a 5 years tack in favour of each for his part of above lands granted for warrandice and relief from an action of violence pursued before the Lords of Council at the instance of Elizabeth Hepburne, Lady Congiltoun, and Williame Chirnsyd, for his interest, and enquired if they would renounce them; and that they, uncompelled and of their own free wills, renounced and discharged them "ilkane of thame for thair awin partis respective." (Cf. Nos. 143, 156, and 158, *supra*.) Done on 18th March 1558 in the bishop's lodging in the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Mr. John Dowglas, notary, Sir Robert Liddaill, chaplain, William Goldy, James Moncreif, and James Bruce, 55.
168. Memorandum narrating that Martin Fanholfin, procurator for Claus Bikker, skipper, Jasper Vngirman, Nicholl Trilif,<sup>1</sup> and Philp Evart, Dutchmen and merchants of the town of Cunisbrig within the dukerie of Sprus, compeared in presence of the notary and protested that, notwithstanding he had received the sum of £240 Scots or thereby for the byrun maills due to them by James, Earl Bothuile, Lord Halis, etc., from the lands of Estir Creichtoun, Wester Creichtoun, Sauchnell, 2 cotlands in Ester Creichtoun, and the lands of Lochquhorret, Hagbra, and Castehill, lying in the barony of Creichtoun and sheriffdom of Edinburgh, he "affermis nocht the said erll ony tenent of the saidis landis and ressavit the said soun vnder the said protestatioun alanerlie." (Cf. *Reg. Mag. Sig.*, Vol. iv., No. 454, and *Acts and Decrees*, Vol. iii, 195). Done on 14th August 1558 in the dwelling-house of John Carkettill of Finglen, burgess of Edinburgh, lying on the north side of the High Street thereof. Witnesses, the said John Carkettill, John Somervile, brother of Lord Somervile, John Cant, indweller in Leith, John Hay, servitor to the said Martin, and Archibald Howlestoun, indweller in Ferny, 55.
169. Instrument of Sasine following on and narrating a Precept of *Clare Constat* (dated at Dudingstoun 18th September 1558) by William Wauchop, brother-german of Gilbert Wauchop of Nudry-Merschell, with consent of Helen Edmestoun, his spouse, directed to John Doby in Leswaid and John Govane, as bailies, for infetting Alexander Carnoquhane as heir of his father, John Carnoquhane, burgess of the burgh of Edinburgh, in an annualrent of £5 Scots furth of the £10 lands of Nethertoun of Printadois, lying in the lordship of Stow and sheriffdom of Edinburgh. Sasine given by the said John Doby. Done on 1st October 1558 on the above lands at the principal house thereof. Witnesses to the precept, Mr. Gilbert Grote, notary public, Laurence Chery (?) in Dudingstoun, and

<sup>1</sup> Written above the name "Lullac" which is apparently meant to be deleted.

Archibald Wauchope, there. Witnesses to the sasine, Thomas Hoppingill and John Hoppingill, his brother, 56.

170. Memorandum narrating that Johnne Bargillo, son and heir of umquhile Thomas Bargillo, burgess of Glasgw, granted that he had received payment from Alane Roger, mason and burgess of Edinburgh, of all sums of money, goods, and gear, which he could claim from him before the date hereof, and specially for the tenement of land lying in the Briggait, on the north side of the city of Glasgw, which he sold to the said Alane ; and discharged him thereof. He also (a) constituted the said Alane his cessioner and assignee in and to his father's "suerd" in the hands of William Bargilly, his brother, with power to sue therefor, and (b) discharged the sum of forty shillings due to him by the said Alane and for which he gave his oath before the bailies of Edinburgh. Done on 17th November 1558 in the dwelling-house of Jonet Bell within the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Thomas Gude, son of the late John Gude in Glasgow, and John Govane, 56.
171. Instrument narrating that Mr. William Scott, uncompelled and of his own free will, made, constituted, and ordained John Jhonnestoun, writer, his procurator for compearing in presence of Elizabeth Steinsoun and Margaret Steinsoun, sisters and heirs of the late Mr. John Steinsoun, in order (1) to ask them to renounce for themselves, their heirs, executors, and assignees (a) all actions, suits, and causes which they had or might have in time coming against the said Mr. William, his heirs, executors, and assignees, for redemption of a land, under and above, with the pertinents, lying on the east side of the trans of the vennel called Leith Wynd at the upper end of the vennel, in the burgh of the Canongate near Edinburgh, between the land of the late Thomas Scot on the east, the said trans on the west, the foreland of Richard Saffintoun (Fassin-toun?) on the south, and the land of the late John Zoung on the north, together with the back stair at the north end of the foresaid land above the land of the said John Zoung, and the stone stair in the forepart of said land, for free ish and entry thereto, and (b) all actions for delivery of the reversion for redeeming said lands ; (2) to receive said renunciation, as also an obligation by John Ahannay, baker and burgess of the Canongate, obliging himself to free and relieve the said Mr. William from the foresaid reversion and redemption and all actions concerning the same against him ; and (3) to resign said land into the hands of one of the bailies of the Canongate for sasine and infestment thereof to be given to John Cristisoun, son and heir of the late William Cristisoun. Done on 14th March 1558 in the notary's writing-booth in the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Walter Seytoun of Tulybodie, John Campbell of Skypinche, David Wat, Robert Bruce (?), and John Govane, 57.
172. Instrument of Sasine following on and narrating a precept of sasine (dated at Edinburgh 21st March 1558) by Patrick, bishop of Moray, perpetual commendator of the monastery of Scone, and heritable proprietor of the lands aftermentioned, directed to George Forrester of Strathenry, as bailie, for infesting James Banytyne, burgess of Edinburgh, and Katherine Tailliefer, his spouse, and the longer liver of them in conjunct infestment, and the heirs lawfully procreated or to be procreated between them, whom failing the lawful and nearest heirs or assignees of the said James whosoever, in the lands of Litol-balquhomerie and Formonthillis, with their pertinents, and especially the lands called the Hoill, lying in the barony of Leslie and sheriffdom of Fife. Sasine given by the said George Forrester to John Grahame, attorney for the said James and spouse. Done on 24th March 1558 on the above lands. Witnesses to the Precept, Patrick Hepburne of Wauchtoun, Mr. John Spens of Condy, Clement Marioribankis, John Grahame, notary public, and John Robesoun, notary public. Witnesses to the sasine, Thomas Forrester,

son and heir-apparent of the said George Forrester, Mathew Wobster *alias* Grigson in Hoill, George Oliphant in Balliclero, William Oliphant, his son, Thomas Betoun, Thomas Spens, Malcolm Tod in Lital-balquhomerie, Andrew Thomsoun in Formonthillis, and Andrew Cristesoun, there, 58.

173. Letters of Collation by Patrick, bishop of Moray, perpetual commendator of the monastery of Scone, addressed to the dean of christianity of . . . , the curate of the parish church of . . . , and the remaining rectors, vicars, curates, and chaplains of the diocese, narrating that the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of . . . was vacant by the decease of Sir Walter Bunche, last vicar thereof, and at the bishop's collation, provision, and disposition, with the fruits, rents, and profits thereof, and that he had conferred it on Sir Andrew Pantoun whom he had invested by placing his ring on the finger of James Moncreif, his (Sir Andrew's) procurator. He, therefore, commanded them to induct and institute Sir Andrew to the foresaid vicarage and the fruits, rents, etc. thereof by delivery to him or his procurator of the book, missal, chalice, plate, and all other ornaments of the altar, and the key of the church; to canonically defend him so invested and remove any one unlawfully deterring him; to answer to him or his procurators for the fruits, rent, profits, etc. of the church; and to restrain contraveners, if any, by the censures of the church. [*The notary's docquet follows in which he designs himself "Gilbert Grote, master of arts, clerk of the diocese of Caithness, and notary public by sacred apostolic authority."*] Done on 28th March 1559 at Edinburgh. Witnesses, Andrew Moncreif and John Bunche, 59.
174. Instrument narrating that Andrew Reid in Thridpart, brother-german of Alexander Reid, made, constituted, and ordained the said Alexander his cessioner and assignee in and to all right and kindness which he had in (1) the 20 shilling land of Nether Trabooch, occupied by Jonete Speir and Jonet M'Millane, lying in the parish of Vchiltre and sheriffdom of Air; (2) the merkland called the merkland of Auchintanche in the parish of Auchinlek and sheriffdom foresaid; (3) the kirk and teinds of Auchinlek; and (4) 200 merks Scots due to him by George Reid of Chapelhous in the parish (?) of Kilismure, for the kindness of the forty-shilling land called the Halfpennyland in the parish of Auchinlek and sheriffdom foresaid; with power to intromit and dispoine thereupon at his pleasure. Done on March 1559 in the dwelling-house of Jonet Bell in the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Patrick Hay, apothecary, John Fynny, burgess of Edinburgh, James Punfray in Edinburgh, and Kentigern Punfray, his brother, 59.
175. Instrument narrating that John Hawik *alias* Chalmer in Glasgw made, constituted, and ordained Johnne Masoun, dwelling in Glasgw, his cessioner and assignee in and to "all maner of restis, dettis, sowmes of money, gudis, and geir" owing to him, with power to intromit therewith and pursue therefor. Done on . . . 1559 in the notary's writing-booth within the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, James Mure, burgess of Edinburgh, William Meldrum, writer, and John Govane, 60.
176. Memorandum narrating that David Betoun of Melgund compeared in presence of the notary and subscribed the Obligation after narrated, which he desired to be inserted in the notary's protocol book, viz:—Obligation (dated at Edinburgh 6th June 1559) whereby he granted that he was owing to David Ramsay, brother-german of George Ramsay of Banf, the sum of £40 Scots, which he bound himself to repay in French money in the town of Deip or at any other place the said David might demand. Done in the notary's writing-booth in Edinburgh on 6th June 1559. Witnesses to the Memorandum and Obligation, David Corsbe, burgess of Edinburgh, Alexander Strauchin, and John Neishe, 60



177. Instrument narrating that Hector M'Clane of Coill passed to the personal presence of Marie, Queen Dowager and Regent of Scotland, and there surrendered and purely and simply resigned by staff and baton into her hands, as into the hands of Francis and Mary, King and Queen of Scotland, the lands and barony of Coill, containing the £20 lands of Coill, the £12 lands of Quyennes, the £4 lands of Rwm, and the £4 lands of Auchlaynane and Drummynnane, with the mills, woods, and fishings thereof, lying by annexation within the barony of Coill and sheriffdom of Tarrbart, in favour of Hector M'Clane, his son and heir-apparent; which resignation the Queen Dowager received and by delivery of the foresaid staff and baton granted the said lands again to Thomas Grahame of Boquhopill, attorney for the said Hector M'Clane, younger, for a charter to be made thereupon, under reservation of the liferent of the said Hector M'Clane, senior, and a reasonable terce to his spouse on his death. (*Cf. Registrum Magni Sigilli*, Vol. iv. No. 1352.) Done on 28th June 1559 in the lower chamber of the Queen Regent in Holyrood Palace. Witnesses, Sir John Bellenden of Auchnowle, knight, Mr. James M'Gill of Rankelour Nether, Clerk-Register, Mr. Robert Richertsoun, clerk of the Treasury, Henry Berclay, rector of Cannesby, and Arthur Kneland, 61.
178. Instrument narrating that James Carmure compeared in presence of the notary and, of his own free will,—on the narrative that by act of parliament anyone of lawful age might revoke and annul any act done by him during his minority, with consent of his tutors and curators, to his hurt and prejudice, and that he was 19 years of age or thereby, and also for satisfaction of the damage which he understood he had incurred during his minority through his alleged tutors and curators (if he any had) by wanting his lands, rents, &c.,—revoked and annulled all things done by him during his minority through the compulsion of his tutors and curators, and especially the action moved before the official of Glasgow to cause him to consent to Alexander Park delivering the sum of 200 merks, left to him (the said James) by his father in his testament, to Adame Grymslaw, his alleged tutor. Done on 5th July 1559 in the notary's writing-booth on the north side of the High Street of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, James Somervile of Humby, David Somervile and Patrick Somervile, his brothers-german, Alexander Thomsoun, burghess of Edinburgh, and Mr. Nicol Rutherford, 62.
179. Memorandum narrating that the spouse (*name blank*) of Williame Giffert of Sherefhall compeared in presence of the notary and, of her own free will outwith the presence of her husband, confessed that the obligation granted by her in favour of . . . was done without the advice and consent of her husband, and that she was compelled to do so, "vthirwyis, and scho had nocht done the samyn, thai wald haif put hir furth of thair hous and lyue out in vtheris places, and on na wayis wald haif furneist to hir hir burding and sustentation." Johnne Giffert, son of the said Williame Giffert, asked instruments and protested that the premises should not hurt nor prejudice his father. Done on 8th July 1559 in the Tolbooth of Edinburgh. Witnesses, George Gourlaw, one of the officers of the burgh of Edinburgh, Thomas Hall, James Thomsoun, and Henry Hay, 62.
180. Instrument narrating that Margaret Narne, daughter of the late Archibald Narne, formerly indweller in Newbottill, compeared in presence of the notary and, uncompelled and of her own free will, renounced and discharged all right which she had in a tenement of land with the pertinents, lying in the Newbigging within the freedom of Mussilburgh, in favour of Jonet Narne, her sister, and David Scowgall, her spouse, and the longer liver of them and their heirs, whom failing to return to herself and her heirs. Done on the last day of . . . 1559 in the close of the tenement or

lodging of the late Mr. James Fowlis of Colingtoun within the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Kentigern Loch, burgess of Edinburgh, William Lychtbodye, burgess of Glasgow, John . . . in Gartcharie, and Thomas Portuis, 63.

181. Instrument narrating that Katherine Dickesoun, relict of the late Henry Tindell, burgess of Edinburgh, and afterwards spouse of James Brentowne, also burgess of the said burgh, compeared in presence of the notary and there, uncompeled and of her own free will, in consideration of her spouse having paid certain sums of money for the tocher of the marriages of Katherine Tindell and Jonet Tindell, her daughters by the said Henry, gave and disponed (1) to Agnes Brentowne, their daughter, "ane gold ring callit ane signet of gold, witht vtheris twa ringis of gold, all weand ourheid ane vnce of gold," and (2) to Jonet Brentoun, their daughter, "ane belt of silver ourgilt witht gold weand nyne vneces by the burde thair of." Power was reserved by the said Katherine, if necessary, to sell the said rings and belt, the first offer being made to her said spouse or his friends. Done on 5th August 1559 in the notary's writing-booth on the north side of the High Street of the burgh of Edinburgh, near the Salt Trone. Witnesses, William Hendersoun, Mark Murray, burgess of Edinburgh, and John Govane, 63.
182. Memorandum narrating that Elizabeth Stevinsoun, spouse of Alexander Park, burgess of Edinburgh, compeared in presence of the notary and protested, in name and behalf of her spouse, that the acquittance given to her by Johnne Cant, indweller in Leith, for the sum of £410:9s. Scots, should not prejudice the reduction or annulling of any acts, processes, or decreets given thereupon before the date hereof. (Cf. No. 184, *infra*.) Done on 21st August 1559 on the High Street of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Richard Strang, David Maitland, William Mudy, chamberlain of Orkney, and Thomas Dikkesoun, 63.
183. Memorandum narrating that Dene James Abircrummy, one of the canons of the abbey of Halirudhous, compeared in presence of the notary and shewed that, at twelve o'clock on Saturday "lastbipast," the lord commendator of the abbey reft and took away the common chapter seal from the prior's chamber, where he and the convent were sealing a precept of feu, and protested, on behalf of the prior and convent, that whatever was done by the commendator with the seal in time coming should not hurt nor prejudice the abbey and its lands. Done on 14th August 1559 in the booth of John Clerksoun, baker. Witnesses, Walter Carmichaell, brother of umquhile Robert Carmichaell of Wrichtislandis, Robert Craufurd in Newbottill, Robert Craufurd in Nether Libertoun, and Sir Thomas Smith, chaplain, 64.
184. Memorandum narrating that Johnne Cant protested that, notwithstanding the foresaid acquittance given by him to Elizabeth Stevinsoun, there was "ane pairt of apprisit geir" received by Margaret Balfour, his spouse, in his name, to the avail of £210 or thereby. (Cf. No. 182, *supra*.) Same date, place, and witnesses as No. 182, *supra*, 65.
185. Instrument narrating letters of procuratory (dated at Elrig 21st July 1559) granted by James M'Dowall of Freach, with consent of David Kennedy of Culzeane, Vchtred M'Dowell of Garthland, Alexander Vaus of Barneberach, James M'Dowell of Diregill, and John Kennedy of Meklelarg, his curators, in favour of Sir Hugh Kennedie of Girvane-manis, knight, Sir William M'Dowell, vicar of [Inche?]<sup>1</sup>, and David Wat, for compearing in presence of Marie, Queen Regent of Scotland, and resigning the four merkland of old extent of Galdanachis and the one merkland of Kerodrochad, lying in the parish of Steinaker, barony of Freach, and sheriffdom of Wigtoun, into her hands, as into the hands of the King and

<sup>1</sup> Cf. *Registrum Magni Sigilli*, Vol. iv. No. 1763.

Queen, in favour of himself and Florence M'Dowell, lawful sister of the foresaid Vchtred M'Dowell, his intended spouse, and the longer liver of them, and the heirs to be lawfully procreated between them, whom failing to his heirs and assignees whomsoever. Further, narrating that, in virtue of said letters of procuratory, the foresaid Sir Hugh Kennedie passed to the personal presence of the Queen Regent at Edinburgh, and there surrendered and purely and simply resigned, by staff and baton, the said lands into her hands for a new charter in the terms above narrated, and that, having received the said resignation, she delivered the said lands again to Niel Layng, attorney for the said James and Florence, by delivery of said staff and baton. (*Cf. Registrum Magni Sigilli*, Vol. iv. No. 1362.) Done on 20th August 1559, in the chamber of the Queen Regent in Holyrood Palace. Witnesses to the letters of procuratory, Patrick M'Akie of Large, Archibald M'Akie of Sthronord, Hugh Maxwell of Dunrod, Robert Welsche, and Michael Makcrekan, [notary public], 65.

186. Instrument narrating that Joachim Halypagen, burgess and merchant of the royal city of Lubeck [Lubick], procurator for Christopher Henriksoun, citizen of said city, who was lawful tutor to Barbara, his wife, relict and heir of the late Peter Schowld and also heir of the late Barthold Clowdis, both citizens of said city, compared in presence of the notary and protested that, if at the time the said Barthold came to Scotland as a friend and ally on lawful business, and for payment of certain sums of money due to him by Alexander Gordoun, archbishop of Athens, brother-german of George, Earl of Huntlie, there "chansit ony discord or debait owder in word or deid" betwixt them, or if at that time he committed any crime or offence against the authority of the realm, it should not be imputed either to him or the said Christopher Henriksoun, as they were witless and innocent thereof, and it was done without their advice and consent; and that he himself should not be arrested nor molested, but allowed to lawfully carry on his trade as a friend and ally of the realm. Done on 24th September 1559, in the dwelling-house of Mr. Thomas Kincragy, advocate, within the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, the said Mr. Thomas Kincragy, Patrick Gibsoun, burgess of Edinburgh, John Govane, and Andrew Inglis, 66.
187. Instrument narrating that Captain James Culane, indweller of the town of Leith, uncompelled and of his own free will, constituted and ordained Johnne Johnestoun, burgess of Edinburgh, his cessioner and assignee in and to an Obligation (dated at Edinburgh 4th October 1559) whereby Robert Watsoun, burgess of Edinburgh, granted that he was due to the Captain £88 Scots, which he bound himself to repay by 2nd January following. Done on 16th October 1559. Witness to the Obligation, Williame Patersoun, 67.
188. Memorandum narrating that Gelis Davidsoun, relict of umquhile Thomas Tunno, burgess of Edinburgh, granted that she was due to Patrik Wilsoun, burgess of Edinburgh, the sum of £4 : 17s., being the arrears to Whitsunday following of an annualrent of 16 shillings due furth of a loft-house lying in the Overbow of Edinburgh, occupied by David *alias* Andro Come, and a cellar underneath the same occupied by Male Bannatyne, pertaining to her in liferent. Power was given to the said Patrik (a) to intromit with and uplift the mails of the said subjects from the term of Whitsunday following till he was completely paid of the foresaid sum of £4 : 17s. and any further arrears; (b) to reimburse himself for any expenses laid out by him for keeping the property watertight, etc.; and (c) to warn, remove, input, and output tenants. Done on 10th March 1560 in the said Patrik's dwelling-house on the south side of the Kowgait of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Thomas Limpetlaw, cordiner, and Johnne Smytht, indwellers of Edinburgh, 67.



189. Instrument narrating that George Muscheit of Burnebank, son and heir of the late James Muschet of Burnebank, passed to the "vtr zet" of the castle of Edinburgh and there, because the notary could get "na interes thairin," he lawfully warned Williame, bishop of Dunblane, as fiar of the 2½ merklands of Lochfeild and tutor-testamentar to the bairns of umquhile Johnne Buchquhenene, younger, of that ilk, to compare upon Whitsunday-even following in the Cathedral Kirk of Dunblane, in order to receive from him: (a) the sum of 100 merks Scots for redemption of the 2½ merklands of Kalzechat, and (b) the sum of 130 merks ten shillings and fourpence for the redemption of the above lands of Lochfeild, lying in the stewartrie of Menteith and sheriffdom of Perth; and to see and hear the reversion granted thereupon fulfilled in all points and the said lands lawfully redeemed, etc. Done on 10th April 1560 near the foresaid outer gate of the Castle. Witnesses, William Pyet, William Stirviling, and John Watsoun, 67.
190. Instrument narrating that David Wemis, son of the late Cuthbert Wemis, burgess of Disert, brother of the late Mr. Thomas Wemis of Vnthank, compared in presence of the notary and openly and publicly declared that, on 18th April last, he presented to John Halden of Glennegas, superior of the subjects aftermentioned, a precept from chancery (in the first form) for infesting him (Wemis) as nearest and lawful heir served [to the said Mr. Thomas] in two tenements at the west end of the burgh of Disert, lying in the "Chemis" (*Chennis* in No. 192, *infra*) of the said west end, and Michelstoun, within the sheriffdom of Fife, to which precept the said superior promised to give an answer next day. Further, narrating that after many other requests for an answer and not obtaining any, he passed next day to the personal presence of the superior and requested an answer from him in the affirmative or negative, and, on his refusal to obey the commands of the said precept or to give sasine of the said tenements to him, he thereupon protested for remeid of law, etc. (*Cf.* Nos. 191 and 192, *infra*.) Done on 20th April 1560 on the High Street of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Mr. Alexander Mortoun, John Wemis, and Thomas Clerk, 68.
191. Memorandum narrating that the second instrument was taken, on 27th April 1560, in the "palzoun" of the foresaid Laird of Glennegas, situated in a field near the Water of Leith. (*Cf.* Nos. 190 and 192.) Witnesses, Mr. Alexander Wilsoun, Alexander Gib, and Robert Halden, brother-german of the said Laird of Glennegas, 68.
192. Instrument narrating that the above-mentioned David Wemis passed to the personal presence of the foresaid John Halden of Glennegas and presented to him (1) a precept from chancery (in the third form), and (2) a precept of sasine to be subscribed and sealed by him, for giving sasine to the said David, as lawful and nearest heir served to the said Mr. Thomas, of the subjects mentioned in No. 190, *supra*, and offered himself ready at this, the third request, to perform what was required of him by law. Further, narrating that, in answer to such request, the said John Halden refused to obey the commands of the royal precept, or to subscribe and seal the precept of sasine, and that the said David on his refusal protested for sasine to be given to him of the foresaid subjects, etc. (*Cf.* Nos. 190 and 191, *supra*.) Done on 29th April 1560 on the High Street of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Robert Halden, brother-german of the foresaid John Halden, Mr. David Ramsay, and David Wemis, servitor of the said David Wemis, 69.
193. Instrument narrating that John Rannaldsone, son and heir-apparent of the late Jonet Simsoun, relict of the late Thomas Rannaldsone, formerly indweller in Towch-eister, compared in presence of the notary and produced to him, in presence of Williame Berclay of Towch-eister, (1) a

letter of tack and assedation (dated at Kirkcaldy 23rd May 1556) granted by the said Williame Berclay, with consent of Margaret Barclay,<sup>1</sup> his spouse, in favour of the said Thomas Rannaldsone and spouse, of the town and lands of Eistir Towch, lying in the constabulary of Kingorne Estir and sheriffdom of Five, for 10 years from the date thereof; and (2) instrument of assignation (dated at Towche Estir 17th May 1560) under the hand of Sir Michell Cowper, chaplain and notary public, narrating that the said Jonet Simsoun constituted the said John Rannaldsone, her son, her cessioner and assignee in and to said tack, which he then intimated to the said William Berclay, who, on being asked to admit said assignation, answered that he would admit it and the intimation thereof then made, "gif it beis fundin sufficient and relivant of the law." Done on 28th May 1560 in "le palzeoun" in a field situated near the Water of Leith. Witnesses, Andrew Kyninmonth and Alexander Maistertoun, 69.

194. Instrument narrating that John Murray of Petcarne, son and heir of the late John Murray, burgess of Edinburgh, servitor of the late king, passed to the dwelling-house of Robert Denum, burgess of Edinburgh, and lawfully warned him, personally apprehended, to compare in the College Kirk of St. Giles of Edinburgh; upon Whitsunday-even following (*i.e.* 1st June), in order (1) to receive, upon the altar of St. James the Apostle in said Kirk, the sum of 100 merks Scots for redemption of an annualrent of ten merks Scots furth of a piece of land lying within the tenement of land of umquhile Adam Hoppar, betwixt the land of umquhile Robert Haliburtoun on the south and the land of the said umquhile Adam on the north,—which tenement lay on the north side of the Queen's Street of Edinburgh, betwixt the land of umquhile William Adamsoun on the east and the land of umquhile Frances Towris on the west, and which piece of land was sold by the said John Murray to Williame Murray, his brother german, (redeemable for 100 merks in terms of reversion, dated at Edinburgh 12th November 1554, granted by the said Williame, with consent of Alexander Purves and Johnne Purves, burgesses of Edinburgh, his curators), and thereafter sold by him to the said Robert Denum; and (2) to hear and see said annualrent lawfully redeemed and said reversion fulfilled in all points. Done in the dwelling-house of the said Robert Denum. No date. Witnesses, James Craig, barber and burgess of Edinburgh, and William Barre, mason, 70.
195. Instrument narrating that John Carkettill of Finglen, burgess of Edinburgh, for the love and favour which he bore towards George Carkettill, his second son, made, constituted, and ordained him his cessioner and assignee in and to (1) the maills and duties of his lands of Torbayne and Torbaynehill in the sheriffdom of Linlythqw, and his lands of Finglen in the sheriffdom of Pebillis, and (2) an annualrent of £20 Scots furth of the Drymyln in the sheriffdom of Edinburgh principal, occupied by David Falcon; with power to intromit therewith and dispoine thereupon for 5 years from the term of Whitsunday 1560 at the sight of Richert Gray and David Corsbe, burgesses of Edinburgh, his curators. Done on 16th July 1560 in the dwelling-house of Jaquies Hog in the vennel called "Pebillis Wyne," on the south side of the High Street of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, the said Jaquies Hog, and John Sloand, tailor, 70.
196. Memorandum narrating that Williame Thomsoun in Dalhoussy-schelis compared in presence of the notary and (1) intimated to Cristiane Mariorie-bankis, spouse of Johnne Syn, burgess of Edinburgh, personally apprehended within her dwelling-house, that James Thomsoun, indweller of Dalkeith, had made and constituted him his assignee in and to the sum of £9 : 12s. Scots due by her to the said James for "sex gang of aill," con-

<sup>1</sup> Subscribed by Sir Waltir Niniane, notary public, for her.

taining 48 gallons at four shillings per gallon, conform to instrument of assignation (dated 15th July 1560, and subscribed for the said James by Adam Lewis, notary public), made thereupon ; and (2) desired payment of said sum, which she refused because she alleged she had already made payment thereof to the wife of the said James. Done on 16th July 1560 in the dwelling-house of the said Johnne Sym in the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, James M'Clane, cook to the Laird of Innerleith, and William Libertoun, indweller in Edinburgh, 71.

197. Obligation by James Harrat, dwelling in the Coittis in the "few landis haldin of the abbot of newbottill," whereby he bound and obliged himself, on a son being born to himself and Jonet Wod, his spouse, who would reach the age of one year, to put him in the fee of the said lands, with the house and pertinents, under reservation of his own liferent. He also provided (a) that, should he predecease the said Jonet, she and her bairns should possess the said lands and house ; (b) that, should she remain unmarried, she should have one-third of said lands and the corn, cattle, etc. thereon ; (c) that, should she marry again, the tutors and curators of the bairns were to pay her 260 merks Scots ; and (d) that, should he predecease her without bairns, she was to be paid 400 merks Scots only, "and scho to pas of the ground and hous of the saidis landis to mary quhair it sall pleis god to provide for hir." Dated at Edinburgh 28th January 1561. Witnesses, Alexander Wod and William Thomsoun, burgesses of Edinburgh, Gawin Wan, messenger, Nicolas Ramsay, burgess of Edinburgh, Johnne Andro, and Johnne Watt, 71.
198. Instrument narrating that John Lawsoun, younger, in Dalkeith, eldest son of John Lawsoun, indweller in Westhous, for the special love and favour which he bore towards his father and Jonet Richtersoun, his mother, and for certain sums of money paid to him by them, had, uncompelled and of his own free will, renounced and discharged in favour of them and the longer liver of them, and their bairns, etc., all right, title, and interest which he had or might have in and to any land or mailing in the town of Westhous, within the barony of Newbottill and sheriffdom of Edinburgh. He also bound himself not to sell, wadset or dispoone anything in time coming without the consent of his father and brother, and to make the first offer thereof to them, as also to consent to the deletion from the protocol book of Sir Johnne Rolland, notary public, of an instrument regarding said mailing taken in the hands of Sir Johnne at Dalkeith, in the "mans" of the provost, on . . . . 1559. Done on 16th February 1561. Witnesses, John Cochren in Dalkeith, George Ramsay, there, Patrick Richtersoun, there, George Richtersoun, yr., in Newbottill, and John Dunlope in Glesgw, 72.
199. Contract between Williame Merschell in Plesence, on the one part, and Johnne Broun, brother of Margaret Broun, spouse of the said Williame Merschell, on the other part, whereby they bound and obliged themselves to underly, abide, and fulfil the decret and deliverance of Mr. Johnne Spreitty, arbiter for the said Williame, and George Cowper, arbiter for the said Johnne, and failing their agreement the decret and deliverance of Mr. Johnne Wilson in Plesence, the oversman. The said Johnne also bound himself to make furthcoming to the bairns of the said Williame and Margaret, failing heirs of his own body, whatever the arbiters might deliver to him, "and bettir gif God salhappin him to get mair gudis and geir heireftir." Dated at Edinburgh 18th February 1561. Witnesses, Johnne Broun, indweller in the Plesance, Oswald Portious, and George Dikkessoun, 72.
200. Memorandum narrating that Williame Fowlar, son and heir of umquhile Johnn Fowlar, burgess of Edinburgh, compeared in presence of the notary and lawfully warned Johnne Grahame, also burgess of Edinburgh, and Marion Neisbeth, his spouse, both personally apprehended, to com-



pear in the Tolbooth of the burgh of Edinburgh upon Whitsunday-even following, in order to receive the sum of 200 merks Scots for the redemption of his "nedir-eist howbuith," formerly a tavern, and the "foir volt" of the same (lying beside the "cheik of the clois" in the tenement of land pertaining to him on the north side of the Queen's Street of Edinburgh, between the tenement of land of Johnne Blakstok on the west, the tenement of land of Thomas Diksoun on the east, the "plane" Queen's Street on the south, and another land of the said Williame on the north), which were sold by him to the said Johne Grahame and spouse, but redeemable under reversion (dated at Edinburgh 1st March 1560) granted by them for (a) 200 merks Scots, and (b) a letter of tack of the subjects in their favour for four years after the redemption at a yearly maill of 12 merks; and to hear and see the said reversion fulfilled in all points. Done on 7th March 1561 in the merchant-booth and dwelling-house of the said Johne Grahame in the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Andro Chalmer, burgess of Edinburgh, and Williame Allane, sheriff-officer of the burgh of Edinburgh, 73.

201. Contract between Patrik, bishop of Murray, commendator of the abbey of Scone, on the one part, and Williame Ferquharsoun, burgess of Abirdene, on the other part, whereby the bishop, in consideration of the sum of £1000 Scots to be paid to him in the proportions and at the terms therein mentioned, bound and obliged himself by charter and precept of sasine, in the same terms as the charter to James Innes of Drany of the lands of Newtown, to set in feu to the said Williame and the heirs male of his body, whom failing to his nearest and lawful heirs male bearing the surname and arms of Ferquharsoun, the town and lands of Eistir and Westir Kelles and the lands of Corcophnocht, lying within the regality of Spyne and sherifdom of Elgin and Forres. Provision was made for the lands returning to the bishop should the said William fail in any of the stipulated payments, and for the bishop repaying the said William any sums received from him should he be evicted from the lands. Mr. David Borthick, Mr. Robert Criehtoun, Mr. David Magill, Mr. George Strang, and Mr. Johnne Abircrumby were appointed procurators for registration of the contract in the Books of Council. (*Cf. Register of Dreds*, Vol. v. 83.) Dated at Edinburgh 8th March 1561. Witnesses, Mr. Hary Schaw, Andro Moncreif, and Johnne Hepburne, 73.

*Memorandum.*—Both parties asked instruments *hinc inde* in presence of the above witnesses within the bishop's chamber in his lodging in the burgh of Edinburgh, 74.

202. Instrument narrating that Patrick Doddis, brother german and heir of the late William Doddis and heir of William Doddis, son of the said William, had constituted and ordained Johnne Kennydie, servant to Johnne, Earl of Suthirland, his procurator, actor, and factor for pursuing Ewre Rore Hucheonsonisdochtir, lady of Clyne, relict of the foresaid William Doddis, elder, and intromitter with his heirship goods, Magnus Roresoun, or any other intromitters whatsoever, with the usual powers of a procurator. Done on 24th November 1561 in the notary's writing-booth on the north side of the High Street of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Mr. Alexander Sym, advocate, James M'Gill, his servitor, John Andro, and John Watt, 74.
203. Instrument narrating Agreement between the above-mentioned John Kennydie, on the one part, and the above-mentioned Patrick Doddis, on the other part, whereby the said Patrick, in consideration of the sum of 300 merks Scots paid to him by the said John, constituted and ordained him his cessioner and assignee in and to all the heirship goods, lands, tacks, sums of money, etc., pertaining to him (Patrick) as heir of the above-mentioned William Doddis, elder, and William Doddis, younger, with all their corn, oxen, horses, sheep, etc. about their dwelling-places of

Golspitour and Clyne, and especially money lent, *inter alia*, upon wadset over the lands of Bakeis, Kynnald, and Gillicallumkill in Sutherland, the lands of Dilrit and Cattak, held by the Sheriff of Murray of the Laird of Balnagowin, the lands of Brabister and Doren, held of the Lord and Master of Oliphant, the lands of Harppisdail and Bowartour "concerning the partis of Katyrene and Cristiane Rettraisdochtiris," and the lands of Skaill and Scottis-caldell. He also bound himself to obtain himself served, retoured, and entered as nearest and lawful heir in general to the said William Doddis, elder, and William Doddis, younger, and also as heir special to them in the lands of Dilrit, Cattok, Kynnald, Brabister, Dorane, and others within Caithness and Sutherland, and, on being entered therein, to resign them into the hands of the superiors thereof in favour of the said John and his heirs. Mr. Alexander Sym, Mr. Johnne Moscrop, and Mr. Edmond Hay were constituted procurators for registering the Agreement in the Books of Council. Done on 28th November 1561 in the chamber of Mr. Alexander Sym, advocate, on the south side of the High Street of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, the said Mr. Alexander Sym, John Murheid, George Blak, tailor and burghess of Edinburgh, and James M'Call, servitor of the said Mr. Alexander, 75.

204. Memorandum narrating that Katherine Brussoun, relict of umquhile Johnne Watsoun, burghess of Glasgow, and George Cochrane, spouse of and on behalf of Besse Watsoun, sister and heir of the said umquhile Johnne Watsoun, compeared in presence of the notary, when the said Katherine (1) renounced and discharged her liferent of certain lands and tenements in the city of Glasgow in favour of the said Besse and spouse in order that she might be infest and seised therein; (2) bound herself to deliver to the said George Cochrane the instrument of sasine and other evidents of the subjects in her possession at the sight of Alexander King and Mr. David Maitland, whom failing of Johnne Newlandis; (3) bound herself to deliver to the said George "twa barrellis of vnzeonis" and forty shillings of money, in full satisfaction of the said Besse's heirship goods, etc. Each party discharged the other of all other claims before the date hereof, and the consent of Johnne Rowane, burghess of Edinburgh, spouse of the said Katherine, was deleted from the Memorandum, "because he wes nocht present nor consentit nocht heirto." Done on 28th January 1562 in the said Katherine's dwelling-house in Edinburgh. Witnesses, Thomas Hercules, burghess of Edinburgh, Adam Purves, and Johnne Newlandis, burghess of Edinburgh, 76.
205. Instrument narrating that Henry Wardlaw, procurator for Henry Wardlaw of Torre, compeared in presence of the notary and lawfully warned Gressell Sympill, daughter of Robert, Lord Sympill, and liferentrix of the lands and barony of Torre, Williame Hammiltoun, her natural son, heritable possessor thereof, and Johnne Hammiltoun, younger, also her natural son, brother german of the said Williame, at her dwelling-house in the burgh of Edinburgh (where he "knokit sex tymes at the foirzet" but failed to obtain an entry), to compear in the parish kirk of St. Geill of Edinburgh, upon Whitsunday-even (*i.e.* 16th May), in order (a) to receive on the "burd or tabill" in the place where the altar of St. James the Apostle was situated the sum of 5000 merks Scots for redemption of the lands and barony of Torre, lying within the regality of St. Andros and sheriffdom of Fyff, which were sold to them by the said Henry, but redeemable under (1) two letters of reversion granted by them, with consent of umquhile Mr. Thomas Mariorebankis of Ratho, tutor-dative to the said Williame and Johnne, and of James Hammiltoun of Stanehill *alias* Kynneill, for 2000 merks each, and (2) obligation and eik to a reversion for 1000 merks; and (b) to renounce and resign said land in favour of the said Henry, with all claim they might have therein, and to see and hear the reversions fulfilled in all points. Done on 27th March 1562 at Edinburgh. Witnesses, Mr. John Moscrop, advocate, Henry Dinn, and Charles Dischingtoun, 77.

206. Contract between Gelis Hendirsoun and Marioun Hendirsoun, sisters-german and daughters of umquhile Agnes Helis, sister of umquhile Williame Helis, "scottisman borne in the toune of Gilmertoun" in the parish of Liberton and sherifdom of Edinburgh, and dwelling in the towne of Lindis "withtin the cuntre of Ducheland, vthirwayis in our leid callit Germanie, vpoun the rever callit the Tonno withtin the land of the Endis," with consent of Johnne Pays, spouse of the said Gelis, and Thomas Robesoun, spouse of the said Marioun, all dwelling in the said town of Gilmertoun, on the one part, and Oswald Porteous, also a Scotsman, burgess of Pebillis, and "proceidit of the hous of Halkischaw" in Scotland, on the other part, whereby the said Gelis and Marioun, with consent of their said spouses, constituted and ordained the said Oswald their procurator and factor for intromitting with the lands, goods, and gear of the said William Helis in the said town of Lindis (of which he was a burgess) or elsewhere in Germany, pertaining to them as nearest of kin, and of which they were to receive one-half and the said Oswald the other for his trouble, each party bearing one-half of the expense. It was also provided that, should nearer heirs be found to the said Williame than the said Gelis and Marioun, they with consent foresaid should not molest the said Oswald in any way. (*Cf.* No. 209, *infra.*) Done on 13th April 1562 in the dwelling-house of Herculis Meffen, baxter and burgess of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Thomas Edmestoun in Ednem, Johnne Zoung in Lassauaid, the said Herculis Meffen, Williame Pais, burgess of the Cannogait, Williame Rynd, son of James Rynd, burgess of Edinburgh, and Williame Lawsoun, messenger, 77.
207. Contract of Marriage between Johnne Borthuik in Grenlaw, on behalf of Margaret Borthuik, his daughter, on the one part, and Johnne Thomsone in Prestoun *alias* Gorthtoun, with consent of Jonet Bannatyne, his mother, on the other part, whereby it was agreed that the said Johnne Thomsone and Margaret should contract marriage by Midsummer following, and that the said Johnne Borthuik should pay to them 100 merks in name of tocher. It was provided that the said spouses, in the event of their not agreeing with the said Jonet after the marriage, should have their choice of "the tane of the rowmes to dwell in," and that, should the said Johnne predecease his spouse, she should have possession during her widowhood of the "rowme" he left her in possession of at the time of his decease. Dated at Edinburgh 18th April 1562. Witnesses, Andro Libertoun in Nether Libertoun, Williame Thomsoun in Dalhousy-scheillis, Alexander Borthuik in Kirknewtoun, Williame Borthuik in Buitlandhill, and Thomas Thomsoun, 78.
208. Letters of Procuratory by Barthrame Palmour, burgess of Dumbartane, factor for Mr. Johnne Wod, whereby he constituted and ordained George Erus, servant to Sir Johnne Campbell of Lundy, knight, his procurator for recovering from James Maling, burgess of Glasgow, then dwelling in Leith, the sum of £19, "restand" for a last of herring sent to him by the said Mr. Johnne Wod and sold by the said James in France, as at more length is specified in an obligation (dated 24th June 1561) granted by the said James Maling. Power was given, should he refuse payment, to pursue him therefor. Dated at Edinburgh 1st May 1562. Witnesses, Alexander Johnnstoun, servant to the Bishop of Orkney, Johnne Bontyne, Johnne Ros, locksmith in Leith Wynd, and William Huniman, 79.
209. Memorandum narrating that Herculis Methven, baxter and burgess of Edinburgh, bound and obliged himself his heirs and executors as surety and caution that Oswald Porteous should observe and fulfil "the Contract" (*probably Contract* No. 206, *supra*); and that the said Oswald bound himself to free and relieve the said Herculis at the hands of the persons contained in the Contract. Done on 6th May 1562 at Edinburgh.



Witnesses, Alexander Rynd, burges of Edinburgh, George Dikesoun, Mr. Alexander Lougy, and the notary, 79.

210. Memorandum narrating that Edward Thomsoun, baxter and burges of Edinburgh, Marioun Patirson, his spouse, Williame Thomsoun, their son, and Roger Baillie, son of umquhile Williame Baillie in Robertoun, compeared in presence of the notary and, being sworn and examined by him, deponed that Patrik Hunter, chapman, came to lodge with the said Edward Thomsoun and spouse in their dwelling-house on the west side of Peblis Wynd in Edinburgh, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the Sunday immediately preceding the feast of Yule last by-past, and remained with them "continewalie at lugeing and biding at that nycht quhill on the morne nixt thair eftir"; and that the said Patrik Hunter, Williame Thomsoun, and Roger Baillie that night "all thre lay togiddir in ane bed within the samyn duelling hous vnto aucht houris in the morning." Done on 10th May 1563 [1562 ?] in the dwelling-house of the said Edward Thomsoun in Edinburgh. Witnesses, Johnne Purde in Threpland, Patrik Gillespy, servant of the said Edward Thomsoun, Johnne Patirsoun in Edinburgh, and Thomas Hereot, son of Alexander Herot, baxter and burges of Edinburgh, 79.
211. Instrument narrating that the persons underwritten compeared in presence of the notary and, uncompelled and of their own free will, deponed as follows regarding the various places Herculis Methven, baxter and burges of Edinburgh, was at upon Sunday the 10th May 1562, viz:—Edward Leyng *alias* Sir Edward testified that he met him at "aucht houris afor none or thairby" passing down the High Street of the Cannogait towards the Abbey of Holyroodhouse, that he afterwards dined with him at "xii houris afor none" in his (Methven's) dwelling-house in Blakfreir Wynd, supped with him in the evening, and remained with him till "half houre to nyne of that nycht": Adame Carneba, baxter, testified that he was in his company, from "ane eftir none quhill half hour to alleuin at evin," within his said dwelling-house, and upon the "hiegait togiddir passand thair tyme": Johnne Sinclair testified that he was with him and the said Adame at the Cathoill on the Water of Leith, "fra ane eftir none quhill viii houris at evin," and came therefrom in company with them "eist the lang gait," on the north side of the North Loch, to the house of Gilbert Clewch in the Canongate, where they remained and drank sometime, and "syne past thairfra" to the "cachepill" of Henry Kynloch, where they remained one hour, and "syne returnit hamewart agane to Edinburgh, and be the gait Johnne Coutis, servand to the quenis grace, met thame and causit thame cum with him to his hous, quhair he gaif thame the wynd be the space of half ane hour or thairby, and syne come hame to thair awin houssis to thair supper at viii houris at evin with the mair": Johnne Scot confirmed the above statement of Johnne Sinclair, except that he was not with them in the house of the foresaid Johnne Coutis, and testified that he met Methven at "nyne houris at evin" coming from his own dwelling-house up the foresaid Wynd after supper and "sperit at him quhat deid he sa lait vp," that he was in company with them at the Cathoill, and came home therefrom with them: And Alexander Bartilmo, baxter, testified that he was in the house of the said Gilbert Clewch [Cluch] in the Canongate with Johnne Inglis, mason, and Henry Kynloch, merchant, when the said Herculis and his company came in from the Cathoill "and remanit in that hous certane tyme doand thair lefull besynes be the space of ane hour or thairby and syne departit thairfra." The said Herculis asked instruments in "forme of testimoniall." Done at Edinburgh on 23rd May 1562. Witness s, Johnne Murheid, servitor to Barbara Stewart, Lady Lewis, Johnne Newlandis, burges of Edinburgh, Thomas Hunter, Sir Robert Wallange, "chapland," Thomas . . . , skinner and burges of Edinburgh, Johnne Andro, and Johnne Watt, 80.

212. Contract between Robert Mowbray, son and heir of umquhile Andro Mowbray, burgess of Edinburgh, on the one part, and James Wod, baxter and burgess of Edinburgh, on the other part, as follows :—The said Robert Mowbray had borrowed and received from the said James Wod the sum of 100 merks Scots which he bound himself to repay by Whitsunday 1563, and till it was repaid he agreed that the said James should be entitled to “brouk” a “foir buith and bak volt” pertaining thereto, occupied by him, lying in the land and tenement of the said Robert, on the south side of the Queen’s “hiegait” of Edinburgh, between the land of Johnne Syme on the east and the land of umquhile Thomas Crag on the west, for a yearly payment of 9 merks Scots. It was also agreed that, when the said sum of 100 merks should be repaid, the said James should pay 20 merks yearly for said subjects, and that the said Robert should not remove him therefrom so long as it pleased him to hold it, provided he did not wish to occupy it himself. Dated at Edinburgh 30th May 1562. Witnesses, Nicholl Ramsay, Patrik Murray, and Andro Mowbray, burgess of Edinburgh, 80.
213. Contract between William Robertsoun, indweller in the Fischearraw beside Mussilburgh, on the one part, and Jonet Malcumsoun, relict of umquhile Patrik Robertsoun, sometime indweller in Leith on the north side of the “brig” thereof, on the other part, whereby they agreed to discharge each other of all manner of heirship goods and gear, which they might claim from each other before the date hereof. She also paid to him the sum of £4 Scots in full satisfaction of the heirship goods and gear and all other goods which he might claim from her, but excepting certain clothing of the said umquhile Patrik, which she “of hir awin conscience” was to deliver to him. Done on 2nd August 1563 in the dwelling-house of Edwart Thomsoun, baxter and burgess of Edinburgh, in Pebillis Wynd. Witnesses, Johne Schaw, indweller in Leith, Thomas Jo, dwelling in the Fischearraw, William Dowglas, servant to the Earl of Mortoun, and Gawin Merschell, 81.
214. Obligation by Williame Robertsoun, son and heir of umquhile Patrik Robertsoun, skipper and indweller in Leith, whereby he bound and obliged himself to wadset, sell, or dispone his land and tenement in the town of Ficherraw, between the lands of Thomas Tod on the west, the lands of Symond Ramage on the east, the “commoun gait” on the north, and the Queen’s “he-gait” on the south, only to his friend Thomas Jo, indweller in the Fischearraw and burgess of Mussilburgh, in “sic way and maner” as they might agree upon at the time. Dated at Edinburgh 2nd August 1563. Witnesses, Johnne Schaw, indweller in Leith, Williame Dowgals (Dowglas), servant to the Earl of Mortoun, and Gawin Merschell, 81.
215. Memorandum narrating that George Nesbet of that Ilk obliged himself, in the event of Henry Ogill of Hartramwod redeeming that day the lands of . . . scheill from him, as heir of umquhile Sir David Nesbet, by payment of the sum of 120 merks, “to do that thing that is ressonabill . . . as efferis be the law, withtout further pley or calling,” to James Nesbet, natural son of the said Sir David, and to Johnne Nesbet, his tutor and curator, provided they shewed to Mr. Johnne Abircrummy a sasine whereby the said James had the said lands in liferent from Sir David. Done on 24th May 1561 at Edinburgh. Witnesses, Mr. Johnne Abircrummy, Thomas Nesbet, brother of David Nesbet, baron of Dalzell, and Gawin Ramsay, 82.
216. Memorandum narrating that Johnne Nesbet for himself agreed not to dispone the above-mentioned lands to George Nesbet, son of Thome Nesbet, dwelling in Nesbettoun, without the advice and consent of the foresaid George Nesbet of that Ilk. Same date and witnesses as above, 82.



217. Instrument narrating that James Cokburne of Skirling, heritable feuar of the lands of Bagbe in the sherifffdom of Edinburgh and constabulary of Hadingtoun, compeared in presence of the notary and shewed and declared that he was lately charged by Williame Hendirsoun, Dingwall Pursuivant, sheriff in that part, (constituted by the Queen's letters directed to him at the instance of Johnne Wischert of Pettarro, knight, her comptroller), to pay the feu-maills of the said lands of Bagbe. Further, narrating that he offered to him, in presence of the notary, the sum of £47 : 6 : 8 Scots as the feu-maills for the terms of Whitsunday and Martinmas 1561, and the sum of £23 : 13 : 4 for the term of Whitsunday 1562, and desired him to receive same on behalf of the comptroller, and, on his refusal to do so on the ground that he had no commission to receive it, immediately thereafter, passed to the personal presence of the comptroller and offered the said sums to him, who in like manner also refused them. Done on 1st June 1562 in the notary's writing-booth and upon the Queen's "Hie-gait" of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Johnne Hay of Scrogis, Edward Fordest in the Heidis, Richert Inglis, younger, Laird of Hangitschaw, and the said Williame Hendirsoun, 82.
218. Contract of Marriage between Robert Dowglas in Rathobyris, Margaret Dowglas, his spouse, and Jonet Dowglas, her sister, on the one part, and Johnne Cass in Mounktounhall and Alexander Cass, his son, on the other part, whereby it was agreed that the said Alexander should marry the said Jonet by Lammas following, in consideration of which the said Robert Douglas and spouse (a) consented to divide and part, before the completion of the marriage, the one-half of the lands of Rathobyris, which belonged to the two sisters, equally between them, and to deliver to the said Jonet and Alexander all evidents necessary for obtaining sasine of their part, and (b) discharged the said Jonet of all expenses which the said Robert had incurred in defending said lands before the date hereof, she discharging him of his intromissions with the profits and duties thereof. It was further agreed (1) that, immediately after the above division, the said Jonet, with consent of the said Alexander, should set her half of the said lands in tack to the said Robert Douglas, at the sight and with the advice of Mr. Robert Wynrame in Ratho and David Marche in Estir Dudingstoun; (2) that the said Johnne Cass and Margaret Marche, his spouse, should receive and "tak hame" the said Alexander and Jonet, and sustain them in meat, drink, clothing, and bedding, so long as they chose to remain, and should they not agree, they were to deliver to them 1½ oxengang of land, with "ane onset," of the lands of Mounktounhall and plenish it with corn, cattle, etc.; (3) that the said Alexander, on coming to Mounktounhall with the said Jonet, should, with consent of his father, infest her in liferent in the said 1½ oxengang of land of Mounktounhall; and (4) that, should the said Johnne Cass predecease his spouse, she should enjoy her terce of the 4½ oxengang of land of Mounktounhall without any impediment whatever. Dated at Edinburgh 29th June 1562. Witnesses, Andro Stevinstoun, burgess of Edinburgh, the said David Marche and Mr. Robert Wynrame, David Craig, and Johnne Andro, 82.
219. Instrument narrating that Johnne Wardlaw, son and one of the executors of umquhile Elizabeth Lawsoun, relict and executrix of Andro Wardlaw of Waristoun, compeared in presence of the notary and ratified and approved an instrument of procuratory under the hand of Mr. George Freir, notary public, (dated at Edinburgh 14th November 1558) granted by him in favour of Alexander Gilbert, goldsmith and burgess of Edinburgh, for receiving, intromitting with, and uptaking the profits and goods contained in (1) a decree (dated 1st February 1545) pronounced by the Lords of Council, at the instance of the said Andro Wardlaw and Thomas Wardlaw, his son, against Johnne Wardlaw of Torrie, Elizabeth Betoun, his spouse, and James Wardlaw, their son,



regarding their violent occupation and withholding of the lands and steading of Ladach, and (2) a decree of translation (dated 21st March 1561) pronounced by the said Lords, at the instance of James Wardlaw and the said Johnne Wardlaw, executors of the said umquhile Elizabeth Lawsoun, their mother, who was executrix of umquhile Thomas Wardlaw, their brother, against Henrie Wardlaw of Torrie, son and heir of the foresaid Johnne Wardlaw of Torrie and spouse, transferring the above decree to the said executors. Further, narrating that the said Johnne Wardlaw, in consideration of certain sums of money paid to him by the said Alexander Gilbert, made and constituted him his cessioner and assignee in and to the said two decreets. Done, on 4th and 13th July 1562, in the dwelling-house of the said Alexander Gilbert on the south side of the "Hie-gait" of the burgh of Edinburgh and in the notary's writing-booth. Witnesses, Frances Barroun, burgess of Edinburgh, Patrik Vavane, also burgess of said burgh, Johnne Andro, David Corsbie, Williame Scott, and Patrik Quhite, tailor and burgess of Edinburgh, 83.

220. Contract between Johnne Newlandis, son of Margaret Chepman, sister and heir of umquhile Robert Chepman of the Scheill, on the one part, and Williame Libertoun, baxter and burgess of Edinburgh, dwelling in the Kowgait thereof, on the other part, whereby the said Johnne, with consent of his mother and Mawis Chepman, his spouse, in consideration of the sum of 55 merks Scots to be paid to him, bound and obliged himself to resign, into the hands of one of the bailies of the burgh of Edinburgh, an annualrent of three merks, eleven shillings, and eightpence Scots, furth of (a) the lands and biggings of the said umquhile Robert Chepman, brother-german and heir of umquhile Mr. Johnne Chepman, containing an eighth part of an acre of land, with the "berne, kill," and other houses built thereon, lying in the common moor of the burgh of Edinburgh, on the north side of St. Katherine's Kirk of the Senis, between the lands of the said common moor on the east, south, and west, and the South Loch of the said burgh on the north, and (b) another part of arable land of the said common moor, containing 3 acres of land, belonging to the said umquhile Robert Chepman, annexed to the land first above-mentioned and lying towards the south, between the Powburne on the south, the land of the said common moor on the north, the lands or acres of umquhile Johnne Gilbert, then pertaining to Johnne Henrisoun, on the west, and the lands or acres of umquhile David Hereot on the east, in favour of the said Williame Libertoun. It was also agreed that the above sum of 55 merks should be consigned in the hands of Hercules Methven or Andro Gibsoun, baxters and burgesses of Edinburgh, on behalf of the said Johnne, till sasine was given of the said annualrent; and because the said Williame was absent at the making of this contract, Andro Libertoun, his brother, and the said Hercules Methven bound and obliged themselves that he would fulfil his part of the contract and afterwards ratify and approve of it. Dated at Edinburgh 14th July 1562. Witnesses, Mr. Thomas Kincragy, advocate, James Broun in Castellaw, and Andro Inglis, 84.

221. Memorandum narrating that Mr. Clement Mauchane compeared in presence of the notary and granted that he had received from Williame Hoppringill, son of Alexander Hoppringill of Trynnilling-knowis, a letter of tack and assedation (dated at Edinburgh 9th January 1559) granted by Sir David Hammiltoun, vicar pensioner of the parish kirk of Stobo, of the fruits, rents, teinds, emoluments, and other duties of the vicarage, with the glebe, manse, houses, and kirklands thereof, for 5 years, to be delivered by him to Sir Thomas Godderall, vicar of the said Kirk, within six days after he was required to do so. Done on 16th July 1562 in the notary's writing-booth on the north side of the "Hie-gait" of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Mr. Robert Winrame, Johnne

Seytoun of Fulstruther, Johnne Cass in Mounktounhall, James Sym, and Johnne Watt, 85.

222. Memorandum narrating that Hercules Methven, baxter and burgess of Edinburgh, compeared in presence of the notary and shewed that Johnne Hering and Williame Libertoun had become cautioners and sureties for Oswald Porteous that he would do no harm or skaith to Johnne Hendirsoun, burgess of Edinburgh, under the pains contained in letters of law-burrows raised by the said Johnne Hendirsoun; and that he had become surety for relieving the said Johnne and Williame of their so becoming cautioners. Done on 21st July 1562 in the dwelling-house of Williame Brussoun, macer, on the east side of Neddreis Wynd in the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, David Lindesay of Kirkforther, Robert Drummond, Johnne Reid in Gilmertoun, and Thomas Alexander, 85.
223. Memorandum narrating that Mr. Andro Hume, pensioner of Lawder, compeared in presence of the notary and shewed him a copy of letters of inhibition, containing a clause of arrestment upon his corn, cattle, goods, gear, etc., purchased by Alexander Home of Manderstoun and executed upon him that day by Johnne Calder, Bute Pursuivant; that, conform to said clause of arrestment, he offered to find sufficient caution to the satisfaction of the said Johnne Calder for loosing the arrestment; and that the said Johnne, who was personally present, refused to receive same. Done on 12th August 1562 in the notary's writing-booth. Witnesses, Andro Towris, servant to the Laird of Blacater, Patrik Hume, Patrik Walter, servant to the said Mr. Andro, Robert Miltoun, Johnne Andro, and Johnne Watt, 85.
224. Instrument narrating that John Bell, blacksmith, indweller in the burgh of the Canongate beside Edinburgh eldest surviving son of umquhile Elizabeth Grant and Symon Bell, her spouse, sometime dwelling in the burghs of Dumfermeling and the Cannogait, compeared in presence of the notary and, uncompeled and of his own free will, in consideration of a certain sum of money paid to him by Edward Andersoun, dwelling in Dumfermeling, occupier of the subjects aftermentioned, renounced, discharged, and overgave in his favour a tenement of land, which pertained to the said Elizabeth Grant, lying on the south side of the Cassaygait of the burgh of Dumfermeling, between the land of umquhile Allane Walwod, then pertaining to Johnne Potter and Johnne Robertsoun, on the west, the land of Andro Jarves, then pertaining to Andro Persoun, on the east, the Abbaywall on the south, and the said Cassaygait on the north. He also delivered the evidents of the said tenement, "extending to thre pece, viz., twa Instrumentis of Sesing and ane testimoniall all writtin in parchement, togiddir witht ane testimoniall in paper selit and subscrivit be Johnne Hart, ane of the baillies of the Cannogait," testifying that he was a son of the said Elizabeth Grant and Symon. Done on 7th September 1562 in the notary's writing-booth in the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Alexander Lauder, burgess of Edinburgh, Laurence Smytht and John Smytht, burgesses of Dumfermeling, William Zoung, indweller at the Lymekillis, and Adam Wilsoun in the Canongate, 86.
225. Instrument narrating that John Johnestoun, son of the late Herbert (or Halbert) Johnestoun of Westirraw, compeared in presence of the notary and, uncompeled and of his own free will, constituted and ordained John Johnestoun, younger, his brother's son, his cessioner and assignee in and to "ane beir stak," which was "spoulzeit" from him, about Midsummer three years previous, by Johnne Weir in Pettinnen, Johnne Scot in Grainge, Hew Cok, there, and their accomplices, furth of the steading called the Kirkstyle of Pettinnen in the sheriffdom of Lanark, and also to any action which he might have thereanent. Done on 29th September 1562 in the notary's writing-booth on the north side of the High Street of the



burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Alexander Hammiltoun, burghess of Lanark, Nivin M'Mulroun, John Andro, John Wat, and Edward Broun, 86.

- 226 Instrument narrating that Walter Malcum compeared in presence of the notary and, uncompelled and of his own free will, constituted and ordained Katherine Malcum, Issobell Malcum, and Margaret Malcum, his daughters, his cessioners and assignees in and to "ane beir stak contenand xvii thraves, estimat to xii bollis beir witht the fodder, xi thraves of peis and peis stra, estimat to ane boll of peis," of the crop of the year 1562. Done, on 30th September 1562, in the garden of John Bell at the mill commonly called "Bellis de le Dene." Witnesses, Mr. Peter Sempill, brother-german of Lord Semple, John Bell, John Forester, John David-soun, miller and servitor of the said John Bell, and Patrick Gray, officer of the sheriff of Edinburgh, 87.
227. Instrument narrating that John Hereot, indweller in the town of Ravilstoun, uncompelled and of his own free will,—on the narrative that, at the time of the contracting of his marriage with Agnes Patersone, his spouse, he promised that she and her bairns after his decease should "brouke and jois" the half of the "roume" of Ravilstoun, which he then occupied, for their sustentation, and that he was "dissavit" of his purpose by Alexander Hereot, his son, who took the said "roume" in feu by circumvention, without restitution of any part thereof to the said Agnes or her bairns,—had constituted and ordained her his cessioner and assignee in and to all his moveable goods, gear, corn, cattle, etc., and had instantly entered her into the actual possession thereof by "traditioun" of one part, with power to dispoñe thereupon after his decease. He also set and in assedation let to her the part of the said "roume" which he then occupied, "scho vphaldand himself, his bairnis, and hous honestlie in tymes cuming as scho hes done in tymes bigane," and should the above assignation and assedation not stand at law, he nominated her his executrix and intro-mitter with his goods and gear *per viam testamenti*. Done on 19th October 1562 in the dwelling-house of the said John Hereot. Witnesses, Mr Edmond Hay, advocate, John Bell, indweller in Bellis-myln, James Bell, his brother, John Forester, younger, William Smytht, servitor of the said Mr. Edmond Hay, James Broun, and John Watt, 87.
228. Memorandum narrating that Margaret Sinclair, lawful daughter of unqu-hile Sir James Sinclair of Sandy, knight, compeared in presence of the notary and "desyrit Johnne Murheid, hir gude freind, gif he wald be content for the plesouris that scho hes done to him anent the making of him sicker be hir charteris and infetment and sasing of hir landis of the Ile off Gairsay, withtin the erldome of Orknay, quha anserit and said he wes content to do ony thing scho plesit; and scho desyrit him, in cais his airis or assignais eftir his deceis wer nocht gude and trew seruandis to hir and hir airis, that the saidis landis suld . . . to thame, or, gif thai wer of ewill gyding and intendit to sell, annalie, dispoñe, or put away the saidis landis, that thai suld first and afor ony vther offir the samyn to hir and hir airis, for siclike payment as vtheris will gif." The said Johnne obliged himself to fulfil these conditions and if he failed to do so his infetments were to be of no avail. Done on 30th October 1562 in the notary's writing-booth in the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, . . . Bayne, Walter Wawane, burghess of Edinburgh, John Watt, and John Andro, 88.
229. Instrument narrating that Mr. Magnùs Halcro of Burgh, precentor of the cathedral church of Orknay, in consideration *inter alia* of certain sums of money paid to him by Margaret Sinclair, his spouse, daughter and heir of the late Sir James Sinclair of Sanday, knight, had nominated, constituted, and ordained her his cessioner and assignee in and to (1) the tack and assedation (dated at the said church 22nd October 1560) granted by



the Bishop of Orkney, with consent of his chapter, to him, of the five-penny land of Scaill, the five-penny land of Westnes, the penny-land of Hammer, with a "quy" called Quygill, the lands of Sorweik with their pertinents, viz. :—the three-penny land in Bankis, the three-penny land of Ove, the three-penny land of Ovirdaill, the three-penny land of Brindaill, the half-penny land of Ossaque, the penny land of Brewland, the three-penny land of Suandaill, the three-penny land of Bigland, the half-penny land of Pow, the half-penny [land] of Herteso, the three-penny land of Ferraclott, the three-halfpenny land of Mydfra, the two-penny land of Eistafra, the penny-land called the Quysis, with the "quy" called Quynenea, and a four-penny land in Westbister, with two parts of a penny-land, lying in the Ile of Rolsay and lordship and sheriffdom of Orkney, for a period of 19 years from the feast of All-hallowmass following, and (2) the "takkis, landis, and rowmes," called the Bow of Kerstane, held of the Queen, together with the goods, gear, "insicht," and plenishing thereon, and the Ile of Caltray adjacent to the parish of Orphare. Done on 27th March 1563 in the dwelling-house of Peter Thomsoun, Ylay Herald, on the south side of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, James Culane in Leith, Gilbert Balfour, burgess of Edinburgh, and John Bane, 89.

230. Instrument narrating that John Kincaid, son and heir of the late David Kincaid of Coittis, compared in presence of the notary and lawfully warned (α) Adame Logane in Leith, one of the curators of James Kincaid, son and heir of umquhile James Kincaid in Brochtuin, and the said James Kincaid himself, and (β) Edwart Kincaid, burgess of Edinburgh, Agnes Smytht, relict of Cuthbert Kincaid, Mr. Edmond Hay, advocate, her spouse, Jonet Logane, mother of the said James Kincaid, and Johnne Logane of Coitfeild, his other curator, for their interest in the lands aftermentioned, to compare in the parish kirk of St. Cuthbert's under the castle wall of Edinburgh, upon Whitsunday-even following, in order to receive upon the altar of the said kirk (1) the sum of 100 merks Scots for redemption of 2 acres of land of the said David's lands of Coittis, called the lands of Vaikirland, lying contiguous to the two acres of land of Drummishuch, which the said umquhile James sometime occupied, within the town and "sulze" of Coittis, regality and barony of Brochtoun, and sheriffdom of Edinburgh, and (2) a letter of tack of the said 2 acres in favour of the said James Kincaid, for the term of three years after the redemption, at a yearly rent of thirty two shillings Scots; and to hear and see the reversion (dated at Edinburgh 20th March 1534) granted by the said umquhile James Kincaid and Marioun Greg,<sup>1</sup> his spouse, fulfilled in all points, and the said lands lawfully redeemed. (*Cf.* No. 245, *infra*). Done successively, on 31st March, and 1st, 2nd, and 4th April 1563, in the notary's writing-booth in the High Street of Edinburgh, and the dwelling-houses of the said Mr. Edmond Hay, John Kincaid, and Johnne Logane. Witnesses, Archibald Hereot, royal messenger, William Logane, royal messenger, John Grote, indweller in Disert, James M'Clane, indweller in Edinburgh, Gavin Wan, royal messenger, Thomas Kincaid, John Watt, Stephen Kincaid, indweller in Craiglokart, brother of the foresaid Edwart Kincaid, Thomas Johnnestoun, bailie of Lord Lindisay, Edward Kincaid, son of the late Edward Kincaid, burgess of Edinburgh, Alexander Vr, John Spens, Robert Flemyng, Thomas Broun, shoemaker, John Gaway, keeper of the inner [tolbooth?] of the burgh of Edinburgh, John Wod, and Clement Kincaid, 89.

231. Memorandum narrating that Johnne Kincaid of the Coittis compeared in presence of the notary and lawfully warned Alexander Adamsoun, pretended tenant and occupier of . . . acres of land, with the grass thereof, lying within the "sulze" and territory of the Coittis, regality of Brochtoun,

<sup>1</sup> Subscribed by them with their hands at the pen led by Johnne M'Neill, notary public.

and sheriffdom of Edinburgh, to flit and remove himself, his servants, and goods therefrom at the term of Whitsunday following. Done on 1st April 1563 in the notary's writing-booth within the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, John Bell, indweller at Bellis-myln, John Newlandis of Scheillis, Thomas Rowll, and John Watt, 90.

232. Memorandum narrating that Peter Patirsoun, burgess of Edinburgh, compeared in presence of the notary and openly shewed and declared that the sum of forty shillings delivered by him to Thomas Cutill in Harbartschire, before Yule preceding, was delivered by him in his own name, and "na vtheris as of veritie." Done on 29th April 1563 at Edinburgh. Witnesses, Henry Bane in Pentland, Patrik Finlasoun in Edinburgh, Gawin Merschell, and John Watt, 91.
233. Memorandum narrating that Captain Thomas Hepburne and Mathow Hepburne of Lamdein, his brother, compeared in presence of the notary and granted that they were satisfied, content, and paid by Mr. Johnne Hay, commendator of Balmerinocht, and Johnne Kinneir of that Ilk, his chamberlain, of the sum of 400 merks Scots, contained in a contract (dated . . . 1562) entered into between the commendator and them, for their right and title to a pension granted by the Queen to James Hepburne, their brother. They also discharged the commendator and his chamberlain of the said contract, as well as of all other contracts and obligations entered into between them before the date hereof. Captain Thomas and David Wat asked instruments. Done on 6th May 1563 in the town of the Canongate near Edinburgh. Witnesses, George Scot, Alexander Lyill, John Watsoun, and the notary, 91.
234. Memorandum narrating that Issobell Ramsay, spouse of David Corsbe, outwith his presence, neither compelled nor coerced, consented that he should renounce and overgive in favour of Petir M'Kene, burgess of Dumfries, all right, title, and claim which he had to 12 acres of kirkland of the vicarage of Dumfries, lying between the kirklands of the said vicarage, sometime occupied by Harbert Kelloch, on the north, the lands of the said vicarage, sometime occupied by Andro Aikin, on the east, certain lands of the said vicarage on the south, and the common Queen's-gait, passing from the burgh of Dumfries to the Bankend and the parish kirk of Carlaverok, on the west, as more fully described in the Instrument of Sasine (dated 23rd November 1546) under the hand of Sir Johnne Turnour, notary public, in his favour. Done on 14th May 1563 in the dwelling-house of the said David Corsbe in Edinburgh. Witnesses, Andro Bety, burgess of Dumfries, and Johnne Watt, 91.
235. Memorandum narrating that James Stevinsoun *alias* Freir James compeared in presence of the notary and, of his own free will, constituted and ordained Cristiane Mosman, spouse of Williame Myln, smith, dwelling in the Cannogait beside Edinburgh, his sister's daughter, and her said spouse his cessioners and assignees in and to the sum of £20 Scots borrowed and received from him by umquhile David Kincaid of the Coittis and Elizabeth Cokburne, Lady Hill, his spouse, with power to intromit therewith and dispone thereupon, etc. Done on 7th May 1563 in the dwelling-house of Jherome Hammiltoun in the Cannogait. Witnesses, Johnne Hart, Johnne Makneill, burgess of the Cannogait, James Logane, his servant, and the said Jherome Hammiltoun, 92.
236. Memorandum narrating that Katherin Scot, relict and executrix of Johnne Cuthill in Dene, and Thomas Cuthill, his son, the other executor, compeared in presence of the notary and, in virtue of the "compromit" made between them of the date hereof, were sworn by their great oaths to stand and abide by the deliverance and decret of

the judges named therein ; and that, in like manner, Johnne Forester, oversman, and Robert Thomsoun, one of the accepting judges specified therein, were sworn to "decret and deliver conforme thairto eftir thair consience and knowlege." Robert Scot, burgess of Streviling, asked instruments. Done on 27th May 1563 in the notary's writing-booth in the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Sir James Tarbart, Johnne Levingstoun, Johnne Andro, and Johnne Watt, 92.

237. Memorandum narrating that Williame Campbell of Galsnek compeared in presence of the notary and, in name and behalf of Sir Mathow Campbell of Lowdoun, knight, offered to George, Lord Setoun, the sum of 700 merks, for the "Andirmes terme" last bypast of the lands of Kilismur in the sheriffdom of [Ayr]. Done on 1st July 1563 in the writing-booth of Thome Sinclair in Edinburgh. Witnesses, the said Thome Sinclair, Henry Sinclair, Robert Greg, Master Hew Montgomery, vicar of Dundonald, and Johnne Aytoun, notary, 92.
238. Letters or testimonial, in the form of an instrument, narrating that the persons afternamed compeared in presence of the notary and, with their right hand uplifted, made faith as follows, viz. : Andrew Lamb, indweller in Leith, deponed and testified that it was clearly known to him that 9 or 10 tuns of claret had been delivered, in the month of July 1562, by Bernard de Vaillis, Frenchman, (merchant of Burdeous<sup>1</sup>), to Rowe [Roland] Menzeis, burgess of Edinburgh, at the cellar belonging to George Maw, indweller in the town of Leith : John Inglis, indweller in Edinburgh, testified that he saw 10½ tuns of claret delivered by the said Bernard to the said Rowe Menzeis, at the two cellars belonging to the said George Maw and to Patrick Boyman, also indweller in the town of Leith, in the month and year above-mentioned, together with twenty seven dozen "spainze seltis" (piliorum nigrorum), and that £12 Scots was received from David Arthour *alias* Cokas, servitor to the Queen, dwelling in the Canongate, in name of the said Bernard : John Finny, indweller in Edinburgh, testified and deponed that he was also present and, at command of the said Bernard, had delivered 10½ tuns of claret, at £33 Scots per tun, and 27 dozen "spainze seltis," at 30 shillings Scots per dozen, to George Menzeis, on behalf of the said Rowe, his brother, and that he had received from the above-mentioned David Arthour the sum of £12 Scots in name of the said Bernard. Dated at Edinburgh 16th and 20th July 1563. Witnesses, Mr. David Makgill, Henry Blyth, William Hog, John Andro, John Watt, Gavin Merschell, and Andrew Lamb, servitor of the said Mr. David Makgill, 93.
239. Instrument narrating Letters of Procuratory (dated at Edinburgh 16th October 1563) whereby William Levingstoun, brother-german of the late Alexander, Lord Levingstoun, and formerly captain of the royal castle of Kirkwall in Orkney, uncompelled and of his own free will, constituted, nominated, and ordained his friend, Duncan Levingstoun, burgess of Edinburgh, his procurator, actor, and factor *in rem suam* for receiving from Laurence Sinclair, son and heir of umquhile Williame Sinclair of Hous in Zeitland, or any other person, (a) all goods, gear, sums of money, jewels, etc., intronitted with and wrongously withholden from him, since the decease of umquhile Margaret Strang, his spouse, by the said Lawrence, his servants and accomplices, and (b) all acts, contracts, obligations, and other evidents, which were in the possession of himself and spouse within his dwelling-house in Kirkwall, and specially the titles of his land and tenement, which pertained to Thomas Mowat, lying at the west end of the town of Kirkwall in Laverok ; with power to "compone," transact, and agree thereanent, and also regarding the summons raised before the Lords of Council and Session at his

<sup>1</sup> In rubric.



instance against the said Laurence. Done on 16th October 1563. Witnesses to the Letters of Procuratory, Johnne Andro, Williame Hendirsoun, burgess of Edinburgh, Johnne Watt, and Gavin Merschell, 94.

240. Instrument narrating that William Moresoun, tailor and deacon of the tailor's craft of the burgh of Edinburgh, with Nicol Zoung, James Norwell, and John Purves, brethren of the said craft, compeared in presence of the notary and granted (1) that they had received from James Dalglesche, burgess of Edinburgh, cessioner and assignee of Patrik Loutfute, son and heir of umquhile Waltir Lowtfute, burgess of Edinburgh, and Margaret Blak, spouse of the said Patrik, (conform to letters of reversion,<sup>1</sup> dated 10th August 1559, granted by the deacon and brethren of the said craft to the said Patrik and spouse and assigned by them to the said James by letters of cession and assignation,<sup>2</sup> dated 23rd July 1563), the sum of 100 merks Scots, for redemption of an annualrent of 10 merks Scots furth of their lands and tenements, back and fore, under and above, lying under the castle wall of the burgh of Edinburgh, on the north side of the King and Queen's Street thereof, between the tenement of umquhile Johnne Patrik on the east, the lands of the heirs of umquhile Johnne Sawar afterwards of James Broun on the west, the Castelhill on the north, and the above-mentioned street on the south; and (2) that the said annualrent was lawfully redeemed and the reversion fulfilled in all points. (Cf. Nos. 258 and 259, *infra*.) Done on 3rd November 1563 in the dwelling-house of the said James Norwell within the burgh of Edinburgh and on the High Street thereof. Witnesses, David Schang, carpenter, William Lyn, John Cokburne, and Walter Cowpar, notary public, 94.

241. Instrument narrating that Mathow Lilly, lawful son and heir of umquhile Henry Lilly, compeared in presence of the notary and constituted and ordained William Lindesay, burgess of Edinburgh, his cessioner and assignee in and to (1) act (dated 10th December 1555) granted by the official of St. Androis within the "archidenry" [archideaconry] of Louthiane, narrating that Margaret Richtersoun, then spouse of umquhile Thomas Boyis, burgess of Edinburgh, compeared in judgment and granted that she was owing an annualrent of 6 merks Scots furth of the lands or two tenements of umquhile Alexander M'Neill, notary public, formerly her spouse, lying in the Cannogait, between the lands of umquhile Mr. Thomas Bellenden on the east and the lands of Margaret Tindell on the west, and that the judge admonished her to pay it to the foresaid Mathow under pain of cursing; and (2) another act (dated 8th March 1556) granted by the said official, whereby Johnne M'Neill, notary, burgess of Edinburgh, was admonished, under the pain of cursing, to pay to the said Mathow the sum of 40 merks Scots by Whitsunday 1560, or within 6 months of the decease of the said Margaret Richtersoun. Further, narrating that, in token of the assignation, he delivered the said two acts and two bills made thereupon. Done on 12th November 1563 in the notary's writing-booth on the north side of the High Street of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Andrew Fischear, burgess of Edinburgh, John Andro, John Wat, and Gavin Merchell, 95.

242. Instrument narrating that John, Master of Caithness, fiar of the earldom of Caithness, with consent of Mr. James Makgill of Rankelour Nethir, clerk of register, his curator, compeared in presence of the notary and

<sup>1</sup> Subscribed by Alexander Sauchy with his hand at the pen led by Mr. Johnne Scharp, notary, and by Sir Waltir Cowpar, notary public, in name of the community of the said Craft.

<sup>2</sup> Subscribed by the said Margaret Blak with her hand at the pen led by Johnne Johnnestoun, notary public.

declared (1) that he was "enormelie" hurt by the granting of a precept of *clare constat* to William Sinclair of Dunbath, as heir of umquhile Alexander Sinclair, his father, in the lands of Scamister, lying within the earldom of Caithness and sherriffdom of Inverness, when he was "withtin ten zeir auld," notwithstanding that George, Earl of Caithness, his father, consented thereto, and "becaus the precept beris that he knew be attentik writting that the said vmquhile Alexander Sinclair deit last vest and sesit in thai landis as of fe, haldin immediatlie of the said Johnne and his predicessouris, erlis of Caithnes, howbeit the contrair thair of is trew that the said vmquhile Alexander, the tyme of his deceis, deit nocht vestit and sesit thairintill as said is"; and (2) that any subsequent resignation of the above lands received by him and the granting of them anew to the said William, being still within his minority, was null and void; for which reasons, as he was then 20 years of age or thereby, he revoked and annulled the above precept and all other infeftments formerly granted by him. Done on 8th November 1563 in the dwelling-house of the said Mr. James Makgill on the south side of the High Street of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Mr. Richard Strang, advocate, John Grote, servitor of the said Earl, James M'Cartnay, servitor of the said Mr. James Makgill, and John Govane, notary public, 96.

243. Instrument narrating that Thomas Stewart, burgess of the burgh of Dundie, uncompelled and of his own free will, in consideration of certain sums of money paid to him, made, constituted, and ordained his friend, John Govane, his cessioner and assignee in and to an obligation (dated 29th July 1545) whereby Johnne Charteris of Cuthilgurdy granted that he was owing to him the sum of £36: 19: 2, which he bound himself, his heirs, and executors to repay by the first "marimes callit assumption" thereafter. Done on 25th November 1563 in the notary's writing-booth on the north side of the High Street of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, James Ogilvy, fiar of Balnagarro, John Andro, John Watt, and Gavin Merschell, 97.

244. Contract between Johnne Bell, dwelling in Bellis-myln of the Dane, tacksmen of the lands and tenements aftermentioned, on the one part, and Johnne Traffow, smith, on the other part, as follows:—The said Johnne Bell set to the said Johnne Traffow the lands and tenements, which pertained to umquhile Margaret Jamesoun, lying on the north side of the Queen's "hegait" of the burgh of the Cannogait, between the land of umquhile Johnne Wilsoun on the east, the land of umquhile Waltir Couk and Jonet Chalmer on the west, the Strand on the north, and the foresaid Queen's "hegait" on the south, for 3 years from Whitsunday 1563, at a yearly rent of £22: 6: 8 Scots, and also bound himself to keep the house of the above lands and tenements watertight, and to furnish "duris, lokis, keyis, bandis, and vthir necessaris thingis" thereto. The said Johnne Traffow agreed to sell to the said Johnne Bell "samekill muk rottin and weill maid as can be providit and gaderit withtin the said thre zeiris," at twenty shillings the "hundereth"; and it was also provided that Johnne Bell, smith, occupier of a "foirhous and chop" on the east side of the close of the above tenement, should occupy the same, so long as he pleased during the above three years, at a yearly rent of 8 merks payable to the said Johnne Traffow, and that the said Johnne Bell of Bellismyln's "crukit hors salbe mendit fre be the said Johnne Traffow at all tymes neidfull." Dated at the Cannogait 20th May 1563. Witnesses, Johnne Forester, the said Johnne Bell, smith, Thomas Crawford, burgess of the Cannogait, and Alexander Hereot in Leithame, 98.

245. Instrument narrating that John Kincaid of Cotis compeared in presence of the notary and "causit compt and nomer" the sum of 100 merks in presence of James Kincaid, son and heir of umquhile James Kincaid, and Adame Logane, one of his curators, which sum he offered to them



along with a letter of tack. Further, narrating that he consigned the said sum and letter of tack in the hands of Mr. Johnne Abircrummy, advocate, for the following reasons, viz :—(a) that Johnne Logane, the other curator of the said James, was absent, (b) that it was alleged by Mr. Edmond Hay that Agnes Smytht, his spouse, had right to the said money during the lifetime of Jonet Logane, mother of the said James and alleged conjunct fiar of the two acres of land contained in the reversion, (c) that Edward Kincaid alleged that he had right thereto during the lifetime of the said Jonet Logane, and (d) that they could not agree among themselves ; and thereafter protested that the lands were lawfully redeemed and the reversion fulfilled in all points. (Cf. No. 230, *supra*.) Done on 29th May 1563 in the Parish Church of St. Cuthbert's under the castle wall of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Stephen Kincaid in Craiglokart, Edward Kincaid, William Kincaid, Adam Logane, Robert Kincaid, and John Watt, 99.

246. Instrument narrating that Alexander Ramsay, rector of Foulden, passed to the dwelling-place of Williame Ramsay of Poltoun and there openly required him (because he was absent and could not be personally apprehended at the time) to make payment of the fruits, rents, annualrents, etc., for the past 5 years, of the chaplainry of St. Leonard's chapel situated beside Leswaid, due by him to the said Alexander. Done on 2nd June 1563 near the dwelling-house of the said Williame Ramsay. Witnesses, James Ramsay, brother-german of the said Alexander, James Bowry, and Thomas Zorstoun, 99.
247. Memorandum narrating that the above-mentioned Alexander Ramsay compeared in presence of the notary and required and desired Robert Borthuik, tenant of a part of the feu-lands of the foresaid Williame Ramsay of Poltoun lying beside the town of Laiswaid, belonging to the chaplainry of St. Leonards, to keep and "hald still" in his hands the maills and duties due by him to the said Williame, and which should be due in time coming, till the said Alexander was satisfied and paid for the fruits and duties due to him by the said Williame for all years and terms bygone and to come. Done on 2nd June 1563 at the dwelling-house of the said Robert Borthuik near the said chapel. Witnesses, James Ramsay, brother-german of the rector, and Thomas Zorstoun, 99.
248. Memorandum narrating that James Culane, indweller in Leith, compeared in presence of the notary and shewed that, as he was in readiness to pass and "viage" furth of the realm, he desired Johnne Mowbray of Barnebowgall (who was personally present) to receive from him the sum of £60 Scots and an obligation for £40 Scots, which were consigned in his hands by the said Johnne Mowbray for the purpose set forth in a contract (dated at Edinburgh 26th April 1563) entered into between the said Johnne Mowbray, on the one part, and Johnne Gulane, son and heir of umquhile James Gulane, burgess of Edinburgh, on the other part, and to "warrant" him of the same. Further, narrating that the said Johnne Mowbray granted that he had received the same, and agreed to "warrant" the said James Culane and his heirs against all whom it might effeir, provided it did not prejudice the above contract. Done on 7th July 1563 in the dwelling-house of the said James Culane in the town of Leith. Witnesses, Mr. James Bartane, James Mowbray, and George Strathauhen, 99.
249. Agreement between Petir Mure, on the one part, and David Mure, his brother-german, on the other part, whereby it was agreed that one-half of all sums of money, lands, houses, goods, and gear recovered in any action, cause, or "spoilzeis" of lands and goods, which the said Petir might move before the Lords of Council or other judges against Johnne Stewart, burgess of Air, Williame Fergusson, burgess thereof, Nevin



M'Nelie, Thomas Cochane [Cochrane?], Jonet Cunynghame, his spouse, Johnne Millar, burgess of Air, or others, should pertain to him, and the other half to the said David for his expenses, labour, and diligence in recovering same. Done on 30th July 1563 in the said David's booth in Edinburgh. Witnesses, Alexander Duncane, "furroure," Hew Glane, burgess of Edinburgh, and Johnne Andro, 100.

250. Memorandum narrating that Kathrene Mureheid, spouse of Johnne Symssoun, brother and heir of umquhile Robert Simssoun, burgess of Edinburgh, and conjunct fiar with him of "the half of my half" of the lands of Ravilstoun, compeared in presence of the notary and, outwith the presence of her husband, swore that she was not compelled to grant the charter of vendition of the said lands granted by herself and spouse in favour of Michael Gilbert, goldsmith, and Sibilla Wycht, his spouse, and promised to ratify it whenever the said Michael and spouse required her, and if necessary to grant a new charter. Done on 21st January 1563 in the lodging of John Simssoun. Witnesses, William Simssoun, burgess of Edinburgh, brother-german of the said John Simssoun, Sir Robert Thorbrand, John Broun, John Dowglas, and the notary, 100.
251. Instrument narrating that John Pawtoun [Pantoun?], son and heir of the late John Pantoun of Petmaden, compeared in presence of the notary having and holding in his hands a precept from chancery (in the first form), which he presented to Andrew, Master of Erroll, fiar of the earldom of Erroll and superior of the subjects aftermentioned, who received the same and delivered it to the notary to be read. Further, narrating that he also produced and shewed to his superior a precept of sasine for infefting him in the lands of Petmaden and Torre, with the mill thereof, lying in the barony of Slanis and sheriffdom of Abirdene, which he asked the superior, in obedience to the royal precept, to subscribe and seal; which command his said superior refused, or at least postponed, to implement, and kept the royal precept, notwithstanding that the said John Pawtoun offered to do all that he was bound by law to do for sasine of the said subjects. Done on 26th July 1563 in the dwelling-house of the late Mr. John Robertsoun, advocate, on the south side of the High Street of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Mr. Andrew Trumbill, Gilbert Hay, James Pantoun, William Fordyis, Thomas Gray, James Gardin, and William Mertene, 101.
252. Memorandum narrating that the above-mentioned superior said that he would obey the above precept from chancery directed to him, but would not subscribe the precept of sasine produced to him. Same date, place, and witnesses as above, 101.
253. Contract between James Scot of Prynleis, on the one part, and Johnne Scot, lawful son of the late Mr. William Scot, burgess of Abirbrothok, on the other part, whereby the said Johnne Scot,—in consideration of certain sums of money paid to him and on the narrative that he was eldest lawful son and thereby nearest to succeed as heir to the late Crestiane Cokburne, his mother, who was eldest sister-german of Johnne Cokburne of Westir Newtoun, son and heir of the late William Cokburne of Westir Newtoun, and on his death nearest to succeed to him as one of his three lawful sisters and nearest heirs in case he died without heirs of his body in the fee of (1) the half quarter of the lands of Tretoun lying in the barony of Bruntoun and sheriffdom of Fyff, (2) an annualrent of £10 furth of the lands of Balberny in Fyfe, and (3) two acres of land lying beside the burgh of Dunfermling, occupied by Johnne Alisoun, fermor and tacksman of the said Johnne Cokburne,—constituted and ordained the said James Scot his procurator *in rem suam*, as well before as after the decease of the said Johnne Cokburne, for obtaining briefes from Chancery directed to the Sheriff of Fyff, for serving him as

nearest and lawful heir to his mother, and as one of the three lawful heirs to the said Williame Cokburne, his grandfather, and to the said Johnne Cokburne, his uncle, after his decease. He also constituted and ordained procurators (*names blank*) for resigning the said lands, etc. into the superior's hands in favour of the said James Scot, who bound himself to grant a reversion for £40 Scots for redemption of all lands, annualrents, and heritages recovered by him in the said Johnne's name, the sum of 20 merks paid by him to the said Johnne being "defalkit and allowit" in the reversion at the time of the redemption. Dated at Edinburgh 31st July 1563. Witnesses, Mr. George Strang, Thomas Auchmowty, and Herculis Watsoun, 101.

254. Memorandum narrating Agreement between James Scot of Prinleis, on the one part, and Johnne Scot [Dawsoun?], brother and heir of the late James Dawsoun, indweller in Leith, on the other part, whereby the said Johnne renounced and discharged all reversions and promises of reversions relating to the land and tenement, which pertained to his father, lying on the north side of the town of Leith, in the barony of Brochttoun and regality of Halyrudhous, made to him by the said James before the date hereof, but excepting a reversion for 200 merks (which the said James bound himself to grant whenever required to do so) which was to contain a discharge by Lord Robert, commendator of Halierudhous, for relief of the said Johnne as principal cautioner for the sum of 300 merks delivered to the said James. Done in the notary's writing-booth within the burgh of Edinburgh on 31st July 1563. Witnesses, John Scot, son of the late Mr. Williame Scot, burgess of Abirbrothok, Hercules Watsoun, John Andro, John Watt, and Gawin Merschell, 102.

255. Instrument narrating that Mr. David Hendirsoun, vicar of Rossy, appeared in presence of the notary and—in consideration of certain sums of money and on the narrative that Hugh Hering of Haltoun of Esse (cessioner and assignee of John Campbell of Lundy, son and heir of the late Sir John Campbell of Lundy, knight, in and to a letter of reversion for redemption of the lands aftermentioned) had granted him, in terms of said letter of reversion, a lease (dated at Edinburgh 27th May 1563) of two parts of the lands of Mylnhill and two parts of the mill thereof with mill lands, etc., and the lands of Langforgund, commonly called Byrflat, lying in the barony of Lundy and sheriffdom of Perth, for the term of 11 years,—nominated and ordained William Hendirsoun, his brother-german, his cessioner and assignee in and to (a) the said lease (which he delivered) for the period yet to run; and (b) all his moveable goods, debts, and sums of money, and specially 16 "oxin," 6 "ky," 19 "auld scheip," 24 "zoung scheip," 60 "bollis quhete," 70 "bollis beir," 240 "bollis aittis," 30 "bollis peis," and 10 "bollis benis," on the lands of Mylnhill, 210 crowns due by James Thortoun and Williame Moncur, Laird of Moncur, for the teinds of Vnthank, for the years 1547, 1548, and 1549, 30 merks by Williame Bonar, Laird of Rossy, 19 chalders "meill and beir" by Johnne, Lord Glames, 18 chalders "ferme meill and beir" by the men of Lunros, for the lands of Lunros for 3 years, 72 "crownis of the sone" by Mr. Andro Oliphant, 40 "crownis of the sone" by Petir Thomsoun, Ylay Herald, for the fruits of the Baky for the years 1550, 1551, and 1552, £43 by Mr. Henry Blaikwoid, 63 crowns by Mr. David Creychttoun, £12 by Mr. Thomas Creychttoun, £40 by Mr. Thomas Marioribankis for the balance of his expenses in Pareis, £6 : 10s. by Mr. Clement Mauchane conform to obligation, £7 by Mr. Thomas Ker, who was acted in the consistory books of Lothian, £15 by the Lyon Herald for his son's expenses in Pareis, £18 : 15 : 3 and 8 "hors and meris" by Williame Wachop, younger, Laird of Nuddry, conform to his obligation, and £13 : 2 : 3 Scots, by Lady Methven for her son's expenses in Pareis, with power to intromit therewith, etc. Done on 15th September 1563 in the notary's writing-booth on the north side of the High Street of Edinburgh.



Witnesses, John Andirsoun, James Henrysoun, butcher and burgess of Edinburgh, Mr. Henry Balfour, parson of Kildaltane in the Ill, and Richard Hendirsoun, burgess of Edinburgh, 102.

256. Instrument narrating that the above-mentioned William Hendirsoun compeared in presence of the notary and, notwithstanding the foresaid assignation in his favour, consented that the foresaid Mr. David Hendirsoun, his brother, should peaceably "bruk and jos" the lands, tack, steading, goods, and gear above conveyed, and dispone thereupon at his pleasure during his lifetime, without any impediment. It was also provided that the said assignation should only take effect if the said William survived his brother. Same date and place as above. Witnesses, John Sandirsoun, Mr. Henry Balfour, and Archibald Hendirsoun, 104.
257. Instrument narrating Agreement between James Dalglesche, burgess of Edinburgh, on the one part, and Henry M'Dowgall, son of the late Williame M'Dowgall, burgess of Edinburgh, and Beatrice Dalglesche, spouse of the said Williame and sister of the said James Dalglesche, on the other part, whereby it was agreed that the said James should deliver to the said Henry the sum of £20 Scots for his support and help in his "gret indigence and mister." In consideration thereof, the said Henry (1) exonered and discharged him of all legacies, etc. which he might claim from him or his executors through the decease of his father, "gudschir," and "grandschir"; (2) agreed to repay £10 of the above sum should he "gyde nocht himself weill," nor use his uncle's counsel regarding the disposal of the above sum; and (3) to ratify his obligation when he became of lawful age. Done on 17th September 1563 in the dwelling-house of Mr. Thomas Weddell, advocate, within the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, the said Mr. Thomas Weddell, John Palmer, burgess of Edinburgh, and Robert Quhite, burgess of Kirkcaldy, 104.
258. Instrument narrating that James Dalglesche, burgess of Edinburgh, cessioner and assignee (conform to letters of assignation,<sup>1</sup> dated at Edinburgh 23rd July 1563, in his favour) of Patrick Loutfut, son and heir of the late Walter Lutfut, burgess of Edinburgh, and Margaret Blak, spouse of the said Patrick, in and to a letter of reversion<sup>2</sup> (dated at Edinburgh 10th August 1559) granted by the deacon and brethren of the tailor craft of Edinburgh for redemption of the annualrent aftermentioned, passed to the personal presence of William Moresoun, tailor and deacon of the said craft, and lawfully warned him for himself and the brethren of his craft to compear in the College Kirk of St. Geill, upon 7th November following, in order (1) to receive the sum of 100 merks Scots for redemption from them of an annualrent of 10 merks Scots furth of the lands and tenements, back and fore, under and above, lying under the castle wall of the burgh of Edinburgh, on the north side of the King and Queen's Street thereof, between the tenement of the late Johnne Patrik on the east, the lands of the heirs of the late Johnne Sawar afterwards of James Broun on the west, the Castelhill on the north, and the above-mentioned street on the south; and (2) to see the said letter of reversion fulfilled in all points, etc. (Cf. Nos. 240, *supra*, and 259, *infra*.) Done on 21st September 1563 at the door of the booth of the said William Moresoun on the south side of the High Street of Edinburgh. Witnesses, John Purves, tailor, and William Gastoun, shoemaker, 104.
259. Memorandum narrating that the above-mentioned James Dalglesche, cessioner and assignee in and to a letter of reversion (dated at Edinburgh 20th June 1561) for 100 merks Scots granted by Edwart Patirsoun, burgess

<sup>1</sup> John Johnstoun, notary public, subscribed for Margaret Blak.

<sup>2</sup> Johnne Scharp, notary, subscribed for Alexander Sauchy and Sir Walter Cowper, notary, in name of the community of the craft.



of Edinburgh, in favour of Patrik Loutfut, litster, for redemption of an annualrent of 10 merks Scots sold by the said Patrik with consent of Margaret Blak, his spouse, to him furth of two tenements of land in the burgh of Edinburgh,<sup>1</sup>—lawfully warned the said Edwart to compear in the Tolbooth of the burgh of Edinburgh, upon 7th November following, in order to receive the said sum of 100 merks, for redemption of the said annualrent, and to hear and see the reversion fulfilled in all points, etc. (*Cf.* Nos. 245 and 258, *supra.*) Done on 22nd September 1563 in the dwelling-house of the said Edwart on the north side of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, John Waiklet and Ninian Maw, officers or sergeants of the burgh of Edinburgh, 105.

260. Instrument narrating that Elizabeth Scot, relict of the late Johnne Scot, burgess of Edinburgh, Robert Scot, her spouse, for his interest and as one of the tutors of Johnne Scot, younger, and Alexander Scot, her sons, and Williame Scot dwelling at the West Port of Edinburgh, another tutor to her said children, compeared in presence of the notary and openly granted that Johnne Mathesoun in Brochtoun had lawfully redeemed the annualrent and lands aftermentioned, viz. :—(1) an annualrent of 16 bolls victual (half wheat and half bear) sold by him to the said Johnne Scot and spouse furth of his fourth part of the lands of Brochtoun, lying in the town, “suilze,” regality, and barony of Brochtoun and sheriffdom of Edinburgh, by payment of the sum of 200 merks Scots contained in letters of reversion (dated at Edinburgh 30th November 1557) granted by them<sup>2</sup> in his favour; and (2) (a) an acre of land called “How-akir,” lying in the barony of Brochtoun and sheriffdom of Edinburgh, between the lands of umquhile Richert Watsoun on the west, the lands of the late Richert Multrair on the east, the lands of Williame Craufurd on the south, and the lands occupied by the said Johnne Mathesoun on the north, (b) four riggs of land lying in the barony and sheriffdom foresaid, between the lands of Cuthbert Kincaid on the west, the lands of Richert Watsoun on the east, the common “gait” on the south, and a “heidrig” pertaining to the said umquhile Richert Watsoun on the north, and (c) three acres of land, viz. :—four “dailis” called Meiding-dailis, lying between the lands of Mr. Thomas M<sup>c</sup>Calzen on the west, the land of the said umquhile Richert Watsoun on the east, the common “he-gait” on the south, and the “rod” that passes from the town of Brochtoun to St. Cuthbert’s Kirk on the north, and two small riggs of land, lying between the lands of the said Richert Watsoun on the east, the lands of \_\_\_\_\_ on the west, the common “hie streit” on the south, and the said “rod” on the north, by payment of the sum of 315 merks Scots contained in letters of reversion (dated at Edinburgh 15th May 1558), granted by the said Johnne Scot, yr., with consent, and his parents,<sup>3</sup> and delivery of a letter of tack of the above lands and acres, for 3 years from the term of redemption, at a yearly rent of 35 shillings per acre. Done on 10th November 1561<sup>4</sup> in the Collegiate Kirk of St. Giles of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Mr. Edmond Hay, advocate, John Schort, John Aikman, burgess of the Canongate, William Smytht, servitor of the said Mr. Edmond, and Robert Archebald, servitor of the said John Schort, 106.

261. Instrument narrating that Andrew Moncreif, in name and behalf of Patrick, bishop of Moray, commendator of the monastery of Scone, passed to the personal presence of George, Earl of Huntlie, and George, Lord Gordoun, and George Barclay of Grantulie, his cautioners, and intimated and

<sup>1</sup> The boundaries are the same as in the preceding instrument with the exception that the heirs of Johnne Fowlar are given as proprietors on the west instead of the heirs of Johnne Sawar.

<sup>2</sup> Johnne Robesoun, notary public, subscribed for the granters.

<sup>3</sup> Johnne Johnnestoun, notary public, subscribed for the granters.

<sup>4</sup> The regnal year is given as the 21st, *i.e.* 1563.

notified to them (1) letters of assignation in favour of the bishop by Patrick Hepburne, rector of Kynnoir, of the sums of £300 and 250 merks Scots due to him by the said Earl and his cautioners; and (2) letters of factory<sup>1</sup> (dated at Scone 17th May 1561) in favour of the bishop by the said rector for uplifting the fruits and rents of his rectory annually. Done on 26th May 1561 within the chamber of the Earl in his lodging on the north side of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, John, Earl of Suthirland, John Gordoun, Laird of Finlater, James Doctour, John Cargill in Perth, John Moncur, and Alexander Gordoun, 107.

262. Instrument narrating that Alisoun Home, Lady of Burnehoussis, liferentrix of the lands underwritten, compeared in presence of the notary and, un-compelled and of her own free will, constituted and ordained William Bog, her son, and his heirs, her cessioners and assignees in and to all mails, ferms, grassums, etc. due, and which should be due to her during her lifetime, from the lands of Oxinden in the parish of Duns and sheriffdom of Berwik, by any person whatsoever, and specially by Johnne Bog, Laird of Burnehoussis, and that in token of the assignation she delivered to him the evidents of the lands, viz. :—"ane charter vnder the kingis greit seill, and ane instrumentis of sesing following thairupoun, vnder the signe and subscription of Schir James Home, notar publict." Done on 22nd April 1563 in the dwelling-house of Thomas Bynning, baker and burgess of Edinburgh. Witnesses, the said Thomas Bynning, James Wedir-spune, servitor of James, Earl of Murray, and brother of Robert Wothir-spune of Linlythtqhuhw, Andrew Elphingstoun, furior, and John Andro, 108.

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263. Memorandum narrating that Mr. Thomas Ramsay, keeper of umquhile Robert Flemyng's cachepele, compeared in presence of the notary and granted that he was completely paid by William Stewart, writer and burgess of Edinburgh, and Margaret Atkin, his spouse, of all sums of money, acts, contracts, etc. due by them to him before the date hereof, and specially of an obligation for £10 granted by the said William Stewart. Further, narrating that he confessed that the "hail warklwms, belonging to the binding of bukis, quhillkis he had in his chalmer" were borrowed from the said William, and that he bound himself to deliver them when required. Done on 10th November 1564 in the chamber of the said Mr. Thomas, at the said cachepele on the north side of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Mr. Thomas Weddell, advocate, . . . Kincaid, son and heir of umquhile Edward Kincaid, burgess of the burgh of Edinburgh, Patrik Davidsoun, pursuivant, and Richert Flemyng, son and heir of the said umquhile Robert Flemyng, burgess of the said burgh, 110.
264. Instrument narrating that the above-mentioned Richert Flemyng, son of umquhile Robert Flemyng, burgess of Edinburgh, compeared in presence of the notary and shewed that William Clerk, Englishman, had obtained a decree against him before the provost and bailies of Edinburgh, decerning him to pay as cautioner for Rolland Menzeis the sum of £ sterling; and that thereafter the said William Clerk had caused his lands within the burgh of Edinburgh to be appraised for the said sum, and had charged an inquest for that purpose. Further, narrating that the said Richert, being a freeman and burgess of Edinburgh and having sufficient lands free within the burgh for satisfying the decree, was also detained in ward in the Tolbooth for non-payment, whereupon he appealed to the Lords of Council for relief out of ward in respect that the manner of execution above-mentioned had been chosen by the said William Clerk, who,

<sup>1</sup> Subscribed by Mr. John Dowglas and Andrew Strang, notaries public, in addition to the said Patrick.



on the case being called, consented by Mr. Johnne Scharp, his procurator, that the said Richert should be relieved out of ward on condition that he resigned his lands into the hands of the bailies of Edinburgh for infettment of an annualrent of 10 merks for every £100 of the above debt, which proposal he, by his procurator, declined. The Lords by their interlocutor ordained that he should not be released until he made the said resignation, whereupon he protested that the making of the said resignation should not prejudice him in the reduction of the said decree, and asked instruments thereupon. Done on 2nd December 1564 in the old council house of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Andrew Janitore commonly called "Jawellour," Oliver Robertsoun, William Smith, Andrew Brounwall, armourer, and Matthew Eistoun, burgess of Edinburgh, 110.

265. Instrument narrating that Andro Hendersoun, son of Johnne Hendersoun, compeared in presence of the notary and, on behalf of his father, produced and shewed to him a Letter of Gift (dated at Edinburgh 28th December 1564) granted by Robert, bishop of Dunkeld, patron of the hospital of beidmen founded by the late George, bishop of Dunkeld, beside the abbey of Halieruidhous, whereby he granted to the said Johnne Hendersoun the beidmanship of the said hospital which pertained to umquhile Williame Cuke, with the profits, casualties, house, and chalmer pertaining thereto, on condition that he did suffrage and prayers for the souls of the bishop's predecessors and successors and fulfilled the conditions of the foundation. Further, narrating that Harbart Maxwell, bailie of the bishop, and Sir Johnne Stevinsoun, master of the hospital, thereafter gave him possession and presented him to the said beidmanship, by inducting him thereto and delivering to him the key of his chalmer. Done on 30th December 1564 at the abbey kirk door of Halieruidhous and within the said hospital. Witnesses, Mr. George Cuke and Adame Slewman, 111.

266. Instrument narrating that Katherine Johnnestoun, relict of the late James Achesoun, burgess of the Canongate, and John Adamsoun, burgess of Edinburgh, her spouse, for his interest, compeared in presence of the notary and granted (1) that they had received from John Forhous, feuar of Monkmyln, the sum of £40 Scots for redemption of an annualrent of 6 merks disposed by him to the said James Achesoun and Katherine Johnnestoun and the longer liver of them in conjunct fee, and their heirs, furth of his corn-mill called the Monkmyln betwixt the lands of Barfurde, with his lands of Monkhauch adjacent thereto, the thirle-multure of all corn growing on the lands of Easter and Wester Monkrigis and Coitwallis, and the pasture of 12 "sowmes of cattell fra the Braidmedow towart the eist be the Knowis and Kingis-schot conforme to the auld consuetude," lying in the constabulary of Haddingtoun and sheriffdom of Edinburgh; and (2) that the said annualrent was lawfully redeemed. Done on 18th May 1564 in the notary's writing-booth on the north side of the High Street of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, John Johnnestoun, Writer to the Signet, brother of the said Katherine, Mr. John Logy, advocate, John Andro, and Gawin Merschell, 111.

267. Memorandum narrating that William Broun, gunner, dwelling in the Cannogait, granted that he had received from the foresaid John Forhous the sum of 40 merks for redemption of an annualrent of £3 furth of the above-mentioned lands, and that the said annualrent was lawfully redeemed. Same date and place as above. Witnesses, Johnne Achessoun, bailie of the Cannogait, Alexander Howesoun, "gardnar to my Lord Robert," and Gawin Merschell, 111.

268. Instrument narrating that Mr. Johnne Spens, bailie and burgess of Edin-

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burgh, and Johnne Spens, one of the brothers of the house of Lathellan, compared in presence of the notary and declared (*a*) that the said Mr. Johnne had fallen and had been served heir to Robert Spens, his brother-german, one of the men of arms of the Scots Guard of the King of France, and (*b*) that the said Johnne Spens was in like manner fallen heir to Andro Spens, his brother, one of the archers of the foresaid guard, and to Michael Spens, his father's brother, one of the archers of the cross of the King of France, and to all the goods, gear, and heirship that pertained to them at the time of their decease. Further, narrating that they had obtained testimonials from the provost, bailies, and council of the burgh of Edinburgh "to verifie the premissis withtin the realme of France," and had agreed to divide the expense of recovery and what was recovered equally between them, and that should one predecease the other the survivor should succeed to the "hailwair." Done on 12th February 1563-64 in the notary's writing-booth. Witnesses, Williame Elphinstoun of Selmis, Archibald Blinsele, burgess of Perth and notary public, and Johnne Wauchlop, 112.

269. Instrument narrating that George Gib, son and heir of umquhile Robert Gib of Carribberis, compared in presence of the notary having and holding in his hands a letter of reversion for 300 merks Scots (dated at Edinburgh 25th May 1563) granted to him by Thomas Doby, flesher and burgess of Edinburgh, and Issobell Forestar, his spouse,<sup>1</sup> for redemption of (*a*) an annualrent of 21 merks Scots and (*b*) an annualrent of 10 merks six shillings and eight pence Scots furth of his lands of Wester Lymphoy with the mansion and houses thereof, occupied by Michael Barthilmo and Katherine Doby, his spouse, lying in the sheriffdom of Edinburgh, and declared that, in terms thereof, he had warned the said Thomas to receive the said sum of this date. The said Thomas, who was personally present, acknowledged that he was lawfully warned, and that he was now ready to receive said sum, whereupon the said George "comptit, nowmerit, and tauld" the said sum of 300 merks, and delivered the same to the said Thomas, who granted receipt thereof, and declared the said annualrents to be lawfully redeemed. Done on 20th May 1564 in the dwelling-house of the said George Gib within the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, James Wedderspne of Brighous, James Hammiltoun of Borny, David Corsby, burgess of Edinburgh, Williame Fergus, burgess of Edinburgh, Johnne Hog, burgess of Edinburgh, and Johnne Watt, writer, 112.

270. Instrument narrating that Gavin Merschell, procurator for John Lamb, burgess of Edinburgh, conform to letters of procuratory in his favour dated at Edinburgh 16th July 1564, passed to the personal presence of Mr. Michael Balfour, superior of the lands aftermentioned in virtue of a gift from the Queen of the abbey of Melrose, and there delivered up and purely and simply by staff and baton resigned the lands of Rodono, viz. the lands of Langbank, the lands of Quhithop, the lands of Litolhoip otherwise called Rodono Chapell, and the lands of Mekillhoip, with the woods, lakes, etc. thereof, all lying in the sheriffdom of Selkirk, in favour of James, Earl of Moray, Lord Pettie, Brachlie, and Stratherin and the lawful heirs male of his body, whom failing Francis Stewart, son and heir-apparent of the late John, Lord Dernlie, and the lawful heirs male of his body, whom failing Robert, commendator of Halirudhous, and the lawful heirs male of his body, whom failing Robert . . . and the lawful heirs male of his body, whom all failing the nearest and lawful heirs or assignees whatsoever of the said Earl: Which resignation the said superior received and delivered the lands again to the Earl by delivery of the said staff and baton to Mr. Robert Flescheour, his attorney. Done on 21st July 1564 in the forestair of the chamber of the said Mr.

<sup>1</sup> James King, notary public, subscribed for them.

Michael, on the north side of the High Street of the Canongate. Witnesses, Andrew Kintra, David Huche, Alexander Balfour, and Malcolm Pringill, 113.

271. Instrument narrating that Thomas Andirsoun, procurator for John Lamb, burgess of Edinburgh, conform to letters of procuratory in his favour dated at Edinburgh 16th July 1564, passed to the personal presence of Richard Maitland of Lethingtoun, knight, and Mr. John Spens of Condry, advocate, commissioners having power from the Queen to enter vassals, receive resignations, etc., and there delivered up and purely and simply by staff and baton resigned the lands of Rodono (*as described in the preceding instrument*) in favour of James, Earl of Moray, and others above-mentioned: Which resignation the commissioners received and delivered the lands to the Earl by delivery of the said staff and baton to Mr. Robert Flescheour, his attorney. Done on 22nd July 1564 in the council chamber of the Lords of Council. Witnesses, Andrew Murray of . . . , William Andestoun, servitor of the Laird of Lethingtoun, and Alexander Martyne, servitor of Mr. Abraham Creychttoun, provost of Dunglas, 113.
272. "The memoriall of the instrumentis concerning the Erle of Caithnes and my Lady Comptes of Caithnes, his spous, and Maister of Caithnes, thair sone, tane in the hand of Maister Gilbert Grote, notar publict, in tymes bygane als weill he was in the cuntre of Caithnes as sen his cuming thairfra, in maner as followis, viz., first withtin the cuntre of Caithnes." (1) Instrument narrating that Andro Sutherland, procurator for the Earl, required Malkcum Movat of Swynnenig to infeft the Earl in 5½ scatlands of the lands of Scail, dated 3rd August 1548. (2) Instrument narrating that the Earl obliged himself, *titulo oneroso*, for certain sums of money promised to him by Margaret Birsbane and Helene Birsbane, sisters-german, to marry them on landed men, dated 7th August 1548. (3) Instrument narrating that the foresaid Margaret and Helene compeared and alleged that they had come to the age of curatory, and, in presence of Mr. William Sinclair, parson of Olig and commissary of Caithnes, judicially chose curators. Same date as preceding instrument. (4) Instrument of Sasine following on precept of sasine by the said Margaret and Helene for infefting the Earl and Elezabeth Grahame, his spouse, in certain lands in Reis, dated 9th August 1548. (5) Instrument narrating the tenor of a duly executed edict of the bishop of Caithnes, regarding certain feu-lands, which was produced before him and the canons of the cathedral kirk of Dornoch, and thereafter published and called, dated 5th August 1549. (6) Instrument narrating that the bishop of Caithnes and the canons and prebendaries of Olig and Kyldonan, the foresaid edict having been read and published, chapterly consented to the giving of the feu-ferms to the Earl and his spouse, dated 6th August 1549. (7) Instrument wherein the Earl and his spouse constituted procurators for passing to the Ile Stromay, in order to take sasine in their names of certain feu-lands therein, dated 12th August 1549. (8) Instrument narrating that Donald Grote in Dungasby, procurator for the Earl and his spouse, presented and shewed a precept of sasine of the . . . lands in Stroma and others in Caithness, dated 13th August 1549. (9) Instrument narrating that the Earl compeared personally and shewed that, on the date of this instrument, he was ordained to compear before the Queen Regent under a penalty of 20,000 merks, and that he had fulfilled the command, dated 15th October 1565. (10) Instrument taken at the "vttir zett" of Edinburgh Castle by Johnne Grote, servant to the Earl, regarding the entering of certain "plaigis for the clan gown," dated 31st October 1565. (11) Instrument in same terms as memorandum No. 74, *supra*, dated 10th November 1556. (12) Instrument No. 242, *supra*, dated 8th November 1563. (13) Instrument taken by the Earl regarding his offering of David Williamsoun as surety and

"law brocht" to William Cuninghame, messenger, anent the parson of Olig, dated 14th June 1561. (14) Instrument taken by the Countess (*incomplete*), 115.

273. "Ane Inuentour of the gudes and geyr pertenynng to Essabell Graye, the relyquitt of wmqhill Alexander Achysoun in Prestoun, as followis, to be disponit as is withtin specifiet. . . . Item, Alisoun Tode restis awande of twa ellis weluot, xx s. Item, William Grantoun is awande for his buitthe maile, iiii merkis and ane halfe, quharof Michaelle Criste hes pait me xxvi s. viii d., swa restis awand to me be the said William, xx s. Item, Mychaell Crystesoun restis awand me for hous maile, iiii lib. (all pait). Item, the said Mychaell is awande me for ane bakhouse, xl s. (*Written on margin:—Michaelle hes pait this sowme the xxiii day of August, thairfore it is put away*). . . . Item, Agnes Boge, spous to Johne Boge, ypotikare, for vi quarteris and ane half holand claytht, pryce of the elln xviii s., svmina xxix s. iiii d. Item, William Vyllie, as cassionare and dettor for the ladye Hyrdmanstoun, fyf pund, of the quhillk I haif gottin fyve furlettis of meille, pryce of the boll xxviii s., restis awande me iiii lib. iiii s. iiii d. Item, Alisoun Tode, the relict of James Bassinden, is awande for three termes anuall last bipast, xii lib. . . . Item, my vmquille broder, Rychart Graye, restis awande me xxxiiii lib. of that I haif ane maier of the said Richartis awode of (*sic*). Item, my doctheir, Katherein Bassindein, is awande me that is left in hir husbandis testament, iiii lib. . . . Item, twa aireis varkis, the ane Edwart Bassinden hes. . . . Item, in the Laird of Prestoun schalmer ane round iron schymlaye. . . . My legacy. Item, in primis, I leif to Esbell Flemyng, xx lib. Item, to Elisabetht Locht, x lib. Item, to Richart Flemyng, x lib. Item, to Margareit Flemyng, x lib. Item, to Issobell Bassindein, my dochter, x lib. Item, to Katherein Bassindein, my dochter, x lib. Item, to Robert Bassindein to help hym to ane craft, x merkis. Item, to Geillie Wilsoun, xl s. Item, to the said Geillie houshald geir worthe xls. Item, to Megge Robesoun ane pair of lynng schettis. Item, to Issobell Hendersone ane pair of small hardin scheittis. Item, to Issobell Achisoun, my oye, I leif ane schein[zei] of gold of vi wnces or thairby to be kept be Alexander Achisoun to hir proffate, failzeing of hir to Edward Bass[indein] and his barnis. Item, I leif to Edwart Bassindyne ane stand bed witht the wnder bed thairto witht the courtenis grein and reid. Item, to Geillie Wilsoun ane pair hardin schettis. Item, to hir ane schoppine of tyn, ane plate, and ane luggit dische of tyn, and the rest of my polde wescheil and stouppis witht brasin mortar, pestall, and garde[in] and schandellaris to Edwarte Bassinden and his bairnis. Item, to Alisoun Cante mysilk hate. Item, to Edwart Bassindein and vyfe ane airise warke that I gate fra thame of befoir. Item, ane almye, ane langsadill, and ane dressour to Issobell Achisoun, my oye. Item, to Richart Flemyng ane lang burde and ane furme. Item, to Elezabeht Locht the maist burde and stand and stand bed that is in the Laird of Prestoun chalmer. Item, to my said oye, Issobell Locht, the round iron schymlaye that is in the said laird schalmer. Item, to Edwart Bassindyne ane mekell pote, ane les pot, ane cayll pott, twa pannis, ane gus p[ane], ane flesche cruke, twa irn spettis, and twa pare tan[gis]. Item, to Margareit Flemyng ane irone schymlay in my schalmer. Item, to Edwart Bassindyne twa schyris. Item, to Elisabethe Loche ane payntit lytell coffer. Item, ane vder coffer to Elisabethe Flemyng. Item, ane lytell kyste to Geillie Wilsoun. Item, twa vder kystes to Edwart Bassinden. Item, ane kyste witht ane hingand loke to Issobell Achisoun. Item, ane leticampe bed that standis in my bak schalmer to Richart Flemyng. Item, to Edwarte Bassinden twa taverone burdis that standis in his kychein. Item, to the said Edwarte ane pres, ane straik bed, ane new langsadill, ane lang burde, and ane greit roundell burde that standis in the said Edwarte hous. Item, to the said Edwart's vyfe twa pare of rounde schettis and ane pair of small schettis. Item, to Katherein Bassindein ane paire small schettis. Item, to Issobell Bassindien ane



paire small schettis. Item, to Issobell Flemyng ane pair small schettis. Item, to the said Issobell Flemyng my blak gownne. Item, to Issobell Achisoun, my oye, my broun kyrtell to hyr proffet. Item, to Alisoun Cante my heicht meittit klokis of skottis blak. Item, to Bessye Hyll twa ellis of braid reid for vi libs. x s. to be deliuerit for the samyn. Item, to Margareit Flemyng ane rynge of gold witht ane blew stane in it. Item, to Wyolate Locht ane rynge of gold witht ane moyr heid. Item, to Issobell Flemyng ane small burde claytht and ane rounde witht ane small towell witht thre lystis of silk. Item, to Richart Flemyng ane pair of small schettis. Item, to Eduart Bassindin twa small and twa round burdclaythtis. Item, to Elisabet Locht twa small burdclattis and twa tovellis. Item, to Edwart Bassinden xi serwitouris. Item, to Issobell Flemyng twa doun coddis witht beiris. Item, to Edvarte Bassinden four doun coddis and ane claytht cod witht ane beyr. Item, to the said Edwarte four tovellis. Item, to Richart Flemyng ane fedder bed witht ane bovstar be. . . . Item, to Katherein Bassinden ane pair dovbill blankettis and twa playddis. Item, to the said Edvartis vyfe ane avld aryse vark. Item, to Issobell Bassinden ane Irlande coveringe. Item, to Megge Knox my petty coytht that is new. Item, to Issobell Flemyng my best paytlat of veluote. Item, to Edvartis vyfe my vder paytlate. Item, to Issobell Bassindin my lang slevis of veluot. Item, to Issobell Flemyng my bone grace and ayperon and lang slevis of lylis worsate. Item, to Bessye Hyll half ell half quarter of cammarag. Item, to Issobell Flemyng half ell half quarter of paris blak to graytht hir gown. Item, to Elisabethe Locht twa cursceichis of holand claytht. Item, to Issobell Flemyng twa coursceis of holland claytht. Item, to Issobell Achisoun, my oye, vi holand collaris. Item, to Alisoun Cante ane graye mantell. Item, to my broder, George Graye, ten merk(is) to be at his avine disposicione quhan he hes mister of. Item, to Marrioun Naper, my broderis vyfe, x merkis. Item, to Geillie Andersone, my maiden, x s. and xvii s. iiii d. that I restis awand hir of thre half zeris feye. Item, to Alisoun Cant thre ellis of quhite claitht; my best klok to Edward Bassindins eldest dochter, and the rest of my gudis that ar nocht namit nor disponit I refer to the dispositioun of my executouris vnderwritten. Item, I naim Edward Bassinden, my sone, and Petir Thomsoun, Ylay herauld, my executouris,<sup>1</sup> to intromet witht the forsaidis geir and gudis and dispone thairupoun, conform to this my latter will and testament, as thai will anser to God thairanent." (Registered in the *Register of Testaments for the Commissariat of Edinburgh*, 1st February 1568-9.) Dated 16 . . . . 1565. Witnesses, Alexander King, advocate, burgess of Edinburgh, Alexander Achesoun, burgess of Edinburgh, James Fairlie, George Adamsoun, and Mr Gilbert Grote, notary public, 116.

274. Note (*almost illegible*) apparently to the effect that the said Essabell Graye ratified and approved of the foregoing testament. Same witnesses as above, 119.

275. Letters of Provision and Collation directed by Patrick, bishop of Moray, commendator perpetual of the monastery of Scone, to the dean of christianity of Strabogy and the rectors, vicars, etc., of the diocese of Moray, narrating that the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Grantuly and Dundelgy in said diocese was vacant and at his disposal through the resignation thereof in his hands by Mr. James Strathachin, the last vicar and possessor; and that he had conferred it on Mr. Thomas Gardin, clerk of the diocese of St. Andrews, personally present and accepting, by placing his ring on the finger of the said Mr. Thomas, and committed to him the cure and administration thereof. Further, narrating that Henry Hepburne, natural son of the late Jonet Quhite, was provided to the vicarage in the Roman court by the supreme pontiff and afterwards, on his resignation, the foresaid Mr. James Strathachin,

<sup>1</sup> The name of Johnne Adamsoun, son to vmquhill William Adamsoun, is deleted.

but under reservation of an annual pension of 50 merks Scots from the fruits thereof to Hepburne. The bishop, therefore, commanded them to induct the said Mr. Thomas to the vicarage, under reservation of the above pension; to answer to him or his procurators for the fruits and rents thereof; and to restrain rebels and gainsayers if any. Done, on 19 June 1566, in the bishop's lodging on the south side of the Cowgate of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Mr. [John] Hepburne, rector of Dalry, Sir Henry Abircrummy, prior of the monastery of Scone, and James Cokburn, servitor of the rector of Dalry, 120.

276. Letters of Provision and Collation addressed by James Strauthachin, canon of the cathedral church of Aberdeen, and Andrew Abircrummy, professor of sacred theology and canon of the cathedral church of Dunkeld, commissaries in that part of Robert, bishop of Dunkeld, to the dean and canons of the cathedral church of Dunkeld, narrating a commission (dated at Edinburgh 30th April 1566) granted by the bishop in their favour for providing a fit and suitable person to the canonry of the cathedral church of Dunkeld called the rectory of Menmur, and prebend of the same, vacant by the resignation of Mr. James Hammiltoun, rector thereof, or to any other vacancy; and that following on said resignation (made, on 25th June 1566, in the house of James Cowtis at the Mill of Ferne by Henry Guthrie, procurator of the said Mr. James, in presence of John Caddell, James Cowtis, Alexander Fidler *alias* Leslie, Jerome Lindesay, Alexander Smart, and Sir Walter Fairweddir, notary, conform to instrument<sup>1</sup> under the hand of Herbert Gledstanis, notary public, produced to them) they conferred the rectory on John Lindesay, clerk of the diocese of St. Andrews, lawful son of the late David Lindesay, Earl of Craufurdie, Lord Lindesay, by placing their ring on the finger of David Stratoun, his procurator, and committed to him the cure and administration thereof. They, therefore, commanded the said dean and canons to induct and institute him to the real, actual, and corporal possession thereof, assigning to him a stall in the choir and a place in the chapter, and canonically defending him so inducted; to answer to him for the fruits and rents thereof and to restrain rebels and gainsayers if any; and to intimate to him that he must study the humanities and divine letters at a Catholic university till he was 21 years of age. Done on 1st July 1566 in the dwelling-house of Henry Achesoun, burghess of Edinburgh, within the said burgh. Witnesses to the Commission, Mr. Robert Creichtoun, King and Queen's advocate, David Creichtoun, his servitor, George Horne, groom of the chamber to the Bishop, and Jerome Lindesay. Witnesses to the Letters of Provision and Collation, Mr. Nicholas Campbell, dean of the Cathedral Church of Lismore, Jerome Lindesay, James Strathauchin, son of John Strathauchin of Claypottis, and Mr. Gilbert Grote, notary public. 121.

277. Instrument narrating Contract (dated at Edinburgh 25th October 1567) entered into between Mr. Willame Scot, dwelling in Edinburgh, and Johnne Ramsay, burghess of Carraill, whereby the said Johnne, in consideration of the sum of 100 merks Scots to be delivered to him by the said Mr. Willame, before the 29th of October following, bound and obliged himself to infest him in 5½ bolls of bear, with the "cherite," furth of (a) his lands lying on the north side of the Marcat-gait of Carraill, between the lands of Willame Bowsy on the west, the lands pertaining to the prebendaries of Carraill on the east and north, and the "common gait" on the south; (b) a but of land on the north side of the "bak zett," ascending to the common loan, between the lands of the said prebendaries on the west and east, with a booth lying on the east side of the "foir zet"; and (c) the lands, houses, and yards lying in the "eist grene" within the said burgh, between the east burn of the burgh on the west, the lands of the Laird of Carslogy and the "commoun gait" of the Pottar-gait on the north,

<sup>1</sup> There is a note (folio 122) that "the instrument of dimissoun is writtin heirefstr be it self in ane vther pairt of this buke." It has not, however, been entered.

the common east loan on the east, and a piece of land and a house pertaining to umquhile Malcum Makky and the "commoun gait" called the "eist grene" on the south. He also obliged himself to obtain the consent of the patron and superior of the above-mentioned subjects, whether the provost and bailies of Carraill, the Laird of Sanct Monanis, or any others, to the conveyance, and in special warrandice thereof to infest the said Mr. Williame in his other lands lying within the burgh of Carraill, between the lands of Thomas Parky on the east, the lands of Elizabeth Ramsay on the south, the "commoun gait" passing to the "havin" on the west, and the lands of the said Thomas Parky on the north. The said Mr. Williame agreed, on the above conditions being fulfilled, to grant a reversion for 100 merks Scots in favour of the said Johnne Ramsay. Mr. Robert Creichtoun, Mr. Henry Kynros, Mr. David Gaw, Mr. Alexander Mawchane, and Mr. Thomas Hervy were appointed procurators for registration of the contract in the books of the Lords of Session. Done on 25th October 1567 on the High Street of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses to the Instrument, Thomas Corstorphin, burgess of Carraill, Oliver Robertsoun, son of the late Mr. John Robertsoun, advocate, and John Andro, servitor of Alexander Hay, clerk of the Privy Council, 122 & 125.

278. A Copy of the preceding Contract,

122.

279. Contract of Marriage between Elizabeth Hopper, relict of umquhile Patrik Tennent of the Carnis, on behalf of Issobell Tennent, her daughter, on the one part, and Johnne Wynning, merchant, son and apparent heir of Thomas Wynning, dwelling in Balmoir, on the other part, whereby it was agreed that the said Johnne should marry the said Issobell within 15 days from the date hereof. The said Elizabeth Hopper bound and obliged herself (a) to pay to the said Johnne the sum of 140 merks Scots in name of tocher; (b) to deliver maill free, as a dwelling-place for them during her lifetime, the house, occupied by Thomas Studman and his "gudemoder," lying next the close head, within her tenement of land in the Meill Mercat, on the south side of the Hiegait of Edinburgh, with 2 volt houses adjoining; (c) that with reference to the right and kindness left by the said umquhile Patrik Tennent to his four daughters in the one-third part of the lands called Catelbok, lying in the parish of Kirklistoun, the said Johnne and Issobell should have the same share as the other three sisters in any sums of money received from Mr. David Borthuik or others; and (d) to deliver to them a "foir buith" of her land, occupied by Robert Zoung, tailor, lying on the north side of the Hiegait of Edinburgh, beside the land of umquhile Johnne Otterburn of Reidhall, for payment of the yearly maill thereof, "sauffand ane mark les" yearly during her lifetime. The said Johnne, on his homecoming from his voyage to Dansking, obliged himself to add the sum of £40 Scots to the foresaid sum of 140 merks, so as to make it 200 merks Scots and to "wair" it on land, etc., at the sight of the said Elizabeth and Robert Otterburn in Coltstoun in the barony of Glasgow or other friends for behoof of himself, his wife, and the children of the marriage. (Signed) Elizabeth Hopper with my hand at the pen. And Johnne Wynning with my hand at the pen led be the said notar at our commandis becaus we can nocht write. Dated at Edinburgh 23rd August 156[6]. Witnesses, Johne Murray of Woddirhill, the foresaid Robert Otterburn, Johnne Estoun, indweller in Edinburgh, and Mr. Gilbert Grote, notary public, 123

280. Instrument narrating that John Kincaid of Cottis, uncompelled and of his own free will, passed to the ground of the lands underwritten and there *propriis manibus* gave sasine to Elizabeth Cokburne, Lady of Hill, relict of the late David Kincaid of Coittis, his father, in liferent, and to Robert Wardlaw, her son, and his heirs male in fee, of a part of his land, with two houses built and to be built thereon, and their yards and pertinents, occupied by Williame Wallace and Margaret



Crechtoun, lying on the south side of the Water of Leith (extending to the midwater thereof on the northwest and northeast, between the corn-land occupied by Johnne Fessy on the west, the "fute rod and gait" passing to Bellis-myllis betwixt the land pertaining to Johnne Scott on the south east) and within the lands of Coittis, barony of Brochtoun, and sherifffdom of Edinburgh. Done on 28th August 1566 on the ground of the above lands. Witnesses, David Kincaid, dwelling on the north side of the Water of Leith, George Forest, John Hendirsoun, miller, and Gilbert Sym, dwelling [on the north side of the said Water], 124.

281. Instrument narrating that Thomas Quhite, younger, in Quhorlefurde, heir of the late William Quhite, his uncle, compeared in presence of the notary and, of his own free will, for certain sums of money received from William Ogill, clerk of Chancery, granted that he had formerly entered into a contract with him for infefting him and his heirs in the annualrent after-mentioned, and that an instrument (dated at Edinburgh 15th October 1547) taken thereupon in the hands of the late Robert Dewar, notary public, was, owing to the sudden death of the notary, left in an unfinished state. Further, narrating that, as he was then willing to implement the said contract, he nominated and constituted procurators (*names blank*) to compear in presence of the provost or any of the bailies of the burgh of Hadingtoun for the purpose of resigning into their hands an annualrent of 13s. 2d. Scots furth of the tenement of the late James Howesoun and James Davidsoun, formerly the property of the late William Dowglas and Friar John Thomsoun, lying on the west side of the Hardgait of the burgh of Hadingtoun, between the tenement of land of the late Robert Nory on the north, and the tenement of land of the late Walter Thomsoun on the south, in favour of the said William Ogill, whom he constituted his cessioner and assignee in and to all annualrents yet unpaid, with power to poind therefor, etc. Done on 17th June 1566 in the forestair of the chancery office in Edinburgh. Witnesses, John Stanehope of Stanehop-myllis, Robert Borthuik, writer, Robert Tulloch, John Stalker, and Henry Quhite, 124.
282. Instrument (*unfinished*) narrating that Ostage (Eustace) Hair, son of umquhile Ostage (Eustace) Hair, sometime dwelling in Knokinhair, compeared in presence of the notary and, uncompeled and of his own free will, in consideration of certain sums of money, etc., constituted and ordained his sister's son, Edward Crechtoun, son of umquhile William Creichtoun of Brigend, his cessioner and assignee in and to (a) his right, title, and interest in the two merkland in Knokinhair and the one merkland in Coggisheid, which pertained to his father in "kyndlie stedingis," lying in the barony of Sanquhair and sherifffdom of Dumfreis; (b) all manner of moveable goods and gear, cattle, tacks, etc., pertaining to him either in his own right or through the decease of his father; and (c) all moveable and immoveable goods and gear, which should fall to him through the decease of Robert Hair and Patrick Hair, his brothers, without heirs of their bodies; with power to intromit therewith, etc. Dated 2nd November 1567, 125.
283. Instrument narrating that Thomas Vernour of Auchindynny, uncompeled and of his own free will, compeared in presence of the notary and, with consent of Agnes Gledstanis, his spouse, gave sasine *propriis manibus* of his lands of Auchindynny, lying in the barony of Prestoun and sherifffdom of Edinburgh, to John Vernour, his son and apparent heir, under reservation of their liferent therein. Done on 8th August 1569 within the tower of said lands. Witnesses, Mr. John Gledstanis, licentiate in laws, John Gledstanis, brother-german of George Gledstanis of Arthurscheill, Adam Broun, son and successor of the late Thomas Broun of Drumalbane, and Alexander Falcoun, servitor of the said Thomas Vernour, 126.

284. Instrument narrating that Patrik Hammiltoun, son of James Hammiltoun of Kincavill, superior of the lands after-mentioned, passed to the personal presence of his father and there overgave and purely and simply resigned by staff and baton four oxengang of land of the Mains of Kincavill (occupied by Thomas Borthuik and James Borthuik, his son), lying in the town and territory of Kincavill and sherifffdom of Lynlithquhow, in favour of Alisoun Blair. John Ros in Tortraven, brother of Lord Ros, Halket, and Mauile [Malville?] asked instruments on behalf of the said Alisoun. Done on 10th December 1569 in the chamber of the said James Hammiltoun within the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, the said John Ros, John Hammiltoun and Alexander Hammiltoun, sons of the Laird of Kincavill, and William Archibald, servitor of Lord Ros, 127.
285. Instrument narrating that Alexander Strabrok, dwelling at the foot of Forester's Wynd in the burgh of Edinburgh, compeared in presence of the notary and, on behalf of Dame Jane Hepburn, Mistress of Caithnes, and Johnne Sinclair, Master of Caithnes, her spouse, for his interest, consigned in the hands of Johnne Weir (?), pewterer, burgess of Edinburgh, "ane leddir poik" containing the sum of £38 : 18s. Scots for payment of the feu-mall and teinds of the lands of Northfeild, lying in the lordship of Coldinghame, for the terms of Whitsunday and Martinmas 1568 and Whitsunday 1569. The said Johnne received said sum, which was to be made forthcoming to the commendator of Coldinghame or any others having interest. Done on 28th May 1569 on the "kingis hiegait" of Edinburgh. Witnesses, William Aitkin of Dowell, burgess of Edinburgh, Quintyne Weir, pewterer, indweller in Edinburgh, and Andro Inglis, indweller in Edinburgh, 127.
286. Instrument narrating that William Cwnynghame, son of umquhile Robert Cwnynghame of Montgrenane, compeared in presence of the notary and subscribed a Letter of Obligation (dated at Edinburgh 12th April 1569) whereby, on the narrative that his cousin, Andro Cwnynghame of the Sydeheid, had relieved him out of ward by becoming principal debtor in his place for payment of the sum of £60 to Gilbert M'Quhirrich, burgess of Edinburgh, at whose instance he was imprisoned,—he bound and obliged himself to refund the said sum to the said Andro Cwnynghame, and in security thereof assigned to him (a) the pension which he had from the Kirk of Monyboill [(?) Maybole] (of which the Laird of Bargany was tacksman) and the Kirk of Logy, and all other tacks, heritages, and pensions, and (b) the annualrent which he had out of the lands of Montgrenane; with power to intromit therewith till the foresaid sum was paid. After subscribing the said letter he granted that he did so uncompelled and of his own free will, and that he had granted no other assignations of the foresaid fruits and pensions for the years 1567, 1568, 1569, etc. Done, on 12th April 1569, in the chamber of the said Andro on the south side of the King's High Street of Edinburgh. Witnesses to the Letter of Obligation and Instrument, James Cwnynghame of Lesmahago, Hew Wallace, burgess of Air, William Stewart, prebendary of Kilmawris, Johne Quhitefurd, and Mr. Gilbert Grote, notary public, 128.
287. Instrument narrating that Alexander Thomsoun, cutler, deacon of the Hammermen of Edinburgh, and certain other masters and brethren of the craft, convened together within the yard of Magdalene Chapel, presented to the notary, in order to be read to those present, the Decreet Arbitral aftermentioned, which the notary received and read word by word in presence of the greater part of the brethren of the locksmith and blacksmith crafts; and that thereafter William Liddell, one of the brethren of the blacksmith craft, asked instruments and required the notary to insert the said Decreet Arbitral in his protocol book in the form of this

instrument. The Decreet Arbitral is in the following terms :—Decreet Arbitral (dated at Edinburgh 19th August 1568) pronounced by the said Alexander Thomsoun, and Williame Raa, Johnne Robesoun, Henry Sym, Johnne Wilsoun, George Smytht, Charlis Dischingtoun, William Harlaw, James Zoung, Thomas Bonkle, Andro Pumfray, Robert Abercumby, Johnne Johnnestoun, younger, Cudbert Burrell, Johnne Windyzettis, Thomas Myllare, Michell Purwes, Johnne Weir, Johnne Annand, George Thomsoun, Alexander Weland, Andro Huchesoun, Johnne Richertsoun, Thomas Wedderspune, Eduard Haire, David Kello, Johnne Johnnstoun, elder, Andro Abernethy, George Hislop, James Mure, George Broun, and James Softlaw, masters of the Hammermen craft, arbiters chosen by William Liddell, Johnne Watsoun, Johnne Gylcrist, Mathew S(y)m?, William Smytht, Robert Ahannay, Thomas Purwes, Robert Forsythe, Thomas Lychtharnes, and the rest of the brethren of the blacksmith craft, on the one part, and Mungo Huntare, David Duncane, Adam Hamiltoun, Pat[rick] . . . dersoun, Adame Martene, James Robesoun, Andro Gottersoun, Johnne Hoppar, Johnne Holdane, and the rest of the brethren of the locksmith craft, on the other part, conform to Submission (dated at the Magdalene Chapel 3rd August 1568) entered into between them for settling the dispute which had arisen regarding the performance of work by the one craft which rightly pertained to the other. They decerned (1) that no member of the locksmith craft within the burgh of Edinburgh should make, buy, sell, or mend for any person “cruikis, bandis to durris or windois of blak werk, chymnais, glas, bandis, plane-schouris to windois, irne cutting or bowing, spaid or schule irnis, fyre tangis, schoing of . . . hors, schone or naillis thairto, pykis, mattokis, bandis to caldrounis, bowling to panis or pattis, speitis, ladillis, sloittis, stapillis, and naillis of all sortis blak wark, jack plaittis, fetteris, querrell mellis, vedgeis, cheinzeis, bandis to bukkatis, irne bandis to fetterlokis and peckis and ba . . . and hinging of burnrowbouris or ony vther wark, pertening to the blaksmythtis quhatsumeuer”; (2) that no blacksmith in Edinburgh was to buy or sell to any person any “lokis or keyis, or to exerce or have [in tyme] cuming ony lok smytht wark, or ony vther fylit werk in hous or buithis to sell, or to [have] viceis or fylis to sell (except to serue the fetter locke)”; and (3) that it should be “lesum to ather of the saidis craftis loksmythtis alanerlie (*sic*) to wirk conjunctlie thir wirkis vnderwrittin, viz., to wirk the kingis werk or warkis pertening to the commoun mylnis of this burght, gemma bandis, plett wark, irne zettis, and cruikis to the saidis zettis to hing on, and to mend or (mak?) hag-buttis, dagis, culweringis, and edge lwmes quhilkis thai can mak witht thair awin handis.” Done on 26th April, 1569 in the yard of Magdalene Chapel. Witnesses to the Decreet Arbitral, Alexander Merschell, Johnne M'Calzeane, George Huntar, Quintyne Weir, and Adame Gibsoun. Witnesses to the Instrument, Symone Johnistoun and Adam Gibsoun, writers, and John Caderwod, 129.

288. Memorandum narrating that Mongo Huntar, Adame Hamiltoun, and David Duncane, locksmiths, for themselves and the rest of the brethren who “will assist witht thame” compeared and alleged that they were hurt by the granting of the above decret arbitral. They, therefore, dissented therefrom and appealed to the provost and bailies of Edinburgh. Same place and date as above. Witnesses, Symon Johnnestoun, notary public, Adame Gibsoun, writer, and George Thomsoun, lorimer, 129.
289. Instrument of Sasine following on and narrating a precept of sasine in a charter of feu-farm (dated at Restalrig 12th October 1570) granted by Mr. James Lawder, dean of Restalrig, and the prebendaries of the college of Restalrig in favour of William Lawder, elder, brother of the dean, of the great mansion of the dean and the house of the prebendaries (occupied by them and Adam Logan) with the lands, houses, closes, yards, and orchards adjacent thereto, pertaining to the dean by reason of



his deanery, and with all houses, yards, orchards, lands, meadows, and closes pertaining to the prebendaries, all lying in the territory of Restalrig, near the church thereof, within the sheriffdom of Edinburgh. Sasine given by George Mak, bailie, to Christopher Knowis of that ilk, attorney of the said William Lawder, elder, conform to letters of attorney issued from Chancery in his favour. The charter was produced to the Lords Commissioners at Edinburgh on 20th October 1570 and a docquet to that effect, signed "Hewat," endorsed thereon. (*Cf. Reg. Mag. Sig. iv. 1934., Nos. 2197 and 2199, MSS. Calendar of Charters, H.M. General Register House, and No. 305, infra.*) Done on 22nd October 1570 on the ground of the above subjects. Witnesses to the charter, the said Christopher Knowis and George Mak, and John Levenax. Witnesses to the sasine, George Allane, indweller in Restalrig, and Walter Moresoun, servitor of Alexander Knowis of Slowe, 130.

290. Instrument narrating that George Hwme, son and heir of umquhile George Hwme, Laird of Broxmouth, compeared in presence of the notary and, in virtue of a reversion, dated at Edinburgh 24th April 1551, caused the sum of £60 Scots to be counted and delivered to (a) Elezabeth Cranstoun, relict of umquhile George Gibsoun, burgess of Edinburgh, (b) Margaret Gibsone, their daughter, one of the two heirs of the said umquhile George, and James Adamesoun, burgess of Edinburgh, her spouse, for his interest, and (c) Williame Fischear, burgess of Edinburgh, on behalf of Jonet Gibsoun, his mother, the other daughter and one of the two heirs of the said umquhile George, who was absent, for redemption of 4 acres of the said umquhile George's lands of Broxmouth, lying in the barony of Tvnyghame, regality of St. Androis, constabulary of Hadingtoun, and sheriffdom of Edinburgh, formerly conveyed to Johne Maslet, burgess of Dunbar, and after redemption to the foresaid George Gibsoun and spouse. The said parties granted the 4 acres to be lawfully redeemed and the reversion fulfilled in all points. (*Cf. No. 302, infra.*) Done, on 1st April 1571, in the dwelling-house of the said Elezabeth Cranstoun on the east side of the Blak Freir Wynd (of Edinburgh). Witnesses, John Hwme and Williame Trottar, servants of the said George Hwme, and Edward Mauchane, burgess of Edinburgh, 131.
291. Memorandum narrating that the foresaid George Hwme had become debtor to the above-mentioned Elezabeth Cranstoun, Margaret Gibsone and spouse, and Jonet Gibsoun, for payment of 6 bolls bear due to them by Williame Maslet, occupier of the said 4 acres, for the crop of the year 1570, in case it was not paid before Whitsunday following. Same date, place, and witnesses as above, 131.
292. Instrument narrating that John Towris of Innerleith, uncompelled and of his own free will, passed to the lands after-mentioned, and there *propriis manibus* gave sasine to William Aitkin of Dowell of an annualrent of 50 merks Scots furth of his mains and lands of Innerleith in the sheriffdom of Edinburgh. (*Cf. Nos. 297, 299, 311 and 312, infra.*) Done on 13th June 1571 on the ground of said lands. Witnesses, John Mathesoun, portioner of Brochtoun, Thomas Kincaid, Robert Wardlaw, Gavin Scot, servitor of the said John Towris, and Michael Merschele, indweller in Edinburgh, 130 and 131.
293. Memorandum narrating that Williame Ramsay, son of George Ramsay, Laird of Dalhoussy, passed to the personal presence of Patrik Gray, messenger, and made faith before the notary and witnesses that the two horses (one gray and one black) pointed by the messenger, at the instance of Alexander Stewart, captain of Blakness, furth of the ground of the Eist Mains of Dalhoussy, pertained to him at the time of the pointing, together with the whole corn, goods, and gear on said ground; and desired that the said two horses should be restored to him. Done on

- 29th July 1570 in St. Marie's Wynd in Edinburgh. Witnesses, Thomas Ramsay and Gawin Ramsay, messengers, Dioneis Pentland, and Andro Auchmowty, 132.
294. Note (*undated*) to the effect that Johnne Neilsoun in the Plewlandis, "fermore" to the Laird of Braid, obliged himself to pay to Agnes Johnestoun, his wife, the sum of £20 to be "wareit" on the marriage of Gelis Cochrane, her daughter. (*Cf.* No. 296, *infra.*) Andro Aytkin, mason, [witness ?] 132.
295. Instrument narrating that Johnne Neilsoun, younger, "fermar" to the Laird of Braid, and Agnes Johnnsoun, his wife, dwelling in the Plewlandis, compeared in presence of the notary, when the said Agnes, uncompelled and of her own free will, gave to her husband "ane zokit plewcht witht iij oxin and twa horssis to be vsit be him at his plesour in tyme cuming." Done, on 2nd July 1571, in the dwelling-house of Johnne Hornar, skinner, in the Meill Mercat on the south side of the King's High Street of Edinburgh. Witnesses, the said Johnne Hornar, . . . father of the said Johnne Neilsoun, yr., Johnne Donaldsoun, cordiner, Williame Scott, and Andro Aitkin, mason, 132.
296. Memorandum narrating that the above-mentioned Johnne Neilsoun, younger, and Agnes Johnnsoun, his wife, compeared in presence of the notary, when the said Johnne, uncompelled and of his own free will, obliged himself (*a*) to pay to the said Agnes the sum of £20 Scots to be "warit" on the marriage of Gelis Cochrane, her daughter; and (*b*) to buy and deliver to her "twa stanis of woll, fre to hir and his awin cleithing as efferis." (*Cf.* No. 294, *supra.*) Same date, place, and witnesses as in preceding instrument, 132.
297. Memorandum narrating that the Laird of Innerleith gave sasine with his own hands to Williame Aikkin, burgess of Edinburgh, personally present, but under protestation that if they could not agree regarding the receipt of the money the sasine should be of no avail. (*Cf.* Nos. 292, *supra*, and 299, 311 and 312, *infra.*) Done on 13th June 1571 at Innerleith. Witnesses, Thomas Kincaid, Gawin Scott, John Dogoch, Andro Touris, and Michael Merschell, 133.
298. Memorandum narrating that Johnne Bell declared (1) that he had lawfully warned Johnne Fokart, walker, before the term of Whitsunday last, to flit and remove himself, his wife, bairns, servants, goods, and gear from his (Bell's) walkmiln and to leave it and the house and lands pertaining thereto void and redd at the said term, or else to take a new tack thereof; and (2) that the said Johnne Fokart, who admitted the warning, had done neither of these things. He, therefore, protested that Fokart violently occupied and withheld the said walkmiln, house, and lands, and that he should be pursued therefor and compelled to pay a sufficient sum for "werking of the werk ellis done sen the said feist as efferis." Done, on 14th June 1571, at Bellis-mylne "fornent" the said walker's dwelling-house beside the walkmiln. Witnesses, . . . Ross, burgess of Linlithquhow, . . . millers of the said Johnne Bell's corn-mill, and Michael Merschell, 133.
299. Instrument in same terms as No. 292, *supra.* (*Cf.* Nos. 297, *supra*, and 311 and 312, *infra*), 133.
300. Instrument narrating that James Robesoun, servant to Dame Alisoun Hwme, Lady Rosling, relict of umquhile Sir Williame Sinclair of Rosling, knight, compeared in presence of the notary and declared that her ladyship's cattle, goods, and gear had been arrested at the instance of

Sir Williame Sinclair of Rosling, knight, for non-payment to him of her third share of the byrun annualrents aftermentioned ; and that he thereafter passed to the personal presence of Johnne Dowgall, burgess of Edinburgh, who was infest in an annualrent of Scots furth of the lands of Harbartschire, lying in the barony of Harbartschire and sheriffdom of Striuling, from which her ladyship had her terce, and, having shewed that her cattle, goods, and gear had been arrested as above-mentioned, declared that she was ready to pay to him her share of the said byrun annualrents, as she formerly did, and offered the sum of 10 merks, being one-third of the sum of £20 due to him, in complete payment thereof in order that the said arrestment might be loosed. The said Johnne Dowgall declared he "wald nocht have ado witht the said lady thairanent bot onelie witht the said lard, and that in respect he is addetit for payment to the said Johnne Dowgall as he allegeit of the haill annuellis forsaidis." Done on 30th August 1570 on the King's High Street of Edinburgh before the door of the said Johnne Dowgall's merchant booth. Witnesses, Nicholl Scot, burgess of Edinburgh, and Patrik Runseman, messenger, 133.

301. Memorandum in the following terms :—"Vpoun the vi day, summond W. Fischear at [his] duelling place in Edinburgh and affix ane copy vpoun his Mrs [Maisteris?] hous dur. Witnessis, Richert Ramsay, sone to the said Cuthbert, Johne Cuik, serwand to Williame Brisoun, maser. This samin day, charget Johnne Syme personalie and ane copy ; Johnne Adamsoun personalie and ane copy ; Mongo Fairlie personalie ; Johne Achesoun at his dwelling house. Witenes, Alexander Bus, James Kincaid, and Robyne Craig," 134.
302. Instrument in same terms as No. 290, *supra*, 134.
303. Contract of Marriage between Williame Diksone in Creichtoun, on the one part, and Patrik Cobburne, tailor, dwelling there, on the other part, whereby it was agreed (1) that the said Patrik should marry Agnes Diksone, daughter of the said Williame, at Martinmas following ; and (2) that the said Williame should pay to the said Patrik the sum of 20 merks Scots as tocher within a year and day after the marriage. Dated at Edinburgh 24th October 1570. Witnesses, Walter Browne, tailor and burgess of Edinburgh, James Craufurd, servant to Lady Chreichtoun, and James Smytht, younger, 135.
304. Instrument narrating that Johnne Law, dwelling at the Brig of Lyne, compeared in presence of the notary and, uncompelled and of his own free will, renounced the tack granted to him by Dame Jane Cokburne, Lady Haltoun, during the absence in France of Sir Williame Lawder of Haltoun, knight, her spouse, of the lands of Over Kidistoun in the parish of St. Androis and sheriffdom of Peblis, in favour of the said Sir Williame, who was to give him "the half corne sawing witht the half sowmes that he had of before quhill the feist of Witsonday nixt tocum alanerlie," and to "tak na maill . . . at the said feist" provided the lands were left void and redd and he removed without any process of law. Alexander Lawder, "fader bruther" of the said Sir Williame Lawder, asked instruments. Done, on 6th December 1569, in the notary's writing-booth on the north side of the King's High Street of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Robert Wardlaw in the Coittis, Alexander Lawder in Hefpele [Hethpele?], and Thomas Lawder in Wolmerstoun, 135.
305. Instrument of Sasine (*deleted*) in the same terms as No. 289, *supra*. The following prebendaries of Restalrig are mentioned in this copy as having signed the charter, viz. :—Williame Barbour, Sir John Nasmith, and Lancelot Gibsoun, sacristan, 136.



306. Copy of a Letter (*the names of the correspondents are not given*) narrating that the writer understood that William Tennent, brother of Agnes Tennent, his wife, had written sundry writings and sent diverse "taikinis" to them within the previous six years which they had not received; that last summer they wrote their correspondent with a letter for the said William Tennent, and sent it with Gorge Richtersone, elder, sometime monk of the abbey of Newbottill, who had lately returned to Scotland but had brought no answer to their letters; and that, on account of the said Gorge Richtersone having declared that he delivered the letters to their said correspondent or to James Brysoun and had brought no answer, they suspected he had spoken with the said William Tennent and concealed writings and "taikins" received from him. He, therefore, prayed his correspondent (a) to "speir and get wycht" if the said Gorge Richtersone or any other person received any writings or "taikins" from the said William Tennent for them and what the "taikins" were, and advised him to apply for information to James Brysoun, if he was in Handwarp or near there, and (b) to send any such writings and "taikins" by Mongo Loch,<sup>1</sup> burgess of Edinburgh. He asked to be commended to Mr. David Robertsone and also to Mr. William Hendirsone for whom he enclosed a "bill," and concluded by praying his correspondent to "aduerteis of the manner of religioun witht zow for we ar hevelie trublit." Dated at Edinburgh 4th November, 137.
307. Testimonial by Johnne Patersoun, Snawdoun Herald, testifying (a) that an action was moved before the Lords of Council between umquhile William Craik, sometime provost and burgess of Edinburgh, and the bailies, council, and community thereof for the time against Johnne Achesoun of the Mylnhavin, called Gilbertis Drawcht, beside Prestounpannis, and Jonete Hereot, his spouse, regarding an alleged wrong done by the said Jonete to the said William Craik in the lifetime of Marie, Queen Regent of Scotland; and (b) that, in the month of June 1557, he passed at her grace's cominand to Mylnhavin and there, in the said Jonete's dwelling-house, saw her receive the sum of £7 : 12s. Scots from the said William Craik for the great customs of certain fish pertaining to him, and 48 shillings for the small customs of 12 lasts of fish. Dated at the Cannogait 17th September 1571. Witnesses, Johnne Fyndlay, indweller in the Cannogait, Andro Ros, cutler and indweller there, and Mr. Gilbert Grote, notary public, 137.
308. Memorandum narrating that Fynlaw Mansoun in Muray protested, on the ground that he had only received three charges in virtue of the King's letters in four forms raised against him, that whatsoever process of horning, etc. should thereafter be raised should be of no avail. Dated 1st February 1570. Witnesses, William Purves, macer, Laurence Logane, and Johnne Caldorwod, younger, 137.
309. Instrument narrating that Robert Gray, elde[st] lawful son of umquhile Johnne Gray, glasinwricht, citizen of St. Androis, compeared in presence of the notary and, uncompelled and of his own free will, renounced in favour of Alane Gray, his brother-german, all right, title, and interest which he had or might have in time coming in and to any lands and houses within the city of St. Androis, and specially to the land and houses lying in St. Leonard's Wynd in the said city. Further, he nominated and appointed Oliver Robertsoun and Stevin Loch as his procurators for compearing in presence of the provost and bailies of St. Androis and presenting to them brieves from Chancery, directed to them for serving and retouring him as nearest and lawful heir to his father in all his lands and heritages, and, after he was entered and seised therein, resigning the same into the hands of one of the bailies of St. Androis in favour of his said brother. Done, on 3rd July 1570, in the dwelling-

<sup>1</sup> The name of Patrik Thomesoun is deleted and Loch's written on the margin.

house of Beatrix Scheves, relict of Mr. Johnne Robertsoun, advocate, on the south side of the High Street of Edinburgh. Witnesses, David Wemis, glasinwricht, burgess of Edinburgh, and Johnne Legat and Archibald Schankis, indwellers in Edinburgh, 138.

310. Memorandum narrating that the foresaid Alane Gray, in consideration of the granting of the preceding Instrument, promised to be a "kindlie bruther" to the said Robert Gray in all time coming, and specially to support and help him in his "mister and extreme nessissitie and aduercite," at the sight of the above procurators, should he happen to be in such distress that he "want and inlaik his neidfull leving and sustentation." Same date, place, and witnesses as above, 139.
311. Instrument narrating that Agnes Hepburn, spouse of John Towris of Innerleith, compeared in presence of the notary and, outwith the presence of her husband, swore that, uncompelled and of her own free will, she had consented to the infestment of Williame Aytkin of Dowell in (1) an annualrent of 50 merks Scots, (2) an annualrent of 20 merks Scots, (3) an annualrent of 40 merks Scots, and (4) an annualrent of 30 merks Scots furth of the lands, mains, and mansion of Innerleith in the sheriffdom of Edinburgh. (Cf. Nos. 292, 297, 299, and 312.) Done on 2nd October 1572 on the ground of the above subjects. Witnesses, George Towris, Laird of Birsto, Gawin Scot, son of umquhile Alexander Scot, Archibald Zoung and James Murray, servants to the said John Towris, and George Zoung, 139.
312. Instrument narrating that John Towris of Innerleith, uncompelled and of his own free will, with consent of Agnes Hepburn, his spouse, gave sasine *propriis manibus* to William Aytkin of Dowell of the above annualrent of 30 merks Scots (No. 4); and that afterwards the said Agnes Hepburn, outwith his presence, declared that she was neither compelled nor coacted to give such consent. Done on 2nd October 1572 within the enclosure (clausuram) of the house of Innerleith. Witnesses same as in preceding Instrument, 139.
313. Instrument of Sasine following on and narrating a precept of sasine in a charter (dated at Bernebowgall 5th September 1570) granted by John Mowbray of Bernbowgall, baron of the barony of Dunmany, with consent of Elizabeth Kirkcaldy,<sup>1</sup> his spouse, conjunct fiar of the lands underwritten, in favour of John Bertane, in liferent, and William Bertane, his son, in fee, of "the passage of the cobill" on the Water of Almond near Crawmond, and two acres, "cum maiore," ["*with the mair or overplus*"] of land lying in Dowis-hawich and Kayis-hill, with the houses and yards, which the said John Bertane had in assedation from the said John Mowbray, lying in the barony of Dunmany and sheriffdom of Linlithquhow. The precept was directed to Alexander Mowbray, James Corstoun, and James Mowbray, the latter of whom gave sasine to the said John Bertane, in liferent, and to George Neilsoun, indweller in Crawmond, attorney for the said William Bertane, in fee. Done on 11th December 1572 on the above lands, etc. Witnesses to the charter, Alexander Mowbray in Dunmany, James Corstoun in Nethir Crawmond, Robert Makcalow and James Craufurd, servitors of the said John Mowbray, John Blacater, and Paul Berclay. Witnesses to the Instrument, the said George Neilsoun, John Ahanna in Crawmond, and James Corstoun, there, 140.
314. Memorandum (*undated*) narrating that Symound Prestoun, burgess of Edinburgh, compeared in presence of the notary and gave infestment to Johne Prestoun, his son, of his tenement of land lying on the north side of the "gait forrens the Meill Mercat," and that the "infestmentis" were given to Alexander King to be kept by him on behalf of the said Johne, who

<sup>1</sup> Thomas Greg, notary public. subscribed for her.

obliged himself not to sell, dilapidate, or away-put his lands or heritages without consent of his father. Witnesses, Capitane Henrysoun, Sir James Dennestoun and Sir Robert Sinclar, notaries public, and Sanders King, 141.

315. Instrument narrating that David *alias* Andro Thomsoun, burgess of Edinburgh, dwelling under the castle wall thereof, compeared in presence of the notary and, uncompelled and of his own free will, in consideration of, *inter alia*, his "proximate of blude" to Thomas Veache, dwelling in Thankertoun within the sheriffdom of Lanark, his sister's son, constituted, nominated, and ordained him his donator, cessioner, and assignee to succeed to him, after his death and that of the heirs of his body, in (1) his land and tenement, with the houses, yard, and close in which he dwelt, lying under the said castle wall, and (2) all his debts, sums of money, goods, gear, acts, obligations, etc. (*Cf.* Nos. 325 and 340, *infra*.) Done on 9th February 1572 in the dwelling-house of Johnne Frissell, lying on the east side of the Kirk of Feild Wynd in the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, the said Johnne Frissell, Barnard Veache in Blyith, and Alexander Slewman, 142.
316. Memorandum narrating that Williame Craufurd of . . . on the narrative that he was formerly interdicted from making any alienations, acts, and contracts, openly protested that whatever acts, contracts, obligations, etc., had been entered into between him and . . . before the date hereof were null and of no avail in virtue of said interdiction. Done on 11th January 1572 in the lodging of the bishop of Orkney on the north side of the burgh of Edinburgh, 142.
317. Instrument narrating that John Aikman, indweller in Corstorphin, for himself and Jonet Lowthian, his spouse, compeared in presence of the notary and, uncompelled and of his own free will, granted (1) that they had received from Mr. Robert Wynrame in Ratho the sum of £120 Scots for redemption of an annualrent of 12 bolls wheat and 3 bolls bear furth of his fourth part of the town and lands of [Sauchtoun?] in the barony and regality of Brochtoun and sheriffdom of Edinburgh; and (2) that the said annualrent was lawfully redeemed. Done on 7th November 1560 on the High Street of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Mr. Edmond Hay, advocate, Mr. [Thomas?] Weddell, advocate, . . . Aikman, burgess of Edinburgh, and John [Bischeop?] in Ratho, 143.
318. Instrument narrating that Mr. Williame Lawder, vicar and minister of Fetlare in Schetland and chamberlain within the bounds of Zetland to Adam, bishop of Orkney, commendator of Halierudhous, compeared in presence of the notary and, having declared that he was warded by the bishop within his dwelling-place of the abbey from Sunday 9th October to the date hereof, revoked (a) the compts (dated 14th October 1569) subscribed by him in favour of the bishop for his duties of Zetland for the years 1564, 1565, 1566, and for his duties of the parishes of Zell and Fetlare for the year 1567, and (b) an obligation, subscribed by him in favour of the bishop, for 306½ "angell nobillis" and 21 "zoppindalis" (heifers), dated and registered in the court books of the bailiary of the regality of Brochtoun, within the freedom of the Cannogait, 15th October 1569. Further, narrating that he did so for, *inter alia*, the following reasons, viz.—(1) On his first coming to the bishop (*i.e.*, on 9th October) he testified by honest and famous men that "my Lord Robert, be vertw of contractis betuix him and the said reverend fader, wes obligat to present the said Maister William to him, certifiand the said Maister Williame and the remanent that come witht him that he wald nocht tollerat nor permit the said Maister Williame to cum owt of Orkney vnto Allhallowmes nixt to cum witht Maister James Annane and Mr. Gilbert Fulsy, superintendis of Orkney and Zetland, nochtwithstanding the quhilk purpose the said Lord



Robert compellit the said Maister Williame to pas sa suddanlie and haistelie to the schip, that he nicht nocht (get nowther?) his writtingis nor zit his clathis to bring witht him thairon utherwayis nor he come hcer at that present tyme." He, therefore, offered to find surety to the bishop that he would bring his compt books and writs of defeasance for the foresaid years, and, on a just count and reckoning being made, either find caution for any balance due "or ellis his body and gudis to be comprisit and pvnist thairfore conforme to iustice"; which offer the bishop refused and locked him "in ane cauld fast hous withtin his said place quhair was na fyre nor eismnt, etc., and suerit be his gret aith that the said Maister Williame suld nocht be thollit to cum owt of the said place wnto he maid compt and rekyning of the forsaidis zeris dewiteis." (2) He then offered to frame accounts, "eftir his remembrance," under protestation that as his papers were absent he should have "place" at the production thereof, but the bishop would neither admit his protest, nor "sic ane rentale as wes vse and wont to the bisheopis chalmerlanis withtin Zetland afoir, his tyme," nor that he got payment through James Hay, his servitor, for the crop of 1567, nor that Lord Robert got payment for the crop of 1568. (3) The bishop refused to make any allowance to him for the following items, viz. :—(a) "ony restis in the commonis handis," (b) certain butter and hard fish delivered to the bishop himself, (c) six barrels or thereby of "vlie" delivered to Johnne Hammiltoun, burgess of Edinburgh, and (d) his expenses in collecting the duties and coming south on 9th October 1566 and remaining till May following, in order to render his accounts for the years 1564 and 1565. (4) The bishop and the said James Hay framed an account on the assumption that he had got complete payment of all the duties, without making allowance for the preceding deductions and payments made for 1565 and 1566, and bringing out a balance due to them of 294 "angell nobillis." (5) Notwithstanding the assedation by the bishop to him of the teinds and kirklands of the parishes of Zell and Fetlare, at a yearly rental of 8½ barrels butter and 10½ barrels "vlie," he charged him for the years 1564 to 1567 with 3 barrels butter and 21 "zoppindalis" more than was specified in the assedation, thus bringing out a balance due equal to the sum contained in the obligation. (6) The bishop caused him to copy out and subscribe the foresaid accounts and obligation, under the pain of perpetual warding, and thereafter to compear before the baillie of the regality of Brochtoun and consent to the registration thereof in his books; which he did only through compulsion and fear of perpetual ward, and "wanting of fire and gret cauld," and also because the bishop had formerly detained him from Martinmas 1566 to Beltane 1567, whereby he was damaged to the extent of £100. He, therefore, appealed to the Lords of Council, before whom he was prepared to make just compt, reckoning, and payment of any balance due, and protested for remeid of law, etc. Done on 17th October 1569 in the notary's writing-booth in Edinburgh. Witnesses, Captain Hew Lawder, Alexander Thomsoun, burgess of Edinburgh, Andro . . . and . . . Borthuik, servant to William Ogill, clerk of chancery,

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319. Instrument narrating that Patrik Thomsoun in Dundee, skipper and one of the owners of a ship called the "Marie Blith," George Cokburne, burgess of Dundee, the other owner thereof, and Robert Lard, "marinall," compeared in presence of the notary and, of their own free will, declared, in answer to Gilbert Balfour of Westray in Orkney, (1) that they loaded the said ship at the port of pier of Waw in Westray, in the month of February last, with bear which they received from the tenants of the said Gilbert's lands and Ile of Westray and Pawpay Westray, and that they knew it pertained to the said Gilbert; (2) that Lord Robert Stewart compelled them against their will "to tak in thair said lading of beire at his command" and pass therewith to Flanders, and expressly forbade them to come with their said ship within the Firth of Forth; and (3) that another

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ship or "craer" called the "Stilbert" (Robert Trowpe, skipper,) was in like manner loaded with bear from the said Gilbert's tenants of Westray, that they were to have past together to Flanders had their ship not been sunk in the sea by force of evil weather, and that they believed the other ship lay at that time in the port of Moutro. Done on 13th April 1573 in the dwelling-house of Andro Watsoun in the Bryntiland. Witnesses, Archibald Mowat, Cuthbert Richertsoun, messenger, James Beynstoun, and George Mekle, 146.

320. Contract of Marriage between Williame Edzair, burgess of Drumfreis, on the one part, and Katherine Clerk, lawful daughter of umquhile Michael Clerk, burgess of Edinburgh, with consent of Johnne Purves and Thomas Amulagane, burgesses of Edinburgh, her curators, for their interest, on the other part, whereby it was agreed that the said Williame and Katherine should marry before the feast of St. Michael following, and that her curators should pay to him the sum of 300 merks Scots in name of tocher, and £6 Scots on the completion of the marriage. The expense of the bridal banquet and of clothing the said Katherine was to be borne equally between her curators and the said Williame, the latter also consenting to infest himself and spouse and the longer liver of them and their lawful heirs in any lands, annualrents, or other possessions he should happen to conquest during his lifetime. Dated at Edinburgh 8th May 1573. Witnesses, Robert Smart and Johnne Murray, burgesses of Edinburgh, and Mr. Gilbert Grote, notary public, 147.
321. Instrument narrating that the above-mentioned Williame Edzair appeared in presence of the notary and, uncompelled and of his own free will, nominated and constituted the foresaid Johnne Purves and Thomas Amulagane his procurators for pursuing, as curators of the said Katherine Clerk, all her debtors, with power to intromit with any sums so recovered for their own use and behoof, etc. [*Cf.* No. 323, *infra*.] Done on 8th May 1573 in the dwelling-house of the said Thomas Amulagane in Edinburgh. Witnesses, Johnne Murray and Robert Smart, burgesses of Edinburgh, 147.
322. Instrument narrating Deed of Acknowledgment (dated 9th May 1573) granted by Issobell Wod, George Mowtray of Seyfeild, her spouse, Alexander Strang, son and heir of umquhile Andro Strang, and Mr. Richert Strang, [advocate], his curator, whereby they acknowledged that Gilbert Balfour of Westray had made lawful premonition and warning to them, for receiving the sum of 200 merks Scots for redemption of an annualrent of 12 bolls bear with the "cherite" disposed by James Beynstoun of Lamelathen to the foresaid Andro Strang and Issobell Wod, in conjunct fee, furth of his lands of Lamelathen in the sheriffdom of Fyfe. The said George Mowtray (1) acknowledged receipt of the said sum and, with the said Alexander Strang and Mr. Richert Strang, renounced and overgave the annualrent in favour of the said Gilbert Balfour (who had then right to the reversion granted for redemption thereof) and spouse and Archibald Balfour, their son and heir; and (2) granted a writing for securing the said 200 merks to the said Alexander Strang after the decease of the said Issobell Wod, his mother. Alexander King was appointed procurator for registration in the books of council. Done on 11th May 1573 in the dwelling-place of the said George Mowtray at Seyfeild. Witnesses to the Deed of Acknowledgment, Alexander Hammiltoun, Williame Murray, Johnne Govane, Mr. Stevyn Wylsoun, and David Leslie. Witnesses to the Instrument, the said Mr. Stevyn Wylsoun and David Leslie, 148.
323. Memorandum in same terms as No. 321, *supra*, 148.
324. Instrument narrating that Mr. George Sinclair, procurator for Sir Williame Sinclair of Hirdmestoun, knight, (conform to letters of procuratory in



his favour, dated at Hirdmestoun 8th May 1573), compeared in presence of the notary in the dwelling-house of Henry Sinclair, writer, and there "comptit, nowmerit, tauld, and deliuerit vpoun the burd" to Robert Smytht, burress of Edinburgh, the sum of 400 merks Scots for redemption of an annualrent of 40 merks furth of the mains and barony of Hirdmestoun, redeemable under reversion dated at Edinburgh 23rd November 1569; and that the said Robert Smytht granted that the said annualrent was lawfully redeemed, and that the receipt of the money in the foresaid dwelling-house was as valid as if it had been received in the College Kirk of St. Giles as specified in the reversion. Done on 9th May 1573 in the dwelling-house of the said Henry Sinclair within the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Alexander Durehame, argentar, Williame Kemp, parson of Balmaclellane, Richert Spens, "fermorare" of the Mains of Hirdmestoun, George Smytht, his servant, and the said Henry Sinclair, 149.

325. Note to the effect that Andro Thomson in the event of his decease made Thomas Veche and his heirs his assignees to 200 merks due by Thomas Lowry. (Cf. Nos. 315, *supra*, and 340, *infra*). Dated 1 June 1573, 149.
326. Instrument narrating that Mr. George Sinclair, procurator for Sir Williame Sinclair of Hirdmestoun, knight, compeared in presence of the notary, within the College Kirk of St. Giles, and there delivered to Walter Henrysoun, servitor to Mr. Edward Henrysoun, advocate, and procurator for Sir Robert Lawder of Pople, knight, (conform to letters of procuratory in his favour, dated at Edinburgh 7th May 1573), the sum of £100 Scots for redemption from Sir Robert, as heir of umquhile Mr. Johnne Sinclair, dean of Restalrig, of an annualrent of £10 furth of the lands of Myltoun, with the miln thereof, lying in the constabulary of Hadington and sheriffdom of Edinburgh, disposed by the late Johnne Sinclair of Hirdmestoun, father of Sir Williame, to the dean, but redeemable under reversion (dated at Edinburgh 5th April 1557) granted by him. Further, narrating that the said Walter granted that the annualrent had been lawfully redeemed, but under protestation that the redemption should not prejudice Sir Robert's claim to the sum of £5, being the amount of the annualrent due at the term of Martinmas last. Done on 9th May 1573 in the said church of St. Giles. Witness, Johnne [Baytht?], 150.
327. Instrument narrating that Thomas Cant of Sanctgelygrange passed to the personal presence of James Cant, his third son, and desired him to renounce and overgive in his favour the lands of Harperrig in the barony of Caldor and sheriffdom of Edinburgh, in which he had infest him; and that the said James, who was twenty-two years of age or thereby and was willing to fulfil the request, renounced, overgave, and by staff and baton resigned *ad remanentiam* the foresaid lands in favour of his father and granted that they were lawfully redeemed. Done on 28th October 1573 on the lands of Sanctgeligrange, near the dwelling-house thereof. Witnesses, Alexander Wardlaw of Kilbabertoun, William Vaus, burress of Glasgw, mercer to the king, William Veche, servant of the said Thomas Cant, and Robert Craufurde of Rouchsoillis, indweller in the town of Nethir Lebertoun, 150.
328. Instrument narrating that Marioun Millare, sister-german of Elspet Millare, (her eldest sister) compeared in presence of the notary and renounced in favour of her sister a letter of tack (dated at Glasgow 30th March 1544) granted by Sir Johnne Hammiltoun and Sir Robert Blak, procurators-fiscal for the vicarage of the choir of Glasgow, in name and behalf of the vicars thereof, to umquhile Patrik Millare, burress of Glasgw, and Elizabeth Hammiltoun, his spouse, and the longer liver of them, and to Marioun Millare, their daughter, after them, of the lands called the Crubbis, which were Michell Huchesoun's lands and given to the vicars



for the causes contained in the said tack. David Huchesoun, notary public, also subscribed the tack. Done on 22 May 1573 in the dwelling-house of James Craik, messenger, on the south side of the Kowgait of Edinburgh. Witnesses, the said James Craik, Virgill Calder, wright, burress of Edinburgh, and George Liddaill, cutler, burress of Edinburgh, 151.

329. Instrument narrating that the above-mentioned Elspet Millare compeared in presence of the notary and, notwithstanding the renunciation in her favour contained in the preceding instrument, bound and obliged herself to redeliver and restore the foresaid letter of tack to her sister, Marioun, so that it might be "broukit, josit, and vsit" by her during her lifetime. They both agreed to appoint Johnne Hammiltoun, Laird of Bardowye, and Mr. Johnne Hammiltoun of Bankell as arbiters for deciding their claims to the lands contained in the said tack, and agreed to abide by their decision. Same date, place, and witnesses as above, 151.
330. Contract between Johnne Newlandis, burress of Edinburgh, on the one part, and Johnne Logy, tailor and burress of the said burgh, and Jonete Abirnethy, his spouse, on the other part, whereby the said Johnne Newlandis let to the said Johnne Logy and spouse the "foir bwth" (formerly occupied by Nowe Brwce), lying within his land and tenement at "Halkerstonis cloisheid" on the north side of the King's High Street of Edinburgh, until he paid to them the sum of 100 merks for redemption of an annualrent of 8 merks furth thereof. The rent was to be 13½ merks Scots yearly, of which they were to pay 5½ merks to the said Johnne Newlandis and retain the balance of 8 merks in payment of said annualrent. Dated at Edinburgh 28th May 1573. Witnesses, Alexander Asloane, Johnne Blak, and Johnne Broun, workmen at the Cross of Edinburgh, 151.
331. Memorandum narrating that Andro Fowlare, tailor, compeared in presence of the notary and granted that he had received from Margaret Brys (a) a charter granted by Michael Borthuik of Glengelt, (b) instrument of sasine following thereon, and (c) letter of attorney, which he bound himself to redeliver when required. Done on 4th June 1573 at Edinburgh. Witnesses, Johnne Cossar, burress of Edinburgh, and Johnne Wauch in Plesance, 152.
332. Memorandum narrating that David Hog constituted Andro Hog, his brother, his procurator and factor, for intronitting with and uplifting his share of the legacy, gear, and goods, that might fall to him through the decease of umquhile Margaret Hog, his sister,—the said Andro being bound to account to him therefor. Done on 9th June 1573 at Edinburgh. Witnesses, James Denune and Gilbert Greg, burgesses of Edinburgh, and George Sandersoun, tailor and burress of Edinburgh, 152.
333. Discharge by James Wallace, burress of Edinburgh, discharging Johnne M'Cuffyn and Robert Hall, burgesses of Kirkcudbright, of his one-third part of the goods and gear in the ship (pertaining to the three of them), which was "tint on the cost of Ingland at hallowmes four or fyve zeris syne or thairby," and binding himself not to pursue them for his said share, "thai alwayis deliuerand samekle geir and gudis as wes deliuerit in thair handis at Kirkcudbrycht to Thomas Masoun, burress of Air, and forsamekle as wes of thre thowsand irne that wes sauf of the said Thomas." Dated at Edinburgh 23rd June 1573. Witnesses, Alexander Lawder, burress of Edinburgh, Mr. Gilbert Grote, notary public, and Thomas Aikman, burress of Edinburgh, 152.
334. Letter under the Signet whereby the King and James Earl of Mortoun, Lord Dalkeith, regent of Scotland,—on the narrative that they had been informed that Mr. Thomas Flemyng, cousin and servant of umquhile

Johnne, Lord Fleymyng, was desirous to have their pardon for assistance and participation with his master during the troubles and resistance to their authority, and that he was willing to underly the laws for the murder of the King's father and the regent—granted license to him to repair to the presence of the regent, and to “hant and repair in outraill partis of oure realme quhair our authorite is recognosit and obeyt, for doing of his lefell erandis and besynes” without trouble or impediment. They also commanded their captains, judges, etc., not to stop, trouble, arrest, or search him, as he was under their protection, provided he behaved himself quietly and honestly and did not attempt anything to the hurt or prejudice of them, their realm, or lieges. Dated . . . June 1573, a.r. 6, 152.

335. Memorandum narrating that Andro Wilsoun, tailor and burges of Edinburgh, (a) made and constituted Johnne Chalmer, burges of Edinburgh, James Wilsoun, baxter and burges of Edinburgh, and Alexander Dury, son of umquhile Alexander Dury, “cyrurgie” and burges of Edinburgh, conjunctly and severally, his assignees to the redemption of all lands and annualrents pertaining to him, redeemable in virtue of the reversions made thereupon; and (b) made and constituted the said Alexander Dury his procurator for intromitting with and uplifting all his mailles, annuals, debts, and sums of money pertaining to him, and to grant discharges therefor, etc. Done at Edinburgh 2nd . . . 1573. Witnesses, Thomas Boyd and Thomas Pettegrv, baxter, servitors to the Earl of Ergile, and the notary, 152.
336. Instrument narrating that George Kincaid of Dalry-myllnis *alias* Falcounmyllis compeared in presence of the notary, on the ground of the subjects aftermentioned, and there *propriis manibus* gave sasine to William Aytken of Dowell of an annualrent of £60 Scots furth of his three Dalry-myllis, mill-lands, mansion, and yards thereof, and the thirlemultures of the lands of Dalry reckoned at the twenty-fourth grain, which mills then stood near the Water of Leith, in the lordship of Dalry, barony of Innerleith, and sherifffdom of Edinburgh; with the mill-lade, as it was of old drawn from the Water of Leith toward Sauchtounhall, on the west side of said Water, and containing a convenient width along its whole course from the dam to the Newbrig, with tofts and buildings as then built and better, and certain lands lying about the said mills (beginning from the Croce-burne running betwixt said land and the land of Cotfeild and burn on the east, thence extending in a line westwards on the front of a bank above the hauch called the Vrymannis-hauch<sup>1</sup> to “quendam rubum vocatum le hespbusk” on the “auld clous” of the lade, as formerly perambulated and bounded by certain stones fixed in the earth from the said burn to the “hespbusk,” thence in a line northwards to the west part of a corner of a bank on the west side of the Peishill, thence down a small burn towards the north part of said bank, and so to the great water of Leith by its common course, then along said water to the Newbrig, thence ascending by the Croce-burne to the first marked beginning, as was more fully set forth in the ancient infestments made thereupon). Done on 13th June 1573 on said lands. Witnesses, Mr. Edward Aytken, son and heir-apparent of the foresaid William Aytken (*deleted*), Robert Sutherland, indweller in Ros, John Cossar, burges of Edinburgh, and Thomas Gourlay, son of the late James Gourlay, formerly indweller in Scony in the sherifffdom of Fife, 153.
337. Instrument narrating that Andro Cairnis, “citionar” of Sanctandrois, passed to the personal presence of Alexander Burnet, burges of Edinburgh, and desired the said Alexander to deliver to him, in name and behalf of David Cowper, also “citionar” of Sanctandrois, nine dozen “halbertschaftis,” which he received from the said David on his (Cairnis’)
- (<sup>1</sup>) Brymanshauch in MSS. *Calendar of Charters*, Register House, No. 2180.



- behalf; and, on the said Alexander's refusal to deliver them to him, protested that he should not be held liable for any house-maill therefor in future, and offered caution for relief of the said Alexander. Done on 26th May 1573 in Edinburgh. Witnesses, David Wemis, Alexander Lawder, and Williame Walterstoun, burgesses of Edinburgh, 154.
338. Memorandum narrating that the above Alexander Burnet, in answer to the request of the foresaid Andro Cairnis for delivery of the nine dozen "halbert schaftis," declared that he would not do so, as he had not received them from him, until he found caution for his relief at the hands of the foresaid David Cowper, deliverer thereof, or of any others having interest, and paid house-maill therefor. Same date and place as above, 154.
339. Memorandum narrating that Andro *alias* David Thomsoun, burgess of Edinburgh, dwelling under the castle wall thereof, compeared in presence of the notary and, uncompelled and of his own free will, quitclaimed and discharged Williame Patersoun in Foirspittall, his heirs, executors, and assignees of all goods, gear, debts, and sums of money due by him before the date hereof. Done on 1st June 1573 in the dwelling-house of umquhile Patrik Dou Alister, burgess of Edinburgh, on the north side of the King's High Street thereof. Witnesses Mr. Johnne Hammiltoun and Walter Knoblaw, burgesses of Edinburgh, Johnne Patersoun, son of the said Williame, and Johne Scherare, 154.
340. Memorandum narrating that the said Andro *alias* David Thomsoun constituted Thomas Veche, his sister's son, his cessioner and assignee in and to the sum of 200 merks due to him by Thomas Lowry, burgess of Edinburgh. (*Cf.* Nos. 315 and 325, *supra.*) Same date, place, and witnesses as above, 154.
341. Instrument narrating that David Murdo, eider, burgess of the Cannogait, ("*sumtyme maister cuke to Lord Robert Stewart*" *deleted*) in presence of the notary, uncompelled and of his own free will, with consent of Issobell Boyd, his wife, made and constituted David Murdow, younger, his brother, lawful tutor-testamentar to Jane Murdo, his ooy, lawful daughter of umquhile James Murdow, his eldest son, with full power to do everything pertaining to that office till she was of lawful age; and that the said Issobell, with consent of her said husband, constituted and ordained the said David Murdow, younger, her cessioner and assignee in and to all goods, moveable and immoveable, belonging to her, under reservation of her own liferent. Done on 21st June 1573 in the dwelling-house of the said David Murdo, elder, in the Cannogait. Witnesses, Andro Forret, burgess of Culros, Donald Moresoun, burgess of the Cannogait, and Johnne M'Culloch, cook in Edinburgh, 154.
342. Charter by George Kincaid of Dalry-myllis *alias* Falcoun-myllis whereby in consideration of a certain sum of money paid to him by William Aitkin of Dowell, he sold and disposed to him an annualrent of 60 merks Scots furth of his mills, mill-lands, and other lands, of Falcoun-myllis, with the mansion and pertinents, lying in the barony of Dalry and sheriffdom of Edinburgh. To be holden *de me* for payment of one penny Scots in name of blench ferm if asked only. Dated . . . 1573, 155.
343. Letter of Reversion by Williame Aitkin of Dowell in favour of George Kincaid of the Myllnis of Dalry *alias* Falconis-myllis for redemption of one-half of the above annualrent of 60 merks or £60 Scots, on payment of the sum of £300 Scots in the parish kirk of Sanct Geill. It was provided that it should not be lawful to redeem within a year and day from the date hereof, or until all the byrun annuals had been paid, and that if the granter wilfully absented himself on the day of payment, consignation



was to be made in the hands of the Treasurer or Dean of Guild of Edinburgh. Dated . . . 1573, 155.

344. Note that the other Letter of Reversion for £300 is in same terms as above, 156.
345. Instrument narrating that Williame Aitkyn of Dowell compeared in presence of the notary and, uncompelled and of his own free will, renounced and resigned in favour of George Kincaid of Dalry-myllis *alias* Falcoun-myllis an annualrent of 30 merks Scots furth of umquhile David Falcoun of Dalry-myllis three mills "biggit or standand" beside the Water of Leith, with the mill-lands thereof, lying in the lordship of Dalry, barony of Innerleith, and sherifffdom of Edinburgh, in which he was infeft by the said David, conform to instrument of sasine under the notary's hand, dated 9th June 1565. Done on 19th June 1573 in the said Williame Aitkyn's dwelling-house and "over lugeing thair of" on the north side of the burgh of Edinburgh. Witnesses, Christofer Knowis of that Ilk and James Purdy, burgess of Edinburgh, 156.
346. Memorandum narrating that the above George Kincaid granted that he had received from the said Williame Aitkyn the sum of £600, contained in the two reversions Nos. 343 and 344, *supra*, and discharged him thereof. Same date, place, and witnesses as above, 156.
347. Contract of Marriage between George Hwme in Qubitlaw in the parish of Curray, on behalf of Katherine Hwme, his daughter, on the one part, and James Johnnestoun, dwelling in Cliftoun, and Johnne Johnnstoun, his brother, dwelling with him there, on the other part, whereby it was agreed that the said Johnne Johnnstoun should marry the said Katherine by Martinmas following, and that the said George Hwme should pay to the said Johnne the sum of 100 merks Scots in name of tocher, within two years from the date hereof. The said Johnne agreed (1) to put the said Katherine and himself and their children in the tacks or rental of his steading of 4 oxengang of land, lying in the west end of Bonytoun in the parish of Ratho, so that the survivor should have a liferent thereof, and after them their children; (2) to discharge, before Whitsunday following, the mails and ferms due to the Earl of Eglintown or others for the said steading up to the period he received the crop thereof, and thereafter to pay the mails and duties therefor; and (3) to discharge all sums due by his brother and to renounce his right, title, and kindness to the mill and mill-lands of Bonytoun in his favour. It was further agreed that all the corn of the said James growing on the steading should be "stakkit and stand" in the said Johnne's yard that year (excepting the cottars teinds); and that the said James should "cast" in his corn in due time, so that he might answer to his brother for the straw he should have "quhen he misteris it to his gudis," his hind also serving the said Johnne from Martinmas till the bear seed was sown for payment of "ane boll ait is sawing for his . . . feild land and twa peckis of beire quhen the samyn war. . . ." He also (a) discharged his brother of all sums due by him, with the exception of £30 Scots due for straw, etc.; (b) renounced in his favour the one-half of his right to the foresaid steading, and (c) assigned to him the sum of £40 in the Earl of Eglintown's hands, as the first payment of entry silver. Dated at Edinburgh 20th June 1573. Witnesses, Michael Barthilmo in Eister Halis, Alexander Symmeruile in Cliftoun, Thomas Knowis in Curry, and Johnne Penny in Byrno, 157.
348. Obligation by Robert Smith, burgess of Edinburgh, whereby he constituted and ordained his friend, Alexander Durehame, argentar, his executor, assignee, and intromitter with his lands, gear, and goods, which he left to be disposed by him as he thought expedient. He also appointed him "tutour, reulare, and gidare" to his bairns should he have any. (Signed)

- Robart Smyt wt my hand. Dated at Edinburgh 29th September 1573. Witnesses, Alexander Lawder, burgess of Edinburgh, James Hammiltoun, there, and Mr. Gilbert Grote, notary public, 158.
349. Memorandum narrating that the above-mentioned Alexander Durehame asked and took instruments in the hands of the notary with reference to the preceding writ. Done on [29th September 1573] in the notary's writing-booth. Witnesses, the above Alexander Lawder and James Hammiltoun, 158.
350. Obligation by Andro Tyndaill whereby he constituted Katherine Dickesone, his mother, his executor, assignee, and intromitter with his goods and gear, both in and out of Scotland, with power to dispose thereof at her pleasure. Dated at Edinburgh 15th October 1573. Witnesses, David Crosbie and Johnne Creichtoun, burgesses of Edinburgh, and Mr. Gilbert Grote, notary public, 158.
351. Memorandum narrating that the above-mentioned Katherine Dickesone asked and took instruments with reference to the above. Done in the notary's writing-booth on [15th October 1573?]. Witnesses, William Hendirson, messenger, and James Hammiltoun, 158.
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the said commony as without in other pasturable parts of the territory of the town of Swanstoun, and with the liberties thereof, in all time coming, as the tenants of other towns in the vicinity had; and (b) in specialwarrandice thereof, the 5 merklands of Swanstoun above-mentioned, but with and under the conditions contained in the charter granted by the said Andrew. Done on 5th January 1573 on the ground of the above lands. Witnesses, George Dewar in Mornhall, James Fynlaysoun, indweller in Mortoun, and James Lawsoun, dwelling in Ormistoun on Tweid, 159.

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356. Obligation by Katherine Cokburne, "heretrix" of the subjects after-mentioned, whereby, for the love, favour, and kindness done and to be done to her by Jonet Gairdner, widow, her friend, neighbour, and tenant, (a) she received and admitted the said Jonet as tenant of her "laych" house lying within her land on the west side of Sclaiteris-clois in the burgh of [Edinburgh], between the lands of Mathow Harkelas on the south, the land of Bessie Cruk on the north, and the said "clois" on the east, for the whole lifetime of the said Jonet and at the same yearly maill she then paid; (b) should she predecease the said Jonet, she set the said house to her, maill free, for three years after her death, and should the said Jonet predecease her, she set it to Johnne Smytht, son of the said Jonet, maill free, for two years after her (Katherine's) death; and (c) she granted and disposed to the said Jonet, in legacy, the one-half of the moveable goods, gear, and insight pertaining to her at her decease, with power to intromit therewith, etc. Dated at Edinburgh 1st February 1573. Witnesses, Nevene Hair, burgess of Edinburgh, James Punfray, servant to the Laird of Calder, and James Scharpe, 160.
357. Contract of Marriage between James Orrok, dwelling in the town of Kirkwall in Orkney, on the one part, and Jonete Penny, with consent of Johnne Penny, spouse of Katherine Dury, dwelling at the West Port of Edinburgh, her father and mother, on the other part, whereby it was agreed that the said James Orrok should marry the said Jonete Penny by Whitsunday following, and that the said Johnne Penny should pay to the said James Orrok, in name of tocher, the sum of 20 merks Scots betwixt the completion of the marriage and Midsummer or St. John's day following (*i.e.* 24th June), and also deliver to the said Jonete at the marriage a "sufficient garmond of honest clething," with as much "insicht geir" as could be spared for furnishing their house. The said Johnne Penny and spouse also assigned the whole "insicht geir and plenissing" of their house, after their decease, to the said James and Jonete. Both parties were bound to fulfil their part of the contract under a penalty of 40 merks Scots. Dated at Edinburgh 3rd February 1573. Witnesses, Johnne Chalmer, burgess of Edinburgh, Nycoll Ry, lorimer, dwelling at the West Port of Edinburgh, Thomas Thomesoun *alias* Smytht, Johnne Symsons, tailor, and Mr. Gilbert Grote, notary public, 161.
358. Instrument (*incomplete*) narrating that Margarit Armour, relict of umquhile



James Birsbane in Campsy within the earldom of Levenox, compeared in presence of the notary and, uncompeled and of her own free will, renounced and discharged all action and cause, criminal and civil, that she, as spouse foresaid, had or might have against Andro Lenox, dwelling in the Dene at the Water-side of Leytht. [*Cf.* No. 362 *infra*]. Done at Edinburgh, 15th February 1573, 161.

359. Instrument narrating that (a) Patrick Adesoun, burges of the burgh of Forfare, proprietor of one-half of the templeland tenement aftermentioned and one of the heirs of the late John Robertsou, burges of the burgh of Edinburgh, his uncle, and (b) Margaret Gibsoun, the other heir of the said John Robertsou and proprietrix of the other half of said tenement, passed to the personal presence of James, Lord of St. John and Torpheichin, superior of the said templeland, and there surrendered and purely and simply resigned by staff and baton into his hands their templeland tenement, back and fore, under and above, with the pertinents, lying under the castle wall of the burgh of Edinburgh, between the lands of the late Mr. Adam Otterburne on the north, the land of the late Mariot Scot on the south, and the High Street on the west, in favour of Jonet Gray, spouse of David Bynning, burges of the burgh of Edinburgh: Which resignation the superior received and delivered the said tenement to the said Jonet (personally present and accepting) by redelivery of said staff and baton. Done, on 24th February 1573, in the town of Leith, within the dwelling-house of the late George Hwme, afterwards of William Forester, inhabitant of the town of Leith. Witnesses, John Litill, water bailie of Leith, Mr. Henry Makcalzeane, advocate, and Thomas Litoljohnne and Thomas Byning, servants of the superior, 162.
360. Instrument of Sasine following on and narrating a precept of sasine (dated at Leith 24th February 1573) directed by James, Lord of St. John and Torpheichin, superior of the subjects aftermentioned, to Thomas Bynning, younger, and Thomas Inglis, as bailies in that part, for infesting the above-mentioned Jonet Gray and her heirs in the templeland tenement mentioned in the preceding Instrument, for which she was to pay 30 pence Scots yearly in name of feu-farm. Sasine given by the said Thomas Bynning, younger, to the said Jonet, who was personally present and accepted thereof, with consent of David Bynning, her husband. Done on 24th February 1573 on the ground of said subjects. Witnesses to the Precept, John Litill, water bailie of Leith, Mr. Henry Makcalzeane, advocate, and Thomas Litoljohnne, servitor of Lord Torpheichin. Witnesses to the Sasine, Thomas Williamesoun, burges of Edinburgh, Nicol Blithman, burges of Edinburgh, John Watousoun, burges of Edinburgh, Walter Ferriar of Twring, and Patrick Makcartnay, 162.
361. Assignment by the above Margaret Gibsoun whereby, in consideration of certain sums of money, she constituted and ordained her "weilbelouit freind, Jonete Gray, and hir airis, witht consent and assent of David Bynning, pantour, burges of Edinburgh," her cessioner and assignee in and to a letter of reversion for £40 Scots (dated at Edinburgh 1st January 1573) granted by James Ros, burges of Edinburgh, and Thomas Ros, his son, for redemption of her half of the tenement of templeland mentioned in the two preceding instruments. She also delivered the said letter of reversion to her in token of the assignment thereof. Dated at Edinburgh 24th February 1573. Witnesses, Alexander Rynd, burges of Edinburgh, Patrik Adesoun, burges of Forfare, and Patrik M'Cartnay, 163.
362. Instrument narrating that Margaret Armour, relict of James Birsbane in Campsy within the earldom of Levenox, compeared in presence of the notary and, uncompeled and of her own free will, renounced and discharged all action and cause, criminal and civil, that she, as spouse foresaid, or any others in her name, had or might have against Andro

Lenox, dwelling in the Dene at the Water-side of Leith, for slaughter of her husband. She also bound and obliged herself not to pursue him therefor, as it was then known that he was innocent of the crime and was not present when it was committed. [Cf. No. 358, *supra*.] Done on 15th February 1573 in the notary's writing-booth in Edinburgh. Witnesses, George Blak, baxter and burgess of Edinburgh, Thomas Lenox, dwelling at the West Port of Edinburgh, Archibald Matho, dwelling at Crawmond Brig, and Johne Jak, tailor, dwelling at the Waterside of Leith, 164.

363. An unfinished Instrument narrating the compearance of the abovementioned Margaret Armour in presence of the notary. [*There are only about two lines written.*] 164.
364. Obligation by Thomas Huntare, burgess of the Cannogait beside Edinburgh, granting that he had borrowed and received from Johnne Stevinstoun, portioner of St. Mary's Kirk of the Lowis, and Margarit Houstoun, his spouse, the sum of 400 merks Scots, which he bound himself to repay to them, whom failing to Margarit Stevinstoun, their daughter, and the lawful heirs of her body, whom failing to himself and his bairns, whom failing to the heirs whatsoever of the said Johnne Stevinstoun, within 22 days after being required to do so by the said Johnne and spouse, or failing them by their daughter. Dated at Edinburgh 16th February 1573. Witnesses, Johnne Millar and Hectour M'Clavie burgesses of the Cannogait, Mr. Gilbert Grote, notary public, and James Scharp, 164.
365. Memorandum narrating that Gilbert Wat, flesher, granted that he was due to Thomas Hesleop, burgess of Peblis, the sum of £4, the one-half of which was to be paid at "Midlentrane" and the other half "betix and Beltane." Same date as above. Witnesses, Robart Merschell, flesher and freeman in the Cannogait, Johnne Bell, workman at the Cross of Edinburgh, and James Scharp, 164.
366. Memorandum narrating that Robert Merschell, flesher and freeman of the Cannogait, granted that he was due to the above-mentioned Thomas Hesleop the sum of £8:6:8, the one-half of which was to be paid betwixt Pasche and Beltane, and the other half at Michaelmas following. Same date and witnesses as above, 164.
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368. Memorandum (*defective*) containing *inter alia* the following names, viz.—Andro Cader, Williame Cader, Johnne Cader, brothers, . . . Cader . . . in Watsonheid, Williame Bell, there, Thomas Russell, and David Dik, upon whom apparently Letters of Lawburrows were to be served . . . 165.
369. Memorandum of contract of marriage between Johnne Mow, dwelling in Stracunhall, on the one part, and James Broun, dwelling in the West



merche on the lands of Castellaw, on the other part, whereby it was agreed (1) that the said Johnne Mow should marry Jonete Broun, daughter of the said James Broun, by "Fastryneven" following; and (2) that the said James should pay to him the sum of 140 merks in name of tocher, and leave his daughter his whole goods and gear, with the exception of £60 which he could dispose of at his pleasure. Dated 1st December . . . ,  
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372. Memorandum (*defective*) apparently narrating a direction by . . . . . Kennedy, feuar of the lands and crofts of . . . . . quyis and Cunzeo-hisquyis, lying in the town and territory of . . . . . go, within the earldom of Caithnes and sherifffdom of [Inverness], to his bailies to warn [Adame] Mernis, pretended occupier of said lands, to remove therefrom,  
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373. Instrument narrating that Alexander Howesoun in Pepermyll compeared in presence of the notary and, uncompelled and of his own free will, constituted and ordained James Dowglas in Spittalhauch his cessioner and assignee in and to (1) the sum of twenty-four shillings Scots and "ane pitchear of aill," or the price thereof four shillings Scots, due to him by Thomas Forgound, dwelling at Flemyngtoun-myll, for the carriage of a millstone "fra [the] millare toward Auchindynny-briggis;" and (2) the damage sustained by him through the breaking of the cart and one of the wheels half a [mile] from Auchindynny-briggis, and estimated at the sum of eleven merks Scots, with power to pursue therefor and intromit therewith, etc. Done at Edinburgh on 3rd August 1573. Witnesses, George Hwme in Quhitelaw, George Notman in Curry, and Robert [Mar]stoun (?) in Eleistoun,  
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