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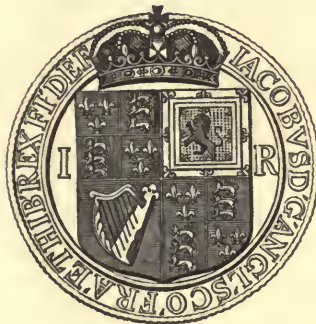
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CCXV.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF GLASGOW TO JOHN MURRAY.

SIR,

I cam to Edinburgh the secund of Julj: thair I had occasioun to meit with the Erle of Cassilis, qho standis to the offer he maid to me of his dimiffioun of the Balzerie of Carrik, and hes ratefeit the sam to my Lord Secretary and Sir Gedeon Murray. He is myndit to be at the Bathe this seafon, and wil in his return dimit the sam to his Maiestie, without feking any satisfactioun thairfore, but his Maiesties favour. I gaif the Secretary and Sir Gedeon his Maiesties letter anent that busines, and communicat with thaim the instructiounis I reffavit. We concludit to deal with the heritable Schireffis as we fuld haif occasioun severally, eche of ws misknowing otheris for the more secrecy. The Erle of Home hes two offices, the Stewartrie of the Earldom of Marche, and Schireffchip of Berwick. This last, be the forfeiture of Bothwel, is that qhiche he wold alienat; but the other, qhiche thair say is of greater juridictioun, he meanis to retein. It wer not meit he fuld refais satisfactioun for one, and not for the other also; qhairfore the Secretary wold be rememberit, in ending with him, if thair agre, to deal for bothe. For the Lord Gray, he sayis, he promisit only to mak him refais contentatioun for his office, qhiche ony man mycht haif promisit and performit. The Erle of Argyle is said to be on his jorney towardis Courte, and to cum be the west, that I think we sal not haif the occasioun now to se him.

The Marques of Huntly returnit this last Fryday. We hear nothing of his reconcilioun to the Churche, nor that ony thing hes been proponed twiching his offices. This makis many think it is our suggestioun to his Maiestie, and not his Hienes own purpose, that makis those thingis to be vrgit, and so our invy is the greater, and the worke more difficil for his religioun. The lying in this suspense dois no litle harm. His Minister tellis, that qhair before the suspending of his excommunicatioun, he had in his parochie only thre recusantis, he hes this yeir threcore and threttein. Surly his Maiestie knowis not the worst,

and for the respect his Maieftie bearis to him, we ar compellit to forbear, and the Churche in the mean qhyl refaisis grit harm.

The Erle of Sutherland fuld haif enterit his ward in St Androife. He hes left the contrey, and, as we hear, is cum thair to obtain a difpenfation. Gicht, thai fay, is cum to Courte for to obtain his libertie alfo to remain at home. I doubte not his Maieftie will confider thofe things rightly.

I haif fpoken with the Chancellor, and Sir Alexander Seatoun, his nephew. The Chancellor fayis, that in his lyf never any thing trublit him more then his Maiefties offense at that bufines of Eglintoun; and bothe he and Sir Alexander, with mony wordis and oathis proteft, thai ar fo far from ftanding in termis with his Maieftie, that, to gif his Hienes contentment, thai wil not fear to fubmit thair lyfis, honouris, and landis, and al; only Sir Alexander, being provydit to the fuceffion of that living, and cumming in againft the lyking of many freindis of the houfe, fearit, as he fayis, to do any thing that myght bring in queftioun the honour and rank thai had formerly kepte amongeft the nobilitie; for if he fuld haif takin his honour be a new creatioun, the old wold haif ben forgottin, and his enemyis afcryvit this to his weaknes; otherwyfe, that he can inioy honour or livinge but as from his Maieftie, and be his Hienes favour and benefit. As he wer foolifche to think it, fo dois he tak no plefure to inioy any of them without his Maiefties good plefure; and if he may be fo happie as to obtain his Hienes favour, it falbe al his ftudy to do in his place the beft service that poffibly he can. Surly, as I fehew his Maieftie, the younge man is of gud expectatioun, and one that, I hope, fal pruiſ worthie of his Maiefties favour; and fo it pleſe his Maieftie to provyd that, in honour and place due to that houfe of Eglintoun, he be not preiudgit, his Hienes may command him in qhat forte he pleſis, and preſcryve any thing, for it wilbe obeyit. Ye wold thairefore be pleſit to intreat his Maieftie, that in fuche maner as his Maieftie fal think convenient for his honour, this bufines may find a fetling, quiche, I truſt in God, his Maieftie fal never repent; and if his Hienes may be movit to admit him to prefence, and accept him in place, ye may advyſe the Chancellor of the maner and tym. Alwyſe it falbe fit in the ending of the erand to remember the Balzerie of Cunyngham, and

to advertife the Chancellar thairof qhen ye wryt of the reft, that al may be prepared, and thofe thingis may be done togither; for I haif muft nothing thairof, nor can wel do, in refpect I haif ben thoct, be the Chancellar and otheris, the only infigator of thofe materis againft the Heritable Schireffis; and it wilbe meteft that ye, be his Maiefties command, fignifie the fam vnto him.

I haif conferrit with Drumlanrig, quhom I find alterit fumqhat fence our laft communing. He fayis, that he never thoct ane agrement culd wel be maid amongeft yow, vnleffe that turn of Linclowden wer fetlit to bothe your contentments, that his Maieftie myglt command the agrement, and it wold cum for his credit moft that way; but he wold know qhat courfe fuld be takin in the erand it felf, and qhat fatiffaetioun he myght luke for. I anfwerit, That I wonderit to fe him forget himfelf fo far, and his own wordis; for, fay I, qhen I faid to yow that it wer gud a fubmiffioun wer maid to freindis for your ryght and kyndnes, ye anfwerit, That it culd be no way to your credit if it cam not be the King's command, and at his Maiefties defyr, ye had honour to quyt it; and qhen I repliyt, Your purpose is not to quyt it without recompense, and fence ye wil haif none be the gentleman him felf, but expectis it at his Maiefties handis, fehew me qhat is the particular ye wold fute, and before hand I will try if it can be effeēt. He faid, that he knew of none, nor had ony particular in heid; only, he vnderftood, that hafing his Maiefties favour, many occasionis wold fal qhairby ye myght be wel ynoughe recompensit, and ye wold trust to that. He culd not deny his own wordis, but maid fuche commentarie vpon tham as agreit not with the texte. We left our conference not wel plefit, but vpon promife to meit again: He is in a bufines of buying the landis of Glencarn, and is croffed be my Lord Sanquhar, qho I hope fal haif tham, and for qhom thai ar fitter.

Yifterday Mr Patrik Galloway, in the Little Kirk, hes had a fermon vpon the fyft verfe of the elleuint of Daniel, vpoun qhiche he took occafioun to fpeik thus:—"Thair is nothing meant heir of the King of Grit Britain, as that blafphemoufe mouthe vtterit in the Parliament of England; nor it can in ony fenfe be applyit to him: Wil thai fay, He hes confumit the pleafant land? Thai ly falfly vpon it: he hes no more

thair but his clothe and meat, and that he had with ws, with better contentment, afore he went thair. Say, that he hes gifin preferment and landis to that younge man¹ that is with him: al that bydis with tham felfis. For ws, we wer a pleafant land before his going thither; and a Churche we had that in beawtie fchynit above al the Churches in the world, neyther herefie nor errour, nor schifm in it; and wold to God we had continued fo! Amongest tham qhat found he? Herefies mantenit in thair schules, blotis in thair Churche fervice, fchifmis and divifionis,"—and fo continewit a great fpace. I hear the auditours weryit much, and cam away with no more instructioun. Qhat his Maieftie wil think of the fpeechis, I know not, but, in my mynd, thai wer not pulpit fpeechis. It is not nedful that any know be qhom the informatioun is gifin; my felf wes not in town. The Bifchope of Galloway wes ane hearer, and tellis me this muche.

Your lady hes ben in Alloway fil fince my return: I fent your letter vnto hir; and for this tym, hafing no farder to wryt, I tak my leave, refing

Youris always to command,

Edinburgh, the ellevint of Julj 1614.

GLASGOW.

[To John Murray of Lochmaben.]

CCXVI.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO JOHN MURRAY.

SIR,

Efter my hartlie commendationis, pleafe wit thair is ane honeft man, ane minifter heir in this countrey, called Mr James Thomfone,²

¹ Sir Robert Carr, created Earl of Somerset.

² Thomson succeeded Mr John Scharp, who was banished by the King in 1606 (see p. 28), as Minister of Kilmany in Fife. He conformed to Presbytery in 1638, and died in 1646, his son, Mr George Thomson, in 1639, having been appointed his assistant and successor.—(Records of the Synod of Fife, pp. 7, 20, 103, 223.)

who ferves ane of the Queenes Maiesties kirkis. I am defyred to wryte to hir Maieftie in his favour, for he is ane good man, bot verie poore. I will request yow that ye will delyver thofe vther two letters to Mr Robert Atoun,¹ hir Maiefties Secretar, and receive the anfwer thairof, and returne the fame fo foone as goodlie ye may; quhairin ye will do good service to God, and oblische me to continow your affured and kyndlie freind to the end. Thus, I commit yow to the blessing of God, and I rest

Your affured and loving brother,

SANCTANDROIS.

Edinburgh, 12 Julij 1614.

To the right worshipfull and my loving brother, Johne Murraye, ane of the Kingis Maiefties bedchamber.

CCXVII.—JOHN MURRAY OF LOCHMABEN TO THE EARL OF DUNFERMLINE.

RYGHT HONORABILL,

I haue written these lynes to your Honour by his Maiefties derectione, to lett yow wnderstand that vpon Fryday the 22 of this instant, at 12 a'clock, the King off Denmark come to Sommerfet Howse,² and wes in his Maiefties utter drawinge chalmer or he was knawin, noe body beand in his companie, except Sir Androe Senclear and one page. He landit at

¹ Or Aytoun: He received the honour of knighthood, about the year 1616.

² In Nichols's Progresses of King James, vol. iii. p. 13-18, the various rumours and particulars respecting Christian the Fourth, King of Denmark's second visit to England, at this time, are collected. He left London on the 1st August: the object seems to have been to consult his brother-in-law, King James, on a projected alliance between his son and the youngest daughter of the King of Spain.

Yearmowthe; for als fone as his fcheipis come in feichte off land, he caufed thame ftaye, and foe come owt in one lytill fcheepe-bote, with thre or fowre gent: and the fkeipper miftakin the land, putt him owt too fonne, and foe he was in great danger, iff he had not gottin one fyfcher bot, and laye in it all nyght. Noe man knowes the caus off his comynge, as yet, and to wrytt ewere man his oppyneon is lyke the ringing of one bell, foe I will forbear that part. His ftaye is not to be longe. His Maieftie had word vpon Setterday, in the mornyng, bot could not beleiff it, at 3 a clock, bot the fertean word come to him at paffed eicht, wher he was by Amptill, and rod that nyght to Londone, and come there betuix 9 and 10 one the nyght. He yead presentle to [the] Quenis Cowrt to him, and efter the being thair withe him, come to Whythalle all nyght. His fchepis ar comynge abowt, and the Chancellor off Denmarke is in thame, and the reft off his companie. Soe fone as he is gone, his Maieftie goethe to his progres, and haldis it as he did, and comethe to it as it is fett down; for his ftuff and his howfe keepis all the remowes, as he war thair, whill he come. This is all I can wrytt for the present; and for anfuer off your packettis, your Lordfhippe fhall hawe thame with the nixt. So my humble feruice rememberit, I will remeane,

Your Honours effectiōat cowfen to ferwe yowe,

JOHN MURRAY.

At Whythall, the 24 July 1614.

(*Turne the leiff.*)

(*Turne ouir.*)

I will defir your Honour, as ewer yee will hawe me to ferwe yowe, howe far as yee may, that Drumlanrik may be brocht within the lawe at this tyme for his extraordiner pryde to my cowfen, my Lord Sanchar, and what yee wald hawe his Maieftie doe in it, let me know; for iff this had noe bein, yee wald hawe hard frome him by this, and foe whill yee know his pleafour, let him hawe no ease, for fuche reafones as I could fchawe yowr felff: for my letters, returne thame to me, as I fhall your Lordfhippe. This I remeat to your wifdome and care.

(*There is added, in reply, by the Earl of Dunfermline.*)

[The 28 off Julij, this mater betuix Lordis Sanquhair and Kilmaars and Drumlanrike was endit and concludit, as I wraitte to yow, 29; and was done in sic forme as I hoipe his Maieftie, or onye rafonabill man, will allow, in iuftice and equitie, and for good obedience and guid ordour.]

To the Ry^t Hon^{ll} my finguler good
Lord and cowfen, the Erle off
Dunfermeling, Lord Chancellor off
Scotland, and one off his Maief-
ties moft Hon^{ll} Priuie Cownfell,
theſe.¹

CCXVIII.—THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL TO KING JAMES.

PLEIS YOUR MOST EXCELLENT MAIESTIE,

Vpoun the Biſchope of Orknay his lait returne back out of the boundis of his Diocie, whair particular tryell had bene takin by him, of the trew valew and eſteat of theſe landis wiche wer affigned and deſtinat to him, for the patrimonie of the Biſhoprick; it is now by [him] reported, that the rent of theſe landis dothe not furpaſe, in yeirlic worth, the ſumme of eight thowſand markis, over and befydes the gerffumes whilk everie thrid yeir being valowed to xiiij^e or xv^e li. by diviſioun theirof, will augment the proportioun affigned in ſum four or fyve hundredreth pundis a yeir. And becaus the ſpedye courſe and ordour taking for the Biſchopes ſetling in theſe boundis wilbe no ſmall help of the ſecuring of your Maieſties peace and obedience; and that the difference of computation betuix the Biſchope and your Maieſties Theſawrer Deputie, proceideth vpoun accompting vp of the pryces of pultrie, and peitis, and of the money reſſaived frome fiſhear boatis, for grund leif, and ſum

¹ This letter is endorsed, "1614, Jhone Murray, 24 Julij. K. Denmarkis arriual to England, etc. R^d. vlt^o. Julij. Anſured 4. Auguſti."

vther few particuler articles not muche to be regairdeit, except in that mater of the gerfwmes valewed at iiij^e or v^e li. a yeir ; in which diverfitie of accomptes, by the Bifchopes vnder valewing the rent of thefe landis, as being verye ewill payment, and by the Thefawreris deputie his moft frict, dewtifull, and exact tryell takin on the other pairt,¹ for preventing of your Maiefties preiudice in not omitting any thing vncompted, we hold the gerfwmes to be the cheiff materiall poynt contraverted betuix thame ; whairin your Maiefties awin pleiffour and determinatioun is bothe defyred and expected, in regairde the fpedye returne theirol, wilbe a redye mean to furder your Maiefties fervice in thefe boundis. We theiufore humble intreate your Maieftie to certefie your gracious pleiffour, whither the aforfaid Affignatioun of landis, appoynted to be mortefied for a patrimonie to the faid Bifchoprick, falbe condifcendit vnto, notwithstanding, that in the computatioun of the yeirlie rent of the fame, thefe gerfwmes are not comprehendit, and alfo no refpect had to the pryces of peittis and pultrie, or the dewtie for the ground leive ; or gif a proportionabill defalcation falbe takin of fo many landis, furthe of that Affignatioun, as may countervail the yeirlie estimat worthe of thefe gerfwmes. And expecting your Maiefties gracious and fpedye anfwer, efter humble kifing your Sacred hand, and prayer to God for you Hienes prefervatioun, we ref

Your Maiefties moft humble, dewtifull, and
faithfull fubiectis and feruitours,

AL. CANCELLS.
BINNING.
ALEX^r. HAY.
JO. PRESTOUN.
S. W. OLIPHANT.

Edinburgh, the xxvij Julij 1614.

To the King his moft Sacred and
excellent Maieftie.

See thefe refpective ftatements, printed as Nos. CCVI., CCVII., and CCVIII.

CCXIX.—THE BISHOP OF ORKNEY TO JOHN MURRAY OF
LOCHMABEN.

RIGHT HONORABIL SIR,

According to his Maiesties laſt direction, I fett doune vnder my hand ſome reaſones for the whiche the landis agreed vpon, with ther girfomis and wholl casualties, ſould be diſponed to me and my ſuceffors without any diminution. The ſamin wer ſent to Court, and receiued ther, as my Lord Theſaurer did certifie the Lordis. Since that tyme I haue been in Orenay, and partly be the laſt takis fett be the Earll and his deputies to the tenentis, partly be the Tackifmenis faithfull depofitions and juſt rentallis fett doune and ſubſcryued withe ther handis, for the whiche they will be anſuerabill vpon all hieſt paines, I haue tryed, fund, and declared, that the wholl rentis of the landis nominat and deſigned will not mak full and compleit payment of eight thowſand marks yeirle, withe the thriddis, quherof I thought it neceſſar to giue yow notice.

My Lord Theſaurer ſhew vnto me the copie of the laſt information whiche he ſent to his Maieſte concerning the worthe of the landis; quherin, if the pryces of pultrie, paittis, and girfomis be ſubduced, ther will not be tuentie pund Scottis in difference betuixt his Lordſchipis compt and myne, as he dois acknowledge him ſelf; and this wes and is euer trew, that theſe casualties being ſubduced, the rent it ſelf will not be equivalent to the proportion of the ſoumis of money and thriddis contracted to me. So the girfomis is the only thing in queſtion, whiche can not (as I haue trewle tried and declared to the Lordis) be eſtemed worthe mor then four hunder and fourtie pundis by year, thought they wer compleitle payed. Bot this is the treuthe, as I ſalbe anſuerable vpon loſſe of credit: Theſe girfoms, impoſed euerie thrid yeir vpon the poor tenentis, wer neuer payed, for the moſt part, to the Earll him ſelf, for all the rigor he could vſe, nor ar the tenentis, whoſe fermes ar racked to the vttermoſt, euer abill to pay them in ſuche ſort, that I ſould ather accept them for a part of my rent, or a part of the iuſt rent

ould be subtraçted for them. Nay, Sir, I do affur yow, vpon my conscience and treuth, that the rent it self is so racked, that I can not haue half payment, or litill aboue therof, this yeir, and the best yeiris neuer abon payment of the tuo part. I fett doune, in my last letter, many other reafons, wishing euer from my hart that his Maieſte wold be pleased to cauſe mak vnto me, for my tyme, ſome ſecurite for payment of the thriddis, and eight or ſevin thouſand markis by yeir, rather then all the rentis of theſe landis, and half als many mor.

I am vearied withe much travell, my means are wholle ſpent, my dept is vn timer, my loſſis ar ſo great, that I can not ſee how to recouer any part therof, and I am not hable to hold out longer, but muſt needs ather depart the countrie for dept, or begg, whiche I am aſhamed to do, or apply my ſelf to ſome other thing to mantene me, if his Maieſtie now ſhortle, eſter ſo long tyme, tak not ordour withe me. Beſeiches yow therfor, Sir, for any ſervice I am able to do to yow, to lett me know his Maieſtes will and pleaſur. If I can nather haue ſecurite for thankfull payment of the money and thriddis, nor the rentis of the landis, with ther giſfomis, to ſupple the defect of evill payment (and all this can be no hurt to his Maieſtes rent, whiche is now fermed), then I will erneſtle beſeiche yow, Sir, to beg his Maieſtes fauour, that I may reſigne my office and benefice, as I haue reſolued, and declare to yow that I will do, taking God to be my witnes that I am moſt humble and devotle affected to ſerue his Maieſte in any other place or condition, wher I may haue ſome competent maintenance.

And becauſe this is ane poynt of good ſervice to aduertife his Maieſtie of the treuth, I do affur yow, that the countrie of Orenay is now muche trubled and oppreſſed by the Earll his baſſe ſone, called Robert, the deputies to Sir James Stewart contemned, many honeſt and faithfull ſubieçtis in great and dayle fear of ther lyves and goodis. He, aſſiſted withe thre ſcoir debosched men, hes takin and fortified the place of Birſay, vpliftis the Kingis rentis, makis dayle and nichtle excuſions, taks the people, forces mens houſes, and threatnis all his aduerſaries. The Counſell is advyſing quhat ordour ſalbe takin, and I haue informed them of all mor ample. Bot referring this to your diſcretion, and entreating yow to excuſe me for thus trubling of yow in my neceſſitie, quherof I deſyred erneſtle to be

freed, I pray God to blisse yow in all your effairis and wholl course,
and restis,

Youris in all dewte to ferue yow,

JA. B. OF ORCADS.

Edinburgh, 28 July¹ 1614.

To the right honorabill Jhone Murray of
Lincluden, of his Maiestes bed chamber.

CCXX.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF GLASGOW TO JOHN MURRAY OF
LOCHMABEN.

SIR,

Ye haif inclosed in this pacquet a letter from the Bifchops to his Maiestie, another from the Counfel in favoris of the Bifchop of Orkney, defying ane end fuld be put to his busines, the lingring qhair- of hes ben a grit cause of breaking that countrey, qhil as neyther he nor any other of account wes to resist the enterpryses of fuche as haif attemptit thair; and it is cum to that state, that now, without sum chargis to his Maiestie, and levying of soldioris to recover the Castle thai haif furpryfit, the countrey cannot be quyetit. I know they to qhom the care belongis wil not fail to advertise of the state of matteris thair, thairfore I meddle not with it; only, the longer the remedy be in applying, the cure wilbe the more difficil. I will pray yow haif care of the Bifchop of Orkney his busines, that we may haif anwser thairof, and directions for ending it with diligence.

¹ In the original, the date seems to be 28th August. This, however, cannot be correct, as the reference at the close of the letter to the disturbed state of the Orkney Islands corresponds with the Privy Council Records on the 28th of July. It will further be seen, from a letter dated 27th August, that Bishop Law had then returned to Orkney, in company with the Earl of Caithness, to assist in suppressing the rebellion.

I wrote before twiching matteris committit to me anent the Schireffis and the Erle of Eglintoun, qhair of I haif expectit from yow anwer that is not yit cum. In the mean tym, we haif endit with Burley¹ anent his right of Kylwynning, and contractit with him for ten thowand liß, qhair of I tak vpon me the payment of the half: he is to cum him felf with the securities and gift of the Abbacy in my perfon, qhair of, if ye hear any thing, I pray yow gif it the furtherance ye may. If he tak another advyfe to stay or not to cum hastely, I wil fend in this sum the gift to be signed, and his letter testifeing his consent, qhiche, because of the feason, must be furtherit, that I may haif, vpon the gift, inhibitionis rasit in tym vpon the Kirkis.

For Sanqhar's affairis with Drumlanrig, we expectit sum advertisment from Courte, that fuld haif helpit ws at Counsal. Since his committing, thair hes ben grit travellis takin for his libertie, and every day the Counsal fate, fuche dealing as it wes not without grit difficultie put off to yisterday, the matter ever passing by votis, qhair of we that stood for his retayning wer ellevin, and thair that laborit [for] his fredome ten. Yif-terday, be the presence of sum mo then afore, thair prefit the conclusioun of the busines, and we seing no way to eschew it, advyfit my Lord Sanqhar to reconcile with him; qhiche wes done be command of the Council, he first hafing acknowledgit his fault, and offering satisfioun. His freindis vrgit his fyning also to be endit, before warrand fuld come from Courte. The Thesaurar opposit, but being overfet be voycis, we handlit it so as he is fynit in thre thowfand merkis, and commandit to keip within Edinburgh til he pay the fowm. I cannot tel yow how far thair offendit at this conclusioun, thair especially in Counsal that stood for him, fuche as the President, St Andrewis, and Roxburghe; but the Secretary, Sir Gedeon, Clerk of Register, Advocat, and otheris that we culd mak sure, think that the gentleman hes ben so vfit as he wil not kythe fuche wantones sehortly heirafter. Since the mater is endit, it wer not amifs that his Maieftie fuld schew be a letter to the Counsal his content-

¹ Sir Michael Balfour of Burleigh, who had been raised to the Peerage, in 1606, by the title of Lord Balfour of Burleigh. Respecting the several grants of the barony and teindis of the Abbacy of Kilwinning, see Douglas's Peerage, by Wood, vol. i. pp. 180, 501, 502.

ment with the proceding, that thai hold rigoroufe, and twich tham fumqhat that, being Counfelloris, fuld be procuraris for fuch infolent dealing, and the overfyght thairof, his being the very caufe of al truble, that thai ar not repreffit qho commit fuch ryots. Lukiing fchortly to hear from yow, I tak my leave, and reftis,

Your owne affurit to command,

GLASGOW.

Edinburgh, the 29 of Julj 1614.

This morning, newis ar cum from Orkney that the Erles bafe founne is befeging the Caftel and Bifchopis houfe of Kirkwal, and he poffeffit him felf of the gernelhoufe. Sir James Stewart hes vndertakin, be the Counfelis directioun,¹ to levie fum foldioris, and with the forcis he can to go in the country and repreffe that rebelliou.

To my honourabill good freind, Jhon
Murray of Lochmaben, of his Maief-
ties bedchalmer.

CCXXI.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO JOHN MURRAY, OF
HIS MAIESTIES BEDCHAMBER.

RIGHT WORSCHIPFULL SIR,

Efter the remembrance of my loving commendations, please yow receive this paket, quhairin ar fome directions to his Majeftie, and returne ane anfuer of tham with als great diligence as poffible ye may; for fo they requyre. I fent ane paket to yow, with fome prefentations for Minifters about twentie dayes fince, bot hes not received thame bak

¹ At this time the Privy Council had resolved that Sir James Stewart of Killeith should be employed in this service, "in respect he is Schiref, Judge, and Chalmerlane of the countrie;" but the Earl of Caithnes was preferred.

agane. I will request yow, Sir, if they be exped, to returne thame thither with the first occasion. Thus not dowing of your assistance for dispatch of thir affaires, as I fall be ready to pleafour yow and yowris, I commit yow to the grace of God, and fall remane,

Your loving and assured brother,

SANCTANDROIS.

St Androis Castle, 3 August 1614.

To the right worfchipfull and my loving brother, John Murray, one of his Majesties bedchamber.

CCXXII.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF GLASGOW TO KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED AND GRATIOUSE SOVERAIGNE,

The agrement for Kilwinning Abbacy is maid and endit between the Lord Burley and me. In lyk forte ar the conditionis perfectit between Sir Alexander Setoun and me anent the tithis of the Cunninghamis landis, qhair thai haif any within the Churchis allottit to him; for the special Churchis qhair the Erle of Glencarn and his frendfchip haif thair landis, fal in that portioun qhiche, be your Maiesties favour, is assignit to me. I trust the Lord Chancellour hes testifeit be his letter so muche to your Maiestie; and now, because of the harvest seasoun, qhairin inhibitiounis wold be servit vpon the tithis, I haif sent the signatour of the Abbacy, to qhiche I must humbly intreat your Maiesties hand. If it plese God that I live a litle qhyl, the posteritie fal find a princly worke done by your Maiesties liberalitie to our Colledge, and your Hienes favour salbe sen to be wel bestowit. Neyther haif any of the Cunnynghamis caufe to complein, being better provydit for in the furtie of thair tithis, then them selfis culd haif done, at the least in this, that thai fal not in thair competitoris handis, nor ar thai to do tham any reverence

in that behalf. Humbly intreating your Maiesties favour for signing the gift, I pray God Almyghtie to bleffe your Hienes with longe and happie dayis.

Your Maiesties most humble and obedient fervant,

GLASGOW.

Edinburgh, the 3 August 1614.

To his most Sacred Maiestie.

CCXXIII.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF GLASGOW TO JOHN MURRAY OF
LOCHMABEN.

SIR,

This pacquet hes the signatour of Kilwinning, for qhiche we haif agreit with the Lord Burley to pay him ten thowfand lib. at Martimes, and haif maid him securitie. My Lord Eglintoun and I haif also past our contract, in the maner I schew his Maiestie and yow, qhairby I haif him bound to fet al the Cunynghamis tithis to tham selfis. I wrote to yow before of his answer to me, anent the submissioun of him self in the matter of the Erledom to the King, qhairanent I expect to hear from yow, and praying God to gif yow ane happie progreffe, I rest

Youris ever to command,

GLASGOW.

Edinburgh, the 3 August 1614.

SIR,

This signatour wold be hastit becaufe of the feason, that I may haif Inhibitiounis in tym servit; thairfore, I pray yow, fend it to me with

the first occasioun. The Chancellar hes testifeit our agrement be his letter, and myn to his Maieftie is only for that purpose.

To my honourabill good freind, Jhon
Murray of Lochmaben, of his Ma-
iesties bedchamber.

CCXXIV.—THE EARL OF DUNFERMLINE TO KING JAMES.

MAIST SACRED SOUERANE,

It has pleased yior maist gracious Maieftie, fend unto me direc-
tioun, be the Archbifchioppe off Glasgou, on the 19 Junij, for fatling
and establiſhing the eftaitt off the Abbacie and Kirkis off Kilwinning,
betuix the faid Archibifchioppe, the Lord Burlie, and my Nepuieu Eglin-
toun, on certane condicions ſpecifeit in yior Maiefties letter off the dait
forſaid. Quhilk I haue thocht meit, be this preſent, to inſinuat to yior
Maieftie, to be fullie endit and agreit on amangis all the ſaidis three
parties, in all headis, as yior Sacred Maieftie ordoned, and all at the
Archibifchioppis ſicht and aduife. For my Nepuieu has followed him
and his counſall in this, as participant off your Sacred minde in all
concerning that purpois. As I hoipe he fall doe in all he may onder-
ſtand to be yior gracious will and pleaſour during all his lyff. Lyk as
wee all off that poore Houſe fall euer be readie to ſacrifice our moyen-
nis and lyuis in yior Maiefties ſeruite. Quhome to in all deuotion off
hairt, wiſſing all happines and proſperitie, reſtis euer,

Yior moſt Sacred Maieſteis maift humbill and
affectionat ſubiect and ſeruitour,

DUNFERMLJNE.

Frome Halyruidhous,
4 Auguſt 1614.

To the Kingis maift Sacred Maieftie.

CCXXV.—THE EARL OF DUNFERMLINE TO JOHN MURRAY.

RICHT HONORABILL COUSING,

I thank yiw hartlie for yiwur aduertifement off the King off Denmarke his arriual to our maift gracious Maifteris Court, quhilk was werie onkow and onexspectet be me. I doubt nocht bot his Maieftie is werie weill pleased thairwith, and I pray God he may haue faiff and happie returne hame. Gif onye ame or fpeciall intentioun¹ haue bein in his iornay, I hoip yie will latt us understand off it heirafter, as it fall cuim to yiwur notice.

I fend to yiwur heirwith fuim lettiris from the Bifchop off Glasgou, and ane off mine to his Maieftie, quhilk is to certifie his Maieftie all maters ar endit anent Kilwinning, betuix my Lord off Glasgou, my Lord Burlye, and my Nepuieu Eglintoun, in these fame termis his Maieftie did write to me was his intentioun that fould tak end. My Nepuieu did all at the Bifchioppis directioun. I hoipe yie will use that matter the best yie can to my Nepuiewis weill. And hoipes to heir farder from yiwur, fra the King off Denmarke be past hame. Sua ending, this wiffis yiwur all happines.

Yiwur louing Coufing to ferue yiwur,

Frome Edinburgh, 4 Auguft 1614.

DUNFERMLJNE.

I returne to yiwur heir with yiwur awin letter, and writtin thairin anfuer² to ane point off yiwur letter, writtin on the bak off the first fheite.

I wiffis yiwur retire my lettir frome his Maieftie.

To the richt honorabill my weilbeloued
Coufing, Jhone Murray, in his Sacred
Maiefties bedchamber.

¹ See note to page 355.

² See this answer, *supra*, p. 356.

CCXXVI.—SIR JOHN SKENE OF CURRIEHILL TO KING JAMES.

SIR,

It may pleis your Maiestie, that your vnderferuit fauour and beneuolence toward me hes bene so gryt and fauorable, that in all my trubillis and aduerfiteis I have had recourse to your Maiestie as my onlie refuge, and helper, vnder God; fwa now, I have takin the baldnes, nochtwithstanding your Maiesties gryt effaires, to remember your Hienes of the lettir your Maiestie directit to my Lordis of Glasquow and Secretar, anent the office of Registratour of Letteris of Hornying quhilk your Maiestie promifit to me, to cause the samyn to be gevin to my son, M. Alexander, and wes wrangoullie takin fra my son M. Johne.¹ And that thai fuld deall with this Clerk of Register to that effect; quha hes done thair diligence thairanent, and desyrit the samyn mater to be referrit to to thame, as Jugis Arbitratouris; quhilk I and my son readelie obeyit. Bot this Clerk of Register alluterlie refufit, and wald na wayis gif ony other answere in that mater. Sua my Son is delayit and postponit, and I am difappointit of the summe of ane thousand markis yeirlie, quhilk my Son, obtaning that office, fuld pay vnto me yeirlie, induring my lyftym. Quherof I dout nocht bot your Maiestie will have respect or confideration, and caus direct your Hienes letter to the said Clerk of Register, commanding him to gif the said office to my said Son, conform to your Maiesties will, and promise made to me thereanent. I am affurit of your Hienes guid will in this my Petition, as I have had guid experience of your Maiesties fauour and beneuolence for my lewing and esteat: And sua committis your Maiestie to the protection of Almightie God. From Edinburgh, the ix day of August 1614.

Your Maiesties humill and obedient
seruitour, and subiect,

To the Kingis Sacred Maiestie.

S. JOHN SKENE.

¹ See notes to the Letters in this volume, marked Nos. CXCIVII. and CCXXXIII.

CCXXVII.—THE BISHOP OF ORKNEY TO LORD BINNING.

RIGHT HONORABIL MY VERRIE SPECIALL GOOD LORD,

Pleas your Lordschipe, we haue tryed heir greatar contempte and obftinacie in the rebelles, les trust and willing obedience in the people, then we could foresie or did expect. The difficulties quhiche we encounter withe ar many, and gif God doe not subdue the pryde of the villanous knaves, there is great appeirance of muche blood sehadding before the houffes and haulds can be takin.

My Lord Erle of Caithnes is notwithstanding full of curage and constante resolutiounes never to geive over vntill it fall pleas God to giue fuche victorie as may giue his Maiestie, and your Lordschipes of his Maiesties Priuie Counsell, contentment.

His Lordschipe spaires nothing quhich may serue to that effect, and is this day, for helpe of our presente wante of victuall, sending to Caithnes for supplie. He himselfe, and all of ws, leiuies lyk fouldiours, withe verrie temperat dyet; out in the daye and nicht, lying aboute dykes, or within houffes no better then croffes; and now inuiring oure felues to all militarie hardnes for futur seruice.

Ratter, May, and his Lordschipes freinds and seruands, ar in no betere cace then his Lordschipes felfe, and exceedinglie weill affectit to do and suffer all things for the happie end of this seruice; for quhiche caus, I will beseiche your good Lordschippe especiallie, and by the same letter my Lord Thesaurar also, quhois cair and diligence did cheiflie appeare in our directiounes hither, to incourage and furder this Nobleman, quohes willed rather to be buried in his grandfires graue (wharewithe he is daylie threatned heir), then to forsaik this seruice, or omitt ony pairte of that loyall dewtie, quhiche he ow to his Maiestie.

As for my self and my buffines and fetling, I wil bot put your Lordschip in mynd thareof, and rely constantlie vpoune that goodwill, quhiche your Lordschip hathe euir professed to me, and I do with muche confidence perfwad my felfe of, thought I haue not, nor can not deserue ane drame weght thareof.

We haue not so mucche ink almost, nor cannot haue it yitt frome the toune, as to wryte thir two or thrie letters; bot knowing that your Lordschip will imparte to him, and to those, quhome your Lordschipe pleases, all quhich my Lord hes writtin particularlie, I must craue pardone for this omiffioun; and wisching frome [God] all grace, peace, and prosperitie to your Lordschip, and good successe to thir Orknay warres, evir rests

Your Lordschipes assured in all dewtie to serue yow.

[JA. B. OF ORCADS.¹]

Weyland, the 27 of August 1614.

As I was ending this wreet, my Lord himself hes begunne this dayes playe agane, and hes hitt the Castell with ane schotte.

To the Right honourable his verrie good
Lord my Lord of Binning, his Ma-
iesties Secretarie of Scoteland.

CCXXVIII.—THE BISHOP OF ORKNEY TO LORD BINNING.

RIGHT HONNORABLE MY VERIE GOODE LORD,

The difficulteis of this seruice, and grite want of all thingis necessarrie, hes moved ws to fend the post, in post to your Lordship for supplee and speedie support. Thair is no thing omittit, quhilk possiblie may be attemptit or atchiued. Since the fyft of this instant, whilk wes the date of our last letters fend be land, tua peeceis lyand vpoun the tope of the Castell ar dismounted, ane grite breatche maid vpoun that pairt of the house, quhair the stairis seruis for ascending and discending, the blok house beatin, so that thair poulder and bullett had not bene wanting. Our vther dayis playing had discouerit the yrne yett, and maid ane way

¹ Not signed, but indorsed at the time, "Bishop of Orknay to the Secretary."

for ane affault. The hail poulder, except half ane barrell, is spent, and all the bullettis for the cannoun, except nyne, as we haif tryed, be Robert Elphinstoun and the cannonaris, for thair is bestowit vpoun this batterie fiftie sax shoit of the cannoun, and 57 of the vther, and in all fourefcoir stanes of poulder. The wallis of the bodie of the house ar so thick and solide, that we can not think it possible for thir tua peecis in lang tyme, and without muche coist and danger, to prevaill aganis thame. The fouldouris wantis thair pay for this moneth, and we can not haif so mutche as the half or ony pairt thairof, advancit be takkifmen or chalmerlanis, thocht we haif with the Shiref Depute imployit all our requeistis and commandis. Thair is also suche penurie of victuall, that none can be had for meate or drynk, for prayer or pryce. The rebellis ar reffoluit obstinatlie to indure and hald oute; and this day, becaus the cannoun played not vpoun thame (haueing intelligence, for all that we can do, of our wantis) thay jested frome the Castell in the moirning, asking, Quhy our cannouns did fleip so lang. Ane mercheant ship of Glasgo arryveing heir frome Dantish or Cairftoun, we fend for the maister, and, knoweing that he had some poulder belonging to the merchantis, who ar not vpoun hir, to help the present necessitie, and forder his Maiesties seruice, the Erll caufit tak foure centrellis of poulder frome hir at lxxx lib. the centrell, and hes gevin his Lordship's band to him, that he salbe payit thairfoir be your Lordship, quhen he comes to Edinburgh. The necessityis and wantis must ather be helpit with all thingis requisite, or certanelie the seruice can not be broght to that end whiche is wished and expectit. Yf your Lordship pleis to affuir Robert and Patrik Halcrois of thair lyves, thair is no grite doubt, bot thay wald gif ouer, and the rest rander thame felfis; bot yf that be not grantit, thair is no thing bot force to constrain thame. Thay haif shoit the Inglife smithe through the arme, beyde the cannoun, and yisterday haif shoit James Ritchiesoun, ane of the fouldiouris, through the body. The gentilmen of the cuntrey wald be glaid to see ane end of thir troublis, quhairby, thay and all the people ressaues grite hinderance and damageis. The Erll, his bruther, and freindis, ar mantenit heir with maill and malt, frome Caithnes, and thocht thay be resoluit euir to perfequite the seruice, yitt it is verie troublesome and expensive to thame, and thair lyveis in daylie dangeir. Off the grite

number of perfonis who hes bene fauouraris, affiftaris, and partakaris of this rebelloun, we haif thought beft to fend fome, with thair depofitionis and confeffionis, to your Lordfhip, that thay may ather be punifhit thair according to thair defervingis, or the cuntrey purgeit and maid red of thame in all tyme comeing. So, affureing our felfis that your Lordfhip, according to your vfuall diligence, will, with all haift, poft bak the poft, furnifh with money for the fouldiouris, poulder, bullett, and victuall, as, breade, meill, malt, and beir, to be fauld at fome reafounable raite; and wifheing grace and peace from God to your Lordfhip, I reft

Your Lordfhipes in all dewtie to ferue yow,

JA. B. OF ORCADS.¹

CCXXIX.—THE BISHOP OF THE ISLES TO LORD BINNING.

MY SPECIALL GOODE LORD,

Receaving frome my Lord Secretare, ane verie byiting lettre,² laying the weytt of the taking of the houfe of Dunavaig, vpoun the negligence of my keiparis theirof, and the long keeping theirof be the rebellis, vpoun my fleuthe, whilk femed to proceid, ather of fome of my vnfreindis informatioun of his Lordfchip, or els of his Lordfchipis confait of me, whilk I neuer merited; I preafed als cairfullie as my might or credit might extend to (albeit I wanttit both place, purfe, and credit neidfull to haue affectuatit fuche ane earand), to releive my felf of that

¹ Indorsed by Lord Binning:—"Copie of the Bisshop of Cathnes (*sic*) letter. Ressaued 13 Sept. 1614." In a letter to his brother, Patrick Hamilton, Lord Binning, on the same day, 13th September, writes,—“I pray yow recommend to his Maiestie and my Lord Chamberlane, the fauorable and speidie expedition of the Erle of Caithnes and Bisshop of Orknayes busines, and vse all possible haist in the returne of his Maiesties commandements.”—(The Melros Papers, vol. i. p. 153.) On the 28th September, he says, “I haue ressaued the Bisshop of Orknayes signatours, whairin, God knowes, I had no melling bot for the aduancement of his Maiesties seruice.”—(Ib. p. 169.)

² See extract of a letter from Lord Binning, in the note to page 375.

imputatione, and with all diligence I tuik my journey toward the Yles, prouydit with fuche furnitour and small cumpany of men as I might with fuche haift procure; and thinking my number too small to venture in conference or plotting with rebellis, I fend fex of the best of my cumpany weill acquainted with theme, to theme with the remiffione; thinking, that, according to thair oathe and promeife be wrytt, and vpoun the refett theirof, they fuld haue deliuered the houfe; whilk they returned anfuer with some of my feruands to me, that they fuld be reddie to do, within tua houris eftir they had advyft, and being refoluit, whidder the remiffione wes fufficient or no, as I wrait to your Lordfchip of before. Vpoun the whilk promeife I fent ouer my feruandis the fecund tyme, and I refted fill in Arrane, thinking they fuld haue keipit their promeife, but they returnit the fecund anfuer to me, that they culd not delyuer that houfe, bot to my felf being personall presentt, and to reffaue ane fufficient affurance be wreat, of my freindfchipe in all tyme cuming; and therefore, leift they fuld haue excused their rebellion in refpect of my crayuing to come that far vnto theme, and leift that your Lordfchip fuld haue layed ane new burdein vpoun my fleuche, in refpect of the neglect of that feruice, and that, feiring the treacherie of thefe rebellis, I prouydit fuche cumpany, as ather my credit amangft my freindfhip, or of any money whilk I might procure, to convoy me thair. The harueft wes fo great ane impediment, that the nightbouris in the Iles, and the Yles men themfelfis [wer] fo cairles in this feruice, that for the moft pairt, all men refufed me, and in fpeciall M'Len and M'Leude of Hereis, fua that I culd obtene no number to go thairwith, except threfcoir and ten perfonis, of the whiche their wes fyftie weageit foldiouris and tuentie followeris of the Laird of Ardincaple, my nevoy the Laird of Ranfurlie, and my felf. With thefe I landit in Ila, the 19 of this instant, being affuredlie informit, that Donald Gorme of Slait and the Laird of Hardancaple, whome I had fend befoir my felf, yit agane to the houfe to mitigat the rebellis humouris, pacifie and move theme without delay to obey the charge. I wes alfo defyred be word and wreat, that the tenentis of the cuntrey wald concur with me, and that the best half of the Clandonald of that Ile, would affift me; to the whilk effect, some of theme mett me be the way, and convoyit me to

I lay, and remanit with me night and day, while the 21 day, at aucht houris in the morning, who depairting then frome me, and Hardencaple and Donald Gorme comeing to me, and gave vp commoning and vtter refusell to delyuer the house any maner of way; and immediatlie aftir theme, the greittest number of the name of Clandonald of that Yle, both of the talkeris of that hous and fuche as medlit not with it befoir, come togidder to the number of ane hundreth men in armes and mae, and ley betwixt ws and our boittis, whilks they immediatlie brake, all to the number of four boittis, and spoyled the hail gudis thair out of by our knowlege, affirming, that they come onlie to confer with me and pak vp maters, be the aduyse and intercessione of Donald Gorme and the Laird of Hardencaple,—while the 22 day, about aucht of the klok, when they resortit to theme, ane vther hundreth and mae, pairtly of the cuntrey men, pairtly of their owin accustomit followaris, and so having ws cut of frome our boittis, they directed a threatning to ws, that they wald put ws all to the edge of the sword without exceptione, or els it behovit ws to deliuer fuche of our number to theme as they wald chuse: Vnto the whilk for eschewing of bluid and greittare inconvenientis, it behovit me to yeild, and so to chuse out of our cumpany, my nevoy the Laird of Ranfurlye, and my sone Mr Thomas, whome they haue taikin with theme to the Castell of Dunavaig, whairby your Lordship may perceave how traitourouslie I haue bein oft defaiffit be that pestiferous Clan, how hard my caice is many wayes, and in what trouble my freindis arcum in, be my cair to ferue the Kingis Maiestie, both in keiping that house and in preafing to recouer, vpoun litle or none of his Maiesties charges, whiche I dout not, as his Hienes, so your Lordship will sie remedit, and that with all diligence, vtherwise I am vndone: nather can I depairt frome this Yle, whill I sie some comfortabill way for the releif of their captiues, as moir particularlie I haue giuin informatione to the bearer. Beseiking your Lordship to grant thairto, whilk falbe nowayis preiudiciall to his Maiesties or your Lordship's intentione in that particulare, what euir it be; his Maiestie recouered the Bifchope of Darayis¹

¹ This may have some reference to George Mountgomery, D.D., a native of Scotland, and Dean of Norwich, who was promoted to the See of Derry, in 1605, and translated to Meath in 1610.

houfe and his wyf, whose houfe and caftell wes taikin be Odochortie, and recompensd the skaithe: his Hienes wairit expenfes vpoun the recouerie of the houfe of Dunavaig, when it wes taikin from my Lord of Scone, who had for the keiping theirof ane thoufand merks fterling a yeer. I hoip your Lordfchip will not fie me and my freindis wrak, whilk referring to your confcieabill discretione, and befeiking God to blis your Lordfchip, I reft,

Your Lordfchipsis affectionat fervand,

AN. ISLES.

Frome Iley, the xxij of September 1614.

They haue biggit ane new forthe in ane logh, which they haue manit and victulat. Angus Og their captane affirmis, in the heiring of my manie witneffes, that he gat directione frome the Erle of Argyle to keep fill the houfe, and that he fuld procure him theirfoir the hail landis of Yley and houfe of Dunavage to himfelf.

To my very fpeciall goode Lordis my
Lord Binning, Secretare, and my
Lord Thefaurer of Scotland.¹

¹ Indorsed by Lord Binning,—“ Copie of the letter ressaued from the Bischop of the Isles, the penult of September, at nyne at night.”

Lord Binning, on the 15th September, in writing to his brother, says, “ The Bischop of the Isles hes protracted long tyme verie vnprofitable, whair of he now persuaues the errour, and regrates it be ane letter which we ressaued from him yisternight, whairby he promeises now to go fordward to Ila, bot verie vnseasonable; becaus the cuntrie people, be whoes assistance he might have expected to have straited the rebels, ar now so busied with thair harvest, that they will rather aduenture to disobey the proclamation, nor losse the cornes, whairvpon thay and thair families must leive whill this tyme twelmonth. Alwayes, we haue granted him all the warrandis he requyres, and sall omit no thing, that is in oure power to aduance his seruice, and encourage him thairin; *albeit I mixed my last answer to him with sum bitternes*, becaus his inexcusable delayes had greatlie preiudged his Maiesties seruice.”—(The Melros Papers, vol. i. p. 158.)

See in particular Nos. CVIII. and CIX. in the same collection of Original Letters, respecting the proceedings at this time, “ anent the affairs of Ila.”—(Ib. pp. 178—180.)

CCXXX.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO JOHN MURRAY, OF
HIS MAIESTIES BEDCHAMBER.

RIGHT WORSHIPFULL AND WEILBELOUIT BROTHER,

Efter my loving commendations, I have sein a testimoniall directed from the Synode of Aberdein, bearing that one George Leslie, of Aldcraig, hath crewellie and in infidious manner murdered Mr George Leith, brother-germane to the bearer hereof; quhairof I haue assured notice, bcsydes the ample testimoniall whilk is ready to be produced of honest and famous men, wha ar witneses abone all exceptioun. My entres in this mater is only for conscience saik, and discharge of a goode duetie to God, and to the King his Maiestie my Soverane, to whome I am obliged to give right informatioun for preserveing both of his Maiesties conscience and honour, whilk is more tender to me nor my lyfe. Therefore I will request yow, in maist earnest maner, that ye will interceid with his Maiestie that this Gentilman may get acesse to deplore his wrongs to his owne Soverane Lord, whairin, as ye will do God goode service, so yow will obliffe me to abyde in the ald maner your owne assured. Happy ar they that imployis their credit so long as they haue it in such forme that they serve both God and their Maister in one act. Thus I commit yow with all my hart to the blessing and directioun of God. I rest,

Your owne ald loving freind, without change,

SANCTANDROIS.

St Androis Castle,
25 September 1614.

To the right worshipfull and my loving
Brother, Johne Murray, one of his
Maiesties bedchalmer.

CCXXXI.—MR PETER HEWAT, ONE OF THE MINISTERS OF EDINBURGH, TO JOHN MURRAY.

SIR,

Vpoun fure knowlege of your gude affectioun to the furtherance of justice, as being alwayis very redy, according to your place, to give his Majesty fik informatioun of the veritie as may procur in grit evils tymous remeid, I haue tane boldnes to recommend to your fauour the fute of this gentilman, Mr William Leith, quho craueth iustice for the slauchter of his vmquhyl brother, Mr George Leith, be George Leslie of Auldraig, ane excommunicat Papist, as I am informed, and at the horn. The particulars will be delated to yow by the gentilman him self, quho will bothe schaw quhat he craweth, and the reffoun of his iurnay thair. My Lord St Androwis hath also recommendit this bufinis, and the Ministrie of that province hath testifeit vnder thair handis that quhilk is truth. I dout not, Sir, bot ye will haue that cair herin as the suite of the gentilman being lawfull may be, by your moyan, exped, and that for the respect yow cary baith to the glory of God and his Maiesties honour. This cesing to truble yow with farder letter, I commend yow to the bliffing of God, and restis,

Yours alwayis to his powar,

M. P. HEWATT.

[27th September 1614.¹]

To the ryght worschipfull his very muche respected frend, Jhon Murray, ane of his Maiesties bed chalmer.

¹ The date of this letter may be inferred from the preceding one, which relates to the same affair. A Royal missive to the Marquess of Huntley for Leslie's apprehension, will be given in a subsequent sheet.

CCXXXII.—THE BISHOP OF ORKNEY TO LORD BINNING.

RIGHT HONOURABIL MY VERY SPECIALL GOOD LORD,

Your Lordships laft letters, with the barke, ſhip, and wholl furniture, came to us vpon the 19 and 20 of September, before quhich time, leaft we fould have done nothing when we were ſkant of powder and billets, we enterpryzed to take the blockhouſe, and goe over the reſt of the mantell walls at divers places by ſcalling; but tuo of our men being killed, others wounded, and all terrified, the inſtrument of timber, quhich was made and caried vpon foure wheells to the walls, for defence of the fouldiers and pioners from fhots and ſtones, was, in the darknes of the nixt night, fett on fire be the rebells, and the evill ſucces of that affay did fend us to our nixt and ſecund witts.

After the fight, and confideration of your Lordſhip's laft letters, and ſufficient information made to us be thrie or foure who fled out of the Caſtell, that the taking of all the blockhouffes and walls about the great tower of the Caſtell wold be of litle importance, that the rebells had reſolved to forſake them, and incloſe themſelfs within the irone yett of the tower; that they had broken downe the timber bridge quhich lay for paſſing betuixt the vttermoſt yett, the walls, and the ſaid irone yett of the houſe, and that ther was no way now for aſcending and entring at the ſaid iron yett, quhich ſtands about the mids of the wholl hight of the houſe, bot be a long ladder; as alſo, that many hundreth ſhotts of the tuo pieces of ordinance were not able in long time to make any ſufficient quantity of the walls (quhich are ſo thicke and ſolid that they have made many of the bullets burſt in ſmall peeces) to fall.

We thought it our beſt duety and ſervice, for ſparing of more blood, and greater expenſſes, yea, for preventing of all delays and difficulties quhich, by appearance, might enſew, and lett the happy ending of this expugnation, once to try, if Robert and Patrik Halero wold ſubmitte and render themſelfs vpon this condition, that they ſould be keepit alive, and exhibit to your Lordſhip (in quhich ſtandeth the greateſt moment of the

discovery) vntill his Maiesties pleasure concerning them should be declared, as your Lordship writt to us.

This being practized both by writt and faithfull messingeris, they were by the sting of their owne consciences, and by the certaine knowledge quhich they receaved by our Informations of his Maiesties most royall intention, your Lordship's right honorabill care and provisiōe for prosecuting this aētiōe with all necessary furniture, and the valorous resolutione of my Lord Lieutenant, his brother, friends, and followers (who never fainted nor failed), moved to desire ane Minister to be sent in to them; quhich being granted, and tuo or thrie sermons, with effectuell prayers, made for instructiōe and conversiōe of their minds and harts, as I directed, be ane very zealous and honest man called Robert Stewart; at last, after thrie or foure days, Robert come out to the Kirk upon assurance, and the same day efter he departit to the Castell, came Patrik Halcro, and conferred with the Erle and me, quhair the mater was so handled at that time, that Robert, efter ane vther conference with me vpon Michaelmes even, was contented vpon the forsaide condition to abandon the Castell and come to the Erle with me, quhair he remaines now. Lykas vpon Michaelmes day, Patrik Halcro craving and having conference with me in the Kirk, did the same day, about foure efter noone, delyver the Castle to his Maiesties Herald; who being accompanied with Walter Ritchie, to take ane note of all mouables within the house, and five or fixe of the Erles servants, did remaine and rest them all this last night.

This day, efter publick thanksgiuing and preaching, my Lord Lieutenant and I, with a great number, enterit the Castle vpon a new bridge, visited the house and movables, and in the most solemne and joyfull maner we could, with sounding of trumpets, roaring off all our ordinance on land and sea, we set vp his Maiesties colours vpon the fastiges of the house, and, if your Lordship will believe me, we carruffed efter the Orkney fashion for his Maiesties health and prosperity, quhich God grant may indure and increas many yeirs amongst us. Nor were we so befotted with any surfitt, bot we had your Lordship's, my Lord Thesaurer, and the remanent Right honorabill our Lords, in dew remembrance and regard, and amongst all, my very honorabill good Lord, my Lord Chancellor.

Now, from these mirriments, quich some furplus of humour hes happily dicted to me, I doe most hartly render thanks to your Lordship for the favour notified to me be the Commiffare, in his last letter. My affectione and service falbe honest and constant, and more I have not, bot poore words vnworthy.

If his Maieftie falbe moved to convert ane Bifchope in ane beggar, I fall never ascryve it to any averfenes of his Royall hart, bot to the perversnes of those who worships his purpure, and loves not himfelfe, and if I fould never have any benefite or fetling from his Maieftie, yet the bentnes of my affectione fall ever exceed the weaknes of my power to serve his Maieftie with all my poore indevours. I have wreatten to my Lord Theasurer, and thire Articles inclosed¹ are sent to your tuo Lordships only, to be advifed, concluded, and directed, as fall seime good to your wifdomes. So, praying God to have your Lordship ever in his favour, and bliffe yow with all gud bliffings here and herefter, I rest.²

Yeards in Kirkwall, 29 September 1614.

CCXXXIII.—THE BISHOP OF ORKNEY TO SIR GIDEON MURRAY,
TREASURER-DEPUTE.

RIGHT HONNORABIL MY VERREY SPECIALL GUD LORD,

Concerning our procedingis heir, and the happie end of thir troubles, I knaw I fall not neid to write, feing your Lordship is to know the same by that which I haue writtin fummerlie to my Lord Secretarie.

Anent the vther biffines whiche it pleased your Lordship commit, in

¹ These Articles chiefly relate to the demolition of Kirkwall Castle, and are printed from the Melros Papers, vol. i. p. 185, No. 106, in the volume of State Papers, 1614, which is indorsed by Lord Binning:—"Copie of the Articles sent be the Erle of Caithness to the Secretar, to be resolved be the Counsall. Ressaued 10 Oct."

² In one of the contemporary transcripts, there is added, "This was the Bishop of Orknay his letter sent to the Secretare." The other is indorsed by Lord Binning,— "Copie of the Bischope of Orknayes letter sent to the Secretary. Ressaued 10 October."

your laft letter to my credit, I haue bene cairfull of thame all. The bark is loffed, and reddie, quhen the wynd feruis, to cum Sowth. The fouldiers and thair officers ar payed to the awcht of October, quhilk in our compt completis the fecund moneth. The fame ordour is tane with the cannonaris and thair attendantis, of quhome I moft teftifie to your Honnour that thai haue done gud feruice, and worthie commendatioun. Thair wes fum littill jarris quhilkis I reconciled, and thai procedit rather from the pouer of our Scapa aill then from any gall. James Gardner hes gevin prooffe of ane skilfull artifman. The chyrurgian, Robert Elphingftoun, the trumpetour, and all, according to your Lordfhip's warrant, ar fatiffyt. The Erill and I ar purposed to brek the fouldiours, and all officers, the morne, or fa fone as we may fattill, a littill efter the reffauing of the Caftell: And we think beft, gif God will fend wyndes, to fende thame Sowthe vpoun one of the fchippis and bark, that thai be not moir chargeable to his Maieftie; yitt fo that I think your Lordfhip will allow to ws to give thame fo mucche as may mak owt the jurney. Walter Richie will write concerning the victuall, breid, and beir, and Robert Elphingftoun concerning the reft committit to his custodie, as I haue defirit thame. So your Lordfhip fall haue trew knowlege and iuft accompt, God willing, of all at meting.

I haue drawin vp fum Articlis, and fchewed the fame to my Lord Lieutenant, whiche ar inclofed,¹ to be confiderit be your Lordfhip and my Lord Secretarie, or fo many vtheris as your Lordfhip pleafis, for the goode of this poore cuntree, quhair of we expect your Lordfhip's anfueries and particular determinatiounis, to be followed. We intend this day to put the canons to the fchippis, with powder, bullattis, and all uther thingis whiche fall be fent bak. The nixt week we fall be bufie in trying and punifching the rebellis, except fo many as may beft ferue for difcovering the plotting of this rebellion; amongis quhome your Lordfhip fall reffau vpon the fchip, Andro Martine, Secretar to all, and Johne Burne, gif he may for his difeis be transported; with quhome your Lordfhip fall reffau thair Depofitionis² and furdur advertifement fo fone as the

¹ See note 1, on the preceding page.

² In Pitcairn's Criminal Trials, vol. iii. p. 272 to 307, along with the Trial of Robert Stewart, and five of his accomplices, at Edinburgh, for treasonably resisting the King's

schip may be maid reddie. The Erill hes send the pinage to Thurfo in Caithnes to transport hither to the schip ane pece of ordinance which went owt of the Castell of Edinburgh to the Lewes, and to deliuer the same agane to his Maiestie. His Lordship hes kepit heir for the seruice at leist ane hundreth Caithnes men all the tyme, and has sparit no thing that might help to further it. I will not write his dew praises, leif I fuld seme to flatter or faine. This onlie I must say, that in all his cariage he hes schewed him self nobill, liberall, modest, valerous, and zelous of his Maiesties honour and seruice. Gif Sir James or gud Robert Menteyth¹ had cum hither about this busines, the rebellis do confes that the Counsell fould haue done thame greit plesour. Referring the rest of our proceedingis to my nixt letters, quhilkis fall cum with the schip, God willing, I pray God to blifs, gyde, and preferue your Lordship, and so remanis,

Your Lordship's in all dewitie assured to serue yow,

JA. B. OF ORCADS.

Yairdis in Kirkwall, 1. October 1614.

If my Signatouris be not passid and returned, as thai war not quhen your Lordship wrait last, then I must think my self evill vfed; and I trust your Lordship will latt me know how and be quhome the impediment is maid, that I may resolue vpoun sum vther courfe for my self.

Your Lordship wes remembrit hartlie yisterday, vpoun the top of the Castell, with ane drawcht or twa of wyne, tent, and fek.²

Lieutenant and his forces, there is added an Appendix of Original Documents, including letters of the Earl of Caithnes, the Bishop of Orkney, and others, and the several Depositions here mentioned by Bishop Law. The persons alluded to were executed at the Cross of Edinburgh, on the 6th January 1615.

¹ Sir James Stewart of Killeith, and Robert Monteith of Egilschaw.

² This letter is given from a transcript, indorsed at the time,—“Copie of the Bischop of Orknayis letter to the Thesaurer Depute, etc.”

CCXXXIV.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF GLASGOW AND LORD BINNING TO KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED AND GRATIOUSE SOUERAIGNE,

The expectations we had to haif wrocht fūm agrement betwen the Lord of Register and Sir Jhon Skein, movit ws to differ the Report of our travellis in that bufines vnto this tym.¹ According as your Maieftie

¹ The original is in Spottiswood's hand. In a letter without date, but probably written in April 1613, Sir Thomas Hamilton, now Lord Binning, says to John Murray:—

“ This night I have receaved your letter from Maister Johne Skene, which I sall obey, reseruing my dewtie to his Brother, *to whom you know I am beholden for his gudewill in the office of Clerk of Register, which dois obleis me in all dewtifull thankfulnes*; and if Maister Johne had followed my freindlie counsall, he wald not haue bene intangled in this vnprofitable busines; bot his owne wilfulnes, and too much following the wilfull aduise and opinion of some contentious persones, hes bred truble and vexatioun to himself and his brother, who will do him reason and faour, so far as may be without his own extreme preiudice. Alwayes I haue bene, so I will continew to be, ane instrument of peace amangis thame, and whatsoever I do sall be knowne to be for your respect, which is the onlie cause that moues me to mell in Maister Johne's maters, since I fand him so obstinat.

“ I sall informe my Lord of Register of your friendlie counsall, who might be persuaded to vse courtesie according to his own tractable nature, if Mr Johne's peremptour vsage of him had not alienated his mynd from him.”—(The Melros Papers, vol. i. p. 105.)

Under the year 1612, Spottiswood, in noticing the changes in some of the Officers of State, and the appointment of Sir Thomas Hamilton, Lord Advocate, to be Clerk Register, says, “ Sir John Skeen had enjoyed the place a good many years, and being grown in age and infirm, thinking to get his son provided to his office, he sent him to Court with a dimission of the place, but with a charge not to use it, unless he found the King willing to admit him; yet he, abused by some politick wits, made a resignation of the office,” &c., which “ was presently dispoed to the Advocate: which grieved the Father beyond measure, . . . to be circumvented in this sort by the simplicity or folly of his Son. . . . The King being informed of the abuse by the old man's complaint, was very careful to satisfie him, and to have the Son reconciled to his Father; *which, after some travel, was brought to pass: yet so exceeding was the old man's discontent, as within a few days he deceased.*”—(History, p. 517.)

This statement does not say much for the Archbishop's minute accuracy as an Historian, considering the special share which he himself had in reconciling the parties: (see his own letter, No. CXCVII.) At the date of the above Report, upwards of eighteen

was pleit to direct ws, that we fuld travel to haif Maifter Alexander Sken refavit in the office of hornings, or then caufe fum fatiffaetioun be gefin him be the Clerk of Register; we vrgit the first, and hafing refavit his anfwer twiching the office, that he culd not difpone it for dyverfe reafons, we cam to the fecond, anent fatiffaetioun. The Clerk of Register offerit to fubmit himfelf to ws two, in that point; only excufit, that he culd not fubmit with Mr Alexander Sken, as ane with qhom he had no thing to do, but with his father or brother, that had the office before, he wes willing. We bothe thocht that none of tham fuld differr vpon that point to agre, for if he gaif fatiffaetioun, it wes al one to him qho fuld refaif it, if he fuld be difchargit be them al. But he anfwerit, that he had fignefeit his mynd to your Maieftie in thofe termis, qhiche he culd not alter without your Maiefties commandement. On the other fyd, we fand them no way inclynit to refaif fatiffaetioun, becaufe the burthen lay vpon Maifter Alexander, be thair privat barganis amongeft tham felfis, to mak payment to his father out of the office, yeirly, of the fowm of ane thowfand merkis Scottis, qhiche thai knew the fatiffaetioun that wold be modefeit fuld never extend to. And fo, finding thefe difficulties, we haif left the bufines and tham to do as thai may beft. Sir, this is the true account of our proceedings in that mater, qhairin, as in al things, we fal ever be careful at our poffibilities to ferve as your Maieftie fal pleife to command ws. Praying Almychtie God to bliffe your Maieftie with al happines, and many yeirs, we humbly kiffe your Maiefties hands.

Your Maiefties moft humble and obedient fervants,

GLASGOW.

BINNING.

Edinburgh, laft of September 1614.

To his moft Sacred Maieftie.

months had elapsed to bring about an amicable arrangement that might please Sir John Skene, and secure an office for two of his younger sons; and so far from *having died of vexation within a few days*, Sir John survived to the 17th March 1617.—(Confirmed Testaments, Edinburgh, 8 July 1617.)

CCXXXV.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF GLASGOW TO KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED AND GRACIOUSE SOUERAIGNE,

It hes plefit God to cast in my handis a Jefuit, that callis himself Ogilvy. He cam to this citie, and said some maffis, at quiche we haif tryit eight of our burgefis to ben present. He wes bufie in perverting fum otheris that went too far with him, for fum of tham preafit to refist my fervantis in his apprehenfion : himself wil anfwer nothing that fervis for difcovering his traffique in the cuntrey, that appeiris to be great. My Lord Kilfyth wes heir, be good happe, at his examinatioun, and the rest of his partakeris, and hes helpit muche to thair confefsiounis. The copie of them I haif fent to the Secretary, qho, I trust, fal fend it vp in the pacquet. In his bulget we haif found his vestmentis, and other furniture for the maffe, with some bookis and reliques of S. Ignatius, S. Margaret, S. Kathrin, and other thair Saintis ; also some writtis, amongest quiche the principal is a Catalogue of thingis left be Father Anderson,¹ a Jefuit in Scotland, qho femis to be furth of the countrey. Thairby your Maieftie wil perfaif the furniture of bookis and vestmentis thai haif in store againft the day they looke for, and fum of thair freindschip, with qhom the famin is refervit. Sir, I wil not truble your Maieftie with the circumftances of his apprehenfion, and namis of his partakeris heir, qhairanent I haif written to your Hienes fervant, Jhon Murray, more particularie ; only I wil craif your Maiefties pardon to delyuer my advyfe for the punifchment of thir transgrefforis, the tryal of the Jefuite, and finding out fuche thingis as ar contenit in the Catalogue.

Because exemplary punifchment is neceffare in this cace, and be the lawis, thair lyvis, landis, and qhole eftait is in your Maiefties handis, and the conditioun of the perfonis offending is not equal, your Maieftie

¹ Mr Patricke Anderson of the Society of Jesus, afterwards returned to Scotland, and “ out of divers conferences, discourses, and disputes,” during his imprisonment at Edinburgh, in the years 1620 and 1621, he published a work entitled “ The Ground of the Catholike and Roman Religion in the Word of God,” printed “ Permissu Superiorum, Anno M.DC.XXIII.” 4to.

wold be pleſit to referre the determinatioun thair of to my Lord Theſaurar, my Lord Kilfyth, my Lord Advocat, and myſelf, as haſing heir the juridiſtioun vnder your Maieſtie.

Commiſſioun wold be giſin for this effect, and the Counſal commandit to exped one to the forenamed perſonis, for putting the tranſgreſſoris to tryal, and convicting tham according to the law.

Being tryit, guiltie, and put in your Maieſties wil, they wold be fynit according to thair qualitie and eſtate; only Robert Higgate, that hes ben the feducer of the reſt, wold be banifched your Maieſties kingdomes during your Hienes pleaſure.

The fyn your Maieſtie wil be graciously pleſit to command the Theſaurar to devyd with me, bothe in reſpect thair ar al burgeſſis of this citie, and by the priviledg your Maieſties noble predeceſſoris haif grantit to this ſea, the eſchetis and forſaltoris of al malefactoris ſal to the Biſhop, and that I may haif qhairwith to recompenſe the diſcoverer, and otheris that haif ſervit in the buſines, to qhom I haif particularly obliged myſelf.

Thair tryal wold be at Glaſgow, and the Commiſſioners commandit, be your Maieſties letter, to conven for that effect at the firſt convenient tym thair can chuſe.

For the Jeſuit, your Maieſtie may be pleſit to command him to be brocht to Edinburgh, and examined be ſuche of the Counſel as your Maieſtie ſal pleis nominat. Of that number, the Secretary, Theſaurar, my Lord Kilfyth, my Lord Advocat, and myſelf, becauſe I haif the writtis, wold ſeim fitteſt.

They wold be commandit to uſe this examinatioun with great ſecrecy, and if he wil not anſwer nor confeſſe ingenuouſly, to gif him the buttis, or other torture.

For getting the bookis and veſtmentis contenit in the Catalogue, it wil be the ſafeſt mean to charge the keperis of the ſamin, and qhair the ladyis ar named, to charge thair huſbandis, and commit tham til the ſam be delyverit. But for this, and the better compaſſing of it, the credit wold be referrit to my Lord Secretary to move and follow it in Counſal, by our advyſe, and qhen we ſe it to be tym.

Sire, theſe thingis I humbly preſent to your Maieſtie, to be correctit

at your Hienes gud plesure. The knowledge I haif of our state heir, and the confideratioun of every thing that may best serve to the repressing of this great evil, and affuring that obedience quiche is due to God and your Maieftie, makis me bold to delyver my opinioun in this forte.

I befeche Almyghtie God to preserve your Maieftie, to disappoint the practifis of the wickit, and increafe your Hienes bleffingis, in despyt of al Godis and your enemyis.

Your Maieftes most humble and obedient servitour,

GLASGOW.¹

Glasgow, the 5 of October 1614.

To his most Sacred Maieftie.

CCXXXVI.—EXAMINATIONS RELATIVE TO FATHER OGILBY THE
JESUIT, APPREHENDED AT GLASGOW IN 1614.

APUD GLASGOW, the fyft day of October 1614 : Thir perfounis wndirwryttin wer examinat, in prefens of my Lordis of Glasgou and Argyle, my Lord Flemyng, my Lord Kiltythe, my Lord Boyd, the Laird of Mynto, Sir George Elphingstoune, James Hamiltoun, Prouest, James Bell, James Braidwood, Colein Campbell, Baillies.

ROBERT HEYGAIT, being inquyrit how lang he hes bene acquent with this Preist, answert, That he neuer saw him nor spak with him bot within thir twa monethis syne or thairby ; and that he come down to him to his awin buithe, and gat fum paper fra him, and thairefter yeid with him to Mr William Stewartis hous, to get ane chopein of wyne, quaha callit him self ane Hors-cowper, and wes going to Kyntyre to by hors ;

¹ Indorsed,—“ Spotswood B. of Glasgou shewes the taking of Father Ogilby, and desyres ane warrant for his tryell and executione. 5 Octob. 1614.”

and imployit him to buy ane hors : And thairefter callit him self ane Preift ; bot of his name he is ignorant, and neuer speirit for it. And being inquyrit, gif he enterit withe him in religioun ? so confest ; and that he brocht him to Mareoun Walkeris hous, and saw his buikis, and belevit that he spak to him ; and that he contentit him of the sacrament of the body of Chryst ; and that he is ane Catholik. And being inquyrit, gif he defyrit him to gewe him ane mefs ? confest, he defyrit the samyn, and hard the samyn at the said tyme, and that thair with him Mareoun Walker, William Menteithe, Mathow Adam, Thomas Forret, James Forret. And being speirit, gif this preift wes gone to Sir James Clelandis hous or not ? hard William Menteithe say, that he wes gone thair. And being inquyrit, gif the Lady Maxwell wes at ony mefs heir within this schort space, or at ony mefs ? denyit that he euer saw hir ; bot he knawis that this Preift spak with hir the last tyme scho wes heir, and that the said Preift said to him that he wes ane of the Societie of Jesus. And being inquyrit, how that the freindschip and acquaintance of the said Preift wes maid with James Stewart ? confest, that he wes the bringer of thame togiddir to confer, and that the said James stands fill in his former religioun ; and that the said James wes defyrus to speik with the said Preift, and he wes ernist to haif the said James of his religioun, bot he wald not give his name thairto. And also confest, that thair wes ane wther mefs said in the said Mareoun Walkeris hous, be the said Preift, within twa dayis thairefter, and that thair wes present the said William Menteithe, Mareoun Walker, David Maxwell, brother to Newark ; and that thair wes ane wther Preift in this toun, quha stayit ane day heir and went eist throw, and knew not his name, bot he callit himself Ogilbie. And being inquyrit, gif thair wes ane wther mefs said be this Preift in his awin hous or nocht ? confest, that thair wes ane said thair, and that he wes clerk to the maist of thir messis him self, and that his wyf knew not thairof, bot suspectit the samyn : And at that tyme quhen he fould haue gone to haue bocht the hors, he raid to Sir James Clelandis hous : And this he declarit be his great ayth. *Sic subscribitur,*
ROBERT HEIGAIT.

ANDRO SYMMER, declarit that he drank with this Preift, in James

Stewartis companie, quha intyfit him to his religioun, bot he wald not grant to him; and that thai reffonit wpone religioun togidder. *Sic subscribitur*, ANDRO SYMMER.

THE PREIST being inquyrit, quhat his name wes? He nameit him self JOHNNE OGILBIE, sone to Walter Ogilbie of Drum; and that he hes bein out of this cuntraye thir twentie twa yeiris; and that he studiet in the colledgis of Olmis and Graitis, and remanit in Olmis twa yeir, and in Gratis fyev yeir; and that he hes reffaut the ordour of Preisthuid in Paris; and come hame in Scotland befor now, and remanit sex oulkis, or thairby, and that he now come hame about May last, or thairby; and confest, that the budget producit on the buird befor him wes his awin, and that he wes ane of the ordinar Jefueittis. And being askit, quhidder the Popis jurisdiccioun extendit our the Kingis dominiounis in spreitwall matteris? affirmit constantlie the samyn, and wald dye for it. *Sic subscribitur*, JOHANNES OGILBEUS, *Societatis Jesu*.

JAMES FORRET confessis, be his great ayth, that he knew not this Preist quhill the tyme that the Erle of Eglintoun wes heir, and wes fend for be him be [*blank in the MS.*], servitrix to Mareoun Walker, quha delt with him to come and heir the mes; and for that effect appointit wther morne; at quhat tyme he keipit, and the mes wes said be the said Preist, being present Robert Heygait, Mathow Adam, William Menteithe, Mareoun Walker, Thomas Forret, his brother; and declarit, that he wes neir at ony mes befor or efter, and that thair wes ane wther man, quha callit him self Dawnie, seducit him to that religioun, quhairinto he than in ane manir agreit; and supponis that the said Dawnie had directit this Preist to him to draw him forder on, quha perfwadit to leive the Kirk, quhilk he did sen fyne; quhair of he cravit God forgeivnes, and confessit, that befor he reffaut the mes that morning he maid a confessioun to the said Preist, quha gaue him ane absolutioun, and tuik the sacrament. *Sic subscribitur*, J. FORRET.

JAMES STEWART, being inquyrit quhen he knew this Preist? be his great ayth declarit, that he knew him twentie dayis fyne, or thairby; and that

Robert Heygait maid his acquaintance with the said Preift; and efter the drinking of ane choppine of wyne, he went with the said Preift to the yaird of Mareoun Walker, quhair he conferrit with him annent the religioun, and wald na wayis yeild to him, bot he had ane guid expectatioun of him, and maid him acquent that he had ane mefs to fay; bot he wald not go to it: As to his name, he knawis not the sam. *Sic subscribitur*,
J. STEWART.

WILLIAM MENTEITHE, being inquiryt gif he knew this Preift or not? answerit, that he saw him in this toun ane monethe fyne, or thairby, and that he wes in his companie in the hous of Mareoun Walkeris, and thair hard this Preift fay ae mefs, and denyit anie mae. And thairefter being confrontit with Robert Heygait, confest than he hard thrie messis, twa thairof in Mareoun Walkeris, and ane wther in Robert Heygaittis, and that he tuik the sacrament: And being inquiryt, quhair he gat his beginning of that religioun? he answerit, that he first wes instructit thairin, being servand to the Laird Kers younger, be the Lady Angus and Archibald Douglas, in the place of Moungtoun [Monkton], befyde Air, ten or twelf yeiris fyne, or thairby; and declarit, that Thomas Forret tauld him of this Preift, and that Robert Heygait informit him that the said Thomas wes of that religioun: As als declarit, that he saw Johne Wallace of Corfflat at the mefs, in Robert Heygaitis hous, said be the foirsaid Preift. *Sic subscribitur*, WILLIAM MENTEITHE, *with my hand*.

THOMAS FORRET, being inquiryt quhair he had first acquaintance with this Preift? declarit, he saw him first in Mareoun Walkeris hous, being fetchit in to him be Robert Heygat, and efter lytill conference with him anent the Religioun, he desyrit him to cum to mefs, quhilk he did; and befor the reffauing thairof, he maid his confessioun and reffaut abfolutioun, and thairefter tuik the sacrament; and that thair wes present at the said mefs Mr Johne Mayne, Mareoun Walker, Mathow Adam, Robert Heygait, James Forret, William Menteithe; and wes at na mefs fendfyne, seing be the sicht thairof he despyfit that Religioun; and that the remanent lykwayis reffaut the sacrament. *Sic subscribitur*,
THOMAS FORRET.

MATHOW ADAM, being inquyrit, how lang he had embracit the Popifch religioun? declarit, that about fyve yeiris fyne, or thairby, he had his entrie thairto in Danfkin, and hes fence reffautit the communioun; and that he had acquentance with this Preift four oukis fyne, or thairby, be the moyen of Robert Heygait; and ficlyk, in fomer laft, wes acquent with ane Dawnie, ane preift, in Mareoun Walkeris hous, and that he wes at thrie meffis that this Preift faid, ane in Robert Heygaitis, and twa in Mareoun Walkeris hous. And being askit, quhat his profeffioun is presentlie? anwerit, that he wes of the religioun be the lawis of this realme. *Sic subscribitur*, MATHOW ADAM.

M^R JOHNNE MAYNE, being inquyrit, gif he knew this Preift or not? declarit, be his ayth, he knew him in Mareoun Walkeris hous, to the quhilk he wes brocht be Robert Heygait, quhair he confeffit him felf to the Preift, reffautit ane absolutioun befor he hard the mefs, and reffautit the sacrament; and that thair wes present Mareoun Walker, James Forret, Thomas Forret, Robert Heygait, Mathow Adam, William Mentithe; and that as yit he awowis that religioun, and profeffis the famyn, quhill he be better refoluit. *Sic subscribitur*, M^R J. MAYNE.

JOHNNE WALLACE of Corsflat, being inquyrit, gif he wes at a mefs faid be this Preift or not in Robert Heygaitis hous? confeffit, that he wes present thairat, and brocht thairto the faid Robert Heygait. *Sic subscribitur*, JOHNNE WALLACE.

*This is the true copie of thair Confessiounis.*¹

GLASGOW.

The copie of the Examined's Confessioun.

¹ This line, with the title underneath, and his own signature, is added by Spottiswood. The paper is indorsed by Lord Binning,—“Depositions of the Jesuite and Papists examined at Glasgo. 5 Oct. 1614.”

CCXXXVII.—THE BISHOP OF ORKNEY TO LORD BINNING.

RIGHT HONOURABLE MY VERRIE GOOD LORD,

It was nather of cairēfnes, negligence, nor obliuione, that my Lord and I did not wryte so frequentlie; bot our instant cair and diligence to bring the seruice to sum happie end, did hauld ws from wryting, till we did sie the expectit fruit of labours, which we knew wauld not be vnpleasing to his Maiestie and your Honouris. I hoip my letters with the last poist, James Gairdner and Robert Winrame,¹ relatiue to the former, fall prevent thir, and geiue satisfactioun to your Lordship, in all anent the ending of this actioun, quhairin thair is nothing promesit nor done, quhilk is not agreeable to his Maiesties pleasour and your Lordship's defyre. Robert¹ and Patrik Halcro ar transportit this day to be keipit in Castell Sinclar, and from thence to be exhibit to your Lordship. The rest ar keipit priffoners in the Castle; and my Lord and I (efter that Roberte and Patrik Halcro be dispatchit with yung May,² and ane sufficient number of hable men to gaird thame) ar presentlie going to examine euirie one; and the nixt day, God willing, thay fall suffer judgment and condigne puneishment. The winds, hailes, fnaws, raines, ar so extraordinarie in thir places, that all had bene done and accomplished befor this day, giue it had bene possible. Andro Martine, quho was sent with Robert Winrahame, would be well examined be your Lordship. I hoipe to cum by the Band itself,³ quhair of I sent the coppie with his Depositiounes. Thair is one Margaret Buchane, spous to Simeone Stewart, and now adulteres to Patrik Halcro, quho hes revealit and confessit to me more than any other. If your Lordship think, that hir depositiounes or prefence falbe necessar, direct me, and it fall be obeyit; for I purpose to put hir oute of this cuntrie, for hir adulterie. Anent the Articles sent in my last letters to your Lordship, I besek your Lordship, advyse and adverteis. And since your Lordship hes gevin me assurance of the passing of my rightes (for the quhilks I

¹ That is, Robert Stewart.

² William Sinclair younger, of May.

³ A copy of this singular document is given in Pitcairn's *Crim. Trials*, vol. iii. p. 293.

fall euir be cairfull to expres my thankfulnes in all dewtie and feruice), I fall be difposed at your Lordship's pleasour, aither to come South with the Erle, or stay heir a litle efter, for my awin buffines, or any feruice fall be committit or commandit to me. As for other things, your Lordship will knawe thame be my letters writtin to my Lord Thesaurar. So praying God euir to favour, prosper, and preferue your Lordship, I rest,

Your Lordship's awin affured and
obliged in all dewtie,

JA. B. OF ORCADS.¹

Kirkwall, 6 October 1614.

CCXXXVIII.—THE BISHOP OF THE ISLES TO JOHN MURRAY.

RYCHT WIRSCHPEFFULL AND LOWING COUSING,

As being gritumlie grewit, I wryt to yow befoir, beseiking yow to deall with his Maieftie for his Heichnes wyfe derectione to be fend to the Counfall, what manir my freindis schall be relewit; so now cuming to Edinbrugh, to wirk sumwhat farder in that erand, I must also intreat yow yit to hauld hand to that wark, and if my serwand hes nocht as yit receawit his dispatche, that ye wald furthir him therto. All the trubill that is done to me and my freindis is because of Archebald Cambellis diligence to procur the Iyll of Iyla to the Lard of Cadell,² of the wiche thaj ar certainle informit; the wiche, if it tak effect, will breid grit trubill in the Iyilles far moir nor all the fyn and dewtie of the Iyles of Scotland will afford thir many yeris, and in the mean tym be the wrak of my freindis; nather can I, or any man who knowes the estait of that cuntre, think it ather good or profitabill to his Maiefte

¹ Indorsed by Lord Binning,—“Coppie of the Bischop of Orknays letter to me. Ress. 15 Oct. 1614.”

² Sir John Campbell of Calder, or Caddell, knight.—(Acta Parl. Scot. vol. iv. p. 675.)

or this cunter to mak that nam gritter in the Iyles nor thaj ar allreadie, nor yit to rut out one pestiferous Clān and plant in one lytill bettir, feing his Maieftie hes good occasione nōw, with lytill expenffis, to mak a new plantatioun of honest men in that Iyland, anfwerebill to that of Vltir in Iyrland, lying wpon the nixt schoir, with the wiche Iyla haith dayle commerfe. The way how this mycht be done is athir be a lytill police, of the wiche I have gewin information to my Lord Secretar and Thesaurer Deput. Bot becaus it is to difficill to belewe thais pipill, I wold have a fycht of forces, wiche wold effray tham, and mowe tham to keip conditione; and thir forces wold be partle collectit out of findrie townes wpon the west coast of Scotland, and partle of sum ould fogeouris out of Iyrland, and it war ten out of euery one of the four garifones led by Sir Richard Handfard, Capitane Stewart, Capitane Crawford, and Captane Wachane, togiddir with a cannone, with powdir and billet, out of Darre, and thais to be fend owir wndir conduct of Sir Rodolph Bingley, with a derectione frome his Maieste to my Lord Depute to this effect; the wiche being fend heir, I wold carie tham and heft tham to Iyla out of Darrie, to meit so many as fould be derect out of Scotland to meit tham, for I think 200 wold ferwe the twrne; or if it wold please his Maieste to derect one of his schippes to the west coast of Scotland to this serwice, it wold heftele tak effect, if scho had any good munitione in hir, and sum wyfe fogeouris, of the wiche the fycht onle wold effrey the rebellis, at the lest so far as to mowe tham to keip conditione. The conditione to be maid to tham schall mak to tham no furans of any part of his Maiesteis fauour, for ye know, albeit I must alwayes deall for the relewe out of thais vilanes handis of my narrest freindis, yit I am no-ways obleift to do tham grit good, who has kyithit tham self to have nather feir of God, cair of thair dew obediens to thair Souerane King, nor yit fayth or trewth to thair nyctbour. Bot referring all to his Maiesteis wyfe and royall resolutione, I onlie request yow to remembir his Heichnes of this my fwlfische adwyse, wiche I be vofull experiens hes lernit, according to the natur of the pepill I have ado with, to be the best in my jugement. I have also to remembir yow, that sum of Bruchtones pipill, viz. his wyf, good fones, and brether, accuse me for delyvere of that matir out of myn handis, and the evidentis. I wold be glad to

receiwe your warrand theirfoir, the which, albeit it was promeist to me by the Lard of Lochinvar vnder his hand, I hawe nocht receawit the famin as yit. Thair is also a Scotifch knawe whom (wpon wrang informatione) I admitted to the ministere in Iyrland; who, wpon instigatione of Sir Henrie Fulleit and Capitan Gowe, hes cumin to Court, and wpon fynisterous informatioun, hes procurit a grit brek of all the ordour, I establischt in my diocese ther. Thay call the man Mr Robert Bennat. He dependis wpon my Lord Roxbrugh; bot he is weill knowin to the Lard [of] Lochinvar, of quhom yow schall receawe fardir aduertisment with Sir John Stewartt, schortle to cum to Court. And so I besek the Eternall God to blis yow and all youris, for by his graice I schall, dwring lyve, rest

Your awin to be commandit in Christ Jefus,

AN. ISLES.

Edinbrughe, the xi of October 1614.

I hawe writtin to his Maieste that I hawe fend my informatione and adwyse how to follow furth this serwece to yow, to be impartit to his Heichnes.

To the rycht virschepfull his ware lowing
Coufing and experimentit good freind,
Jhone Murray of the bedchalmer—This.

CCXXXIX.—THE BISHOP OF GALLOWAY TO JOHN MURRAY OF
LOCHMABEN:

HONORABLE SIR,

I am informed that my Lord Garlies hes taken iourney to Court, to mak seure fute to his Maieste concerning the Priorie of Quhithorne. If it be so, I must entreat yow to stand my freind. The truth is, that

ony question betwene my Lord Garlies and me standis alreadie submitted be vs both to the Archbishop of Glasgo and my Lord Blantyre. And I am fure his Maiestie will doe no thing in preiudice of my presentation. I craue no more, if freindis may not agrie vs, that I may haue the benefit of the law. I thocht good to aduertife yow heiroy, least otherway, for want of information, I fuld ony way be hurt. Other thinges I haue shortlie to wryt, as I spak to your self in Falkland. Perfuaded of your constant favour towardis me, in my right, I rest,

Your owne to be commanded, in the Lord,

W. B. OF GALLOWAY.

Perth, October 15, 1614.

To the right honorable John Murray of
Lomabon, one of his Maiesties bed-
chamber.

CCXL.—THE BISHOP OF THE ISLES TO JOHN MURRAY OF HIS
MAIESTIES BEDCHAMBER.

WORSHIPFULL SIR, AND LOWINGE FREIND,

I am bold again to troubill yow with these few lynis, becaus that I am informed that my nightbouris, the Campbellis hes giwin it furthe that my proceedingis with the Clandonnald is bot ane colluffione betuixt them and me, and hes so fpokin to his Majestie. Heirfor I wald request yow, Sir, as the freind in whom I trust when I haue most to doo, that ye wald informe his Majestie in the contrair, and that no conditione wes brokin be the Clandonnald to me, but by the Earle of Argyle his persuasione, as his Lordship's letters, directed to them be his nerrest freind, fall schewe. And forder, Sir, I wald most affectuouly entreat yow to affist this bearer, Mr Thomas Bruce, my nevoy, in some buffines of myne in Irelande, wherof he will informe yow at lengthe. So not troublinge

yow forder, but my heartlieft commendationis remembred to your self and your bedfellow, my Ante, I commit yow and all your good proceedingis to the bliffing of God, by whois grace I fall ever remane,

Your affuret freind at powar to be commandit,

Edinburgh, the 17 of October 1614.

AN. ISLES.

To the worshopfull and his worthie kynd freind, Maifter Murray, of his Maief-ties bedchalmer—Thefe.

CCXLI.—THE BISHOP OF THE ISLES TO JOHN MURRAY OF HIS MAJESTIES BEDCHAMBER.

RYCHT WIRSCHEFFULL AND WIRTHIE SIR,

I dout nocht bot your Wirfchep will excufe my to homle bouldnes importunyng yow with fo many frivolus letters, tending all to one end, becaufe of the neceffite of my erand, wiche is the relewe of my nerrest freindis, wiche I prefer to myn awin lyve. Albeit I hawe hard nothing as yit fra my ferwand, Bryce Sempill, yit I heir that his Maief-tie haith takin a cours folert and fubstantious for the recouery of the houfe in Iyla, and keiping of that Iyll vnder obediens heireftir. My fut now wiche I befeik your Wirfchep to propone to his Maiefte is, to wndirftand, feing that boith Ingliſch and Scotifch ar to be thair, and that alfo (if it pleas God) I muft be, what ſhalbe my credeit amangis tham, efpeciale what conditiones it ſhall pleas his Maiefte to giwe liberte to his Heichnes Lewtenent to grant to the rebellis for the relewe of my freindis takin vndir treft in his Maieftes ſerwice, and detenit now in irones, nochtwithftanding of promiffes maid to me in the contrer. Sir, far beit frome me ewer to entir wndir condition or truſt with that falſe generatioun and bludie pipill; yit I muft firſt, for the relewe of my freindis out of the irones, and thaireftir out of ther handis, if it can be poſſibill, for the preſent, be thair flawe and promeſs to do, and do what

I haue credeit to do, as thay dereēt me. Bot yit, by the graice of God, schall neuer promes nor pres to do any thing in thair fawouris that may offend his Maieste, or twiche his Heichnes in honour or profite; and thairfoir, albeit I past to this last jurney towartis Iyla wthirwayes nor his Maieste dereēt the Confall to fend me, becaufe ther Lordschippis was bisseit in the effairis of Orknay, and partle leanyng to the oithes and promiffes of the rebellis, and partle deceawit by thois who was with me, and promised to haue bene my gard, I com in the danger of thais most rigorous vilanes, who vsēt and yit vifes thair victorie vere tyrannicale aganis thois who newir offendit tham in word nor deid. Yit I hoip to do his Maieste good service, as I haue done warie laitlie, boith in Iyrland and Scotland, of the wiche his Heichnes will heir or it be long. And swa my trust is, that his Maieste will be gratioufle pleased to wryt to his Heichnes Confall heir what credeit I schall haue with the Leutenant in Iyla, at this tym, as also, what conditiones may be grantit to the rebellis for delyvere of the captyvis. Thay ar many vayes to ourthraw that holl generatioune, nochtwithstanding that sum what be yeldit to sum of tham for the eschewing of the danger of the mens lyvis who ar in ther handis. Thair is certane offeris maid by Sir James M^cRonald wiche it behovit me to present to the Confall, who commandit me to fend vp the famin to his Maieste, wiche pleas yow receawe heir inclofit, and to present the famin, if yow think good, to his Heichnes. The thre quhom he offeris to delyver ar the auctoris of all the rebellion in Iyla. They ar many vyse men heir who thinkis that the performyng of thir offeris war ane ware ease way to satiffe his Maieste for the contempt, and purge the land of that pipill. Bot referring all to his Heichnes princele derectiones, and your awin discretione, I besek God to blis and prospir yow and yowris, for by his graice I schall remaine

Your awin to be commandit,

Edinbrugh, 23 October 1614.

AN. ISLES.

To the rycht wirscheppfull his warey lowing
coufing, Jhone Murrey of the bed-
chalmer—Thay.

CXXLII.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF GLASGOW TO JOHN MURRAY
OF LOCHMABEN.

SIR,

I refavit the letteris for the Jefuitis tryal to the Counfal, and fince one from your felf, touching the Bifhop of Galloway his effairis with Garleis. Qhen thai cum to be treatit, I fal haif care that the Nobleman may be fatiffeit in reafon, and every man haif his own tithis. Being at Sanqhar, William Creichtoun of the Hil cam to me from young Drumlanrig with commendationis, faying, he wes fory that I fuld speik of him as one that had not ftand to the promife maid to me for ending your and his effairis, for he countit much of his worde, and fo forth. I anfwerit, that I never fpak of that matter to any but my fervant, Andro Hay; but fince he had broken it now, I wold tel the truth, that he gaif me warrant that al fuld be agreit, fo as I wold move his Maieftie to requyr him to do the fam; and qhen I had wrocht that, I fand him mak fchiftis, and fet other face vpon his fpeech then the wordis culd bear: always, I fchew him that for the good wil I bure to the Laird, I wold advyfe him, as afore, to fettle him felf in the Kingis favour, and with his neighboris; that in my opinioun he culd not begin better then with yow, becaufe your freindfchip and credit, be reafon of your fervice, culd not be but very ferviceable to him; and for my felf, if he fuld end with yow in love, I wald omit nothing that might ferve to do him plefure, and lay in me to do; otherwyfe, fo longe as ye and he wer in variance, he fuld not expect any thing at my handis, for his luikis. The gentleman returnit the next day, and brocht me anfwer, that the Lard wold be in Edinburgh foon after the term, and wold follow my advyfe. This is al of that bufines.

Now, I muft imparte to yow our ftate heir, that at the firft occafloun yow may acquent his Maieftie thairwith. Qhairas his Maieftie wes graciously plefit to accept my advyfe anent the proceding with the Jefuit and his mafse-heiraris, and to gif directioun thairanent that thair tryal myght be maid at Glasgou, fum heir haif maid bufines to bring the

tryal to Edinburgh,¹ quiche I vnderstanding, I cam to the Counfel, and not without difficultie, by the affiftance of the Secretary, Sir Gedeon, and Clerk of Register, obtenit the dyet fuld keip in Glasgou, the 6 of December: The Clerk of Register is put in the Commiffioun for the Advocat, that culd not be fparit from the Counfel and Sefsioun. The courfe of Papiftrie hes gone on fo far heir, by the negligence of our Minifteris, the foolifchnes of fum of our felis that his Maieftie hes placit to hold tham to thair dutyis, and the favour born to tham be fum principal of our State, that I affure yow nothing kepis religioun heir, but his Maiefties countenance and favour to it; and the boldnes of the enemy with thair preparatioun apperis fik as, I am out of doubte, thai expectit at this tym fum mischeif to ben wrocht thair againft his Maiefties facred lyf, quiche God preferve. I haif fure informatioun that in this Kingdom ar 27 Jefuitis, two deput for every Dyoce; and one Father Bel, the Pope's Legat, that directis tham, and takis account quarterly of thair fuceffe, and how thai fpeid. The apprehenfion of this other callit Moffet, latly come from Rome, at Santandrois, fervis to fchew thair bufines: Qhen this fellow that I haif falbe examinat and put to torture (for otherwyfe he wil anfwer nothing, and boaftis much of his confidence and courage againft al torture), I hope fumqhat of moment falbe tryit and found out: alwayis fen the care thairof lyis vpon me cheifly, I mean twiching this fellow that I haif, and his affociatis, I wil humbly entreat his Maiefties favour in the profequitioun of thair tryal, and his Hienes directioun by letteris, in fik maner as I haif fet down and inclofit heirwith; quich I hope his Maieftie wil approve, as being the fam in effect that wes directit before, but alterit in fum circumftancis, for the greater terrour of the enemyis and afraying of otheris to fal in the lyk offense. Our Synode, latly convenit at Glasgou, hes pennit ane fuppliation to his Maieftie for fuppreffing Papiftis, quiche becaufe of my haftie cuming from Glasgou, I culd not haif to fend with this. I am not able to exprefse to yow our danger, nor wold ye beleve it; but for thair

¹ "The Archiebifhope of Glasgou is wrettin to, to send heir the Preist apprehendit be him, according to the directioun of his Maiefties letters, and touching the examinatioun and censuring of these quho had bene at the Messe with him: Commiffioun is ordanit to be exped as his Maieftie has commandit."—(Privy Council Proceedings, 26th Oct. 1614.)

lyvis dar thaj not appeir, fo longe as his Maieftie livis to protect ws; thairfore we can but pray continually for his Hienes faftie, and befeche yow and otheris that haif the honour to attend his Maiefties sacred perfon to be careful and obfervant of al fuche as hant Courte, or cum towardis his Hienes, that his lyf, in qhom confitis al our lyfis, and the lyf of Religioun itself, be not in hafart, throw thair trecherous and desperat attemptis. I wil expect the anfwer of thefe before the fourt of December, or foner, as ye may. I haif fent back your letteris, as ye defyrit. God Almyghtie wache over his Maieftie, to his prefervatioun, and be with yow for ever.

Youris ever to command,

Edinburgh, the 12 of November 1614.

GLASGOW.

To my very honourabill good freind, Jhon
Murray of Lochmaben, of his Maiefties
bedchamber.

CCXLIII.—THE EARL OF CAITHNESS TO KING JAMES.¹

PLEIS YOUR MOST SACARED MAIESTIE :

I haiue taikine this boldnes to vryt thir lynis vnto your Sacred Maieftie to fignifie vnto you of my returne to this toune from Orknay, vith accomplifching all thingis gifine me in commiffion, quhair vnto I haife dune all, fo far as in me lay, to giue your Maieftie contentment; and if I haife omitit enny thing, I moft humblie craife your Maiefteis pardoune, proteffing to God I lakit not ane willing hairt, and ane moft obedient bodie, to haife onder gone all kynd of danjour to haiue had your Maieftie pleifit and fatiffeit. My fkillie, I man confes, was not

¹ This letter, from having been placed in Balfour's series of Ecclesiastical Letters, is not contained in the Melros State Papers, or in Pitcairn's Criminal Trials, with other letters of the Earl of Caithnes, concerning his proceedings in Orkney in 1614.

coraspondent to my wille, bot praisit be to God, he of his merfie hes maid all thingis cum, by your Maiesteis guid luk, and not my guid gyiding, as I dowt not your Maiesties honorabile Counsell hes acquaintit your Maiestie vithe, that now all is prouine vpon the only awthore of this vylde and onnaturall rebellious, quhilk I dowt not bot your Maiestie will fie cleire, efter that I haife mad ane account of the commissioun gifin me in my imployment. I am to come vnto your Sacared Maiestie to haife that honoure. As to haife ane kife of your Maiesteis most grafius hand, the erthlie on thing I craife most. So to your Maiesteis will and anfuer, I end, committing your Maiestie to the tuitioun off the Allmightie; and I fall euer rest and remane

Your Maiesteis most obedient and faithfull
seruand to my deathe,

Edinburgh, the 16 Nouember 1614.

CAITHNES.

To his most Sacared Maiestie.

CCXLIV.—LORD BINNING TO JOHN MURRAY OF LOCHMABEN.

SIR,

Be my last letter I promiseid to let yow know how I sould proceed with my Lord of Scone, and the Bischop of Galloway. I haue spoken with thame at lenth. My Lord of Scone's proiect is, that yow may obteane ane few from his Maiestie of the Lowmonds, vpon ane easie dewtie, since thay haue not bene of his Maiesties rentall, whair of he hes promiseid to let me haue the ouerture in writ; efter consideration whair of, I fall let yow know what I can vnderstand of the furetie or commoditie thair of. The Bischop of Galloway and John Gib ar both in this towne, perfyting thair securities; which being ended, the foundations and register of the Chapell Royall will be deliuered to my Lord of Galloway, who hes promiseid to mak yow all the furetie he can, of any thing being in his power. I schew to him how yow wer vsed be my

Lord of Garlies. He sayd, that he knew and difallowed findrie of his formes, and wald gladlie have forborne to do him fauour, if his Maiesties letter, and the respect to eschew sclander, had not forced him to giue him condicions of the teynds, to which he wes kyndlie. At his desyre, I spak to my Lord of Glasgou to have concurred, to except your vassals teynds owt of the tak to be set to the Lord Garleis, bot thay could not find any reasonable pretext for it. For your Irish affaires, I can wryte no thing, being ignorant of the estate thairof, bot be report. I heir that the Bisshop of the Isles is to repaire to Court, be whom yow may try thair wourth, for it is said that the same is well knowne to him. So, wishing yow much happines and contentment, I rest

Your most affectionat freind at command,

Edinburgh, 17 December [1614.]

BINNING.

To the right wourshipfull John Murray
of Lochmaben, one of his Maiesties bed-
chamber, at Court.

CCXLV.—SIR ANDREW MURRAY OF BALVAIRD TO JOHN MURRAY
OF LOCHMABEN.

RIGHT HONORABLE SIR,

I wret vnto yow leatlie to interpone your request with the Duke of Lenox, in faoures of ane young man,¹ whom I desyred to be preferred to the Ministrie at the Kirk off Methuen. Bot now their presentes ane occasioun vtherwayes for his preferment: Kilsfindie is ane Kirke belonging vnto the Lordship of Scone: The Minister thereof

¹ It would appear that owing to Gladstones's opposition (see pages 270, 274), Mr Robert Murray's settlement at Strathmiglo had been set aside. That he was the "young man" here alluded to, is evident; and the first application in his favour, upon the decease of Mr William Buchanan, Minister of Methven, seems to have been successful. At least his name occurs as Minister of Methven, in 1620, and that of Mr George Simmer as Minister of Kilsfindie; whilst the person who actually became Minister of Strathmiglo (between 1611 and 1615), was Mr John Moray or Murray: he conformed to Presbytery in 1638, and died in 1655.

departed yesternight.¹ The presentatioun belonges to his Majestie. It will please yow to affist Mr Thomas Moray to obtain the presentatioun thereof for his brother sone, wha hes bein with me these thre or four yeires; and I pray yow also to wret ane letter off your awen to the Bifchope off Saintandrows in his faoures: whilk will be sufficient for outtredding off our earand. And I will be answerable vnto yow, vpon my credit, that nather his Maiestie, nor yet any Bifchope, nor na vther honest man in Scotland, schal euer find fault with yow for vsing your moyen in this particular; and for my awen pairt, I will think myself very muche bund vnto yow for this faour; and giff the young manes merits wer as weill knawen wnto yow as they ar to many off the Bifchopes and Ministrie off this Kingdome, ye wald think any trauell ye take for him weill employed.

I mynd, God willing, to be in Edinbrughe sa sone as thir holydayes off Christmas ar at ane end, and then schal ye heir from me the effect off that purpose I wret in the end off my last letter. Till when, and for euer, my most affectionat dewtie rememberit, I rest

Your most loving Brother to serue yow,

S. ANDROW MORAY OF BALUAIRDE.

Baluarde, the first of Januar 1615.²

To my very honorable and louing freind,
Jhone Moray of Loghemaben, on off
his Maiesties bedchalmer.

¹ Mr James Row;—(Records of the Synod of Fife, pp. 51, 63, 72.) His death is thus noticed by a contemporary annalist; the cause apparently being suffocation from charcoal in a confined apartment:—"In the town of Dundee, upoun Thursday night, the xxix of December 1614 yeiris, Mr James Row, Minister at Kilspindie, and Mr Robert Rynd, Minister at Langfargown, lyand both in ane bed within the dwelling-house of . . . , and baith being weill quhen thay lay down, wer founde vpoun the morning efter, both deid."—(Chronicle of Perth, p. 16.)

² The year (apparently corrected to 1615) was first written 1614, and the letter is so placed in the vol. of Balfour's "Staite Bussines for the zeire 1614." The reference explained in the two preceding notes leaves, however, no doubt as to the proper date.

CCXLVI.—MR WILLIAM MURRAY, MINISTER OF DYSART, TO JOHN MURRAY OF LOCHMABEN.

RYGHT WORSCHIPFULL,

I am informed, that some malicious perfonis has informed his Maieftie,¹ that fince my lait being in Ingland I have bene refractare, oppofit, and nocht fo fordward in maters concerning the Difcipline off the Kirk eftablifhed be his Maieftie heir in Scotland. I wonder that any fould have præfumed to fpeak fuche thinges to his Maieftie without fome fuire warrand and ground. His Maieftie knawis that my education was with ane Bifchop. I have ever bene, and is off that opinioun, that the Epifcopall government, off all governments, is fitteft for the Kirk. In all Affemblies I ever votit for eftablifching off that Eftait. And has bene ane forderer off that work be my felf and all vthers quhome I could perfuaid to that effect, as the Bifchopes and his Maiefties Commiffioneris employit in that work can testife. It feemit ftrainge that my being in Ingland fould [haue] alterit me frome that courfe of vpon I was befoir, feing I faw na thing thair bot manifold argumentis and reafonis to confirme in my former opinioun. And fince my cuming from Ingland, at all occafionis, in all cumpanies, has kythed my felf mair fordward in that caufe than ever I was befoir. For fatiffacioun off his Maieftie I am not onlie content to mak my awin purgatioun, to fchaw my awin innocencie in that mater; but am moift willing, and moift erniftlie wifchis his Maieftie to tak the moift exact tryall can be haid. Giff ever my delateris qualefeis and proves that thair haue fpoken aganis me, I falbe willing to vnderly all highest punifchment it will pleas his Maieftie injoyne. Sua, Sir, I muft request your Worfchip, as ane off my speciall freindis, and in refpect the Prince² his Court whair my Brother remanis is diftant frome his Maiefties Court, that ye will do me that fingular fauour as to fchaw his Maieftie that, vpon the report

¹ The fubfequent letters, CCLII.—CCLV., show clearly enough that the information complained of had proceeded from Archbishop Gladftanes.

² Charles, Prince of Wales.

maid off me, I haue takin the occasioun to wreat vnto your Worschip to vnderstand his Maiesties will and plefour heirin, that in caice his Maieftie wilbe pleased to put that mater to ane exact tryall, and to caus my delater accuse me in presence off sik off his Maiesties Counfell and Clergie as pleasit best his Maieftie, as I hoip that mater falbe fa clearit, for punifchment off sik as dar presume to misinforme his Maieftie off his guid subiectis and seruandis: And lykwayis for manifesting off my sinceritie and innocencie in this actioun, and my seruice to his Maieftie and Kirk off Scotland. I beseech yow, Sir, haift me an answer quhat I may look for off his Maiesties will and pleasour in this mater, and quhat ye will have me to do heirin: Committis your Worschip to God. Resting alwayes

Your seruitour at commandement,

MR WILLIAME MORAY.¹

Edinburgh, 6. January 1615.

I request you, Sir, fend this vther lettir to my Brother, Mr Thomas,² with all diligence.

To the richt worschipfull my speciall freind, Jhone Moray off Lochmabane, one off his Maiesties bedchamber.

¹ Mr William Moray or Murray, Minister of Dysart, is to be distinguished from his namesake and cousin, the Minister of Crail. He was admitted to the Ministry in 1584-5. His inclination towards Episcopal Church government was scarcely to be suspected. When Spottiswood was translated, in 1615, to St Andrews, Calderwood states that William Murray, George Grahame, Bishop of Dunblane, and John Abernethy, Minister of Jedburgh, "made every one their own moyen at Court for the Bishoprik of Glasgow: but the King preferred Mr James Law, Bishop of Orkney," &c.—(History, vol. vii. p. 213.) Murray's eldest son, William, was created Earl of Dysart, by Charles the First, in 1643.

² Mr Thomas Murray, third son of Patrick Murray of Woodend, was Governor, and afterwards Secretary, to Prince Charles. He received the appointment of Provost of Eton College, in 1622, but died the following year, 9th April 1623.

CCXLVII.—THE BISHOP OF CAITHNES TO JOHN MURRAY, OF HIS
MAJESTIES BEDCHAMBER.

RIGHT HONORABILL AND LOWEING BROTHER,

PLEASE yow witt: I did purpose, efter my arriwall heir from Caithnes, to hawe kiffit his Maiesties handis, immediatlie heirefter, and fo I did superceid to visite yow by letter; but now, beand impedit be his Hienes service heir at Edinburgh, and in speciall in tryall and examination of the late apprehendit Jefuitis,¹ I am compellit to supplie my absence by these few lynes, desyreing to know, be yow, quhat ordour his Maiestie hes giwin for dispatche of our Church effaires at Court. I dout not, but furthe of his Hienes vonted princelie favour; we fall hawe that libertie to name sum speciall persone of credit and qualitie with quhome we may communicate the mistery of our Estait, without prejudice of any persone designit for presenteng of letteris or pactitis [packets] concerneing our common Church effairis. Thus, intreating yow effectuoullie to acquaint me with your answer anent the premiffes, and how we fall carie our felves heirin, my loweing dewtie remembrit, I commit yow to the grace of God, and restis

Your assurit freind and brother,
after the auld maner,

A. B. CATHNES.

At Edinburgh, the vij of Januar 1615.

To his honorable and loweing brother,
Johne Murray, on of his Maiesties
bedchamber.

¹ The notice given by Calderwood (vol. vii. p. 193) is confirmed by the Latin account of Ogilby's Trial, written by himself, (see note on subsequent page, to No. CCLX.) of his having been brought to Edinburgh, for examination, previously to his final condemnation at Glasgow.

CCXLVIII.—MR THOMAS RAMSAY, MINISTER OF DUMFRIES, TO JOHN MURRAY, OF HIS MAJESTIES BEDCHAMBER.

MY HUMBLE AND BOUNDEN DEWTIE REMEMBRED :

As I wes earnest with your Honour before for remouing the excommunicat Papists, of whom I wrote, out of Lincluden, so now much more I must acknowledge that I am bound to returne to your Honour your deserued thanks for that care your Honour hes had in geving me satisfiacion. I reffaued two letters of your owne, which gaue the hail Kirk heer very great contentment, so as they think themselues farre obliged to your Honour, and they do earnestly intreat the fauour of Almighty God, the King of kings, vnto you for this prooffe that they found of your Honouris good affection to religion. My Lord Sanquhar, vpon the sight of your Honouris letter, wes most willing and forward in that busines, but it wes in effect done befoir. Surely his Lordship, in my iudgement, shall proue a thankfull man to your Honour, and no-ways flow in any thing that concerneth your effaires. Robert Makbrayer wes offended not a litle, that your Honour should haue him in suspicion for that mater. I suppose it shalbe found that he wes free of thair comming in or abyding thair. Iff there be any thing wherein I or any of my brethreen may be steedable to your Honour in this cuntrey, your Honour may assure yourself of our willing and very affectionat service. So, commending your Honour hartily to the mercie and blessing of God, I humbly take leaue, and rests

Your Honouris seruant at all power,

MR THO. RAMSAY.

Dumfreis, the 10 day of Januar 1615.

To the Right honourable and his affured freind, Johne Murray of Lochmaben, one of his Maiesties bedchamber.

CCXLIX.—MR JAMES BISCHOP, MINISTER OF INVERNESS, TO
KING JAMES.

SACRED SOUERAN,

It may pleas your most gratius Maieftie, the fervent zeale and fingulare loue that I am perfuaded your Grace hes ever had in the aduancement of the Kingdome of Christ, the kindlie and earnest fauour which ever hes bein evident in your Maieftie tovardes the sinceire Preachers of his Gospell, my avin vrgent necessitie in preaching of that truthe, in thir vtmost partes of your Maiefties dominiones, does imbolden me, be these fewe lynes, to impasche your Maieftie from your more Royall and great affaires, for the whiche I crave your Grace most humble pardon. The matter is this: I have these ten yeares bygone ferved Christ in preaching of his Gospell at Innernes, till I am constrained, through the finalnes of my provision and weght of my burdein, evin to desert my ministrie in theise partes, except remeid be provydit. The constant plate [platt] at Edinburgh assigned me to tuentie bolles wictuall out of the Abacie of Arbrothe. Off the which Abacie this Kirk is ane. Thair is no thing done as yett in that matter. Quhairfore it will please your Maieftie to suffer your humble servand to be so hamelie as to intreat your Grace for ane letter of request to the Marqus of Hamilton,¹ defyring him, feting all excuffis afyd, to satiffie me, or elles to present me to the Parfonag of Innernes, which shall stand in alse guid effect as if I had received the said tuentie bolles wictualle. Thus doing, your Maieftie shall bothe honour God, confort his Kirk in this end of the land, quhair, if ther were no planting, your Maieftie knaves perfytlie howe things fould be. Thus, hoping for your Maiefties wonted fauour to God his servandes, to be extendit tovardes me, houbet ane of the meanest, I pray the living God to multiplie his blessinges, spirituall and temporall, wpon your Grace, till at lenth the King of kinges be

¹ The Abbacy of Aberbrothock, on the 8th May 1608, was erected into a temporal Lordship, in favour of James Marquess of Hamilton, whose father had been the last Comendatory Abbot of this place.

glorified, your Maiestie be fullie conforted, and all your enemies be confounded. And so I rest

Your Maiesties most humble servitour.

Innernes, the xxth of Januar 1615.

M. JAMES BISCHOP,
Minister at Innernes.

To the King his most Excellent Maiestie.

CCL.—A MISSIVE TO THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL.

To the Counsell.

Right trustie and welbeloued Cofen and Counsellour, and others
Our right trusty and welbeloued Cofens and Counsellours, &c. Whereas
Wee are informed by the Bishop of the Isles that certaine feditious and
euill disposed perfonnes haue, by crafty and indirect meanes, procured
and entertayned this late trouble of Isles, trafficking with them to that
effect, as the said Bishope offers himself to justifie befor yow: Therefor
Our pleasure is, that yow cause cite and conueene before yow all such as
are lair byding whom he will accuse for the cause forsaide; and if there
be any others that are alreadie fugitive, or not anfwearable to Our
lawes, that yow grant a Commiffion for apprehending them; and if any
of the Rebels happen to be taken alyue (which Wee would wishe to
be the rather for that cause), let them be confronted before yow with
them, for the better cleareing of that mater. Lykwise, because it is
complayned vnto Us by the said Bishop, that findrie lands belonging
vnto him are conueighed away, vnder the colour of other temporall lands,
to the prejudice of the Church, Our will is, that in tyme comeing all
signatures which passe concerning such Irish lands be examined, that the
like be not done hereafter to harme the said Bishoprick, which Wee
nowise intend. So recomending this to your care, Wee, &c.

Newmarkett, 22 Januar 1615.

CCLI.—A MISSIVE TO THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS.

To the Archbishops of St Androis.

Right reuerend Father in God, right trusty and welbeloued Counsellour, Wee greet, &c. Whereas it is complained to Us by Mr James Seaton, Minister at Logie, that, by reasone of the meaneffe of his stipend, now of late, without cause, diminished, he nor no honest [man] is able to serue any longer there, but hath already purchast letters of transportation that he may goe to some other parte, so that the said Church is likely to remayne altogether defolate, without it be in tyme prevented: Wherfor, out of that earnest care which We haue euer had to haue the Churches of that Our Kingdome well planted, Our pleasure is, that, after due triall taken of the state of the said Church, if it be found as is alleadged, that all ordinarie meanes be vsed whereby it may be most conveniently provided, whereby yow shall doe Vs an acceptable seruice. So not doubting of your diligence, Wee bidd, &c.

Newmarket, the 22 Januar 1615.

CCLII.—LORD BINNING TO JOHN MURRAY OF LOCHMABEN.

SIR,

I expected the cumming heir of the Bifchop of Galloway, to ane meitting of the whole Bifchopis, be appoyntment of the Archibifchop of Santandrois; and expected that, be his meanes, my Lord of Scone might haue learned the certantie of findrie of the Archideanes speaches, for I beleve his father repeated sum of thame to the Bifchop of Galloway. My Lord of Gairlies wes to haue bene in this towne, bot his wyfes feiknes maid him to returne hame, till he fould see what fould become of hir difease.

When James Makcullo reffaued my letter, willing him to try the

veritie anent the wrong done to the place of Broughton, he wes not neir that pairt off the cuntrie; bot he hes promiseid, be his letter, to do his exact diligence, and to aduerteis accórding to the trueth of his tryall.

The storme hes impechd the convening of the most pairt of the Bifchops, so that my Lord of Galloway is scaircelie expected; nather is thair certantie of my Lord of Glasgows cumming this oulk; bot be ane letter, which I latalie reffaued fra him, I vnderstand that he is greived with his collegues vndewtifull behaiour to yow, and that he intends to remayne constant and thankfull for your kyndnes.

Yow will vnderstand, be letters from my Lord of Seone and Baluaird, the conferences past betuix thame and the Archibifchop of Santandrois, concerning the Person of Dyfert; which bewryes such dealing; as no honest man wald do or allow, since he nather can alledge any misbehaviour in the person, nor will giue him ane testimonie of his dewtifull behaiour, albeit he confesse it to be true and notour; bot remeid will be fund for that. Alwayes, it is certane, that if his Maiestie permit liars to calumniat honest men, and put not the authours to the prouif of thair misinformations, he will bring vpon him self great vexation; and sum of his best subiectis may be iniustlie wronged, without hope of redresse, if the authours of the misreports fall not be maid knowne, nor thair speaches put to tryall. Bot, hoping that his Maiestie, in his singular wisdome, will prevent such mischeiffs, I commit yow to God.

Your truelie affectionat freind,

BINNING.

Edinburgh, 26 Januar [1615.]

The Archibifchop of Santandrois hes passd ane dangerous fit of apoplexie. It is supponed that ane new assault may be more difficill to put af. If his place vaik, and his Maiestie might be pleased to mak Glasgow his successeur, and promoue Orknay to Glasgow, it wald recompens thair knowne merite, and gude seruice, encourage vthers to imitate thame, and reduce the Church gouernement to that happie estate,

which his Maiestie hes long wished, be the wifdome and godlie exemple of these wourthie men.

To the right wourfchipfull John Murray
of Lochmaben, one of his Maiesties
bedchamber, at Court.

CCLIII.—THE EARL OF DUNFERMLINE TO JOHN MURRAY.

RICHT HONORABILL COUSING,

I haue na farder occaffoun to write to yow at the present, bot to accompanie this berar, with quhais earand heir I doubt nocht bot yie ar acquent; like as he will shiaw to yow all that guid freinds has done heir. I doubt nocht bot my Lord Secretair writes yow heirwith, like as I haue also writtin to my Lord Fentoun, and willed him shiaw my lettir to his Sacred Maiestie; and gif he be absent frome Court, I haue desired him send it to yow, to be on his name shiawin to his Maiestie, and reteired agane. His Maiestie, seeing baith quhat the Secretair writes to yow, and quhat I write to Lord Fentoun, I esteeme fall sufficentlie tak up quhow far Mr Williame Murray is failed too: It can nocht be bot a regraitt to honest men, that debofched drunken babillis fould' perfume, fa impudentlie, at fa wyse and iuste a Precis hand, to misreport honest and wordie men, abusing his fauour, more to thair estait, nor to thair merit or onye worth; bot man be borne with, since eiuer fa has bein suim onuordie in onye best estait or gang off men, a Judas amanges Chryftis twelf Apostlis. Sua ending this, wiffes yow alwayis all weill.

Yiour louing Coufing to ferue yow,

Frome Edinburgh, 28 Januar 1615.

DUNFERMLJNE.

To the right honorabill my weilbeloued
Cofen, Mr Morraye, in his Sacred
Maiesties bedchalmer.

CCLIV.—LORD BINNING TO JOHN MURRAY OF LOCHMABEN.

SIR,

I fend this vther letter to yow, and the Perfon's Supplication, to the effect yow may schow thame to his Maieftie, or mak fuch vther gude vse of thame as may best availe your wourthie Cufing; aganis whom the malice of liars, and thair pernicious courfes, haue cheiflie bene intended; bot I hope his loyaltie, affifted be his true freindis, fall difapoynt thair proiects.

The extraordinar stormes haue stayed the Bifhop of Gallowayes cumming to this toune, and thairby will hinder my Lord of Scone to try fo perfytlie as neid wer, that whairof yow defyre to be certified: Bot yow will find that he who attempted that purpofe, to your preiudice, will find als litill affiftance in it, as he had fcaircetic of gude counfall in the devyce, for I think all, or the moft pairt, of his bretheren will difavow him. My Lord of Scone, and Baluaird, will wryte more particularlie, becaus they have verie speciall war-rand, from conferences with findrie who knew the trueth of all mens pairtis heir.

In the pourpofe of Eglinton, all will be done as his Maieftie hes commanded, as yow will know by oure nixt letters, till which tyme I will superfeid to anfweir any farder to your letters of the 20 of this moneth; bot, with remembrance of my loving dewtie, commit yow to God.

Your obleifed and affectionat freind,

BINNING.

Edinburgh, 29 Januar [1615.]

To the right wourfchipfull Johne Murray
of Lochmaben, one of his Maiefties bed-
chamber, at Court.

CCLV.—LORD BINNING TO JOHN MURRAY OF LOCHMABEN.

SIR,

As be your letter yow defyred, I haue bene most curious to learne Maister William Murray the Person of Dyfert's behaiour and profession of his dewtie and respect to the Bischops, and of his opinion of the present Churche Gouvernement; and have fund it most faithfull and dewtifull, not onlie be the report of gentilmen of the best fort, to whom his aëtions ar well knowne, bot also be findrie Bischops, who beare him witnes of sinceritie and gude conuersation, and that he hes neuer fwairwed in his obedience to thame, and concurrence to the establisment of the present Discipline. This being my privat tryall, it wes confirmed more publictly and be better warrand, vpon Friday last, at ane meiting of ane number of the Counfall, with the Archibischop of Glasgo, Bischops of Dunkell, Caitnes, Dumblane, and Orknay (the rest being hindered to cum be storme, and Santandrois be feiknes.) When we wer conuened, the Person of Dyfert gaued in his supplication, regraiting the wrong done to him be report to his Maiestie, that hes since his last returne from England professed him self opposit to the present gouvernement of the Churche, and to the authoritie of Bischops; it being true that he wes broght vp be ane Bischop, and from his youth had euer thocht thair authoritie necessar, for the ordour of Churche gouvernement, and since his Maiestie began to aduance that gude course, no man in this Kingdome of his estate had bene more reddie or constant in Synodall and Generall Affsemblies, and all vther places, to giue his professed and faithfull concurrence for acknowledging, establisshing, and obeying the Bischops, nor he had done; becaus he thocht it his dewtie to God, his King, and cuntrie; and thairfore defyred that he might be tryed be that number, and aither puneished, if the report wer fund true, or if it wer tryed fals, as he wes confident it wald be, he might be faouored be the testimoniall of the Counfall and Bischops. It wes answered be the Counfall, that albeit his gude behaiour and faithfull dewtie in that mater wes notour to thame,

yet they wald forbear to vndertak the tryall of it, becaus it wes competent to the Bifchops, to whom thay wald refer it, being affured that thay wald proceed iustlie thairin : The which, all the Bifchops then present promised to do, without delay, acknowledging the notoriety of the Person's dewtie in his loue and obedience to thair estate, and regraitting that any man fould have bene so imprudentlie malicious, as to have wronged that honest man, by ane report, not onlie wanting trueth, bot contrare to all probabilitie.

I vnderstand, that my Lord of Scone and the Laird of Baluaird spak with the Archbifchop of Santandrois, and hard of him sum speaches which I will be loath to beleive, and will forbear to expres thame for the reuerence of the place whairwith his Maiestie hes honored him. I pray God he had bene and may be cairefull to honour it, if he ouerput his present infirmitie ; and if it please God he die, that his Maiestie may mak that choice of ane successeur to him which may best agrie with Goddis seruice and his owne ; for it is manifest what disgrace and mischeif may ensue of vnwyse, vnhonest, or vngodlie behauiour in ane man of that rank, and no lesse notour, how greatlie it may auaille to the establisment of religion, that godlie, wyse, faithfull, and well affected men to his Maiesties seruice be settled in such rowmes. Of this I will not presume to wryte at this tyme to his Maiestie, bot will say to yow, vpon my saluation, that I am perswaded, if Glasgo and Orknay wer aduanced to the first places in the clergie, I think he fould be als wourthelie serued be thame in thair estate, as be any subiectis in his dominions, and many wald giue thair concurrence to wyse, constant, secret, and faithful men, who will declyne all affociation with men who want these graces. Bot thir things must be remitted to his Maiestie, who, no dowt, will resolue more wyselie, and do better in pourposes of this consequence nor we can confaue. So, wishing yow health and happines, I rest

Your most loving freind at power,

BINNING.

Jo. Murray.

CCLVI.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF GLASGOW TO JOHN MURRAY OF
LOCHMABEN.

SIR,

I cam to Edinburgh, qhair I fand my Lord of St Andrewis feik. At the first, none lukit for his lyf, but now he femis to recover. We culd not haif any speeche with him as yit. This day afternone the Bifchops ar al to meit in his house, qho ar heir in gud number. Being togither, and conferring, amongest vther purpofis, of the oversight committed by him towardis your self, the qhole think tham selfis il vfit in it, and ar myndit to vnderstand be him the reasonis of that his proceeding, and thairafter to tak fik courfe as thai fal think fitteft for signifeing thair constancie in keping the intelligence thai formerly kept with yow. I wil thairvpon tak occasioun to wryt at griter lenth, and send the letter ye defyrit; only becaufe the berar wes on his jorney, I wold gif him thir few lynis. We haif sent ane testimony of the Person of Dyfartis good behaviour, against the informations maid of him. St Andrewis gifis out fecreitly (Mr Peter Hewat is my authoure), that thair is ane course to schift Mr Thomas Murray from the Prince, and that his Maieftie fuld mislyk him as ane il affected to the estate of the Kirk. He fays the Person is quarrellit for his cause only. If he be the forger of those thingis, or a worker in tham, or thair be any fuche thing in head, I know not; but, in my opinion, thai neyther lufe Kirk nor Countrey that wold wifch the remove of so wyfe and learned and religious a person, as I account Mr Thomas to be. If I fal learn farther, ye fal haif al after this our meting. The Bifhop of Galloway is at Perth, and excufis him self by feiknes to ws. Qhat that wes quich ye ar informit he hard be St Andrewis, I cannot learn til meting with him. Now I tak my leave, and restis,

Your affurit to be commandit,

Edinburgh, 30 Januarij. 1615.

GLASGOW.

To my very honourabill good freind, Jhon Murray of Lochmaben, of his Maiefties bedchamber.

CCLVII.—SIR ANDREW MURRAY OF BALVAIRD TO JOHN MURRAY
OF LOCHMABEN.

RIGHT HONORABLE AND MOST LOVING BROTHER,

Their hes bein much marvelling heir how it cumes that the Goodman of Menstrie¹ doeth now fend and refaue the Bifchopes packets, since yow wer heirtofore imployed be them in all their buffines: and thought it be a matter of final or no moment, yet hes it bein the subject of much speache; and sum their bie who wold faine builde therupon ane argument to persuad vthers that your credit with his Maieftie was in the decay. I could not abstein from laughing when I hard such idle tales; and yet I thought it was my dewtie, sa far as I could, to searche their grund, and to aduertife yow. For any thinge I can learn, the change proceids only from the Bifchope of Saintandrous leutie and inconstancie,² to the which humour they fay, that he is so naturallie inclyned, that nothing can pleafs him long; all the rest of the Bifchops ar so angrie with him for imploying Menstrie, and leauing yow, as they can bie; and ye will not belieue how hardlie they haue censured him for it. He can not tell how to fet a goode face vpon it,

¹ Sir William Alexander of Menstrie knight. At this time the office of Master of Requests had been conferred on him.

² Lord Sanquhar, in a letter to John Murray of Lochmaben, dated from Edinburgh, 1st February [1615], says:—"And as for the Bisschope of Sanctandrose behewioure towards yow, it is cleirly knawin, bothe to the Kirk of Scotland and to many more, to his greit dissadvantage, and dislyking of all that heiris the same; ffor the hale Bisschopis is lyk to go mad at him: ffor, blist be God, Sir, gif ye hard the honorabile report the Kirk reportis of yow, ye wald think yowr trawell weill bestowid ye haif takin for thame, quhilk maid my hart glaid to heir the same. Sir, we heir that ye ar a lytile inwyit, and I dowl nocht bot ye sie the same wtter in sum missour. Sir, my cunsell to yow is, for Godis cause, to be circumspeck, and cald, and wyse, and let nocht yowr passion ower rewle yow, bot waite yowr tyme, and seik God, and I find yow God to borrowis, they that seikis yowr discredeit, they sall find thair awin lykweyis. Sir, ye sall wnderstand Sanctandrose hes bein werie seik, and no man lippinis he sall leif. Sir, I howpe ye will pardowne me for my cunsell to yow; for I protest to God it cumis frome ane faithful hart that luffis yow trewlie as himself. Ferder, Sir, ye sall wnderstand that the Erle of Orkney is conwick of tressone, and is to suffer the thrid of this instant," &c.

yet for his excufe he alledges (as I heir fay) that he was commandit, at leaft willed fo to do, both be his Maieftie and be my Lord of Summerfet; and he faves, that his fone, the Archdean, brought him home this commandement when he returned from Court laft. Their is no man that euer hard this tale bot they think it is meir fictioun: the only dout is whidder it be of the Father or of the Sones invention. The Archdean, indeed, fince his laft returne from Court, hes giuen out many great fpeaches, both of the credit he had when he was their, and of his purpofe to returne, in houpe to haue more: bot he moft find catioun or he be belued in all. It is fupposed that he hes alfo faid more to his Father nor he had in commiffioun; and his Father beliues him, becaus he loues him. It could be no worfe for them both to be funwhat more circumfpect nor they ar. The auld man is not lyke to trowble the world long. He hes bein very feik thir dayes paff. Gif I can learn any more of this matter heirefter, I fchal let yow know it. Gif ye confer with Mr Thomas Moray, he can inform yow more of the Bifchope of Saintandrous proceedinges; and fo I conclude this purpofe.

I was myndfull at this tym, by my Lord Secretaries means, to haue fent yow fum Informations and Ouertoures concerning the Lowmondies of Falkland, and the taking of them in few, bot I haue delayed that purpofe to ane vther tym; becaus my Lord of Scone informes me, that it is your awne will it be fo. Remember, I pray yow, on the houfe of Falkland, and take cair to fend home ane ernelt commiffion for repairing of it this Springe, vther wayes it will not fail to fall all to grunde. The bake galleries ar alreddie decayed. I pray yow, Sir, to continow me in your fauour, and command me as your Brother. I wifs yow all helth and happines, and refts,

Your moft affectionat freind and Brother to ferue yow,

S. ANDROW MORAY of Baluarde.

Edinbrughe, the laft of Januar 1615.

To the right honorable Jhone Moray of Lochmaben, one of his Maiefties bedchamber.

CCLVIII.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF GLASGOW TO JOHN MURRAY OF
LOCHMABEN.

SIR,

I wrote with a gentleman, David Murray, vnto yow, that we wer to meet together at my Lord St Andrewis house the night he cam away. In that meting I mufit two thingis, one concerning your felf, another concerning the Perfon of Dyfert: I faid I vnderftood, by report of the Bifhop of Cathnes, that ye had takin offense at fum mint we had maid to alter our intelligencis with yow, and defyrit to know if it wes fo. My Lord St Andrewis anfwert, That he had refavit ane angry letter from yow, but he wold obey, as he had alredy begun, qhat he wes enjoyned; and calling his Sonne, maid him repeat the commandement gifin him, qhiche he did fumqhat more fparingly then at the first tym; for then he faid, my Lord of Summerfet had commandit him in his Maiefties prefence, and now he faid, my Lord himfelf only requyrit it; and addit, that the command wes gifin to him for his Father only, and not to me, or ony of the reft. The qhole faid, fince thai had no warrant nor command to fend to any other, thay wold not change, and fchew tham felfis offendit with this inconstant doing. Once it wes deliberat to wryt a common letter to his Maieftie, bearing a testimonie of your fidelitie and diligence in thair bufineffe, and defyring to know his Maiefties will; but, St Andrewis vrging that the letter myght be fent to Sir William Alexander, becaufe he wold not wryt to any other, and we fup- pofing fik ane anfwer myght be returnit to ws as we lykit not, did caft of that purpofe, concluding we wold keip the courfe that we held, til the contrair fuld be commandit.

For the Perfon of Dyfert, qhen we askit him qhat he culd fay had offendit him. He anfwert, that the Perfon had refusit to be a Moderatour at his defyr; and this the Perfon excusit by his feiknes. Finding thair wes no reafon to haif informit fo hardly of him, we faid, we culd not refufe to gif him ane testimonial of his gud behaviour. At this he wes very offendit, and fum of ws wold haif ben at the recalling of the testimonie, but it wes paff recalling. Bearing af fo wel as I culd, we learnt of him that the

quarrel wes at the Perfon, for his brother, Mr Thomas, qho had fet him on, as he fayis, to inform hardly his Maieftie of my Lord St Androwis; and he fel out in this, that the courfe went higher then we fuppoft, and Mr Thomas wold find it. We cravit to be informit, if Mr Thomas, or ony, wer il affectit to the Kirk, that we myght know it, and joyne with him in fo good a caufe; and if not, wifchit him to be wyfe, and not ferve with his credit other menis malice. He anwerit ws, that he wold, but that, be a letter from his Maiefties own hand, funqhat wes impartit to him qhich he durft not reveal. So we left inquiring, fuppoft that qhich he maid a fecreit of to ws, he makis it plain ynoughe to otheris; that his Maieftie fuld be difcontentit with Mr Thomas, and wil haif him from his fonne: this Mr Peter Hewat told me, he heard him fay, that he had vnder his Maiefties own hand. Sir, ye ar wyfe to vfe thefe thingis as ye think may do your freind good; nether wold I haif him not to know tham, nor to think muche of tham, for fik intentionis, if any be, qhen thair ar forfen, may be preventit beft; and this I thocht foner for me to wryt to your felf then to him, to qhom I haif not ben accustomed to wryt, fuppoft I love him intirely, and hes thocht it fo grit happines to ws al, his cumpany with that younge Prince, as I wold tak it forowfully, for my parte, to haif him changit with any other.

I haif written this letter to his Maieftie, qhiche, if ye think gud be delyverit, ye may clofe it, and delyver to Mr Patrik Hamiltoun, with this other that I haif written for the fam effect. I earnestly expect from yow fum anwer for our Jefuit, according to my laft letteris. Taking my leave, and wifching you al proferitie, I reft

Your affurit euer to his power,

Edinburgh, 6 Feb^{rj} 1615.

GLASGOW.

SIR,

Ye wilbe fo good as gif thir otheris to James Dowglas, and defyr him to fend tham to Parife with the firft occafion. At the clofing of thefe, the Bifchop of Ilis fonne cam to me, being latly returnit from Courte, and fehewis that thair is fum bufines amongeft yow thair, as he

heard, for the displacing of sum of his Maiesties fervantis in bothe chamberis, be tham intendit that rulis al. It trublit me sumqhat, quhil I hear from yow. Ye ar wyfe : qhatfoeuer it be, I pray yow, let patience on your parte overcom thair malice, and for no occasioun let his Maiestie be offendit by yow. This my love hes constraynit me to wryt, suppose I know it nedis not.

To my very honourabill good freind,
 Jhon Murray of Lochmaben, of his
 Maiesties bedchamber.

CCLIX.—THE BISHOP OF ARGYLE TO KING JAMES.

MOST GRATIOUS SOUERANE,

Confiddering your Maiesties Royall and indeferued fauour in euecting me to that honorable estat of Episcopall societie within this Kingdome, far besyd ather thocht or appetite, and inrespect theroff, thinking not onlie still to exorne the place committed vnto me, bot more and more to interceid at the most Highe for lenthe and happines of your Maiesties dayis, it behouethe me, inregaird of bodilie infirmitie, to crave pardone, that heirby I supple that personall homage addebtit to your Maiestie for so grit benefeit, least I fuld seme ather ignorant or forgetfull, thairby giueing your Maiestie occasione to repent that gracious munificencie. Heirwithe, it wald please your Sacred Maiestie, remember that the pairtis of your Maiesties kingdome committed to my Spirituall owerficht being so barbarous, that without feuer animaduersione, thay can not be cohibite from thair wonted sauage behaiour ; nather can this be so conuenientlie done as by the presence of the Erle of Argyll, quha, at my last affemblie, not only gaue to me, in secret, exceiding gude proue of his religione, baking the same with no worse knowledge, bot in publik affuris (vnder your Maiestie) to cawse all obedience be giuen to discipline, churches to be buldit, and violent detineris of ministeris gleibis and mansis thairoff dispossessed ; in all quiche, as

his Lordship was required, he did performe. And thairfore, feing it wald be bothe comfortable to my charge and helpfull to his awin decaying state, quhairunto I trust your Maiestie will rather inclyne,¹ nor that he (throw staying at Court, and necessitie vrging), becum ane dehonestament to your Maiestie, this kingdome and honorable place that thairunto, bothe be birthe and office, he bruikis. I humlie requeist your Maiestie, inregairde heiroff, ather to direct him to his awin cuntrie, or confyne him within the famin.

Craueing pardone for this my boldnes, and committing to Jhone Murray relatione of sum particular anent my self, and againe beseiking the Almighty God for your Maiesties happines heir and hence, I ceiffe, remaneing euer

Your Maiesties most humill fervand,

Edinburgh, 24 Feb. 1615.

AN. LISMOREN.

To his most Sacred Maiestie.

CCLX.—THE EARL OF DUNFERMLINE TO JOHN MURRAY, OF HIS MAJESTIES BEDCHAMBER.

RIGHT HONOURABILL COUSING,

All that I haue to write to yow is, that wee haue na mater off moment to write off frome this, nor be apeirance wee will haue na subiect off aduertisment till the prisionaris from Ila be heir, to be tried and examinat. We ar fallin upon fuim discouerie off fuim treacherie in mater off coine; fuim villains hes vsed to gilt fuim siluer riellis, baith doubill and fingill, and has geiuin thame out for Spanish pistolettis, doubill or fingill. Suim off thame we haif in handis, and, as I hoipe,

¹ In a letter from Lord Binning to King James, the necessity of the Earl of Argyle's repairing to the West Highlands, to repress the rebels, is urgently pressed. (The Melros Papers, vol. i. p. 232.) He was employed in this service; and in the same collection of Papers there are numerous letters from or to the Earl of Argyle, giving an account of his proceedings.

we ar on the way off the triall off that abuife; albeit, wee have nocht yitt attained to the full knowledge of thair knawifhe treadde: yee will heir perhappis mair off this after. The storme continewis still heir,¹ and I think sua thair to, for we gett na worde from thence. Sua, ending this, wiffis yiw all contentment.

Your louing Coufing to ferue yiw,

Frome Edinburgh, 24 of Febr. 1615.

DUNFERMELJNE.

The Archiebifchoppe St Androis apeirs fuim bettir in his health, and yitt is thocht fall nocht putt off this feiknes in haill. Glasgou² is gone frome this to see the Jefuift Ogiluie refaue law.

To the Right honourabill my weil-be-
loued Coufing Jhone Murray, in his
Sacred Maiefties bedchalmer.

¹ On the 12th of February, a publick fast and humiliation was appointed in Aberdeen, and probably also in other parts of the country, "in respect of the uncouth storme of frost and snaw, quhilk hes continewit sa lang, that the bestiall ar dieing thik fauld," &c. —(Kirk Session Records, p. 82.)

² Ogilvie suffered at Glasgow, being "hanged and quartered," on the last of February 1615. We may, with little hesitation, ascribe to Spottiswood the Account of the Jesuit's Trial, which appeared, with a Preface to the Reader, under the following title:—"A true Relation of the Proceedings against Iohn Ogilvie, a Iesuit, executed at Glasgow, the last of Februarie, Anno 1615. Containing sundrie Speeches vttered by him at his Arraignment, and others, that assisted the Commissioners deputed for his triall: With all that passed at his execution. EDINBURGH, Printed by Andro Hart, Anno 1615." 4to, pp. 36. It is reprinted in Pitcairn's Criminal Trials, vol. iii. p. 332—352.

There was published at Doway another statement, under this title, "Relatio Incarcerationis et Martyrii P. Ioannis Ogilbei natione Scoti, e Societate Iesu Presbyteri, ex autographo ipsius Martyris, in carcere exarato Glasguae in Scotia octiduo ante mortem: continuata vero deinceps per eiusdem conceptiuos, qui eius Martyrio interfuerunt. DVACI, Typis Viduae Laurentii Kellami, sub signo Agni Paschalis, 1615," 8vo. This tract is reprinted in the volume of "Miscellaneous Papers illustrative of the Reigns of Queen Mary and King James VI.," presented by Andrew Macgeorge, Esq., to the Maitland Club, Glasgow, 1834, 4to.

CCLXI.—A MISSIVE TO THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS.

To the Archbishop of St Androis.

Right reuerend Father in God, righty trusty and welbeloued Counfellow. The Father of this bearer, Mr James Rind, being diseased in such maner as is not vnknown to yow,¹ became a humble fuitter vnto Vs, that, in respect his said Father had left a distressed widoue and many poore children vnprovided for, hee might be admitted to his Father's place; that so he might be a meane to keep his mother, brether, and sisters from the extremitie of necessitie: And feing the place which his Father had is already disposed of to another, and that the young man him self is sufficientlie qualified, so as if the respect of his mother and brethren moved him not, hee would not goe out of this countrey, Wee haue therefore thought good to require yow to present him to the first competent liueing which shall fall to be vacant in your province; which not doubting but yow will performe accordinglye, Wee bidd, &c.

Whitehall, the 24 Februar 1615.

CCLXII.—THE BISHOP OF GALLOWAY TO KING JAMES.

MOST GRATIOUS SOUERAIGNE,

Pleafe your Maiestie: The will of your Highnes letters direct to me of late is fullie obeyed, namelie, concerning your Maiesties seruants, John Murray and John Gib. The contract betwene my Lord Garlies and the last Bishop was never perfyted. If according to it I had transacted with his Lordship, I fuld haue defrauded twelue Kirkis of all provision, which had caused great desolation in the countrie, and no les

¹ Mr Robert Rhind, Minister of Longforgan, whose sudden death is recorded in a passage quoted at page 404, note 1.

discontentment to your Highnes. Now my Lord hes, in reasonable manner, prouyded the Kirkis, and I haue fatiffeit his Lordship.

The reliēt of my prædeceffor wes paied of the greateft part of that dewtie your Maieftie appointed for her, before her complaint, as wes cleared by her owne acquittances produced before the Right Honorable Lordis of your Highnes Counfell. There wes no caus to complaine. I dar fay to your Maieftie, on my confcience, I had neuer a thocht to defraud her of one pennie, for I know or it be long; I muft leaue myne vnder the lyke compaffion. Alwaie I randre your Highnes moft humble thankis that your Maieftie reffaued not the accufation againft me, bot remitted it vnto tryall; and will earneftlie, and with all fubmiffion, craue, that fen it hes bene your Highnes favorable will to put me in ane eminent place, wherein it is impoffible to liue and pleafe all parties, your Maieftie, after your wonted clemencie and princelie equitie, wold ftill referue ane care for me. Say what they will, my workis fhallbe witneffes for me: The planting of Preachers, the building of Kirks wherē neuer one hes bene, the repairing of others, fhall testifie for me, that, after my weaknes, my cair hes bene to do the work of a Bifhop there, to the glorie of God, your Highnes honor, and good of the countrey. If I haue fpoken beyond modeftie, fen it is within the compaffe of truth, your Maieftie will gratioufflie pardon it.

Concerning the Chappel Royal, I attend the declaration of your Highnes will. My greateft comfort is in preaching; neither is there ony thing more vnpleafant to me then to be ydle, for it ftaineth the dignitie of our calling, and corrupteth our felues. Some tyme we teach in the pulpitts of Edinburgh, not without good fuccesse (praise be to the Lord :) The præcifest of them who ar contrair mynded difdaine not our miniftrie, bot flockes als frequentlie to heare as of before they haue done to ony. Bot I long till your Maieftie putt me in my owne place. Expecting your Highnes will, I reft

Your Maiefties moft humble and mony waies
bound feruant and dailie oratour,

Edinburgh, Merch 7. 1615.

W. B. OF GALLOWAY.

To the King his moft Excellent Maieftie.

CCLXIII.—A MISSIVE TO THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL AND THE SENATORS OF THE COLLEGE OF JUSTICE.

To the Counsell and Colledge of Justice.

RIGHT, &c. Whereas We haue vnderstoode that there are fundrie rents and commodities due to Patrick Bishop of Rosse, by his prouision to the said Bishoprick, vnjustle detayned from him, as hee alledges, for the recovering whereof he is constrained to sue his partyes before yow, whereby, befids his great paynes and charges, he is distracted from attending his calling in the Church,¹ far from Our intention, who would haue him peaceable to enjoy the benefite of that which Wee haue bestowed vpon him, that he may be the more able to attend his charge: Therfor Our pleasure is, that, in all such actions as concerne him in this kind, yow administer justice with as speedie a dispathe as the course of Our lawes can conveniently permit. Wherein expecting the vttermost of your endeauours, Wee, &c.

Newmarkett, the 15 of March 1615.

Direction to the Colledge of Justice,—

To Our right trustie and right welbeloued Cofen and Counsellour, the Earle of Dunfermeling, Our Chancellour, and to the remanent Senatouris of Our Colledge of Justice of Our Kingdome of Scotland.

Direction to the Counsell,—

To Our right trusty and right welbeloued Cofen and Counsellour, the Earle of Dumfermeling, Our Chancellour of Scotland, and to Our right trusty and welbeloued Counsellours, the remanent Lords of Our Privie Counsell of the said Kingdome.

¹ Mr Patrick Lindesay continued as Minister of St Vigean, near Aberbrothock, after his promotion to the See of Ross.

CCLXIV.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO KING JAMES.

MOST GRATIOUS SOVERANE,

I muſt entreat your Maieſtie moſt humble for pardon, that I have delayed the anfuer of your Maieſties letter anent the Erle of Home, be reaſon of my great ſicknes, which God hes now relentit.¹ And firſt, whairas I informed your Maieſtie that he being conveynit befor your Maieſties Hie Commiſſioun, was, efter lang tergiverſatioun, forced to profes himſelff not to be reſoluit to be of our religioun. It is verie true, for efter that he wes callit we could tak no hold of him. In end, he was finned in ane thouſand pounds, according to the Act of Parliament, and yit to be fred thair of vpon condition that he ſould preſentlie declair himſelff to be owris in religioun, and wald acknowledge us to be the true Kirk; which, efter he had reſufed, the Lords ordaneit him to be confinnd in his owne houſes, and that was the only cauſe of his confinng; for if he had ſchowin any incline of conformitie with ws, we had never uſed him ſo, and this I tak in hand to proove, *per testes omni exceptione maiores*. As to his communicating, he can not deny bot I dealt with him my ſelff the ſpace of two yeiris to that effect. He ſchew that it was not for cauſe of religioun that he abſteinit, bot for ſum uther worldlie ſcruples. Thir generall excuſes delayit me the ſpace of two yeiris to uſe any proces againſt him; bot finding all bot ſchiftis, I returnit bak that mater agane to the Synod, who directit the Exerceis of Dunbar to proceed in the cenſures of the Kirk againſt him. And yit, to mak him inexcufable, we directit to him ſum foure of the Miniſteris of that bounds, that was moſt gracious to him, and yit they fand nothing but lingering, and fair wordis tending to delay. Anent the ſchortnes of tyme to adviſe and reſolve, he hes gottin more than fyve yeiris admonitions and requiſitions, which ſhall be verified be writ and witneſſes. As touching his cuming to me at St Androis, at that tyme,

¹ This, however, proved to be only a temporary amendment, as the Archbishop, George Gladſtanes, died at St Andrews on the 2d of May, or within four weeks of the date of this letter. See No. CCLXIX.

I schaw him plainlie, that I wald nather give him tolleratioun nor delay, bot advised him to obey your Maiefties proclamatioun. Bot, Sir, what neidis all thofe circumftances? If he will come home, and fwear, and fubfcryve to the true religion, and tak a reasonable long day to communicate, all thir queftions fall ceafe, and fo he fall not importune your Maieftie any longer, for he knawis himfelff that I love him and his houfs. Always, Sir, I have writtin to your Maieftie that which I will byd at, bot I had rather have his conformitie than his conteftatioun, and I wifh to God he fould beguile me. Thus I befeech God to bliffe your Maieftie with ane long and prosperous lyff, and with all happines heir and eternallie. I reft

Your Maiefteis moft humble fubie&t and faithfull fervand,

SANCTANDROIS.

St Androis Caftle, 7 Aprill 1615.

CCLXV.—SIR GIDEON MURRAY AND SIR ALEXANDER HAY TO
KING JAMES.

MOSTE GRACIOUS SOUERANE,

Your Maiefties letter from Royftoun, the 21 of Marche, dire&t vnto ws, wes delyvered by Mr Patrick Hamiltoun, wherein your Maieftie defyreth to be certified from ws, who wer present at the High Comiffioun the tyme when the Erle of Home¹ wes convented befor the fame, vpoun what reafonis his confyining procedit, and what ather wes of him requyred, or by him at that tyme anfuered, togither with the

¹ Alexander sixth Lord Home, as a Roman Catholic, to be absolved from the sentence of excommunication passed by the Synod of Fife, made his repentance before the General Assembly on his knees, 17th May 1594. He accompanied King James to England in 1603, and was created Earl of Home, 4th March 1605. In the General Assembly, 11th December 1606, when measures were taken "for the suppressing and reforming of Papists," among the Noblemen suspected of Papistrie, who were ordained to be confined in various parts of the country, the Earl of Home and Lord Heries were confined within the town of Edinburgh. The Earl of Home died 5th April 1619.

whole particularities and circumstances of that busyness; Wherein we must first humbly beg your Maiesties pardoun, that we can not give your Highnes that full satisfiacion in the mater whiche otherwayes we culde wishe (there haveing interveined since that dyett so longe a space), and the mater it self, while it wes in handling, being the more cairleslye attendit vnto by vs in remarking every worde of conference whiche past betuix the Archbifhope and the Erle, as never thinking the mater fuld haif bein thereafter questioned. Bot so far as our memoryes do serue of that whiche past at that tyme, we haif heir sett it down.

The Erle of Home being called in befor the Archbifhope, ther being also at that tyme present some Prelattis, and fundrye other churchmen nominate in the Commiffioun, he wes demandit, Wherfore he had not communicated? and therewith it wes tolde him, how by a sentence alreddy gevin by the High Commiffioun, he wes declared to haif incurred the payne of the Statute aganis non-communicantis. He answered, That he had therein still his scrupulles and doubttes, whereof he wes unresolued, so as he durst not adventure to so holye ane actioun vntill he wer better resolued, wherevpoun he wes confyned betuix his houffes of Dunglas and Home; and some wer appoynted to confer with him, and a day assigned betuix and whiche he fuld resolue vpoun fuche headis and poyntes of religioun whereof he then doubted. And it being vrged by some who wer then present, that the fyne whiche the Erle had incurred through not communicating fuld be presentlye exacted, it wes by otheris, and specially those of your Maiesties Counsell who wer then present, thought more expedient that all goode meanis fuld be vsed for induceing rather the Nobleman to a conformitye, then that he fuld conceave that his conuenting befor the High Commiffioun wes onlye for to gayne the penaltie and fyne by him incurred. Bot whither the Erle wes then vrged to subseriue and sweare the Confessioun of Faithe, we protest to your Maiestye that we do remember of no fuche thing. And this being the furdest that we can call to memorye of any thing whiche wes done publicklye befor the High Commiffioun, the Erle him self haveing had fundrye tymes resorte to the Archbifhopis lodgeing, of

whois privat conference together we ar altogether ignorant: We humblye kifs your Highnes sacred hand, praying Almightye God to blifs your Maieftie with a longe, happy, and prosperous reigne over ws, and fo rest

Your Maiefties most humble, devoted,
and faithfull servitouris,

G. MURRAY.

ALEX^R. HAY.

CCLXVI.—A MISSIVE TO THE MARQUESS OF HUNTLEY.

To the Marquise of Huntly.

Right trusty and welbeloued Cofen and Counsellour, &c. Whereas vpon a complaint made vnto Vs by Jhon Leyth of Harthill vpon George Lesley of Oldcraig, for the slauchter of his sonne,¹ Wee were pleased to write vnto yow, as Sheriff of that parte, for apprehending the said George, who remaynes a Rebelle at our horne, yet Wee are informed that notwithstanding of this he haunts ordinarily the bounds within your charge, and is not as yet apprehended: Therefore Wee command yow, as yow would continue Sheriff, to faile not to doe the duetie that belongs to the place, and apprehend the said George, that he may be presented to Justice, otherwise Wee will think that yow neglect Our seruice; and if, in the meane tyme, Jhon Leyth, or any of his, be hurt in their person or goods by the said George, who, as Wee heare, threatens them, Wee will blame yow as accefforie therevnto, by omitting your charge, whereanent Wee desire to be certefied bak from your selff. So, hoping that yow will haue a more regard to Our seruice, Wee bidd yow farewell.

Whitehall, the 11 of Aprill 1615.

¹ Two letters relating to this murder are given in this series, as Nos. CCXXX. and CCXXXI. It does not appear that Lesley was brought to trial.

CCLXVII.—THE EARL OF CAITHNES TO KING JAMES.

PLEASE YOUR MOST SACRED MAIESTIE,

Your letter was delifred to the Metrapoletane, quho fend the famine to the Presbætrie, in respect that his Lordship was heuelie difeifed, and could not speik withe thame him felfe. The fauoure that my wyffe¹ hes refaued neuer the leffe, off your Maiesties letter, is exftremettie, and will fehaw no fauoure, bot to go forduard vithe Excommuniatioune the nixt Sunday aganest hir. Thairfoir, I will most humble intret your Maieftie, that of your most admirable wifdome and fauoure, that it uill please your Maieftie to derect the Archebifchop off Glasco to derect the Miniftrie of Edinburgh to continow hir to the Buffchop off Orknay haiue laiffoure to deille with hir, and to that tyme I schall tak wpone me, onder no lafe nor the loffe off your Maieftis kyndnes, and before I parreld that, I [had] rather be bouirreid quik, that fcho fall nather refet, intercommoune vith enny of that profeffioun, all the tyme off remaning heir, to God and tyme moue hir to be refolued in the contrar. Giue it wald please your Maieftie to derect tuo lynis from your Maieftie to hir, to lat hir kno your Maieftis auine counfell and wille, I am refolued that will moue hir more nor all the perfuatiouns in the world. Sua to your Maieftis wifdome I humble craiue pardoune off my hemlines, I refet, wifhing from aboue all happines and contentment to your Maieftie, and I schall euer remane

Your Maieftis most houbille and
obedient feruand to the death,

CAITHNESS.

Edinburgh, 27 Aprille 1615.

To his most Sacared Maieftie.

¹ Lady Jean Gordon, only daughter of George 5th Earl of Huntley.

CCLXVIII.—THE EARL OF DUNFERMLINE TO [LORD FENTOUN.]¹

MAIST HONOURABILL GOOD LORD,

I write this to informe yior Lordship off ane extraordinar riott fallin out in this pairtis off late, to be imparted by yior to his Sacred Maiestie; that, be his Heighnes heigh wifdome, the Counfall may haue directioun quhow far to proceed in the correctioun off the same. On the last Setterday, before Paife, the Queens Maiesties officiar off Domfermeling was direct, be hir Maiesties Chalmerlane, to execute preceptis off warning to remoue, upon the toun off Bruntiland, according to commoun ordour; quhilk was to byde the awin commoun course in law after, before the Sessioun, and was na wayis intendit to be used or execute to ony rigour; always, vpon fuim vane and proude presumption, fuim peopill off that toun was steired vp to resist this warning be force and violence, quhilk was neuer done yit to the meifest subject in this countrie. Sua, quhen the officiar was executing this preceptis of warning, quhilk war ondir baith thair Maiesties handis and signes, be the caschiectis we haue heir to that effect, and thairwith also lettirs ondir his Maiestie signed for this same purpoise; the officiar, at the corse of the toun and other pairtis, being in executioun of his office, is, be ane multitude off weemen, aboue ane hundir, off the bangstar Amafone kinde, maist oncourteslie doun off his feitt, and his witnes with him, thay all hurt and bluidit, all his lettirs and preceptis rest fra him, reiuin and casten away, and swa chaffed and staned out off the toun. This done (*clara luce*), leitill before none, the peopill behalding, fuim magistratis as is prouin be fuim witnes going on the streetis beside; the bailzies awin wyff principall leidar off this tumultuous armie of Amafones, na man could esteeme bot a premeditat deuyse and plott laid

¹ Sir Thomas Erskine, second son of Sir Alexander Erskine of Gogar, was educated along with King James, and had a principal share in the somewhat mysterious and very tragical fate of the Gowrye family, 5th August 1600. He was created Viscount of Fentoun, 18th May 1606, but is better known by his subsequent title as Earl of Kellie, to which dignity he was advanced in March 1619.

doone, be policie and craft off men. Thairfore the Counfall, for exact triell of sic ane infolence, called to thair iudgement a guid number of the maist factious of these weemen, be the officiars informatioun, and also the Magiftratis and Counfall off the toun, and fuim other honest witnes. The day off this triell was the 26 Aprile, all compeired. The fact neidit no probatioun; it was granted be the weemen, and fuim mennis prefrence prouin be findrie honest witnes. The greatest difficultie was in the triell of the mennis aduyse, and hunting out off the weemen; to this misbehaviour, albeit it could na otherways be, was be thame absolutelie denied and manfworne. Neuertheles, be guid triell was sufficientlie prouin, the Magiftratis off the toun, mony speciall off the Counfall and greatest reulars, at this present, off that toun, to haue bein off the foreknowledge and aduyse off this infolence committed be the weemen, and in end is granted be thame selfis.

In this triell and proceeding thair off, fallis out, that be examinatioun off all was participant to the fact, it is constantlie deponed that Maister Williame Watfoun, minister off that toun, and quha indeid has bein principall reular of that toun this lang tyme, was participant to the foreknowledge and aduyse to this insolente deid; quhairfore was thocht meit, and resolued be the Counfall, he sould be summond and examinat heir upon, the 28 off the same moneth; quhilk day he compered. Lordis of Counfall was almost all away, nane present with me bot my Lord Erle of Cathnes, Lord Prefident, Lord Aduocat, and Sir Robert Meluill yieungar off Bruntiland. Wee examinat him in the best and maist conuenient forme and termis we could: First, he denyis onye foreknowledge at all off that purpos, or onye intencion to the like; alwayis in end, preiffed be circumstancis and confrontatioun with others, quha had granted and confest the same (wee being alwayis resolued to decerne him as conuict), he cumis to confessioun and acknowledgement off his offence and ouirsicht, declaris and professis a greate remorse, to haue blotted his calling and vocation, in being onye wayis participant, and nocht resisting to that fact; requiris us to use that als moderatlie as wee could, in regard off his functioun, as yie will persaue be the recorde off Counfall I send yie heirwith, ondir the clerks hand, off that mater. This sua proceidit, wee

thought nocht expedient, in respect of his calling and vocatioun, and reuerence wee beir thairto, to proceid farder; we commandit him to wairde within the toun of Edinbrough, till farder resolutioun fould be tane with him; difchairing him alwayis preaching, and reforte to Prefbiterie, Sessioun off the Kirk, or onye other exercife nor preachings and prayers ordinar in the toun. Sua, wee continewed all farder till the nixt frequent meiting of the Counfall, quhilk will nocht be before 17 May. Wee presentlie wardit findrie specialls of Bruntiland, fuim in the toubuith, and fuim in the toun. The Counfall will tak, God willing, fufficient ordour with all the rest. It is expedient and neceffair wee be fupplied, be the beamis off his Maiefties prencelie wifdome, in directing us, quhat ordour wee fall tak with Maifter Williame Watsone, quhilk may be ather be his Maiefties lettir to the haill Counfall, or gef his Maieftie will command yow write to me quhat is his fared mynde, I fall be cairfull the fame be obeyed; and off this I requyre to haue fuim anfuer fra yow, fa fone as yie may, war meit, if poffibill war, wee fould haue it before the 15 or 16 off May.

Suim thing yieur Lordship has writtin to me, 19 Aprile, be his Maiefties command, anent fuim examinatioun off George Grahame, quha procured the releiff of Bifchop Iles fonne, and Ramfurlie, frome the rebellis off Ila. I haue writtin lang fence to his Maieftie, in ane lettir off my awin, quhilk was deliuered be Jhone Murray, all my entrefs and pairt in that mannis proceidings, and all that was betuix him and me, and farder will neiuver be found off me in treuth; quhairin I think I did als guid feruice for his Maiefties honour, and countries, as euer I could be habill to doe. The faid George Grahame had neiuver farder warrand off me, worde nor write, bot my naked promeis off ane thousand marks to him felf, be my worde, in caice he releiued fafelie the twa prifonars. I think he fall neiuver fay farder. If he fay, I fall proue him fals; if he hes gone onye farder, it hes bein on his awin, or fuim other mannis warrand nor myne; latt him and thame anfuir thairfore, on thair parrell. I think, certanelie, I haue mair caufe to reioice and glore in all I did in that, nor reu the fame; and fua I perfuade myfelf his Sacred Maieftie thinkis also of me, quhateiuver onye could fay or mantein in the contrair: I fall eiuver be cairfull off his Maiefties honour and guid feruice, *en despit des*

enueulx. Nocht hauing farder, for the present, bot to wish yow all happines and contentement, restis

Your Lordship's maist affectionat to ferue yow,

DUNFERMELJNE.¹

Frome Edinburgh, ultimo Aprilis 1615.

In cace it micht seeme I am too spairing in wryting sa nakedlie off this purpois anent Maister Williame Watfoun, and nocht discharging the deutie off ane honest Counsalour and officiar, in declaring my awin aduyse; for that yie fall haue this, quhilk alwayis I submitt hallie, and in all humilitie and affectioun, to his moift gracious Maiesties censure and bettir iudgement. Sould be meit, his Maiestie sould declair this to be his prencelie will, in his Royall mercie; albeit this offense be extraordinar and superlatif, in a man off that calling; neuertheles, for respect to his lang seruice in sa honorabill a functioun off Goddis ministerie, quhilk heigheft Prencis, and wee all sould sa reuerence, the punishment to proceed na farder, bot in directioun to the Archiebishiope, his ordinar, to suspend him hallie for certane space, fra all use off his calling, in onye pairt; declair him onfitt to be a Minister, in sa frequent and public a place, and, in the meane tyme, provide him to the ministerie in sum other mair priuat and reteired pairt off the countrie;² and ordeine that Toun to be prouidit off sum Minister off mair calme pairt, to reule and circumscribe sic haitt humours as may be in that peopill.

¹ The address to this letter is not preserved, but the following passage, in another letter of the Lord Chancellor's to John Murray, on the same day, settles the point:—"Thair is off late ane riott fallin out, be deforcement and misusing ane officiar off the Queenis Maiestie, be the weemen off the Brunt Iland, be mennis advyse, quhairwith I will nocht trubill yow, *because I haue writtin the same at lenth to my Lord Fentoun*, to be imparted to his Maiestie. The Counsall has diligentlie and cairfullie tried the progresse and ground off that extraordinar insolence, as yie will onderstand."

² This recommendation seems to have been acted upon, as Watson was removed to Markinch, in March 1616, to supply the place of Mr John Mitchelson, who had been translated from Markinch to Burntisland, when Watson was suspended from his ministry.

CCLXIX.—THE BISHOP OF CATHNES TO SIR ROBERT CAR.

RYCHT HONORABIL SIR,

Pleis youe wit my Lord of Sanctandrous¹ departed this lyf the fecoude of this instant. And feinge the prouifione of his place muft cary ane alteratione of diuers of the Prelatis of this kingdome, I wil intreat you to fignifie to my Lord Chamberleine the famine, and thairvithe to advys his Lordfchip that matur deliberatione be takine that his Maieftie may mak chois of thes that ar best effectit to the glorie of God and his Hienes feruice; and that his Lordfchip may find better correffpondence of our churchmene then of befor, feinge we haue that honour to haue his Lordfchip wnder his Maieftie, our louinge patrone. In fo doinge, his Lordfchip may inable his agent for his freindis heir, and alfo prefer any fauorit that his Lordfchip findis qualesiet for fuche ane roume.

I haue ane meitinge with my Lord of Anguis about the 15 of this instant, Godvillinge, and fal acquaint youe immediatlie heirefter of our proceedingis anent the effairis of the hous of Fernherft in particular. If ye wald haue guid fucces, caus order to be giuine to my Lord of Glasgoue that the Preift Mouffat be keip clos quhair he is til he be re-examined be me and the Bifchop of Glasgoue; and fiklyk caus comand the Archedane of Santandrous, quho is now at Court with youe, that he keip and exhibit the threi special miiffiues, withe al wtheris intelligences, that he fand with him at his first apprehenfione. Thus my louinge diuitie rememberit, I comit youe to the grace of God, and reftis,

Your louinge Brother, to be imployet at pouer,

A. B. CATHNES.

At Montros, the 3 of Maij [1615].

¹ Archbishop Gladstones died on the 2d May. The King defrayed the expense of his funeral, which took place on the 7th June; "and yet (says Calderwood) the corps was not in the coffin, but buried soone after his death."—(History, vol. vii. p. 200.)

Efter my Lord Chamerlein hes fein this letter, lett it be fein no more.

To the Richt Honorabill Sir Robert Car,¹ gentil-
mane of the Prince his bedchalmer.

CCLXX.—A MISSIVE TO THE ARCHBISHOP OF GLASGOW, AND OTHER BISHOPS.

To the Archbishop of Glasgow, and remanent Bishops.

Right Reuerend Father in God, Reuerend Fathers in God, and others, Our welbeloued Prelats, &c. Whereas it is complained vnto Vs by Mr Alex^r. Innes, Minister,² shewing how hee hath bene exceedingly wronged by the Bishope of Murray, being both deprived by him of his benefice, which hee had acquired with difficultie, and whereby he should haue liued, and being likewise perfued of his life, and kept in continuall trouble, by his meanes; a thing which Wee would haue thought should neuer haue bene committed by any of your nomber, whose powers should protect men from the injuries of others: Therfor Our pleasure is, that after exact triall of this mater, yow caufe repaire the said complenar, satisfieing him for the damage and skayth which hee hath fustained by meanes of the said Bishop, that Wee be no more troubled with his complaint, the scandale that arrifes from such an enormitie being removed, whereof yow shall do Vs acceptable seruice. Greenwich, the 26 of May 1615.

To the Right Reuerend Father in God, the Archbishop of Glasco, one of his Ma^{teis} most Hono^{ble} Privie Counsell of Our Kingdome of Scotland, and to the remanent Bishops of that Our Kingdome.

¹ Sir Robert Car, or Kerr, of Ancrum, who was raised to the Peerage as Earl of Ancrum in July 1633.

² Minister of Kenedar, or Kynedward, in the province of Murray, 1615 to 1624.

CCLXXI.—LORD SPYNIE TO KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOVERAYNE,

May it pleas your Sacred Maieftie be informit, that Alexander, preſent Biſhop of Murray, being adebtit to me in the ſowme of ten thouſand merkis money of this your Maiefties realme, contenit in his band maid to Maifter David Symmer, merchand in Edinburgh (whois name being onlie borrowit thairunto), aſſignatioun of the ſamyne by him ves maid to me at the verie tyme of the granting of the ſaid Band, long befor my Fatheris deceaſe, and ſum certane proportioun of that ſowme being payit be the ſaid Biſhop to my wmqhill Father in his awin tyme. It is verie weill knawin wnto your Sacred Maieftie, that my wmqhill Father, who wes your Maiefties awin ſervitour, and whois eſtait and whatſoever ellis he haid in this world wes by your Maieftie, out of your Hienes princelie fauour, raiſed and maid vp wnto him, wes verie cruellie killed and murthored,¹ and I left deſtitute of him; throw occaſioun of whiche vnhappie accident, that pur and meane eſtait whairvnto I wes to ſuceid wes ſo ſchackin and ruined, as no hoip at all wes, or as yit is, left to me for helping the ſamyne. And I haiuing betakine my ſelf to follow the cours of vertew at the ſchooles, and for the bettering of me and the littill meane eſtait whiche I now hold of your Maieftie, actioun being mouit againes the Biſhop for recouerie from him of ſuche proportioun of the ſaid ſowme as reſtit vnpayit at the deceas of my Father. Your Maieftie hathe beine pleaſit, vpoun ſum confideratiounes, by your Hienes warrandis direct vnto the Lordis of your Maiefties Seſſioun, to will and requyir tham to delay the granting of proces at my inſtance in this mater againes him, altho it be moſt conſtant and apparent that, if your Maieftie haid trewlie beine informed that the Band forſaid haid bene lawfullie gevin (as it wes indeid) be the ſaid Biſhop for cauſis onerous, and he enterit in payment of ſume ſuche

¹ Sir Alexander Lindesay, a younger ſon of the Earl of Crawford, was raiſed to the Peerage as Lord Spynie. As already noticed (p. 195), he was ſlain, in July 1607.

proportioun of the fowmes thairin contenit as wer dew to be payit befor my Fatheris deceas, your Maieftie wald haive beine the more loathe, vpon the said Bifchope his finifter informatioun,¹ to haif directit ony fuche warrand as micht haif taine from me the commoun benefiet of your Maiefties law dew to all your Hienes fubiectis; efpeciallie feing both the equitie of this caus, and als that princelie regaird and heich fauour which your Hienes fo lairgelie beftowed vpoun my said umquhill Father, and which alfo, I hoip, vpoun his remembrance, fall not be inlaiking to me. Requyris that your Maieftie may fo far furth be pleafit to confider this mater, and vtherwayes the hard eftaite I was left into, as the commoun cours of your Maiefties law be not denyit vnto me: And thairfor, in all humilitie, I intreat and moft earneftlie beg at your Sacred Maiefties hand, that your Maieftie wald be weill pleafit to returne your Hienes warrand for granting to me proces in the mater forfaid, conforme to your Maiefties lawis and custome of this realme; and farder, that your Maieftie wald fignefie vnto your Counfall and Sefsioun heir ony fuche farder proportioun of your Maiefties princelie fauour as your Hienes fall be weill pleafit to beftow on me, and all my lauchfull actiounes occurring afoir thame, fua as iustice accordingle may be miniftrat vnto me. And praying God for a long and happie regne to your Maieftie, with eternall felicitie heirefter, I reft,

Your Maiefties moft humble and obedient
fubiect and feruitour,

SPYNE.

At Sanctandros,
the 26 day of Maij 1615.

To the Kingis moft Excellent Maieftie.

¹ As the letters of the Bishop of Murray, Nos. CLXXI., CLXXXIX., and CXC., also No. CXCI., on the subject of this disputed claim, have no dates, they probably should have been placed more immediately in connection with this and the following letter. A subsequent letter from the Bishop will be given under its date, 28th December 1615.

CCLXXII.—THE EARLS OF MORTON AND KINGHORN TO KING
JAMES.

MOST GRATIOUS AND SACRED SOVERAYNE,

Pleas your Sacred Maieftie be informit, That wmqhill Alexander Lord of Spynie, your Maiefties awin feruitour, for weghtie and onerous cauffes, refauing band and obligatioun from this prefent Bifchop of Murray in the borrowit name of Mr David Symmer, merchand in Edinburgh, containing the fowm of ten thowfand merkis money of this your Maiefties kingdome, to haif beine payit at ten feuerall termes immediatelic thairefter following, and at the tyme of the granting of this Band, affignatioun thereof being maid to this young gentleman, who is now Lord of Spynie, intimatioun thairvpoun at that fame verie tyme wes als ordourlic and dewlic maid and intimat to the Bifchope, granter of the Band forfaid (who verie frielic and lauchfullie, of his awin confent and knowlege, for cauffes onerous, gaiwe the Band forfaid, as faid is.) Thairefter, it happing fo to fall furth, that the faid leat Lord of Spynie wes, at the pleafur of God, vpon fuddant taine away, the faid Bifchop takand advantage of the tyme and occafion offerit, by fūm indirecēt meanis, procurit the Affignatioun forfaid of the Band aboue writtin to be delyuerit to him, and, in the Minoris preiudice, to be diftroyit and cancellat: And aētioun thairupon, by this Minor, with confent of ws, his Curatours, being mouit againes the faid Bifchope, for preuing the tenour of this away convoyed and cancellat affignatioun, efter long proces, in end decret is gewin in fauouris of the faid Minor. And qubairas your Sacred Maieftie, by your Hienes gracious letter directit wnto ws befor the geving of the decret forfaid, willit and defyrit that the mater forfaid fould not be profequute by ws; we, in all humilitie, acknowledging your Maiefties moft princelic directioun in that poynt, at verie great lenth, by our letter wnder our handis, proponit vnto your Sacred Maieftie the trew reafounes and iuft caufes why we wer not abill (being onlie Curatouris to this Minor) to ftay him from feeking the commoun benefeit of your Maiefties lawis. Quhilk letter.

now persaving hath not cum to your Maiesties hand, in so far as by your Maiesties letter warrand vnto your Hienes Chancelar, it is manifested vnto ws that the executioun of the decreit forsaide shold be delayit; we thairfoir, in all humilitie, sehaw and declair vnto your Sacred Maiestie, that howsoever our former letter wes miscaried, and com not to your Hienes hand, yet we wer ewer willing, and most reddie, according to the trew meaning of our saide former letter, to haif gewin our esauld and wpright concurrance to the saide Minor, as Curatouris to him, for the full fattleing of this mater, in so far as we could or might haif done by our office of Curatorie, and as might haif gewin vnto your Maiestie all contentment and satisfiactioun thairintill. Bot now, the Minour haifing reffaut decreit efter long proces, we know not how, in his les aige, he may ather lauchfullie dischaarge the famyne, or yit be hurt and damnified thairintill. And wheras the Bischope hath informed your Sacred Maiestie that the Band forsaide was extortit from him, Pleas your Maiestie, it is not vnknawin that the saide Bischope wes both of found witt and guid iudgment, and could haif verie weill and aduisedlie maid and sett down his awin bargane, and wald never haif bene movit to haif yeildit the saide Band bot vpon weightie respectis tending alwayes to his awin particular profite and commodetie; lyk as, it can not be denyit be the saide Bischope bot sum two or one of the feuerall termes payment of the fowme forsaide wes by him verie thankfullie payit in the leat Lord of Spynie his tyme. And so now, with reasoun, efter the saide Lordis deceas, the saide Bischope might not haif lauchfullie discontinued the remanent termes payment of the fowme forsaide. And howsoever your Maiestie is wtherwayes informed by the Bischope in this mater, yit we doubt not bot your Maiestie, oute of your Hienes awin most princelie respect toward the Minor of this defunct, your Maiesties awin seruitour in his tyme, will be gratiousslie pleasit to suffer the saide Decreit reffaiwe dew executioun againes the saide Bischope, conforme to the tenour thairof and lawis of your Maiesties realme. And thairwithall will giwe ordour for returning vnto your Maiesties Counfall and Sessioun heir your Hienes warrand for granting proces to the saide Minor in this mater, according to the ordinarie and common cours of law and justice. And so, humblie begging pardoun for this our presumptioun, and hairtelie

praying God for a long and a prosperous regne heir, and eternall felicitie heirefter in the heawins to your Sacred Maiestie, we rest

Your Maiesties most humble and obedient
subiectis and seruitouris.

Glames, 28 Maij 1615.

MORTON.

KINGORNE.¹

To the Kingis most Excellent Maiestie.

CCLXXIII.—A MISSIVE TO THE EARL OF DUNFERMLINE.

To the Chancellour.

RIGHT, &c. Whereas Wee haue procured a submiffion betweene the Archbishop of Glasgow and the Earle of Glencairne of all maters belonging to the Abbacie of Kylwyning, that they may be fetled in such fort that no ground be left for any question to arrise betweene the names of Montgomeries and Cuninghames. Wee haue written to the Earle of Eglinton to concurre in that course in all that shalbe thought expedient for his point, and speciallie that hee satisfie the Laird of Ackett for his right and kyndnesse of the tythes for the Church of Dunlope, or for any parte thereof that shalbe taken from him, sussespending, in the meane tyme, all pursute of him by law till order be taken therewith in a freindlie maner. Therfor Our pleafure is, that yow vse your best meanes for effectuateing this purpose, both in perfwadeing your counsen to that which reason requires, and to all other things that may tend to the furtherance heereof, as a mater which Wee speciallie affect, and wherein yow shall doe Vs very acceptable seruice. Wee bidd, &c.

Greenwich, the 10th of June 1615.

¹ Patrick ninth Lord Glames, in July 1606 was created Earl of Kinghorn. He died in December 1615. It may be added, that the younger Lord Spynie, in whose favour this letter was written, was the Earl's nephew.

CCLXXIV.—THE EARL OF EGLINTOUN TO KING JAMES.

MAIST SACRED SOUERAINE,

Your maist gracious and princelie letter of the tent Junij,¹ concerning the Laird Aikett² his satisfioun, for anye entres he had in anye teyndis of the Kirk of Dunloppe, came laitlie to me, at the Erle of Glencairne his hayme cumming, and this is the first occasioun I haue had, to mak anfuere thair toe. As your Highnes Royall wifdome and admirabill dexteritie in taking away all diuifiouns, and reconceilling all deidlie feidds, betuix your subiects in this Kingdome, and great prouidence to manteyne all peace, amitie, and concord in this Estaitt, is commenditt be the haild warld, amongs your Maiesties innumerabill other werteuis, and will be prayfed be all aidges to coume, and all posteritie; fua, for my auin pairt, shall I euer studie, endeuore my selfe to manteyne, aduance, and nurishe that your Highnes fua woorthie and godlie deffeynge, and shall applie to the same to my wttermaist powar, as is my bund dewtie to doe, in all I may onderstand to be your prencelie will and pleasour; off whais onlie bountifulnes, and liberall dispositioun, I acknoulege to haue my haild estaitt, being, honours, and digniteis.

In the particular of the Kirk of Dunloppe, or Aikkett his entres thairin, I man mak your Maiestie foirseene, my entres or pouar is nayne att all; for, as the Laird Dunloppe³ hes bein kyndlie posseffour of that Kirk, and had right thairtoe thir many yeares, be my predeceffours, and be the Kirk, I had lang befor, for anye entres I could haue thairin, ratifeid and approwin his rightis, as my Lord Archiebischope of St Androis (was then of Glasgou⁴) could weill haue informed your Majestie off, be whais sicht and adwyfe I did all I did in that mater; fua that gif anye questioun be thairin, ather in richt or kyndnes, it will be betuix Dunloppe and Aikett: I can be partie to nayne of thame. I shall be

¹ See the preceding letter.

² James Cunningham of Aikett.

³ James Dunlop of Dunlop.

⁴ This serves to fix the date of this letter to July or August 1615.

alwayes maist willing, for your Sacred Maiesties satisfactioun, to concurre with the anye in all good offices, to haue anye of thame, to doe all measure and reafoun to other in all right and kyndnes; hoiping this fall satisfie your Maiesties heiche wisdome, for my pairt in that mater. Nocht willing to impefche your Sacred Maiestie, at the present, with the farder, bot to praye, in all humilitie and affectioun of hairt, the Eternall lang to preferue your Highnes in all prosperitie, honour, and contentment, with the humbill kife of your Royall hand, taiking my leue, rests

Your maist Sacred Maiesties maist humbill
and affectionatt subjeēt and seruitour,

EGLINTOUN.

CCLXXV.—ARTICLES REQUIRED FOR THE SERVICE OF THE CHURCH
OF SCOTLAND.¹

THAIR is lacking in our Churche ane form of Divin service; and qhiles every Minister is left to the framing of publick prayer be him self, bothe the people ar neglectit, and thair prayeris prove often impertinent.

Ane publick Confessioun of Faith must be formed, agreing so neir as can be with the Confessioun of the Englische Churche.

¹ These Articles are in the handwriting of Spottiswood; the reference to the vacancy in the See of St Andrews fixes the date to June 1615, before his return from England. Two leaves in the Register of the Synod of Fife, containing the Minutes from October 1614 to October 1615, are lost, which might have contained some notices of his admission as Primate; but Calderwood gives us the following statement:—

“Mr Johne Spottiswoode, Bishope of Glasco, returned from Court, the 10th of June, and went to Glasco, seeming altogether ignorant who had gotten the gift of the Bishopricke of Sant Androes, till one of his servants, waiting in Edinburgh upon the King’s patent, sent to him to come in hast to Edinburgh. When he came, he seemed to be miscontent, as desirous to remaine still in Glasco. But in the mean tyme the gift passeth the Scales, the tenor whereof, &c.” Then follows a copy of the Commission, dated at Greenwich, the penult of May 1615.—(History, vol. vii. 197—199.)

Ane Ordour for electioun of Archbifchops and Bifchops, in times heir-after, muft be etablifchit by law; and in the mean qhyl, if his Maieftie purpofe the tranflatioun of any, by occafion of this vacancie of St Andrewis, the form vfit in the tranflating of Bifchops heir in England wold be kept.

Ane vniform Ordour for electing of Minifteris and thair refavinge.

The Formis of Mariage, Baptifm, and adminiftratioun of the Holy Supper, muft be in fum pointis helpit.

Confirmatioun is wanting in our Church, qhair of the vfe for children is moft profitable.

Canonis and Conftitutiounis muft be concludit and fet forthe, for keping bothe the Clergie and Kirkis in ordoure.

Thefe thingis muft be advyfit and agreit vpon in ane General Affembly of the Clergie, qhich muft be drawn to the form of the Convocatioun Houfe heir in England.

CCLXXVI.—EXAMINATION OF MR JAMES MOFFAT, BY THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNSELL.

At Edinburgh, the xvj day of Junij 1615.

In prefence of my Lordis Archbifhop of Glafgow, the Lord of Binning, Secretar, the Deputie Thefaurar, Kilfyth, Clerk of Register, Advocat.

MAISTER JAMES MOFFAT, folemnlie and deiplie fwrne, and demandit quhen he come in this countrie, deponis, That he come heir about Lambes laft, and landit in fome pairt vp the Water of

Forth, on the Southfyd thairof, bot knew not quhair; and deponis, that since his comeing to Scotland¹ he nevir past benorthe the burgh of Dundie.

Grantis that he hes bene in Drumfreis, bot denyis, vpoun his grite aith, that he hes faid or hard Messie fen he come in Scotland, becaus, as he allegit, he wantit messie claithis; and fayis, he wes of opinioun, yf he had gone to the North, that he wald haif gottin messie claithis thair.

Demandit, yf afoir he come in this countrie, he conferrit with ony countrie man whair he micht expect aid or reffett in Scotland, or vnto whome he fould mak his addresse: seeing it is not lyklye that he, comeing heir vpoun the perrell and hafard of his lyff, wald not be curious to try and vnderstand quhair he wald find freindschip? Answeris, That he conferrit with no Scottis man vpon that subject.

Demandit, vpoun quhat acquentence he past to William Sincleris hous?² Deponis, That Mr David Chalmeris aduifit him to go to that hous, yf he come to Scotland.

¹ Moffat had been apprehended by Gladstones, Archdean of St Andrews, in November 1614, and being brought before the Privy Council, 10th December, was warded in the Castle of Edinburgh. In his Trial he is called Mr James Moffat, *alias* Halyburton, Jesuit and Seminary Priest. The principal charge against him was for treasonably hearing mass "within this contry, a twentie year syne, or thairby;" and he was finally put to an assize, 13th September 1615, and adjudged "to depart and pas away furth of his Majesteis dominions, betuix and the twentie day of October nixt to cum, wind and wedder servand."—(Pitcairn's Criminal Trials, vol. iii. p. 377—379.)

² William Sinclair, Robert Wilkie, and Robert Cruikshank, were tried and convicted, on the 14th August, for resetting of Jesuits and trafficking Priests.—(Pitcairn's Criminal Trials, vol. iii. p. 371—376.) On the following day, by warrant from the King, 26th July 1615, they were brought to the scaffold for execution; but another royal warrant was then produced, dated the 27th of that month, which changed the sentence to banishment.

Lord Binning, in a letter to King James, dated Innernock, 16 August [1615], thus mentions this incident:—

"Yisterday, the Archbishop of Santandrois caused your Maiesties commandement concerning Sinclair, Wilkie, and Cruikshank, resettars of the Jesuites, to be executed with great secrecie, well kept to the very moment of the expected execution, and then caused convoy thame bak to prison, to be baneissed according to your Maiesties last warrant."—(The Melros Papers, vol. i. p. 233.)

Calderwood likewise takes notice of this proceeding, and says, "Whill a great multi-

Demandit, yf he reveilit him felf to William Sincleris wyff? Anſweris, That he rememberis not, bot he is of opinioun that he reveiled not him felf.

Demandit, yf he thinkis that the Pope of Rome hes ony power over the Kingis Maieſtie? Anſweris, That *in ſpiritualibus* allanerlie he acknawlegeis the Pope to haif power over the King. Bot anent his power *in temporalibus* over the King, he anſweris, That that is a queſtion not as yitt defynit be the Kirk; bot in his awne opinioun the Pope hes no fuche powar *in temporalibus*.

Deponis, That it is not lauchfull for the Pope to lowfe ony of his Maieſteis ſubiectis fra thair allegiance and obedience to his Maieſtie; nather hes the Pope auctoritie to depoſe the King, feing his Maieſteis auctoritie is from God; and fayis, that is not lauchfull for ony man to flay the King, altho he wer commandit thairto be the Pope. And fayis, that all his Maieſteis ſubiectis aucht to obey him as thair naturall King.

And for explaineing of his Depoſitioun, anent the Pope's powar over the King *in ſpiritualibus*, and for removing of all ſerouple and doubt that may be movit thairvpoun, the ſaid Mr James declares and fayis, That albeit the Pope hes all auctoritie over the King *in ſpiritualibus*, yitt he hes no power to depryve the King of his lyff nor of his kingdome, not to abſolue his Maieſteis ſubiectis from thair lauchfull obedience to his Maieſtie.

*Sic ſubſcribitur, JACOBUS MOFFETUS, Societatis Jeſu Presbyter.*¹

tude of people wer gazing to ſie the execution, there was a warrant preſented to the Magiſtrates of Edinburgh to ſtay the execution; ſo they were turned backe againe to thair wairds. The people thought this forme of dealing rather mockerie than puniſhment."—(History, vol. vii. p. 202.)

¹ This laſt line is added in Archbiſhop Spottiswood's hand. Spottiswood, after his detailed account of the proceedings againſt Ogilby, ſays:—"Mr James Moffet, another of the ſame Society, took a ſafer courſe; for, having condemned Ogilvie's poſitions, he was ſuffered to depart the country; the King profeſſing, as he ever did, *That he would never hang a Priest for his religion.*"—(History, p. 523.)

CCLXXVII.—THE BISHOP OF THE ISLES TO JOHN MURRAY OF
LOCHMABEN.

RYCHT WORTHE SIR,

Hering by the report of dyverse passingeris, and receawing sum informatione by wryt, that the Lady Brughtone haid complenit wpone me to his Sacreit Maieste, that I haid delyverit hir fones chartour chift, evidentis, and patentis to the Lard of Lochinvar,¹ the wiche (as I heir) is thocht by his Maieste to hawe beine ewill done by me, and by many wtheris, to hawe bene wndewtifullie done to hir and hir sone, in respect of the confidens scho haid in me and my promifes. Sir, feing scho newir receawit promeifs of me bot so far as it mycht agre with your plesour and contentment, for I was nocht ignorant that, by your credeit, he haid obtenit what he haid of his Maieste, who was hir husband, and I ewir resolwit that it fould hawe retwrnit to yow and youris, failling his heris mail. In that respect, and without all kynd of hoip of any adwantage to my self, I enterit wndir conditions with hir, gewing to hir and hir brother in law affurans that, if ye agreit nocht to the conditiones set downe betuix vs, I wold proceid no farther bot as I fould heir of your plesour thairanent. In the mean tym, I possessit hir ferwandis in fuche houffis and castellis as Inglishe men haid dispossessit hir and eiectit hir out of, and put good ordour amangis all thais tenentis which hir husband haid plantit on thais landis; bot receawing a lettir fra yow with Claud Hammilton, Ennervikis sone, who com in your nam to tak possessiõne of the landis in your nam, wnto the wiche I willingle yeldit, and again receawit fra your self derectione by wryt to delyvir to the Lard of Lochinvar that chartour schift of the wiche I haid onle the keiping, bot no key. I obeyit your will in that also, bot zit gawe no assent to brek the schift, as also the delywerar of the schift hes his band of the keiping, and for the redelyverie of euery particular lettir that was within that

¹ Sir Robert Gordon of Lochinvar, in the Stewartry of Kirkeudbright. His eldest son, Sir John Gordon, was raised to the peerage, 8th May 1633, as Viscount of Kenmure.

schift, and swa the letteris must be furthcuming, for the wiche I will be answerebill. Now, Sir, seing I hawe done no thing bot at your derectione, I must homelie intret yow to informe his Maieste of the equite of my procedings, who schall mak Lochinvar answerebill by the lawes of this realm, for the lest lettir was in that schift, of the wiche I hawe boith the just inventur and his band for keiping and redelyverie to thois to whome it appertenis; so that thair schalbe no hinder to the Lady or hir sone for falt of any letteris that thay haid in that schift, for thay schall be radie to ferwe thair twrne as it schall please tham to whom thay appertene. I receawit sum directione fra yow by my Lord Secretar heir in Scotland to keipe that band, wiche, God willing, I schall obey; bot if wthir wayes it haid pleasit yow to giwe leawe to me to hawe affistit that Ladie and hir sone, I could with lytill difficulte haiwe obtenit the possessione of thais landis bak agan fra Lochinvar. Bot your will schall be a rewill to me; hoiping that yow will vindicat me frome the scandell that that gentill woman layes wpone me, or ellis giwe me leawe to affist hir. Farthir, at my Sones cuming to Court, ye will know of my futtis, the wiche I must intret yow to furthir; and swa, my homill ferweice rememberit to your self and worthe ladie, I besaik God to blifs yow boith, as by his graice I schall rest

Your awin affurit to be commanded,

AN. ISLES.

Edinbrugh, the first of August 1615.

I hawe spendit my trawellis, and ane hundreth crownes of expensses, and hes receavit no thankis nor revard for that serweice in Bruchtones faworis.

To the rycht Honorabill Jhone Murrey of the bedchalmer, his affwrit freind and coufing, at Court.

CCLXXVIII.—THE BISHOP OF GALLOWAY TO JOHN MURRAY OF
LOCHMABEN.

HONORABLE SIR,

I heare my Lord Garlies is on way to Court: We wes here vnder some commoning; and in the middis theirof, my Lord fearing I fuld chaing him vnder paine of horning, convoied him felf the more secretlie away in the morning, Tyfday, the 12. of this instant. It is truth that albeit, at my Lord Sanctandrews his ficht, my Lord got verie reasonable conditions of me, yet none ar keped. Neither is my dewtie, nor the dewtie of the Minifters, thankfullie paied, fo that I am forced to feeke myne owne be the law. I haue to intreat yow, that ye suffer me get no wrong there, by ony misreport, directlie or indirectlie, maid, or to be maid, to his Maieftie of me, bot that ye will be the first informer of his Maieftie that his Lordship deales not dewtifullie with me. I fhallbe verie loath to complaine where I haue no caus. I know his Maiefties word to my Lord Garlies may mak him more dewtifull; bot thefe countrey people ar verie bold to affirme what they please, where none is to controll them. The referuation of your freind Broughton's landis, and your owne man his teindis, James M^cCulloch of Drummorrell, hes maid my Lord ever fince in discontentment with me. Alwaie here I hope to doe for my felf, and there I trust ye will stand my freind. I pray yow, according to my laft letter I wrot, remember his Maieftie giue direktion to the Lordis of Seffion, and in fpeciall to my Lord Secretarie, and Clerk Regiftre, to further the erection againe of the Chappell. Affured of your favour, in the old manner, I rest

Yours in the Lord,

W. B. OF GALLOWAY.

Edinburgh, September 14. 1615.

Concerning the Proueftrie of Glenclouden, becaus it holdis of the

Chappell, I defyre yow let me know whether it be in your owne handis or not, that I may do thereafter.

To the right honorabill John Murray of Lochmaben, Groome of his Maiefties bedchalmer.

CCLXXIX.—THE EARL OF ANGUS TO KING JAMES.

PLEIS YOUR MOST GRATIOUS MAIESTIE,

As it wes my no small greiff, when I onderftoude of the finifter and vrongous misreporte of me, conferring my professioun in religioun (the fpreaderis of these calumnies vpon ther conceaved advantage of the far-distance of place, prefuming that the partie whome they intend to vronge falbe condemned before hearing), fo it is vnto me no small conforte to be the subiect of fo gracious a foueraigne, with whome no detraction hath place, nor any evir be him conviēt vnheard; bot still referving the one ear to the pairtie accused, whereof I haue found the particular prowise in this calumny laity vttered againes me be Mr Robert Wilkie, in that your Maieftie wes pleased nott to trust what ves vttered vntill tryall wes taikin therof be my Lord Santandris; and laiteft, your Maieftie did direct Sir Robert Douglas to bring your Heines fertentie heirin, who, no dout, befor this tyme hes certified your Maieftie how far I haue bene vronged in that buffynes, where the pretendit zeale whereof some makes professioun, caufs them forgett both honestie and discretioun. Alwayes it may veill content me to indure that which too often and most justlie hes moved my gracious master and foueranes owen patience. I doe not intend to be in the reverence of any of these people, if they will deliuer no more then treuth, and if your Maieftie wald be pleased to direct my Lords St Androis and Glasgow to provyd many of our Kirkes heir vith sik as wald not pres to supplie there vant of good doctrine and paynes, and there private instructioun, with a pretendit outward schaw and pretence of devoted zeale, no doubt it wald try a great meanes to strethen them who ar meanly groundit,

and to releyue many vho daylie fall away. It is now four years since your Maiestie had a letter of my hand-vritt, which may giue full affurance of my professioun. Intreating, therfor, humble your Maiestie to rest confident, notwithstanding of whatevir falbe informed to the contrarie, vntill I fall refuise the tuichstone of all dew tryall, in geuing full satisfiacione to the most worthie Fatheries of the Church, and secunditt by these vho serue cuire vnder them, as they themselves doe most vorthely discharge there owen roumes, and gives reafone of your Maiesties most iust praifs, in making so good choice. And praying the Almichtie God long to continow your Maiesties long and most happie gracious gouernment ower ws, I kifs your sacred hand, and restis,

Your Maiesties most dewtifull subiect and seruitour,

ANGUS.¹

Douglas, the 10 of October 1615.

To my most gracious and dreid Soueraigne, the Kingis most excellent Maiestie.

CCLXXX.—THE ARCHBISHOPS AND BISHOPS TO KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED AND GRATIOUS SOUERAINE,

The monifold prooff of your Hienes constant and indivertible affection toward all your loyall seruants, encourages vs to putt your Hienes in remembrance of your Maiesties old and faithfull seruand, Mr Archbald Moncreiff,² whose fidelitie in his ministrie, and constant dispo-

¹ William eleventh Earl of Angus : He succeeded his father in 1611 ; and was created Marquis of Douglas, 18th June 1633.

² Minister of Abernethie, from 1579 or 1580 ; see notice of him in the New Stat. Account, Perthshire, p. 855.

fition to your Hienes service, without alteration, even in most difficult tymes, we doubt not, is sufficientlie knowne to your Maiestie: And therefore doe we now, in all humilitie, recommend him to your Hienes gracious acceptation, that, as occasion shalbe offered, your Maiestie wilbe pleased to remember him, according to your Hienes wonted favour toward others of his qualitie. Thus, by experience of your Hienes kyndlie affection to your Maiesties old and approuen servants, others shalbe incited to devote themselves, by all ferviabile obedience, to sett forward, vnder God, your Maiesties most wyfe and godlie designes. So, praying the eternal God to continew still his blessing vpon your Royall person and stait, and mak your Hienes, for mony yeares, a King of monifold blessings, we rest, and humble taks our leave,

Your Maiesties most humble and obedient servitoris,

GEORG B. OF ORCADS.

AD. B. OF DUNBLANE.

SANCTANDREWS.

JA. GLASGOW.

W. B. OF GALLOWAY.

Edinburgh, 9 November 1615.

To the King his most Sacred Maiestie.

CCLXXXI.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS, AND THE BISHOP
OF GALLOWAY, TO JOHN MURRAY OF LOCHMABEN.

RIGHT HONORABLE,

The Bishops here, upon good considerations, hes recommended our brother, Mr Archbald Monereiff, to his Maiestie, and we can doe no les of our dewtie, in respect of his good deserving, then commend him to your favour. What he hes bene toward yow, and all yours, we leave it to be declared be my Lord of Scone. As to his constant disposition to his Majesties service ever since the beginning, we can be wit-

nesses of it. And therefore will againe the more earnestlie intreat yow to stand his freind, that vntill the tyme his Maiestie haue the occasion to remember his good service at all tymes, which mony waies wes promised vnto him by the Earle of Dunbar: Some testimonie of his Hienes favour, by pension or otherwaies, as my Lord of Scone and yourself can best determine, may be declaired towards him. Affured in this, and all other, of your best affection, we rest

Your very affurit good freindis,

Edinburgh, November 10, 1615.

SANCTANDREWS.

W. B. OF GALLOWAY.

To the right honorable their verie loving and affured freind, John Murray of Lochmaben, Groome of his Maiesties bedchalmer.

CCLXXXII.—THE BISHOP OF GALLOWAY TO JOHN MURRAY OF LOCHMABEN.

RIGHT HONORABLE SIR,

Having such commodious occasion of my Lordis of Scone and Orkney, your freindis I am sure, and myne also, I could not bot of dewtie salute yow with these few lynes, geving yow thanks for your constant favour towards me, in the continuance wheirof I rest affured. What changis are there is not for me to wryt of; they ar blind who may not see; there is a God who judges righteouflic: blessed ar they who wait vpon him, and keipes themselues at peace with him: He raises vp, and castes downe. Thought it neede not on your part, yet ye will pardon me, out of my loue, to admonish and put yow in remembrance, how a man trewlie wyfe and godlie makis vantage of all Godis working toward others. A low course is the surest estait: in all my speach to others of yow, I thought it ay ane argument of greatest wisedome in yow;

bot if it fall pleas the Lord to call yow vnto higher, remember this mekle for my faik: A man ryfing to honour, if with it he ryfe in godlines, with a cair to ferue God in his calling according to the eminencie of his place, that man may be fure of a bleffing, and of protection againft great perfewers, ane example whereof ye may fee dailie in our dere Soueraine: Mony delyuerances hes the Lord geuen to his anynted; the Lord fill be a buckler to him! Bot otherwaies, where it falles out that men ryfing to honour forgetts the Lord their God, and miſknowes him, as Jeremie faies, "Beaus he maid them Lordis," or, as Hofea ſpeakes, "As they wer exalted, they finned againft him." It hes alway prouen trew, vpon ſuch men, which the Lord ſpak of Pharaoh, "I haue raifed thee vp, to ſhew my powar vpon thee." Wherefore, againe let me intreat yow, out of the loue I owe yow, walk with the Lord your God; ſtudie to preſent your hart to him, and mak your acquaintance with him by earneſt prayer; ſen your comfort is in this, that ye look to dwell with him for ever, be not a ſtranger from him now. Be thankfull for his goodnes to your ſelf. Be fearfull when ye ſee him ſtraik ony beſyde yow. Thus, if ye ordour your waies, ye ſhalbe fure, and ſhall not want a comforter, what ever befall yow, when others ſhalbe hard beſted.

I haue no thing concerning my ſelf to acquaint yow with, bot when occaſion ſerues, ye will wryt to the Laird of Lochinvar to do dewtie to me, that I have no caufe to complaine; becaus ye loued him, I hurt my ſelf, to giue him contentment. My Lord Garlies, I feare, ſhall force me to complaine to his Maieſtie. If ſo be, I will reſt perſuaded of your kyndnes. Againe, I pray that the Lord may in mercie watch ouer his Maieſtie, and that the bleffing of God may be vpon his children. The Lord be with yow. Pardon me to faſh yow with ſo mony lynes, that hes ſcarce leaſure to read them: Loue maketh bold.

Your owne in the Lord,

Edinburgh, November 12, 1615.

W. B. OF GALLOWAY.

To the right honorabill John Murray of Lochmaben, Groome of his Maieſties bedchalmer.

CCLXXXIII.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF GLASGOW TO JOHN MURRAY
OF DUNDRENNAN.

RIGHT HONORABIL SIR,

In my laft letter, I gaive yow aduertifment of the rumour which went abrod heir, fum fevin or aucht dayes togidder, of the death of the Bifhop of the Iles, which, praifed be God, is falfe. Now, thocht I haive refoluit to joyne with my Lord of S^{ct} Androis in all thingis which concerns the eftait of the Churche heir, and his Maiefteis feruice, and to put my hand to thais letteris whiche be drawin vp be him, that ye be nocht trublit with idle wretings. And albeit I haif no particular of my awin at this tyme, neuertheles I wald præfume, by this berar, my Lord of Dunblane, and be thir few lynes, to remember my dewtie and feruice to yow, and to commend yow hairtilie to the mercie and bleffings of God, ever remaning

Your verie affectionat in all dewtie to ferve yow,

Canongit, 14 November 1615.

J.A. GLASGOW.

To the ryght honorabill his moift speciall
gude freind, John Murray of Dundranen,
Groome of his Maiefteis bedchalmer.

CCLXXXIV.—MISSIVE TO SIR ALEXANDER HAY, CLERK REGISTER.

To Sir Alexander Hay.

Trusty and welbeloued Counsellour, &c. Whereas Wee were pleafed to procure a fubmiffion betwixt the Archbifhop of St Androis and the Earle of Glencarne, for certayne maters debateable betwixt them concerning the Abbacie of Kilwining, that all occaifiounes of

renueing the old rancour betwixt the Montgomeries and the Cuninghames might be quite taken away, which, as the Archbifhop of St Andrewes knowes, Wee enjoyed to him at the giueing him the faid benefice. Wee heare that the faid courfe is as yet delayed, whofoeuer be the caufe thereof, farr by our expectatioun. Therfor, becaufe the faid fubmiffion, by Our direction, was entrusted vnto yow, Our pleasure is, that yow deale with the faids partyes, from Vs, that they may renew the faid fubmiffion, and put all things questioned therein to a poynt conforme to the firft intention, otherwise let Vs know from whom the impediment comes, and Wee will tak a courfe, that the partie who failles haue no advantage by difapoynteing of that which was promifed vnto [Vs.] So, expecting the certantie of this from yow, Wee bidd, &c.

Newmarkett, the 24 of November 1615.

CCLXXXV.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO JOHN MURRAY
OF LOCHMABEN.

SIR,

The Lard of Bombie¹ hes fum bufines ado at Courte, fpecially anent the paffinge of the Patronage of Twynam Kirk in Galloway, qhiche wes one of the omittit Kirkis of Halyrudhoufe; qhairto I borrowit my Sonnis name, for the better planting of them; and feing he hes takin fufficient ordour thairwith, I wil requeift yow ernestly, qhom I know otherwyfe to be his freind, to procure the fignatour to be paffit by his Maieftie thairof with the firft expeditioun, and testifie to his Maieftie my consent, qhich wil funder appeir in the procuratorie of refignatioun that I haif maid of the famin. If it wer nedful, I wold infitt with yow to be his freind in al his other bufines; but knowing qhair yow profefs, yow do nothing for the fashcioun, I wil not vfe wordis, only recommendis this effair particularly to yow, as qhairin I

¹ Sir Robert Maclellan of Bombie, in Galloway. He was raised to the peerage as Lord Kirkcudbright, 25th May 1633.

haif som entreffe, and for the quich I muft remain your oblifit, as for mony vther kyndneffis. So, committing yow to God, I reft

Your affurit euer to be commandit,

SANCTANDREWS.

Leyth, the 9 of December 1615.

To my very honourabill good freind, Jhon Murray of Lochmaben, of his Maiefties bedchamber.

CCLXXXVI.—THE BISHOP OF GALLOWAY TO JOHN MURRAY OF LOCHMABEN.

TRAIST FREIND,

I fent yow a litle Sermone :¹ I hope ye haue gotten it or now, and will haue cair of it. I am als bufie as I may be to get yow fome other workis. In the meane tyme prayes yow with the firft flippe fend me two faddles for women, one for my wyfe, ane other for my daughter. Let them not be of the fynest, nor yet of the bafeft fort, and let all the harnifhing be anfwerable therevnto. Doe this on my expences, becaus they ar cheaper there nor here. So to new occafion refts,

Yours in the Lord,

Edinburgh, December 14, 1615.

W. B. OF GALLOWAY.

¹ Probably his Sermon upon occasion of Spottiswood's translation to the See of St Andrews, which was published under this title, "ΦΩΣΦΟΡΟΣ, or a most Heavenly and Fruitfull Sermon, preached the sext of August 1615. At the Translation of the right Reverend Father in God, the Archbishop of St Andrewes to the See thereof. By Mr William Cowper, B. of Galloway. Imprinted at London by G. P. for Iohn Budge, 1616." 12mo, pp. vii. 85. Dedicated "to the Right Hon. my Lord Sanchar."

CCLXXXVII.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF GLASGOW TO JOHN MURRAY OF
LOCHMABEN.

RIGHT HONORABILL,

In your last letter, ye did recommend the Laird of Drumlanrik¹ to me. He hes never com, nor fend any to informe me of his desyr. I am as yitt ignorant of that mater, and knowis nothing of the stait thereof. But whensoever he fall deall withe me, he fall find that, for your caus, I fall vse him withe all kyndnes and respect as ye desyr, and ye yourself fall haue experienc that I fall endeauour to shewe my self als thankfull to yow for your fauours, in all whiche ye will demand or command for your self or your freinds, as possible with reason and dewtie I may or can; whereof praying yow to rest assured (thocht I giue not many fair wordis), I tak my leiff, and beseiching God to preferue and blisse yow in your whol carriag and service to that good King our Maister, I fall remaine,

Youris assured in all dewtie to serue yow,

Edinburgh, 15 December 1615.

JA. GLASGOW.

To my very honorabill good freend, Jhone
Murray of Locmaben, one of his Maief-
ties bedchalmer.

CCLXXXVIII.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO JOHN MURRAY
OF LOCHMABEN.

SIR,

I haif nothing to wryt at the present; only pleise yow delyver this letter, quich is directit from al the Bishops, to my Lord of Canter-

¹ Sir William Douglas of Drumlanrig succeeded his father 17th October 1615. He was created Viscount of Drumlanrig, 1st April 1628, and Earl of Queensberry, 13th June 1633.

bury. The Marques, as I am advertist, takis jorney the 27 of this moneth towardis Courte. If he cum, I doubt nothing his Maiestie wil put him to a point; for vpon the successe of this proceeding with him dependis al our Papistis resolutiounis. The Erle of Home is not lyk to dimit the man qhom I advertist he had takin to the educatioun of his children. Howfoon the Commiffion¹ returnis, I mynd to haif him citit, I mean the man him self, and so to procure him his leave. As yit he hes gifin no anwser concerning his children. The Secretary myndis to keip jorney with my Lord Chancellor. So, for this tym, I tak my leave, and restis,

Your affurit to be commandit,

Edinburgh, 21 December 1615.

SANCTANDREWS.

To my very honourabill good freind, Jhon
Murray of Lochmaben, of his Maiesties
bedchamber.

CCLXXXIX.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO JOHN MURRAY
OF LOCHMABEN.

SIR,

After the wryting of the last, qhairin yow haif letteris from the Bishops of Glasgou and Galloway, and one from ws, al to my Lord of Canterbury, I refavit your letteris of the ellevint of this moneth. As to these matteris of Mar, I remit them to the successe, and I pray God, if it hold furth, that his Lordship may resolve to serve his Maiestie faythfully according to the Kingis own mynd, for I haif ever sen his Maiesties purposis as yit most crossed be them that were placit in rowmis to furder them. With your letter I refavit one from his Maiestie in

¹ The Royal Commission, uniting the two Courts of High Commission (see note to page 242), is dated 21st December 1615. It is printed in Calderwood's History, vol. vii. p. 204, and in the Booke of the Kirk, vol. iii. p. 1109.

favoris of our Archdean of St Andrewis, quich I think procedis from sum informatioun he hes maid to his father in law,¹ that I am fearse his freind. But of that thair is no cause; neyther am I so foolische, thocht I had matter of offense, to do him ony vnkyndnes, lest the world fuld think we wer malicious, one to another. I know nothing qhairin he can tak that suspicioun, except that for sum oversightis committit in the keping of thair exercise at St Andrewis, I found fault with him, before the Sinode, because he wes Moderatour of the rest, and at that tym namit another for this half yeir. In quich, that he fuld not think any il, I callit him before the Bischops of Roffe and Cathnes, and gaif him my counfel to follow his callinge, and behave him self with greater gravitie into it, and not a cumpany bearer with common folkis in drinkinge, to quich over mony of our forte ar subiect, affuring him if [he] fuld behaue himself so as becam him, he fuld not misse his Father how longe I levit; and so for this yow wilbe plesit to assure his Maiestie that I fal so cary my self to him, as thair falbe no advantage gifin to enemis, nor fal he haif ony cause to suspect other.

The Chancellor and Secretary² cum vp together, as I wrote in the other letter. The Chancellor wes one day earnest with me to go in the jorney with him, but I told I culd not, for many businesis. The Secretary this day hes ben earnest to the lyk purpose. I culd wische to be thair, as I wrote before, for dyverse affairis, bothe concerning the Kirk and my self; but qhen I think of the jorney, I know not qhat to resolve, being very vnfit for trauel, specially in this seafon. But as my Lord of Canterbury thinkis good I fal do, and if I cum, falbe with them, or schortly after. I tak my leave, and restis,

Your affurit good freind,

Edinburgh, 22 December 1615.

SANCTANDREWS.

To my very honourabill freind, Jhon Murray of
Lochmaben, of his Maiesties bedchamber.

¹ Alexander Gladstanes, Archdean of St Andrews, the son of the late Archbishop, and son-in-law of Bernard Lindsay of Lochhill.

² Alexander Earl of Dunfermline, Lord Chancellor, and Lord Binning, Secretary.

SIR,

The B. of Cathnes defyrit me to remember his precept, qhairin ye wil do as yow find occafloun.

CCXC.—THE BISHOP OF MURRAY TO KING JAMES.

SACRET SOVERANE,

May it please your most Excellent Maieftye, The continuall perfwit be law be this Lord Spynie his curatours againft [me] for that ten thousand merkis being liklie to putt me from publict appeiring in your Hienes ferwice, confrans me to tak my refuge to your Maieftes accustomed clemencye. That it micht please your Maieftye to fpeik to my Lord Chancelar and Secretar, quho ar now with your Hienes presentlye, that thai attend to the fetling of that mater freyndlye, and that with the Lord Spynie his curatours, and that no forder proces of law be thairanent. That your Hienes vald be pleased to giwe varrand in wrett to fe thair Lordships to command the Thesaurer Deputt to retien the Lord Spynie his efcheat and lyfrent (quhilk is fallin be horning) in your Hienes own hand, aye and quhill the Lord Spynie fetle and agree with me; or els that your Maieftye will direct the Thesaurer Deputt to difpone the famin to fum freynd of myne to that famin effect. This is the eafiest waye to end my turne, that I be nocht chargeable to your Maieftye. Now the Kyng off Kinges protect your most Excellent Maieftye from all dangers off foule and bodye, prolong your Hienes dayes in all prosperitye, with your Maieftes royall ifchew and pofterity, and in end with that ewirlafting lyff.

Your Maieftes most affectionat and humill fervitour,

AL. B. OFF MURRAYE.

Elgene, the xxviii off December 1615.

To the Kyng his most Excellent Maieftye.

CCXCL.—LADY ELEANOR HAY, COUNTESS OF LINLITHGOW, TO
KING JAMES.

PLEAS YOUR MOST SACRED MAIESTIE,

I am compellit to seeke my releife when I am in truble, onder God, at your Maiestie. Being now of new hardlie put at and fumond be the Ministerrie heir, notwithstanding of the Act set doune in the last Affemblie haldin att Halyrudhous in your Maiestes presens,¹ wiche in all pointes I haue keipit, and also of your Maiestes fauorable letter wretten to the Bifchep of Sanctandros the last Simmer. So that now I am at the verrie point of Excommunicatioune, without your Maieste be so gracious as to help it by your Hynes warrand to the Bifchep to desist, feing I have appeallit to your Maieste, as I mone euer in my troubles now in my letter dayes. And if my healthe and onhabilitie had permitted, I shoulde haue cumit and latten your Maieste knaw how rigourously I am wfit be them, wherof I dout noht bot your Maieste will haue fume respect. Praying God to grant your Maieste many long dayes and lang to regne ouer us, I rest,

Your Maiestes most humble subiect and seruant,

ELEANOR HAY.²

To his most Sacred Maiestie.

¹ In the General Assembly held in the Chapel Royal, Holyroodhouse, on the 10th November 1602: when Instructions were given to the Ministers "appointed to wait upon the Popish Lords."—(Calderwood's History, vol. vi. p. 165.)

² Dame Eleanor Hay, only daughter of Andrew seventh Earl of Errol, married Alexander seventh Lord Livingstone, created Earl of Linlithgow, in December 1600. The charge of the Princess Elizabeth was entrusted to her care. Among the Causes assigned, in the General Assembly in May 1601, "of the defection from the puritie of true religion," one was, "The educatioun of his Majesties childre in the companie of *profest and obstinat Papists, suche as, the Ladie Livingstoun.*" The date of the above letter is somewhat uncertain. It was probably subsequent to the uniting of the Two Courts of High Commission, in December 1615, when more stringent measures were adopted against such "professed Papists."

CCXCII.—THE EARL OF CRAWFORD AND LORD SPYNIE TO KING
JAMES.

MOST DREDE AND GRACIUS SOUERANE,

We, your Maiesties humble subiectis, the Erle of Craford, the Lord of Spynie, Anna and Margaret Lindfayis,¹ dochteris to vmquhile Alexander Lord of Spynie, hering that the Presbitrie of Edinburgh, and Bischopis of this your Maiesties Kingdome, hes enterit in deiling with the Laird of Edgyell for relaxatioun of him fra his excommunicatioun, without anie satisfactioun of your Maiestie, or guidwill of ws, quhiche fall neuer be without your Maiesties speciall command for oure pairtis, we most humblie haue taken occasioun to pray your Maiestie for iustice, and that your Maiestie wald nocht suffer so hard ane preparatiue pas in oure contrare, quho hes no other protectioun, vnder God, bot your Maiesties favour; and we dout nocht bot your Maiestie will remember the one of ws wanting his vncler and dereft freind, the rest thair father, and hes left ws altogidder vnprovydit; and that puir estait quhilk it pleiffed your Maiestie of your most gracijs liberalitie to bestow vpon vmquhile the Lord of Spynie, your Maiesties owne creatour, be his vntymlic deith neir brocht to rowein. So, in all humilitie, we most humblie defyre your Maiestie to send suche ordour to the Bischopis, that thair be no favour schowne to that cruell murderer without your Maiesties first satisfactioun: Praying to God for your Maiesties monie happie dayis, we, as we aucht, fall ever remane

Your Maiesties most humble and obedient subiectis,

CRAFORD.
SPYNIE.

To his most Sacrede Maiestie.

¹ Married, Anna to Sir Robert Graham of Innermay, and Margaret to John Erskine of Dun.—(Douglas's Peerage, by Wood, vol. ii. p. 518.)

CCXCIII.—THE BISHOP OF GALLOWAY TO KING JAMES.

MOST GRATIOUS SOUERAINE,

I reffaued a lettre from your Hienes trustie and trew seruand, John Murray, willing me to mak knowne to your Maiestie the estait of the Chappell Royall. Sir, the truth is, according to your Hienes commandement, I haue transported my familie to the Cannogait, as neere your Hienes Palace as convenientlie I could, attending your Maiesties service. I haue not taught in it bot once, the last Sabboth of Nouember, when the two Archbishops maid their homage, and gaue their debtbound oath of fidelitie and service to your Maiestie.¹ I haue intended action against all such as praesentlie possesses the rents of the Chappell, and shall doe what in me lyes to recover them; not for ony benefit to me, being hartlie content to quyt all the rent theirot that your Hienes Chappell may be provyded of musitians, and the Churches belonging therevnto of pastors. When your Hienes shalbe pleased to praescryve that there may be ane auditorie, I shall not, by Godis grace, faile in my dewtie of preaching. And so soone as livings may be provyded for Musitians, it shalbe my great contentment to be their praesident, in sending vp to God, everie day, prayers and praises for your Maiestie and your Royall children. I remember, in the last conference concerning it, your Hienes called it *Insigne Imperii*, and what your Maiestie esteemes ony honorable ensigne of your royall estait, we wer most vnthankfull servants if we sould not follow it, and willinglie come vnder it, sen your Hienes hes geuen so monifold proofes of rare pietie and wisdome, never streatching out your royall scepter to the uttermost, bot tempering things lawfull with the law of expedience. In end, all my sute is, your Maiestie wold be pleased to giue commandement to the

¹ On the 26th November 1615, the Archbishops of St Andrews and Glasgow, after sermon by the Bishop of Galloway, gave their oaths of allegiance as subjects, and of homage for their Sees, holding up their hands, kneeling, to the Lord Chancellor, as Commissioner for the King, in the Chapel-Royall of Holyrood Palace.—(Calderwood's History, vol. vii. p. 204.)

Lordis of your Hienes Seffion, that they do iustice in such actions as shall come before their Lordships pertaining to the Chappell. Sundrie noble men haue I to do with, bot the caus is your Maiesties, and not myne. Now, blessed be the Lord, who still præferues your Hienes from the contentions of your people, and ceases not to doe vnto your Maiestie according to the vprightnes of your hart. Craving pardon for my longsumnes, thocht out of humble and most ferviable loue, I rest,

Your Hienes most humble and bound seruand,

W. B. OF GALLOWAY.

[Edinburgh, January, 1616?]

To his Maiestie.

CCXCIV.—A MISSIVE OF HIS MAJESTY IN FAVOUR OF THE BISHOP
OF THE ISLES.

To the Thesaurer Depute.

TRUSTY, &c.

Wheras haveing made the Bishope of the Iles to discharge that pension which he wes wont to haue of Vs, Wee were pleased, for findry considerationes, to allow him one yeares dutie thereof, extending to Two thousand merkes, and Twentie key, as was contened in a precept directed from Vs for that effect. Oure pleasure is, that the said sosome be satisfied, and yow take such order with the famen, that Wee be no more trubled therewith. So recommending this to your care, Wee bid yow fairewell.

Frome Oure Court at Newmercat,
the 2 of February 1616.

CCXCV.—THE BISHOP OF GALLOWAY TO JOHN MURRAY.

HONORABLE SIR,

I haue wrytten twyfe vnto yow concerning Linclowden, bot as yet hes reffaued no anwser. I look for it with my Lord of St Andrews, or fooner, as occasion may ferue. I pray yow caus delyuer this pakket to my Lord of St Andrews; and in cace his Lordship be departed from Court or it come, and haue taken his iourney homeward, that ye will open the letter written to his Lordship, and supplie his absence, by doing that which I requesited his Lordship to doe. So fill remembring your former courtesies with als thankfull hart, as I may, I rest,

Your owne in the Lord,

Cannogait, Feb. 14. 1616.

W. B. OF GALLOWAY.

I perceiue I wilbe forced to depose Mr Ifaac Paterfone, Minister at Anveth,¹ who got a præsentation to the vicarage of that Kirk. If it so fall out, I haue a worthie and learned man there to be planted, in whose fauours I will requeist yow to let this signature passe by his Maiesties hand and your owne. If ye knew the defolation of that cuntry, I am affured ye wold pitie it, and think it a comfort to your owne hart to be ane instrument of the aduancement of the Gospel there.

To the right honourabill Jhone Murray,
Groome of his Maiesties bedchalmer.

¹ Mr Isaac Patersoun was Minister of the united parishes of Anveth (or Anwoth) and Girtoun, from about the year 1600.—(Books of Assignation of Stipends, for the years 1601, 1607, 1608, and 1614.) He probably continued in that charge till his death; and had as his assistant or successor, in 1626, the celebrated Samuel Rutherford. On the 15th July 1637, George Patersoun was served heir to his uncle "haeres M. Isaaci Pater-soun, Ministri Verbi Dei apud ecclesiam de Anwaght."—(Inquis. Ret. Gen., No. 2313.)

CCXCVI.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO KING JAMES.

MOST GRATIOUS SOUERAIGNE,

May it please your Maieftie: Whereas at the restoring of the Bifhoprickes to their firft integrity,¹ euery Bifhop being repossessed of that Commiffariat which was due vnto him, amongst the rest onely that of Stirling, being composed of findry dioceffes, when euery Bifhop got his own, it was dissolved in peeces, nothing being referued to the Commiffar but a part which he has of mee, so that I can not in conscience but recommend Master Robert Murray, the Commiffar thereof,² to your Majesties gracious confideratioun, entreating that your Majestie may be pleased to graunt him a precept for any gratuite your Majestie thinkes expedient, to be answered out of any fynes that shall fall due to your Majesties Thefaurie, or of the High Commiffion; for he being euer a most speciall freend of ours hath onely had the hap to be harmed in this kynd, so that the confidering of him can import a preparative for no other. It is vncertaine when a benefite arryfes by those fynes, and he may be easilie contented. Therefoir, I most humbly entreat your Majestie to conferre this fauour vpoun him, among many others bestowed by your Majestie for aduancement of the Church; and wee shall euer, as in dutie bund, continually pray for your Majesties long and happie raigne.

Your Majesties most humble and obedient seruand,

SANCTANDREWS.³

¹ By an Act of Parliament, passed on the 24th June 1609, entitled, "Act of the Commissariatis and Jurisdiction gevin to Archbishoppis and Bischoppis."

² Mr Robert Murray appears as Commissary of Stirling in the earliest volume preserved of the Commissariat Register, in June 1607, and, along with John Murray, he continued to hold the office till 1648.

³ This letter has no date, but may be assigned to the year 1616. Being written by Spottiswood, after his translation to the See of St Andrews, it must necessarily be subsequent to August 1615; not improbably in May or June 1616, after his return from Court in the end of April.

CCXCVII.—THE BISHOP OF DUNBLANE TO JOHN MURRAY.

RICHT WORSCHIPFULL,

The manifold kyndnes whilk I refavit fram yow, especially at my being at Court, dois so oblige me vnto yow, as I can not sufficiently acknowlege the famin, and I wold I nicht in ony meafure giue ane meiting, whilk, till God mak me abill, I fall be alwayis myndfull of. Ane incident occasion whair of I fpak something of when I was at Court, anent the oppreffionis, so barbarous and mony, whilk my Lord Forbes hes fusteinit in his landis of Caithnes, I am most effectually to intreat your help in regraitting it to his Maieftie, that it wald pleas his Maieftie to inquire and try what the Secreit Counfall of Scotland hes gottin, and fund alredy confest, anent these materis, whilk becaufe may perhaps concerne some perfonages of griter qualitie wald be exactly tryit, and exemplarly taken ordor with; and in respect that many of these oppreffors ar alredy entered within prifon, that fuche ordor may be taken that that pure oppreffed boundis may be fred of thair cruell and barbarous wrongis, till it pleas God in tyme to bring a full difcoverie of all these moleftationis, some gude beginningis of tryall being alredy offered and reveiled to the Counfell. This I will intreat yow to mak known to his Maieftie, whose mynd is so inclined to Justice, as we, from our hartis, praifes God for, and as ever I may be abill to do to yow what dutie I am abill for; besyd that, the mater being so iust, neidis no infnuationis to mak yow earnest. I have taken the boldnes thus to writ to yow, having affured my Lord Forbes, who is my brother, of your love and cair to all honest adoes. My dutie remembred, I rest

Your affectionat to be commandit to my power,

Edinburgh, the 6 of Apryle 1616.

AD. B. OF DUNBLANE.

To the richt worfchipfull John Murray of Dun-
dranan, ane of his Maiefties bedchamber, these.

CCXCVIII.—HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS.

RIGHT Reverend Father in God, right trusty and well beloved Counsellor, We greet you well. We have received your letter of the 13th of this instant, whereby ye and the remanent Bishops doe give Us account of the High Commission's proceedings, and the causes moving them at their last meeting, to committ the Marques of Huntlie: and as We are well pleased both with your Assembly, and that effect thereof, especially at this time of so great defection and apostacy in the North; so it is Our pleasure, that the said Marques be no ways relieved of his commanded restraint, but that he remain therein, notwithstanding Our late letter sent to him, which being directed and dispatched before We knew of his restraint,¹ is not to be interpreted as a warrant for his relief thereof; so as notwithstanding the said letter, ye are still to detain him, if he be in prison, and otherways to cause him re-enter the same.

And seeing now ye haue made so fair an entry and way to curb and correct Popery, and prevent the future growth and increase therein; so We are the more earnestly to persuade you to sett forward in so good a cause, without fainting or wearying; because at this time of the Marques his imprisonment, every man will be in expectation of some real effect and work of reformation: Wherefor you and all the rest of your colleagues are to use the greater care and diligence in your proceedings against the Jesuits, Priests, and Papists in these parts; and chiefly against these of the said Marques his name, kind, and dependents, by citation, or such other course as ye shall think meet for their discovery, pursuit, tryal, and punishment, wherein as We doubt not, but ye will perform all that We can expect or require of you, so may ye be confi-

¹ On the 12th of June, the Marquis of Huntly having refused to subscribe the Confession of Faith, or to give any satisfaction, had been warded in the Castle of Edinburgh; but was released, on the 18th, by a warrant of the King. See Calderwood's remarks on this affair, in his History, vol. vii. p. 212.

dent of Our special approbation and aid to be conferred to any lawfull course that ye intend or take for the same.

In the mean time, among other particulars of that letter sent unto Us, Wee cannot but take special notice of the devilish disposition of Cornelet Gordoun's wife, in railing so wickedly against a Preacher, and using such speeches to divert people even at the Church door from entering to hear the Word: Wherefor, Our pleasure is, that ye resolve upon the most expedient course to bring her to Edinburgh, and she to be committed to the Tolbuith thereof: for if these speeches expressed in the said letter be verified against her, We will repute her as infamous, odious, and punishable as any witch: and unless be her punishment, We be confirmed of her guiltiness, We must esteem the information made against her to be but an invention, and yow too easily to haue believed a lye.

According to your desire, We have required our Depute Treasurer to cause dispatch the guard to pursue Gicht,¹ and take his house. And for punishing the rest that being cited, compeared not before Our Hie Commission, We have willed him to proceed against all and every one of them, with all severity and rigour of law.

And to conclude, whereas ye desire the declaration of Our pleasure concerning Mr John Murray: Seing be his conformity he has given you satisfaction, We are well pleased that ye place him in Dunfermling, or elsewhere, as ye shall think most fitt. And so We bid yow farewell.

At Wansteade, the 22 of June 1616.

CCXCIX.—MEMORANDUM FOR ANE LETTER TO BE WREITTIN BE MY LORD OFF CANTERBERRIE.²

THAT it may pleis his Lordship to mak mentione off the earnest desyre off the Archbischoppe of Sanctandrois to joine with his Maiestie

¹ George Gordon of Gicht: see Pitcairn's Criminal Trials, vol. iii. pp. 402, 418-428.

² This paper, so indorsed, is anonymous, but judging from the handwriting, compared

in conforming the Marques off Huntlie, or then in restraining him frome all liberties off his stat and place within the kingdome; as also beand commandit be his Maiestie to joine in laboring with his Hienes for that effect, at least finding the Marques resolwed in all points, and earnestlie intreating for relieff off his Excommunicatione, hes nocht furthe off vsurpatione off ony jurisdictione abowe the Churche off Scotland; bot at the command off his Maiestie and defyr off the Churche thair, affisit the guid intentionis and defyris off his fellowe brether, and nightbour Churche: theirfor requests them to accept his cooperation in guid part, and to approve and intimat the absolutione and acceptatione off the Marqueis within thair owne boundis, as effairis.

Item, Sir, pleas yow remember in your letter to the Secretarie, that [he] adwyse with Sanctandris vpon the quantitie of money to be bestowed vpon the Commiffioner, and to returne thair adwyse to yow, that his Maiestie may pas the warand bak agane: And that in my busines ye intreat his Lordship to caus the Comiffar of Aberdene desist from his tak off Quottis off Aberdein feet to him be the lait difceaffit Bifchop.¹

Item, That ye will cause fowme ane off yowr ferwand remember Doctor Mayzerne² for the recipe to my Lady of Montroise eyis, quhilkis he promifed at Roistone, and lett it cum with packit; and seing the tyme is schort for adwertiffement to noble men and barons, cause put two gallowfes vpon the packit.

Item, Wreitt to my Lord off Sanctandris, declaring your awne diligenc: his Hienes princly cair in our dispatche, and my willing trawellis; and as for resolutione to be takin efter the Affemblic, refer credit to the beirar, according to our comuning at Quhythall. I pray cause haft

with his letter dated the 17th August 1616, there can be no doubt it was written by Alexander Forbes, Bishop of Caithnes. He had gone to Court (see pages 477 and 485) before the end of June, when the See of Aberdeen became vacant, to which he was translated.

Peter Blakburne, Bishop of Aberdeen, died 14th June 1616.—(Records of the Kirk-Session of Aberdeen, printed for the Spalding Club, p. 84.)

Dr Theodore Mayerne, an eminent French physician, who settled in London, in 1610, and became First Physician to the Royal Family. He was knighted in 1624, and died in 1655.

the Bishop of Canterberrie letter, that it may giue contentment to the full Assamble.¹

Item, To remember Sir William Alexander to receawe warrand from his Maiestie for apprehending Robert Simer, son to the Lard off Balzerdie,² murtherer and denuncit rebell in Scotland, and captioune giwin against him to the iustice off peace of Angufs and Mearnifs.

CCC.—HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS.

[Spottiswood, in his History of the Church of Scotland, has given a detailed account of the proceedings before the High Commission against the Marquis of Huntly, and of his absolution from the sentence of excommunication, at the King's command, by the Archbishop of Canterbury, on the 8th of July: "The Absolution (he says), was given him in the Chappel of Lambeth, by the Archbishop of Canterbury, in this form:"—

"WHEREAS the purpose and intendment of the whole Church of Christ is to win men unto God, and frame their souls for Heaven, and that there is such an agreement and correspondency betwixt the Churches of Scotland and England, that what the Bishops and Pastors in the one, without any earthly or worldly respect, shall accomplish to satisfie the Christian and charitable end and desire of the other, cannot be distastful to either; I therefore finding your earnest intreaty to be loosed from the bond of Excommunication wherewith you stand bound in the Church of Scotland, and well considering the reason and cause of that censure, as also considering your desire, on this present Day, to Communicate here with us, for the better effecting of this work of participation of the holy Sacrament of Christ our Saviour his blessed Body and Blood, do absolve you from the said Excommunication, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; and beseech the Almighty God, that you may be so directed by the Holy Spirit, that you may continue in the truth of his Gospel unto your lives end, and then be made partaker of his everlasting Kingdom."

¹ The General Assembly, about to be held at Aberdeen in August.

² This refers to the slaughter of David Grahame, son of the late James Grahame of Leuchland, committed by Robert Symmer, son of the Laird of Balzerdie, at Brechin, 29th April 1616. In November 1618, Symmer, having at length been apprehended, was tried and executed for this murder.—(Pitcairn's Criminal Trials, vol. iii. p. 437.)

“ How soon it was known that the Marquess was absolved by the Archbishop of Canterbury, there were great exceptions taken by the Church, and the same interpreted to be a sort of usurpation : whereof the King being advertised, in a long letter written to the Archbishop of St Andrews, he did justify the doing by these Reasons :—]

First, That in absolving the Marquess nothing was intended to the prejudice of the Church of Scotland, but what was done was out of a Christian necessity, it being needful that the Marquess should be absolved before he was admitted to the participation of the holy Sacrament. Secondly, He willed the Church to consider that his absolution at home was only deferred upon the scruple he made of the presence of our Saviour in the Sacrament, and that upon his confession, swearing and subscribing the other points of religion, they themselves had suspended his excommunication, the lawfulness whereof he would not dispute, but remit the same to the Canonists ; yet the suspension standing, it was not much from an absolution. Thirdly, That the absolution given him in England did necessarily imply an acknowledgment of the authority of the Church of Scotland ; whereas if the Archbishop of Canterbury had received him to the holy Communion, and not first absolved him, being excommunicated by the Church of Scotland, the contempt and neglect had been a great deal greater. Fourthly, That the Marquess being come into England, and making offer to perform whatsoever should be required of him, it was more fit to take him in that disposition, than to have delayed it unto his return into Scotland.

For these reasons, He said, and especially because all that was done was with a due acknowledgment and reservation of the power and independent authority of the Church of Scotland, which the Archbishop of Canterbury had by his own hand testified ; it was His pleasure, that upon the Marquess his return a full form of absolution should be given him, or a ratification made of that which was done in England ; so as neither the Archbishop of Canterbury his doing should be disapproved as unlawful, nor the same so approved as it might seem that the Church of Scotland was inferior in any sort to that of England ; and that the Archbishop's Letter written to that effect should be put in record, and kept as a perpetual monument for ages to come.

CCCI.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY TO THE ARCHBISHOP
OF ST ANDREWS.

[At the General Assembly, on the 15th August, “ The Bishop of Sanct Androes presented ane letter direct from the Archbischof of Canturburie, together with ane vther letter from the Kings Maiestic, concerning the absolutioun of the said Lord Marqueis [of Huntlie] from the sentence of excommunication made be the said Archbishop of Canturburie, quhilk were both red in presence of the said Assemblie, and ordainit to be registrat in the Acts of the Generall Assembly *ad perpetuam rei memoriam.*” The letters referred to are not contained in any of the MS. copies of the proceedings of the Assembly: Spottiswood, however, has inserted in his History, along with the extract from the King’s letter to himself (No. CCC.), the following copy of the Archbishop, Dr George Abbot’s letter, which his Majesty enjoined “ should be put in record, and kept as a perpetual monument for ages to come.”]

SALUTEM IN CHRISTO,

Because I understand that a General Assembly is shortly to be held at Aberdene, I cannot but esteem it an office of brotherly love to yield to you an accompt of that great action which lately befell us here with the Marqueis of Huntley. So it was then, that upon the coming up of the said Marqueis, his Majesty sharply entreating him for not giving satisfaction to the Church of Scotland, and for a time restraining him from his Royal presence, the Marqueis resolving to give his Majesty contentment, did voluntarily proffer to communicate when and wherefover his Highness should be pleased; whereupon his Majesty being pleased to make known that offer to me, it was held fit to strike the iron whilst it was hot, and that this great work should be accomplished before his Majesties going to progress; whereunto a good opportunity was offered by the Consecration of the Bishop of Chester, which was to be in my Chappel of Lambeth the seventh of this month, at which time a solemn Communion was there to be celebrated.

The only pause was, that the Marqueis being excommunicated by the Church of Scotland, there was in appearance some difficulty how he might be absolved in the Church of England: wherewith his Majesty being acquainted, who wished that it should not be deferred, we grew to

this peaceable resolution, which I doubt not your Lordship and the rest of our brethren there will interpret to the best. For first, what was to be performed might be adventured upon, as we esteemed, out of a brotherly correspondency and unity of affection, and not only of any authority; for we well know, that as the Kingdom of Scotland is a free and absolute Monarchy, so the Church of Scotland is entire in it self, and independent upon any other Church. Secondly, we find by the advice of divers doctors of the civil law, and men best experienced in things of this nature, that the course of Ecclesiastical proceedings would fairly permit that we might receive to our communion a man excommunicated in another Church, if the said person do declare that he had a purpose hereafter for some time to reside among us; which the Lord Marquess did openly profess that he intended, and I know his Majesty doth desire it: and for my part, I rest satisfied that it can bring no prejudice, but rather contentment unto you and to that Kingdom. Thirdly, it pleased God, the night before the celebration of the Sacrament, to send in our brother the Bishop of Cathnes, with whom I taking counsel, his Lordship resolved me, that it was my best way to absolve the Lord Marquess, and assured me that it would be well taken by the Bishops and Pastors of the Church of Scotland. I leave the report of this to my Lord Cathnes himself, who was an eye-witness with what reverence the Marquess did participate of that holy Sacrament. For all other circumstances I doubt not but you shall be certified of them from his Majesty, whose gracious and princely desire is that this bruised reed should not be broken, but that so great a personage (whose example may do much good) should be cherished and comforted in his coming forward to God: which I, for my part, do hope and firmly believe that you all will endeavour, according to the wisdom and prudence which Almighty God hath given unto you. And thus as your Lordship hath ever been desirous that I should give you the best assistance I could with his Majesty for the reducing or restraining this Nobleman, so you see I have done it with the best discretion I could; which I doubt not but all our brethren with you will take as proceeding from my desire to serve God and his Majesty, and the whole Church of Scotland. I send you herewith the Form which I used in absolving the Lord Marquess in the presence of the Lord

Primate of Ireland, the Lord Bishop of London, and divers others. And so beseeching the blessing of God upon you all, that in your Assembly with unity of spirit you may proceed, to the honour of Christ, and to the beating down of Antichrist and Popery, I leave you to the Almighty.

From my house at Croyden, July 23, 1616.

CCCII.—MR JOHN FORBES, MINISTER, TO KING JAMES.

PLEIS YOUR MAIESTIE,

The dett of thankfulness wherein I ever remaine obliged vnto your Maiestie for the benefit of helthe and lyf preserved, and for that whiche is moir then bothe helthe and lyf, your Maiesties gracious accepting me in your princely favour and protection as a good subiect, doeth still force me to schew forth the some evidences of a hart wholly addicted to your Maiesties serveice, and filled with a desyr to manifest all willingnes in most inteir affection; to do that dutie whiche I am never able to perform. Trusting that your Maiestie in so great things will esteem it sufficient to haw willed: Seeing from so base and low a worm, no condigne action of so high a Maiestie can proceed to answer in any measure so highe a favour. I haw laboured to mak others know what I haw founde in such sort, that the wordle wanteth not witness of your Highnes clemencie towards me. And yet mynding to leaw moir constant records of my thankfull remembrance, I purposed to haw begun by sending a litle treatise (which I haw wrytten at the desyr of the Company of Merchand Adventurers, and is now printed by them), touching Justification, vnto the wordle, vnder the shadow of your Maiesties favour, thinking that your Highnes would not refuse the patronadge of my work, since your Maiestie has receaved my self in your gracious protection. But vehement desyr to pleas causing always fear to offend, I durst not adventure without licence. And therfor haw send that litle work to be considered and censured by your Maiestie, that if your Hynes find it worthie, and so

permit, I may ad vnto it a dedication,¹ as a record of your Maiesties favour, and a finall token of my thankfulnes for it. If it receaw your Maiesties approbation, it shall not be affrayed, nor I affchamed of the censur of others. I keip it vp vntill I know your Maiesties mynd, humbly attending your Highnes direction, and desyring, if it may stand with your Maiesties pleasur, that your Highnes prohibitions may stay all withing your Maiesties dominions from printing, or causing print, this treatise, or suche others as I schall happen to wryt, without my owen consent, for as I purpose, Godwilling, to publishe nothing but that whiche shalbe approued of your Maiestie, so I would humbly intreat this favour, that I might haw chose of the printer. And so in all loving reverence, kissing your Maiesties hands, I ceas not to pray for your Maiesties long and prosperous reigne.

Your Maiesties humble and affectionat
subiect and seruitour,

JO. FORBES.

Middlebruche, 24 Julij 1616.

To the King his most excellent Maiestie.

CCCHII.—MR JOHN FORBES, MINISTER, TO KING JAMES.

SIR,

It may please your Maiestie that, in thankfull acknowledgment of your Hienes lait favour, I cam to offer the lyff, therby, vnder God,

¹ As Forbes's work appeared without the proposed Dedication, we may presume the King had declined the compliment, in reply to this very submissive application. On this supposition, another letter by him, without date, is placed in connection with this; although it may possibly have preceded it. The work referred to bears this title:—"A Treatise tending to cleare the Doctrine of Justification. Written by Io. Forbes, Pastour of the English Church at Middelburgh, for the instruction of his flocke: And now published by some of them for the good of others. At Middelburgh, printed by Richard Schilders, 1616." 4to. The Epistle to his flock is dated 20th July 1615.

preferued vnto your Maiesties serueice, hoping that, partly by intercession of otheris, partly by my owen declaration of my innocencie, manifestation of my dewtiful acknowledgment of your Maiesties supremacie, humble recours to your Maiesties most wyse and equitable judgment, and earnest supplication for favour, to haue found a gracious acceptance. But since this is not the acceptable tyme, I will in patience attend the day of your Hienes favour; comforting my self in my trouble with the inward testimonie of my sincere and vnfained affection toward your Maiestie, and vpright intention to perform all dutifull serueice, thereby endeavoring to deserve your Maiesties favour. Hartly sorry for your Maiesties so long continuing displeasour, and that the continuance thereof should stay your Hienes from reaping the fruit of your owen work, whylis your Maiestie refuseth to make vse of the life whiche ye haue preserved. But yet trusting that the truth of these things touching our proceedingis whiche I haue presented to your Maiesties gracious consideration shall mollifie your Maiesties mynd, and remove the hard conceit and wrathfull displeasour, not without cause, conceived by your Maiestie in respect of the sinistrous information and relation of otheris who haue wronged bothe your Maiestie and vs, and that in convenient tyme your Maiestie shalbe moved to crowne the work of your owne clemencie, by wouchaffing the comfort of your royall favour wher ye haue wouchaffed life. I still continue in humble supplication for it, and that in the mean tyme it may please your Maiestie, of your ever patent bountie and clemencie to all, for the futur preservation of my helthe restored, to renew your Maiesties licence of repairing to your Maiesties dominions, as neid shall requyre, vpon the conditions contained in the former. Thus praying to God for preservation of your royall person, increase of honour, a prosperous raigene, the confusion of your enemies, and comfort of your Maiesties peace to those that loue you, I rest,

Your Maiesties euer loving and
humble seruitor,

JO. FORBES.

CCCIV.—HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO SIR ANDREW MURRAY OF
BALVAIRD.

JAMES R.

Trusty and welbeloued. Wee greete yow well, whaireas Wee haue thought it requisite to call a Nationall Assëmblie for hinderance of the increafe of Poperie, whiche (as Wee are informed) hath alreadie taiken too deepe roote in the North pairtis of that Oure Kingdome, Wee haue made speciall choife of yow to be present thereat; as one in whose affection to the aduancement of Religion and good estate of that Contrie Wee haue a speciall trust. So willing yow to assist Oure Commiffionar, and give your best advice in whatfoever shalbe propofed at the said meiting, Wee bid yow farewell. Given at Theobaldes, the eightenth of July 1616.

To Oure trusty and welbeloued, Sir Andrew
Murray of Baluaird, knight.¹

CCCV.—INSTRUCTIIONS TO OUR RIGHT TRUSTIE AND WELBELOVIT
CUSIGNE AND COUNSELLOUR THE ERLE OF MONTROIS.²

1. THAT order be taken with the delapidation of Benefices, and the progress thereof stayed, and some means devyfed to recover that which is lost.

2. That the chief burrow touns be planted with sufficient, wise, learned, and peaceable men; especially such places as are now vacant, as Aberdeen, Perth, Edinburgh, and Bamfe, &c.

¹ The same letter is also indorsed,—“ To Oure trusty and weilbeloued, the Laird of Balmanno.”

² John Earl of Montrose was Commissioner for his Majesty, at the General Assembly held at Aberdeen, 13th August 1616.

3. That the most learned, discrete Ministers be appointed and transported to places where Noblemen has their residence, specially suspect of Papistry; and if the means of the provision be small where they are transported, to take the rents and stipend which they had before with them, till better order be taken: and to this effect the Assembly ordaines, that ilk Bishop within his Diocye, with advice of the Synod, shall transport Ministers as they shall think expedient.

4. That a special Canon be made, that all Archbishops and Bishops, in their visitation, either be themselves, or if they may not overtake the famen, the Ministers of the parish make all young children of six years old be presented to them, to give confession of their Faith, that they may appear in what religion they are brought up. After which every two or three years they shall be examined, till they come to 14 years of age. After sufficient growth of knowledge, they may be admitted to the Communion: and that punishment be appointed for them that presents them not, or are negligent in their instruction.

5. That a true and simple Confession of Faith be set down, to the which all shall sweare before they be admitted to any office in Kirk or Commonweale; and all students in Colledges.

6. That a short and compendious Catechism be made, which every kirk and familie shall have for the instruction of their children and servants, whereof they shall give account before the Communion, and every one be examined conforme thereto.

7. That all children and schools shall have and learn be heart the Catechism, intituled "God and the King;" which already, be Act of Confell,¹ is ordained to be read and taught in all schooles.

¹ In June 1616: see the King's letter to the Privy Council, &c., in the Appendix to the present Collection. The treatise here referred to has no claim to be styled a Catechism: It was compiled by the King's command, and published in Latin, under the title, "DEUS ET REX: siue Dialogus," &c. London, 1616, small 8vo; and in English, as "GOD AND THE KING: or a Dialogue shewing that our Sovereigne Lord King James,

8. That a Liturgie be made, and Form of divine service, which shall be read in every Church, in common prayer, and before preaching every Sabbath, be the Reader, where there is one; and where there is none be the Minister before he conceive his own prayer, that the common people may learn it, and by custom serve God rightly.

9. That the Communion be celebrated four times ilk year in the burrow towns, and twice in landward; and one of the times to be at Easter yearly. And if any communicate not once in the year, the Act of Parliament is to strike upon them with all severity.

10. That there be a uniformity of Discipline; and to that effect the Canons of the former Councils and Assemblies to be extracted; and where the same are defective, to be supplied by former Canons and Ecclesiastical meetings: For setting down whereof, the Commissioners following are ordained to convene with the Bishops, in Edinburgh, the first day of December next to come, viz. the Laird of Corse, Mr John Reid, Mr George Hay, Doctor Philip, Mr David Lindsay in Dundie, Mr William Scott, Doctor Howie, Mr John Mitchelson, Mr Patrick Galloway, Mr John Hall, Mr Edward Hepburne, Doctor Abernethie, Mr Robert Scott, Mr William Birnie, Mr William Areskine, or the most part of them.

11. For the help of the posterity, and furtherance of religion, that a special care be taken of the Divinity Colledge in Sanct Andrews; and to that effect, that every Diocese shall furnish two Students, or so many as may make the number to extend to twenty six; and the half thereof to be children of poor Ministers, to be preferred by the Bishop of the Diocese: providing always, that these who are furnished within the Province of Glasgow, that is to say, the Dioceses of Glasgow, Galloway, Argyle, and the Isles, shall be brought up in the College of Glasgow; and not be admitted to Sanct Andrews, but when they pass Doctors only.

being immediate under God within his Dominions, doth rightfully claime whatsoever is required by the Oath of Allegiance." London, 1616, small 8vo.—(Principal Lee's Memorial for the Bible Societies of Scotland, p. 73, Edinb., 1823, 8vo.)

12. That none teach in pulpit publicly before the people, but these that have received imposition of hands; and whosoever does otherways be incapable of the Ministry.

13. That every Minister shall minister the Sacrament of Baptism quhensoever it shall be required, under the pain of deposition; the god-father promising to instruct the infant in the faith.

14. That every Minister have a Register of baptisms, marriages, and defuncts, within the Parish, to be presented to ilk Synod: For doing whereof, it is statute, the Ministers, their wives, and executors shall have the Quotts and confirmation of their Testaments free.¹

CCCVI.—THE BISHOP OF CAITHNES TO JOHN MURRAY OF
LOCHMABEN.

RYCHT HONORABIL AND LOWING BROTHER,

My hartlie commendations remembered: Pleis yow witt, we hawe be God his grace this day, about twelff a clok, put all his Maiesties directionis that war to be intreatit in this Affemblie to ane guid and happie conclusioun. The wyfdome and authoritie off his Hienes Commissioner, and the discreitt cariag off my Lord off Sanctandrois, togidder with the filencing off the prowisioun of the waking place off Aberdeen detening all expectants wnder hoipps, hes wrought greatt forderance in all the service heir. We do attend the Marques of Huntlie his cuming heir the 21 of this instant, quhar, iff his Lordschip followe the King his Maiesties directionis aright, all wilbe weill with him. I most

¹ The above Instructions were proposed to the General Assembly on the 16th August; "Quhilk being red in audience of the hail Assemblie, they give most humble thanks to his Majestie for the great care and sollicitude his Majestie alwayes tooke for the advancement of the glorie of God, and profession of the true Religion within this realme, and holding downe and suppressing of Papistrie and superstition within the same." The resolutions adopted by the Assembly, on the following day, are contained in the Booke of the Universall Kirk, vol. iii. pp. 1125—1130.

intreat yowe, eftir the reiding off theis leinis, with diligence to wreitt to my Lord off Sanctandrois, to mak my tranflatione to Aberdin¹ in Sanctandrois, at our returning Southe, and fo mucche the rather that fowme off our Expectants heir ar put in fuche hoippis, be my denyall off ony fignatur paffit, that they have firred wp thair followeris off the Ministerie to beigg fubfcriptionis off barronis and countrie men to ane fupplicatione to be directit to his Maieftie in generall, for provifione off Aberdine; and becaufe thair had went fowme furmifes that I aimed at that place, they perfuaid the Ministerie heir that I ame to mucche addicit to Cowrt fafhionis and his Hienes iniunctions; and they go about to perfuad the Bifchoppis that I was the infrument off the Marques abfolutioune at Lambethe, taking occafione, furthe off ane parcell off letter off my Lord off Canterberries, quhairin his Grace hes faid to mucche (fo that I purpoife newer to feall with his Grace herefter), bot this to your felf. Iff the Marques prove finceir in his converfioune, I will acomtt that my prayfe quhilks they nowe fpeak to my difgrace. Bot I car nocht for mifconffructionis in ony my aëtionis, quhairin I carye the teftimonie off ane guid confcience in ferveng God and my Prince. Thus to your wyfdome committing the premisses, my moft humble ferwice remembred to his Maieftie, I reft ewir,

Your lowing brother *ut antea*,

A. B. CATHNES.

Aberdine, the 17 off Auguft 1616.

To his honorable and lowing brother, Johne Murray off Lochmaben, on off his Maiefties bedchalmer.

¹ The See of Aberdeen, vacant by the death of Bishop Blackburne (see page 473), to which Forbes here acknowledges he had already been advanced, although with "ane guid confcience," he thought it expedient to encourage the hopes of other expectants, by the "denyal of any signature" in his favour having passed. His translation was deferred till February 1617.

CCCVII.—LORD BINNING TO KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOUERANE,

What wes proceeded in the Nationall Counfall, kept be your Maiesties permiffion the last oulk in this town, wes signified be my letters of the 18: No mater of moment then resting to be concluded bot the Marqueis of Huntlies abfolution; who cumming to this towne vpon Tyfday at night, as wes appoynted, yefterday the two Archibifchoppis, the Bifchop of Brechin, your Maiesties Deputie Thefaurer, the Laird of Cors, and I, went to the Marqueis his ludgeing, and efter two or thrie howres conference agried vpon the maner of his abfolution. And meiting in the afternone, in publiçt Affemblic, that mater being proponed and modeftlie reasoned be fum of the precifeft fort, the Archibifchop of Sanctandros replied. fo wyfelie, and made fo tymelie vfe of fum claufes of your Maiesties letter from Nottinghame, which be gude fortune cume to his handis that fame day, that in end the abfolution wes concluded, and the Marqueis compeirand, and granting his bypaft offence, promeifing constant perfeuerence in the true religion, which he thair acknowledged and fufcryved publiklie, the articles thairof exhibited to him, in prefence of all the Affemblic, he wes abfolued, to the exceiding great joy of all that wer present. This is one of the workis of your Maiesties moft excellent wifdome, whairfra all men expect gude helpis to the peace of the Eftate and Church of this Kingdome.

All your Maiesties vther direçtions, being moft iuft, reasonable, and proffitable for the cuntrie, wer allowed with fuch humilitie, hairtineffe, thankisgeving, and prayer to God for your Maiesties preferuation, and long and happie raigne, as your Maiesties caire of the vniuerfall good of the kingdome does obleis all faithfull fubieçtis fincerelie to wifh. Many have approuen thamefelues duetifull in this feruice, bot I owe particular testimonie to the Erle of Montros his affection, and to his graue and honorable behauiour; and to the Archibifchop of Sanctandros his modeftie, pacience, wifdome, and trauellis, whairby he fo conteaned the

whole number within the boundis of duetie and obedience, as did greatlie facilitat the good successe of the buffines. So wishing the lyke in all your Maiesties intentions and directions, and that God may be gratiouf- lie pleased long to bliffe ws with the continuance of your wyfe, iuste, and gracious raigne, I rest,

Your most Sacred Maiesties most humblie faith-
full and bund seruand,

Aberdene, 22 August [1616].

BINNING.

CCCVIII.—THE EARL OF MONTROSE TO KING JAMES.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR SACRED MAIESTIE,

As I did præfume to acquent your Hienes with the progres of the Assembly, from Aberdein, so nou I doe, with the finishing thair of, which (according to that happie successe vhairwith God hes aluayis bliffed your Maiesteis most gracious actionis) is concludit, with great contentment of all estatis. The Marquis of Huntly keipitt the day apoyntit, vhaire itt vas advysitt that the Archbischopis, with the Præfident, and certane vtheris, schould first deall with him to resolue his doubtis, lyk as I did particularlie desyre him to remember your Maiesteis gracious fauour towardis him, and obey your Hienes directionis, he, efter sum difficulties, condescenditt to cum before the Assembly, and giue satisfactioun; wherein the Archbischop of Sanctandros did so vyfelie moderat, that the Marquis gaue humble obedience, and the Church receaued full contentment; and efter opin reiding of thois thingis enacted, according to your Maiesteis direction, and receawing of certen speciall citizens of Aberdein suspect of Poprie, and thair publick assenting to the particular articles of the Confession of Faith establischt at this Assembly, the sam vas concluditt with generall applause, all praising God, and praying for long continuance of your Maiesteis happie raing. As to my self, altho I haue bein villing at this tym to discharge that humble and faithfull deutie, which I am aluayis bund to perform in your

Maieſteis ſeruice, yitt the good ſucces of all dois onlie proceid from your Maieſteis godlie, vyſe, and happie deſſeingis, vvhich the Lord ſo vunderfullie prosperis, that ve, your Maieſteis faithfull ſeruandis, ar more and more encouragitt to proſtrat our lywis for the aduancement of vwhatſum-euer your Maieſteis ſeruices, lyk as I doe particularlie acknowledge my ſelf infinitlie tyed, to your Maieſteis moſt gracious remembrance and truſt to me, vvhich in all humble and faithfull obedience, ſo long as I leive, I ſhall ſtudie to deſerue, and ſhall be moſt readie to ſeall vwith my blood. Remitting the more particular relatione to the Archbiſchopis, in all humilitie I kiſs your Hienes handis, praying God for the long continuance of your Maieſteis prosperous eſtate and happie raing ouer vs.

Your Maieſteis moſt humble and obedient
ſubiect and ſeruitour,

Newmontroſe, the 27 of Auguſt 1616.

MONT-ROSE.

To his moſt Sacred Maieſtie.

CCCIX.—OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES.

I DOE ſincerely confeſſe and acknowledge that King James is, by the Devine will and providence, lawfully and by right of ſucceſſione, the rightfull Kinge of Englande, Scottland, and Irlande, and that in theſe his dominions he hath the ſupreme regal iuriſdictione; and that, *jure divino et naturali*, I am his ſubiecte and vaſſale; and therefore I do owe vnto his Maieſty all trew and faithfull allegiance, humble obedience, and willingnes to ſerue his Maieſty trewly and faithfully, in warr or in peace; ſo farre as any trew Chriſtiane ſubiecte, by the laws of God and Nature, are bound, and do owe vnto their proper and lawfull Prince.

And if I ſhould, vpon any occatione, perceave or knowe any conſperi-

ces of treason, ether against his Maiestys persone or state, I would not only do my best vnto revealle it, but would indeavoure to resist, hinder, and frustrate it to the vtermost of my power.

And that if any persone or persons, publicke or private, spirituall or temporalle, domesticke or forraine, should, vpon what titals or pretences soever, by open or private forsse or practises, atemte the disturbance or eversion of his Maiestys persone or state, I would, to the vtermost of my ability, ayde and defende his Maiestie, and so long as vitalle spirits shal giue power and strength to my arms to beare a sworde, I will strike in his Maiestie safegarde, and to the overthrow of his enimies.

And notwithstanding any censures, authorities, titles, or pretences whatsoever; of excommunications, or deprivations, or vsurpations, &c., I will ever beare trew faith and loyale allegiance to his Maiestie, and, as is before sayde, will resiste his advarsaries vnjust invasions, and defende his persone and state to the vtermost of my ability.

And if ther be any thing else that is to be requirede, which a trew Christiane Catholike subiect ought or should do for the declaring of his dewty and allegiance to his lawfull and rightfull Kinge (that doth no at this instante occurre to my remembrance), the same I do acknowledge on my behalf to be dew vnto his Maiestie.

Besied, as I haue the honore to be a sworne seruant to his Maiestie, I do acknowledge my self bound to all that in my faide Othe I am sworne vnto, and whatsoever else may be justly required of a trew Christiane and faithfull Servant to his Soueraine Lord and Maister.¹

CCCX.—THE RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS, AND
PROFESSORS, TO JOHN MURRAY.

RYCHT WORSCHIPFULL,

Our maist humble deutie off seruice being commendit to your worship, please your worship, Mr Doctor Young hes affurit vs off ten

¹ There is no signature, indorsation, or date to this paper.

liß^s Sterlingis worthe off bukes to be given to your worfchip to our Bibliothec, for quhilk caus we think our felfis grettumly addebbit to your worfchip ; and not only we, bot all thofe that luiff learning in this kingdome. And becaus we are not able to requyt your worfchipsis fa great liberalitie but by thankfull remembrans, we fall, God willing, mak the memorie off it continue fa lang as this Vniuerfitie fall stand or learning continue in this Kingdome ; befyid that we fall pray to God for the continuans off your Eftait and weifair, and iff thair be any thing quhairin our fervice can be fteadable to your worfchip, your worfchip fall have us alway to command as

Your Worfchips maift humble and deutifull fervandis,

ROBERT HOVYE, D., Rector of the Vniuerfitie
of Sanctandrous.

PETER BRUCE, D., Deane off Facultie.

DAVID BARCLAY, D. of Divinitie, and Minifter
of Santandrews.

JAMES BLAIRE, D. of Divinitie, and Profeffor
ordinar therof.¹

St Androwis, Auguft 28, [1616].

To the rycht worfchipfull Maifter Jhone
Murray, off his Maiefties bedchalmer,
our mekill refpectit and very gud freind.

¹ On the 29th July 1616, the writers of the above letter, along with Mr James Martin, Principal of St Salvator's College, Mr Patrik Melvine or Melville, Professor of Hebrew in the New College, St Andrews, Mr John Strang, Minister of Errol, afterwards Principal of the College of Glasgow, Mr Henry Philip, Minister of Arbroath, and Mr Theodore Hay, Minister of Peebles, and Archdean of Glasgow, were created Doctors of Divinity, at St Andrews. "This noveltie (says Calderwood) was brought in amongst us without advise or consent of the Kirk. Doctor Young was the directour of the solemnities of this action."—(History, vol. vii. p. 222, vol. viii. p. 95.) This was Dr John Young, Dean of Winchester : See note to a subsequent letter, in August 1618.

CCCXI.—MR JOHN WEMYSS, COMMISSARY OF ST ANDREWS, TO
KING JAMES.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MOST SACRED MAIESTIE,

The supplicant, your Maiesties humble seruant and subiect, most earnestly, vpon the knees of his hairt, beseechis your Maiestie now to opportunely accomplishe, quhat it pleased your Maiestie some yeirs agoe graciously to promeisse anent the promoving of him to ane Ordinair place of Seffione,¹ how soone any sould happen to vaick, ather be death or demissione: he is thareof most ambitiously desirous (and ane repulse will breed vnto him vnspeakable, yea, almaiſt remedyles greif), not, he attestis God, quha is καρδιαγνωσης, in respect of onie advantage in honour or geir quhich may redounde to him be the said place, but as it may be ane token of your Maiesties favour and acceptance of his bypast, he will not say, effects, bot affectione into your Maiesties service, and also as thairin he may have occasione to forder manifeste his dewtiful dispositione in ane more remarquable manner, yea, and sheifly becaus be the advanceing of him thairto, those quho are alyke affected falbe grittunly incowraged, and the ennemies to your Maiesties service, and to him for his forwardnes in the same, fall want caus of deriding and glorieing in the disappoyntment of his purpose, quhich vtherwayes sould be offered to them, to the fore discontentment and dejectione of the Supplicant, and to wthers your Maiesties sincere seruands. The Supplicant, as he wishe, so he is induced to hope for ane gude answer from your Maiestie theranent, not only be your Maiesties gracious letters of promeis, and the report of some of your Maiesties Counsellors, quho have bene loving sollisters for him, but also be the conscience of his owne inclinatione and desyre, in ane more eminent place to serue God and your Maiestie, quhairwith he hopes God hes not in

¹ Probably in reply to the letter, in 1612, from his father-in-law, Gladstanes, Archbishop of St Andrews, urging Wemyss of Craigtoun's claims for advancement, which is printed in this collection as No. CLXXXIII. Excepting the signature, the original letter is in the handwriting of Wemyss himself.

vain endowed him. As concerning his abilitie and power to ferve, not willing to be impudently imprudent in praying him self, he referis him to the declaracione of those quho have bene witness to his cariage these eight yeirs bygone, in the inferior places of judicatorie quhilks he hes possessed, to the examinatione (and that in the strictest forme, if so seeme expedient), of those quho have credite of your Maiestie, to cognosce vpon the sufficiencie of the gifts of persons presented to the superiour rowmes, and principally to your Maiesties awne determinatione, if your Maiesties weachtier affaires have permitted your Maiestie to consider that Treatise,¹ quhiche a few days since he wes bold to offer vnto your Maiestie, quhairin your Maiestie, he beleevis, shall find ane cleare (albeit short), Theologicke and Juridick, both probatione of the lawful power, alswell ecclesiastick as civile, of Supreme Princes, and of the deutie of subordinate Magistrats, Judges, and people, and lykwayis improbatione of the vsurped power of the people and Estaits, or of the Pope and the Church, and sua ane refutatione of all such as are *Μοναρχομαχοι*, Jesuits, Puritains, and popular Protestants. Your Maiestie, I doubt not, will forgive the Supplicant thus pleading for his qualificatione, seeing he hes no vther end, than the obteening of your Maiesties favour, quhiche may minister vnto him the fitter occasion of serving your Maiestie. Now, then, may it please your Maiestie, Gude Souveraine, for Chryst his sake, to have pitie vpon ane devoted servand, having some warrand of the expectatione of grace at your Maiesties hands, and the rather that, togidder with discredite, quhair of ane generous mynd is ever impatient, he has suffered great damage and decay in moyens, throuche vnprosper-

¹ Wemys's Treatise on the Royal Supremacy in Civil and Ecclesiastical Affairs was not published until a few months, probably, before the Author's death. The title-page runs as follows:—"ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΉΓΙΕΡΟΧΗ. Sive de Regis Primatu Libellus: in quo summa Regis secundum Deum autoritas, cum in Civilibus tum in Ecclesiasticis, supra et Populum et Clerum, breviter et methodicè probatur. Authore D^{no} Joanne Wemio de Craigtoune Scoto, in Supremo apud Scotos concessu juridico, Senatore, et in intimo Regis Consistorio, Consiliario. Edinburgi, exudebat Thomas Finlason, August. Regiæ Majest. Typographus. 1623. Cum privilegio." 4to. It is dedicated to the King's favourite, Sir George Villiers, Marquess, afterwards Duke of Buckingham, through whose influence it may be inferred, from his expressions of gratitude, the author had obtained his judicial appointment.

oufly hithertill futing your Maiefties once intendit beneficence. If your Maieftie thinke yourfelf vtherwayis ingaged, be reafon of ane promeis maid in the behalf of ane vther, fuperiour, it may well be, to the Supplican in eftait, but not in love and respect to your Maiefties Royall perfone and prerogative, the Supplican humbly intreats your moft juft and wyfe Maieftie to remember that (with your Maiefties permiffione, *qui dominus es juris*), it is *regula juris quod prior tempore* (as is the Supplican his cafe) *sit potior jure*, and that the adhering to the richt quiche the vther may feeme to have be your Maiefteis promeis, may prejudge the Supplican, and no wayis benefite the vther, ther being for the present no place to vaik, except be the voluntarie deed of the Supplican his neer Cufing,¹ befyde that, appeirantly ere it be long, your Maieftie will get occafione, be the death of fome Senatour, to conveniently performe alfo that vther promeis. But *quia verbum sapienti potissimum Regi, sat est*, leaft I empefche too much your Maiefties eyes (quhois ears I can not have the lionour for ony fpace to enioye), I ende, from the bottome of my hairt, praying to the Almichtie that he wald continwe his fpirituall and temporall bleffings vpon your Maieftie, and I remaine,

Sire,

Your Maiefties moft devoted fervand and fubject,

Jo. WEMIS, Commiffaire of Sanct Andrews.

¹ This letter has no date, but it evidently preceded the following one, which is dated in September 1616. The Lord of Session to whom Wemyss here alludes as his relation, and who was willing to resign in his favour, must have been Andrew Wemyss of Myrecairnie, who was raised to the bench in November 1591. There is a blank at this period in the Books of Adjournal, which might otherwise have cleared up this point. Lord Myrecairnie's name last occurs in a Sederunt of the Court, 1st March 1615.—(Senators of the College of Justice, p. 221.) His actual successor seems to have been Sir George Erskine of Invertild, whose name appears in the Sederunt 15th March 1617; but whether his appointment took place on the death or the resignation of the former, is uncertain.

CCCXII.—MR JOHN WEMYSS OF CRAIGTOUN TO JOHN MURRAY OF
LOCHMABEN.

RIGHT HONORABILL SIR,

Please yow (the affurance quhich I have of your promeiffed
avour, albeit wndeferved as yet be me, imboldening me to trouble
yow), I must humblie intreatte yow, that the King his Maieftie may be
moved, quhen his Hienes weachtier affaires may permitte, to honour my
litle Treatife with his eyes, to the effect his Hienes approveing it, I may
put the fame to licht :¹ As also, that this Maieftie may be induced, for
comforting me, so farre præjudgit be my difappoyntment,² to make
knowne, be his letters to my Lords Chancellour and Præfident, his
gratious pleafour anent my promotione in tyme cuming, as I have
written heiranent to my Lord Duke of Lenox : Thus, fra the bottome
of my hairt, praying the Almichtie to continowe his bleffingis vpon your
perfon and eftait, I reft,

Your most affectioned fervand,

M. J. WEMIS.

Sanctandros, 18 September 1616.

To the richt honorable Jhone Murray of
Lochmaben, one of his Maiefties bed-
chalmer, These.

¹ See note to the preceding letter, p. 492.

² The death of Sir Alexander Drummond of Medhope, in July 1619, at length enabled the Laird of Craigtoun to obtain his wishes. The Earl of Melros, on the 16th of that month, in intimating this vacancy to the King, urges delay in making any new appointment, till the beginning of the next session, that "the qualities of the pretendants" might be tried, in respect "the present estate of the Session requires the election of a man learned in the lawes and praktik, no age having sene so few in that Senate endewed with those qualities as this time." Wemyss was preferred, and took his seat in November 1619. He was afterwards knighted; but he did not long enjoy his honours, having died before December 1623.

CCCXIII.—THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL TO KING JAMES.

PLEAS YOUR SACRED MAIESTIE,

Vpoun reffett of your Maieftes letter, writtin vnto ws in fauours of the Archiebifchop of St Androis, anent the reftoiring and repoffeffing of him to that affignatioun of victuall quhilk is difponit furth of the Thriddis of his benefice to the Caftell of Edinburgh, and for prouiding of the faid Caftell with als mutche goode rent oute of your Maieftes rentis, we conferrit at lenth with the faid Archiebifchop, and with the Erll of Mar, Capitane of the faid Caftell, thairanent, and after dew examinatioun and confideratioun of the eftate of this mater, we find that the Erll of Mar is verye weele prouidit to the faid Affignatioun be warrand and authoritie of Parliament, and to difpoffes him of a constant and fure rent vnder pretext of that whilk wilbe vncertane, and to difpone the fame to the faid Archiebifchop, nather can the one nor the vther be avallable of the law: Becaus this affignatioun maid to the faid Caftell is not onlie annext thairunto be Parliament, as faid is; but lykeways in that fame Parliament of the Sax hundreth and fax yeir of God, whairin the Bifchopps reftoirit to thair levingis and digniteis, thair is a fpeciall and particular referuatioun and exceptioun of the affignationis and referuatiounis being yitt in force, vnquarrellit or difchargeit by any fubfequent Parliament. Thair can no thing be done preiudiciall thairunto but be a Parliament. Alwayes feeing it is your Maieftes gracious will and pleafour to gratifie the faid Archiebifchop in this poynte, whairof we weale allow, owre opinion is, that in place of this affignation maid to the faid Caftell, your Maieftie fall gif vnto him ane penfion owte of youre Maiefties rentis, anfuerable in proportion to the faid affignation to be broukit be him allanarlie vntill a Parliament; at whilk tyme fuche folide and goode courfe may be then tane for the full and perfyte securitie of both partyis, bothe anent the reftitutioun and repoffeffing of the faid Archiebifchop to his awne patrimonie and rent, and anent a new prouifion to be maid to youre Maieftes faid Caftell as falbe thocht expedyent. Bot in this, as

in all otheris thingis, submitting owre selffis to your Maieftis more excellent iudgement, and humelie praying God to bliffe your Maieftie with a long and happie reigne, we rest

Yowr Maieftis most humble and obeydent,
fubiectis and fervitouris,

AL. CANCELL^s.

BINNING.

GEORGE HAY.

G. MURRAY.

S. W. OLIPHANT.

Edinburgh, 20 December 1616.

To the King his most Sacred
and excellent Maieftie.

CCCXIV.—HIS MAJESTY TO THE BISHOPS AND MINISTERS OF
EDINBURGH.

[In the view of his Majesty revisiting his native Kingdom, in 1617, Spottiswood says, " Among other directions sent from the King, one was for repairing of the Chappell [Royal of Holyrood], and some English carpenters were employed, who brought with them the Pourtraicts of the Apostles, to be set up in the pews or stalls. As they were proceeding in their work, a foolish and idle rumour went, that *Images were to be set up in the Chappel*: and, as people are given to speak the worst, it was current among them, that *the Organs came first, now the Images, and ere long they should have the Mass*. The Bishop of Galloway, then Dean of the Chappel, moved with these speeches, did pen a letter to the King, entreating his Majesty ' for the offence that was taken to stay the affixing of these Pourtraicts.' To this letter he proeured the subscriptions of the Archbishop of S. Andrewes, the Bishops of Aberdeen and Brechin, and divers of the Ministers of Edinburgh.

" The answer returned by the King was full of anger, objecting ignorance unto them that could not distinguish betwix *Pictures intended for Ornament and decoration, and Images erected for Worship and adoration,*" &c.—(History, p. 530.)

The letter to the King is, unfortunately, not preserved, but the following reply sufficiently indicates the purport of the remonstrance. Neither has the Archbishop of Canterbury's letter, mentioned by Cowper, in No. CCCXV., been discovered.]

RIGHT reverend Father in God, right trustie and welbeloued Counsellour, and reverend Fatheris in God, and right trustie and welbeloued, and otheris Oure trustie and welbeloued, Wee greete yow well. When Wee receaued and perused your letter of the 26 of Februaire last, concerning the graven worke of wode intendit for decoring of Oure saite in Oure Chapell at Halirudehouse, Wee were at first affrayed that some of the directours or workemen had bene Papistis; and so, without Oure knowledge, had intendit there to erect such idolatrous images and painted pictures as those of that profession are in vse to adore: But when Wee had better considered, and exactlie tried what wes done, Wee find but a false alarme, and that causes feares had made yow start at your owne shadowes. Yet seing a charge is commandit of that worke, vpon notice given to Vs, by the Maister of Oure Workes here, of the difficultie and longsumnes thereof, lest Oure silence and not answering of your letter might be interpreted for a kind of consent or approbatioun of what yee wryte thereanent, and to the effect, that the command of that alteration shall not be thought to haue proceedit frome any such conceate in Vs as yee are posselt with, Wee haue thought good hereby to certifie yow that Wee wes not induced therto vpon any such ground or consideration, but meerlie because of the misdoubte conceaued, that the worke could haue bene so well or so soone done in that kind, as in the forme now directed. And therefore doe not deceive your selues with a vaine imagination of any thing done therein for ease of your hartis or ratifying your error in your iudgment of that graven worke, whiche is not of ane idolatrous kinde, like to Images and painted Pictures adored and wourshipped by Papistis, but meerlie intendit for ornament and decoration of the place where Wee should fitte, and might haue bene wrought aswell with figures of lyones, dragonis, and diuellis, as with those of Patriarches and Apostles. But as Wee must wonder at your ignorance, and teach yow thus to distinguishe betwene the one and the other, so are Wee perswaded that none of yow wold haue scandalized or offendit, if the saidis figures of lyones, dragonis, and diuellis had bene carued and put vp in lieu of these of the Patriarches and Apostles; resembling in this the Constable of Castile, who being sent here to sweare the peace concludit betwene Vs and Spaine, when he vnderstood that this

behoved to be solemnie performed in Oure Chapell, he foirfaw likwife that then some anthemis wold be fung, and therefore protested before his entrie of Our Chapell, that what ever wer fung Godis name might not be vsit in it, and so as that wer foirborne we's content that they should sing what else they listid: Yee could likwife endure the diuell or monfteris to be figured for ornament of your churches, but can not allow that patriarches or apofles should haue the like place or acceffe therein, the verie reporte wherof (as yee write) hath animated Papiftis, and so farr greived and offendit all true professouris, as yee are not able to expresse the offence taiken thereat, adding, that the like carued worke is in none of Our Chapellis here. But as Wee haue said yneugh alreadie to cleare your error in the first, so to lett yow sie your mistaiking in the last, these shall certifie yow that in Oure Chapell here at Whithall, and most pairte of all Oure other Chapellis in this Kingdome, the like ornament is vsed, and euen the apofles portraitis to be sene so carued and sette vp for adorning the same, thogh Wee neuer obserued, nor knew it, till your letter gaue Vs occasion to mak triell and informe Oure selues thereof. And trulie Wee wonder that at this tyme yee will so idlie buffie your selues to find matter of scruple where there is none, when yee haue rather occasion to reioyce, and fill others with ioye, for Oure so neir approaching cuming thither. Nather will Wee euer think that any good professour there will suspect or suffer him selfe to be possed with so ridiculous a conceite as once to fancie that Wee will doe any thing for encouradgement of Papiftis, or introduction of any part of their idolatrie in the Churches of Our dominions; for it is manifest to the world that Wee haue endeoured nothing so seriouflie as to repress and stay the growth of Poprie, to encourage true professouris, and keip and confirme them in the profession of the truth, pure and frie from all corruption, either of Papiste or the other opposite. This Wee think no man will not acknowledge, and yf what is else said will not suffice for perfite satisfacion and clearing yow of all doubte in the abouewrittin poyntis, Wee hope to bring to that kingdome with Vs such as, by there knowledge and doctrine, shall resolute and persuaue yow and all others of your coate and profession (that will reiect instruction and remayne blind in a wilfull ignorance) of

the vndoubted warrant of these and the like poyntis. And whereas yee wryte that the bringing in of organes wes hardlie taiken at first be many of Oure people, but that yee knowing Oure pleasure wes such, and the indifferencie thereof, hade made them that offendit to be quiet, Wee must pray yow to excuse Vs yf Wee giue yow not thankis for so fingulare a peice of good service, as no doubtte yee conceaue that to be; and wold fayne know yf Oure actionis haue so greived or estranged Oure peopleis affectionis, as that therefore Wee haue neid of your mediation betwene Vs and them. No, fure; for they haue experience of Oure favour, and Wee of their love, so as nather the one nor the other is to be doubted of. But be the way, Wee can not omitt here the remembrance of the sevintene day of December,¹ and by that dayes experience to tell yow, that as the pastor, not the people, is the cause of their misleading, so Wee doubtte not to giue them contentment, and that at Oure being there they will in such poyntis rather trust Vs, and conforme them selues to Oure so well warranted desires, nor the passion of any preacher there of whatsoeuer degrie. In conclusion, when yee wryte hereafter, yee shall doe well to weigh and vnderstand better what yee wryte nor appeirandlie yee haue done in this purpose; and so Wee committ yow to God.

Frome Oure Courte at Whithall,
the 13th of Marche 1617.

CCCXV.—THE BISHOP OF GALLOWAY TO MR PATRICK SYMSON,
MINISTER OF STIRLING.

RIGHT HONOURABLE AND LOVING BROTHER,

I received a letter from Thomas Ewing of Cookspow, which albeit it wants a subscription, yit, by the hand-writt, and the stile, and the purpose, I knew it to be yours. Concerning Images, we haue gotten them discharged, upon a letter we wrote, subscribed by the Bishops, Mr

¹ The tumult in Edinburgh, on the 17th December 1596.

Patrik Galloway, and Mr Johne Hall; but yit, with a sharpe rebuke, and checke of ignorance, both from his Majestie and Canterburie, calling our skarring at them, *Scandalum acceptum, sed non datum*. We beare the reproofe the more patientlie, becaus we have obtained that which we craved. What I wrott of Augustinus Junior, if I remember right, was not for Images, bot of other Romish toyes of Capes, Surplices, Altars, etc., wherewith our Kirk was not spotted three hundreth yeares after him. For resistance of these, and confirming also our refusall of Images to be most reasonable, and upon knowledge, I pray you take some paines, that seing we cannot alway have yourself,¹ at least your information may helpe us. The King in his letter has boasted us with his English Doctors, who (as he fayes) fall instruct us in these and in other points, except we refuse instruction. God make us wise and faithfull, and keepe us from their usurpation over us, which now is evidentlie perceived, and hardlie taken by us all. Concerning our commission, I fall do what I can; but St Androes will not be here before the tenth or twelfth of Aprile. I pray you againe, remember to help us out of your talent, and haste it in hither. So rests

Your owne in the Lord,

W. B. GALLOWAY.

March 26, 1617.

To the right honourable his loving brother, Mr Patrik Simfone, Minister at Sterline.

¹ Symson (who was then in a delicate state of health, and died in the following year) had already published, in three separate portions, "A Short Compend" of the History of the Church, during the first nine centuries, printed at Edinburgh, by Andro Hart, in the years 1613, 1615, and 1616, 4to. In each of these portions, he added "Treatises, clearly declaring the Noueltie of Popish Religion;" but he did not live to continue the History, when his Treatise on the Worship of Images might have appeared. These three portions were republished in a single volume, at London, 1624, folio, and again in 1634, under the general title of "The History of the Church since the dayes of our Saviour Jesus Christ, until this present Age."

CCCXVI.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO KING JAMES.

SIRE,

May it pleife your Maieftie: the Erle of Arrol hafing fatiffet the Churche in fuche thingis as wer prefently requyrit of him, is abfolvit from his Excommunicatioun at St Andrews, this fecund of Apryl; qhairvpon we ar humbly to intreat your Maieftie, that ane command may be directit to the Lordis of your Hienes Counfel, to enlarge him from his confynings, and he may inioy the freedom of a good fubiect, quiche we hope in God he fal prove. So moft humbly kiffinge your Maiefties hand, I tak my leave.

Your Maiefties moft obedient fervitour,

SANCTANDREWS.

St Andrews, the 3 Apryl 1617.

To his moft Sacred Maieftie.

CCCXVII.—PROTESTATION OF MINISTERS FOR THE LIBERTIES OF THE KIRK, TO THE PARLIAMENT HELD AT EDINBURGH, 17TH JUNE 1617.

[Calderwood, in his History, says, "Upon the 17th of June, the King and the Estats, after their ryding in pompe from the Palace of Halyrudhous to the Tolbuith or Parliament House, about two afternoone, the Erle of Argile caried the crowne, the Erle of Marre the scepter, and the Erle of Rothesse the sword. After they had entered in, Mr Johne Spottiswoode, Bishope of St Androes, had a short sermone, wherein he praised the King for his great zeale and care to settle the estate of the Kirk, and exhorted the Estates to hold hand to him. Thereafter, the King himself had a harrangue, wherein he expressed the great desire he had to visite this realme, to see the Kirk settled, the countrie reduced to good order, lawes needing reformation reformed, for the good of his subjects. The Chancelour followed with

his harangue." The historian then details at some length the occasion of the following Protestation, when the Ministers assembled from different parts of the Country had found that, contrary to repeated assurance, an article was agreed upon by the Lords of the Articles, to be submitted to Parliament, " which was like to cutt the cordes of the remanent liberties of our Kirk."

The names of the Ministers who approved of this Protestation were kept by Mr Archibald Symson, in a separate roll, for his warrant, " by so manie of the Ministeris as were present at that meeting, or could convenientlie be had in the toun; for the greittest part and best affected were gone home, upon the assurance made unto them, as I haue said."]

MOST GRACIOUS AND DREADE SOVERAIGNE, MOST HONOURABLE LORDS, AND
REMANENT COMMISSIONERS OF THIS PRESENT PARLIAMENT,

We, the Ministers of Chryft's Evangel, being heir conveyened from all parts of this your Majestie's kingdome, doe in all submiffion and reverence intreate your Majestie and Honours patient and favourable heiring of this our reasonable and humble Supplication. And first, it will please your Hienes and honourable Estates heir presentlie conveyened be informed, that we are heir a number of the Ministers out of all the parts of this kingdome; and that the Bishops have protested, since our coming, to a great manie of us, that nothing fould be agreed upon, or consented to, by them in this present Parliament in maters concerning the wholl Kirk, the Discipline and Order therof, without our speciall knowledge and advyse; affirming also, that neither they nor we have power of consent in anie innovation, or smallest change of the Order of our Kirk established, without speciall advyse and determination of the Generall Affemblic, representing the bodie of the Kirk of the kingdome, had therunto. Wherupon we, resting in securitie, have received now a sudden report, to our great astonishment, of ane Article to pas in conclusion, and to receive the force of a law in this present Parliament, decerning and declaring, " That your Majestie, with advyse of the Archbishops, Bishops, and such a competent number of the Ministrie as your Majestie out of your wisdom fall think expedient, fall in all tyme coming have full power to advise and conclude in all maters decent for the externall Policie of the Kirk, not repugnant to the Word of God; and that such conclusions fall have the strength and power of Ecclesiasticall lawes." Wherin it will please your Majestie and honorable Estates to heare our

juſt greeves, and conſider our reaſonable deſire, and not to put us, your Maſteſtie's humble and loving ſubjects, to that poore and ſimple point of Proteſtation, which, if remedie be not provydit, we muſt be forced to uſe for the freedome of our Kirk, and diſcharge of our conſcience.

We then firſt pleade reformation and puritie in our Kirk, in Doctrine, in miniftration of the Sacraments, in Diſcipline, and all convenient Order, with the beſt reformed Kirks in Europe, which may ſtand, and have been acknowledged rather as a paterne to be followed of others, than that we ſould ſeeke our reformation from anie that never attained to that perfection, which in the mercie of God this long tyme bygone, under your Hienes, we have enjoyed, and are able by reaſone to maintaine the ſame.

Nixt, We pleade the libertie of our Kirk, which by the lawes of your Maſteſtie's kingdome, and diverſe Acts of Parliaments given furth in favour of the ſame, is eſtabliſhed, with power of publiſt meetings and Generall Affemblies, and allowance to make ſuch Canons and Conſtitutions as may ſerve for the comelie order and decencie of the ſame; all which, by this concluſion to be taken, muſt be utterlie overthrowne.

Thridlie, We pleade for the peace and tranquillitie of our Kirk, which, being neereſt the Divyne and Apoſtolicke inſtitution, hath flouriſhed without ſhifms or rentings in it ſelfe; and by introduction of anie noveltie, not orderlie, nor as appertaineth, may be miſerable rent, and our peace broken.

Fourthlie, We have beene at diverſe tymes ſufficientlie ſecured from all ſuſpicion of innovation, as by your Maſteſtie's letter the laſt winter ſent down to this countrie, to take away all feare of anie alteration which might ariſe upon your Maſteſtie's lovinglie intended journey; which letter, by your Maſteſtie's ſpeciall will, and direction of the ſpecialls of your Maſteſtie's Counſell, is elſewhere intimated in our pulpits. As alſo, by that proclamation given out the 26th day of September 1605, when rumours of ane intended conformitie with the Kirk of England was ſpread abroad: Wherin your Maſteſtie ſufficientlie avoyded all ſuch ſuſpicion; and the hearts of all honeſt men ſettled themſelves in a confidence, that noe ſuch thing ſould be attempted.

Theſe, and manie other Reaſons, have moved us, in all reverence, by

this our humble Supplication, to intreate your Hienes and honorable Eftates, not to fuffer the fornamed Article, nor anie other prejudiciall to our liberties formerlie granted, to paffe at this tyme, to the greefe and prejudice of this our poore Kirk, wherby the univerfall joy of manie thousands in this land, who rejoiced at your Majestie's happie arriving heir, fall be turned into murning. Wherein as we are earnest Supplicants to God, to inclyne your Majestie's heart this way, as the most expedient for the honour of God, and the weill of the subjects; fo, if we fall be frustrate of this our reasonable desire, then doe we in all humilitie, with that duetifull acknowledgement of our loyaltie to your Majestie as becomes, protest for our felfs, and all our Brethren that fall adhere to our Protestation; that as we are frie of the same, fo must we be forced rather to incurre the censure of your Majestie's law, than to admitt or obtemper anie imposition that fall not flow from the Kirk orderlie convened, having power of the same.

[M. ARCHIBALD SYMSON, Minister of Dalkeith,
in name of the Brethren and Supplicants.]

THE NAMES OF THESE WHO SUBSCRIBED IN THE ROLL, JUNE 27, 1617.

MASTERS Patrik Galloway, Johne Hall, Andro Ramfay, William Struthers, Robert Scott, Jhone Balfoure, Robert Colvine, Thomas Sydferfe, Henrie Blyth, George Grier, Jhone Aird, James Burnet, Archibald Symfone, William Black, Simeon Jhonson, William Arthure, William Weemes, George Dumbare, Jhone Scrimgeour, James Inglis, William Knox, Jhone Smith, Michael Wallace, Patrik Shaw, Johne Alexander, Robert Murray, Charles Lumisdaine, Patrik Hammiltoun, David Calderwode, Johne Ker, Walter Whytforde, Jhone Chalmers, James Porteous, Luke Sonfie, James Lamb, William Guild, William Dowglas, Jhone Merfer, George Chalmers, James Robertfone, Henrie Livingstoun, Jhone Cheisley, Francis Collace, William Justice, Jhone Weymes, Alexander Forrest, William Jamifone, Alexander Keith, Andro Balfour, Robert Rough, Robert Hæresse, Theodore Hay, Adam Simfone, James Frenche, William Scott (a minister in the West).

CCCXVIII.—MR ARCHIBALD SYMSON, MINISTER OF DALKEITH, TO
THE COURT OF HIGH COMMISSION, IN JULY 1617.

[Of those Ministers who approved the Protestation, here printed as No. CCCXVII., Symson, Calderwood, and Hewat, as the persons who had taken the chief share in proposing or urging its adoption, were summoned before the Court of High Commission, on the 12th of July. Symson being unable to attend the meeting, had addressed the Archbishop and Bishops in the following letter. “The Bishop of St Androes was so enraged at this letter, that he delivered it to the King, whereupon two of the garde were directed to bring him to St Androes, which was done with diligence. He was deprived, and ordained to be wardit in Aberdeenc.” Hewat having also adhered to the Protestation, was confined in Dundee. The harsher sentence of banishment was pronounced on Calderwood, who records at great length in his History these proceedings, and the unsuccessful exertions made by his friends to have his own sentence remitted, (vol. vii. p. 257—283.) Four of the Ministers of Edinburgh, Hall, Galloway, Struthers, and Ramsay, were afterwards sent for; but they “craving his Majestic’s favour, on their knees, and acknowledging the offence they had committed, gott a kisse of the King’s hand.”]

Cum mihi, reverendissimi Domini et Patres, præ colica passione quam ex itinere infueto præfertim maritimo, contraxi, ad diem indictum convenire non licuerit, hanc epistolam excufatoriam quam dictitavi, admittite. Novi nullum inter vos me odiffe, neque quenquam vestrum odi, sed colui et dilexi: Causa tantum nos distinguit. Ego iterum atque iterum testatus sum, Conventionem illam Fratrum legitimam fuisse, vobis etiam consentientibus, protestationem omnibus omnium generum liberam in re æqua ex lege Canonica permiffam: unde nos ab omnibus etiam adversariis, Protestantes dicimur. Petrus Euartus scripsit, ego subscripsi, jam referibo; neuter in hoc peccavit, neque quemvis Fratrum assentientium aut pœnitet, aut pudet: et ut vere dicam, eruditissimi hujus regni Pastores, reliquique omnes qui manum non admoverunt, unanimi consensu has imponendas Ceremonias execrantur. Videte, mi Patres, quid sit novam rupturam, priore vix de vobis ipsis composita, in Ecclesia facere. Enixe precor Deum, et Regiam sacram Majestatem moneatis, ne subitanea hac impositione novitatis, ferenitatem Scoticanæ

in se charitatis obnubilet, et ne vos, tanquam primarios hujus Anglicanæ conformitatis administratos, mutatis mutandis more Anglicano, publico omnium ordinum odio, ne dicam, ludibrio exponat. Non dicam cum Paulo, confundantur; sed Eliensi curru in cœlos efferantur, qui nos perturbant. Redeant hi Anglici Episcopi et Diaconi, et suis tricis se oblectent; nos Christiana puritate et unitate gaudeamus. Quod si huic meæ admonitioni non assenseritis, (quod absit), ego, cum Marco Attilio Regulo, Carthaginem repetiturus, et, ne superbe infulem, liberrime in ipsis carceribus, si vultis victurus, et vitam hanc jam ferme finitam terminare, si Deus velit constitui. Si quid aliud vultis, detur huic tabellario, egoque die mihi prescripto, si pro valetudine possum, comparabo. Valete.

Vestri Amantissimus in Christo,

A. SYMSONUS.

Reverendissimo Domino et Patri Archiepiscopo Andreapolitano, cæterisque Episcopis.

CCCXIX.—LORD BINNING TO KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOUERANE,

The Commissioners of Parlement¹ for Plantation of Churches² haue convened, and concluded that the cuntrie fall be quartered; that since the Archibishop of Santandros is absent, and so not reddie to

¹ The first part of this letter refers to various affairs wholly unconnected with Church matters. In the Melros Papers, the letter has been placed under the year 1616, but it evidently belongs to 1617.

² In the Act referred to, "Anent the Plantatioun of Kirkis," which was passed in the Parliament held by his Majesty at Edinburgh, on the 28th June 1617, the names of the Commissioners are specified.—(Acta Parl. Scot. vol. iv. p. 531).

tak the first terme, which is the moneth of Nouember, that that moneth fall be affigned for the Kirkis of the Diocefes of Glasgou, Galloway, and Argyle. The moneth of December is appoynted for the Kirkis of the Diocefes of Santandrois, Dunkell, and Dumblane. Januar is prefixed for Brechin, Aberdene, and Murray. Februar for Ros, Caithnes, Orknay, and the Iles.

Summondis ar presentlie formed, and to be sent blank to evrie one of the Bifchoppis, to caufe execute aganis the poffeffoures of the rentis of the particular Kirkis and vtheris, pretending rightis to the frutes thair-of, and the Minifters ferving the cures, if any be, for fetling the ftipendis be thair aduyce and confent, or failzeing thairof, as the Commiffionars fall think reasonable.

Places and tymes ar appoynted for the Commiffionars frequent meittings, efter the first of Nouember; and becaus the attendance vpon the Seffion and Counfall will many tymes impeid the meiting of fik as ar of that number, it is concluded, that thefe who ar not Seffionars or Counfallours fall be fet to particular taskis, to deale with the pairties intereffed in particular Kirkis, and fall mak report of thair trauels and fuceffe to the whole number oukklie, vpon the Monndayes, Wednidayes, and Frydayes, for furtherance of the gude difpatche of the buffines, and efchewing of the trouble of the Commiffionars and pairties be long and vnneceffar attendance.

The Lord Gordon has renewed his promeis to be anfuerable for Geichtis conformitie. So, humblie begging pardon for this longfum interruption of your Maiefties greatar affaires, I pray God to extend the courfe of your Maiefties lyfe, health, and happines to the vttermoft period and perfection of humane felicitie.

Your moft Sacred Maiefties moft humble, faithfull,
and bund feruant,

BINNING.

Edinburgh, 21 Auguft [1617.]

To the Kingis moft Sacred Maieftie.

CCCXX.—THE BISHOP OF MURRAY TO KING JAMES.

SACRED SOVERAINE.—MAY IT PLEAS YOUR MOST EXCELLENT MAIESTIE,

Calling to remembrance your Hienes bountifulnes and wnderfervit favour towards me at all tymes, and now laitly at your Maiefies laft being in Sanctandrous, in granting me the gift of that ten thousand merkis, be this Lord Spynies efchett and lyverent fallin in your Hienes hands: I thocht good to fchave your Maiefty, that, in the gift of that lyvrent difponit to the Lord Spyneis effect, the Bifchop of Rofs is donatour; and forder, that, in the fame gift difponit to him, ther is contenit the richt of the haill benefices of the Dyocie off Murray, expres aganes your Maiefteis intentioun, quhilk was evir to have keepit them in your Hienes avin hand. Quhairanent your Maieftie directit ane letter to the Lords off Seffioun, difchairing them to admitt ony prefentatioun proceeding from the Lord of Spynie; togidder with your Hienes vther letter to my felf, difchairing me to giff ony admiiffioun vpone ony prefentatioun proceeding from the Lord of Spynie; quhilk directioun I have contenowaly obeyit, and hes tain prefentatiounes from your Maiefteis felf ftill to this hour, as ony benefices in Murray hapnit to waik: fo that your Hienes is yit ftill in poffeffioun: Heirfor will humblie intreat your Maieftie direct your Hienes miffive to the Bifchop off Rofs, requiring him no to midle with the richt off thais benefices, bot that they may be retein it in your Maiefteis avin hand. Nixt, that he imped nocht me in obtining my declaratour in obtening that ten thousand merkis, as he vill be anfuerable to your Maieftie. Also, that your Maieftie will wreat ane letter to my Lord Cancellar, to try gif thais benefices of Murray be contenit within that gift difponit to the Bifchop of Rofs; and being found thair, that my Lord Cancellar and Counfall ftay ony proces at the Bifchop of Rofs or ony mans instance thairanent, bot that theas benefices be retein it in your Maiefteis avin hand for your Hienes avin libertie, as it vas ever your Hienes intentioun. And forder, to defyr my Lord Cancellar to grant me ane declaratour vpone your Hienes gift of that ten thousand merkis with all poffible diligence, and that

without respect of that first gift grantit to the Bifchop of Rofs, becaus I heave reasit the first fummonds off declaratour, and becaus my gift is signat with your Maieftis avin hand, and the first nocht. It may pleas your Maieftie caus direct ane vther letter to my Lord Prefident to the same effect, and to be my freind in all my wther lauffull aëtionés. Your Maieftis laft letter to Mr William Oliphant, your Hienes Advocat, to compeir for me in the perfute of that declaratour as is his office, and as he will pleafour your Maieftie.

Thir fignificatiounes of your Maieftis cair towardis me will obtéin me favour, and mak me lefs impediment. Laft, it will pleas your Maieftie, the Juftices of Peace they ar werie flaw in your Maieftis ferwice; your Maieftis letter wreitit to me, with threatningis to them, will incitt them to fum greater diligence, wthervayis this contrey will go fchortlie lowfs. This vifching your Maieftie all helthe and happines in this lyff, and eternitie therof heirefter, I maift humblie commend your Maieftie to the Lord's eternall proteëtioun.

Your Maieftis maift humble and affectionat ferwitour,

Elgen, 5 September 1617.

AL. B. OFF MURRAYE.

Pleas your Maieftie, the Earle of Murray is verie troublefum to me, becaus I will nocht hurt the Churche, bot laubouris to the teyndis at libertye, quherof I thocht goode to foirfe your Maieftye. I haife your Maieftes letter alredy in the contrair.

To his most Excellent Maieftye.

CCCXXI.—THE BISHOP OF GALLOWAY TO KING JAMES.

MOST GRATIOUS AND SACRED SOUERAINE,

Please your Hienes, I haue as yet done no fervice in the Chappell, except the baptifing of John Murray his fonne, where the organes

and musitians, four on everie part, men and boyes, agreit in pleafant harmonic, to the contentment of all, becaus they vnderstood what wes foug. The organes hes bene too commonlie vifited, the organift shew me that the fpakes that raifes the bellowes had bene somewhat vnfkilfullie vfed be ignorant people. I shew it to my Lord Chancellor, who hes commanded to keep them more cairfullie, yet the myce and duft of the houle will do them evill if convenient coverings be not provyded for them in tyme. For this your Maieftie wilbe pleafed giue direktion to the Thefaurar; as alfo for intertenment of the Organift, who can both mak and mend, and play vpon them in ordour, for the rent present the Chappell hes will fcarfe fustene the Prebendaries that ar, except the Lordis help to restore the living that hes bene taken from it, as I hope they will. As for me, I fee no appearance of a loodging allowed for me; four chalmers ar offred me, wherein a man may not poffible turne a halbert: they can not conteine the half of my familie, and fome of them wanting chimneyes, can not be for studentis. How the rest of the houfes ar difponed, your Maieftie will learne of others better nor of me. Neither key of Chappell nor organe loft is committed to me. I wryt no thing be way of complaint, bot that your Maieftie, vnderftanding how matters ar, may giue direktion as best pleafes your Hienes. Sen everie Minister of the countrey hes a manse at his Kirk, I think your Maiefties will fhalbe, that your Hienes Deane haue one alfo, either within or without, convenient for his eftait. Otherway hard to me to wait vpon dailie fervice there. Bot referring all to your Maiefties good pleafure, I humblie tak my leaue, and refts

Your Maiefties humble feruant,
and dailie oratour,

WILLIAM BISHOP OF GALLOWAY.

Cannogait, September 15, 1617.

To his Maieftie.

CCCXXII.—MR PATRICK GALLOWAY, ONE OF THE MINISTERS OF
EDINBURGH, TO KING JAMES.

PLEASE YOUR GRACIOUS MAIESTIE,

I receavid your Maiesties letter, fchowing the repourtis made of me to your Maiestie be suche persons, and willing and requyring me, vnder my hand, to certifie your Maiestie of my mind in these Articles, which your Maiestie defyred to be receavid into this Church.

As to the reporteris, certanelie I admire what fould haue moved thame to repourt to your Maiestie that which was passèd bot in priuat betuix ws; for, fpeaking with thame of some particulares, I fchow to thame simply my opinione, to know thair judgement thairin; bot I neuer said to any of thame that ather I was vnrefolued, or throughly refolued, into these Articles, bot was to informe myself in tyme of euerie poynt of thame, and to doe according to my knowlege to informe otheris. And as to my awin mynd in euerie one of these Articles, this is it, Ser; bot with most humble protestatioune:—

I. That I trewly fett down to your Maiestie what I think of thame, being readie, vpon better informatione frome your Maiestie, to amend what is amisse.

II. That this is my awin privat opinione keepit with myself, and yit vncommunicat to any man, and send to your Maiestie first to vndergoe your Maiesties censure.

III. That what I wryte, it is frome a afald mynd, readie to help fordward your service, so far as my knowlege and credite may reache: and thairfoir wold be the more favourable accepted, and able to procure of your Maiestie, that, as your Maiestie hath done before to me, so your Maiestie wold now put to your hand to pen, and send me your particular informatione and warrand of these Articles, which I may embrace and follow; for thay ar Articles which I neuer thought necessar to tak paines in to know thame, till I heard your Maiestie propone thame as thocht meete be your Maiestie to be embraced be ws.

I. As to the first Article, Of Confirmatione: I think it is sufficiently sett down in the last General Assemblie at Aberdeene, and needs no more bot to be put in practise.

II. As to the nixt Article, Of Holy Dayis: of Christ our Saviouris nativitie, passione, refurrectione ascensione, and comming of the Holy Spirit, to be keepid with preaching, prayar, prayse, &c.; I think it the more indifferent, becaus I reide that Augustine comptis it among Apof-tolik traditions, and observid be all Kirkis, (Lib. Epist. Epist. 118;) and fundry Reformed Kirkis vses it, both in Germany and Swisserland, as thair dominicall sermons on these dayis, printed testifies.

Bot with us the same will seeme more hard to be embraced; becaus hitherto we have beene frie of thame, keeping only the Lordis day, and on it preaching (I am assured) sufficientlie of Christ's nativitie, passione, refurrectione, and ascensione, and comming of the Haly Spirit, almost in all our sermons; and it will be hard to sett vp a weeke day for thame whilk will not be abused be superstition and surfet; and the pastors will be more busied in declameing against abuses, nor in preaching of Christis gospel. I schew in my priuat talking with Doctour Young, that give when these dayis fell on a weeke day, thay sould be referrid to the nixt Lordis day (as the Councill of Nice concludit concerning the day of the celebratioune of the Lordis Supper), and the ministrie ordayned to change thair ordinary textis, and mak that the subiect of thair doctrine that day: it wold appeare that your Maiesties desyre wer reasonably satisfied.

III. As to the thrid Article, Of Baptisme, to be ministred at all tymes to these that craifes it: I think it sould be graunted; and betuix funne and funne, in day time, to be denyed to nane quho is a knowin honest persone of that flocke. Bot to grant Baptisme in priuat houfes, and vnder silence of night, to such as craife it (if this be the Articles meaning), wer to confirme the opinione of absolute necessitie of Baptisme, which is dangerous, and to doe as our Church wer vnder persecutione; when as we inioy pace vnder your gracious Maiestie to doe the workis of the ministrie in publick, in day light, and at all occasiouns.

III. As to the ferd Article, Of the celebratiōne of the Lord's Supper in priuat houfes, to perfons craueing it: I think it may be graunted, bot not abfolutely (for then euerie wyfe moft haue it before ſhe come to church from her chyld bed, and euerie headach muſt haue the communion before it come to the calſay; and that graunted to one, moſt be commoun to otheris, or the paſtor falbe exclamed on as a reſpecter of perfons; in end, the Sacrament fall become of ſo ſmall accompt in publiſt, as few fall be had to celebrat the remembrance of the Lordis dead, in the publiſt aſſemblies of the Church, whairupon arroſe, of old, the celebratiōne of priuat meſſis), bot according to that inſtance which I hard your Maieſtie give of your old ſervand, Johne Bog, that is, if ane knawin honeſt man, vpright in the religioun, haue keepid houſe or bed for a yeere or tuo, and is vnable through age and ſeeknes to reſort to the church, then he earneſtly craifing it for the confirmatiōne of his fayth, in the affurance of the remiffiōun of his fynns and lyfe euerlaſting, I think it might be graunted to him, ſome reaſonable number of his honeſt nighbouris accompanying him thairat, with his miniſter.

V. As to the fyft Article, Of receaving the Lordis Supper kneeling: Trewlie, Ser, I wolde faine be informed of your Maieſtie, how I might doe it myſelf? how I might informe otheris to doe ſo? and how, be reaſone, I might meete and mend otheris who ar of contrary mynd? And as for my awin opiniōne heerin, I think as yit that the beſt forme of taking it is, as we do, fitting; becauſ, firſt, Chriſt our Lord did ſo: he had a table, (Luk. 22. 21; and vers 14), ſat down with the tuelf to celebrat the ſupper; and Chriſtis actiōne ſould be our inſtitutiōne. And the Apoſtle's rule is, (1 Cor. 11. 1), "Be ye followaris of me as I am of Chriſt;" and, (vers 23), "I haue receavid of the Lord that which I haue delyverid vnto yow;" ſo following ſimply the praſtiſe of the Lord in the celebratiōun of the Sacrament.

Nixt, Prayar and prayſe going immediatly before the actiōun, and following immediatly after the actiōun, with kneeling: it appearis moſt ſeemly that the actiōun itſelf ſould be according to the cuſtome vſed in ſuch actiōuns, and that is, to eate and drink fitting, and as communicantis with our Lord, to rejoyſe with him at his table.

Thridly, The Churches Apostolik, and such as followid after thame, till the yeere 1215, neuer vsed, as I can reid, Kneeling at the receaving of the Communion, till Pope Innocentius 3, at Lateran, decreed Tranffubstantiatione of the elementis in the Sacrament. And after him Pope Honorius 3, the yeere 1220, decreed that the elementis shold be lifted vp be the Preeft, adored be the people, and keepid in a box, and on the box shold be this inscriptioun:—

“ Hic Deum adora: item, flecte genu: pixis hic venerabilis hospite Christo.”

And Doctor Sutliue [Sutcliffe], a learnid and graye divine, contra Bellarminum de Ceremoniis Missæ, sayis, (fol. 99, 100, 101,) “ Omnes hæ ceremoniæ ex recentiorum Missalium formulis autoritatem et originem habent.” Then he enumberis amongis the rest, “ Et coram eis genuflexiones.

“ Item, nusquam certe legimus genua flectenda esse coram Sacramento, nisi in missalibus et libris ritualibus.

“ Item, nihil turpius quam genua coram Sacramento flectere.

“ Item, nusquam legimus inclinationem corporis et genuum incurvationem coram Sacramento indicium esse; humilitatis aut aliquos viros sanctos aut pios se coram Sacramento panis aut calicis dominici vel corpora sua inclinasse.”

And Bellarmine, a man as seemis mightie for Tranffubstantiatione, wreittis, (lib. 4. cap. 30,) “ De Eucharistia melius discunt rudiores in Eucharistiæ Sacramento vere esse Christum præsentem; et proinde falsam esse hæreticorum doctrinam ex publica adoratione totius ecclesiæ, et honore illo eximio qui huic Sacramento exhibetur, quam ex multis concionibus.” And thairfoir in another place, he sayis, “ Non potest carere suspicione Idololatriæ capere Eucharistiam genuflexione, nisi concedatur Tranffubstantiatio.”

Thus, I haue simply obeyed your Majesties command, in setting down my opinioun of these Articles, which I beseeche your Majestie to accept in good part, and to amend whair any thing is amisse, be your loveing informatione; remembering how, according to knowlege and abilitie, I have followid your Maiestie before, and is now als readie to follow as

uer I was (whatfoeuer repointis be made be otheris of me); and fall Godwilling, according to my knowlege, follow the fame courſe to the end: And thairfoir needis bot informatione and confirmatione, that I may proceed; quhich nowe I attend.

Pardone me now, Ser, to renew my requeaſt for your Maieſties præcept to your Theſaurer to pas my Sonns gift, which ſo lovingly your Maieſties ſelf hath paſſed; and to beſeeche your Maieſtie, in any reportis that fall be made of me, to keepe ane eare free for my anſure, whilk will incourage me to goe on in the ſervice of ſo loving a maifter, So, humble taking my leeſe, I recommend your Maieſties ſacred perſone, familie and eſtate, to the bleſſing and proteſtioun of God.

Frome Edinburgh, this 5 off Nouember, the day
of your Maieſties moſt gracious delyuerance
from the Gunnpoulder treafone of conſpyred
Papiſts: 1617.

Your Maieſties awine old and truſtie ſeruitour,

M. P. GALLOUAY.

To his Maieſtie.

CCCXXIII.—LORD BINNING TO KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOUERANE,

I thought no meane ſo fit to mak your Maieſties gude pleaſour and expres command to your Counſall and principall officers to hald hand to the approbation of the approcheing Generall Affemblic of theſe Articles proponed be your Maieſtie, being in this cuntrie, in Churche maters, knowne to the Counſall as be publiſt reading of your Maieſties letter in Counſall;¹ which thay all acknouledged ſo wyſe and juſt, as thay

¹ The King's letter is not preserved. In the Register of Privy Council, we find the

with hairtie consent all promiseid to aduance it to thair vttermoft, and not onlie to withdraw thair fauour and countenance from any who fould oppose thame selfis, bot also to concur with the Prelats in the punishment of such as thay fould find wourthie of cenfure, which I am perfuaded thay will duellie performe.

Vpon the first of this moneth we conuened, to giue beginning to the Commiffion for Plantation of the Churches; bot the most pairt of the Commiffionaris being absent, we wer forced to continow the dyet to the fevint, and directed fummair chairges of horning agains these who wer absent, and not lawfullie excused; bot thay ar since cum to this towne in fufficient number to keip the day appoynted, and as thay fall proceid your Maiestie fall be aduerteifed.

The Commiffionars of the Rentis haue had before thame the vnder reffauers of the custumes at the feuerall portis of this kingdome, and haue appoynted thame to vplift the custumes to your Maiesties vse, intending to mak feuerall takkis thairof, if thay fall heirefter find responfall

following Act for proclamation of the General Assembly to be held on the 25th of November at St Andrews.

Apud Edinburgh quarto Novembris 1617.

CHANCELLAIR.	BINNING.	RIDHOUS.
THESAURAIR.	PREUIE SEAL.	CURRIEHILL.
B. S ^t ANDROIS.	THESAURAIR DEPUTE.	MARCHISTON.
B. GLASGU.	JUSTICE CLERK.	S ^r ROBERT DENNIESTON.
LOTHEANE.	ADVOCAT.	

Forsamekle as the Kingis Maiestie for some speciall considerationnis concerning the glorie of God and the decent and comelie [ordour] and government in the Kirk has thocht meete [and expedient, commandit] and ordanit that thair salbe ane Generall Assemblie haldin and keipit in the Citie of S^t Androis, and sall begin, Godwilling, vpoun the xxv day of November instant. Thairfoir the Lordis of Secreit Counsell ordainis letters to be direct chargeing officiariis of armes to pas and mak Proclamatioun hereof be oppin proclamatioun at all placeis neidfull that nane pretend ignorance of the same. And to warne all Archibischoppis, Bischoppis, and Commissionaris for the said Assemblie, and otheris haueing voit and place thairin, That thay addresse thame selfis in dew and laughfull tyme to the Citie of S^t Androis agane the day foirsaid, and thair attend and await vpon the said Assemblie. As thay will ansuer vpon the contrair at their highest perrell.

pairties who will offer profittable condicions for thame to your Maieftie ; and becaus none can be tryed to mak any gud offer for the Impoft, thay ar in hope to get thame fo exactlie vplifted, as your Maieftie fall haue the full commoditie thairof, with leffe loffe this year, nor if thay fould haue yeilded to ane tak, with diminution of your Maiefties accuftumed rental thairof.

The Burrowes haue fent thair Commiffionars to this towne to confult vpon the motion of transport of our natiue commodities in cuntrie bot-tomes, with prohibition to ftrangers fo long as thair is any of oure owne fchippis to ferue: thay ar to exhibit thair ouuertures thairanent the next oulk, which fall be fent to your Maieftie with diligence.

The Generall Affemblic is proclaimed to be kept at Santandrois the 25 of this moneth, whairin wifhing your Maieftie contentment, and per-tyte happines in all your vther royall diffeins and affaires, I reft,

Your moft Sacred Maiefties moft humble,
faithfull, and bund feruant,

Edinburgh, 7 Nouember [1617.]

BINNING.

To the Kingis moft Sacred Maieftie.

CCCXXIV.—THE PROVOST AND BAILLIES OF EDINBURGH TO
KING JAMES.

MOST GRATIOUS AND DREAD SOVERANE,

Such hes beine the continuate courfe of your Maiefties royall favouris extendit towardis ws, your Maiefties meanest fubiectes, that ilk day hes beine ane meffinger to ws of fum new blis iffewing frome that rich fontaine of your Maiefties royall wifdome and guidnes, for the quhillk, as we acknowledge our felffis infinitlie bund, with all intentione of our affectiounes, to become your Maiefties beidfmen, for continuance of your Maiefties thryfe happie and prosperous reigne over ws and our

posteritie, so ar we emboldned, in all our wantis, to haue recourse to that same welspring thence to be supplied of quhat is defectiue: And now, being sensible of no defect more then of ane sufficient number of Pastoures to wndergo the Ministrie of Gods word within this Brugh, we ar againe to become maist humble supplicantis to your Sacred Maiestie for Mr Patrik Forbes, Laird of Corfs, Minister at [Keith¹], ane learned Pastor, weill knawin to your Maiestie, and approwin to the revrend Prelatis of our Church, for his rair gift of preaching, his peaceble and unspotted lyffe, and conformitie in all poyntis, maist humblie entreatting your Sacred Maiestie to grant to ws the said Mr Patrik to be ane of our ordinar Pastouris; and to that effect, be your Royall mandate, to giue directioun to your Maiesties reverend Prelatis, and vtheres Commissionaris of the Nationall Affembly, to be haldin at St Andrewis vpon the twentieth fyft day of November instant, for his transplantatione, and satisfieing our so just and necessar desyres, quhilk, as they proceid frome these quho dois lewell all their aymes to the increas of trew pietye and obedience to your Sacred authoritie, so we houpe they falbe shrowded wnder the wyngis of your Royall favour. Our necessitie is knawin to none better then to your Sacred Maiestie, nor how much it importeth not onlie ws in particular, bot mucche more your Maiestie, and the hail Realme, that fuche be planted heir quha may schyne as lampes for puritie, not onlie of doctrine, bot of lyffe and conversatione: In the quhilk number this Pastor being reckoned amangis the first, and haveing thair of, now thir many yeiris, gewin sufficient pruiff, withe als much confidence as necessitie, we flie to your Sacred Maiestie, for your Royall assent and approbation of our so necessarie and godlie suite: Quhilk, as we humblie submit to your Maiesties wyse and faorable iudgement, nocht wisching to breath langer then in the score of your Maiesties accompts we be fund fuche as we pretend: Swa craveing pardone for interrupting your Maiesties mair serious effairis, and praying the Eternall, our God, for increas of your Maiesties Royall estait, and continuance of your health

¹ The name is left blank in the MS. Forbes was settled in the parish of Keith, Aberdeenshire, in the year 1611. In January 1618, he was nominated to the Bishoprick of Aberdeen.

and lyffe to be extendit to the lenth of nature, we maift humblie tak our leave, and fall ewer rest

Your Maieftes maift humble and loyall fubie&ctis, The Proveft and Baillies of your Maiefties guid toune of Edinburgh,

WILLIAME NISBETT, Prouefft.

ALEXANDER PEIRSONE, Baillie.

JAMES AINSLIE, Baillie.

DAVID RICHARDSONE, Baillie.

JAMES DALZELL, Baillie.

Edinburgh, the xj November 1617.

To his Sacred Maieftie.

CCCXXV.—LORD BINNING TO KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOUERANE,

My former letters told that the Archibifchop of Santandris his going to Fyffe, for preparation of the Generall Affemblic, had discontinued oure proceeding in the Commiffion for Plantation of Churches, whill the firft of December; befuydes the appeirance that the Seffion fould be interrupted during the Affemblic, in refpect of that number of ordinar Seffionars, which is appoynted to affift your Maiefties Commiffionar at that meiting.

The Counfall, obeying your Maiefties dire&ction, wrait fyftene dayes ago to all thefe of your Counfall or Seffion, whom your Maieftie ordained to be at the Affemblic; and in particular to the Erle of Montrois, defigned Commiffionar be your Maieftie, to keip the prefixed tyme.

This day my Lord Chancelar reflaued ane letter from him, bearing, that, albeit he be moft willing to ferue your Maieftie in all that can be inoynded to him, yet his indifpofition is fo great as he can not be able to

trauell, nor ferue at this tyme in that chairge; which, being communicat be my Lord Chancelar to the Erle of Mar, and sum vthers of your Maiesties Councell, we presentlie wrait to him earnestlie desyring that, all excuses fet afyde, he sould accept and discharge that Commiffion, which your Maiestie had trusted to him; and with the lyke diligence, wrait to my Lord of Santandrois of the Earl of Montrois his excufe, and of our desyre to know his opinion, what wes fittest to be done for your Maiesties satisfaction, and performance of your Maiesties intentions, whose speidie anfuere we expect; and what shall be resolued and done heirintill shall with all convenient celeritie be signified to your Maiestie. So, prayeing God long to prosper and preferue your Maiestie in all wished contentment, I rest,

Your most Sacred Maiesties most humble, faithfull,
and bund subiect and seruant,

BINNING.

Edinburgh, 20 of Nouember,
at night [1617.]

To the Kingis most Sacred Maiestie.

CCCXXVI.—LORD BINNING TO KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOUERANE,

In the Affemblic now dissolued, nothing wes proponed bot the Articles sent be your Maiestie. Ane great pairt of the Ministers wer fo wilfullie inclyned to haue the hail differred at this tyme, to the effect thay might haue laiser and opportunitie, be reiding the Fathers and Counsals, to resolue, if with gude conscience, and without scandall of inconstancie to the Kirk and thamefelfis, thay might yeild to the alterations and nouelties which thay imagined the Articles to imply, that it wes verie difficill to my Lordis of Santandrois, Glasgo, and remanent

Bifchops, affifted be the wyfeft and learnedeft of the Miniftrie and your Maiefties Commiffioners, to induce the difordered multitude and thair leiders, to determine vpon any particular; and fo being driven to the extremitie aither to diffolue the Affembly without any maner of progres, and with manifefte diffenfion, or to mak vfe of the beft expedient the tyme could produce in the determination of fume of the Articles, all the beft affected to your Maiefties feruice thocht it expedient to accept what wifdome and authoritie could gayne at this tyme, and leive the reft vnder hope and promeis of fatisfaction at the neixt Affembly; and fo the Article of geuing the Communion to the impotent and dangeroullie feik in thair privat houfes, and deliuerie of the elements owt of the Minifters handis to the people at the publick celebration, being obtained, in fuch maner as the formed Articles to be fent to your Maieftie, be my Lord of Santandris, beares: When the Article of the Holie Dayes wes of new vrged, the defyre of delay wes fo vniuerfall in that and the reft of the Propofitions, that the Bifchops wer forced, for feare of ane direct refusall, to yeild to the continuation, vpon promeis maid be the moft pairt of the pretended Precifians, that thay wald vfe all poffible endeouors to prepare thame felfis, with confent of thair well informed flockis, to give your Maieftie fatisfaction at the nixt Affembly. My Lord of Santandris feare of your Maiefties offence be delay of your fo iuft and godlie defyres, maid him fo paffionatlie infant, as he could feircelie be induced be any perfuafion to accept any dowlfull or dilatorie anfuer, and moued him to threaten thame with your Maiefties refolution to ordane be actis and penall proclamations aganis the contravenars, to haue all thefe Articles vndelayedlie obeyed, fchawing to thame how difgracefull it wald be to the Kirk of Scotland, in the iugement of all the Reformed Churches in Europe, that our ignorant and obftinat refusall of fo godlie and lauffull Propofitions, fould force your Maieftie, be your Christian authoritie, to compell thame to do that which thair duetie fould haue moued thame to embrace, with thankfull acknowledgement of your Maiefties caire to haue the abufes of oure Church Discipline reformed, and rightlie conformed to the vniuerfall order of all the reft of the true Christian Churches in Europe. Bot the reft, thinking the delay, with affured hope of fatisfaction, les hurtfull nor ane abrupt and contra-

dictorie diffolution, which we all most humbly wish that your Maiestie may graciously allow, since we are confidently persuaded that the next meeting shall give your Maiestie contentment, especially if your Maiestie grace the next Assembly with Commissioners of greater sufficiency and authority; albeit I may affirm and hope the Bishops will testify that these who were at this time employed wanted no good will to give their best concurrence. So, wishing to your Maiestie many happy years, that we may enjoy the constant fruits of your most prudent and gracious reign, I rest

Your most Sacred Maiesties most humble, faithful,
and obedient subject and servant,

Santandrois, 28th Nouemb.
at night [1617.]

BINNING.

CCCXXVII.—THE ARCHBISHOPS AND BISHOPS TO KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED AND MOST GRACIOUS SOVERAIGNE,

Albeit we understand the Secretary will give your Maiestie advertisement of the proceedings of this Assembly, yet we consider that it is our duty to give your Maiestie an account of our service; which can not be done so particularly at this time in regard of the haste of this packet, as we trust the same shall be the Archbishop of St Andrews himself in that message, which he will send within some few days: *Only this far, Sir, we may say, that we have left nothing undone that lay in us, to have your Maiesties Articles passed with consent of the whole; and thought we have done little, yet a way is made to all, and the same will be more easily effectuated at another time,*¹ that we have fought this combat with the opposites, who have, in the hearing of many, tried their own weakness in argument and reasoning. The Earl of Montrose his absence, who excuses himself

¹ This letter is in the handwriting of the Archbishop of St Andrews: the words printed in italics are underlined in the original, and marked in the margin, as 1, 2, 3, apparently by a different hand.

by feiknes, did ws great hurt. The place wes supplyit be the Secretary, my Lord Carnegy, the Thesaurar Deput, Killyth, and Advocat, qho difchargit the dutyis of faythful fervantis, and merit to be remembrit with particular thankis ; especially the Secretary, that plyit the part of a good President, and put them many tymis to the point qhen thei schiftit by abduftiounis. *The disput for the Festival dayis, Kneeling at Communion, and the gefing of the sam to the Sick, wes so wel done, as we culd haif wischit any learned men qhatsoevir to haif heard the samin.* That we put so litle to voyces, the absence of the Bifchop of Murray and al his Dyocie, the Bifchop of Orkney and his Minifters, the Commiffioneris of Rosse, Abirden, Cathnes, Argyl, and Iles, with dyvers otheris, wes the caus. *For we wold not hasart ony thing to mak them insolent that easily ar made sik,* except that qhairin we wer fure to overthrowe them. But we nether difsembled nor buir with them in ony thing, and, thankis to God, haif had of them a fingular advantage. Mr Patrik Galloway wes heir, and caryit himself wel and wyfly. They wer foolifche ynoughe of them selfis, but if he had not kythed againft them, thai had ben muche more. But as we faid, we muft referre the particularis to a larger report, humbly befeeching your Maieftie favourably to accept our fmal proceedingis, feing we haif done al that wes in our power at this tym. Sum thingis we haif impartit to our Primat of our own and other menis particularis, qhose ready fervice at this tym defervis your Maiefties favoure, qhiche we know he wil not forget. And fo praying God Almyghtie to bliffe your Maieftie with al happines, we humbly tak our leave.

Your Maiefties humble fervandis,

	PA. B. OF ROSS.	SANCTANDREWS.
AN. LISMOREN.	AD. B. OF DUNBLANE.	JA. GLASGOW.

St Andrews, 28 November 1617.

To his most Sacred Maieftie.

CCCXXVIII.—HIS MAJESTIES MISSIVE TO THE ARCHBISHOPS OF ST ANDREWS AND GLASGOW.

WE have received your Letter, and thereby understand what your proceedings have been in that Assembly of St Andrews; concerning which we will have you know, that We are come to that age as We will not be content to be fed with broath, as one of your coat was wont to speak, and think this your doing a disgrace no less than the Protestation it self. Wherefore it is Our pleasure, and We command you, as you will avoid our highest displeasure, the one of you by your Deputy in St Andrews and by your self in Edinburgh, and the other of you in Glasgow, keep Christmas day precisely, your selves preaching, and chusing your texts according to the time. And likewise that ye discharge all Modification of Stipends¹ from this year to any Minister whatsoever, such excepted as have testified their affection to our service at this time, by farthering at their power the acceptation of the Articles proposed: and in the premises willing you not to fail, We bid you farewell.

Newmarket, the 6 of December 1617.

So many Bishops as you can get warned in time to preach at their Sees on Christmas day,² urge them to it. Thus much in haste for this time, after two or three days ye shall hear further from us.

*Since your Scottish Church hath so far contemned my clemency, they shall now find what it is to draw the anger of a King upon them.*³

¹ The King's order on this subject, is referred to in note 1, page 526.

² Calderwood mentions, that the Bishops repaired to their several diocies to preach on Christmas day, in conformity with these directions, excepting Spottiswood, who was commanded to preach on that occasion in the High Kirk of Edinburgh.—(Hist. vol. vii. p. 288.)

³ The words in italics, according to Spottiswood, were added "with his Majesties own hand."—(Hist. p. 535.)

CCCXXIX.—HIS MAJESTIES MISSIVE TO THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS.

AFTER we had commanded the dispatch of our other Letter, We received an Extract concluded (we know not how) in your Assembly, and subscribed by the Clerk thereof; the one concerning Private Communion, and the other concerning the form to be used at the receiving of the holy Sacrament; both so hedged and conceived in so ridiculous a manner, as besides that of the whole Articles proponed, these two were the least necessary to have been urged and hastened. The scornful condition and form of their grant makes us justly wish that they had been refused with the rest; for in the first, concerning the Communion allowed to Sick persons, besides the number required to receive with such patients, and a necessity tying them upon oath to declare, that they truly think not to recover, but to die of that disease, they are yet further hedged in with a necessity to receive the Sacrament (in case aforesaid to be ministered unto them) in a convenient room; which what it importeth We cannot guess, seeing no room can be so convenient for a sick man (sworn to die) as his bed, and that it were injurious and inhumane for thence in any case to transport him, were the room never so neat and handsome to which they should carry him.

And as to that other Act, ordaining the Minister himself to give the Elements in the celebration out of his own hand to every one of the Communicants, and that he may perform this the more commodiously, by the advice of the Magistrates and honest men of his Session, to prepare a Table at which the same may be conveniently ministered; truly in this we must say that the Ministers ease and commodious sitting on his tail hath been more look'd to than that Kneeling which, for reverence, we directly required to be enjoyned to the receivers of so divine a Sacrament: neither can we conceive what should be meant by that Table, unless they mean to make a round Table (as did the Jews) to fit and receive it.

In conclusion, seeing either We and this Church here must be held

Idolatrous in this point of Kneeling, or they reputed Rebellious knaves in refusing the same, and that the two foresaid Acts are conceived so scornfully, and so far from our meaning; it is Our pleasure that the same be altogether suppressed, and that no effect follow thereupon. So we bid you farewell.¹

Newmarket, the 11th of December 1617.

CCCXXX.—THE BISHOP OF CAITHNES TO KING JAMES.

PLEASE YOUR SACRED MAIESTIE,

The Earle of Cathnes, by your Maiesties direction, and at the sight of the Archibishop of Glasgow and Bishop of Ross, did subscribe a renunciation of a few Bishops lands into my favouris, which in no case he would deliver unto me, but did consign it into my Lord Binnies hands, there to remaine vntill he should get his remission past. In procuring whereof, he protracteth time till he also see if he can end with Creditours. And being now returned to Cathnes, and secure vnder hope of your Maiesties favour when he will, he is like to make no little delaye, and in the meane time to work no lesse prejudice to me, defrauding me of your Maiesties benefit, and vnableing me to attend my charge. These are therefore most humbly to entreat your Sacred Maiestie to giue command that the renunciation be delivered vnto me, and that the Earle maie be urged to consent thereto, to the effect I maie possesse those

¹ Spottiswood says, "These letters were accompanied with another to the Council, 'for inhibiting the payment of Stipends to any of the Rebellious Ministers Refusers of the said Articles either in Burgh or Landwart, till they shew their Conformity, and that the same was testified by the Subscriptions of the Primate or ordinary Bishop.' Which letters being shewed to the Ministers of Edinburgh, and others that happened to repair to that City for augmentation of Stipends, did cast them into a great fear, so that, repenting their wilfulness, as they had reason, they became requesters to the Archbishop of St Andrews to preach, as he was commanded, on Christmas day at Edinburgh, trusting his Majesty should be mitigated by his obedience and intercession for the rest."—(History, p. 536.)

lands, and discharge a duty amongst that people over whom it hath pleased your Maiestie to giue me charge. Thus humbly craving pardon for my boldnesse, in confidence of your princely care of me, I shall never cease to praye for manye happy and blessed daies to your Maiestie, as

Your Sacred Maiesties most humble and obedient seruant,

JO. B. OF CATHNESS.

Edinburgh, December 10, 1617.

To the Kings most Excellent Maiestie.

CCCXXXI.—AN APOLOGETICK AGAINST A FALSE PRETENDED PALINODE OF MR ARCHIBALD SYMSON, MINISTER AT DALKEYTH, XI. DECEMBER 1617.

RYCHT Honorabill and weilbeloued Brethrein of the Ministerie, and others good Christians within the Kirk and Kingdome of Scotland, who loues the caus of Christ without hypocrisie or superstition: It hes befallen to me, as it did to St Paul, that quhen he newlie had escaped schipwrake, and wes warming him on the schore, a viper lap upone his hand; so I, not as yit frie of my waird, am impetted with viperous calumnies, and from Charibdis am fallen and driuen upon the flintie rockes of Scilla. It is true quhilk the ancient Father said, *Diabolus nunc rugit, leo nunc sibilat vt draco*: He roared upon me as did the lyon upone Samson, and I wes not affrayed, bot reioyced in all my tribulations; now he hes his cheaping and whispering lyke a serpent, bot I trust, be Gods power, to schaik that viper into the fyre, and to be fred from his lies. And for this cause I haue abruptly, and upone the sudden heiring of my Recantation spread abroad to your Christian eares, least it fould sink in and take impressioun into your myndes, thought good be this my present Apologie to make ane accompt unto yow, as

vnto a common feruant, of my proceeding ather be word or write in this my laft tryall at Edinburgh, the 11th of December 1617; quhilk I fall declare fo truelie, that ther fall none be able, no nocht of the greateft aduerfares, to impugne the fame.

Vpone the 11th of December 1617, I compeared before the Lordes of his Heyghnes Commiffion, ther being prefent the tuo Archbifchopes, thrie Bifchopes, Argyle, Galloway, and Dumblane, and my Lord Sanguhar, and after came my Lord Eglintone.

The Archbifchop of Sanctandrews faid unto me, Ye wrote a letter to the Lordes of his Heyghnes Commiffion, defyring to come hame and put ordour to your affaires, quhilk wes granted. Now, what are ye to fay or craue of them?

Answer. Nothing.

Archbifchop. Then I fee ye will haue us to offer yow conditions of peace, and ye will fute none, bot goe tell the wyfes of Edinburgh that ye haue gotten your will of the Bifchopes?

Answer. I vse nocht to take iniunctions of my minifterie fra wyfes.

Archbifchop. Ye are depryued.

Answer. I deny it. I ftand heir the Minifter of Chrif. Thir 31 yeiris haue I taught the Goppell of Chrif in one place, and ye are not able to depriue me.

Archbifchop. Why came ye not to Sanctandrews and compeired, feing ye had to do with a King, and a wyfe King?

Answer. I wes prevented be ficknes, contracted be long byding on the fea, be cold and fasting, as my Lord Brunteland can tell, in whofe [company] I wes; and in taken I wes mynded to come, I left my clothes in my hof's hous in Sanctandrews.

Archbifchop. Why wrote [ye] that Latin letter reproaching the ordour of the Kirk of England, calling them *Tricas Anglicanas*?¹

Answer. It wes a privie letter, and I could not fuppone ye wold deale fo vncharitable with me as to fchaw it to the King.

Archbifchop. He asked it four tymes before I gaue it.

Answer. As for the writes themfelues, if I erred in them, I erred

¹ See this letter printed as No. CCCXVIII.

with John Calvin, who in his Epistle written to the Inglish Church in Frankfurd, in the dayes of Quein Mary, calles them so: I erred with Beza, who in [his] 8 Epistle written to Grindall Bishop of London, calles them *nugas et quisquilias*: I erred with Mr John Spottifwood, your Father, Superintendent, who, in the subscription to the Bishops of Ingland, is laft in ordour, bot first in worth.

Archbishop. It is true Mr John Spottifwood calles them trifles, in that Epistle, bot Mr John Spottifwood prophecied that the Presbiteries wold be the wracke of the Kirke of Scotland.

Answer. No; be the contrare, the ancient monuments of our Kirk, yit extant, recordes that he wes the cheife advauncer and establischer of them.

Archbishop. Ye most go to your waird agane.

Answer. Whair?

Archbishop. To Monrois.

Answer. God fend no warre; I am content.

Archbishop. I see, ye will grant no offence done to the King anent medling with Ingland.

Answer. Yis, if his Maieftie is offendit at any mention I haue made of the Church of Ingland, I am tenfold more offendit.

In all this my triall, I wes neuer posed with the Protestation, bot onlie anent my compearance at Sanctandrews and the privie letter, and then I wes remoued to the bake hous, and the Archbishop of Glasgou and my Lord Sanquhare wes sent from the rest, as tuo whome they supposed tendred me, that thei mycht draw me to some conformitie, whereby I mycht pacifie the King. They admitted no witneses; for the gentlemen and my parochinaris were remoued, and onlie Mr James Porteus, Minister at Lafwaid, Mr Patrik Forrest, Procuratour Fiscall, and Mr Edward Marschell, Clark and wryter of my depositions, being present, the said Archbishop and Lord Sanquhare protesting their fauour to me, defyred me to refuse no honest meanes of my awne peace, whome I thanked, and said I wold refuse none quhilk wold stand with the peace of my conscience. Then we reffoned upone thrie things.

1. Anent the Protestation, that I wold craue his Maiefties fauour,

and acknowledge a fault that I had subscribed it. To whom I answered, That I wold neuer do itt whyle I leiued, Godwilling; for it wes most equitable in itselſe, and I repented not any thing I had done therin anent the substance therof; bot if his Maieſtie be offendit at the forme, how it wes conceiued, *ad panam*, quhilk is a paſſiue obedience, whereby I haue giuen obedience, thir 8 months nereby, added to the end of our Proteſtation, be Mr Peter Hewat, pennar therof, I am ſorry that his Maieſtie is offendit therwith, and nane of vs all will ſtick to any pairt of forme therin, whereat his Maieſtie may take any juſt exception; onlie, the mater being ſafe whereunto we adhere with one conſent, alſweill theſe that are receiued vnto his fauour as the remanent. To whome the Archbiſhop answered, Mr Archibald, my hart, we moſt not deale with Princes be diſtinctions, bot moſt forme it in better termes, and more plauſible. I answered, Let yow forme my mynd in better termes, keiping onlie the ſubſtance.

Nixt, Ye will confeſſe that your ſeeknes wes the cauſe of your abſence from Sanctandrews, and not contempt of his Maieſties autoritie. To whome I answered, I wold trewlie.

Laſt, He deſyred me to craue pardone at his Maieſties hands for chopping at the eſtate of the Kirk of England. I answered, Ye haue hard euen now, before the Archbiſhop, that Calvin, Beza, and his Father, ar my patrons, and if I erred, I erred with them; yit becauſ his Maieſtie is offendit at my meddling with that Kirke, I offered, both at Stirling and Sanctandrews, to ſatiffie his Maieſtie theranent, quhilk yit I reſuſe not to doe.

Then I went to the Burd, with Mr Edward Marſchell, Clarke, who conceiued a forme of my Confeſſion, to be ſubſcryued be me; the tenour whereof followes, and written with Mr Edward's awin hand, quhilk I haue receiued fra him, in preſence of David Richifone bailzie, George Deines ſeruitour to Mr Edward, Archibald Ros clarke of Dalkeyth, and ane Officiar of Armes, bot riven through the firſt article, and ſcraped through ſa with a pen ſenſyne, for quhat cauſe God knowes, and tyme will declare; yit not ſo bot all the beholders mycht ſee quhat wes written be him, and what wes mendit be me preſentlie be a pen yit extant:—

(*The copie drawin out of the originall ad verbum.*)

Mr ARCHIBALD SYMSON presentlie declared, That he is forie that his prefence and meddling with the Protestation [hes] offendit his Maiestie.

In the first copie, dyted be the Archbishop, wes written "any offence that is giuen to his Maiestie," I feraiped out "giuen," and wrote upone the heade "taken." Wherewith the Lords were not content, and for both, pat in "hes offendit his Maiestie;" so that heereby I haue not disclaimed the Protestation, nather be word nor my fense, bot am forie that his Maiestie fould offend at my meddling therwith. For as concerning the Protestation, his Maiestie him selfe confesses that is lawfull to any estate or persone of quhattomeuer degrie formallie to protest, that be no imposed law his auncent priuiledges or liberties be hurt or diminisched till he be hard-speaking for himself; and quhat did we more, bot in the name of the Kirk, being all members theroff, protest that we fould not gette any dead fraike at that Parliament, quhill scho wes lawfullie conueened and hard for hirselfe: And this his Maiestie confessed, and out of his singulare wifdome and equitie hes not suffered that law to passe in preiudice of the Kirk. Nixt, The nature of a Parliament is, that all Estates hes libertie to speake frielie, and complean wherein they haue just cause of greivance. Last, The law of all nations, ciuill and canonicall, grants *protestari et mendicare curvis licent.*

The Second Article.

For his absence from Sanctandrews, he protests befor God, and will proue be honest witnes, That the true cause thereof wes [onlie] his seeknes, contracted be long fasting and cold, quhilk he contracted upon the sea.

I agrie with the second Article: I deleited the word "onlie"; for I had some other causes quhilk ar nocht necessare to expresse at this tyme.

The Thrid Article.

As for his letter, quhilk wes written in Latin, and came in his Maiesties hands in Sanctandrews, he declares, That it repented him from his hart that he fould haue mentioned any thing therin quhilk tuitched

the ordour and estate of the Kirk of Ingland, and fould haue bene offenfue to his Maieftie.

This I grant, I offered at Stirling and Sanctandrews.

Conclusion.

For all quhilk things wherein he hes overfein himfelfe, and offendit his gracious Maieftie, he will moft humblie craue his Maiefties fauour and pardone; and promifes faythfullie, in all tyme cuming, neuer to doe the lyke. As alfo, defyres the Archbifhop of Sanctandrews, and remanent Lords of his Maiefties Heygh Commiffion, that he may be permitted to ufe his Minifterie at his owne Kirk of Dalkeith.

There ar thrie things hard in this Conclufion, quhilk I corrected: (1) It wes written "for all quhilk things," and I deleited "all"; for nather wes I defyred to craue pardone for the Proteftation, nather yit wold I euer yeild that to the Archbifhop, nather does it admit any grammaticall conftitution that I fould craue pardone for the firft tuo articles; for it is not agrieable with reafon or common fenfe that I fould craue pardone at the King that I wes fory that he wes offendit with my meddling with the Proteftation, quhilk; if I fould fay or do the equivalent theroff is, I wes blyth that he wes offendit, quhilk no naturall man wold wifch me to wryte, nor wold I be fo foolifch as to wryte it. Nixt, fould I craue him pardon for the fecond article, that I wes feeke, and could not come to Sanctandrews, that werè to falifie my felfe; that it wes not feeknes, bot the contempt of his Maiefties authoritie quhilk withheld me, quhilk neceffarie fould follow, if I craued him pardon for my abfence; bot the relatiue "quhilk" refumes onlie the laft point antecedent, to witt, my meddling with the Englifch effaires, for quhilk I craue him pardone. Further, I remoued the word "My Lord," as a ftyle not competent to Bifhopes. Laft, in my fute to the Lords of his Maiefties Heygh Commiffion, where it wes written "that he may be reftored to his Minifterie," I deleited "reftored," and wrote "permitted to ufe," for the former word wold haue imported ane acknowledgment to my depofition.

This is all that I haue done or written, wherein ye fee that I abyde

constant at the Protestation; and if God please, mynds to doe so, notwithstanding of the losse of substance, health, liberties temporall; for, *vbi Spiritus Domini est, ibi libertas*, nather fand I euer greater freedome and presence of the Lord then in the Castle of Edinburgh, Aberdein, and Monrois; and God is my witnes, I had no fting in my conscience, at the hour of my appearant departure at Drumsladie, and after in Monrois, for any meddling with the Protestation; for I am assured God approved it, and I reioyced in my suffering more then I am forie this day that the King offendit with my meddling with the same, quhilk is the farthest I haue said, or mynds to say, and all my honest brethren, in whose name, and at whose command, I did subscriue it, will affirme the same; bot tyme wilbe a tryar schortlie of all our myndes, if we accept not vpon vs these novelties against quhilk we protested. For me, I acknowledge me one of the least and weakest of yow all, and desyres that I may be strengthened be your prayers with God; that as I am objected to the eyes of many, I may stand constant vpon the montane of God quhilk cannot be moved; and quatever waiknes or humane frailtie may befall me, I hope in God, if I fall with Peter, *qui ore negavit et corde confessus est*, yit I trust neuer to betray the Lord's cause with Judas¹ (who hes ouer many brethrene already), for the hyre of wrichteousnes, nather yit with Balaam for preferment, nather yit with Gehezi, at this tyme, to begg the talent from Naaman. Bot feing I haue daylie wairning and aduertisment be feeknes and infirmities of my departure, I trust God, who begane and continewed his grace, fall finisch his worke in me; and, in the meane tyme, I will walke through good report and euill report, povertie and ritches, health and feaknes, till I come to his Kingdome; to quhilk God, of his infinit mercie, bring yow all and me, in his appointed tyme. Amen.

¹ Spottiswood has quoted the above passage, charging Symson with inconstancy and change, in having "dispersed an Apologetick (as he entitled it), wherein making a Gloss upon every word of his Confession, he concluded, that whatsoever weakness," &c. "This (he adds) I have remembered by the way, to make the humours of these men seen, and the small regard they take of saying and gainsaying, when it maketh for their purpose."—(History, p. 536.)

CCCXXXII.—THE EARL OF DUNFERMLINE, LORD CHANCELLOR, TO
KING JAMES.

MAIST SACRED SOUERANE,

This Yeare, almaist now worne to end, hes bene vnto this land and Kingdome a yeare off Jubile, and a yeare of singlar joye; this Kingdome being this yeare nocht onlie illustrat, as all other yeares, be your Royall and famous actiouns, bot also maryveloullie decored and mirritched be your Prencelie and glorious prefence and Majestie: hes furneist greate comfort, vigour, and strenthe to this haille estaitt, all members and pairtis thairoff.

The particuler successe of speciall actiouns I shall heir breiffie, according to my bund deutie and custum, tuitche vnto your Maiestie, that ye may have a present vieu and jouissance of the froottes of your happie and good gouernament owir this peopill.

The end of the last yeare, and first entrie to this your counfall in this Estaitt, be your ordonance, bestoued on the consideratioun and approbatioun of certane Articles, concludit at ane Generall Assamblee of the Kirk, kept at Aberdene, in August, before thir speciall articles war approwin, That thair sould be ane general Catechis formed, to be vniuersalie teatched to all the youthis in this countrie; That in euerie Parische thair shoud be ane Schoole; and in euerie Parische, ane Register of the naymes off all borne and baptized, and off all died.

The Marqueis off Huntlie, and Erle of Erroll, be your Sacred Majesties good meanes, intreatie, argumentis, persuasiouns, and mediatioun, hes bene at last reduced to conformitie in all necessair poynts and articles of relligioun, and fullie reconciliat withe the Kirk of this Kingdome: Lykeas, your Sacred Majestie hes also agreed the saidis tua Nobillmen and thair freindis, in a perticuler perrollus deadlie feade was fallin out amongs thame felfis, and lykelie to haue maide greate truble betuix thame, for slauchter and bloode betuix Laird of Gight Gordoun, and ane brother of the Erle off Erroll's, and some others his freinds.

The questioun of bloode, slauchter, and all criminall or ciuill actiouns,

betuix the saidis parteis, being remitted, and compromitted to your maist Royall Majesties persoun and arbitrall decreit, was, be your Highnes, maist circumspectlie, wyflie, and amicablie composed and decydit, to baith the parteis ease and contentment; sua that thej war baith, by your Prencelie command, before your Counfall, in September last, broght to full reconciliation and amitie.

Ane other truble, appeirand to haue fallin out betuix the Erle of Perth and Lord Lewingtoun, for questiouns of mairtchis in thair wooddis, forrests, and hountings, be your Sacred Majesties wyse commandement and direction, was submitted to freindis of thair awin, and is finalie weel composed.

The Erle of Mar, ane auld, trustie, and familiar serwand to your Majestie, from your infancie, be your Prencelie ordonance, installed in the full plaice, dignitie, and administratioun of the office of Threasaurarie in this Kingdome, with greatte applausse and allowance off all.

In Januar it pleased your Highnes, be your fauorabill letter, signifie vnto your Counfall, your full resolutioun to honour this countrie withe your Royall presence in May efter, declairing thairwithe the reasouns mowed your Sacred Majestie to this determinatioun—reasouns full of wisdome, love, and kyndnes to this your native soylle. The letter was found sua worthie, and was sua acceptabill to the hail Counfall, as thaj thocht fitt copies of the same sould be disperfed to all Schyres and Diocefes, to make all your good subjects acquent with this your Highnes fauorable desseyng, whilk rejoyced the hairtis of all good pepill in the land.

Ane Conventioun of the Estaittis was drawin together, onder your Highnes autoritie, to mak all deu preparatioun for honorabill ressaift of your Royall persoun, and all your nobill companie.

The Estaittes maist willinglie granted ane subsidie off twa hundrethe thousand poundis, to supplie the necessair chargis off sic ane extraordinair and maist honorabill erand.

Directiouns war gevin for reparatioun off all hie wayes, parfyting off all your Sacred Majesties houffis, palices, and castells; jnnumerabill craftismen of all fortis entered to all warkis, all, be cair and diligence, maide readie in deu tyme, abowe all expectatioun; ffor the lyke was

newir feene in this land of before: greate ordour tayne for abundance and store off all prouifions and viures for horffe or men, and for honest ludgings to all your Majesties trajne and companies, in euirie pairt where yee war to resort.

Yiour Majesties Chappell in Halyroodhous, builde wp of new, with all ornamentis and deu furnitour micht be requyred in any royall Chappell, and maist manifiklie dek't and sett furthe.

Furnitour off silwer wark, and plaitte, tapefferie, ritche beddis and bedding, and all sic necessairis for ane royall houe, fend for be yior Sacred Majesties awin directioun, and prowdyt in greate store from all pairtis, whilkis still remaynis in yior wairdropps and palices, may ferue for many aiges, as the same ferued yior Sacred Majestie at this tyme maist honorable and plentifullie.

About the middis of Maij, your Highnes entered in this Kingdome, accompanied withe good number of yior Highnes Nobilitie, Prelatts, Officers, and Counfallours of Ingland, and good number also of Nobillmen, Officers, and Counfallours of this Estaitte, sic as yior Majestie had ordoned and commandit to meett yow at Barwicke.

Yiour Sacred Majestie honored first my Lord Erle off Hoome's houe of Dunglas, withe your maist gracious presence; and nixt, the Erle of Vintoun's houe of Setoun; was in baithe the saidis Nobillmens houffis, with all yior Nobills, ressaued and intertenyed to thair powar, althoc far onder yior dew, yit to yior contentment and all yior companies, honorable and magnifiklie.

Then came yior Majestie to yior awin Palice off Halyeroodhoufe, making yior entrie throw yior good toun of Edinburght, whaire ye war maiste joyfullie ressaued, and visited that Kirk, hard preaching, and was conwoyed be the hail toun in honorabile equippage to yior Palice.

Thair was yior Majesties maist ordinair residence Maij, Junij, and Julij, visitting alwayes, be tymes, Fyffe, Angus, Perth, Sterlingfchyre, and other pairtis aboutt, baithe yior awin palices, and Nobillmenns houffes in the countrie; till, in August, yior Highnes retired be the Waist countrie, from Glasgou, Paslay, Hammiltoun, Sanquhar, Drumlaynrig, and Lyncluden, to Cairleill in Ingland, and from that fordward to yior ordinair royall faitte at Londoun.

It wald requyre a greatte volume to recompt the greatte benefitts and commodities, baithe the natiouns, Ingliſche and Scottis, hes had in this yior Majeſties jorney and ſejourne in Scotland; all manifeſting yior Majeſties incomparabill wiſdome in that interpryſe.

Since yior Sacred Majeſtie attayned to the Croun of England, thair hes nothing bene done, nor meaned to, could advance and furdere a perſyſte Vnioun of the twa natiouns, ſua far as this hes done.

Yior Majeſtie had heir, in yior train and companie, a number of Ingliſche Prelatts, maiſt wyſe, learned, and grave nobilles, that merited juſtlye the honour and ſtille of nobilitie, and wald haue kythed ſua abowe others, in any ciuill corner of the warld, courteſſe, honorabill, amiabill, tractabill, circumſpect, euer reddie to all woorthie actiouns, mowed be thair good behauiour all men in Scotland, to honour, reverence, and admire baith thame and thair vertuis.

Lykeas, on the other fyde, be yior Majeſties prencelie directiouns, yior Counfall in Scotland ordonad all, ſua as nayne of your trayne or court could ſee or fynd anye thing in this land, might gif him any diſtaifte, or occaſioun of miſcontentment.

Plentie of all to all forts of men; all vſed be all poſſibill ciuilitie, good ordour, and diſcretioun, ſua that thaj granted and affermed all thay fand, where ewir thaj war in this land, all the good treatment could be wiſhed in any good countrie, and all far from that barbaritie, thaj war almaiſte perſwadit before, did regnne in thir Northerne pairts. This maide a greate vnioun of the hairtis betuix baithe Natiouns, the ane, fynding all honour and courteſie ſua frielic offered to thame, and the others, finding all ſua weell and thankfullie accepted, and ſua weill thoct off and acknauledgitt.

In all the tyme of yior Majeſties remayning in this Kingdome (a mater marvelous and to be admired), in ſua greate companies, and ſua many nobillmen and great perſonages off tua natiouns conveyned, neuir any action, woord, or appeirance of any diſcord, variance, or offence, betuix anye of the natiouns withe other, for whatſumewir cauſe. I doubt gif euer the lyke hes bene ſene, at ſic occaſioun off ſua frequent a meiting of men, frayngers, and onknowen to other.

To augment and ſtrengthin this amitie and kyndnes, yior Majeſtie,

maist wyllie and prencelie, admitted, sworne, on your Priuey Counfall and Counfall of Estaitt in Scotland, good number of your nobles, officers, and Prelattis off England, was heir withe yow in companie: was all maist willinglie reffaued, maide priuey and aequent withe all our proceedings, and alwayes honored to our powars.

Yiour Majestie had thame, also, all withe yow, in our Counfall Houfe and Sessioun, or Souerane Court off Justice in this kingdome, where, in your Sacred Majesties presence, was syndrie actiouns, according to our ordinair formis, baith disputed and deeydit; the ordour and fasioun whereoff thaj werie weill allowed and commendit, albeit, in dyuers poyntis, different and disconforme from thairis.

In the time of your Sacred Majesties aboade in this kingdome, was also ane Parliament haldin, in the monethe of Junij, illustrat be greater concurse and nombir of the Nobilitie and all Estaittis, nor hes bene seene before, in our aige; ciuile and weill ordered in all respectis, daylie honored be your Highnes royall presence, directed and gyditt be your wisdome.

Many notable good actis estableist in this Parliament, for better ordour off Parliament in all tymes to cum, for restauratioun of the decayed Churche estaitt; for mantenance of peace and justice amongs all subiectis; for cleiring of rightis and tytills, and awayding of pleas; for all good ordour in the countrie.

And, in consideratioun the tyme was sehorte, nocht anfuerable to your prencelie zealle and ernes defyre to liue all heir at perfytt ordour, the maist important affairis of your Estaittis, baith at hayme and withe forrayne Princefs, drawing yow to England agayne, for remeid to the greatte inconvenient hes bene persawed and heavilie complained on, thir manye yeares, off the pouertie of the estaitt of the Ministers of the Kirk, preatcheours and teatcheours of Goddis holie woord, and Ministers off the Sacramentis of our saluatioun; in your heiche judgement, hes this Parliament furneist withe sufficient commissioun the number of 33, mixt of all the Estaittis, to conveyne at certane tymes, and to prowde, as maist commodiouflie may be, to ewirie kirk sufficient stipend for ane Minister, outt of the readdiest of the teyndis of the saidis kirkis, withe reasonable consideratioun of recompence to the possessours

of the teynds ; ane commiffioun the maift folemne and beft adwyfed on, and whilk is hoped fhall produce als greatte and good effectis, as any hes euer bene in this land.

At yior Majesties going furthe of this countrie, giuen on the Mairtchis betuix Ingland and Scotland, it pleafed yow direct command to yior Counfall, to call all the landflords and cheiffis of Clannis, or other principall commanderis, in the Middlefchyres, and make thame all renew the generall band, baithe onder thair aithe and fubfcription, for manteyning of the peace ; anfuering for all thair men tenents, ferwandis, and dependars, and to enter ewirie ane of thame, as thaj fall be called in iuftice. This is the key of all good ordour and obedience in theefe pairtis, hes bene preciffie obserwed and putt to executioun, be the Counfall in all poyntis, conforme to yior prencelie ordonance.

In this laft Nouember, onder yior Highnes authoritie, and withe affiftance of Commiffioners, appoynted be yior Sacred Majestie, did conweyne, in the cittie of Saint Androis, ane Generall Affemblic of the hail Kirk of this kingdome ; agreed amongs thame on fyndrie poyntis and articles, importing to the policie and good ordour in Godd's feruice, and for vniformitie in administratioun of the Sacramentis.

This fame monethe of Nouember, war the Commiffioners appointed be the laft Parliament to attend on the plantatioun of the Kirkis and prouifionis for Minifters ftipends, conwyned werie ordourlie, and entered to thair warke ; proceids werie weill and circumfpectlie in the fame, and ar lyke to bring that to good perfection.

The hail cuftuimis of this kingdome, vpon fyndrie good reafouns and refpectis, weel weyed and confidered be yior officars and Commiffioners, appoynted for manageing of yior rentis, layed down before yior royall Majestie, and be your royall command, ar this yeare ondertayne onder yior Majesties awin nayme, to be collectet, on all hazarde, to your behowe, vtilitie, and proffit ; and be the directioun of your Highnes Commiffioners, wha daylie bestowis fuim tyme on the confideratioun of theefe affairis, ar maift cairfullie attendit wpon ; wee hope fhall turne to naa loife to your coffers in end, will alwayes make yior officars and Counfall privey to the hail eftaitt of theefe affairis.

This yeare hes bene vnto your Sacred Majestie glorious, in fua far as

it hes furneift vnto yiw fubject to actions will be of memorable honour and admiratioun to all pofteriteis: hes bene alfo to this Kingdome happie and fortunat be the fauour and fchyning off yiour maift gracious prefence wpon ws, and be rair and manye good ordours in government, your Maieftie hes brocht in, maid ws to fie, and fatled among ws, baithe in Ciuill and Ecclefiasticall eftaitt.

I man heir make end; becaufe my ingyne nor penne, is nocht habill to furneifche me words I may onywyfe esteeme anfueraill to the greatte obligatiouns all this countrie and natioun hes, to the honours, fauours, and infinit good your Maieftie hes done wnto ws. Taking, thairfore, my leive, withe the maift humbill and reuerend kiffe of your Royall hand, wifches vnto yieur Sacred Maieftie, from the greatte King of all, all happines, grandeur, profperitie, and contentment,

Yiour maift Sacred Maiefties maift humbill, affectionat,
and obedient fubject and feruitour,

From Edinburgh, 23 December 1617.

DUNFERMELJNE.

CCCXXXIII.—HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE PRIVY COUNCIL; AND ACT OF COUNCIL ENJOINING THE OBSERVANCE OF THE FIVE HOLY-DAYS.

Apud Edinburgh, 22 day of Januarij 1618.

CHANCELLAIR.	VICOUNT OF LAUDERDALE.	CLERK OF REGISTER.
THESAURAIR.	SCOONE.	ADUOCAT.
B. S ^r ANDROIS.	CRANSTOUN.	KILSAYTH.
B. GLASGU.	BINNING.	BRUNTYLAND.
B. ROSS.	CARNEGIE.	RIDHOUS.
LYNLYTHQW.	L. ERSKINE.	MEDOP.
WYNTOWN.	L. FLEMING.	CURRIEHILL.
ABERCORNE.	M ^r . OF ELPHINGSTON.	MARCHINSTOUN.
LOTHEANE.	PREVIE SEALE.	Mr P. ROLLOK.
TULLIBARDIN.	THESAURAIR DEPUTE.	S ^r ANDRO KER.
ROXBURGHE.	JUSTICE CLERK.	CONSERVATOUR.

Ane Act anent fyve halie dayis.

FORSAMEKLE as it is the dewtie of all goode Christians to keepe in perpetuall remembrance the grite and inestimable benefeitis quhilkis it has pleisit the Almichtie God, in his deir sone Jesus Christ, and in his exceiding grite loue touardis mankynd, to bestow upoun thame; and in a revirent commemoratioun thairof, to observe, and spend some certaine dayes in devotioun and godlie exercises, quhairthrough the dew respect and thankfull remembrance of these so grite benefeitis, be never sufferit to pass in obliuion: And the Kingis Majestie acknowledging the innumerable favouris and blessingis quhairwith it hath pleisit the divyne Maiestie of God to blisse his Highnes from tyme to tyme: Thairfoir his Maiestie, oute of his trew respect to the honnour of God, and to haif Him honnourit be all his people, hes thought meete and expedient, and by thir presents commandis and ordainis, that according to the exemple of the Kirk, quhen the same wes in gritest puritie, and most free of corruptioun and errour, thair falbe ane universall cessatioun and abstinence throughout this hail Kingdome frome all kynd of husbandrie and handie labour, upoun the Holie dayis following, to witt, upoun Christ-mas day, quhilk wes the day of the Birthe of Christ; upoun Goode Fry-day, quhilk wes the day of his Passioun; upoun Easter or Pasche day, quhilk wes the day of his Resurrectioun; and upoun the day of his Ascensioun, and upoun Whitsonday; to the effect his Maiesties subiectis may the better attend the holie exercises quhilkis his Maiestie, with advice of the Fatheris of the Kirk, will appoint to be kept at these tymes in the Kirk. And for this effect, his Maiestie, with advice of the Lordis of his Secreit Counsell, ordainis letters to be direct, chargeing all his Maiesties liegeis, alswееle to brugh as to land, be oppin proclamatioun at the Mercat Croceis of the heade burrowes of his Kingdome, and other places neidfull, that thay and euerie one of thame absteane from all kynd of husbandrie and handie labour on the saidis holie dayis of Christmas, Passioun day, Pasche day, the Ascensioun day, and Witsonday, to the effect thay may the better attend the holie exerciseis quhilkis falbe appointed to be kept these dayes, as said is. Certifieing all and fundrie personis that fall contraveene and do in the contrair heirof, that thay

falbe punift with all rigour, as rebellious or difobedient perfonis, contemptneris of his Maieftie and his authoritie.

Followis

His Maiefties Letter for the Warrant of the Act above written.

RIGHT Trustie and right weilbelouit Cofine and Councillour, and right truttie and weilbelouit Councillouris, We greete you weele. Whereas, out of our trew respect to honnour God and to have him honnourit be all oure people, we ar pleafed to appoint certane folemne dayis to be kept as Holie dayis, and fpend in devotion in commemoratioun of the fpeciall benefeitis beftowed on mankynd by Chrift. It is oure pleafour that yow caus a proclamatioune be formed and proclaimed, in all plaices requifite and accuftomed, commanding all people, alfweele in burgh as to landwart, in all tyme comeing, to abfteene frome all kynd of hufbandrie and handie labour on the holie dayis of Christmas, Goode Fryday, Eaſter, Whitfonday, and Afcenfioun day, to the end thay may the better attend the holie exercifes quhilkis We, by aduife of the Bifhopps, will appoint to be kept at thoſe tymes in the Churche, with certificatioun to the contraueneris, That thay falbe puniſhed with all rigour as diffobedient and rebellious perfonis, contemptnaris of Ws and our authoritie. And not doubting of youre reddie conformitie to this our pleafour, we bid yow fareweele.

Gevin at Newmercat the xiiij of Januar 1618.

CCCXXXIV.—HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE ARCHBISHOPS
AND BISHOPS.

JAMES REX.

Right reverend Fathers in God, Right trustie and well-beloved Counfellors, and reverend Fathers in God, Our trustie and well-beloved, Wee greet you well. The Bifhopricke of Aberdene being now voyde,

by deceafe of the late Bifhop; and Wee being fufficientlie perfwaded, as well of the learning, gravitie, wifdome, and true godlinesse of Patricke Forbes of Corfe, enhabling him duellie to exercife and difcharge the calling of a Bifhop, as of the great and earneft defyre of Our beft affected fubjects of that Diocefe, to haue him eftablished their Ordinarie, as was well witneffed by their expreffion thereof at the laft vacancie of the fayd Sea. We haue therefore made fpeciall choyfe of the fayd Patricke, to bee thereto preferred. Requyring you, for the more fpeedie and folemne performance thereof, to caufe forme, and hafte vnto Vs, fuch writs as Wee are to figne for that effect, and in everie other thing appertayning therevnto, to proceed according to the ordinance of the late Act made in Our laft Parliament, anent the election of Archbifhops and Bifhops. Which not doubting but yee will preciselie performe, Wee bid you farewell.

At Newmarket, the xxvij of Ianuarie 1618.

To the right reverend Fathers in God, Our right trustie and well-beloved Counsellours, and to the reverend Fathers in God, Our trustie and well-beloved, the Archbifhops and Bifhops of Our Kingdome of Scotland.

CCCXXXV.—THE ARCHBISHOPS AND BISHOPS TO PATRICK FORBES,
LAIRD OF CORSE.

RIGHT REVEREND AND LOVING BROTHER,

His Majestie having made choyfe of you, before all others, to the Bifhopricke of Aberdene, and fignified the fame by his letters vnto vs, which you fhall receaue herewith inclofed, we could doe no leffe, than to impart it vnto you, and witneffe the joy of our hearts, for this his Majestie's refolution: Not fo much for the favour and respect wee

perceave carried by his Majestie to your selfe, though that both with you and vs should bee of no little account, as that wee foresee the great profit that is to redound to the Church of God by this your advancement. Others doe interpret, according to their myndes, that these places are places of honour and ease, and for that respect desired: But wee, who haue had the experience of so manie years service, know that the care and burthen goeth farre beyond either commoditie or honour. And were it not for God's service, and the vpholde of his Church amongst vs, wee could haue wished to liue private Ministers, rather than in the rowmes wee are called vnto. But in such callings, as you knowe better than anie of our selues, the burthen and care of the charge must no more deterre vs than these outward shewes of honour and ease allure vs. To seeke places of this kynde may well bee thought ambition, but to refuse, and draw back, when God calleth, is disobedience; and if it be done for the eschewing of vexations, it is farre from the Christian courage and resolution we should all haue. Now, wee are assured, if anie man did ever come to this place by God's calling, you are hee; whether wee consider the instance made in the last vacancie of that Sea, by all the Ministers and gentlemen of the countrey, which wee perceave his Majestie doeth not forget, or your owne behaviour in it, that by the moyen of none, direct or indirect, hath made sute to be preferred. And therefore, as we from our heartes thanke God, who hath put it into his Majesties heart to goe this way, so wee must in the name of God, and by the loue you beare to the mayntaynance of His trueth, request and require you to accept the calling, assuring your selfe, that wee for our partes, howe long it pleaseth God to vse our service here, shall not be wanting, by His grace, in anie thing that becommeth the Brethren of our vocation towards you. And our certayne hope is, that notwithstanding all these fightes wee endure with enemies without, and those that should be friends within, our God shall giue vs strenght to beare out, and by His blessing in the ende justifie to the world our proceedinges; wherein having you to bee a labourer and worker with vs, wee shall bee so much the more encouraged. As to the rest that should be done for your formall entrie, wee remit the care thereof to him whom it con-

cerneth, and commit you at this tyme, and ever, to the protection and bleffing of Allmightie God.

Your loving Brethren,

SAYNCT-ANDREWES.

PA. B. OF ROSS.

IA. GLASGOW.

IO. B. CATHNESS.

AN. LISMORENSIS.

AL. B. OF MURRAY.

Edinburgh, 5. February 1618.

To our verie reverend and loving Brother,
the Laird of Corfe.

CCCXXXVI.—PATRICK FORBES OF CORSE, MINISTER OF KEITH, TO THE
ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS.

RIGHT Honorable, and my good Lord; your Lordships letter to me, and therein enclosed his Majesties letter to your Lordship, was delivered to me the thirteenth of Februar at night, whereby as I had good notice in what loving and gracious estimation his Highness hath me, his unworthie servant, giving thereof evidence in so liberal and princely an offer of high imployment, which is seconded with your Lordships congratulation, and serious encouragement of undertaking; so if I should not make high account thereof, I might be esteemed the most ungrate and senselesse among men. Neither can my refusing of so undeserved, unfought for, and unexpected favour, but draw upon me the imputation of an inexcusable misregard. If I be not mistaken in the reason of my hesitation, wherein I am so far from disallowing the office and degree of a Bishop (as hereupon men might apprehend) that they being rightly elected, and defined with such moderation of place and power, as may put restraint to excessive usurpation, and practising accordingly, I think it not only a tolerable, but even a laudable and expedient

policie in the Church, and very well confisting with God's written word, the only rule whereto all the affairs of his house should be levelled. Neither would I have your Lordship, or any man else to think, I being so far resolved in the matter itself, that because what through prejudices possessing the mindes of many (otherwise zealous and godly men), what through the miscarriage perhaps of some men in that calling, hath fallen to be disliked of diverse, as my undertaking thereof should make no better in their account nor a Demas, who for imbracing of the world was sliding away from sinceritie, and all care of a good conscience. That therefore either for currying the applause of men, or for eviting of manifold misconstructions and misdeemings, I would earnestly decline the calling. I know very well how great a sin it is to offend one of the least ones that beleeveth in Christ. But with that I know also that he is a man of a very weak and unstayed conscience, who is either so tickled with popular applause, as to be carried be guesse to a thing without light, thus to strengthen a common giddiness; or is so terrified with misconstructions, as therefore to omit any dutie, which the honour of God, or good of his Church requireth of him. I know we must walk through good report, and evil report, and he is a very unfit man for a good purpose, either in Church or State, *qui ponit rumores ante salutem*. I know how far I have been suspected alreadie. Some (otherwise good and holy men) because my calme, moderat, and equal carriage in our bygone distraction, agreed not with the vehemencie of their minde, thought, that therefore, forsooth, I was taken with the love of such things, as (God knoweth) both were, and still are, far from my heart. But being privie to myself, and having the testimonie of him before whom I walked, upon what respects, in so common, and as I think, so hurtful a heat on both sides, I have walked so equallie and amicable with all men, I will never, God willing, repent me of that manner of carriage. It is not for me in this age, whereto I am come, having been so strangely exercised under the hand of my God, as I stand a gazing stock to the world, and windshaken reed, and weather beaten wind-straw, to minde earthly things now, which the Lord hath so far disgusted to me, and me to them also. If I durst choose my own course, I had rather have a cottage in some wilderness, wherein to drive out the remanent of my dayes, then to be brought any more unto the

view of the world, and in the mouthes of men. And if I were so vain as to be set for honour, ease, or commoditie; yet, alas! what honour could I look for by accepting a Bishoprick, whereby the mindes of men, who now both honour and reverence me, above either my place or merit, shall be turned to account me a corrupted man, and ambitious aspirer? What ease might I expect in so toilsome a task and heavie a charge? What could be my commodity in so dilapidat and dissipat an estate? Yet, as in this calling there is none of those to allure or tempt me, or any man having sense, so I protest uprightly, it is neither the fear of disgrace, or unease or discommodity, that maketh me decline the charge. I lay no count for any ease in this life, but the ease of a good conscience. I never preached the Gospel for worldly gaine, nor to this hour hath made any gaine of that sort, whereby my reward is before me, and I hope my Lord shall hold my heart still fixed on him. And as for misconstructions I might incurre with men (if there were no other thing to divert my minde), I would hope by the grace of him, who is best acquainted with my inwards, so to carrie my self, as in short time not only to rub away any conceived prejudice against my person, but even to make the most averse to think perhaps more equitablie of the calling also. For howsoever I neither dare nor will condemne the judgement or dealing of those men, who at the first, while the matter was in deliberation, did modestly oppose to the erecting of Bishops in our Church, the experience of tyrannical usurpation giving in former times no small reason to refuse the like evil hereafter. Yet now they being established, and set at the rudder of our Church, I am so far from the judgement of them, who would have no godly nor singularly gifted men to accept of them, that I think it so far from a well informed zeal, as it is rather in my judgment a sort of transportation with the love of their own opinion; that rather than any other thing disagreeable to their opinion, should obtain place in the Church, or be graced by any man's well doing, they will put us rather in perill to have no Church at all, by leaving these rooms exposed only to belligods, hirelings, and sycophants, to the undoubted hazard of their own personal miscarriage; as also of filling all the places of the Church with the off-scourings of the world, and the dregs of men. Neither can I deny, but that (as your Lordship wrote to

me) I have any other affair, and warrantable calling, so as if no other thing did stay my resolution, I could hardly in conscience make exceptions against it. This is that, my good Lord, which maketh all my scruple, the present condition and course of things (and we cannot tell how far a farther novation in our Church is intended) so peremptorily and impetuously urged on the one part, and so hardly received on the other, as betwixt these extremities, and the undertaking of a Bishoprick, I see no option left to me, but either to incurre his Majesties displeasure, which is the rock under Christ I am loathest to strike on; or then to drive both myself and my ministry in such common distast, as I see not how henceforth it can be any more fruitful. I dispute not here of the points themselves; but I am persuaded, if so wise, so learned, and so religious a King, as God hath blessed us with, were fully and freely informed, or did thoroughly conceive the sad sequel of enforcing our Church, that neither in the points already proponed, nor in any way which we fear yet to ensue, for this intended conformitie, would his Majestie esteem any of such fruit or effect, as therefore the state of a quiet Kirk should be marred, the mindes of Brethren, who for any bygone distraction were beginning again to warme in mutual love, should be of a new again, and almost desperately distracted, the hearts of many good Christians discouraged, the resolution of many weak ones brangled [shaken], matter of insulting ministered to Romanists, and to profane epicureans, of a disdainful deriding of our whole profession. Your Lordship remembers the other year, when my Lord of Glasgow and Ross refreshed our mindes with a very grateful relation of his Majesties royal care and zeal towards our Church. One speech specially cheered our hearts, wherein his Majestie had exhorted us to mutual concord among ourselves, and that he should never urge anything upon us, that might disturb our quiet; whereupon we were all joyfully erected to the certain hope of a solid peace. Might it please God to holde his Majesties minde on this resolution, I thinke then in that calling men might do God and his Majestie good service; and be answerable for a peaceable and well governed Church, for preservation of unitie in sound doctrine and holy worship, and for as obsequious and loving (though poor) subjects, as any King of the world might glorie of. If wherein our Kirk seemeth defective, his Majestie

would so far pitie our weaknes, and tender our peace, as to enforce nothing but which first in a free and Nationall Council were determined; wherein his Highness would neither make any man afraid with terrour, nor pervert the judgment of any with hope of favour, then men may adventure to do service. But if things be so violently carried, as no end may appear of bitter contention, neither any place left to men, placed in rooms; but instead of procuring peace, and reuniting the hearts of the brethren, to stirre the coales of detestable debate; for me I have no courage to be a partner in that work. I wish my heart blood might extinguish the ungracious rising flamme in our Kirk. But if I can do nothing for the quenching of it, then I would be heartilie forrie, to add fewell thereto. And this it is (my very good Lord) which only terrifieth me from undertaking that, which otherwise for the zeal of God's house, with all hazard, and with all my heart, I would embrace. So as your Lordship shall very much oblige me unto you, if with his Majesties favour, and your Lordship's good contentment, I may be permitted to retain a privat Ministry, carrying with it no more difficultie, but to answer well for my own personal carriage, and not to undergo the necessitie of not only being myself an actor, but either an urger and adactor also of my Brethren to the thinges which shall be against their minde, and perhaps against my own light also, or then to incurre dangerous indignation. And in any case your Lordship well knows, *Turpius ejicitur quam non admittitur hospes*. I may perhaps appear to your Lordship to builde up to myselfe idle and unneccessarie fears. But I have in all singleness laid before your Lordship my whole minde, which I remit to your Lordship's wise consideration. Befeeching God so to direct this whole matter as he may have glorie, his Kirk may have good, and I may enjoy the peace of a good conscience. And thus commending your Lordship heartily to the gracious direction, and effectual blessing of our Lord, I rest.

Keith, 16 Februar 1618.

CCCXXXVII.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO MR THOMAS MITCHELL.

BROTHER,

I haue receaved your letter, and am glad you choofed rather to fend a bearer than come your felfe at this tyme. My earand was chief-ly to fignifie vnto you, that wee haue obtayned his Majesties confent for placing the Laird of Corfe at Aberdene, which you and I much defired in the laft vacancie. And I trust in God nothing fhall proue more profitable to his Church, and a better man to beare downe the enemies of all within thofe partes than this. I looke daylie for his Majesties Warrant to the Chapter to conveane and proceede in that election; and how foone it commeth, will fende to you the particular inftructions anent the proceeding, praying you to advertife me whither to fende my letters, as foone as you can. And fo, to the next occafion, I reft

Your loving Brother,

SAYNCT-ANDREWS.

Edinburgh, 16 February 1618.

To my verie loving Brother, Mafter Thomas Michell, Minifter of God's word.

CCCXXXVIII.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO THE LAIRD OF CORSE.

SIR,

As I was clofing the former letter, a pacquet came to mee from Court, contayning a licence to the Deane and Chapter of Aberdene, to meete and elect a worthie perfon to that place, which now vaketh, with a private recommendation of his Majestie for your felfe. Of this I thought meete to giue you fignification; becaufe howe foone the licence

can passe the Seale I will fend it, with such directions as ar fit for the orderlie proceeding of matters: Neyther will I infist with you not to declyne the place, vpon the scruples mentioned in your letter, seeing wee haue given you sufficient satisfactiō thereanent, and that nowe, thanks to God, wee are in the expectation of a good peace: Rather I will beseech you consider what the state of this tyme, and the Church of God in it, craveth at your handes. I shall not mention the publicke enemy, or yet your politickes, who, I am perswaded, did never heare of anie thing more to their discontentment than your nomination for this place. Onlie be pleased to looke vnto our selues, and you shall see there was never more neede to keepe a Church from disorder. As yee wryte of your selfe, God is my witnesse, I could wish to bee vnknowne in the world, and serue God in the obscurest place, rather than where by His providence I am casten. But wee are not at our owne choyse, and so must you thinke. Where God calleth, to runne away, it is not modestie, but rebellion and disobedience. God giue us, in this short tyme, to bee wyse and faythfull, and to despyse all thinges in respect of the reward propofed, on which, if wee hold our eyes, wee shall never bee discouraged by the malice of the wicked. I take my leaue, and rest

Your assured Brother,

SAINCTANDREWES.

Edinburgh, 16 February 1618.

To my verie loving Brother,
The Laird of Corse.

CCCXXXIX.—PATRICK FORBES OF CORSE TO MR THOMAS MITCHELL,
MINISTER OF UDNEY.

RIGHT WORSHIPFULL AND DEARE BROTHER,

After heartie salutation, the letters which, together with yours, are come to mee from the South, leade mee to thinke that you haue

guedd rightlie at the purpose of the Archbishop's entreatie: For even this same night I haue received a letter from all the Bishops in Edinburgh, together with his Majestie's letters to them, and to the Lordes of his Highnesse Secret Counsell, verie playnlie and peremptorie appoynting me for your Bishopricke. Nowe his Majestie's letter is both so free and peremptorie, as truelie it hath casten mee into great anxietie of mynde, so as I stand much in need of your counsel and prayers to God for direction. I haue sent you herewith the copy of his Majestie's letter, that you may so much the better consider what difficultie of resolution I am put vnto. The Lord bee my counsellour. Thus, referring the issue of all to God, and commending you heartlie to His grace, I rest ever

Your assured loving Brother,

P. FORBES OF CORSE.

Keith, 13 [18th?] February 1618.

To the right worshopfull, my deare Brother in Christ, Master Thomas Mitchell, Minister of the Gospell at Vdney.

CCCXL.—PATRICK FORBES OF CORSE TO MR THOMAS MITCHELL.

RIGHT WORSHIPFULL AND DEARE BROTHER,

After all heartlie salutation, I received your letter this Thursday after noone, the xij of March. After the receipt of the letters, whereof I sent you a copie, I wrote backe a long letter to the Bishops, whereby to excuse my selfe, and to lay off the burthen they had moved his Majestie to lay vpon me. But, agaynst my expectation, I haue reported nothing but a more vehement insisting, and that with certification, that by declyning the calling, I will incurre his Majestie's bitter indignation, and the imputation of contemning God's vocation, and the

voyce of His Church also. My Lord of Saynēt Andrewes wrote to mee also, that a warrand was come to him, to be signed, and sent to the Chapter of Aberdene, for proceeding to the election, and that hee would fende it North with diligence. So as I am casten in such agonie, as I can doe nothing but attende the issue of God's working. I would with all my heart haue fled that charge in this so dangerous a tyme, and dangerous course in tyme. But they haue put mee to too great a strayt, eyther to accept, or to incurre the King's indignation, which to a subject is the messenger of death. The Lord fende all to a good ende. The grace of God bee with you.

Your assured loving Brother,

P. FORBES OF CORSE.

Keith, 12 March 1618.

To my worshopfull and deare Brother,
Master Thomas Mitchell, Minister of
the Gospell at Vdney.

CCCXLI.—THE DEAN AND MINISTERS OF THE DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN
TO THE LAIRD OF CORSE.

RIGHT HONOURABLE AND REVERENDE,

Our loue and duetie in our common Saviour remembered, please, at the last Generall Affembly holden in Aberdene, the greatest part both of Preachers and Professours of all degrees, cryed, by a Supplication subscrib'd by them, to that Affembly, and by them to his Majestie, to fill our Bishopricke then vacant,¹ with your selfe, as fittest of all men for that feat. His Majestie finding nowe that feat vacant agayne,

¹ Upon the death of Bishop Peter Blackburn, in June 1616, Alexander Forbes, Bishop of Cathnes, was translated to the See of Aberdeen, but he died in December 1617.

hath nominate you vnto that rowme. The Chapter beeing conueaned this day, vpon a warrand directed from his Majestie, and with them Brethren of the Ministerie, Commiffioners from all Presbyteries within the Dioceffe, haue all in one joyfull voyce made choysfe of you, and haue sent vnto you some of their number, to acquaint you with their election, and to require you, in the name of God, not to flee this His calling by their voyces, in a tyme of such evident necessitie: to whose credit remitting, wee commende you for now, and ever, to the grace of God.

By your loving Brethren, and Fellow-labourers in the Gospell, the Ministers members of the Chapter of the Cathedrall Church of Aberdene, and the Ministers Commiffioners from Presbyteries;

Maister DAVID REIT, Deane, and Moderator, in the name of the whole Meeting.

Olde Aberdene, the 24 of March 1618.

To the right reverend and honourable, their loving Brother and fellow-labourer in the Gospell, the Laird of Corfe.

CCCXLII.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED AND GRACIOUSE SOUERAIGNE,

Please your Maiestie, I haif caused the electioun of the Bifchop of Abirden to be ordourly done, according to the form sent vnto me be the Dean of Wincheſter, in every point. The Certificatioun of thair proceedingis is now to be presentit to your Maieſtie vnder the ſubſcription of the Cheptour and thair common ſeal,¹ vpon the ſight quhairof

¹ In the well known volume originally printed at Aberdeen, in 1635, and republished, in 1845, by the Spottiswoode Society (accompanied with much curious literary illustra-

I muſt humbly intreat your Maieſtie's royal aſſent to the perſon electit with ane warrant for his Conſecratioun, bothe quich I haif made heir to be formed, and ſent heirwith. I am in good hope that he ſal prove worthie of your Maieſtie's favoure, and that his ſervice ſalbe profitable to this Church. Muſche I heare of ſum Puritanes buſines, diſſwading his acceptatioun; but the particularis wilbe better vnderſtood afterwards.

We ar heir to communicat on Eaſter day, qhair, God willing, I ſal haif every thing in that maner performed that your Maieſtie deſyris. Al of our number ar advertiſed to doe the like in thair places, and the moſt I know wil obſerve the ſamin. Our adverſaries wil cal this ane tranſgreſſioun of the reſavit cuſtom; but I doe not ſee, as yit, that any thing wil effect thair obedience, ſafe your Maieſties authoritie. We haif our Synodes this nexte monethe, in quich nothing ſalbe omitted that may mak them wyſe. Kiſſing moſt humbly your Maieſties handis, I tak my leave.

Your Maieſties moſt humble and obedient ſerviteur,

St Andrews, 29 Merche 1618.

SANCTANDREWS.

CCCXLIII.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO MR THOMAS MITCHELL.¹

LOVING BROTHER,

I received this Sunday only the 26 of April, the pacquet, with his Maieſtie's royall aſſent to the election of Aberdene, and a mandate

tion, by the Editor, Charles F. Shand, Eſq.), under the title of "The Funerals of Patrick Forbes of Corſe, Biſhop of Aberdeen," there is given, along with the preceding letter, the "Certification" here alluded to, dated 24th March 1618, and alſo the "Procuratorium ad exhibendam Certificationem de Electione Episcopi," ſigned by the Clergy of the Dioceſe. Theſe are followed by a copy of the "Diploma Regium, de proviſione Patricii Forbesii, Episcopi Aberdonensis." It is dated at Whytehall, 8th April 1618.

¹ In Biſhop Forbes's Funerals, there is alſo printed a copy of the "Instrument anent Patrik Biſhop of Aberdene his Admiſſion to the ſaid Biſhopricke," upon the 18th May 1618.

for Confecration. The one muft paffe the Great Seale, and the other the Privie Seale, for which there is tyme fufficient, as I haue written to the Laird himfelfe. I haue thought the feventeenth of May the fitteft tyme, and haue given advertifement to the Bifhops to meete at the day. I will haue the Laird to dyne with me on the day of Confecration, as I tolde you. You will haue care that hee bee accompanied with fome graue Minifters, befides his owne friendes, which I knowe will attende him. No other thing commeth to my mynde to advertife, but that his Majeftie is exceeding well pleafed with your procedure in Aberdene at the election; and expecteth good fervice both to God and himfelfe, whereof I am perfwaded. You will fee that one be difpatched to Edinburgh for paffing thefe thorowe the Seales, and that they may meete you at your comming hither. What you would haue done or provyded on my part, I pray you advertife mee: And nowe commending you to God, I reft

Your affured Brother,

SAYNCTANDREWES.

Sainct-Andrewes, 16 [26th] April 1618.

To my verie loving Brother, Mafter Thomas Mitchell, Minifter of God's word.

CCCXLIV.—SIR JAMES LUNDIE OF LUNDIE TO KING JAMES.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVERANE,

It may pleas your moft excellent Maieftie, vmquhile King Williame, of worthie memorie, for the lufe wiche he caryit towardis his fone naturall, my prediceffour, callit Sir Robert, thairefter callit Sir Robert of Lundy be King Alexander the Second, gaue all and hail the barony of Lundy, of whome the Lairdis of Lundy hes linialie difcendit, as oure charteris and evidentis dois record; and evir fince the dayis of

King Williame, be the space of foure hundreth fyftie and fyve yeiris, we haue bene in peccable poffeffioun of our awin teindis, quhill now laitlie, that the Laird of Largo¹ hes procurit the kirk of Largo, erectit in ane laick patronage, quha intendis moft rigoroufflie to leid our teindis: albeit that I haue caufit deall with him thir fevin yeiris bigane for ane new tak of oure awin teindis, quhairunto he will nawayis condifcend be ony perfuafion or reasonable offer; bot hes intentit actioun aganis ws for fpoliatioun thairof, whairintill be the rigour of law he is liklie to prevale. The hail Senatouris of your Maiefties Colledge of Justice thinkis it aggreble with reason and confcience that we fuld ftill continew in poffeffioun of our awin teindis, feing we ar fa lang kyndlie takifmen and poffeffouris thairof; and I am fullie refolvit that thair is no mean to hold me in poffeffioun of the faidis teindis, but that it wald pleas your moft excellent Maieftie to direct ane letter to the Lordis of your Hienes Colledge of Justice, to caus ws both fubmitt that mater to thame, anent quhat takis the Laird of Largo fall giue of our awin teindis, and quhat fall be gevin thairfoir. This I am moft willing to do. It is weill knowin to your Maieftie quhat querrellis and deidlie feidis hes followit vpoun rigourous teinding within your Hienes kingdome of Scotland, whiche hes bene the ruine of mony houfes thairof. Moft humlie thairfoir befeiking your gracious Maieftie to prevent ws, be your Heines letter to the Lordis of your Maiefties College of Justice. Thus in all humilitie expecting your Maiefties moft gracious will and interceffion in this point, I moft humlie tak my leve, kifing, with all reverence and humilitie, your moft gracious hand.

Your Maiefties moft humle and obedient
fubiect and fervitour,

S^r JAMES LUNDIE.

Edinburgh, the 8 of Aprile 1618.

To his moft excellent Maieftie.

¹ Andrew Wood of Largo.

CCCXLV.—THE BISHOP OF GALLOWAY TO KING JAMES.

MOST GRATIOUS AND SACRED SOUERAINE,

As your Highnes commanded, so have I done, on the Passion and Refurrection daies, I ministred the communion kneeling to my Lordis Chancellor, Secretarie, Registre, Advocat, and Treasurer Deput, and the Laird of Riven. My Lord of Mar had communicat the day before. I requyred others, when the Lordis had risen, and attended them at leafure, bot no mo præsented them selues to the table. Mony told me after, that they wer mynded to communicat, but they stood everie one vpon the coming of others. The suddaintie of the command, which came bot two daies before, maid me the lesse able to præpair others, having so short a tyme for my oune studie. This may be mended at the Pentecost, if it fall please your Maiestie to giue direction to my Lords to bring their servants to the table with them, and before hand giue me their names; for your Maiesties will (I hope) is not that such as justlie ar rejected from their owne kirkis fuld be received in your Royal Chappel. As lykewaies that your Maiestie will please command the Treasurer Deput to giue me a roll of all that dwell within the præcinets of the Palace, that I may both præpare them and requyre them. They ar a great number, and will not do that mekle as præsent them selues to the Chappel, yet is the house filled alwaie with others.

As to the house, your Maiestie is informed, the Commiffioners of your Highnes affaires hes appointed for me, I took my Lord Secretare to sie it; the best of them is not the lenth of a speare, and four of them scarce able to conteine one bed. I hope my lord Secretarie will shew your Maiestie the truth. I have committed no fault that I fuld be shutt vp in a prison, there being larger rowmes anew posselt by others. Bot that your Maiestie be not fashed with such triffls, if it may be your Highnes pleasure to command the Treasurer to discharge me one termes taxation I am bound to pay for Galloway, and that for this half yeare onlie, I shall so long as I liue furnish a house to my self: and yet more nor this is given everie yeare in pension to some preachors. In good faith, Sir,

I spented that summe in attending your Maieftie at your incomming: my self and ane other lived at the King's table: bot my retinue vpon my charges, man and horse, fix dailie in number.

Concerning Kneeling at the Communion, which for my self I think both lawfull and expedient, I haue seene the best of England contrair mynded, their arguments against it; as also D. Suttleiff and Joseph Hall for it. If with your Maiesties favour and reuerence of these men I might speake it, it is evill impugned by the one, and not well defended by the other. Bot of this I will wryt no thing, except I know I might doe it without your Maiesties offence. So craving your Maiesties pardon for my longsumnes or ony other oversight, I rest

Your Maiesties humble seruant and dailie orator,

W. B. OF GALLOWAY.

To his Maieftie.

CCCXLVI.—SIR GIDEON MURRAY OF ELIBANK TO KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOUERANE,

By your Maiefties letter of the 20th of Apryll, I am commandit to aduerteis your Hienes to what sounge, a half yeares Taxatione, which the Bifchoppe of Galoway is to pay for Galoway, doeth amount, and for what caus he payes the same. As I tak it, his desyr is to haue a discharge of his part of the second terme of the lait Taxatione granted touartis the expenses of your Maiesties jorney in this Kingdome, for the Prelaceis possessit be him, which ar the Bifchoprik of Galoway, the Priorie of Whitherne, the Abaceis of Tunland and Glenluce, the taxt of the said benefies, for the terme afoirsaid, extending to two thowfand poundis, or thairby.

Beaus the lyke fuit heathe neuer bein maid by anie wther for a discharge of any part of your Maiefties preceiding taxationes, I humblie offer to your Hienes princelie and wyfe consideratione these Reafones

whairfoir the defyr may lawfullie be denyed. All the Prelatis and beneficed perfoncs within this Kingdome hes releiff of thair fewaris and takifmen, and thay mak thair taxt rolles no leffe nor thay pay thame felfis. The equall half of the whole taxatione is impofed upon the Prelaceis and inferiour benefices. As for the inferiour benefices, thair ar manie of thame exemed by warrantis frome the Bifchoppis in fauoris of the Minifteris; and geue thair falbe way gevin to exemptiones of Prelaceis or difchardges of thair taxationes (feing thair ar manie that haue als mucche neid as the Bifchoppe of Galoway), your Maieftie wilbe importuned with moir of thame. He hes furth of thefe foure Prelaceis a competent rent to maintein his rank and dignetic, equall, as I am informed, to any wther Prelat within this Kingdome, and hes lifted gud fynnes of his feweris and takismen, fo as he hes no great neid of it. And your Maieftie wes pleafed to forbear the granting of any part of the former taxatione, ather by precept or difchardge, fwa as the whole wes employed towartis the reparatione of your Hienes Castellis and Palices, except fo mucche of it as wes gevin to Sir Jhone Arnott as a part of the pryce of Orknaye; and geue it had not bein fo, thay culd not haue bein gottin maid ready for your Maiefteis reffait when your Hienes wes heir. This taxatione is granted for a neceffarie vfe, and I houpe falbe found bothe exactlie takin vp and well employed. I will not importune your Maieftie with a moir tedious and longer difcoures, bot humblie begge pardone for the rafche offer of my waike opinione, and end with my humble and feruent prayeris for your Hienes long preferuatione in all healthe and happienes.

Your Sacred Maiefteis moft humble
and obedient feruand,

G. MURRAY.

Edinburgh, the 2 of Maij 1618.

Your Maieftie wilbe pleafed to ryue this letter.

To the Kingis moft excellent Maieftie.

CCCXLVII.—CHARGE AGAINST THE COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED FOR
PLANTING OF KIRKS.

Apud Edinburgh xij die mensis Maij 1618.

Sederunt.

CHANCELLAIR.	LORD ERSKINE.	KILSYTH.
THESAURAIR.	LORD FLEMYNG.	BRUNTILAND.
WYNTOUN.	MR [OF] ELPHINSTOUN.	REDHOUSE.
LYNLITHQW.	PREVEY SEALL.	SIR GEORGE ERSKINE.
LAUDERDAILL.	THESAURER DEPUTE.	MR PETER ROLLOK.
BINNING.	ADVOCAT.	CONSERVATOUR.

FORSAMEKLE as the first day of Junij, now approaching, is appointed for the nixt sitting and meiting of the Commiffionaris who are nominat be the Parliament for plantatioun of Kirkis, quhilk being a mater most acceptable unto God, and requireing a quick and reddy difpathe and executione, seeing the Ministeris and otheris whome it concerns may not attend and await ony long tyme thairvpoun without thair grite hurte and inconvenient, and difapointing of the flockis and congregatiounis quhair of the Ministeris hes the chairage of the conforte of the Worde and benefite of the Kirk: And whereas the saidis Commiffionaris did verie solemnlie promeis and fweir, in presence of his Maiestie and his Estaitis, that thay sould preceiflie keepe all the dyettis, tymes, and meetingis for that eirand without weyreing: Thairfore the Lordis of Secrite Counsaill ordanis letters to be direct to command and chairage the hail Commiffionaris for the Clergye, Nobilitie, Baronis, and Burrowis nominat and appointit be the Parliament to attend the godlie and worthie worke foirsaid. That they, and every ane of thame all, excuiffes fett afyde, adressè thame selffis, in dew and lauchfull tyme to the said burgh of Edinburgh, agane the said first day of Junij nixt to come, and attend and await upon the executioun of the said Commiffioun, and for bringing of the same to ane end and happy conclusioun, vnder the pane of rebellione, &c., with certificatioun to thame and thay failzie, that not

onlie fall letters be directit to denounce thame rebellis, and put thame to the horne, bot with all that they falbe vtherwyfe punist in thair perfonis as contempning of his Maiefties authoritie and difapointaris and hinderaris of the dew executione of the chairage committit to thame.

CCCXLVIII.—THE BISHOP OF GALLOWAY TO KING JAMES.

MOST GRATIOUS AND SACRED SOUERAINE,

Please your Maieftie: According to your Highnes direction, I preached in the Chappel on the Ascension day. I requyred the Lordis, and they wer present. The Sabboth following we kept as the Pentecost. The subiect of the sermone wes of the sending of the Holie Ghost. I gaue the communion to my Lordis Chancellor, Præsident, Advocat, and Treasurer Depute: No mo wer in the towne. Sundrie of my Lord Præsident and Treasurer Deput their followers did communicat, and about fourtie of the high towne, all kneeling.¹ This is mekle, as your Maieftie knowes, to get at the first among such a people. A litle tyme and experience will make the most stubburne more tractable. Great concurse of people wes to behold, who lyked the ordour verie well. Alwaie not one within the præcinets of the Palace hes communicat, neither did I receiue any roll of them; bot this your Maieftie can best mend. The Treasurer Depute hes willinglie promised to answer me of that I futed for my house maile, if it be your Highnes good will to give connivence. It is lesse be ane hundreth poundis of our money nor that three thousand merks, which at your Highnes commandement I gaue to John Gib for the dimiffion of his right. I think no shame to meane my self to my Maister. It is hard for me to giue of my oune poore portion for restitution of the Chappel and to serue in it without house maile or sti-

¹ "Upon Whitsunday, the 24th of Majj, the Bishope of Galloway ministered the Communion in the Chappell Royal to the Chancellour, the President, the Treasurer-Depute, the Advocate, and others the King's servants. The Bishope forbade the people to scarre from communicating for the offering that they were to give, seeing those that offered little were notwithstanding accepted." (Calderwood's History, vol. vii. p. 298.)

pend; for in truth I am forced to giue all to the Præbendaries. I remitt this to your Highnes gracious pleafure, and yet expects of your princelie equitie a favourable anfwer.

Your Highnes humble feruant and dailie Oratour,

W. B. OF GALLOWAY.

To his Maieftie.

CCCXLIX.—THE ARCHBISHOPS OF ST ANDREWS AND GLASGOW, AND BISHOP OF GALLOWAY, TO KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED AND MOST GRATIOUSE SOUVERAIGNE,

We ar humbly to intreat your Maiefties favour for ane patent to Mr Alexander Yule, fumtymis Mafter of the Grammer Schoole of Stirling, anent the imprinting of ane Explanatioun of Buchanan's Pfalmis,¹ in qhiche he hes taken great panis, and is eftemit by learned men heir to be wel and profitably done. The Lord Deputie of Irland, as he enformis ws, cravis the employment of his travellis amongest them, qhiche he myndis to bestow vpon the finifching of this worke, qhiche he thinkis to propone and read vnto the yowthe thair. And we ar perfwaded his service in that kinde falbe to the Church of God very profitable, and helpe mucche to the reformatioun of that Kingdom, and the educatioun of thair yowthe, bothe in religioun and ciuilitie. Qhair-vpon we haif taken the boldnes to befeeche your Maiefties grant of

¹ The work alluded to was not published till 1620:—"Ephrasis Paraphraseos Georgii Buchanani in Psalmos Davidis: ab Alexandro Julio Edinburgo, in Adolescentiæ studiosæ gratiam elaborata. Londini, excusum apud Georgium Eld, M.DC.XX." 8vo. In the dedication to Sir Oliver St John, Lord Deputy for Ireland, Yule states that he had been employed as Master of the Grammar School in Stirling for nearly thirty-three years, when he resigned, after which he spent a few months in Dublin. It contains commendatory verses by Henry Charteris, Patrik Sands, and John Adamson, each of them in succession Principal of the College of Edinburgh; and also by John Ray, Rector of the High School, Edinburgh.

printing the said book to him self for the space of 21 yeiris, and that none be permitted within your Maiesties dominionis to imprint the sam, or to bring in the sam, being printed elseqhair, to be sold in thir partis vnder the pain of confiscatioun, according as your Maiesties privilege is wonte to be graunted in fuche caces. And thus humbly craving pardon for importuning your Maiestie in his behalf, we beseeche Almyghtie God to blisse your Hienes with continual and everlasting bliffingis.

Your Maiesties most humble and obedient fervantis,

SANCTANDREWS.

J.A. GLASGOW.

W. B. OF GALLOWAY.

Edinburgh, 16. Junij 1618.

To his Maiestie.

CCCL.—HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES [TO THE ARCHBISHOP OF
ST ANDREWS?]

[The following missive, not having the royal signature, date, or address, was probably the scroll, or a copy of the original, retained by John Murray. The unfortunate person to whom it relates was the third son of John Ross of Craigie, in Perthshire. He was educated at St Andrews, and became Minister of Cargill. A work in praise of the King, his Children, and the chief Nobility, entitled, "Idea, sive de Jacobi M. Brit. Regis Virtutibus et Ornamentis dilucida Enarratio: Authore Thoma Rosa; ' printed at London, 1608, 12mo, may safely be ascribed to him; but it seems to have failed in its object, and was well styled, "a fulsome piece of flattery." His name occurs as Minister of Cargill, in the years 1608 and 1614. In the following year he had either resigned or been deposed from his charge. Having obtained a letter from the Archbishop, and others, in his favour to the King, he was led to expect some advancement at Court; but the reception he met with, as referred to in this letter, and the reduced state of his finances, induced him to take a most unusual mode to obtain "pitié for his distress and miserie." Having written a most scurrilous invective

against his countrymen at Court, he affixed it as a Thesis on the door of St Mary's Church, Oxford. It was immediately taken down, and carried to the Vice-Chancellor, who sent it to the King: the result was, that Ross being apprehended, was sent to Edinburgh, by the King's instructions, to be brought to trial.

On the 30th of July 1618, the Lords of Privy Council wrote to King James: "We haue ressaued your Majesties letter, with the infamous libell written by that wretched and unhappie fellow Rosse;" who had not yet come to Edinburgh, but that the Magistrates had been commanded "to commit him cloise prisonair in thair irne-house, and to lay him in the irnis." On the 22d of August, Lord Binning informed the King that "'the furious wretche Maister Thomas Ros,' was, according to your Maiesties commandment, put to his tryall and convicted of the heynous crymes conteaned in his diuelishe Pasquil, produced for verificatioun of his guiltinesse to the Assyse. The dome is delayed till your Maiestie be pleased to signifie your Royall determination in it. His malitious frenesie is so mixed with presumption of his own wourth, as he thinkis the vse of his learning and eloquence necessar to the world, &c." Both letters are printed in "The Melros Papers," vol. i. p. 314-316. They are also given, along with miscellaneous notices and an account of the proceedings against Ross in the Court of Justiciary, in Pitcairn's Criminal Trials, vol. iii. p. 445-454. In the Appendix to the same work, vol. iii. p. 582, &c., will be found a translation of the very extraordinary document itself, which occasioned the ignominious death of Ross; who was publicly executed at the Cross of Edinburgh on the 11th September 1618. (Calderwood's History, vol. vii. p. 336.)]

RIGHTE Reuerende Father in God, Righte truftie and welbeloued Counsellour, Wee greete yow well. Wee receaued, certeyne moneths ago, a letter subscribed by your selfe, and some others of the Bishoppes, whereby yee recomended to Vs a fweete guefte, one Mr Thomas Roffe, whome long time before Wee knew perfecte to be a malicious vncoun-felable foole. At the receipt of your letter, Wee were greued that yee should haue recomended vnto Vs anie such perfon, and specialie one whome in effecte ye had expelled out of your Church, as if the refuse and ofcaste of your people there were sufficientlie worthie to be receaued and employed by Vs here. And now the effectes haue shoven what iuste reason yee haue to glorie in your choise, and reioyse in graunting of your recommendation for it, hauing putte him in an ouerweening conceipte of his owne worthe for employment or preferment, so as he expected greate maters, and thereafter he (hauing fallen frome those foolish greate hopes) hath entered into this malicious and desperate cours of imaginarie reuenge. Wee wille therefor aduise yow hereafter

to be more circumspecte, both what persons yee recomende to Vs, and for what reafons, which hoping yee will do, Wee bid yow fare-well.

CCCLI.—HIS MAJESTIES MISSIVE TO THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

Apud Edinburgh penultimo die mensis Julij 1618.

THE quhilk day, the Lordis of Secrite Counfaill, according to ane warrand and direction [in writ] signed by the Kingis Maiestie, and presentit this day vnto thame, reffaut and admittit [Patrick] Bifchop of Abirdene to be ane of the ordinair number of the Privey Counfaill of this Kingdom, and to [enjoy] the honnouris, digniteis, and priuiledgeis propri and dew to the said place. Lykeas the said Bifchop being personalie present, and acknowledgeing with moift humble thankis his Maiesties gracious fauour schawin vnto him, by preferring and advanceing of him to this heich place of honnour and dignitie, he with all dew reverence vpoun his kneis, his hand lyand vpoun the holie Evangill, maid and gaif his solemne aith of alledgeance and the oath of a Prevey Counfelloure.

The Kingis Majesteis missive letter for warrand of the Act above written.

RICHT trustie and richt weill belouit Cofen and Confallour, We grete you weele, Being fuirlye perswadit of the sufficiencie, qualificatioun, and dispositioun to oure seruice of the Bifchop of Abirdene, We are weele pleased to promote him to ane ordinarie place in our Preuey Counfaill of that oure Kingdome, And thairfoir ye fall call him unto yow and caus the Oath accustomed in the lyke caises be ministered unto him, and admit him to oure said Counfall to haue voice thairin, and to enioy all honnouris, digniteis, priuiledgeis, and immunitieis which any vther oure Preuey Counfaillouris enioyeth by reason of his place in oure said Coun-

faill, In which behalf as this present fall be vnto you a sufficient warrand, So we bid you fareweele.

Gevin at Totenham the xxvijth of Julij 1618.

CCCLII.—HIS MAJESTIES MISSIVE TO THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

Apud Edinburgh, eodem die.

FORSAMEKLE as the Kingis Maiestie, vpoun diuerfs guid respectis and confiderationis, tending to the glorie of God, and establischeing of peace, concorde, and vnitie in the Kirk, hes thocht meete and expedient, commandit, and ordanit that thair falbe ane Nationall Affemblic keipit and haldin at the Burgh of Perth, and fall begin, Godwilling, vpoun the xxv day of August now approtcheing, Thairfoir the Lords of Secrite Counfaill ordanis letters to be direct chairgeing Officiaris of Airmes to pas to the Mercat Croce of Edinburgh, and otheris placeis neidfull, and thair be oppin proclamatioun to mak publicatioun of the premiffes, and to wairne all and findrie Archibifchopis, Bifchoppis, Comiffionairis, and all vtheris haueing place and voit in the said Affemblic, that thay addresse thame selffis to the Burgh of Perth the day foirfaid, and thair attend and await vpoun the said Affemblic, as thay will anfuer vpoun the contrarie at thair perrell.

Followis his Maiesteis missiue letter for the warrand of the Act aboue written.

RIGHT trustie and richt weilbelouit Cofen and Counfallour, and richt trustie and weilbelouit Counfallouris, We grite yow weill. Wheras, for establischeing of peace and concord in the Church of that Our Kingdome, We haue thocht it expedient to appointe ane Nationall Affemblic to be keipit at Perth the xxv day of August nixt, We haue thocht good by these presentis to will and require yow to cause the same be published

and intimated to all Oure subiectis by proclamatioun, according to the ordour accustomed in the lyke cafes: And becaus it is requisite that some sould be by commissioun represent Oure Sacred persone in the said Affemblic, We haue maid choise of yow the Lord of Scone, of yow Oure Secretarie, and of yow the Lord Carnegie, coniunctlie to supplie that place: And to the intent that materis may the foonner and better to Oure contentment be performed, We haue lykewyse maid choise of yow Sir Richard Cockburne, Our Privey Seale; Sir James Levingstoune of Kilfyth; Sir George Hay, Clerk of Oure Register; Sir William Oliphant, Oure Aduocat; and Sir Gedeone Murray, Oure Deputie Thesaurer, to be Assessoris to Oure said Commissiounaris. It is also Oure forder pleafoure that ye gif order to the Capitane of Oure guaird, with his horsemen, to attend Oure said Commissiounaris during all the tyme of the said Affemblic. And in all the premiffes requiring your speciall diligence, becaus the tyme is so neare, We commend you all to Godis keeping.

Gevin at Totenham, the xxvijth of Julij 1618.

CCCLIII.—HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT PERTH.

JAMES REX,

Right reuerend Fathers in God, Right trustie Coufins, and Counfellors, and others Our trustie and welbeloued subiects, We greet you well: Wee were once fully resolued, neuer in Our time, to haue called any moe Affemblics there, for ordering things concerning the policie of the Church, by reason of the disgrace offered vnto Us in that late meeting at Sanct Andrewes, wherein Our iust and godly desires were not onely neglected, but some of the Articles concluded in that scornfull and ridiculous forme, as we wish they had been refused rather with the rest: Although at this time We suffered Ourselfe to be intreated by you Our Bishops, for a new Conuocation, and have called you to-

gether, who are now conuened for the selfe same bufineffe which then was vrge; hoping assuredly, that you will haue some better regard of Our desires, and not permit the unruly and ignorant multitude, after their wonted custome, to ouerway the better and more judicious sort; an euill which We haue gone about with much paines to haue amended in these Assemblies, and for which purpose, according to Gods ordinance, and the constant practise of all well gouerned Churches in all ages, Wee haue placed you that are Bishops and ouerseers of the rest in the chiefeest roomes. You plead much, Wee perceiue, to haue matters done by consent of the Ministers, and tell Us often, that what concernes the Church in generall should be concluded by the aduise of the whole, neither doe Wee altogether dislike your purpose: for the greater consent there is amongst your selues, the greater is Our contentment. But Wee will not haue you to thinke, that matters proponed by Us of that nature, whereof these Articles are, may not without such a generall consent be enjoyed by Our authoritie: This were a misknowing of your places, and withall a disclayming of that innate power, which We haue by Our calling from God, by the which Wee haue place to dispose of things externall in the Church, as Wee shall thinke them to be conuenient, and profitable for aduancing true Religion amongst Our subiects. Therefore let it be your care by all manner of wise and discrete perswasions to induce them to an obedient yeelding vnto these things, as in dutie both to God, and Vs, they are bound: And doe not thinke, that Wee will be satisfied with refuses, or delayes, or mitigations; and Wee know not what other shifts haue bene proponed: for Wee will content Ourselues with nothing, but with a simple and direct acceptance of these Articles in the forme by Vs sent vnto you, now a long time past; considering both the lawfulnessse, and vndeniable conueniencie of them for the better furthering of pietie and religion amongst you. And it should haue rather becotted you, to haue begged the establishment of such things of Vs, then that Wee should thus neede to be put to vrge the practise of them vpon you. These matters indeede concerneth you of the Ecclesiasticall charge chiefly. Neyther would Wee haue called Noblemen, Barons, and others of Our good subiects, to the determining of them, but that Wee vnderstand, the offence of Our people hath

beene so much obiected; wherein you must beare with Vs to say, That no Kingdome doth breed, or hath at this time, more louing, dutifull, and obedient subiects; than Wee haue in that Our native Kingdome of Scotland; and so if any disposition hath appeared to the contrarie, in any of them, the same We hold to have proceeded from amongst you: Albeit of all sorts of men, yee are they, that both of duetie were bound, and by particular benefits obliged, to haue continued yourselues, and by your found doctrine and exemplarie life, kept others in a reuerend obedience to Our commandements. What, and how many abuses were offered Vs by many of the Ministrie there, before Our happie comming to this Crowne, though We can hardly quite forget, yet We little like to remember. Neither thinke We, that any Prince liuing could haue kept him selfe from falling in vtter dislike with the profession it selfe, considering the many prouocations that were giuen vnto Vs; but the loue of God and his truth still vpheld Vs; and will by His grace so doe vnto the end of Our life: Our patience alwayes in forgetting, and forgiuing many faults of that sort, and constant maintaining of true Religion against the aduersaries (by whose hateful practises We liue in greater perrill then you all, or any one of you), should haue produced better effects amongst you, then continuall resistance of Our best purposes. Wee wish Wee be not further prouoked, and God's truth, which you professe, of obedience vnto Principalities and Powers, be no longer neglected, and slandered by such as, vnder the cloake of seeming holinesse, walk vnruely amongst you, shaking hands as it were, and ioyning in this their disobedience vnto Maiestracie, with the vpholders of Poperie. Wherefore, Our heartie desire is, that at this time you make the World see by your proceedings, what a dutiefull respect and obedience you owe to Vs, your Souereigne Prince, and naturall King and Lord; that as Wee in loue and care are neuer wanting vnto you, so you in an humble submission vnto Our so just demands, be not found inferiour to others Our subiects in any of Our Kingdomes; and that the care and zeale of the good of God's Church, and of the advancing of Piety, and Truth, doth chiefly incite Vs to the following of these matters; God is Our Witnesse: The which, that it may be before your eyes, and that according to your callings you may striue in your particular places, and in this

Generall Meeting, to do these things which may best serue to the promoting of the Gospel of Christ, euen Our prayers are earnest vnto God for you: Requiring you in this and other things to credit the bearer hereof, Our trustie Seruant and Chaplaine, the Deane of Winchester, whom We have expressly sent thither, that he may bring vnto Vs a true relation of the particular carriages of all matters, and of the happie euent of your Meeting, which by God's blessing (who is the God of Order, Peace, and Truth) Wee doe certainly expect; vnto whose gracious direction Wee commend you now and for euer.

Given at Theobalds, the 10 July 1618.¹

CCCLIV.—THE BISHOP OF GALLOWAY TO JOHN MURRAY
OF LOCHMABEN.

HONORABLE SIR,

In your last letter ye wrot to me that I shuld refflaue the answer of my petition maid to his Maiestie with the next pakket. Mony ar come since, but I haue refflaued none. My sute is verie reasonable, that sen the Treaasurer will not pay my house-mail that I may attend the service of the Chappel, his Maiestie wold be pleased giue a warrand to Sir Gedeon Murray to discharge me one half yeares taxation of Galloway, which wilbe ane hunder pound lesse nor three thousand merkis, which summe, at his Maiesties command, I gaue to John Gib. Sir Gedeon is content, if his Maiestie be pleased to giue a warrand.² I haue

¹ This letter is preserved by Dr Lyndesay, Bishop of Brechin, in his "True Narration of the Proceedings of the Assembly at Perth," p. 53. Lond. 1621, 4to. He dates it the 10th July, an obvious mistake, probably instead of August. On the 10th of July the King was at Whitehall; on the 11th he was at Wanstead, and at Theobalds from the 15th to the 19th of July. He returned to Whitehall on the following day, and afterwards visited different parts of the country.—(King James's Progresses, vol. iii. p. 486.)

² The Bishop of Galloway, as appears from the *Acta Secreti Concilii*, was successful in this request, which also forms the subject of the letters No. CCCXLVI. and CCCXLVIII. On the 9th January 1619 (only, as it proved, a few weeks before his

for this caus written to my Lord Duke his grace. I pray yow remember his Lordship with your best counfel in my favours. It is verie hard that I fuld giue my owne geir to redeme a rent to the Mufitians; for in gud faith I may not spend aboue an hundreth merkis of our money of all the rent of the Chappel in the yeare. And then to pay for my houe mail three hundreth merkis yearlie, and more. Your Kirkis ar all putt to ane point, and ye are no altered one pennie from your erection. Dundrennan is vacand, bot ye haue as yet sent me no presentation of ony, which I pray yow to doe. I heare it is come, bot I haue not fene it. Sen ye must pay the stipend, it can be no profit to yow that the people wants a preacher. Old James Castelhall being unmeet, through age, for service of the Chappel, hes dimitted his benefice in his Maiesties hand in favours of his sonne, who is a qualefeit mufitian. Ye will reffaue it, and obtaine his Maiesties hand vnto it. Expecting your anwser, I rest

Your owne in the Lord,

Cannogait, August 10. 1618.

W. B. OF GALLOWAY.

I pray yow giue your best countenance to this bearer, Mr John Adamson, for he hes taken great paines to honor his Maiestie, and this Kingdome,¹ as I doubt not ye will heare of his Maiestie him self.

To the right honorable John Murray of Lochmaben, Groome of his Maiesties bedchamber.

death), the Lords of Secret Council, Commissioners of his Majestie's rents, passed an Act, which " ordanis and commandis Sir Gideon Murray of Elibank, Deputie Thesaurer, to answer and mak payment to William Bischop of Galloway, Deane of his Majesteis Chapell, the sum £1928. 17. 8., as the last termes payment of the Taxation of the Bischoprik of Galloway, Priorie of Quhithorne, and Abbaceyis of Glenluce and Tungland," " in full contentatioun and satisfioun of his house maill, in all tyme cuming, during his lyftime, sicing he cannot be commodiouslie ludgit and easit within his Majesties Palice of Halyrudhouse."

¹ Mr John Adamson, a native of Edinburgh, and at this time Minister of Libberton,

CCCLV.—LORD BINNING TO HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOUERANE,

At oure cumming to this towne, finding that the most precife and wilfull Puritanes wer chofin commiffionars be manie of the presbiteries, speciallie of Lowthain and Fyfe, I wes extreamlie doubtfull of the succes of your Majesties religious and just desires. At the privat meiting of your Maiesties commiffionars and the Bischops, my Lord of Santandrois denied not the apparent difficultie, bot declaired that, being hopefull, that the happines which alwayes accompanied the justice of your Royall disseins wald not faile in this action, he thought the victorie wold be more perfyte, and the obedience more hairtie, when the Puritanes fould sie the Articles concluded in the presence of thair greateft patrons, thair opinions being confuted be liuelie reafons and vndeniable trueth.

The sermon before the Asssembly wes maid be the Bischop of Aberden, who, with great dexteritie, proponed the weght of the pourpofes to be entreated, and the necessitie of consideration, that the bodie of the Church being asssembled be your royall direction for treating of Articles proponed be your Maiestie, first to ane number of the principall ministers at Santandrois, and thairefter in the Assembly at Santandrois, your Maiestie had confaued great offence for the delays then vsed; and being perswaded in your excellent wifdome and conscience, that the Articles wer just and godlie, and onlie schifted becaus thay wer proponed be your Maiestie, be such as had gloried to be opposite to your sacred desires, it wes to be feared, if, at this tyme, your Maiestie fould not ressaue satisfaccion, your wraith might be so kindled, as the Church, lousing your wounted fatherlie fauour, thay might feill the heaue preiudice of that consequence.

had collected and published the various poems, speeches, and other congratulations to King James, under the title of *THE MUSE'S WELCOME*, &c. "At his M. happie returne to his old and native Kingdome of Scotland, after xiiii. years absence, in Anno 1617." Edinburgh, 1618, folio. Adamson, in November 1623, was appointed Principal of the University of Edinburgh.

And thairfore exhorted thame, in humilitie, zeale, and Christian loue, to dispose thamefelues to proceed wifelic, and with all due respect to your Maiestie.

At the meiting of the Affemblic, the Archibishop of Santandrois made the exhortation, and be ane most godlie and wise discours,¹ remembred the auditouris of your Maiesties infinit benefites to the Church, your wisdome in thair direction for the keiping of puritie, and suppressing poperie; your patrocinie of the good, mercie to offenders of thair profession, caire for prouision of mentenance to pastours, and learning and zeale in defence of the true Religion be your most famous workes published aganis the aduersars, which had incensed the Papists to think your Maiestie the onlie lat of thair prevailing; and for that onlie querrel, to seik, by treacherous meanes, the trouble of your estate, and destruction of your Sacred person: and the true professours throw all Europe to honour your Maiestie as the protectour of all the Reformed Churches, and to acknowledge your Maiestie the vmpire, and most competent and best qualified iuge of all controuerfies arising amongis thame. Exhorting, thairfore, eurie one to consider and acknouledge how justlie thay wer bund to expresse thair loyall respect and true obedience to your Maiestie, by yeilding to your lafull desires in the articles proponed.

The exhortation ended, he called the commissioneris, and nominated these for the conference. Sum proponed that ane Moderator might be chofin; whom he silenced, becaus he wald not suffer the privilege of his place to be questioned: And thairefter rehearsing what had been done in the Affemblic at Santandrois, and wittelic taking it *pro confesso* that all the Articles wer in substance allowed thair, except that of Kneeling at the communion, proponed that to be disputed. Great instance wes maid that, the mater being of so heigh consequence, might be entreated in the publick Affemblic, bot the contrare wes ordained. Difficultie wes maid anent the conception of the wourds of the question, and the opposites vrged that reasons might be geuin why the article wes necessar. It wes answered and concluded, that the Articles cumming from your Maiestie could be allowed, vnles thay could proue it wer vnlaull. So Maister

¹ Bishop Spottiswood's Sermon, preached at the opening of the Assembly (on 1 Cor. 11. 16.), is printed at p. 21—46 of Dr Lyndesay's True Narration, &c., 1621. 4to.

William Scot of Couper, being commanded to speak, opposed against the article with modestie, and protestation that he would be unwilling to adduce reasons to impugn ane proposition cumming from your Maiestie; and thairefter, proceeding to his arguments, was seconded be Maister John Carmichell, with more vehemencie and wilfulness. They alledged that the ordour presentlie obserued in this cuntrie being agreeable to the word, and Chrystes institution, and thay sworn at thair admision to the ministrie to obserue the true religion and discipline ressaued in this Church, thay could not with faif conscience alter it: which being censured, thay came to the substance of the question, anent the maner of ressauing, and spent the rest of that day, and ane part of the nixt, in disputation vpon that subiect. Nothing being omitted be the aduersars, which thair owne inuentions, or the writings of these who allow thair opinion, could suggest; which being wiselie and learnedlie refuted be my Lord of Glasgo, whom Doctour Lindsay of Dundie, and Doctour Philp of Arbroth, Doctour Bruce, and sum vthers of the best and most learned, did assist, with manie evident and pithie reasons, the article wes ordaned to be voted in the conference, and in end allowed be so great oddis of voices, as gaue wonderfull contentment to all the well affected; yet the number of the vulgar ministers having vote in the publict Assembly being verie great, our dought rested what the euent might be, of that which depended vpon the opinions of ane multitude of ignorant or preoccupied people. For remeid whair of, my Lord of Santandrois, who, in direction, disputation, and all vther circumstances of this action, expressed great wisdom, learning, and autoritie, well besuiming his place, delayed the voting the second day, that he and his brethren might haue sum tyme to dispose thingis to ane wished end.

This day the Bishop of Galloway maid ane verie pertinent sermon, to persuade the brethren to peace and edification. Thairefter, the Assembly convening, new disturbances wer cassin in to reinuerse all that wes done in the conference, and bring it of new to disputation, so as my Lord of Santandrois wes forced to permit all the Articles to be of new reasoned; and if he had not be very graue autoritie reduced thair discourfes to succinct and formell reasoning, it had bene impossible to bring maters to any conclusion. Sum oppositions maid yesterday wer this day repeated, and

little of any substance added be such as wer not of the conference, all which wes judiciouslie and perspicuouslie refuted be my Lords of Santandris and Glasgo, and Doctours Lindfay and Philp, whoes faithfull and profittable endeouours merites your Maiesties gracious remembrance.¹

If complaint be maid be Maister John Carmichell, that I wold not suffer him to enlairege his discours of the ancient controuersie, betwix the Easterne and Westerne Church, anent the precise day of Chrystes birth, I must haue recours to your Maiesties mercie.

In end, my Lord of Santandris, cutting schort thair affectat schiftis, whairby thay intended aither to disappoint the mater, or to persuade the Assembly to remit it to ane vther meiting, he ordaned this proposition onlie to be voted, Whether the Assembly wald obey your Maiestie, in admitting the Articles proponed be your Maiestie, or refuse thame. Sum infisted to haue thame seuerallie voted, bot both he and the Deane of Winchester (whose diligence, discretion, counsell, and gude assistance in this seruice, hes bene faithfull and verie commendable) declaired that your Maiestie wald reffau none, if all wer not granted; and so being put to voting in these termes, fourescoir and sex allowed the Articles, fourtie and one refused thame, and three wer *non liquet*.

My Lord of Scone *antiquum obtinet*, and will neuer *aberrare a via Regia*. My Lord Carnegie, the Thesaurar Depute, Aduocat, Kilfyth, and Sir Andro Car, have done that faithfull dewtie which became thame.

The Erle of Louthian, the Lords Sanquhar, Vchiltrie, and Boyd, did lykwayes attend, with ane gude number of honorable and well affected Barons; bot the prayse of the succes being onlie due to the wisdom of your Maiesties directions, the wourthiest instruments have bene the two Archibishops and the Bishops of Galloway and Aberdene, and remanent of thair Estate, of whom none wer negligent or remisse, bot professiedly resolued in the aduancement of the action. Many Ministers kythed verie dewtifull both in reasoning and voting; but all these

¹ Dr David Lyndesay, Minister of Dundee, in the following year was advanced to the See of Brechin, and was consecrated at St Andrews on the 23d November. Dr Henry Philip, who was Minister of Aberbrothock from 1601, seems not to have obtained any higher promotion for his services.

particulars I muſt remit to the Deane of Wincheſter's relation; onlie affuring your Maieſtie, that albeit the contention was vehement, both in the Conference and publick Affembly, yet eſter thay wer voted, thair appeired great contentment in many gude mens faces, for the happie and peaceable approbation of your Maieſties Articles. If your continuall caire of the good of this Cuntrie and Church moue your Royall mynd to intend heirefter any Church maters of ſuch conſequence, I beſeech your Maieſtie, for the good of your owne ſeruice, to employ ane more fit Commiſſioner in my place, who am als vnſkilfull in thir ſubiectis as I am vngratious to the oppoſites. So, thanking God for the bliffed end of thir affaires, and praying him that your Maieſtie may long leue and happelie preuaile in all your Royall interpryſes, I reſt

Your Maieſties moſt humble, faithfull,
and bund ſeruant,

BINNING.

Sant Iohnſton, the 27 of Auguſt,
at night, [1618.]

To the Kingis moſt Sacred Maieſtie.

CCCLVI.—DR JOHN YOUNG, DEAN OF WINCHESTER, TO MR ROBERT
BOYD OF TROCHRIG.

[DR JOHN YOUNG, ſixth ſon of Sir Peter Young of Seaton (one of King James's preceptors), was born 25th June 1585. He completed his education in Sidney Suſſex College, Cambridge, and having taken degrees, he is ſaid to have travelled through France and Germany, as tutor to the ſon of Lord Wharton.—(Tho. Smith, *Vitæ Eruditiss. et Illuſtrium Virorum*, Lond. 1707, 4to.) When the Deanry of Wincheſter became vacant, by the promotion of Dr Thomas Morton to the Biſhoprick of Cheſter, John Young, S. T. P., obtained the appointment, and was installed 8th July 1616.—(Le Neve's *Faſti*, p. 289.) On the 29th of that month he preſided at a meeting at St Andrews, when the Principals of the Three Collesges, and five other Miniſters, "were inaugurate Doctors;" and was alſo preſent at

the General Assembly held at Aberdeen, 13th August. He again visited his native country in August 1618, to assist in carrying through the Perth Articles. Two other letters from him, addressed to Robert Boyd of Trochrig, Principal of the College of Glasgow, are contained in Wodrow's *Life of Boyd*.—(Wodr., Biogr. Coll., vol. ii. p. 137–139.) James Young, late of Queen's College, Oxford, is called the eldest son of Dr John Young, Dean of Winchester, 31st January 1642.—(Wood's *Athenæ Oxon.*, by Bliss, vol. ii. p. 49.) How long the Dean may have survived is somewhat uncertain. According to Le Neve, his successor, Alexander Hyde, LL.D. (afterwards Bishop of Sarum), was inducted 10th September 1660.

SIR,

I am exceedingly sorry I could not come to Edinburgh as soon as I purposed; but the Assembly was not dissolved so soon as I expected; and then I had all my friends in the way, *qui per vim festinanti alioqui gratas, tamen, vel hoc nomine ingratas, injecerunt moras*. I happened to come to this town within an hour after you were gone from it. If I had had wings to fly, I assure you I had been with you. But in very deed I dare not think of going backward, his Majesty being writt'n to, eight days ago, that I was ready to return; and the particular relation (and I thank God, to God's glory, the weel of his Church, and his Majesty's honour) referred to me. Pardon me therefore, Sir, if I had known your mind in particular, alway *deliberandum diu quod statuendum semel*, by your letter, I had been ready to return what I should have thought best. But, Sir, God hath given to you so great a measure of knowledge, that you are both willing and able to instruct and direct others; and truly, for my part, I should reckon it my happiness if I might yet sometimes sit *ad pedes Gamalielis*, and learn of you; and am glad that our Country, which has so great need, enjoys you. Wishing that your precious talent may be employed in a more fruitful ground, where more profit might be made; and that you might be translated from Glasgow to the University of Saint Andrews,¹ if it could be for your good. Sir, I hope to hear from you often; and by God's grace, at his Majesty's

¹ Boyd was afterwards brought from Glasgow to be Principal of the University, and one of the Ministers of Edinburgh, but his scruples regarding conformity to the Perth Articles gave offence to his Majesty, by whose express commands to the Magistrates he was deprived, and confined within the bounds of Carrick.

coming, to conferr at lenth, and redeem this los. In the meantime, and for ever, I recommend you to the grace of God. *Vivimus nos Dei beneficio, et valemus. Vale, et nos, quo soles, amore semper proseguere. Iterum atque iterum vale, et tuam Bodiam meo nomine saluta.*

Tuus in Christo,

JOHN YOUNG.

*Raptim Edinburgi,
30 Augusti, abituriens.*

To his very loving and good friend and brother, Mr Robert Boyd of Trochridge, Principal of the College of Glasgow.

CCCLVII.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES.

SIRE,

YOUR Maieftie, vpon the end of our Synode, was advertised of the good successe of those busineffis. The Dean of Winchester wil now relate the particularis, and witneffe that we omitted nothing quiche lay in vs to doe for bringing matteris to the defyred end: his travelis haif fervit to great purpose, as I foresawe thei wold: not only wer the il disposed kept in a better temper, but otheris more indifferent made forward be his presence. In the beginning of the Asssembly, after the reading of your Maiefties letter, he maid a speeche¹ most perfwasive, to mak them yeild to these Articles, qhairwith dyverse of the calmer fort wer much moved, and al the tym did cary him self so wysly and gravely, as I must professe, I wes bothe helpit and vpheld be his good advyse my self, and otheris wer taught be that quiche thei saw in him, to conform them felfis vnto thair calling. Sire, I bliffe God, qho hes provydit your

¹ Dr Young's speech is recorded in Lyndesay's True Narration, p. 55, from which it was copied by Calderwood, and also in the Booke of the Universall Kirk.

Maieftie of fo truftie and wyfe a fervant, and ws of fo good and faythful a friend, and my certain hope is, that his fervice fum day fal proove comfortable to the Church of God, vnder your Maieftie. Remitting al thingis to his remembrance, I moft humbly kiffe your Maiefties handis.

Your Maiefties moft humble and obedient fervitour,

SANCTANDREWS.

St Andrews, the 2. Sept. 1618.

To his moft Sacred Maieftie.

CCCLVIII.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO JOHN MURRAY OF
LOCHMABEN.

SIR,

I advertifit yow be ane fchort tikket from Perth, that the bufines had procedit wel and happely, qhiche wes thair to be done, far againft the expectatioun of al our adverfaries, qho thocht thai wer above ws in number and frenthe. Many of the Noblemen and Barons his Maieftie fent letters to, for affifting the fervice, cam not, excufing tham felfis by ficknes and il difpofitioun, but I think thair myndes wer moir feik than thair bodyis, and ar fo ftill. Yit fik ar many tymis to feik favour more redy, and alfo able to find it, as the moft forward: But if his Maieftie be not plefit to fet fum note vpon thame and remember it, he provydis il for the fervice of tymis followinge. At the leaft I wil pray yow that I may haif letters of thankis to fuche as cam and attendit, qhair of I haif gifen the Dean of Wincheftre a memorandum. Mr Patrik Galloway kept very good through out al, and fuld haif his thankis. The fufficiencie of the berar forbiddis me to be more particular in many thingis, qhiche by him you wil vnderftand. He wil teftifie that we omitted no duty, and fpared not eyther to fay or doe qhat wes fitting, and by this haif increafit the malice and fpyt of adverfaries, fo far thai ar from beinge made wyfer

and more temperat. I stayit at Perth with my Lord Sanqhar til the Monday after, and saw his sonne and doughter maryit, quiche matches I pray God may proove happie. Now I am onlie to entreat your favorable remembrance of my Good-sonne, according to his Majesties promise, for the landis in Ireland, if thair shal be deuydit, and as yow haif leyfure to let me hear from yow, for to know that yow ar in good health and at Courte wil much content me. If yow lyk to infist in the mater of Craighal, qhair of I wrote, I pray yow advertise me. And so committing yow for this tym to Godis protectioun, I rest,

Your affurrit ever to command,

SANCTANDREWS.

I wil pray yow, Sir, that his Maiestie gif the Dean of Winchester his thankis, quiche he wel deservis, for his wyes, graue, and faythful cariage at this tym. In Edinburgh, at his first lighting, he was voyced to be Bischop of Durhesm, and so the rumour cam to me, that the Bischop wes cum for our Assembly. I knew it wes not, but as I said to himself, I pray God, the occasion may gif it, and his Maiestie may be plesit to mak that choyse, quich suld proove the goode of both Kingdomes.

St Andrews, 2 Sept. 1618.

I must pray yow now at the Thesaurer-Depute's being thair to remember his Majestie of James Inglis, for whom I wrote; for his Lordship wil testifie that the matter is not great; and it wil encourage the honest man to labour his Maiesties benefit in the Customis and other thingis, qhair of he wes a great instrument before.

To my very honorabill good freind, Jhon
Murray of Lochmaben, of his Maiesties
bedchamber.

CCCLIX.—THE BISHOP OF ABERDEEN TO HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOVERAIN,

Your Majesties constant favour, not only in heaping thus preferment on me, your Highnes vnworthy servant, but graciously also extending your princely benevolence to my brethren, Mr Jhon and Captain Forbesse,¹ as it infinitely augmenteth my obligatioun, so doeth the consideratioun of my great imparitie for any due correspondence to the conceaved expectatioun and vnderferved love of so great a Prince much confound my mynd within me. I can promis nothing but an wpright, heartie, and humble affectioun. And though your Majestie shuld find your selfe disappointed of what forder the same hath perhaps præfumed to be in me, yet shal this your Royal cair and inclinatioun to promoove those who, howsoever, ar esteemed of any worth being commonly perceaved, be a great incitament to al good spirits to pursue estir and insist in the way of vertue and weil doing; and naughtie men shal be affrayed to feik for that which they shal see in your Highnes purpos destained but for vertuous mynds: Wherby your Majestie shal be served abundantly, and of the best fort of men. So as this fruit shal sumwhat recompence my defect, and your Majesties errour in making such choife, wherein albeit no more be found answerable, yet your heroik mynd wil stil love your own benefit in one who shal remain ever, if not able, yet exceiding willing to please your Majestie. In this alwayes I must rely vpon your Highnes clement consideratioun and favourable indulgence, feing (besydes diuers impediments in the conditioun both of my perfon and estait, wherof I wil not speak), the great and dayly task of my calling, imposed on me by God and your Majestie, lyeth so far distant from the place of this other service, that if therthrough I can not possibly give ordinar attendance therto, your Highnes wil not interpret it ather to a misregard of the honour done me, or to any want of affectioun to serve your Majestie to my power. The Lord give your Majestie a long

¹ Mr John Forbes, formerly Minister of Alford, and Captain afterwards Sir Arthur Forbes, who settled in Ireland.

and happy reigne heir, and an æternall heirefter with Him felfe in the heavens.

Your Majesties humble subject and affectionat Servant,

Edinbrugh, 9 September 1618.

PA. ABERDENE.

To the King his most Sacred Majestie, theife.

CCCLX.—HIS MAJESTY'S MISSIVE TO THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

Richt trustie and richt weilbelouit Cofen and Counfaillour, and richt trustie and weilbelouit Counfallouris, We grite yow weile : Whereas vpoun the diffolutioun of the last Affemblie at St Androis, We signified Our iuste displeasour aganis the proceedinges and cariage of busynes in the same. So now, in this last meiting at Perth, haueing reaped bettir fruitis of obedience vnto God and Our self from those who aucht to be paternis of pietie and obedience vnto vthers, We are glad to mak knowne vnto yow Owre grite contentment in receaueing such dew satisfactioun : And thairfoir, by Oure authoritie Royall, We ratifie and confirme all the Articles agreid vpoun in the said last Affemblie, and do ordeyne that thay fall in all tyme heireftir haue the strength and force of lawis : And do heirby will and require yow to tak suche order as the same may be put to dew executioun in all places of that Oure Kingdome ; and in speciall, that ye tak particular ordour for absteyning from all kind of labour and handie work on these dayis which ar appointed to be kepted holie and dedicat to Godis service : Wherein not doubting of your dewtifull cair and best endeouris, We bid you fairewele.

Gevin at Oure Honnour of Hamptoun,
the 29 of September 1618.¹

¹ A Proclamation by authority of the Privy Council, on the 21st October (when the above missive letter was read and ordered to be recorded), was made on the 26th, ratifying the Acts of Perth Assembly. It is printed in Calderwood's History, vol. vii. p. 337.

CCCLXI.—THE PROVOST AND BAILLIES OF EDINBURGH TO
HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED AND MOST GRACIOUS SOUERAIGNE,

MAY it pleis your Maieftie, the neceffitie we ftand in at this pre-
fent of fome Minifteris, by the deceis of fome, and difcharge of others,
and the daylie increas of our people, moved ws to fuite at the late Affem-
blie which your Majeftie callit at Perth, the planting of Mr Williame
Scott, Mr Johne Forbes, and Mr Alexander Henryfone with ws.
Quhairin we obtaynit nothing but ane commiffioun to certaine of that
number to concurre with the Archbifchope of Sanctandros for thair
transport to ws, in caice your Majefties confent wer procured,¹ which we
ar now humblie to intreat at your Majefties handis: And that your
Highnes wilbe gratioufli pleafed to command the Archbifchope to con-
veine the rest, and end that buffyenefs to our defyres, which we trust
falbe to your Majefties contentment and the weill of our Churche.
Otherwayes fould we never be instant for thame nor any vther, haveing
nothing moire in our intentiounis and wifhis than to live peaceable
wnder your Majeftie, and in all fubjectioun, as we aucht, to your High-
nes wyfe and happie government, for the continuance quhair of we pray
daylie to Almichtie God: And fall ewer remaine,

Your Majefties humble and obedient fubjectis and fervandis,
The Proveft and Baillies of Edinburgh,

WILLIAME NISBETT, Prowest.

JOHNNE BYRIS, Baillie.

AL. CLARK, Baillie.

DAVID MICHELLSON, Bailie.

GEO. FOULIS, Bailie.

Edinburgh, the xxj day of October 1618.

To his Sacred Majeftie.

¹ This desire, it is well known, was not granted. Scott was Minister of Cupar in Fife, Henryson or Henderson Minister of Leuchars, and Forbes was now settled in Holland.

CCCLXII.—LORD BINNING TO HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOUERANE,

Your Maiesties Counsell in Scotland hes exped and sent hither the Commiffion for treating with these of the Lowe Cuntries, anent the fischingis, together with information of the iniurie and preiudice susteined be the whole Kingdome, be the increase of their daylie vsurpation in your Maiesties seas, and of manie wrongis done vpon land in Orknay and Zetland to diuers your Maiesties subiects; bot becaus the complaints ar generall, I haue writtin to cause specifie the particulars, and the meanes of probation of the same.

The note of the Counsel's proceedings sent heirwith will testifie to your Maiestie their exact diligence in all that does concern this Treatie, and in the executioun of your Royall commandements aganis the Erle of Argyle. The Vicount Fentoun will mak knowne to your Maiestie the estate of his escheat and lyfrent, which is in his Brother's person.

Now, since the presence of the Commiffionars for the Lowe Cuntries is liklie to giue beginning to the Treatie, I most humblie besek your Maiestie to let the Commiffioners for our cuntrie know the groundis which your Maiestie will command ws to keip, and the poyntis we may vrge, which we fall stryue to obserue with all fidelitie and caire. The Marquis of Hamilton, whom your Maiestie hes appoynted to be of that number, being particularlie informed be your Maiestie of your pleasour in the premiffis, will be witnes of our endeouours in the prosecution thair of. So, wishing that God may continow his grace and fauour in this and all your Maiesties affaires, and prorogat your health, lyfe, and contentment manie happie yeiris, I rest

Your most Sacred Maiesties most humble and
faithfull subiect and seruant,

BINNING.

Please your Maiestie, when I wes closing this letter, I receiued from

the Archibifchop of Santandrois ane letter aduerteifing that, vpon information of fum difobedience liklie to kythe in fum Minifters aganis the Actis of the laft Affemblie, he had tryfted the Bifchoppis to meit him at Edinburgh, whair they have ordaned the copies of the laft Actis to be fent to the Prefbiteries, with exprefse command to them to obey them.

They earniftlie defire that your Maieftie may be pleafed to fend exprefse command by letter to Mr Alexander Gibfon not to giue owt letters to any Minifter vpon the late modifications appoynted be the Commiffioners of Parlement, vnles the Minifters produce their Bifchop's testimoniall of their conformitie to the Actis of the late Affemblie, which direktion requyres great haift.¹

Whythall, 28 Nouember [1618.]

To the Kingis moft Sacred Maieftie.

CCCLXIII.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF GLASGOW TO THE PRESBYTERY
OF AYR.

WELBELOVED BRETHREN,

Ye remember how earneftlie I exhorted you at the laft Synode holden at Glafco, to giue your obedience to the Kings Majeftie, and the ordinances of the laft Generall Affemblie holden at Perth, whereof ye

¹ The answer to this request was probably contained in the following Miffive, of which a contemporary transcript (Wodrow MSS., fol. vol. xliii., no. 89), in Calderwood's hand, is dated 1619:—

[JAMES R.]—Trustie and welbeloved, We greete yow weill. Quhairas we ar informed that diuerse of the Ministrie, according to their accustomed refractarie humours, seeke subterfuges and delays from conforming themselves to the Acts of the late Generall Assemblie at Perth, It is therefore our pleasure that yee give out no letters to anie Minister vpon the late Modificatioun made by the Commissioners of our last Parliament, saving to suche as sall produce to yow a testificate vnder the hand of the Bishop of the Diocese quhairin they remaine, of their conformitie to the saids Acts. And herein willing yow not to faile, as ye will ansuer to the contrare at your further perrell, We bid yow fare weill. [Given, &c.]

are not ignorant nor forgetfull. The 25th day of December approacheth, upon which day it is ordained, that everie one of you fould preache at least one fermon, of the Nativitie and Incarnation of the Son of God, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Or if your people will assemble againe, ye may preach another also. These therefor are to intreat you, and if intreatie and requeisting will not move you to doe your duetie willinglie and obedientlie, as becometh good subjeets and godlie pastors; then, in his Majesties name and authoritie, for discharge of my duetie and service, I doe by thir presents command you, all and everie one of you, to make due and lawfull premonition to your parochiners, to assemble and conveane themselfs the said twenty-five day of December nixt to come, at your severall paroch kirks; and there, by publict preaching, prayer, and thanksgiving, to worship God and praise him for the inestimable benefit of the birth and incarnation of his Sone. Attesting also hereby your oune hearts and consciences, that whatsoever punishment fall be inflicted by his Majesties authoritie upon anie of you that fall be tryed to disobey, or whatsoever trouble or schisme fall arise in the Kirk by your obstinate and inexcusable refusing, all fall be impute justlie to yourselfes, as being refractorie, and well deserving, by your contumacie, to be punished not onlie by his Majestie, but also to be deposed from your offices and places. I fall be verie sorie and heartilie grieved to see the peace of our Kirk troubled, the Estate thereof endangered, and the unitie which fould be amongst yourselfes devydit; and I fall find myself heavilie persecuted by anie of you who fall be tryed to be either authors or instruments of such great evils. But hoping better of you, and that ye will in holie wisdome and due obedience conforme yourselfes to that which hath so much lawfull authoritie, and will prove so profitable; I commend you to the grace of God, and rests

Your loving Brother,

Glasgow, penult November 1618.

JA. GLASGOW.

To his Reverend and welbeloued Brethren, the
Moderator and Brethren of the Presbyterie of Air.

CCCLXIV.—LORD BINNING TO HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOUERANE,

I yesternight late, receiued ane letter from the Archibifchop of Santandrois, fignifieing that he had before writtin to the Deane of Wincheſter, to informe your Maieſtie of his opinion anent the fermons to be made at this approching Chriſtmas, in the churches of Edinburgh; and that knowing fenſyne that the Deane wes not at Court, and ſo fearing that your Maieſtie ſould not in dew tyme be aduerteiſed of his humble opinion, he hes willed me to ſignifie to your Maieſtie, that the Miniſtrie of Edinburgh wer earniſt with him to preache that day in Edinburgh; which he had refuſed, and had willed them to preache in all the churches of the Towne that day, knowing manie of the cuntrie to depend vpon their exemple: And thairfore, if your Maieſtie intend that courſe, he earniſtly deſires your Maieſtie to ſend letters to them, with all goodlie diligence, declairing to them your expreſs pleaſour thairanent.

He wrytis, that thoſe Miniſters ſtill inſiſt with him to fill the place for this tyme, and that Maifter Patrick Galloway, whom he findis beſt mynded, promiſes that from that tyme furth they will tak ordour to obey the Actis; and if your Maieſtie think good that he grant their deſire, vpon your Maieſties ſpeidie aduerteiſment, he ſhall returne to Edinburgh, and giue the people the beſt ſatiſſaction he can that day, becauſe he wiſhes all thingis to be done calmelie, foreſeing that if they faile to keip the day by their ſermons on it, others will be the more animated to diſobey; and thairfore thinkis, if his ſupplieing the place at this tyme may induce them heirefter to Conformitie, it ſhall not be the worſt courſe, bot that he hes not yeilded to them as yet, ſuſpending his reſolution till he know your Maieſties determination, being reddie to do that office, if ſo your Maieſtie allow: And if your Maieſtie will have the Miniſters themſelfis to preache, he thinkis it expedient that your Maieſtie ſignifie your pleaſour be your owne letter as from your ſelf, declairing that your Maieſtie will not be content to haue one

Church serued, except they be all; and if your Maieftie allow him to put af this tyme, upon the hopes they giue him of future conformitie, he fall willinglie do it; humblie craiving that your Maiefties pleafour may be fpeidilie fignified. So, praying God to bliffe your Maieftie with long lyfe, health, and all wifhed prosperities, I reft

Your Maiefties moft humble, faithful, and obedient
fubie& and feruant,

BINNING.

Whythall,¹ 6th Dec. [1618.]

To the Kingis moft facred Maieftie.

CCCLXV.—MR ANDREW AIDY, PRINCIPAL OF MARISCHALL COLLEGE,
ABERDEEN, TO HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES.

TO THE KINGIS MOST EXCELLENT MAIESTIE,
The humbil Petition of ANDRO AIDY,² Moft humbly befeiching

¹ The King, at this time, resided for some weeks at Newmarket.

² Aidy or Aidie was a native of Aberdeen, and took his degree of A.M. probably in King's College, about 1603 or 1604. In the latter year he was incorporated "in Collegio Theologico," or St Mary's College, St Andrews. Having gone abroad, he was elected successor to Barth. Keckerman, who died in 1609, as Professor of Philosophy at Dantzic; and he there published, in 1610, a small volume of Latin poems, "Pastoria;" and in 1612, "Tractatus de Noctuambulonum Ingenio et Natura." This prose treatise is dedicated to George Montgomery, Bishop of Meath and Clogher, and the author refers to his having visited Ireland on some special business. In 1615 he became Principal of Marischall College, Aberdeen. In the above Petition, which may be assigned to the later part of 1618, he alludes to the desire on the part of Patrick Forbes of Corse, the newly consecrated Bishop of Aberdeen, to deprive him of the office, for the advancement of his son, Dr John Forbes, then a Regent in King's College. From a letter dated 4th July 1620, it will be seen that Bishop Forbes speaks very disparagingly of Aidy and his conduct while Principal.

your Maieftie, not to conceaue ill of your Petitioner, for a Difpute, concerning Prayer for the Deade, betwix D. Forbes and him, wherof (God knowis) he wes blameles, being forced thair vnto, fore againft his wil, nether (he haueing fubmitted himfelfe to the determination of the Archibifhope and Vniuerfite of St Androfs) did he affirme any thing of him felfe, but only did report the judgement of Proteftant Theologs, hoping to give your Maieftie, and all learned, good fatiffaction for his opinion in that poynt; and whatfumeuir elfe may concerne ather his dutie to God, or your Maiefties feruice.

And fince it is difficil now-a-dayis, to liue free from detraction, your Petitioner humbly befeicheth your Maieftie, rather to confidder his feruice formerly doone (at his abyding at Dantzic) againft the Jefuites of Brauntberg,¹ auctors of that moft infamous pafquil Bartolus Pacenius. As alfo of his fervice againft the Arrians, who (be dedication of their Catechife²) did preafs to mak your Maieftie Patron of their Sect, and lykwayis of many vther goode offices, performed for the Contree, in his former peregrinations, then by any mifreport, to conceaue a finiftrous opinion of your Petitioner, ather in his religion or fidelitie towards your Maiefties feruice, and ordinances, in all points.

And wheras the Bifhop of Abirdene has and doeth ayme at your Petitioner's place for his own Son's preferment,³ your Petitioner (as not being able to refift the Bifhop's difeyns and moyen) defyrours to liue in pace and quyet: doeth moft humbly intreate your Majestie to grant him a fatling in any place befyds, where he may doe your Majestie the Church,

¹ The word in the original is not very distinct: Braunsberg, in East Prussia, is not far distant from Dantzic. The title of the Pasquil has not been discovered.

² This evidently refers to the Latin translation of the Socinian "Racovian Catechism," so called from Racow, in Poland, where it was originally published, with a dedication to King James: "Catechesis Ecclesiarum quæ in Regno Poloniae, et magno Ducatu Lithuaniae, etc. affirmant, neminem alium, præter Patrem Domini nostri Iesu Christi, esse illum unum Deum Israël, &c. Racoviae, Anno Domini, 1609." 12mo.

³ Dr John Forbes: Aidy's successor, however, was William Forbes, who was translated, in March 1622, to Edinburgh as one of the Ministers, and in 1633, when that See was erected, he was promoted to be first Bishop of Edinburgh; a distinction which he enjoyed for the brief space of three months.

or Contree seruice, and he shalbe redde to giue way to the Bishop's intention in relinquishing his present place, or native foyle, yf it shalbe your Maiesties wil and plaifur: Praying still to God for your Maiesties long lyfe, prosperoufs healthe, and most happy reigne, with all felicity and contentment in this lyfe and in the lyfe to cum.

CCCLXVI.—THE BISHOP OF MURRAY TO KING JAMES.

SACRED SOVERANE,

It may please your most excellent Maiestye, at your Maiesties last being in Sanctandros, within this your Maiesties Kyngdome, it wes your Maiesties good pleafour to dispone to me the gift of that ten thousand merkis, quhervpon this Lord Spynie hade obtenit decret against me; the famin being fallin in your Maiesteis handis by the said Lord Spynie his being denuncit your Maiesteis rebell, and remaning at the horne yeir and daye. And now sum vther persoun haiffing taine ane generall gift of the Lord Spynie his lyfrent, makis me contradicitione befor the Lordis of Sessioun; all this mater, nochtheles, is in your Maiesteis handis, the Lordis of Sessioun, depending vpoun the knowledge of your Maiesteis mynd and will: giue it be your Maiesteis goode pleafour and will, that this last gift, giffin to me at Sanctandros, falbe excepted furth of that generall gift granted be the Thesaurer, and that the gift disponit to me, and signed be your Maiestie, fall stand firme. Quhervpon, giue it fall pleas your Maiestye to direct your Hienes missiue to the Lordis of Sessioun, schewand thame that it is your Maiesteis goode pleafour that the famin gift disponit to me vpon that ten thousand merkis (for I craiwe no more) falbe holdin furth and valide for my releiff, and I exonerit of the famin, according to your Maiesteis meaning. This fall ease me of greit truble, and prevent my ruine, that I may be able to serwe your Maiesty with all your Maiesteis benefits bestowed vpoun me. Thus, expecting your Maiesteis clemencye and favour, and wisching all health and happines to your Maiesty heir, and eternall heirefter, I commend your Maiesty, estate,

with your Maiefties Royall pofterity, to continuall prefervatioun of the Lord Almichtye.

Your Maiefties maift humill and affectionat fervitour,

AL. B. OFF MURRAYE.

Edinbrugh, the day off ¹ 1618.

To the Kyng his moft excellent Maieftye.

CCCLXVII.—LORD BINNING TO HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOUERANE,

I haue, according to your Maiefties direktion, tryed the behaiour of the Magiftrates of Edinburgh at Chriftnas laft; and learned that the Proueft, Bailies, and Counfell, convoyed my Lord Chancelar to the Hie Church, and wer all prefent at fermon, fo as thair wes no default for want of their good exemple.

The Archibifchop of Santandrois affures me that he hes written to your Maieftie of all that he hes tryed concerning the dewtie or vndewtifulnes of minifters and others, anent the obferuation or violation of that holie day, and hes confirmed the trueth of all that I fpak to your Maieftie of Maifter Patrik Galloway and Maifter William Struthers faithfull and frank proceeding at that tyme.

Of your Maiefties direktion concerning the Erle of Argyle, and other particulars, I fall giue accompt efter the nixt counfell day.

Maifter Thomas Knox, fone to the Bifchop of the Iles, is to informe your Maieftie of the prefent eftate of the Iles, whairby your Maieftie will, in your moft excellent wifdome, judge what to direct for the perfyte fetling of order and obedience in thofe barbarous pairtis. I haue knowne his father and himfelf fo faithfull in your Maiefties feruice, as I am con-

¹ In the original letter both the day and month are left blank.

fidest your Maiestie may beleue the trueth of his report and sinceritie of his good intentions. So, hairtelie beseeching God to blisse your Maiestie with long lyfe, perfyte health, and constant prosperitie, I rest

Your most Sacred Maiesties most humble, faithfull,
and obedient subiect and seruant,

Edinburgh, penult of Januar, 1619.

BINNING.

To the Kingis most sacred Maiestie.

CCCLXVIII.—LORD BINNING TO HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOUERANE,

This day certification is granted be the Counsell aganis the Erle of Argyle, and he ordaned to be denounced and repute as ane traitour for not compeirance.

The Commiffioners for the Burrowes and Schipmaisters haue bene before the Counsell, and their controuersie, for exportation and importation of merchandice in countrie bottomes, is to be determined before they go from this towne.

I signified to the Counsell your Maiesties pleasour anent their repairing to fermon vpon the Soundayes, to your Maiesties Chapell of Halyrudhows, which they ar willing to do, and wald haue done alreddie, if the Bifchop of Gallowayes heaue feiknes had not hindered him to preache this tyme bygane.¹ He promiseis to aduerteis the Counsell

¹ William Cowper, Bishop of Galloway, died at Edinburgh on the 15th February 1619. The Earl of Dunfermline, in a letter to Murray, dated Edinburgh, 19th February 1619, mentions Cowper's death, without any remark:—"All the occurrences I can write to yow: Our Bischop off Galloway is departed this lyff: Mr Robert Bruce, Minister, according to his Sacred Maiesties royall direction, is confined to his awin house, and ane mile about. Nocht ellis at this present," &c. (State Papers and Letters, p. 318.) In note 2, page 571, the date of the Act of Privy Council, relating to Cowper, instead of the 9th, should be the 19th of January.

when his recouerie fall inable him to preache, and they to refort to it as your Maieftie hes commanded.

All other direCTIONS signified be me to the Counfell be your Maiefties commandement ar obeyed. So, prayeing God to eftablifh the perfyte happines of your faithfull fubiectis heir, be the wifhed lenth and number of your Maiefties moft prosperous yeires, in health and contentment, I reft

Your moft Sacred Maiefties moft humblie faithfull,
and obleiffed fubiect and feruant,

Edinburgh, 4th Feb. [1619.]

BINNING.

To the Kingis moft facred Maieftie.

CCCLXIX.—HIS MAJESTY'S MISSIVE TO THE LORDS OF PRIVY
COUNCIL.

JAMES R.

Right truſtie and right weilbelouit Coufen and Counfallour, and right truſtie and weilbeloued Counfallouris, We greit you weil. Whereas we are credible enformed that the vndewtifull and factious behauour of Mr Robert Bruce, euer ſince his enlargement oute of the North, hath, contrarie to our expectatioun, bene a continowall hinderance to the vnitie of the Church and advancement of Godis ſervice and Ouris thairin, We haue thought goode by theſe presentis to will and requyre yow to confyne him in his awen houſe [of Kinnaird], willing him not to exceid the boundis of one myle frome the ſame till Our forder pleaſure ſchalbe knowin, vnder the pane of Our heicheſt displeaſour. And heirin willing yow not to fail, Wee bid you fairweill.

Givin at Oure Palice of Whitehall the viij. of Februarie 1619.¹

¹ The Privy Council, on the 16th February 1619, directed a charge for Bruce to confine himſelf within his own houſe of Kinnaird, in terms of the above letter.

CCCLXX.—THE BISHOP OF MURRAY TO HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES.

MOST GRATIOUS SOUERANE,

It may please your most excellent Maieftye, at your Maieftis laft being in this Kyngdome, amongft the manifold vthers benefitis beftowed on me, the meanest of your Maieftis creatures, it pleased your Hienes to gift to me ane difcharge of that ten thowfand markis quhilk fell in your Hienes handis be ane regiftreat horning againft the Lord Spynie, quhilk foume your Maiefty knowis wes payit befor be me to his tutour; and now, fum impediment being made to me thairanent, it is most neceffar that I haue your Maieftis letter to my Lord Chancellor and remanent Lordis of Counsell, defyrand thame that thay do nothing to the preiudice of that your Maieftis gift and difcharge granted to me, bot that thai hold the famin as lauchfull and valide to my effect as thai will do your Maieftye acceptable and thankfull ferwice.

Farder, pleas your Maieftye, I haue transported my Commiffar his feate of Confiftorye from the Brugh of Elgene to the old place thairoff within the Chanonrye churche, and lykvys hes caufed repaire the Chaptour Hous thairoff, both for the daylie exerceis of the Minifterie, as also for the conventione of the Channonis of the Cathedrall kirk, in houp lykwyis that the Queir thairoff may fumtyme be repairit for ane paroche kirk, be your Maieftes direction to thefe benorth the vater of Die to contribute for repairing of the famin. Quheranent I fall giff your Maiefty farder licht at the nixt occasione. For this caufe the Prowest, Bailzeis, and Counsell of the Toun of Elgene hes tane fum exception againft me, and ar becum fumquhat more oppofite to thir defignis, quhilk ar a part of your Maieftes speciall fervice. Wherfor I humblie intreat your Maieftye to direct your Hienes letter to the saidis Prowest, Bailzeis, Counsell, and Communitye of the Brugh of Elgene, commanding thame that thair be no electione of Prowest, Bailze, Counsell, or Clerk within thair Brugh, bot be my adwyse, consent, and nominatioun, as that quhilk your Maiefty hes concredited to me, your Maieftes fervand, and that under the pane of your Maieftes wrath. This is the only

way to staye thame from crocing fo good a vork, vtherwayes thair courses ar to be fearit draw to your Maiestes farder offence. Your Maiefty granted the lyke to the Archibifchopis off Sanctandrois. Now, craiffing your Maiestes pardoun vpon my knees for my importunat letter, I pray, and fall continew, for your Maiestes most happie state in this lyff, and your Hienes royell posteritie, and for ewerlasting glory in the lyff to cum.

Your Maiestes most humble and affectionat
fervitour to death,

AL. B. OFF MURRAY.

Elgene, the xxiiij Februarij 1619.

To the Kyng his most excellent Maieftye.

CCCLXXI.—LORD BINNING TO HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOUERANE,

My Lord Chancelar being yifternight absent when we receiued the forowfull newes of the death of your most excellent Quene of bliffed memorie,¹ and few of the Counsell being in this towne, at first I could resolue no farder bot to aduerteis thofe who wer present of the deplorable accident, and will them to prepaire themselfis as apperteined. I sent also for the Magistrats of the towne, and gaue them the like aduerteif-

¹ Anna of Denmark, wife of King James the Sixth: She was married in 1590, and died at Hampton Court 2d March 1618-9, in the 45th year of her age. A minute and interesting account of the Queen's illness and death is contained in a letter, dated Denmark House, 27th March 1619.—(Abbotsford Miscellany, p. 81.) Calderwood says, "The Lords of Secrete Counsell were advertised of her departure upon the 7th of Marche, and commandit to putt on doole weeds, which they and sundrie noblemen did. But there was litle or noe lamentation among the people."—(History, vol. vii. p. 351.) It could not otherwise be expected, considering the Queen's non-interference in public affairs, and her continued absence during sixteen years from this country.

ment, and directed the Clerk of Counsell to Maister Patrik Galloway, desiring him to conuene with the rest of the Ministers heir, and giue order that honorable commemoration may be maid in their sermons of hir vertuous lyfe and Christian death; wheiranent I wrait also to the Archibischops of Santandrois and Glasgou.

And albeit I haue hard no thing from your Maiestie, or any of your Ministers at Court, of the opinion conceiued of the hostile intention of the Spanyards agains your Maiesties dominions, yet the rumours ar so frequent and probable heir, that I haue thoght that my fault wald be pardonable to desire the Archibischops to cum heir, and bring with them sum of the wyfest and most secret of the bishops, that I might informe them what rumours went, and desire them by discret and secret meanes to try evrie one of them in his owne boundis, be such as they know best affected, what wes the behaiour or disseins of such as ar suspected in religion, or otherwayes discontented, to the effect your Maiestie might be informed, and be your direction such order taken as in your Maiesties most excellent wifdome sould seeme expedient. And if your Maiestie, vpon more sure information, be confirmed in opinion of any trouble intended be the Spaniard, it may appeir not vnfit that your Maiestie call to Court, vpon such pretextes as may breid least distrust, those who may be iustliest suspected, able and inclined, to mak any disturbance, or giue fauour and ayde to enemies, that, being deteaned their, thair pourposes may be disapointed, and themselfs kept as pledgis of the dewtie and obedience of their freindis and seruants; which will cairie no preiudice, if no danger be intended, and being neglected, may do great hairme, if ennemies be to moue trouble in thir pairtis. Howeuer it be, I think the Prelates fitteft of all others to expresse their distrust and prouidence in ane matter of this kynd, whairat the Spaniards can not tak iust offence, since all is to be aduysed quyetlie, and for no other end but precaution of evill, specially since all their doing will proceed without any direction from your Maiestie or the Counsell.

If any mak sute for the gift of the Pryourie of Hadinton, I hope your Maiestie will be gratiouflic pleased to remember that your Maiestie bestowed it vpon one sone of myne, which I humblie wish he may reteane, more for ane mark of your royall fauour, nor any profit can

arryfe of it. So, befeiking God to preferue your Maieftie in long and
 conftant health and happines, I reft

Your Maiefties moft humble, faithfull, and bund
 fubieft and feruant,

BINNING.

Edinburgh, 8 Merche [1619.]

To the King his moft facred Maieftie.

CCCLXXII.—LORD BINNING TO HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOUERANE,

I know your Maieftie will expect from me true and timelie rela-
 tion of the obferuation of Eaſter day in this towne. The accompt of
 the performance of your Maiefties direftions, conteaned in my laſt, ſent
 to James Douglas, to be ſchowne to your Maieftie, told, that the Privie
 Counfallours abſent, whoes dwellingis wer neir this Toune, wer, be my
 Lord Chancelar's letters, defired to cum and accompanie the nomber
 preſent, who wer to communicat heir according to your Maiefties com-
 mandement. The Erles of Mar, Winton, Louthian, Lordis Fleiming
 and Bukeleuch, came; the reſt wrait thair true excuſes of aige or feik-
 nes. Vpon Setterday, I defired the Lordis of Seſſion to conuene vpon
 Eaſter day at my Lord Chancelar's ludgeing, that all the nomber might
 accompanie his Lordſhip to church. The lyke wairing was ſent to
 the Privie Counſellours being in towne, who did as they wer defired.
 Maifter Andro Ramſay made the ſermon of preparation, and vſed verie
 good reaſons to perſuade the people that with ſafe conſcience they
 might, and in Chriſtian duetie they wer bund, to obey that which was
 ordaned be the Affemblic, and commanded be your Maieftie; he hav-
 ing done the ſame vpon Good Fryday. Maifter Patrik Galloway

preached vpon Easter day, who omitted no good meanes to instruct the people of the lawfulness of the ordour prescryved, and necessitie of their obedience and conformitie; and thairefter going to the celebration, the Nobilmen, Counsellours, and Sessioners, going to the first table, all vpon their knees, Maisters Galloway and Ramsay did first receive kneeling, and thairefter ministred to the honorable persons being at table, geuing the bread and wyne to euerie one with their owne handis, with the recommendation and substance of the Holie Sacrament, so zealouslie as moued the people to receiue with great humilitie and deuotion; whoes exemple wes so uniformellie followed be the whole congregation present, that neither man nor woman, during the space of almost foure houris, offered to receiue sitting vpon the fumes, except one onelie baffe fellow; and I am perswaded that all that did see that holie action, or participat of it, departed so well edified that, in their conscience, they regrait that this godlie and deuote order wes not soner instituted, and that in all their lyfe they will neuer willinglie receiue in any other maner. Sum who wer in the Colledge Church haue told me that the lyke order wes obserued their be Maister Williame Struthers and Maister Thomas Sydserf, with the lyke conformitie and contentment. It is true that many of the citizens of this Towne, spciallie of the women, wer absent at other churches, bot the Magistrats present gaue verie good exemple to the rest. This good and peaceable beginning perswadis wyse men that it will not be in the power of sum obstinat Puritanes any longer to diuert any good Christians from embraceing this godlie and reuerend institution. Of thir maters, and of the behauiour of the people in the rest of the cuntrie, your Maiestie will heare farder from the Bischops, who ar attending their chairges in their feuerall Diocefes; and if the Ministers do their dueties, according to the good exemple begun in Edinburgh, I hope your Maiestie shall haue no necessitie to vse authoritie or rigour, bot that God, who hes blessed all your Maiesties godlie resolutions and just commandements shall bring this holie dissein to ane peaceable and wished perfection, and continow to vs the blessingis which, be your Maiesties wyse and religious gouernement, we haue enjoyed, in more accomplished and constant measure, nor any nation on earth, so long as He shall preferue your Maiesties health and lyfe, which

I earneſtly pray may be to the longeſt period granted to any mortall man, as

Your Maieſties moſt faithfull, obedient,
and bund ſeruant and ſubiect,

BINNING.

Edinburgh, 29 Merche [1619.]

To the Kingis moſt ſacred Maieſtie.

CCCLXXIII.—HIS MAJESTY'S MISSIVE TO THE LORDS OF PRIVY
COUNCIL.

RIGHT truſtie and richt weilbeloued Couſen and Counfallour, and richt truſtie and weilbeloued Counfallouris, We greite you weil. As We cannot bot tak notice of the dewtifull obedience given be the moſt of you to Our directioun for your reuerent communicatting at the feaſt of Eaſter laſt, and gif you Our hairtie thankis for the ſame, to haucing vnderſtood the diſordouris and inſolent behaiour of a number of people of Edinburgh, aſweill in comeing frome thair owne Paſtouris to other churches to communicat, as in the wretting and ſpreading of infamous libellis againſt thame, only for their dew obedience given by thame to God and Ws, We haue [thocht] goode to recommend vnto you the tryall and puniſhment of thoſe offendaris, according as ye ſalbe enformed of the particularis, and the ſame heirefter notiſeit vnto you; and in the mean tyme, by proclamatioun, to publiſhe Oure firme and conſtant reſolutioun to haue thoſe Articleis concludit by the Church and ratified by Ws receaved and reuerentlie obeyit by all our ſubiectis, ſince they tend, as We are ſufficientlie perſwadit, vnto the glorye of God, whoſe honnour in theſe thingis we cheiflie ſeik, and as We cannot bot hald thame ennemies to God and Ws, who ſchew thame ſelfis oppoſite in ony ways to this Our reſolution. So quhoſeuer ſalbe tryed, to wrett

and fend about bookis, lybellis, and pamphlettis, eyther against the Conclufioun taken by the Church, or against the Ministeris quho dewtifullie haue [obeyit] the fame, or being wreittin and disperfit, schall interteyne [and contenance] thame, by keiping, reiding, and communicatting the fame with vtheris, shalbe called befor Our Justice, and according to Our lawis [feveirlic punist, without] mercie or fauour to be sehewed to thame. And this Our will [ye schall pub]lifche, chargeing and commanding all Our subiectis, of what[foeuer rank] or degrie, to absteine and forbear such vnlawfull and [seditious practif]ing, and to conforme thame selffis to the ordinances of the [Kirk, carying and behav]ing them selffis from henceforth as becometh Christiane [and peceable subiectis]. Which affureing Our self ye will cairfullie do, We bid you fairweill.

Givin at Our Mannour of Grenewich,
the [17th of Maij] 1619.¹

CCCLXXIV.—THE BISHOP OF MURRAY TO HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOVERANE,

MAY it please your most gracious Majestye: The Kirk of Keyth being vacand fence the Bischopp off Aberdein his transportatioun,² it requyreth nocht onlye a learnit man bot also a pastor conforme in all poynts to your Majesteis directionis and Actis concludit in the last Assemblye at Perth:³ I humblye intreat your Majestye, for your Hienes

¹ Agreeably to the order contained in this letter, the Privy Council, at a meeting held on the 1st of June 1619, passed an Act ordering a Proclamation to be issued "for obeying the Actis of the Generall Assemblie," held at Perth in August 1618. The Act, as usual, repeats the words of the letter, and thus supplies a number of words in the Register which are illegible.

² Patrick Forbes of Corse, Minister of Keyth, in the shire of Murray, was translated to the See of Aberdeen in May 1618. His successor was Dr Robert Baron, a learned divine, who became in 1624 one of the Ministers of Aberdeen, and Professor of Theology in the Marischal College.

³ At the General Assembly held at Perth, 25th August 1618.

letter to the Lord Vchiltree, quho is Patrone, that he present no man to me bot ane quho will conforme him selff to these Articles. Another letter to my selff inhibiting me to admitt ony persone to that Kirk or ony vther within my dyocese that refusis to conforme him selff to these Articles. My Dyocess is free yitt, and I salbe carefull that non cum within the famin vthervayes disposed than your Majesty hes alwayes preferyvit, quhilk salbe my constant care to your Majesteis service and obedience. Yit thir tuo letters will be a sufficient reassone to refuse all utheris contrary myndit. And thus humbly craiffing your Majesteis pardon, that I fuld impeifche your Hienes more than serious adois, I earnestlye commend your Majesteis royall persone, state, and royall posteritye vnto the Lordis perpetuall mercey and favour for many happie yeirs in this lyff and last eternalye in heaven.

Your gracious Majesteis most humill and affectionat subiect
and loyall Servitour to death,

AL. B. OFF MORAYE.

To the Kyng his most sacred and excellent Majestye.

CCCLXXV.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ARMAGH¹ TO THE LORD
CHANCELLOR OF SCOTLAND.

MOST NOBLE LORD,

The disconsolate estate of a Frenche woman, bearer hereof, forsaken by her husband, John Hamilton, who left her in these parts (as she sayes) giues me occasion to call vpon your Lordship also to commiserate this poore distressed straunger (for so she is to me too), that, by your

¹ Dr Christopher Hampton was one of three English Doctors, who attended the Earl of Dunbar, as King's Commissioner at the General Assembly at Glasgow, in June 1610; and a sermon he preached on that occasion was printed. In 1613 he was advanced to be Archbishop of Armagh, and died in 1624.

Lordship's authoritie, she may regaigne her said husband and that meanes which she had to fusteine them both. And so, craving pardon for my boldnes, I desire to be remembred in your prayers, to be continewed in your loue, and to liue no longer then I remaine.

Your Lordship's most affectionate
to do you service,

Tredagh, 24 Maij 1619.

ARMAGHE.

To the right Honorable and my verie
good Lord Alexander Earle of Dun-
fermeline, L. Chancellor of Scotland.

CCCLXXVI.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF GLASGOW TO THE LORD
CHANCELLOR OF SCOTLAND.¹

RIGHT NOBLE AND MY MOST HONORABLE GUID LORD,

Johne Hamiltoun, sone naturall to Allane Hamiltoun of Ferguslie, being mareit in France with ane Frensche woman, and menteanit be hir sum yeiris bygane in Burdeaux lyk ane gentleman, hathe this yeir entyfed and perfuadet hir to cum with him to Scotland: And as they cam togider by Irland, within few dayis eftir thair arryvell thair, he did forsaik hir vtirlic, and mariet him selff priuilie to ane Scottis woman, dochtir to vnquhile Hercules Stewart. And quhan he did convoy him selff and his new vnlawfull bryd furthe of Irland to this cuntrie, he brocht with him grit sounis of money, with tua grit coffiris full of filkis, fateinis, and veluette; quhilk all he reffaut of the said Frensche woman, his laufull wyff, quhome he left in that strange cuntrie defolat

¹ The Chancellor has indorsed the letter, "L. Archiebischoppe off Glasgow, concerning Johne Hamiltoun and his twa wyuis, etc." There is no mention of him in the brief account of the family, a branch of the Hamiltons of Orbieston, in Anderson's House of Hamilton, p. 283.

and destitute of all meanis and confort, except such as scho reffaut be the liberalitie and cheritie of sum Scottisch and Englische thair. Scho is now cum to Glasgou; and quhen I was informit be hir that the cof-firris war brocht vnto Paislay, I writ in hir fauouris, and eftir sum searche and tryell thay ar fund in the hous of the said Allane Hamilton his father, quhair, as I directit, their lokis ar feallit with wax, to be keipit vntill sum ordour may be takin, baithe for punisching of him quho hes done so vickedlie, and for restoiring of hir to that quhilk he hathe maist diffaitfullie stollin from hir. Scho restis yit, for all this, in grit fear that the saidis coffirris, or the money and stuff within thame, salbe takin away be himselff, his father, or freindis, and that scho fall find no remeidie for the grit wrangis done vnto hir. I thocht it guid, thairfoir, to gif your Lordschip noteis of thais thingis, and earnefflie to requieist your Lordschip in fauouris of the puir miserable franger, that sum ordour may be takin at leif how scho may be restoirit to the sounis of money and guidis quhich he hethe in this maner stollin from hir. And becaus he hathe comittit thir grit finnis, and thairby done grit discredeit to all our Natioun, that he may be apprehendit, tryet, and punischt for the samen. He will, as appeiris, now seik be all meanis to escape, and the puir woman hathe no meanis heir to leiff be bot such as is bestowit vpoun hir of pietie. In regaird quhairof I will beseik your Lordschip agane to haifin your directiounis, quhilk sal be obeyit, so far as I may or fould.¹ And I am fuir my Lord and Ladie Abircornis wil

¹ Among the warrants of Privy Council, there are various other papers preserved "ancient John Hamilton and his twa wyffis." The name of the first was "Jaqueline de Quellye, Franche woman;" the other, Margaret Stewart, daughter of Hercules Stewart. The coffers containing the money and stuff mentioned in the above letter were examined, an inventory taken, and they were sent, along with Hamilton himself, to Edinburgh, in the month of August.

Margaret, wife of John Hamilton, was served heir of her father Hercules Stewart, brother of Francis late Earl of Bothwell, 13th April 1636. Hercules Stewart was the natural son of Lord John Stewart, Commendator of Coldingham, whose legitimate son Francis was created Earl of Bothwell, in 1587, after the title had become extinct by the death and forfeiture of his uncle James Hepburne, Earl of Bothwell. Hercules Stewart, "the base brother" of Earl Francis, was hanged at Edinburgh for treasonable practices, 18th February 1594-5.—(Calderwood's History, vol. v. p. 364.)

fie your Lordschipis will done fua foone as they fall knaw of it, and reffauē your Lordschipis warrand. Referring all, efter this information, to your Lordschipis awin wifdome, and comending your Lordschip to the faouur and bliffing of God, I reft,

Your Lordschipis affured in all dewtie to honour
and ferue yow,

JA. GLASGOW.

Glasgow, this xi of Junij 1619.

To the richt noble, and his maift honorabill
guid Lord, my Lord Earle of Dunferme-
ling, Chancellor of Scotland, thefe.

CCCLXXVII.—ACT OF PRIVY COUNCIL, AND MISSIVE FROM HIS
MAJESTY TO THE COUNCIL.

Apud Halvudhouse, decimo septimo Junij 1619.

Sederunt.

CHANCELLAIR.
LOTHEANE.
MELROS.
LAUDERDAILL.
MAXUELL.
L. GORDOUN.

CARNEY.
M^r OF ELPHINGSTOUN.
PREVIE SEALL.
THESAURAIR DEPUTE.
JUSTICE CLERK.

CLERK OF REGISTER.
ADUOCAT.
MEDHOP.
M^r P. ROLLOK.
SIR ANDRO KERR.
SIR PETER YOUNG.

Charge against Mr Johnne Hall and Mr Peter Hewatt.

Forfameikle as the Kingis Maieftie reffauēis daylie aduerteifmentis of the infolenceis growing amangis the people of Edinburgh, quhilk can not be vtherwayes bot that they ar steired vp to this wnrewlie behaviour

by some perfonis within the faid burgh, amangis whome his Maieftie has juft cauf to fufpect the tuo Minifteris, Maifter Peter Hewatt, quho wes de pryveit of his Miniftrie at his Maiefties laft being in Scotland, and, nevirtheles, in contempt of his Maieftie and the fentence juftlie pronunceit againes him, hes beine fince that tyme intertenyed be the Towne of Edinburgh as thair Minifter; and Mr Johnne Hall, who hes laitlie dimitted his Miniftrie vnder pretence of his aige and infirmitie. Thairfoir the Kingis Maieftie, with advyfe of the Lordis of Secretit Counfell, Ordanis letters to be direct, chargeing the faidis Mr Johnne Hall and Mr Peter Hewatt to remoue and depart fra thes plaiceis quhair they now dwell and remaine, and to adreffè thame felffis to the plaiceis following, viz., The faid Mr Johnne Hall to the burgh of Monrois, and the faid Mr Peter to Croceraguell, within xlviij. houris nixt efter the faid charge, and that they remaine and keip waird thair quhill thay be laughfullie fred and releiveit, as they will anfuer to his Maieftie and his Counfaill vpoun thair obedience.

*Followis his Maiefties Miffiue Letter for warrant of the Act
aboue written.*

Richt truftie and right weilbeloued Coufens and Counfallouris, and right truftie and weilbeloued Counfallouris, Wee greit yow weil. Whairas we receaue daylie adverteifmentis of the infolenceis growing amongft that people of Edinburgh, and that it can nocht be otherwyfe, but they ar fteired vp to this vnrewlie behaiour by some fyrebrandis thair, amongft quhome we have juft cauf to fufpect the tuo Minifteris, Mr Peter Hewarte (who wes de pryvet of his Miniftrie at Our laft being in Scotland, and nevirtheles [in contempt] of Ws and the fentence juftlie pronounced againft him, hath been fince that tyme interteneyd by the Towne of Edinburgh as thair minifter), and Maifter Johnne Hall, who haith laitlie dimitted his Miniftrie vnder pretence off his aige and infirmitie. It is Our pleafour that yow command thame to keip waird; the laft of thame, to witt Mr Johnne Hall, in the toun of Montroffe, and Mr Peter Hewarte in Croceraguell, and that they depairt oute of the boundis where now thay [dwell] within fortie

eight hours after the intimation of this present, vnder the pane of diffobedienc. Which assureing Our selff ye will dewlie performe, We bid yow fairweill.

Givin at Our Mannour of Grenewich, the 12th of Junij 1619.

CCCLXXVIII.—THE EARL OF MELROS¹ TO HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOUERANE,

Your Maiesties letters of the twelt of June comming to my hands in the Counfall house at Halyrudhous yesterday: So foone as by reading that sent to my self I knew your Royall pleafour anent searche to be made in the Printers and Bookfellars bootes and houses, for printing irnis and all vther meanes fit for discouerie of the Authours, Printers, and disperfers of the malicious libell against the Affemblie at Perth,² I caused Sir Andro Ker read your Maiesties letter to him, and presentlie enter to the accomplishment of the whole directions thereof, with all possible diligence and secrete. He deuided his companie according to the number of the Printers and Bookfellers named in your Maiesties letter, and at one time seased upon all their houses and bootes, and made exact searche of all that was therein by himself, and a number of the trustiest that he could adioyne, and not being able to owtred so large a task that night, he lokked the dures of all the houses whair they had either bookes, papers, or carecters. And where he fand the houses open and vnfire, he left fire watches in them all the night till this morning that he profecuted his searche, and has found no thing concern-

¹ Sir Thomas Hamilton, Lord Binning, Secretary of State and President of the Court of Session, was created Earl of Melros in March 1619. This title, in 1627, was suppressed, when he was created Earl of Haddington.

² The anonymous work, under the title "Perth Assembly: &c. M.DC.XIX." 4to, pp. [vi.] & 101, which excited so much displeasure, was written by David Calderwood, and was printed in Holland. It argued the Nullity of the Assembly and its proceedings in no very gentle terms; and after a lapse of two years, it was answered by Dr Lyndesay, Bishop of Brechin: see note 1, p. 571.

ing the busines injoynd to him. Andro Hart being examined by Sir Andro Ker and me, denyes all upon his parrell. Sir Andro has the like affurance from Richart Laufon. James Cathkin is at London,¹ where he may be examined. Thomas Finlason fweares he never saw any of the pamphlets till this morning that I deliuered one to him, to try by it the conformitie of any caracters knowne to him; and, efter timelie consideration, he sayes, that in his opinion it fall not be found to be printed in this countrie; but that he suspects one Richard Skilders, dwelling at Middleburgh,² who vses to print all fort of bookes brought to him, he not being subiect to anie privilege, or comptrolled by his superiours for anie mater that concernes not their owne estate. This man had two sonnes who hanted London, and ar perfect of the English tongue. He saies also, that our Bookfellers have frequent handling with Skilders, and receaue manie bookes from him. The other particulars concerning this busines I haue writtin to my Lord of Santandrois, who will informe your Maiestie thereof.

Your Maiesties direction concerning Maister John Hall and Mr Peter Hewat is obeied by the Counsell, and promised to be obeied by the parties with diligence. Sir James Skene is charged to be before the Counsell vpon Tyfday nixt.

Our Merchants regreat heavelie the hard vsage they find at Elsinure, and particularlie that the King of Denmark's officers seases vpon all the gunpowder that oure people bring for the use of this countrie from the Easter seas, and when they have giuen up thair cocket and entrie and payed their custome, the officers commands them to bring their powder to land, weyes it with their weghts, puts it in the King's magafin, and without respect of oure merchands pryce of buyeing, chairges, and

¹ James Cathkin, Bookseller in Edinburgh, on several occasions exhibited great zeal on behalf of presbytery: See notes in the Bannatyne Miscellany, vol. i. pp. 200-215. At the period when this letter was written he had gone to London in the course of his business. After his arrival, on the 12th of June, he was examined by the King at Greenwich, in the presence of the Archbishop of St Andrews and other courtiers, of which a very graphic relation is printed in the Bannatyne Miscellany, vol. i. p. 199-215.

² Richard Schilders, "Printer to the States of Zealand." Several Puritan and other English controversial tracts, which could not be licensed in this country, were printed by him at Middleburgh in 1588 and subsequent years.

hafard, giues to them the King's price, and then forces them to wryte in a register kept of purpose that they haue willinglie fold and receiued thankfull paiment for their wares. If your Maieftie be pleased to recommend to the King your brother thir honest men, desiring that their commerce may be free and fauorable in his dominions, they hope that it will procure to them releif of thir rigours and harmes.

The Laird of Drum hes promised, if Sir William Irwing cum to this cuntrie, that vpon warning he fall also cum to this towne, and keep all condicions honestlie and freindlie, the lik being done to him. So beseeching God long and happellie to prolong your Maiefties lyfe, health, and contentment, I rest

Your Maiefties most humble, faithfull,
and bund subiect and seruant,

Edinburgh, 18 June [1619.]

MELROS.

To the King's most Sacred Maieftie.

CCCLXXIX.—ACTS OF PRIVY COUNCIL, IN JUNE 1619.

Apud Halyrudhous, decimo septimo Junij 1619.

Sederunt.—[*See page 605.*]

FORSAMEIKLE as althocht the Kingis Maieftie, be his letters directit to the Lordis of his Maiefties Previe-Counfall and Seffion, willed thame to haue reffauent the Communion at Easter last, with all dew reverence, efter the maner preseryued be the ordouris and actis of the last Generall Affemblic of the Kirk haldin at Perth, vnder the pane to be depoised from thair placeis in his Maiefteis Counfall and Seffioun, and that, accordinglie, Sir James Skeene of Curryhill wes aduertesit to haue communicat with the rest of his Majesteis Counfall and Seffioun, neuirtheles, his Maieftie is credible informed that he not only absentit him

felf frome Edinburgh at that tyme, bot to the gritter contempt of his Maieftie and his authoritie, he tooke the Communioun in ane vther Kirk, and eftir ane vther forme than wes prescryued be the Actis of the faid Affemblye, and confermed be his Maieftie. And quhairas his Maieftie thinkis it ane vnworthie pairt in ane to fit as a Judge vnder his Maieftie, who by his awne good example will not leade the way of dewtyfull obedience vnto otheris, Thairfoir the Lords of Secreit Counfall, according to his Maiefteis directioun, ordanis ane messenger to pas and warne the faid Sir James to compeir personallie befor the faidis Lordis vpoun the twentie tua day of Junij instant, to anfuer to the premisses, and to hear and sie the fame verifeit and provin, as accordis of the law: And thairfoir, to heir and sie him suspendit from his place in his Maiefteis Counfall and Seffioun till his Maiefteis farder pleafour be knowin; or ellis to schaw ane reafsonabill caus quhy the famin fould not be done, with certificatioun to him, and he failzie, the faidis Lordis will suspend in maner foirfaid.

Apud Halyrudhous, vigesimo secundo Junij 1619.

Sederunt—

CHANCELLAIR.	THESAURAIR DEPUTE.	CURRIEHILL.
WYNTOUN.	CLERK OF REG ^R .	FOSTERSATE.
LOTHIANE.	ADUCAT.	M ^R P. ROLLOK.
MELROS.	KILSAYTHE.	MERCHINSTOUN.
LAUDERDAILL.	BRUNTYLLAND.	SIR ANDRO KER.
CARNEGIE.	MEDHOP.	SIR PETER YOUNG.
M ^R OF ELPHINGSTOUN.	REIDHOUS.	CONSERVATOUR.
PREUIE SEALE.	INNERTEILL.	

FORSAMEIKLE as althocht the Kingis Majestie, be his letters directit to the Lordis of his Majesteis Preuie Counfall and Seffioun, willed thame to have reffaut the Communioun at Easter last, &c.¹

¹ The same words are here repeated as in the previous extract of the 17th June: After the words "suspend in maner forsaide," at line 16, it proceeds, as on the next page, "Lykeas," &c.—Among the Wigton Papers (Maitland Miscellany, vol. ii. p. 400) is printed one of the missive letters referred to. It is dated in March 1619, and addressed

Suspend in maner forsaid, Lykeas as at mair lenth is contenit in the said charge, executione, and indorfatione thair of, Quhilk being callit, and Sir William Oliphant of Newtoun knyght, his Maieftis Aduocat, compeirand personallie for his Maieftis entrefse, and the said Sir James Skene being lykewyfe personallie present, it wes anfuert be the said Sir James, that his not communicating at Easter day last proceedit not vpoun contempt or diffobedyence, bot vpoun the occasioun following, to witt, that that haille weike he wes Ordinar in the Vtter Houfe, and Reporter, and that vpoun Satterday, quhilk wes the day for the fermone of preparatione, his turne fell to be examinatur of the witnesse, and that he wes commandit and appoyntit to attend the same, quhair-vpoun he awaittit frome tua of the clock till fax of the cloke at night, and being thairby diftraeit frome the service of preparatioun, he could not be preparit to communicat vpoun the morne thairefter; and tuitching his going to ane vther Kirk to communicat, he flatlie denyit the same, affermeing constantlie that he kept his house that foirnoone, and that he come to the afternoones fermone, and that he satt in the ordinar plaice with the remanent Lordis of the Sessioun: With the quhilk anfuert the saidis Lordis being satisfieit, Thay ordaine ane missive letter to be writtin to his Maieftie, acquainting his Maieftie with the said Sir James his anfuert in the mater foirsaid.

*Followis the Counsallis Letter to his Majestie.*¹

CCCLXXX.—THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL TO HIS MAJESTY
KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOUERANE,

According to youre Maieftis directioun, we callit Sir James

to John Lord Fleming, requiring him to be at Edinburgh "upoun Pashe day, to convene at the Heich Kirk of Edinburgh, and thair to ressaue the Communioun after the maner preseryvit by the ordoure and actis of the last Generall Assemble," &c.

¹ A copy of the letter, here printed from the original (as No. 380), is inserted in the Register, omitting the names of the Lords of Privy Council by whom it is signed.

Skene of Curriehill befor ws, and verie straitlie layed to his charge his diffobedience of youre Maiesteis command and directioun, in not communicating with the rest of youre Maiesteis Counsell and Seffioun, in the Kirk of Edinburgh, at Easter last, and for going to ane other Kirk, and ressaueing the Communioun after ane other forme then wes prescryued be the Actis of the last Generall Assemblye haldin at Perth; and we vrgeit him to cleir himself of thir pointis, vpoun the parrell to be suspendit frome his place in Counsell and Seffioun. After that he had vtterit his greiff and forrow for your Maiesteis offence tane aganis him in this particulair, quhair of he pleadit innocent, with mony protestationis that his hairt wes free frome all contempt or diffobedience of youre Maiestie, and that, in sinceritie of most loyall and dewtifull subiectioun, he had ever preast to approve him self youre Maiesteis faithfull and obedient subiect, he then come to his defence aganis the lybell: And tuicheing the first point thair of, for not communicating at Easter, he answerit, that that haille weeke he wes Ordinair in the Vtter Houfe, and Reportair, and that vpoun Satterday, quhilk wes the day for the fermone of preparatioun, his turne fell to be examinatur of the witnessis, and that he wes speciallie commandit and appoyntit to attend the same, quhair vpoun he awaited frome twa of the cloke till fax of the cloke at night; and being thair by necessarlie distraeit frome the fermone of preparatioun, he could not be preparit to communicat vpoun the morne thairefter: And tuicheing his going to ane other Kirk to communicat, he flatlie denyit the same, affermeing constantlie, that he kept his house that foirnoone, and that he come to the afternoones fermone, and satt in the ordinair place with the rest of the Lordis of the Seffioun; quhilkis tua pointis, to witt, of his examinatioun of the witnessis vpoun Easter evin, and comeing to the afternoones fermone vpoun Easter day, we can all testifie to be of trewthe; and so finding no verificatioun of the informatioun gevin to youre Maiestie in this mater, we could proceed no forder thairintill, bot hes remittit the same to youre Maiesteis princelie consideratioun, humble beseekeing youre Maiestie not to tak in evill pairt the said Sir James his not communicating the day foirsaid, quhilk procedit not vpoun wilfull contempt or diffobedience, bot vpoun the iust and necessair occasioun foirsaid; and

we perfwade oure felffis, that as he wil be cairfull to efhew all occasionis quhilkis may procure youre Maieftis iuft cauf of wraithe and offence againis him, fo he will haif the lyke cair to approue him felff youre Maieftis faithfull and goode fubieēt. And fo, with oure humble and earnift prayers vnto God for youre Maiefties lang and happie reigne, we reft

Your Maiefties moft humble and obedyent
fubieētis and feruitouris,

AL. CANCELL^s.

LOTHIANE.

S. W. OLIPHANT.

KILSAYTH.

A. HAY.

MELROS.

GEORGE HAY.

CARNEGIE.

A. M. ELPHINSTON.

Halirudhous, xxiiij Junij 1619.

To the King his moft facred and excellent
Maieftie.

CCCLXXXI.—HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE LORDS OF PRIVY
COUNCIL.

[JAMES R.]

Ryght truſtie and right weilbeloueit Coufens and Counfallouris, and right truſtie and weilbelouit Counfallouris, We greit yow weil. We haue receiued your letters of the four and twentieth of the laſt moneth, wherby We vnderſtoode your proceedingis with Sir James Skeine, and his anfueris to fuche poyntis as wer layde to his charge, and We thocht vpoun the firſt informatioun maid to ws, We haid verie good cauf of fuſpitioun and pregnant prefumptioun againſt him; yett are We glaid by your reporte to vnderſtand the treuthe of his behaviour

in that poynte; and as ye have in pairt fatiffet Ws, fo the only meane for him to gif Ws full fatiffa&tioun, and caus Ws reteine a goode oppinioun of him is, if he fall with all expeditioun, at any plaice quhair the Communioun fall first be celebrated, receive the same kneilling; and not doubting bot in the mean tyme he will approve his conformitie to the constitutionis in all vther poyntis, We bid yow fairweill.

Givin at Our Castle of Windefoir, the fixt of Julij 1619.

CCCLXXXII.—ACT OF PRIVY COUNCIL, AND MISSIVE FROM HIS MAJESTY TO THE COUNCIL.

Apud Halyrudhous, decimo quinto Julij, 1619.

Sederunt—

CHANCELLAIR.	CRANSTOUN.	KILSAYTHE.
THESAURAIR.	CARNEY.	BRUNTYLAND.
WYNTOUN.	M ^r OF ELPHINGSTOUN.	INNERTEILL.
LOTHEANE.	PREUIE SEAL.	M ^r P. ROLLOK.
MELROS.	THESAURAIR DEPUTE.	SIR ANDRO KER.
B. ROSS.	JUSTICE CLERK.	SIR P. YOUNG.
LAUDERDAILL.	CLERK OF REGISTER.	CONSERUATOUR.
L. ERSKENE.	ADUOCAT.	

Proclamation aganis the book called Perthe Assemblie.

FORSAMEIKLE as thair is a feditious libell and booke wreittin and fett oute in prente aganis the proceidingis of the late Generall Affem- blie of the Kirk haldin at Perthe in the moneth of August last, the authouris and wreittaris of the quhilk book has disperst the same amongis his Maiesteis fubie&tis in this Kyngdome, purpoiflie to divert

¹ This letter, in the Privy Council Register (fol. 176), is inserted in the middle of the Minute of 22 Junij 1619, with the title "Followis His Maiesteis Letter to the Counsall anent the matter aboue written," although the letter itself could not have been received by the Council for nearly three weeks subsequent to the date of the next Minute, the 24th of June.

thame from his Maieftis obedience, to intertenye diffenfion in the Kirk, and to fofter in the hairtis of the fimple and ignorant multitude fome finifter oppinioun of the finceritie of his Maieftis difpofitioun in matteris of religioun. And whereas the wretting and difperfing of all fuch infamous libellis, bookis, and pamphlettis tending to the mifconffructing of his Maieftis proceidingis is condemnit be the lawis of this Kingdome, and the authouris and wreittaris thair of declairit to be feditious and wicked perfonis, enemyis to the Kingis Maieftie and the Commonweill of this realme: Thairfoir the Lordis of Secreit Counfall ordanis letters to be direct to command and charge all and findrie perfones, hauearis off the faid infamous lybell and booke, be oppin proclamation at the Mercat Croces of Edinburgh, St Androis, Glasgw, and utheris plaices neidfull, That thay and euey ane of thame bring and delyuer the fame bookis to the Clerk of his Maieftis Counfall, betuix the date heirof and the xxvij day of Julij instant, to the effect he may prefent thame to his Maieftis Counfall, and that ordour may be tane with thame as his Maieftie hes commandit and directit; certifeing all and findrie perfones quho hes ony of the faidis bookis, and will not bring in and delyuer the fame in maner foirfaid, or in quhais handis and keiping ony of the faidis bookis falbe deprehendit or challengit after the faid xxvij day of Julij instant, That thay falbe repute haldin and eftemed as factious and feditious perfones; and thay falbe callit, perfecuit, and punift as interteyneris of feditioune in the Eftate, without fauour or mercye.

*Followis his Maieftis Miffive for Warrant of the Act above
wreitten.*

[JAMES R.]

Right trustie and right weilbeloued Coufenis and Counfallouris, and right trustie and weilbelouit Counfallouris, We greite you weil; Whereas a feditious libell wreitten againft the laft Affemblic at Perth hath beine difperfed in that Our Kingdome, to diuert Our goode fubiectis frome Oure obedience, and enterteyne diffenfion in the Churche, it is Our pleafour that ye caus diligent fearch be made for all the copyis of the

faid libell, and by oppin proclamatioun charge all the hauearis of the fame to delyuer thame to the Clerk of Our Counfall befor a certane day to be appoynted by yow, with certificatioun that the reteynearis and keiparis thairóf, after the day appoynted, falbe called and punifched as interteyners of feditioun: And fo foone as the bookis falbe gottin in, ye fall caus burne thame oppinlie at the Croce of Our burgh of Edinbrugh; and not doubting of your readdy conformitie to Our pleafure in this poynte, Wee bid yow fairweill.

Given at our Caftle of Windefor, the vijth of Julij 1619.

CCCLXXXIII.—THE BISHOP OF MURRAY TO KING JAMES.

SACRET SOUERANE,

May it pleis your moift Excellent Maieftie: It was your Maieftie's good plefur, about tuentie yeiris bygone, to haue difponit to the Toun of Elgene the patronage and preceptorie of Mafindew befyd Elgene, with the rentis thairoff, ffor fustening of ane Hospitall and ane Maifter of ane Mufik Scholl within that toun. Aganes the quhilk oppofitioun hes bene maid thir thrie or four yeiris bypaf, be your Maieftie's Aduocat, quhill now, that the mater hauing bene fufficientlie tryit, it is fund to haue bene bestowit to ane good and godly ufe; and thairfoir, now your Maieftie's Thefaurer and Aduocat ar content to fuffer your Maieftie's firft gift to haue place, prouyding your Maieftie will giue ane new warrand to the Commiffioners for your Maieftie's rentis in Scotland to renew the famyn gift: Qhairanent I moift humblie intreat your Maieftie, becaus the famyn is to be imployit to fuche ane religious ufe; ffor they of the Hospitall will pray for your Maieftie's good helthe, and in the Mufick Scholl thankis falbe givin to God for your Maieftie's preferuatioun. Forder, incace your Maieftie hes bene utherwayis informit of any difobedience to your Maieftie's lawis and Actis of the laft Generall Affemblic be the Minifteris within the Diocie of Murray, I thocht good to fchaw your Maieftie that without exceptioun they haue all

giuin obedience at this last Easter, the lyk quhairof, I think, your Maieftie fall not find in all this Kingdome; and as for my cair in that mater, I caufit my haill parochineris of Elgene, quhair I mak refidence, receaue thair Communioun kneilling upone Easter day bygane a yeir. Swa the mater being of fmall importance, we all luik for your Maiefteis princelie fauour. And thus, my humble prayeris instantlie and continually imployit for mony contentit yeiris in this lyff, and for that eternal in the heuines, I humblie tak my leiuie.

Your Maiefteis most humel and affectionat
fervitour to death,

AL. B. OFF MURRAYE.

Edinbrughe, the xxv. of Julij 1619.

To the King his most Excellent Maieftie.

CCCLXXXIV.—ACT OF PRIVY COUNCIL, AND MISSIVE FROM HIS
MAJESTY TO THE COUNCIL.

Apud Halyrudhous, duodecimo die mensis August 1619.

Maister Johnne Hall releuit of his warde fra Montrois to Perth.

THE Lordis of Secreit Counsaill, according to ane warrand and directioun in writ signed be the Kingis Maieftie, and this day presented vnto thame, freithis and releivis Maister Johnne Hall frome his waird within the burgh of Monrois, quhairin he wes confyned be his Maiefteis command; and commandis and ordainis him to repair and mak his addresse to the burgh of Perth, and thairin to remaine, and within the speace of tua myllis thairabout, and not to exceed the limittis thairof vntill his Maieftie falbe pleased by his speciall warrand to restoir him to his inteir libertie, as he will anfuer vpoun the contrary at his perrell.

*The Kingis Maiesteis Missive for the warrand of the Act
about wreittin.*

[JAMES R.]

Right truistie and right weilbeloued Coufenis and Counfallouris,
We greit yow weill. Whereas by Our former direçtioun sent vnto yow,
Maister Johnne Hall wes commandit to be confynned in the toun of
Montrosse, we ar weill pleased, at the earnest fute of the Archbifchop of
St Androis, to alter the plaice of his said restraint, and thairfoir ye fall
gif ordour that instead of Montrosse he fall repair to our burgh of Perth,
thair to remaine, and not exceed the limittis of fuche speace about the
fame as ye fall think convenient till We falbe pleased by Our speciall
warrant to restoir him to his intire libertie; and not doubting of your
moft ready obedience to this our pleasour, We bid yow fairweill.

Givin at Our Court of Beauvoir Castle the fyeifth of August 1619.

CCCLXXXV.—ACT OF PRIVY COUNCIL.

Apud Halyrudhouse, Vicesimo septimo die mensis Octobris 1619.

Ane Act and warrand for burning the Booke entituled Perth Assemblie.

FORSAMEIKLE as thair is a feditious libell and booke wreittin and
[also] in prent aganis the Proceidingis of the late Generall Affemblie of
the Kirk haldin at Perth in the moneth of August 1618: The authoris
and wreittaris of the quhilk Book hes disperft the fame amongis his
Maiesties subiectis, purpoillie to diuert thame from his Maieftis obedi-
ence to interteny dissenfioun in the Kirk. And wheras the [wreitting
and] disperfing of fuche infamous libellis, bookis, and pamphlettis [to
the misinformatioun] of his Maieftis proceidingis is condemnit be the
Lawis of this Kingdome, and the authouris and wreittaris thairof declared
to be feditious and wicked personis, enemyis to the Kingis Maieftie and
the commonweale of this realme, Thairfoir the Lordis of Secret Coun-
saill ordanis and commandis the Prouest and Bailleis of Edinburgh to

caus burn sa mony of the saidis infamous libellis, bookes, and pamphlettis as falbe delyvered vnto thame be the right reuerend father in God Johnne Archbifchop of St Androis, or as fall otherwayis come in thair handis, and that publictlie and oppinlie at the Mercat Croce of Edinburgh. For doing quhair of thir presentis falbe vnto thame warrand.

CCCLXXXVI.—MR JOHN WELSH, MINISTER IN FRANCE, TO
MR ROBERT BRUCE.

RIGHT REVEREND AND DEIRLY BELOUED BROTHER,

I wold not let this occasion pas to wryte to yow by this bearer, your kinsman, whose comportment in this countrie hath always been with honour, giving testimonies of true religion and godlines in the places of his sojourn, which for some time was with me. The Nullitie of the Affemblic at Perth being sent to me, hath taken all pretext of ignorance and excuses away, and I judge them blessed who, in a desertion so univerfall, keeps their garments cleane, without spott; of the which, Sir, ye are one, whose testimonie to the trueth, and against the defection brought in, is knowen to all the Churches. The persecution there is lamentable; but, without all question, when the chaffe is discovered, He will not let the rod of the wicked remaine for ever upon the backe of the righteous. It is noe mervaile if, after so long a peace, so great a libertie, and the puiffance of the Gospell in such abundance, at the last He send the fyrie triell. What my mind is concerning the roote of thir branches, the bearer will shew yow more fullie. They are noe more to be accounted Orthodoxes, but Apostats: They have fallen from their callings, by receiving Antichristianes, and bringing in of idolatrie, to make the Kingdome culpable, and to expose it to judgments fearfull for fuche a highe perfidie against an Oath so solemnlie exacted and given; and are noe more to be counted Christians, but frangers, and apostats, and persecutors, and therefore not to be heard anie more, neither in publict, nor in Consistories, Collidges, nor Synods; for what fellowship hath light with darknes! So, with the measure the Lord

hath given, I recommend yow to His sufficient grace, and your whole familie.

Your loving Brother, and unworthy to be called
the Servant of Chrif,

From St' Jean [d'Angeli] this
20th of [November?] 1619.

M^R JOHNE WELSH.

CCCLXXXVII.—HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE ARCHBISHOP OF
ST ANDREWS.¹

[JAMES R.]

Having heard of your meeting the 23d of November, I have sent Our trustie seruant, the Lord of Scoone, to signifie Our pleffour more fullie unto you, and to certifie Us againe of your proceedings heirin. And I doe command you, as you will be anfwearable to Ws, that ye depose all those that refuse to conforme, without respect of persons, no ways regarding the multitude of the rebellious; for if there be not a sufficient number remaining to fill their places, I will send you Ministers out of England. And I charge you to certifie Us of your proceedings betuixt this and the third of March next to come.

[Given at, &c.]

¹ Spottiswood, in his History, has taken no notice of the Conference at St Andrews, of the Bishops and Ministers, on the 23d, 24th, and 25th of November 1619; but Calderwood has preserved a detailed and interesting account of what took place, when the above letter was presented by Lord Scoone. Spottiswood, at a Diocesan Synod, held at Edinburgh in October, is reported to have said, "I will appoint a meeting to hold the 23d of November at St Androis, where my brethren the Bishops shall be present. I shall send for such Ministers as refuse to conforme. We shall see what reasons they have. Either we shall putt them out of Scotland, or they shall putt us out. It were better that both they and we were hangit (*heare the villaine!*) or the Gospell decayed," &c.—(History, vol. vii. pp. 395, 397-408.)

CCCLXXXVIII.—MR JOHN HUME TO MR JOHN ADAMSON, MINISTER OF LIBBERTON.

SIRE,

I have imbraced this occasion, bothe to fulfill my owen promise, and also to taik away all maitter of excufe, quiche might hinder yow from keiping of yours, quiche was mutuale. Maister Melvine¹ was moved with the newes yee fend by Monsieur Durie, and is follist of the event of that Conference or Affemblic quiche is to be in Mairche,² concerning Mr William Scote and Mr Johne Carmichell, and prayes hairtfullye that God maye assift them. And thairfore wolde willinglye, as foon as ye can heire any thing of them, know quhat hathe bein doone in it. He is also no less follist for yow, and wishees yee may be warrie and taik goode heade of personnes; and almost evrie daye maiketh mention of yow. Yee, he sayethe to me, he did of purpose be fwmquhat thraffe and harde to yow, because he thoght *opus esse tibi in hac causa fræno, et non calcari*; as also he did not apprehend things in the full measure as he doeth now, nor could he have persuaded himself that men was going on so farr as he seeeth plainlye now by diligent waying of the King's booke,³ quiche he taikes no offer in his handes but as oft he is forced to burste foorth in teares, feing the craftie convoeye of vylde calunnies against the servantes of God, the first Reformeirs of religion, and those that hathe bein fince. Maire he begins now to doubte of Corfe's⁴ courfes after the feeing of all thire things, that he sould have taiken him to that fyde, and sayethe oft to me, that if he had yow now beyde him he wold be more

¹ Mr Andrew Melvine or Melville, of whose biography the important work by the late Dr M'Crie, is well known. Melville, during his latter years, resided at Sedan as Professor of Theology, and died there in 1622, aged 77.

² There was a Conference held at St Andrews in November 1619, betwixt the Bishops and Ministers: William Scott of Cupar, John Carmichael of Kinneuchar, and David Mearns of Carnebie, were the three Ministers selected on this occasion.—See the preceding Letter, and note, and also Calderwood's History, vol. vii. p. 397, &c.

³ The *Basilicon Doron*, by King James.

⁴ Patrick Forbes of Corse, Bishop of Aberdeen.

free with yow then he wes, for then he thocht not that things war come to fuche extremitie. Concerning his healthe, it is fuche as yee know, yee rather wors then better, and for any thing (of his Writes I mean) that yee willed me to have a caire of and gett from him, I have litle hoipe. Yee hade experience of his humour, and he is ffill the same man, fufpicious of his bookes, and will not fuffer a man to goe amongft them. I fall doe quhat I can to come be them; though thaire is litle appearance.

For newes out of thir quarters: Thaire is a horfe companie gone out of this tounne to the King of Boheme; the newes yee harde heir that the Affemblye of fudden was gone to the Rochelle, warr not trew, as we have knowen fince, but now wee heir that the King hathe commandit them to feperate them felfes within a fortnight, otherwayes thraitneth thay fall be declared criminel of Lefe Majestie. Quhat will be the iffeu wee know not. Yee have harde, no queftion, of the Embafadouris going to Spaine about the mariage, quiche put Mr Melvine in a gritt feare and alarme. As alfo yee know, I beleeve, before ws of the 4000 Spagno[lles] drowned, quiche warr cwming to the Archeduke to goe againft the King of Boheme. This is all wee know: If yee know them alreddie, the lofe is not gritt. Only Monsieur Tilenus is gone to Paris to dwel. Mr Melvine and Mr Colville maike thaire commendations to yow moft hartelye. And prayes yow to wryte all newes of Britane, but of Scotlande cheaflye, as alfo of your owen healthe, eftate of body and mynde. Quhat [have yee] doune or mynde to doe concerning thefe things yee are on? Thaire [is ane] distiche I have feen of Mr Melvine's, quich if yee have it not [yet, it] wold not be wnproper to joyne amongft the reft:¹ if yee have it [my paynes] in wryting of it arr but loft, quiche is not muche.

Hierarchia Anglicana.

[Si] non expressa effigies, ut imaginis instar
Romanæ alterius, Bellua nostra, feræ est.

It is fchort, and fo much the better, but it [is] alfo pithie, and pleased.

¹ From this phrase, we may infer that Adamson assisted in collecting, if he was not the actual Editor of the volume of "A. Melvini Musæ," printed in Holland in 1620.—The writer of this letter was probably a younger son of David Hume of Godscroft.

me well; yee will doe ws all grit pleasure to lett ws heare from yow, for wee have harde nothing from Scotlande this long tyme, and also yee will maike ws the more affured of your well-being, and guide estate. Thaire is nothing more for the present, but wishing yow all healthe of bodie, and comfort of mynde, I rest

Yours to be commandit,

Sedane, this 9 of Mairche, 1620.

JHONE HUME.

Be pleased to send this letter to my Father with the first occasion, for a letter, as yee know, may import much, especialye to men that is far from thaire freindes.

To his much respected and honored freinde,
Maister Adamfone.

CCCLXXXIX.—HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE LORDS OF
PRIVY COUNCIL.

[JAMES R.]

Right trustie and right weilbeloued Coufenis and Counfallouris, and right trustie and weilbeloued Counfallouris, We greit you weil. Whereas diuers of Our Burgh of Edinburgh, oute of a peevishe humour, in contempte of goode ordour, leaue thair ordinary Pastouris, and following de pryued or silenced Ministeris, receaue of thame the Sacrament, We haue conceaued a most iust indignatioun against thame, whiche We deferre to expresse by any exemplarie punisshment, hoiping that at this approtcheing Easter thair conformetie to goode ordour shall testifie thair amendment. Bot in respect that their be some who contenowallie assit the refractarie Ministeris in all their diffobedience, and spare not to countenance them in all their publict doingis, yea, euin to accompany them when they ar cited befor Our Heigh Commiffioner, thereby encou-

rageing them to stand oute against the ordoures of Churche, in contempt of Oure authoritie. And althocht We haue so long haid patience with thame, as to expect that by lenitie and admonitioun thay might haue bene reclaimed from thair rebellious humour, and reduced to ane obedient and dewtifull kynd of behaviour; yet feing lenitie preuailis not with thame, We haue thocht goode, by thir presentis, to will yow to remoue the specialis of these euill weadis oute of that feild, and fend Williame Rig, mercheant,¹ and James Cathkine, into Cathnes, Richard Lawfone to Aberdene, Robert Meiklejohn skinner to Dunkeld, Johnne Meine to Wigtone, in Galloway, and Thomas Inglis skinner in Montrois; willing and commanding euery one of thame not to exceed the boundis to him limited without Oure speciall warrant, vnder all heighest paine and punifchment. The lyke course we intend to tak with otheris who falbe fund culpabill of the lyke offenses. And not doubting of your cair in the premiffes, We bid yow fairweill.

Givin at Our Mannour of Theobaldis, the penult of Marche 1620.

CCCXC.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO HIS MAJESTY
KING JAMES.

SIRE,

May it pleife your Maiestie: The Ministeris and Seffioun of

¹ In the Register of the Privy Council, 24th Feb. 1620 (fol. 226), there is an Act containing a "Charge against William Rig, and others, to confine themselves within certain bounds;" but, like several portions of this volume of the "Acta," it is nearly illegible, having been mutilated and injured by damp. On the 19th April, the following notice occurs in a minute transmitted by the Secretary:—

Decimo Nono Aprilis 1620.

The directioun send down from his Maiestie touching the confyneing of Williame Rig, James Cathkine, and otheris, wes this day presentit to the Counsell, and allowit, and accordinglie charges ar direct aganes them for entrie in thair wairds.

According to his Maiesteis directioun, the Counsell hes written ane verie schairpe letter to the Earle of Erroll concerning Patrik Con his going with his [the Earl's] sone to France.—[On this subject, see Calderwood's History, vol. vii. p. 426.]

Edinburgh directit to me three Commiffioneris, with a letter, earnestly requesting that I wold interceed for the releif of these that wer charged to depart the town. I refuset them a long qhyl, laying before them thair disorderis and great ingratitude to your Maiestie, quiche I did also signifie to them by my answer maid to thair letter; yit, at last, by earnest intreatie, and many promifes of amendement, I haif ben inducit to mak ane humble supplicatioun to your Maiestie for thair sparing at this tym: And so I must, by your Maiesties patience, becom a futer for personis most vnworthie, only vpon a desire to haif obedience wrought to your Maiesties commandementis with the least busines that may be. If your Maiestie did vnderstand my vexatiouns, and the insupportable burthen I beare, I suld not neid to crave your Maiesties pardon for this my boldnes, quich yit in duty I must. If it fal plese your Maiestie graciously to hearken to my desyre, the least significatioun to my self by letter wil do the busines; for thair is no great zeal heir in executing suche directionis, otherwyse I suld not haif neidit to molest your Maiestie with thir supplicationis, for quiche I humbly crave your Maiesties pardon, and restis

Your Maiesties most humble seruitour,

SANCTANDREWS.

Darfy, last Apryl 1620.

To his most Sacred Maiestie.

CCCXCI.—AN ACT OF PRIVY COUNCIL.

Apud Halyrudhous, Decimo Maij 1620.

FORSAMEKLE as the Reuerend Father in God, Johne Archibifchop of St Androis, be his letter wreittin and directit to some of the Lordis of his Maiesteis Preuie Counsaill, hes acquentit thame that he hes writ-

ten up to the Kingis Maiestie in fauouris of Williame Rig, Richard Lawfoun, James Cathkene, Thomas Ingleis, Johnne Meyne, and Robert Meiklejohnne, burgefis of Edinburgh, humblie intreating his Maiestie to dispenfe with the chargeis execute aganis thame for thair confyneing and warding in the general pairtes and placeis appoyntit unto thame. And quhairas the said Archibifchop lookeit to be aduerteifit be his Maiestie tuitching his will and pleafour in this mater betuix and the first day of Junij nixtocome: Thairfoir he humblie defyreit the saidis Lordis to contenow the executioun of the saidis chargeis till the day foirfaid. The Lordis of Secreit Counsaill allowing of the said Archibifchop his doingis in this mater, thay thairfoir ordanis [and] commandis officeris of armeis quhatfumeuir to fupperfeid and contenew all forder chargeing of the perfonis abouewrittin to enter in thair saidis wairdis, and all putting of ony letters or chargeis to forder executioun agane thame for that effect vntill the said first day of Junij nixtocome.

CCCXCII.—MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

Octauo Junij 1620.

His Maiesties letter, by the which his Maiestie commandit ane new Proclamatioun to be made publi& and prentit toucheing obedience to be gevin be all his Maiesties subiectis to the A&tis of the Affemblie at Perth being this day presentit and red in Counsell, the two Archbifchopes of St Androis and Glasgou being present, and ane minute of the A&tis of the said Affemblie being lykwayes produced, it was found that onlie two of the saidis A&tis concernit the subiectis in thair obedience, to wit, the A&tis anent the commemoratioun of the Birth, Passioun, Refurre&tioun, and Affensoun of Jesus Christ, and fending doune of the Holie Ghost, vpon the dayes appoyntit to that effect, and the repairing to the Church for heiring of the Sermon vpon these dayes; and the other A&ct touching the celebratioun and resseaving of the Communioun reverentlie with kneeling, and the rest of the A&tis, with thir twa, con-

cernit the Ministeris in thair obedience. It being proponit, What paine fould be fet downe against the perfones alswell of the Ministerie as the people, who refused to give obedience and conformitie to the said Actis: The two Archbifchoppis proponed reafones why no pecuniall paine fuld be fett downe against the Ministerie, bot thay must be fubie& and vnderly the Ecclefiastick censures be the ordinare judges of the Church, which confisted of deprivation or fufpending of them from thair Ministerie, and confyning of them as fould be thought expedient; and affirmed, that they knew this to be his Maiefties will and meaning: Quhairvpoun the Counsell all in ane voice acquiefced to thair opinioun.

Anent the paine and punishment to be inflicted vpoun the people; becaus the Act of Parliament made anent keeping of the Sabbothe day appoyntis onlie xx ſ to be payed be the prophaneris and violateris thairof, it was thocht be the twa Archbifchoppis and hail Counsell that thir fyve dayis could not be accomptit in lyke degree with the Lordis holie Sabboth, and that if either the like paine, or gritter, wer fet doune aganis the breakeris of thir dayes nor is fet doune aganis the breakeris of the Sabboth, that it would be offensue to the people, and that it would be mistane as ane introduction of some Popifh rites; and thairfoire it is ordanit, that all perfonis fall repaire to the Church, and heir the preaching vpone these dayes, under the paine of xiiij ſ iiij d., and that the Ministeris do thair dewtie vpone the saidis dayes, according to the Actis of the Affemblic, vnder the paine of the Ecclefiastick censuris forsaidis.

And touching the kneeling at the reffauing of the Sacrament; the paines following ar appointit, to wit, for ane Erle ane hundreth pundis, ane Lord ane hundreth merkis, ane Baron or Laird fyftie pundis, and all other perfonis of whatfumever rank xx lib., *toties quoties*, or lesse, at the discretioun of the Judge, according to the qualitie and conditioun of the offendour.

The Proclamatioun heirvpoun is to be drawin vp, and to be delyvered to the Archbifchope of St Androis, to be advyfed thairwith, and is to be advyfed vpone Tuyfday nixt.

CCCXCIII.—ACT OF PRIVY COUNCIL, AND MISSIVE LETTER FROM HIS
MAJESTY TO THE COUNCIL.

Apud Halyrudhous, Octauo Junij, in the Afternoone.

Sederunt—

CHANCELLAIR.	LAUDERDAILL.	THESAURER DEPUTE.	INNERTEILL.
THESAURAIR.	L. ERSKENE.	JUSTICE CLERK.	RIDHOUS.
S ^r ANDROIS.	L. CRANSTOUN.	ADUOCAT.	FOISTERSAIT.
GLASGW.	L. CARNEGIE.	KILSAYTH.	SIR ANDRO KER.
ROXBURGH.	KILDRYMMIE.	BRUNTYLLAND.	SIR P. YOUNG.
BUCCLEUGH.	PREUIE SEALL.	MERCHINSTOUN.	CONSERVATOUR.
MELROS.			

*Proclamatoun anent obedience to be gevin to the Actis of the Assemblie at
Perth.*

WHEREAS his Maiestie, oute of ane trew and vnfained zeale to
Godis honnour and for the aduancement and promoueing of trew reli-
gioun amongft all his subjects of this kingdome, &c.¹

*Followis his Maiesteis Missiue for the warrand of the Act
aboue written.*

[JAMES R.]

Right trustie and right weilbelouit Coufens and Counfallouris, and
right trustie and weilbelouit Counfallouris, We greit yow weil. Whereas
We, oute of Oure vnfeinzed zeale to the aduantage of Godis honnour,

¹ "A Proclamatoun for keeping the Actes of the last Generall Assemblies of the
Kirk," dated as above, at Halyrudhouse, the 8th day of Junij 1620, "Edinburgh,
Printed by Thomas Finlason, his M. printer," was issued as a broadside. A copy is
preserved among Calderwood's Collections, (Wodrow MSS. fol. vol. xliii. No. 95.) It is
in substance the same as the paper here printed as No. CCCXCII.; and a copy of it is
likewise given in Calderwood's History, vol. vii. p. 444.

and promoting of trew religioun amongft Oure people, propofed to the Cleargie of that Oure kingdome certayne Articles at Oure laft being thair, whiche afterwarde in ane Affemblic helde at Perth Wee caufed be concluded, and ftill fince that tyme haue by Oure diuerfe letters required that the fame fould be obserued, and whereas We maid a proclamatioun to go foorth the thairvpoun fehortlie efter the faid Affemblic: And that, neurthelefs, by the feditious dealings of fome refractarie Minifteris, who haue alwyfe oppofed thame felffis to Our iufte commandementis, diuers of Oure goode fubicctis have bene maid to conceaue finifterlie of Oure proceedingis and of the conclufionis takin in the faid Affemblic: And by that occafion not onlie a rupture is maid in the Churche, but oppin and manifft diffobedyence gevin to Oure direktionis, which We nather can nor will leave vnpunifhed: Thefe are thairfoir to defyre yow to caus intimatioun be maid of new of Oure exprefse pleafour concerneing obedyence to be givin to Oure faide ordinanceis, and to fett down a particular pane vpoun the tranfgreffouris thairof, according to the qualitie of the tranfgreffour: As alfo to inhibite all perfones, of quhatfum-euir rank or degrie, to impugne ony of the faid ordinanceis in thair publicque or priuat difcourffes, or detreçt thame as thingis in thame selffes vnlaughfull and vnlaughfullie concludit, vnder the paine of being called befoir Our Counfaill or other Judgeis whome we fall appoynte, and punifcheing of thame in thair perfones and goodis: And this recommending to your fpeciall cair, We bid yow fairweill.

Givine at Oure Mannour of Theobauldes, the penult of Maij 1620.

CCCXCIV.—THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL TO HIS MAJESTY
KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOUERANE,

By your Maiefties letter, written to the Erll of Melros, your Maiefties Secretarie, we perfaue that your Maieftie hes tane fome offens vpoun occafion of ane informatioun fend vp to your Maieftie, That quhen

your Maiesteis commandment of confynceing of certane disobedient personis of Edinburgh wes exhibite in Counsell,¹ some questionis and doubtis wer proponed, how far your Maiesteis commandmentis in the lyke caises might extend, quhilk your Maiestie hes interprete to be a direct calling of your Royall authoritie in question. We ar forie that in a mater of this kind, towcheing youre Maiestie onywayes in your Royall prerogatiue and authoritie, that suche finifter informationis sould haif bene maid of ws; ffor as we ar all free of that mater, and never harbourit any suche notioun in owre haitis as to chope at the meanest pointe of youre Maiesteis authoritie, so, quhen your Maiesteis commandment and letter for confynceing of thir men wes exhibite and red in Counsell, thair wes never so mutche as ane word spokin, quhilk, in direct or coloured sence, might haif impugned the same; bot the hail nomber that wes present, of whome few ar this day absent, acquiesceit thairunto, without proponeing of any questioun or doubt aganis the same, or speakeing of ony ane worde quhilk, in sence or consequence, might haif bene interprete to the preiudice of your Souerane authoritie. All the questioun that wes in handis wes onlie anent the tymes of the entrie of thir personis in warde, quhilk necessarlie required some consideratioun, in respect of the pouirtie of some of thame, the aige and infirmitie of otheris, and the far distance of thair wairding placeis, whilk moued the Counsaill to grant vnto thame a reasonable tyme to enter, for the better inhabilling of thame to mak thair prouisioun and furniffing. This being the simple treuthe of all that wes done or spokin in that buffynes, we humblie present the same to your Maiesteis faourable

¹ We learn from Calderwood, that in compliance with the King's injunctions (see note to page 624, and also letter No. CCCLXXXVIII.) the Privy Council had given a charge to William Rig, and other persons named, "to enter in their several wairds or confinement, without citation, tryall, or convictioun before the Counsell, onlie for satisfaction to his Majestie. When that mater was proposed in Counsel, Chancelour Seton said, 'They could not proceede so in orderlie, for it was neither reasonable nor according to law.' The President, Secretarie Hamiltoun, answered, 'My Lord, ye must not frame the question so. It must be framed in these terms, "Whether will ye give obedience to the King's letter or not?"' So the Act was made without contradiction." A copy of the summons to this effect, dated 19th April 1620, is printed in Calderwood's History, vol. vii. p. 439.

confideratioun, requeifing your Maieftie not to gif haiftie credite to informationis of this kynd, quhairby your Maiefteis faithfull feruandis and Counfellouris may be wronged, and the finceritie of thair behaiour and cariage in your Maiefteis fervice randerit fufpitious; bot in this, as in all otheris thingis, fubmitting oure felffis to youre Maiefteis moft excellent judgment, and frome oure hairtis praying God to bliffe your Maieftie with the continewance of mony lang and happie yeiris, we reft

Your Maiefteis moft humble and obedient
fubiectis and feruitouris,

AL. CANCEL^s.

MELROS.

G. MURRAY.

J. ERSKYNE.

A. MAR.

SCONE.

ROXBURGHE.

W. OLIPHANT.

Halyrudhus, xv Junij 1620.

To the King his moft facred and
excellent Maieftie.

CCCXCV.—MRS ESTHER INGLIS¹ TO HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES.

MOST MIGHTIE MONARCHE,

Darre I prefume vpon th' honnor and credit that I haue had at diuers tymes to fpeake your Royal Majefte, and hath euer found your

¹ Boyd of Trochrig, in his Diary, fays, "In the moneth of July 1625, having gone to Edinburgh, I learned of the death of Esther Inglis, wife of Barthol. Kello, a woman adorned with many good gifts. Among others, she was the first writer of any woman in her time, of which I have some beautiful monuments under her hand, of her friendship towards me and my wife."—(Wodrow's Biograph. Collections, Maitland Club, vol. ii. p. 269.) In his original Diary, written in French, Boyd calls her "Esther Angloys;" but in fact she was born in France: See the Bannatyne Miscellany, vol. i. 297, note. Her

Highnes favour, and vpon the gracious accepting of a litle work by this youth, giuen to your Highnes at Stirueling, called *SIDVS CÆLESTE*, as to mak humble fuite for this one and last thing to this my only sonne, who hauing past his course two yeares ago,¹ would glaidlie follow Theologie if it shall please God. Yet as Dedalus was not hable to frie him selfe of his imprisonment in the Isle Creta but by the help of wings mead of pennes and wax: euen so my Sonne is not able to frie him selfe of inhabilitie to effectuall this his affection but by the wings of your Majesties letter, composed by pen and waxe, through the which he may haue his flight happilie to sum fellowship either in Cambridge or Oxefoord, as occasion shall fall out. Wherefore, Gracious King, lett your most humble handmaid find this last fauour in your sight, to direct one of thir noble men by you, to signifie your Highnes will and command vnto your Secretarie, that when this my Sonne shall notifie vnto him of any fellowship, he may receaue without any hinderance your Majesties letter in the strictest maner. For the which I may haue my tossed mynd releued of the great cair I haue perpetuallie for this said youth. And wee all of vs will neuer cease to beseech God to preferue and prolong your Majesties lyfe, with many happie and prosperous yeeres to Reigne ouer vs. Edenbrugh, the xx of Iuin 1620.

Your Mat^{ties}
Most humble subject,

ESTHER INGLIS.

To the King
his most excellent Mat^{tie}

Manuscripts are still prized as specimens of calligraphy, and she probably depended on the gratuities obtained for them. She usually retained her maiden name. "Esther Ingillis, spous to Bartelmo Kello, indweller in Leyth;" died on the penult August 1624; and by her Confirmed Testament (Edinburgh, 11th March 1625) her said spous became lawfull administrator to Elizabeth and Marie Kellois, their barnes; but it appears that her debts exceeded her goods by L.156.

¹ In the list of students who graduated or took their Master's degrees at the College of Edinburgh, in August 1618, we find the name of Samuel Kello. His father, Barthelmo Kello, Minister of Goddis word, and indweller in Edinburgh, died 15th March 1631.

CCCXCVI.—THE BISHOP OF ABERDEEN TO HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES.

SACRED SOVERAIN,

That I feildome wryte to your Maieftie, imput it not to mif-regaird or obliuion of your Highnes many and great favours, not only fhewed to my felfe, but alfo, for augmenting of my obligatiōe, to your Maiefties fervitour my brother, Captain Arthur, whom it hath pleafed your Maieftie not only to gratifie with lands in Irland, but alfo to admit to the fervice of your Sacred perfoun, with hopes of forder benefit. I pray God both he and I may fo acquyt our felles as your Maieftie have no reafon to think your liberalitie evil employed. But my not wryting proceedeth of that reverend refpect I cary to your Maiefties facred perfon and place, as weel knowing what excusles præfumptioun it wer by idle interpellatiouns to abufe the clement affabilitie of fo great a Prince, on whom do ly, not only of your own kingdomes, but almoft the affaires of al the worlde. I hade your Maiefties letter in favours of your fervitour Thomas Buck, in the matter betwix him and your Maiefties Colledge in Old Aberdene, wherant, as your Highnes pleafur muft be a law to ws, fo wifh I heartely that your Maieftie vnderftood particularly the diftreffe of that poor Houfe through the abominable dilapidatioun of the meanes mortified therto by miferable men, who in dead tymes; not being controulled, have fo fe curely facked al that eftait, as if nather a God hade bene in heaven to count with, nor men on earth to examin their wayes; the fight wherof fo pearced me, cumming in this rōume, that befyds any place gevin me by the foundatioun, I thought good to arme my felfe alfo with your Highnes Commiffioun, for preferving, if poffibly I may, fo laudably an inffitut work from vtter ruine. My cair and travel to this end I have reported to your Maiefties Privie Counfel. Nather fee we any poffibilitie of re-erecting the decayed ftait of that Houfe but by feeking the benefit of your Maiefties lawes for recoverie, in fum meafure, the facrilegioufly fold leiving therof, wherof no pairt wes more corruptly put away then thofe teinds for which your Maieftie is mooved to interceed. The confidence we conceaved of your

Maiesties favourable assistance, and of al your Staits men heir (who vpon pitiful consideration of the case promised vs al forderance), emboldened vs to lay much on the present Principal for reparatioun of that work, as also for a just punishment of his own bygone prævaricatioun, that both he and others might heirafter walk more circumspectly; in which endeavour, if we be discouraged in the beginning, I leave to your Maiesties wyse consideration what may be the harme that shal infue.

I have heard also long agoe of Maister Ædie his finistrous reports made to your Highnes of the procedings heir with him, and that in particular he hath traduced Doctour Forbes, then whom I may boldly say your Maiestie hath not a more learned, sound, sanctified, and diligent Divine in this your kingdome, or more sincerely affected to God's and your Maiesties service. And whatfoevir past against Mr Ædie, I wes therein but a spectator; for howfever I wes clothed with your Maiesties Commissioun for visting of that schoole also, yet the Erle Mershal, who is founder and patron of that House,¹ taking it sumwhat hardly that any besyds him selfe, or by any other power, shuld medle with that buffines, I wes content his Lordship by him selfe, and such as it should best please his Lordship to associat to him, shuld tak order for redressing of enormities their; wherin, if things did go rightly, I shuld acquiesce, and mak report accordingly: and otherwayes I wold nather so far suffer your Maiesties commissioun, or that ordinary authoritie which by myn office I hade according to your Maiesties lawes in the inspection of schooles, to be contemned, but that I wold exercise the same, if his Lordship gave not satisfactioun. Heirypon his Lordship indicted a Visitatioun, choosed his own associats, at the point of sitting down intreated my preface and assistance, which efter sum adoe I graunted, as a beholder what shuld be done, and with protestatioun of no derogatioun therby to your Highnes commissioun wherwith I wes clothed. Their, Sir, wer tryed against Mr Ædie such defects, and also sum so odious miscarriage in matters of his calling, as they being laid befoir him, before any sentence, he wes induced to subscribe a dimissioun of his place and office; and I wold boldly affirme, that the altered stait and face of things in that

¹ The Marischal College and University of Aberdeen was founded by George fifth Earl Marischal, in 1593. He survived till April 1623.

Houfe ſince, hath more then juſtified his abdicatioun. But your Maieſtie is as an Angel of God, which maketh ws the les cairful of apologies.

I am alredie aſhamed of ſo long a letter; but ſince I haue taken boldnes to ſpeak to my Lord, let me out of cair and love but vent this one thing, which my heart can not hold wp. As your Maieſtie would haue a ſucceſſe and happy ſettling of theiſe fooliſh broyles, which preſently diſturb the peace of this Church, and would vindicat your Maieſties own wpright intentiones and our poor endeavours, who ſerue God and your Maieſtie in this buſſines, from the partly ignorant, partly malicious calumnies of fooliſh and fanatik men, ſhew no les if not more vehemencie in correctig and repreſſing the peirt recepters of Jeſuits and Preiſts, then in vrging Conformitie to ceremonies inacted; for, otherwayes (I entreat your Maieſties pardon for this boldnes), nather ſhal the one fort ſpair calumniouſly to avouch, that both your Maieſtie, and we who know your heart and therfor ſerue your Highnes heartely, ar but making way to Poprie; nather the other fort ſtik to practize advouedly what your Maieſtie and we alſo wold be ſorie to behold, and to vaunt vainly of abuſed favour. Their number and audacitie groweth dayly, pairtly through our madd diſtractiones, pairtly through a fals conceaved hope of your Maieſties toleratioun. I know your Maieſtie abhorres crueltie, and God forbid that I ever be a ſtirrer therto; but, even without proceeding to blood, your Maieſties lawes have ſufficient reſtraints, wherby, with evident bewraying of your Highnes diſpleaſure and neceſſarie ſeveritie in ſo dangerous a caſe, thèir temeritie may be brydled. I haue divers things concerning the diſtreſſed eſtait of the place, wherin God and your Maieſtie have ſet me to ſerue, and the remedies therof to impaire to your Highnes; but I wil not now faſh your Maieſtie with moe wordes. The God of al grace preſerve your Highnes in long lyffe and flouriſhing ſtait for the comfort of his Saints.

Your Maieſties humble ſervant,

Edinbrugh, 4. Julij, 1620.

PA. ABERDENE.

To the King his Sacred Maieſtie,
theiſe in haund.

CCCXCVII.—ORDERS TO BE PUTTE IN EXECUTION FOR REPRESSING OF POPERIE.¹

1. THAT publik proclamation be made at the Mercat Croffes of all burroughes, charging all Jefuites, Seminarie and other Preiftes, to departe oute of the realme before the first of Nouember, with certification that the lawes of the contrie fhälbe executed vpon fuch as fhälbe founde after that time, or after their banifhment fhall returne, with all rigour.

2. And becaus the impunitie of receipters of Jefuites and Preiftes hath bene the cheefe caufe of their reforting to the contrie, That power be giuen to thofe of the High Commiffion to calle the receipters before them, and punifh them both by imprifonment and fyning, according to the qualitie of the offence and condition of the offender; and (if neede be) to putte them to an oth, with this prouifion, that they being fworne, their depofitions and confeffions giuen fhall inferre no other punishment againft them then may be impofed by that Judicatorie.²

3. That all refusers to fubfcribe the Confeflion of Faith, or to communicate, after a dew tyme affigned, fhälbe punished by the High Commiffion.

4. That Excommunicated perfons be not fuffered to walke abroad, but be committed to warde, vpon the declaration of the Byshoppe of the Dieycefe, and fined and deteyned til he become obedient and be relaxed.³

5. That a fine be impofed on the refusers to heare fermons.

¹ A similar paper in Sir James Balfour's Collections is indorsed, "Note sent to the Counsell from Sarum, 1620, given in by the Bishop of Dumblane." The above copy was probably the one submitted for the King's approbation.

² In the paper mentioned in the previous note, is this addition:—"As also to cause imprison these who shall be found guiltie of the resait of Jesuite Anderson, if any of them shall preas to be fugitive."

³ In the same paper there is here added:—"And especially to direct the garde to apprehend the Excommunicants in Aberdeen diocese, who has disobeyed the citation."

6. That, so neare as may be, the like order may be taken with the Popish Ladies as is taken in Englande. (Cause Sr. G. Caluerte enquire this at Sr. H. Speller.¹)

Againste Puritanes.

1. That power be giuen to the Iudges of the High Commission to punish the non-communicantes after the order established at Perth, and to exacte the pecuniall fumes imposed by Acte of Counsell vpon such offenders; and that none be suffered to reason against the established orders; and cheeflie that the people of Edinburgh be not permitted publickly to transgreffe the Acte, as [they did] of late.

2. That all Judges, Aduocates, Sheriffes, Prouestres, and Baillies, practise the orders in their persons, vnder the paines specified in the Acte of Counsell, and furdur, as the Counsell shall thinke fitting.²

CCCXCVIII.—THE BISHOP OF ORKNEY TO THE LORD CHANCELLOR.

MY WERY HONORABILL GUID LORD, AND NOW

MY SPECIALL LORD,

Efter the sight of your Lordship's letter, I went to Birsay with the Shireff, quhar he was Baillie and I Atturney, for falt of better. I protested thair (bot *intra parietes*) that nather my being Atturney, nor the infestment gevin to your Lordship, fould be preiudiciall to the Bishops of Orknay in the contract of excambione or infestment past thairupon. This I know will not offende your Lordship. Your Lordship knawis that I was ever most willing, in all love and dewty, to ferue your Lordship; bot now I do acknowledg my self much moir, evine of

¹ Sir George Calvert received the honour of knighthood in September 1617, and in January 1625 was created Baron Baltimore. Sir Henry Spiller was knighted in July 1618.

² In the original paper, there is added this memorandum:—"Letters to be written to the Counsell, another to the Bishops heiranent, to be diligent herein."

necessitie. I am glaid of this occasiōe quhairby your Lordship fall have a pruff of my dewtyfulnes, both to your Lordship's self and to quhomesoever it fall pleis your Lordship imploy. I purpois not to cum South this winter. For ought I knaw, thes Zetland maters will not requyre my prefence. Your Lordship now, I dout not, will tak sik ordour in those maters, that the cuntrie be not farder abusid. As for this cuntrie, your Lordship knawis the generallis: particularis can not be contined in fik schort letteris. I have spokine the berer in thre things: 1. Anent a Commiffiōe of Justiciarie. 2. Anent Ethay, and the claus irritant of that infestment, it vold not be flippit. 3. Anent Intimatiōe to be med to tennentis heir for taking fewis, with sum kynd of certificatioun; for without that ther will be no provisiōe for money, and in effect ther is non in the cuntrie, quhilk your Lordship will find to be trew. I have confered with the berar fua in thes things, that he will give your Lordship sic insight as may give occasiōe to your Lordship to think moir therupon. I dar not trubill your Lordship with long letter, bot fall be redy ather heir to abyd or cum quhar your Lordship is, quhen your Lordship will. Wiffing the bliffing of God to all your Lordship's good intentions, I rest,

Your Lordship's to serve,

GE. B. OFF ORCADS.¹

Laches, November 22. [1620?]

To my verie honorable good Lord, my
Lord Chancellor of Scotland.

¹ On the 10th of May 1620, the Privy Council had given "Commissioun to George Bishop of Orkney, and to Sir John Buchanan knyght, and William Bruce of Symbister, to resort and repair to the boundis of Yetland, and thair to try and informe thameselfis trewlie and sufficientlie concerning the saidis abusses, insolencies, disordours, and offencis (very frequentlie committit within the boundis of Yetland upon the poore inhabitantis thair of), pairtly under the coloure of law and justice, and pairtly be the connivance, oversicht, tolleratioun, and allowance of those who are trusted with the officis of judicatorie and jurisdictioun within the saidis boundis."

CCCXCIX.—MR HENRY BLYTH, MINISTER, TO MR HENRY CHARTERIS,
MINISTER OF NORTH LEITH.

MY DEIR AND MAIST LOVING BROTHER,

I hairtlic wifhe to yow in the Lord Jefus, our common Sauour, the fweitt affurance and joyfull increafe of all spirituall happinefs, with your deir bedfellow and hopefull children. I haue bene, and am in great langour, defyring to heir of your weilfair, and merveillis ye wryt nocht to me, feing I foryeit nocht yow, as I haue occafion; for ye ar ftill in my remembrance, wifhing it micht pleis our good God I may haue agayne the com[fort to] fie your face, and injoy the fweittnefs of our wonted Chriftiane familiaritie. I doubt nocht, deir Brother, bot ye remember me alfo; bot I wald haue the teftimonies of your loving remembrance more frequent be your wryting to me, till it pleis our God to bring ws more neir to vther. As to my prefent eftait, I prays my God it is tolerable. I am awayting in patience the ifhew it fall pleis my heavenly Lord to fend of my troble, wherin my God hes wyflie difpofed; albeit, I think it vnderferved, in regard of all the infrumentis who hes concurred in the fam. I am expecting a relenting of this rigorous dealing, hoping alfo that be your interceffion with fic vther weil-willeris thair, the fam may be procured at St Androis handis, be whais will, as I vnderftand, only I am deteaned heir. I think it my dewtie to omitt no lauchfull meane I may vfe for my awn releif, and thairfor will renew my earneft requeift to yow as my moft fpeciall and loving brother and freind, to remember me as ye find occafion, with the help of Mr Thomas, my father, and billie, Mr James King, and fic vtheris as ye think meit, in fpeiking St Androis for me, that I may haue libertie ather to cum hame agayne, or at leaft may haue a tyme granted to putt my difordered effairis to a poynt, as I may. Within thir four or fyue dayes, I being in Channorie, mett with the Bifchope of Ros, quha profeffis great kyndnes to me, and willed me to wryt my felf to St Androis, quhilk he thinkis wald effectuat muche; for he tellis me, it may be that St Androis ftormes, and thinkis I dort that I wrytis nocht to him my

self. Trewlie I think nocht ill of the overture, for my nocht wryting to St Androis aryfes of na contempt, and if that meane may do good, I mynd nocht to negle&t it. The Bifhop of Ros, out of his loue to me quhilk he profeffis, hes drawin vp a minute, according to the quhilk I fuld frame my letter to St Androis. When I wryt it, I fall fend yow the copie. In the mean tyme, do ye as the Lord fall prefent occafion; and be nocht fa flaw in wryting to me anent that, or ony vther purpois ye pleis, for nothing fall cum fra yow quhilk will nocht be moft acceptable to me. My jewell is weill, all prais to God, and hes her hartlie commended to yow, and her fweit kymmer and fifter. Helene hes bene maift dangeroufflie difeafed thir 18 owkis, as I dowt not ye haue hard; bot, in the Lordis gracious mercy, is recouered. All the reft of my barnes hes had the flux thir mony dayes, bot I hope without prejudice of thair health. The beraris haft cuttis me fhort. I pray yow remember all our freindis, namely, your honeft mother-in-law, your brother, and Mr Thomas Sydferf. He wrytes nocht to me, and I haue fmall purpos to him bot commendationis, quhilk I pray you mak in my name. The grace of the Lord Jefus be with yow.

Your loving Brother, in all I may in the Lord Jefus,

M. H. BLYTHE.¹

Inverness, 26 December, 1620.

To my maift loving and deir Brother,
Mr Henrie Charteris, Minifter of the
Evangell at North Leyth.

¹ Mr Henry Blyth, in 1598, was admitted Minister of the Canongate, or Holyrood-house, (Wodrow Miscellany, vol. i. p. 456). In May 1619, he was summoned before the High Commission, and by the King's command, for non-conformity was sent to Inverness, as his place of ward. In the following year, he appears to have been released from this confinement in the North, probably in consequence of the letter from the Bishops to the King on the 10th of July (see No. CCCCX.); but not being permitted to return to his former charge, he became Minister of Eccles, in the Presbytery of Dunse, where he died in February 1635.

CCCC.—NOTES BY MR PATRICK GALLOWAY OF HIS SERMON
DELIVERED ON CHRISTMAS DAY [1620.]

MY VERY GOOD LORD,

My dewtie being rememberid, I haue heir fett down, according to your Lordship's defyre, some breife notes of that Sermon I taught the last 25 of December. My text was Luke, Cap. ii., from the first Vers to the 15. Heirin I schew, That tuo thingis war cheeffie conteaned :

I. The story of Christ our Lordis birth : Vers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

II. The story of the manifestatione of his birth : Vers 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.

Obs.—Off these tuo joynid I gaue my first leffone, quhich was this :

It is trew Christ was borne, but that cannot profite us except we be instructid of it, to know it, to beleife it, and praise God for it.

And for this caus was this day appoynted quhairon solemly this doctrine sould be taught : So, he is a gryte enemie to his awin saluatione that hes so faire a occasione offerid to learne, and yet will for all that withdraw his eare from heiring.¹

This, my Lord, was neere the method and mater I delyvered that day ; quhair your self was auditor.

Your Lordship's awin to command,

M. P. GALLOUAY.

¹ The abstract of the Sermon which follows, was communicated probably to the Earl of Melros for the King's information ; it is, however, far too prolix, in its divisions and " observes," to be printed in this collection. Calderwood thus alludes to it : It was proposed, he says, " that their should be preaching in the Gray Friars Kirk, upon the Lord's Day, the 17th. But Mr Patrick Galloway alledgit, because it was the 17th day of December, it was a dismall day to begin preaching on in that new buildit Kirk." He then adds, " Mr Patrick wold not preache upon the Lord's Day, the 24th of December, (belike

. CCCC.I.—MR WILLIAM STRUTHER, ONE OF THE MINISTERS OF
EDINBURGH, TO [THE EARL OF MELROS.]

PLEIS YOUR LORDSHIP,

I haiff caufed to writt out this minute of that Sermon quhilk I delyvered this laft Chriftnas, as your Lordfhip commandit. The extraordinare tyme maid our doctrine mair lairge, thairfoir the minute is anfwereable increafit: I haiff fett doune the groundis only, leiveing out lairge amplificatiounes and particular applicatiounes.¹ So wifheing increis of all grace to your Lordfhip, I reft

Your Lordfhip's devoted in the Lord,

M. W. STRUTHER.

because it was a difmall day), yit he preached the day following, and alledgit for the lawfulness of observing that day, the preaching of the Angels to the Shepherds, and praising of God that day. It behooved him to say something for Halie Dayes, to please the King," &c.—(History, vol. vii. p. 454.)

¹ Struther's Sermon was on Matthew, cap. i. ver. 21, "Beholde a Virgine sall conceiue and beir a sone, and thow sall call his name Immanuel, quhilk is God withe us." The abstract alluded to, occupis five folio pages, and commences thus:—

"We haif at tua severall tymes exponed to yow at lenthe, Brethrein, the reasounes of this dayes exerceis, so that we neid not now to repeat them. This text hes first the waiknings upe of the mynde, and then the Mystery reveiled. The first is the word 'Behold,' importeing the slownes of our mynde and deipnes of the Mystery, thairfoir it is sett doune at the entrie to bidde ws lift upe our spiritis to thair highest reache, that we may sie quhat is in the Mystery.

"It is the greatest of all the workes of God, above Creatione: for in Creatione God uttered 1. His Power in making all thingis of nothing. 2. His Wisdome in disposing thame. 3. His Goodnes in subjecting thame to ws.

"But in this work off Redemptioun, all these in a greater degrie, and other also, is proven:

"1. His greater Power, in bringing goode out of evell.

"2. His greater Wisdome, in satisfeing his owen justice in our salvatioun.

"3. His greater Goodnes, in giving his Sone for ws." &c.

CCCCII.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO JOHN MURRAY
OF LOCHMABEN.

SIR,

I refavit your letters this morning at St Andrews, being the 9 of Januarij, and fal doe al these thingis as his Maieftie hes prescryved. I know his Maieftie wil defyre to hear of our observatioun of Chryftmasse, quich in this Citie was never better kept, with great confluence of people, to Church, and ane vniversal ceffatioun frome worke, one taylour exceptit, qhom I caufit punifch for his contempt. From Edinburgh, thai haif advertifed me as yit nothing of that; but I trust it be wel done thair. I did not fail to advertife our Ministeris, but som that promifed me much haif performed nothing, as I heare: thir follys wil ceafe with tym, and thir refractaries wil goe away, for thai ar dropping down every day, as even at the wryting heirof, I am advertifed that Jhon Arefkin, Minister at Dun,¹ the only opponer on al that fyd of Forth, is deceasit.

I haif dealt ernesly with Mr Jhon Guthrey to com to Edinburgh,² qho wil not be movit for ony perwasfioun I can gif him. The Toun defyrit me to concurre with them in a supplicatioun to his Maieftie that he fuld be compellit to obey, or censurit. I advertifit him thairof, and the answer returnit to me I fend heirwith to yow, that his Maieftie may fee it: he is ane very honest man, but in this busines intractable; and yit thair Magiftracie being so wel fet at this tym, I cannot think ony thing so meit to bear down the humorouse people amongft them as a ful planting, nor know I ony man qhose laboris culd be so stedable, if he wold be yeilding: thairfor I fal entreat yow to beseech his Maieftie that ane letter may be yit directit to him for that busines, and sent to the

¹ Mr John Erskine, Minister of Ecclesgreig, in the Presbytery of Fordun, from 1599 to 1615, had probably been translated to Dun.

² He was successively Minister of Meigle and Perth, and was brought soon after the date of this letter to Edinburgh; but a vacancy occurring by the death of Alexander Douglas, Bishop of Murray, he was translated to that See in 1623.

Secretary, with a directioun to his Lordship to resair the answer thair of from him self. I haif pennit the letter my self: if the form thair of please his Maiestie, James Dowglaſſe wil wryt it over, that it may be signed.

I am glade to vnderstand that his Maiestie hes ben pleaisit to fet yow on worke about these moneyis, for thairby I look to com to som end: the burthenis that ly vpon me that way render my service the lesf profitable, and force me to live at home, and more obscure, except qhair necessitie preasis me to attend. To furdur the service, I spared no expense, and made for it vpon one occasioun or other ane and fourtie journeyis to Courte, qhairby it may be soon consavit quhat bred me thir burthenis. I left Glasgow, and took my self to a gritter charge, with lesf provisioun, only, as God is my witness, to advance the busines, quich I knew men, thocht more able then my self, wold not be so willing vnto: then the tym is so fallin out by the cheapnes of cornis, that the litle thing I had wilbe the lesse be the half this yeir then before; so, beyond my annuellis, litle remaynis to my self; and in qhat case I fuld leave my children, if God fuld visit me, he knowis. But I confort my self in his Maiesties favour, and your care, and am als litle deficient as I can in that quich my place requyris, thocht my mynd be not a litle troubled, hafing none to qhom I can be so plain as to your self.

I am very fory that his Maiestie fuld haif cast of the course of the Parliament, for I am perswadit the collectioun wold haif ben als sodan as the contributioun, and ben nothing vnder ane hundreth thowſand pundis sterling, being followed as wes proiectit: this, if it sal go no furdur then the Nobilitie and Sessioun and Toun of Edinburgh, wil be smal; for the Nobilitie haif not, and ar for the greater part engaged; the Sessioun, tak away thrie or foure, also many Advocatis and Clerkis, ar als poore ane estate as ony of the countrey; and Edinburgh people wilbe found very unwilling. Thay talk that his Maiestie hes desyrit only fyve or sex thowſand lib.; but I haif wryten to the Secretary that som better care may be had of this, and said, that I think the Churchmen, in such a necessitie, thocht we be the greateſt beggaris in the countrey, may be movit to doe that much and more qhil the warre sal continue; so I mynd at the meting to provoke otheris to doe by our example; for being a nyn hundreth or thair about of Ministeris, I think every one wil

gif a hundreth merkis at leift over heid, and qhat is wanting of fom wilbe fupplyit by the contributioun of the Bifchops and otheris, that be in better eftate. Be al meanis, at this time his Maieftie oght to be provydit with ftore of money, for without it the effairis can not be done. This far I thocht good to imparte to yow of my mynd; praying God to bliffe yow with al happines, I reft

Youris ever affurit at power,

St Andrewis, 9 Januarij, 1621.

SANCTANDREWS.

To my very honorabill good freind
Jhon Murray of his Maiefties
Bedchamber.

CCCCIII.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO JOHN MURRAY
OF LOCHMABEN.

SIR,

I am now vpon journey towardis Courte, defyred by the Council and qhole Noblemen that met this laft week at Edinburgh, and compellit by thair importunities in a moft vnfeafonable tym to hafart the way, qhich I find very difficil; for we haif heir fuche a tempeft of fnow, that I haif ben forced to ftay at Cokburnfpethe two dayis,¹ and conduce men to caft the wayis quhair the fnowis wer blown and made vnpassable. The affectioun to the bufines, qhich is anent the contributioun, and a defyre to approove my felf to thair Lordschips, qho haif

¹ The Earl of Melros, on the 29th of January, wrote to the King that the Archbishop had undertaken this journey at the Council's special request.—(Melros Papers, vol. ii. p. 391.) Calderwood, in noticing that Spottiswood was sent by the Council with their excuse for postponing the supply of a voluntary contribution on behalf of the Palatinate, until Parliament should assemble, adds, "The prophane Prelate entered in his journey from Leith the Lord's day, the 28th of Januar."—(History, vol. vii. p. 451.)

employed me, wrought me most to vndertak it, for in former tymis many of them haif ben jealous of my voyages; and now, ghen I found al thair voyces concurrin, with such ane instance, I wold not deny it, hoping to gif his Maiestie satisfiatioun sufficient, and to acqyre the greater credit with them heirafter, qhairby I may be more stedable in his Maiesties other effairis. Heirot I thocht good to gif yow advertifment, and if I may be so happie as to return with ane contented answer to them, qhair of I diffide not, and with sum supply that I haif longe expected of my broken estate, I sal haif both a freer mynd and better occasioun to doe good in his Maiesties service then before. Remitting al other thingis to meting, I rest

Your affurit ever to my power,

Cokburnspethe, the 30 Januarij 1621.

SANCTANDREWS.

To my very honorabill good freind, Jhon
Murray of Lochmaben, of his Maiesties
Bedchamber.

CCCCIV.—THE EARL OF DUNFERMLINE, LORD CHANCELLOR, TO
JOHN MURRAY OF LOCHMABEN.

RIGHT HONORABILL AND WEILBELOUED COUSING,

I directed ane pacquett to yow 9 instant, quhilk I lang to onderstand that yie refused, because I directed the same at Mr Thomas Hendirson his desire, and with his lettirs to yow. Our Archibischiope off St Androis is going thair to Court, in this terrible euill waddir, at the greate entreatie off all the Nobilitie was heir at this Conuentioun, to giue his Sacred Maiefty, in name off all, all possibill satisfiatioun. I man request yow also in name off all, and myself also, to assist the said Lord Bischiope be all yowr best meanis, so he may be weil hard and accepted be his Maiefty. I assure yow, if his Maiefty fall giue eare to his ouer-

tures and profecute sic courſe as he will propone, it will worke all, far the better to his Maieſties intentionſ. I hoipe my Lord Biſchioppe will latt his Maieſtie knaw, I did for my awin pairt all I micht, to haue all at his Maieſties wiſh and will. Sua I did in treuth, and if yow hear off onye other, I pray yow anſuir for me, and latt me knaw it: I fall mak it cleir for yowr releiff and my awin. Mr Archibald Hamiltoun, called Doctour Hamiltoun, has ſhiawin me, he was meikill behaldin to yow quhen he was thair this laſt fomer. He ſhiawis me alſo, that he had ane promeis off his Maieſtie, as yow know, off ane Biſchioprick in Ireland,¹ the Biſchiopricke off Caſſillis, has required me to remembir yow-off the fame, for he onderſtandis the preſent Biſchioppe is werye weake, if he be nocht gone, and wald be thairfore remembred to his Maieſtie. I wald yie did him onye guid yie could, for I knaw na farder in the beſines nor be him. He is Miniſter off Paſlay, and I knaw werye weill his Father, ane werye honeſt man, Claude of the Cochno,² thairfore I remitt that to yowr awin wiſdome, albeit I wiſh eiuer our pepill had all reaſonabill and poſſibill helpe.

I haue written to yow fuim tymes to remembir yow helpe me to ane new poolke for the Greate Seale, but has had na anſuir fra yow yit off the fame, nather is thair haift in the mater, bot I wiſh it nocht foryiett.

¹ Dr Archibald Hamilton was educated and obtained his degrees at the University of Glasgow. He became Minister of Paisley about the year 1609. In the ſubſequent General Aſſemblies, he was a keen ſupporter of the dominant party; and was nominated a member of the High Commiſſion. His expectations of preferment were not diſappointed: having been advanced to the Sees of Killala and Achonry, in Ireland, he was conſecrated at Drogheda, 23d June 1623. On the ſame occaſion Malcolm Hamilton, alſo a native of Scotland, Chancellor of Down, was conſecrated Archbiſhop of Caſhell, the See mentioned in the above letter. The latter died in April 1629, and after a year's vacancy (during which period it had been offered to James Spottiswood, Biſhop of Clogher), Dr Archibald Hamilton was translated from Killala to Caſhell, in April 1630. He died in Sweden, at an advanced age, in 1659.—(Ware's Works, by Harris, vol. i. pp. 486, 652.)

² Claud Hamilton of Cochno, in the county of Dunbarton, was ſerved heir of his father, Andrew Hamilton of Cochno, Captain of the Caſtle of Dunbarton, 26th May 1573. He married Margaret, daughter of Sir James Edmonſton of Duntreath; but no notice of their ſon, who was Miniſter of Paisley, and afterwards Archbiſhop of Caſhell, occurs in Anderson's *House of Hamilton*, p. 265.

I have na farder to wryte to yiw other nor my awin and my half-marrowis, maift hartlie commendationis to yiw and yiwur bedfallow, fua wiffis yiw baith and all yiwours all happines.

Yiwur maift affectionat Coufing to ferue yiw,

Frome Edinburgh, 30 Januar 1621.

DUNFERMELJNE.

To the right honorabill my weilbeloued
Coufing, Jhone Murray off Lochmaben,
in his Sacred Maiefties bedchalmer.

CCCCV.—HIS MAJESTY'S MISSIVE TO THE LORDS OF PRIVY
COUNCIL.

[JAMES R.]

RIGHT trustie and right weilbelouit Cofines and Counfellouris, and Right trustie and weilbeloued Counfellouris, We greete yow weele. Whereas one Anderfoun, a preift, is in faulft custodie in that Oure Kingdome, We ar weele pleased,¹ at the earnest fute of the Marifhall de Cadinet, laite Ambaffadour with Ws frome the Fransche King, to suffer him be putt oute of Oure dominionis without ony furder harme: And thairfoir We haif thoughte goode, by these presents, to require yow to tak order that by the first commoditie he may be transported beyond the feas, with intimatioun maid to him, That yf he fall returne without Oure licence, it falbe capitall to him; and heirof willing yow to tak fuche affurance as poffibillie yee may gett, and lykewayes to haif a cair that befoir his depairtour he may haif no opportunitie to peruert ony of Oure fubiectis in religioun, We bid yow fairweele.

Gevin at Oure Palice of Quhytehall, the laft of Januarye 1621.²

¹ Patrick Anderson: see note 1, *supra*, page 385.

² At a meeting of the Privy Council held at Edinburgh, on the 13th of February, the above letter was read, and an Act "Anent the libertie of Patrik Andersoun, Jesuit," was

CCCCVI.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS [TO JOHN MURRAY
OF LOCHMABEN.]

SIR,

I muft pray yow to caufe draw the warrand for the money vnder your own name, and wryt your own letteris thairwith to my Lord Thefaurer and Deput, that it may be payit thankfully; for I haif muche bufines at the term, qhich being fatiffeit, I may attend a qhyl the rest til a better occaifioun, and, be Godis helpe, his Maieftie fal find it wel beftowed.

Yow wold be plefit alfo to get me ane warrand for dimitting the Preift that I haif in keeping, and fending him beyond fea.

And ane other to refaif my Lord of Craigtoun¹ on the Counfel, qhich no man wil but tak wel that is at home. Ye wil haif care to let thir overtak me in pacquet by the way, and for al your kyndnes, to know that I remain, and wil ever,

Your obliffit and moft affiurit,

SANCTANDREWS.²

Westminfter, the 9 Merche 1621.

passed, commanding “the Provost and Baillies of Edinburgh to cauf trye and speir oute, some ship bowne from the porte of Leythe towardis France or Flanders; and quhen the ship is reddie to lowse, that thay tak the said Patrik Andersoun furthe of thair Tolbuithe, carrie him to the ship, and delyuer him to the skippair,” &c.

¹ Mr John Wemyss of Craigtoun, one of the Lords of Session: See the notes to his two letters, Nos. CCCXI. and CCCXII.; also the note *infra*, p. 651.

² Indorsed in his own hand,—“Mem. for the B. of St Andrewis.”—From a letter, on the 29th March, we learn that Spottiswood had then returned, and communicated to the Privy Council various matters connected with his Majesty’s “most important and necessarie effaires.”—(Melros Papers, vol. ii. p. 394.)

CCCCVII.—THE BISHOP OF MURRAY TO HIS MAJESTY
KING JAMES.

MOIST SACRED SOUERANE,

May it pleis your moist excellent Maieftie, Call to remembrance your Maiefteis fauour grantit to the Provest, Bailzeis, and Counfall of the brughe off Elgene, off the gift of the patronage of the Masindew and otheris thair liberteis; quhairanent it pleisfit your Heines to give directioun for renewing off thair richtes,¹ quhilkis ar now sufficientlie perfyted. It restis now to mak all fure, that it wald pleis your Maieftie to giue warrand for ratificatioun of that gift in this nixt Parliament,² quhilk will croun your Maiefteis fauour, and incurage thame and all posteriteis to employ the God of all bliffing and grace to blis your Maieftie heir and eternally. The samyn falbe also my continuall cair nicht and day for your Hienes happie fastie heir and for ever.

Your Maiefteis moist humble and moist affectionat
subiect and feruitour to death,

A. B. OFF MORAYE.

To the King his moist
Excellent Maieftie.

¹ The Bishop of Murray's letter, dated the 25th of July 1619, soliciting the renewal of this gift, is printed *supra*, page 616. It will be seen from the following note that this application was successful.

² The above letter has no date, but is indorsed,—“Bishop of Murray in faouris of the toune of Elgin for their patronage of the Maisondieu to the Hospittall: 1621.” In the Parliament, 4th August 1621, an Act was passed, containing a “Ratificatioun in faouris of the Toun of Elgine” of the grant contained in two charters dated in March 1594; “of the Hospital and Preceptorie called the Masondew (*Maison Dieu*), besyde the said burgh, with the croftis and pertinentis thairof,” &c.—(Acta Parl. Scot. vol. iv. p. 691.)

CCCCVIII.—ACT OF PRIVY COUNCIL, AND HIS MAJESTY'S MISSIVE
TO THE LORD CHANCELLOR.

Apud Edinburgh, quinto Junij 1621.

The Bishop of Dunblane admittit on Counsell.

THE quihilk day the Lordis of Secreit Counsaill, according to ane warrand and directioun in write, signed be the Kingis Maieftie, and presentit this day vnto thame, reffaut Adam Bifchop of Dunblane to be one of his Maieftis Preuie Counsaill; lyke as the said Adam, being personalie present, and acknoulegeng with all humble respect his Maieftis gracious fauour showne vnto him, in preferring and aduanceing of him to this place of honnour and dignitie, he, with all dew reuerence, vpoun his knees, his hand lyand, vpoun the Holie Evangell, maid and gaif his solemne oathe of alledgeance, and the oathe of a Preuie Counfallour.

*The Kingis Maieftis missive for the warrand of the Act
about wreittin.¹*

[JAMES R.]

Right trustie and right weilbelouit Cosine and Counsellour, We greete yow weele, haueing sufficient prooffe of the qualificatioun and goode dispositioun to Our seruice of Adam Bifchop of Dunblane, We ar thairfoir weele pleasit to prefer him to a place in Oure Preuie Counsaill of that Oure Kingdome: We haif thairfoir thought goode by these presentis to will and require yow to caus the Oathe accuftomed in the lyke caises to be ministered to him, and admitt him to Oure said Preuie Counsell, to haif voice thairin, and to enjoy all freedomis, liberteis, honnouris, digniteis, preuilegeis, and immuniteis whilk ony other Oure

¹ On the last of May 1621, "Mr Johnne Weymis of Craigtoun," in compliance with Spottiswood's request (see page 649, note 1), was admitted a member of Privy Council. The Act, and the King's letter dated at Whytehall the 5th of May, being in precisely the same terms with the above.

Preuie Counfellour enioyeth be vertew of his place in Oure said Counfell; ffor doing quhairof these presentis falbe vnto yow a sufficient warrand. Fairweele.

Gevin at Oure Manour of Theobauldis,
the 12 day of Maij 1621.

CCCCIX.—THE ARCHBISHOPS AND BISHOPS TO HIS MAJESTY
KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOUERAIGNE,

May it please your Maiestie, Mr Henry Blythe, qho by your Maiesties commandement wes confyned in Innerneffe,¹ hes sent to ws ane most pitiful Supplicatioun, qhairin he meanis his conditioun many wayis distreffit: The feiknes of his children, want of moyen to entertain him self and his familie, and his farre being from thofe with qhom he wold find credit, requesting leave to come more nigh to his freindis, and that he may be confyned in fuche place as we sal appoint to him, qhair he promifes to cary him self without al offense. Albeit, it is testifeit to ws by the Bifchops of Murray and Roffe, that since his cumming in thofe partis he hes behavit him self wel and peaceably, and is resolvit to gif obedience to al the Actis of the Church, kneeling at the Comunioun excepted, against qhich he wil not stand to impugne it in ony forte, but wil minister, if he may be permitted, out of his own hand the holy Sacrament, and inhibit fitting; yit we wold not tak vpon ws to grant vnto him ony libertie without your Maiesties knowledge and approbatioun; only we answerit that we wold, in his behalf, present our humble supplicatioun to your Maiestie, lyk as now we presum to doe, humbly intreating your Maiestie that we may be allowed to confyne him in sum place more adiacent to thir partis, qhair we falbe answerable that he sal do no harme, but carye him self dutyfully as ane quyet and

¹ Mr Henry Blyth, Minister of the Canongate, or Halyrudhous: see note to page 640.
—This letter is in Spottiswood's hand.

obedient subiect: And heirin expecting your Maiesties gratioufe pleasure, we humbly tak our leave.

Your Maiesties most humble fervitoris,

SANCTANDREWS.
JA. GLASGOW.
A. B. OF GALLOWAY.
PA. B. OF ROSS.
AD. B. OF DUNBLANE.

Edinburgh, the 10 of Julij 1621.

To his most Sacred Maiestie.

CCCCX.—ACTS OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

*Apud Halyrudhous, xxiij Julij 1621.*¹

Sederunt—

HAMILTOUN, Commissionair.	WIGTOUN.	SCOONE.
CHANCELLAIR.	PERTHE.	COLUILL.
THESAURAIR.	TULLIBAIRDIN.	CARNEGIE.
B. S ^r ANDROIS.	ROXBURGH.	CLERK OF REG ^s .
B. GLASGU.	BUGCLEUGH.	BRINT ILAND.
B. ABIRDEENE.	MELROS.	S ^r ANDRO KER.
B. ROSS.	L. GORDOUN.	
NITHISDALE.	SANQUHAIR.	
WYNTOUN.		

Maister Alexander Simsoun.

The quhilk day, Mr Alexander Simfoun, Minister at Mertoun, being

¹ At this meeting the first entry contains a Proclamation "Anent the maner of Ryding to the Parliament," on the 25th of July. The two entries relating to Simson and Duncan are followed by a charge to be proclaimed at the Market Cross, commanding all those Ministers who had come to Edinburgh, neglecting the care and charge of their own

brought befor the Lordis of Secreit Counfell, and demandit vpoun some vndeutfull speecheis vtterit be him aganis his Maieftie, in his Sermone maid in the Grayfrier Kirk of Edinburgh, vpon the 22 day of Julij instant, obiecting aganis his Maieftie some perfonall vices, as, namelie, blafphemie and fweareing, and tasking the Bifhoppes and Ministeris as not being cairfull watchemen and warneris of his Maieftie of his fynis: And the faid Maifter Alexander, his anfueris thairunto being hard and confidderit, The Lordis of Secreit Counsaill findis by his behaviour and cariage that thair is pregnant and cleir prefumptionis that the informationis maid aganis the faid Mr Alexander ar trew: And becaus the importance of his Maiefteis grite and weyghtie affairis now in handis, will not admitt tyme nor laifair to trye the faidis speecheis, Thairfoir the faidis Lordis ordanis the Bifchoppis to informe thamefelffis treulie and fufficientlie of the speecheis vtterit be the faid Mr Alexander in his faid fermone, and to fett the fame down in articlis, to the effect he may be examined thairupoun: And yf he deny the fame, that thay haif fuche witneffis reddie as will prove the fame: And in the meantyme, ordanis him to be fend to the Castell of Dunbartane by four of the gaird, thair to remayne prifonner till he be examinat as faid is.

Maister Andro Duncane.

And quhairas Mr Andro Duncane, Minifter, is by sentence of the flocks, to depart within the next twenty-four hours, and not “presume to repaire agane thairto dureing the tyme of the Parliament, under the paine of rebellion and putting of thame to the horne.”

The Lords of Privy Council, in a letter to his Majesty, dated 29th August 1621, refer to the petition of these two Ministers. “Thair was a petition this day exhibite vnto your Maiesteis Counsaill, in name of Maister Alexander Simson and Maister Andro Duncane, Ministeris, who, the tyme of the laste Parliament, wer send prifonnaris to the Castell of Dunbartane, excuseing thame selffis anent the caus quhairfoir thay wer committit, and humelie craueing thair libertie, in respect of thair pouertie and want of meanes to interteny thame selffis. And althocht thay ar knowne to be bot poore men, yitt the Counsaill wald no wayes medle with thair libertie without your Maiesteis direction and allowance. And quheneuir your Maieftie salbe pleased to gif significatioun of your will and pleasour towards them, ordour salbe tane with them accordinglie.”—(Melros Papers, vol. ii. p. 430.)

Heigh Commiffioun depryued of his Ministerie, and ordanit to be confynned in the Burgh of Dundee, and notwithstanding hes brokin warde, for the whilk he is denunceit rebell, and still preatcheis as yf he wer a lawfull Minister, in contempt of his Maieftie and misregaird of the ordinanceis of the Kirk: Thairfoir the saidis Lordis ordanis the said Maister Andro Duncane lykewayes to be fend prifonner to the said Castell of Dunbartane, in companie with the said Mr Alexander Simfoun, thairin to remayne till he be fred and ordourlie releived.

CCCCXI.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO HIS MAJESTY
KING JAMES.

SIRE,

It wes your Maiefties gratioufe pleasure, when I did request for the employment of Colleeorie in the present taxe, to answer, That I might haif it more conveniently in the name of another, then to be seen thairin my self. But hafing lately vnderstand the Clerk of Register¹ to be about the sam fute, and knowing bothe his worthe and good deferving at your Maiefties hand, I haif resolved to surcease my own; and meerly in regard of your Maiefties service, to mak bold after my maner, to interceed that he may find your Maiefties favour in it. Al the respectis I had, saif a litle benefit that might haif cummed to me by the fee that is allowed, qhair of I mak no account, wilbe alfwel fatiffet by his employing as my own; for the special I regardit most wes to keep our refractary Ministeris from obtayning any favoure, qhiche in former tymis they haif been in vse by som other officeris to find, wilbe sure ynough. If your Maieftie be plefit to direct him that none be spared or overseen of that forte, except they bring my testificat to him bothe of thair obedience and necessitie otherwyfe. I know also his fidelitie in al effairis, and haif seen his forwardnes at this tym for procuring the taxt, and the malice he inducts of dyverse in good place for schewing him self in that and every other thinge that occurred for your Maiefties obedi-

¹ Sir George Hay of Kinfauns.

ence, that I fould be more fory to fee him fail of his expectatioun, then be difappointed my felf in any thinge worldly. That he thairfore may haif encouragement, and your Maiefties fervice be wel difcharget, I moft humbly befecche your Maieftie that he may be favoured with this, and it wil adde no fmal courage to al otheris that fee your Maiefties regarde of them that ferve truly and wel. Sire, I proteft befor God, and vnto your Maieftie, that I fimply look in this to your Maiefties fervice, being content to negle&ct my felf, that thej may be fatiffieit, qhom I fee deferue fo wel; qhairfore I am confident your Maieftie wilbe pleafit to pardon my boldnes, and favorably regard this my humble requeft, qhairin at this tym I reft

Your Maiefties moft humble fervitour,

SANCTANDREWS.

Edinburgh, the 3 Auguft 1621.

CCCCXII.—THE EARL OF MELROS TO HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOUERANE,

Having wretin my other letter vpon the fecond of Auguft¹ in the morning, this is to rander your Maieftie accompt of what is fenfyne done in Articles. That day your Commiffioner, at fyue a clok in the morning, began his confultation with the Archbifhop of Santandrois, Lord Carnegie, Clerk of Register, Deane of Winchefter, and me, by what freinds meanes he might either reconquer the opposites who had vote in Parlemt, or perfuade or compell them by lawfull order to be abfent; and according to our joynt opinions, put all his friends to work where their credit might beft prevaile, and then entred to the Articles at ten a clok, and remaining till eight at night, difpatched fo manie

¹ The letters of the Earl of Melros, on public affairs, on the 26th and 27th July and 2d of August, and also the King's letter on the 26th July, are printed along with the above, in the Melros Papers, vol. ii. pp. 411-424.

affaires, juſt of themſelves, and gracious to the people, as ſerved for powerfull inducements to diuers of each eſtate to fauour his deſires for your Maieſties ſeruiſe. We ar in good hope to obteane the Church Articles ratified with the ordinar Taxation. Our greateſt dowt is of the Taxation of Anuelrents, which manie abhorre as a noueltie, and a diſcourie of their miſerie, and ouerthrow of their credit. For preuenting of which diſturbance, vpon the ſecond, at night, a meeting of the Articles was appointed to be vpon the third, at ſeuin in the morning, to conſider of the beſt expedient, inclyning rather to diſpenſe with the extremitie, that thereby we may obteane a preparatiue of ane aide, wanting all preceeding exemple, and a diuerſion of oppoſition to the Church Articles (which we thinke more important nor the ods of a trifle of that Subſidie), nor by inſiſting vpon a verie ſmall difference in a money mater, to trouble or ouerthrow a better buſines. What ſhall be reſolued ſhall be ſpeedelie ſubioyned to thir lynes.

Since the wryting of what preceeds, the Lords of Articles haue this morning met and peaceable concluded. Extreame diligence will be vſed to ſet all men right. The event muſt be remitted to God, in whoes aſſiſtance we confide, and beſeech him to bleſſe this buſines, and all your royall deſires, and reſt

Your Maieſties moſt humble, faithfull, and obedient
ſubieſt and ſeruant,

Edinburgh, 3 Auguſt 1621.

MELROS.

Your Maieſties Commiſſioner¹ expects that his diligence in well doing will excuſe his not wryting, which is alwayes naturell to him, and now neceſſar.

To the King's moſt Sacred Maieſtie.

¹ James ſecond Marquis of Hamilton.—His Maieſty, in his letter to the Nobility and Commiſſioners, dated 13th July, ſays, “Wee haue directed the Marquis of Hamilton as our Commiſſioner, to ſupplie our abſence in this preſent Parliament, &c., to give conſent, in our name, to the redreſſe of ſuche diſorders as yee ſhall propone, requiring preſent reformation; and to declare to yow oure pleaſure anent the expeding of ſuche Acts, as Wee (out of our naturall and wonted zeale to religion and iuſtice) haue thoght expedient for good order and policie bothe in the Churche and Eſtate.”

CCCCXIII.—THE RATIFICATION OF THE FIVE ARTICLES OF PERTH,
BY THE PARLIAMENT OF SCOTLAND, 4TH AUGUST 1621.

*A Ratification of the Five Articles of the Generall Assembly of
the Kirke, halden at Perth in the Moneth of August 1618.*

OUR SOVRAINE LORD, with advyfe and consent of the Estates of Parliament presently conveyned, ratifies and approves the Acts of the Generall Assembly of the Kirk, halden at Perth, the xxv. day of August the yeare of God J^m Vj^c and eighteen years, and concluded the twenty seventh of the same moneth, *Sessione secunda*, whereof the tenor followeth:—

I. Since we are commanded by God himselfe, that when wee come to worship him, wee fall downe and kneele before the Lord our Maker; and considering withall, that there is no part of Divine worship more heavenly and spirituall then is the holy receiving of the blessed body and blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: Lyke as the most humble and reverend gesture of the body in our meditation and lifting vp of our hearts best becommeth so divine and sacred an action. Therefore, notwithstanding that our Kirk hath used, since the Reformation of religion, to celebrate the holy Communion to the people fitting, by reason of the great abuse of kneeling used in the idolatrous worship of the Sacrament by the Papists; yet now, seeing all memory of by-past superstition is past. In reverence of God, and in due regard of so Divine a Mysterie, and in remembrance of so mysticall ane Union as wee are made partakers of, the Assembly thinketh good that that blessed Sacrament be celebrated hereafter meeklie and reverently vpon their knees.

II. *Item*, If any good Christian visited with long sicknes, and knowne to the Pastor, by reason of his present infirmitie, vnable to resort to the Kirke, for receiving of the holy Communion, or being sicke, shall declare

to the Pastor, vpon his conscience, that hee thinke his sicknesse to be deadly, and shall earnestly desire to receiue the same in his house: The Minister shall not deny to him so great a comfort, lawfull warning being given to him vpon the night before, and that there bee three or foure of good Religion and conuersation, free of lawfull impediments, present with the sicke person, to Communicate with him, who must also provide a convenient place in his house, and all things necessarie for the reverend administration thereof, according to the order prescribed in the Kirke.

III. *Item*, The Minister shall often admonish the people, that they differre not the Baptizing of Infants any longer then the next Lordes day after the childe bee borne, vnlesse vpon a great and reasonable cause declared to the Minister, and by him approved. As also, they shall warne them, that without great cause they procure not their children to be baptized at home in their houses, but when great neede shall compell them to baptize in privat houses (in which case the Minister shall not refuse to doe it, vpon the knowledge of the great need, and being timely required thereto), then Baptisme shall bee administered after the same forme as it should haue been in the Congregation. And the Minister shall, the next Lordes day after any such private Baptisme, declare in the Kirke that the Infant was so baptized, and therefore ought to be received as one of the true flocke of Christ's folde.

IV. *Item*, Forasmuch as one of the most speciall meanes for staying the increase of Poperie, and setting of true Religion in the hearts of the people, is that a speciall care bee taken in tryall of young children their education, and how they are catechized; which in tyme of the Primitiue Kirk was most carefully attended, as being most profitable to cause young children, in their tender yeares, drinke in the knowledge of God, and his Religion, but is now altogether neglected, in respect of great abuse and errors which crept into the Popish Kirke, by making thereof a Sacrament of Confirmation: Therefore, that all superstitions built thereupon may bee rescinded, and that the matter it selfe being most necessarie for the education of the youth, may be reduced to the Primitiue integritie.

It is thought good that the Minister in everie parish shall catechize all young children of eight yeares of age, and see that they haue the knowledge, and bee able to make rehearfall of the Lord's Prayer, Belief, and Ten Commandements, with anfuers to the questions of the small Catechisme used in our Kirke: And that everie Bishop, in his vifitation, shall censure the Minister who shall bee found remisse therein; And the sayd Bishops shall cause the sayd children to be presented before them, and blesse them with prayer for the increase of their knowledge, and continuance of God's heavenlie graces with every one of them.

V. *Item*, As wee abhorre the superstitious obfervation of Festivall dayes by the Papists, and detest all licentious and prophane abuse thereof by the common sort of professors; so we think that the inestimable benefites received from God, by our Lord Jesus Christ, his Birth, Passion, Resurrection, Ascension, and sending downe of the Holy Ghost, was commendably and godly remembred, at certaine particular dayes and times, by the whole Kirke of the world, and may be also now: Therefore, the Assembly ordaines, that every Minister shall vpon these dayes haue the commemoration of the foresayd inestimable benefites, and make choysé of severall and pertinent texts of Scripture, and frame their doctrine and exhortations thereto; and rebuke all superstitious obfervation and licentious profanation thereof.

Which Articles and Ordinances, our Sovereine Lord, with the advyse and consent of the Estates, Statutes and Ordeines to bee obeyed and obferved by all his Maiesties subiects as Lawes in time comming; annulling and rescinding whatsomever other Acts of Parliament, Constitutions, and Customes, in so farre as they are derogatiue to any of the Articles abouewritten.¹

¹ A copy of these Articles, in Balfour's Collections, transcribed by an amanuensis, is thus indorsed (by Sir George Hay, then Clerk Register), "The 5 Articles off Perth, delyverit to me be my L. Sanctandros to be ratifeit in Parl. Julij 1621." Another paper, in the same volume, contains the title of the Acts, with the introductory and concluding paragraphs of the Ratification; and, on a separate sheet, "the ticket," or state of the Votes, signed by the Clerk Register (as at the top of the next page), and enclosed in the following letter.

The Votes for the Fyve Articles ar thriefcoir eightein.

The contrair Votes, fyftie ane.

Thair wes but Ten Votes againft the Taxation.

G. HAY.

CCCCXIV.—THE EARL OF MELROS TO HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOUERANE,

Your Maiefties Parlemt of this your Kingdome is this efternone happelie concluded. The Church Actes had oppofition, but the well affected prevailed by fevin and tuentie votes, albeit we wer exceedingly difapoynted by the treacherie of fome fmall Borrowes, who violated their promifes,¹ and wer recompensed by your Commiffioner's refusing to authorife their Actes and Ratifications. In the Act of the Taxation, at firft their kythed fome danger by the voices of Lords who granted the ordinar Taxation, and refused the Taxation of Anuelrents; but my Lord Commiffioner preaffing them to giue anfuer dire&lie, that they either granted or refused the Act of Taxation, fince it wes onlie one Act, the reft became efchamed to refuse; fo as the oppofites to that Act wer fcarce ten, as the Clerk of Regifter's inclofed ticket will teftifie. Other Lawes and Privat Actes paff withowt contradic&tion. The conclusion wes by a fpeach of your Maiefties Commiffioner, renewing the affurances of your Maiefties constant fauour to this Nation; your zeale to the defenfe of pure Religion; your earneft defire to releue your People of the burdings; to protect them from violence; to introduce all exemples and effects of pietie and iuftice amongs them; to increaffe trade and commerce; and to exempt them from the greif of the panes of bypaff transgreffions of ftatutes imponing pecuniall panes. Which, being a moft

¹ In the Acts of Parliament, vol. iv. p. 595-6, will be found a list of the several members, which may be compared with the list preserved by Calderwood.—(Hist. vol. vii. p. 498.) The latter has marked "The names of the Commissioners at this Parliament voting for or against the Fyve Articles, or not voting at all, because not present."

acceptable fairewell to the whole Estates, wes met with the heartie wishes of all the people for your Maiesties long and prosperous lyfe. I must not forget the Commiffioner's scharp censure of such as had abused the toleration of privat meetings of the estates, with aduertifment that the like would not heerefter be suffered. The particular accompt will be more ample giuen by larger letters, and by the Deane of Wincheſter and Lord of Scone, who, so soon as the Articles for the Church and Taxation wer ended, they went to their horse, and will relate all particulars, and euerie man's behauiour. I may trulie affirme theirs to haue been exceeding faithfull and fordwart, and that your Maiesties Commiffioner, by his obseruing your excellent instructions, hes effected the wishes of your faithfull seruants, and oucrome the busie malice and subtilltie of the aduersars; which I must ascryue to the happines of your royall courſes, so well grounded vpon wisdom and iustice, as they can not want successe. I haue thought it would be more agreeable to your Maiestie to know this trueth abruptlie, nor ane more exact report more slowlie; and praying for the like prosperitie in all your Royall affaires, I rest

Your Maiesties most humble and most obedient
subiect and seruand,

Edinburgh, 4 August 1621.

MELROS.

To the Kings most Sacred Maiestie.

CCCCXV.—HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE ARCHBISHOPS
AND BISHOPS.

[JAMES R.]

Right Reuerend Fathers in God, right trustie and welbeloued Counsellouris, We greete you weill. Salomon sayes that "euerie thing hath a time," and therefor certenlie the last letter Wee receaued frome you was written in an vnseasonable time, being fraughted with nothing but grones and expreffions of affliction, like the Lamentations of Jeremie,

in that verie instant when both wee and yee had wone so greate and honorable a victorie against the enemies of all religion and good government, and considering also the verie time, which was the eue of the fifth of August. The greatest matter the Puritanes had to obieete against the Church government there was, that your proceeding with them was warranted by no law, which now by this Parliament is cutte shorte; so as hereafter that rebellious and disobedient crew must eyther obey or resist, both to God, their naturall King, and the law of your contrie. It resteth therefor in yow to be encouraged and comforted by this happie occasion, and to lose no more time in procuring a settled obedience to God and Vs. By the good endeouris of Our Commiffioner there, and others Our true hearted subiectes and seruantes, the sword is now putte in your handes; go on therefor to vse it, and lett it ruste no longer til yow haue perfited the seruice trusted vnto yow; for otherwise We muste vse it both against you and them. If anie or all of you be false or fainte hearted, wee are hable aneugh (thankes be to God) to putte others in your places, who both can and will make thinges possible which yee accompte so difficile. Yee talk of the increase of Papistrie. Your selve can best witnes what direction Wee gaue for suppression of them by the Bishop of Dunblane, when he was last with Vs, and Wee appeale the conscience of euerie one of yow if euer Wee haue given anie toleration in that case, or required eyther Our Counsell or yow be slack or slow in that busines; but as Papistrie is a disease of the minde, and Puritanisme is in the braine, so the onlie trew remedie and antidote against it wilbe to haue a graue, settled, vniforme, and well ordered Church, obedient to God and their King, hable to conuerte them who are fallen away by plucking oute weedes of error oute of their minde, and to confirme the weake forte by their doctrine and good example of life. To conclude now, We wish yow now to go forward in action with all speid, and not to show your selues confternated now when you had neuer so litle reason; especiallie Wee hauing for your further encouragement giuen commandement, by Our letter to Our Counsell, to assist you alswell in the repressing of obstinate Puritanes as in the seuerer punishment and execution of wholsome lawis made against all Papistis and speci- allie traffiquing Preistes and traytourous Jesuites: And Wee expect

hereafter to heare frome time to time what yee haue acted, and of your good successe, and not to be troubled anie more with questiones and complaintes; which to performe, yee are presentlie to beginne with the more rebellious and feditious forte, as they shall deserue; and for them who shall pretend greater calmnes, but yet not resolved to obey, they must be putte to it within a reasonable time, and in the meane time transplanted from places of danger. Thus, wishing you stout heartes and a happie successe, Wee bid you fairweel.¹

Given, &c.² the 12th of August 1621.

CCCCXVI.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF GLASGOW TO HIS MAJESTY
KING JAMES.

SIR, MAY IT PLEIS YOUR SACRED AND MOST GRATIOUS MAJESTIE,

Wnderstanding that my Lord Areskin is to mak humble sute to your Maiestie for the patronage of the personage of the Kirk of Areskin, I thocht it my dewtie (least your Maiestie should be otherwayes informed then the trewth is), to present to your Maiestie the trew estait of that Kirk. It is, be the decreit of the Commiffionaris appointed for modifeing of Minifters stipends, sufficientlie provydit with a constant and locall stipend for all tyme cumming. The whole lands of the parisch (except a litle pairt theroff) ar holdin in propirtie and tenandrie of my Lord Areskin. The present Persone, who has bene much troubled in tyme past for his stipend, is now, for his better securitie of good and thankfull payment, most willing and desyrous to haue my Lord Areskin

¹ Calderwood introduces a copy of this letter into his *History* (vol. vii. p. 507), and says, that when Mr William Arthur, Minister of St Cuthberts, appeared before the High Commission at St Andrews, on the 20th August, Bishop Spottiswood "willed him to advise better, and shewed him a letter which the King had sent to him, wherein he enjoyneth him rigorous execution of the Acts" of Perth Assembly.

² In the original scroll of this letter there is no date. Calderwood adds, "Given at Bussard," &c.; probably a mistake for Rufford, near Welbeck, the seat of Sir George Saville. On the following day, the King was at Nottingham.

for his patrone, and hes desyred me to declare and testifie the fame to your Majestie. Ther is none better affected to your Majesties service, and in my judgement more worthie of your Majesties fauour and remuneration, then is his Lordship, by whoes wifdome, cair, and credit I haue ever bene helped and fordered in everie thing I had to do concerning your Majesties service in these pairts. Thus, craveing your Maiesties pardoun for my boldnes, and beseeching Almightye God to blisse your Majestie with long lyf, and a prosperous reigne, I rest

Your Majesties most humble subject and servant,

JA. GLASGOW.

Edinburgh, 6 August 1621.

To the King his most excellent Majestie.

CCCCXVII.—ACTS OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

(1.) *Apud Edinburgh, 29 Augustj, 1621.*

Charge aganis Mr Robert Bruce.

FORSAMEKLE as the Kingis Maiestie is credibillie informed that Mr Robert Bruce, Minister, the tyme of the laite Parliament wes at Edinburgh, or verie neir to it, steiring vp feditioun, and making all impedimentis to his Maiesteis service whiche he could; and quhairas the said Mr Robert wes at that tyme confynned to a certane place, his transcending the limittis thairof is a grite contempt of his Maiestie and his Gouvernament: Thairfoir, the Lordis of Secreit Counsaill ordanis letters to be direct, chargeing the said Mr Robert to compeir personallie befoir the saidis Lordis, vpoun the nyneteene day of September nixt to come, to anfuere to the premisses, and to vnderly fuch tryale and ordour thairanent as the saidis Lordis fall think meete, vnder the pane of rebelloun, &c., With certification, &c.

(2.) *Apud Edinburgh, Decimo nono Septembris 1621.*

Mr Robert Bruce committit to wairde.

ANENT our Souerane Lordis letters direct, makand mentioun, Forfamekle as his Maieftie is credible informed that Mr Robert Bruce, Minifter, the tyme of the lait Parliament wes at the burgh of Edinburgh, or verie neir vnto it, steiring up feditioun, and making all impedimentis to his Maiefteis seruice whiche he could; and quhairas the said Mr Robert wes at that tyme confyned to a certane place, his transcending of the limitis thair of is a grite contempt of his Maieftie and his Gouvernament: And anent the charge gevin to the said Mr Robert Bruce, to haif compeirit personalie befor the Lordis of Secretit Counsaill this present nyneteene day of September instant, to haif anfuerit to the premisses, and to haif underlyne fuche tryall and ordour thairanent as the saidis Lordis fould think expedyent, vnder the pane of rebellioun and putting of him to the horne, with certificatioun to him, and he failzeit, letters fould be direct simpliciter, to putt him thairto, lyk as at mair lenthe is contenit in the saidis letters, executionis, and indorfationis thair of; quhilkis being callit, and Sir William Oliphant of Newton knight, his Maiefteis Aduocat, compeirand personaly for his Maiefteis interesse, and the said Mr Robert Bruce being lykewayes personalie present; quho being demandit and examined vpoun the tuo particularis abouewrittin, to witt, anent his comeing to the burgh of Edinburgh the tyme of the lait Parliament, and anent the steiring vp of feditioun, and impeding, so far as in him lay, his Maiefteis seruice, he anfuerit to the first point, anent his comeing to the burgh of Edinburgh, That it being the good pleafour of God to call to his mercy frome this lyff his lait wyffe, quho fred him of all cair and burdyne of his wordlie effairis; that now the charge of all these his wordlie affairis lyes vpon him, and that he being hardlie straitit and putt at for the fowme of xx^m (20,000) merkis, he wes constraigned, for preseruation of his credit, to come to this burgh to tak ordour in that mater, and that he came heir quietlie vpoun a Wednesday at night, stayed all that night, and the morne thairefter delt with his partye, and satled that buffynes, and raid away vpoun Fryday airlie in the morning:

And toucheing his steiring vp of feditioun, to the hinder of his Maiesteis seruice, he directlie denyit the same, affirmeing constantlie, that during the shorte tyme of his aboade heir, he spak not with a Parliament man, bot onlie with the Lord of Kilfaithe, intreating him to be caution for him anent the payment of the said fowme.

Quhilk answer, maid be the said Mr Robert, being hard and confid-
derit be the saidis Lordis, and thai ryplie aduysit thairwith, The Lordis
of Secreit Counsaill findis and declairis That the said Mr Robert had
transcendit the boundis and limitis of his confyneing, and that thairby he
has committit ane offence against his Maiestie, for the quhilk the saidis
Lordis ordanis him to be committit to warde within the Castell of Edin-
burgh, thairin to remayne vpon his awne expensses, ay and quhill his
Maiesteis farder will and pleafour be knowne towardis him.

CCCCXVIII.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO THE PRESBYTERY
OF HADDINGTON.

LOVING BRITHREN,

I have receaved your letter tuiching Michael Gilbert, quhairby
I perceave that he is not be yow fund meit to be receavit in that Kirk
[of North Berwick]. But I must pray yow, in your answer, to forbear
the consideration of the Kirk, at leist the mention of it, in your writt,
because, as I formerlie wrote, if he be fund meit to be an Minister, I
cannot shift but give collatioun as I am requyrit. He is presentit to
that Kirk, therfor directit to be tryit by yow: If he be not fund meit,
it exoners both yow and me, to say so in generall, That Michael Gilbert
being presented be his Maiestie for such a Kirk, and directed by me to be
tryed by you, ye find him not qualifeit. And no more than this being
[said], I fall desyr yow speedilie to acquent me whom ye wold chuse with
consent of the parochin, and I fall doe the best I can to have yow satisf-
feit, for I shall be loith to admitt any whom ye by your judgement finds
not qualifeit to any of your Kirks: And certainlie, wold we in planting
have this regaird, to consider the qualities of men, their prudence as

weill as their teaching, whom Chrysestome in some place requyris as necessarie in a Pastor, our Kirk wold be in a better estate, and our calling not so exposed to contempt as it is; but this I leave, and for the present commits yow to God.¹

Rests your assured Brother,

SAINT ANDREWS.

5th September 1621.

CCCCXIX.—THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL TO HIS MAJESTY
KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOVERANE,

Thair wes a Petitioun exhibite this day to your Maiesteis Counfaill in name of Maister Robert Bruce, Minister, humblie craveing releif frome his present warde, for the reffonis specifeit in his petition, quhilkis in effect ar the same that he delyverit by way of answer the last day when he wes broght befor the Counsell, and wardit for transcending the limitis of his confyneing, and becaus the mater for quhilk he is wardit concernis your Majesteis self, as ane offence and contempt done be him in breking of his warde without a warrand. The Counfaill wald naway medle with his enlargement and releif without youre Maiesteis directione and allowance, bot hes heirwith fend up his petitioun unto your Majestie, that after confideratioun thairof your Maiestie may gif suche directione thairanent as your Maiestie fall think goode, and upone the returne of your Majesties will and pleasour towardis him, ordour

¹ Gilbert had obtained from the King a presentation to the church of North Berwick, but upon trial he was found unacceptable to the people. The Presbytery of Haddington wrote to the Archbishop of St Andrews stating this, and the above letter was his reply. Dr M'Crie has given from the Presbytery Records a full statement of the case, which ultimately ended in Gilbert's settlement as minister of the parish.—(Life of Melville, vol. i. p. 469.)

falbe tane accordinglie: And fo praying the Almighty God to bliff
your Maieftie with many long and happie yeiris, we reft

Your Maiefties moft humble and obedyent
fubiectis and fervitouris,

AL. CANCELL^s.
MELROS.
S. W. OLYPHANT.

Edinburgh, 10 October 1621.

To the King his moft facred and
excellent Maieftie.

CCCCXX.—ACT OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

Apud Edinburgh, Decimo Octobris 1621.

Mr Andro Duncane and Mr Alexander Simfoun.

THE quhilk day, Mr Andro Duncane and Mr Alexander Simfoun, who wer prifonneris in the Caftell of Dunbartane, being, according to his Maiefteis direcioun, releued of thair warde and commandit to compeir this day befor the Counfaill, and thay compeirand accordinglie, and the Supplicatioun gevin in be thame vnder thair handis being red, hard, and confidderit be the faidis Lordis, and thay being weele aduifit thairwith, and haueing alfua feene and confidderit the Miffiue letter written unto thame from the Archiebifchop of St Androis concerning this fame purpois: The faidis Lordis ordanis the faid Mr Andro to be confynned in the parrochyne of Kilrynnie till he be fred and releued be the Kingis Maieftie, and ordanis him to forbear to preatche till he procure ane warrand from the Churche to that effect; and ordanis him to enter in his faid ward within aucht dayis after the dait heirof, as he will anwer vpoun the contrarie at his perrell: And ordanis the faid Mr

Alexander Simfoun to be confynned in his awne parroche till he be fred be his Maieftie: Lykeas, the faidis Mr Andro Duncane and Mr Alexander Simsoun being personalie present, and this present ordinance intimat vnto tham, thay aētīt and obliſt thame to conforme thame ſelffis thair unto, and to conteene thame within the bondis and limitis of thair confyneing, as thay will anſwer vpoun the contrarie at thair perrell.

CCCCXXI.—ACT OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL, AND HIS MAJESTY'S
MISSIVE TO THE COUNCIL.

Apud Edinburgh, xxij Nouembris 1621.

Sederunt—

CHANCELLAIR.	LAUDERDAILL.	ADUOCAT.
THESAURAIR.	B. ROSS.	KILSAITHE.
B. ST ANDROIS.	L. ERSKINE.	MERCHINSTOUN.
B. GLASGW.	CARNEY.	REIDHOUS.
NITHSDAILL.	M ^R OF ELPHINSTOUN.	CURRIEHILL.
WYNTOUN.	PREUIE SEALE.	CRAIGTOUN.
LOTHEANE.	CLERK OF REG ^R .	M ^R P. ROLLOK.
MELROS.	JUSTICE CLERK.	CONSERUATOUR.

Anent obedienee to be gevin to the Ordouris of the Kirk.

THE quhilk day the lettir under writtin, ſigned by the Kingis Maieftie, and direētīt vnto the Lordis of his Maiefteis Preuie Counſell, by the whilk his Maieftie hes commandit that obedyence falbe gevin to the Ordouris of the Kirk concludit at Perth, and now eſtabliſcheit by law, being this day preſentit to the ſaidis Lordis, and tua ſeuerall tymes red in their audience, and the ſaidis Lordis euery one of thame being ſeueralie demandit be the Lord Heigh Chancellor of this Kingdome, yf thay wald gif obedyence and be conforme to the ſaidis Ordouris, Thay all declairit, that thay wer fullie reſolued in that mater, and as thay had alreddy gevin, ſo in tyme comeing they wald gif obedyence thairto accordinglie.

Followis his Maiesteis Missive Letter.

[JAMES R.]

Right trustie and right weilbelouit Cofines and Counfellowis, and trustie and weilbelouit Counfellowis, We grete yow weele: Whereas the Church Orderis concludit at Perth ar now established for law, We ar resolued that none haueing ony promotioun by Ws falbe disobedient thairunto, and becaus, as We haif said in Oure ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΟΝ ΔΟΡΟΝ, that We will haif reformatioun to begin at Oure awne elbo, quhilk is Our Preuie Counfell, the Seates of Justice and Memberis thairof, We haif thought goode by these presentis to signifie Our pleasour unto yow, whilk is, That yow go through Oure whole Preuie Counfell and Sessioun, requireing every one of thame, and the Memberis thairof, to conforme thame selffis to the saidis Orderis, quhilk We hoip thay will reddilie do; Bot yf ony Counfellow or Sessiouner fall refuse or mak difficultie, yow fall assure him, That yf within xiiij dayis befor Christemas nixt he do not resolue to conforme him selff he shall losse his place in Oure said seruice; And yf ony Aduocat or Clerk shall not at that tyme conforme him selff, he is to be suspndit from the exercise frome his place, or office, and the fees and casualtyis thairunto belonging, till such tyme as he be conforme: It is Oure pleasour that yow tak strait ordour that no Magistratis or Officeris of Burrowis, no Shereffis, Shereff-deputis, Clerkis, or Officiaris be chofin throughout all that Oure Kingdome, bot suche as ar in all pointis conforme and gif dew obedience to the saidis Orderis: And expecting your speciall diligence heirin, as yow will do Ws most acceptable seruice, We bid yow fairweele.

Gevin at Oure Honour of Hamptoun,
the 29 of September 1621.

The Lordis ordanis, that this mater falbe proponned the morne to the Sessioun, and the resolutioun of the Lordis of the Sessioun, and Clerkis thairof, anent thair conformitie to the saidis Orderis, falbe craued, and that the Aduocatis and Writteris to the Signett be warnit to attend the morne in the Sessioun houe, to heir this matter intimat vnto thame;

and yf ony of thame falbe fund refractarie or diffobedyent, that, vpoun notice to be gevin thairof to the Counsell, thay falbe punist according as his Maieftie hes directit.

Anent the last point of the Letter, That no Magistratis nor Officeris of Burrowis, no Shereffis, Sheriff-deputis, nor Clerkis, be chofin throughout this Kingdome, bot fuche as ar in all pointis conforme to the saidis Ordouris, It is thocht, that this must depend vpoun the diligence of the Prelattis, and of the Ministeris within thair Dioceyis, to examine every manis behaiour and conformitie to the saidis Orderis, and according as thay fall gif informatioun to the Counsell, order falbe tane with thame.

The Lordis excuiffis the absence of the Erlis Mairshall, Montrois, Lynlythqw, Roxburgh, the Vicount of Stormont, and Lord Coluill, in respect of thair seiknes, and otheris laughfull impedimentis.

The quhilk day, the Lord Chancellair produceit ane letter written to him frome the Marques of Huntlie, by the quhilk the Marquis declairit that he wald conforme him self to the Ordouris of the Kirk concludit at Perth the Assamble, and ratifeit in Parliament.

CCCCXXII.—HIS MAJESTY'S MISSIVE TO THE LORDS OF PRIVY
COUNCIL.

[JAMES R.]

Right trustie and right weilbelouit Cofines and Counfellouris, and right trustie and weilbelouit Counfellouris, We greete yow weill: Whereas We ar credibillie informed that diuers abuses ar crept into the New Colledge of St Androis, so as the same hes mutche neid of reformatioun, We haif thairfoir thocht goode, by these presentis, to require yow to caus a Commiffioun be framed to fuche personis whose names yow fall heirwith reffaue, or ony seavin of thame, to visite the said New Colledge, and reforme the abuses thairin, by fuche meanis as thay fall find most expedient. And lykewayes to tak order with the memberis thairof who falbe fund to haif transgressit the Lawis or Statutis

of the fame, or abufed the rentis thairof in ony foirt: And not doubting of your reddie conformitie to Oure pleafour in this point, We bid yow fairweele.¹

Gevin at Newmarkett, the 19 day of November 1621.

CCCCXXIII.—ACT OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL, AND HIS MAJESTY'S
MISSIVE TO THE COUNCIL.

Apud Edinburgh, xvij Decembris 1621.

THE Lordis of Secret Counfell haueing red, hard, and confiderit the Kingis miffive letter writtin and directit vnto thame, by the quhilk his Majestie hes signifeit his Royall will and pleafour, That Mr Robert Bruce, prifonner in the Castell of Edinburgh, falbe putt to libertie and fredome furthe of the faid Castell, and fufferit to returne to his awne hous, thair to remayne, and not to come to ony place of publict meeting, aither churche or other, till the moneth of Aprile nixt enfewing, vnder the pane of all heigheft contempt of his Maieftie and his authoritie, and that at the fyfteene day of the faid moneth of Aprile, or at the furtheft at the first day of May, according as the wedder fhall fall oute, he enter within the Burgh of Innernes, and thairefter not exceed the boundis of foure myllis diftance frome the fame, without his Maiefteis fpeciall warrand obtenit to that effect: And the faid Maifter Robert Bruce being fend for frome the Castell of Edinburgh, and being exhibite befor the faidis Lordis be the Constable and keeparis of the faid Castell, and his Maiefteis will and pleafour in this mater being intimat vnto him,

¹ Agreeably to the order in the above letter, the Privy Council, on the 29th November, gave "Commissioun for Visitatioun of the New Colledge of Sanctandros." The Principal of St Mary's or the New College, at this time, was Dr Robert Howie. The Commissioners appointed consisted of John Archbishop of St Andrews, the Bishops of Dunkeld, Brechin, and Aberdeen, Lord Carnegie, Sir George Hay, Clerk Register, Mr John Weymis of Craigtoun, Mr Alex. Gledstanis, Rector of the Universitie of St Andrews, Mr Andrew Ramsay Minister at Edinburgh, Dr Henry Philp, and Dr Peter Bruce, or any seven of them, the said John Archbishop of St Andrews being always one.

And he being commandit in his Maiesteis name to conforme him selff thairunto, he promiseit, in presence of the saidis Lordis, to obey the same accordinglie. And he being demandit how soone he wald be preparit and be reddey to mak his addressse home, he declairit, that within fourteene dayis he wald be preparit and be reddey to go home. The Lordis of Secreit Counsell ordanis the said Mr Robert, in the meanetyme, to remaine still in warde within the said Castell quhill he be preparit and reddey to go home, as said is. And thay subscriued ane warrand for his releif out of warde, quhilk thay ordanit to ly in the Clerkis handis till the said Mr Robert be preparit and reddey to go hame, as said is.

His Maiesteis Missiue for the warrand of the Act aboue writtin.

[JAMES R.]

Right trustie and right weilbelouit Cosines and Counsellouris, and right trustie and weilbelouit Counsellouris, We greete yow weil: Whereas humble fute hath bene maid vnto Ws in the name of Maister Robert Bruce, desiring that he may be remoued oute of the Castell of Edinburgh, We ar weil pleasit that yow suffer him to returne to his awne house, thair to remayne, and not to come to ony place of publict meeting, aither kirk or other, till the moneth of Aprile nixt ensewing, vnder the pane of all heigheft contempt of Ws and Owre lawis. And that at the fyfteene day of Aprile nixt ensewing, or at the furthest at the first of May, according as the wedder shall fall oute, he enter in Oure burgh of Innernes, and thairefter not exceed the boundis of foure mylles distance from the same, without Oure speciall warrand obtenit for that effect. In the meane tyme, We cannot tak it weele that thair be diuers who applaud and encourage him in his contemptuous standing oute aganis the reffaued Ordouris of the Churche. And thairefore it is Oure pleafour That yow tak notice of fuche personis, and, according as yow shall find thame culpable, proceid aganis thame, by order of law, whilk recommending to your speciall cair, We bid yow fairweele.

Gevin at Newmercatt, the 8 day of December 1621.

CCCCXXIV.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF GLASGOW TO HIS MAJESTY
KING JAMES.

SIR,

MAY IT PLEIS YOUR SACRED AND MOST GRATIOUS MAIESTIE,

The Minifters of the Kirk of Cadder, whiche is within the barony of Glasgou, moir nor tuentie yeiris past, have had assignatioun and poffessioun of fyve chalderis wiētually of the thridis of the Subdenrie of Glasgou. It wes first disponit be Maifter Androw Poluart to Williame Wylie, writter in Edinburgh, and evictet fra him be Maifter Johne Bell, laft Minister at the said Kirk.¹ Now, my Lord Blantyre, by reffoun of ane generall tak whiche he hath of the teindis of the whole Subdenrie, intendis to trouble and perfew Maifter Alexander Rowatt, present Minister, of whome by all otheris in thir partis I have greittest affiftance in all those thingis which concernis your Maiesties service and obedience. If my Lord fall infist and prevaill, the Kirk salbe displantit, as haveing onlie thrie chalderis wiētually, and ane hundreth merkis filuer, whiche no man of worth or good qualitie will accept for a stipend. For whiche causses, having no hoip in my Lord Blantyre, the Minister and I dois fie to your Maiesties gratious fauour and protectioun, most humble entreating that your gratious Maiestie wald he pleased, by ane letter, to forbid my Lord Blantyre, who had neuer any poffessioun of the said wiētually, to mak ony truble or pley to the said Minister for the same, in ony tyme coming; and by ane vther, to command the Lordis Commiffioneris for planting and helping of Kirkis, who are to meit at Edinburgh, the tent of this Januarey, to affigne the said wiētually to be ane part of ane constant and locall stipend for the said Kirk. It is greit pitie that those Ministeris who are your Maiesties best ferwandis by all

¹ Mr John Bell, minister of Cadder (before 1599), appears to have been deposed in consequence of a "*vox clamosa* of diverse sclanders gevin out" against him, in July 1611; and in October 1612 Mr Alexander Rowatt had been settled as pastor, with the people's consent.—(Presbytery Records of Glasgou.) The Minister of Cadder is not to be confounded with his namesake, "old Mr John Bell," who preached at the opening of the memorable Assembly at Glasgou in 1638, and who had been admitted Minister of the Tron Kirk, Glasgou, in 1592.

otheris, and moft helpfull and comfortable vnto ws, fhould be moir troubled and pute in worfe caife then ony otheris, evin by thofe who will nocht conforme nor obey themfelues, and horteth thame for doing the fame. Thus, waitting vpoun your Maiefties gracious anfuer, and craueing humblie pardone for my boldnes, I befeik God to defend and bliff your Maieftie with all happines in this lyfe, and euerlafting glorie, and reftis

Your Maiefties moft humble fubject and fervant,

Glasgow, the 30 of December 1621.

JA. GLASGOW.

To the King his moft excellent Maieftie.

CCCCXXV.—THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL TO HIS MAJESTY
KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOUERANE,

Thair wes this day a Petitioun gevin to youre Maiefteis Counfaill, be Maifter Robert Bruce,¹ humelie craueing fome eafe and releiff in that directioun and charge gevin to him for his confyneing within the Burgh of Innernes, in respect of the indispositioun and inhabilitie of his persone, and of his grit aige, and infirmiteis quhilkis ar incident to aige, quhairwith, as he alledgeis, he is fo far worne, and become fo feeble and waik, as hardlie may he travell ony quhair; and he offeris to be confynned in his awne houe, and twa myllis aboute the fame, and never to transcend the boundis thairof, without youre Maiefteis warrand, as more particularlie youre Maieftie will perfave be his Petitioun, whilk we haif heirwith fend vnto youre Maieftie. Bot becaus the directioun and warrand for his confyneing in Innernes, proceidit frome youre Maieftie, we wald not prefoome to medle thairwith, without youre Maiefteis allow-

¹ There is no minute in the Acts of Privy Council of any meeting between the 15th and 24th of January 1622.

ance. Onlie this far, we ar to showe vnto youre Maieftie, that, be the fight we had of him, these twa dayis he wes broght befor the Counsell, we knowe him to be a far decayed and worne man, not able, by probable coniectour and appeirance, to live lang; and we ar credibillie informed that his worldlie estate is verie waik, althocht he hes concealed the fame in his Petitioun; and that he hes nane of his awne to tak the charge thair of, swa that his confyneing so far frome his awne houe, and frome attendance on his awne affairs, will altogidder vndoe him. We write not this as ane motiue and argument to pleade for fauour vnto him, bot onlie to latt youre Maieftie knowe quhat we apprehend anent the dispositioun of his persone, and quhat we heir anent his warldlie estate and fortunis. Remitting the consideratioun, bothe of the one and the other, to youre Maieftis most pious, grave, and princelie resolutioun, whilk your Maieftie wilbe pleased to caus be returnit vnto ws, quhen the importance of your Maieftis more weyghtie affairis may afford the occasioun. And so, with oure vncessant prayeris vnto God for your Maieftis lang lyffe, happie reigne, and prosperous estate, we rest

Youre Maieftis most humble and obedient
subiectis and seruitouris,

AL. CANCELL^s.

S. W. OLIPHANT.

R. COCKBURNE.

ARCHIBALD NAPER.

A. M. ELPHINSTON.

MELROS.

GEORGE HAY.

ABERDENE.

LAUDERDAILL.

J. WEMIS.

Edinburgh, 22 Januar 1622.¹

To the King his most sacred and excellent Maieftie.

¹ The King's answer to this letter has not been recovered; but Calderwood states that "this answer was returned, about the end of Marche: 'It is not for love of Mr Robert that ye have written, but to interteane a schisme in the Kirk. *We will have noe moe Papiste pilgrimages to Kinaird; he sall goe to Innernesse.*' So he was forced to addresse himself to his confine, and entered in his journey on the 18th of Aprile."—(History, vol. vii. p. 545.)

CCCCXXVI.—HIS MAJESTY'S MISSIVE TO THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL.

[JAMES R.]

Right trustie and weilbelouit Cosine and Counfellow, and trustie and weilbelouit Counfellowis, We greit you weele: Quhairas We ar credibillie informed that Sir Johne Ogiluie of Craig, George Ogiluie, his brother, James Gordoun of Letterfurie, and [John] Gordoun his brother, being censured by those your Heigh Commiffioun, do notwithstanding liue at libertie, and continew thair accustomed behaiour in Religioun, to the grite contempt of Oure lawis and gouvernement, without any punishement inflicted vpoun thame, We haif thairfor thought goode, by these presentis, to require yow to caus Oure lawis be deulie putt in executioun aganis thame, by taking of thair houffes, apprehending and detening thair personis in faulff custodie till thay fall yeild at least outward obedience to Oure lawis, whiche eirniftlie recommending to youre cair and diligence, We bid yow fairweele.

Gevin at Newmarkatt, the faxt of Februar 1622.¹

CCCCXXVII.—THE EARL OF MELROS TO HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOUERANE,

My knowlege of your Maiesties desire to vnderstand the order obserued in the Church of Edinburgh thir holie dayes, giues me hope of pardon for troubling your Maiestie with this accompt. Vpon Good Fryday, Doctor Forbes hauing chofen for text the 24 verse of the 2 ch.

¹ The Privy Council, on the 19th of March, gave Commission for apprehending James Gordoun of Letterfourie, and John Gordoun of Fernaughtie, who had been denuncit rebellis, and putt to the horne, on the 1st of March; and also George Ogilvie, in terms of the above letter from his Majesty.

of the First Epistle of Saint Peter, first proponed the louable custume of the Primitiue Church to obserue holelie that day; and thereafter discoursed verie zealouffie and learnedlie vpon the Passion of our Sauour, and frutes therof. The next day, Maister Andro Ramsay, who made the Sermon of Preparation, took the parable of Inuitation to the Marriage, and punishment of him who came without his wedding garment, mentioned in the 22 of Saint Mathewe's Gospell, for his text; which he expounded orderlie, after his learned maner. Vpon Easter day, Maister Patrik Galloway preached vpon the 23 and following verses of the 11 chep. of the First to the Corinthians, and thereafter proceeded to the ministracion of the Holie Communion, assisted by Maister Andro Ramsay; who performed their charge verie religiouffie, and with such obedience and deuote conformitie of the people, as there was not any of the whole Communicants that I could see or heare to haue receiued the Holie Sacrament fitting, except two women, and ane base man, more worthie to be declared idiot nor to haue been admitted to the Holie Table.¹ I heare, that Maister William Struthers and Doctor Forbes, who serued in the Colledge Church, performed also their duties faithfully; and albeit the whole Counsell and Members of Session be at vacance in the cuntrie, so that of that nombre none wer present except your Maiesties Aduocat, my self, and some of my sones, and scarce any one gentleman; yet the order of the seruice being more exact and perfite nor in preceeding times, the Ministers ar forced to take tuo Sondayes more for seruing the whole congregations. So, beseeching God to grant your Maiesty most perfite and constant happines, I rest

Your most sacred Maiesties most humble and
faithful subiect and seruant,

Edinburgh, 22 April [1622.]

MELROS.

To the Kings most sacred Maiestie.

¹ Calderwood details with more minuteness the mode in which the Easter Communion was observed by persons in the different churches of Edinburgh, at this time.—(History, vol. vii. p. 546.)

CCCCXXVIII.—HIS MAJESTY'S MISSIVE TO THE LORDS OF PRIVY
COUNCIL.

[JAMES R.]

Right trustie and right weilbelouit Cofines and Counfellowis, and right trustie and weilbelouit Counfellowis, We greete yow weil. Quhairas We ar credibillie informed that one Andro Haddwie of Glasgw and his wyffe, haif wittinglie and willinglie gevin harbour and reffett to a trafficquing Jesuit, the impunitie quhairof might hairten that wiked and pernicious forte of people more bauldlie to go on in peruerting Oure goode subiectis in Religioun, and withdrawing thame frome thair dewti-full obedience to Ws: It is thairfoir Oure pleafour, That yow caus Oure Justice-Depute, and the Erle of Wigtoun, Sir William Levingstoun of Kilfaithe, and Sir George Erskine of Innerteill, as affeffouris to him, to tak cognitioun of the caus of the said Hadduye and his wyffe, who being by ordinair tryall found guiltie, We ar weele pleased that thay be banished oute of that Oure Kingdome during all the tyme of thair lyffe. And not doubting of your cair heirin, We bid you fairweele.¹

Gevin at Oure Mannour of Theobaldis,
the xvij day of Maij 1622.²

¹ The Privy Council, on the 4th of June, inserted this letter in the Register, as the warrant for an Act passed that day, directing Andro Haddowie and his wyffe to be put to an assize, and banished for ressett of Jesuits; it being stated, that "laitlie a traf-fequing Jesuite, named George Mortymer, was apprehendit in thair house."—(Acta, fol. 76.)

² It may be noticed, that the Privy Council, on the 12th of February and 12th of March 1622, issued Commissions to Alexander Bishop of Murray and Patrick Bishop of Ross, for putting a stop to superstitious practices, which still prevailed in their dioceses:—"Forsameikle as althoght the hanting, frequenting, and vseing of pilgrimageis to Chappellis, Wellis, Croceis, and suche otheris Monumentis of Idolatrie, and setting furthe of bonefyres, singing of Carrellis within and aboute kirkis at certane seasones of the yeir, be prohibite and forbiddin be the Kingis Maiestie, and his Estatis convenit in the Parliament haldin at Edinburgh in the moneth of October, the yeir of God 1581 yeiris, &c.—nevirtheles thair is," &c.

CCCCXXIX.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO JOHN MURRAY
OF LOCHMABEN.

SIR,

These are to advertise yow of the proceedingis on the 24 of May, to quich day I had warned fundry Papistis, and certain of our Puritan Ministeris. Sir Jhon Ogilvy comperit, and after ane excuse made for his contumacie, vpon quiche he was denuncit his Maiesties rebel, he acknowledgit his defectioun, or rather professit his equivocatioun in the oath he had formerly made for Religioun, and so declarit he wes, and had ben, ane Catholick Roman, and did so continue. After mony speechis, the conclusioun we took with him wes, that he fuld enter in Dundy the first of Julj nexte, and abyd thair the space of a moneth, to conferre with the Bischop of Brechin, and try if he culd find a resolutioun to his doubtis and scruples, quiche if he fuld not, he hes promised, and by his subscriptioun obliffit him self to departe the countrey before the term of Martimes, vnder the pain of a thowfsand merkis.

Francis Ogilvy, his brother, subscryved and gair satisfactioun.

Letterfury Gordoun, qhom we denuncit for his not appearing to be tryed anent the masse said in his house the fyft of November last, and the feast qhair of I advertisit in winter thei kept, comperit also, and denyit the fact: The witnessis chargit cam not, alledging dyverse excuses, qhairvpon we ordainit the Bischops of Abirden and Murray to examin them in the north, qhair thei dwel, and return thair report to ws the 26 of Junj, and warned him to compeir the sam day and answer for his apostasie; for I had made a promise to the Marquise to challengde for no furder at this tym then the Messé denyit, and to dimit him free.

Otheris of them that wes summond apperit not, qhom we ar to denunce: Thair infolence in the north partis is excedinge, open contempt of Preaching and Ministeris, insulting against the King of Bohem; and asking the Ministeris qhat good thair prayeris haue done? feasting the Spaniardis that ar com from Dunkirk to these partis, and scoffing al that professit Religioun. Thir good newis that cam lately of the victorie in the Palatinat haif compefced them sumqhat, and thei begin to fear a

turn. The pedagogue that bringis vp the Marquis younge children is gifen vp excommunicat. I wrote ernesly to him at this tym to dispatch him from his company, else I wold complain. I know not qhat he wil doe, but I strive qhat I can to fal in questioun with him.

I had summoned to the sam day three of our Ministeris, that I may truly fay doe alse muche hurt to Religioun as ether Preift or Jesuit dois.¹ Mr Jhon Dikis wes excusit by attending Mr Jhon Carmichail, that thei fay is dying at Edinburgh; Mr Ephraim Melvil comperit and answerit that he had obeyit al the actis, saif that of kneling, and excused him self by his parochineris. The Minister of Largo, callit Achinlek,² qho at his admissioun had sworn and subscribed obedience, confessit he had not as yet practised, but said he wes perswading his parochineris to it. Because the first of thir Mr Ephraim had begun obedience, it wes thocht ynough to command him obedience in the rest, vnder the pain of depositioun. Achinlek having the Communioun to gif at Witsonday, is chargit then to put in practise the actis, or to leave the Ministrie.

For the Kirk of Abdy, quiche is at Lindoris presenting, my Lordis of Mortoun and Stormont, that haif the burthen of his estate, presentit to me ane Mr Robert Dowglas:³ the Erle of Mortoun cam with him hither. I told his Lordship that he wes welcom, and that I wes glade to haif the occasioun to doe him plesure, and having called the young man, askit him qhat his dispositioun wes in the matteris questioned in the Kirk; he answerit that he wold be obedient: then I told him how the formis of those men wer to promise much and perform nothings, qhairvpon he behovit to gif his oath and subscription. He excusit him self that his subscription wold be scandalous; but I said we had no lesse reason to requyr the subscription of Ministeris for obedience of Church Actis, then the subscription of laicks for thair professioun in Religioun. After som insistinge wes made with me to oversee his sub-

¹ Of the Ministers here complained of, as doing such hurt to religion, by their pertinacious adherencē to the Presbyterian form of church government, Dykes was Minister of Kilrenny, Carmichael of Kilconquhar, and Melvill of Pittenweem.

² Mr Andrew Auchinleck was admitted in 1615: He was translated from Largo to Dundee in 1642.

³ Afterwards Minister of Kirkaldy, and one of the most eminent of the Presbyterian clergy.

scription, I declared that I wold doe alfe much for my Lord of Mortoun as any Nobleman, but in that his Lordship wold pardon me, I wold not for any respect overseë it. So my Lord, that is a very discreet Nobleman, said that he was satisfieit with that quich I spak to his freind, and since he refusit to satisfie, he wold only desyne that no other suld be refavit in the place on better conditionis. My Lord of Stormont hes now presentit ane Murray¹ to the sam place, with my Lord Mortonis advyse, quho offeris al obedience; and his qualificatioun, I think, falbe questioned by our Ministeris, and thair I sal haif another pley with them. But we must endure, seeing no end of troubles, qhair of the true cause hes ben so oft menit, and so litle hearkened to, that I must cease to mention the sam, and resolue to live and die in vexatioun, and quiche I am most fory for to behold the ruin of a Church heer throw the folly of perverse Ministeris, and the egging on of enemyis to both thair and our destruccion. But of this no more at this tym. I rest

Your affurit ever,

Darfy, 27 May 1622.

SANCTANDREWS.

To my very honourabill good freind,
Jhon Murray of Lochmaben, of his
Maiesties bedchamber.

CCCCXXX.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO HIS MAJESTY
KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED AND MOST GRACIOUSE SOUVERAIGNE,

I cannot expresse the contentment that al your Maiesties good

¹ Mr Andrew Murray, of Balvaird, was admitted Minister of Abdie in October 1622. At the Coronation of Charles the First, in 1633, he was knighted; in 1641, he was created Lord Balvaird; and in the following year he succeeded to the title and estates, as Viscount of Stormont. He died in 1644, but notwithstanding the honours conferred upon him, he was ejected from his Ministry in 1638.

fubiectis, and my self particularly, hes refavit in the preferring of Mr Thomas Henderfoun, Commiffaire of Edinburgh, to this vacant place of Seffioun, alfwel for the regarde thej see your Maieftie takis of thofe places, to haif them filled with men of knowledge and confcience, as becaufe it wil ferve mucche for ane incitatioun of otheris to the ftudy of learning and virtue, ghen thej perfaiſe it not to miſſe the juſt rewarde, and a greater reſpect had thairto, then to the importun follicitatiouns of otheris. My ſelf hes ſo much the more cauſe, that I affuredly know the ſervice qhairwith I am truſted in the Churche fal by this mean refaiſ no ſmal ſupply, his affectioun to the advancement of the Churche, and your Maiefties ſervice in it, being ſo ſincere, as by a longe experience we haif found it to be. Qhairfore, as I haif by this no ſmal encouragement to proceed in the troubleſom buſines of our Churche, I muſt humbly begge your Maiefties favoure to offer my moſt ſubmiſſe and humble thankis in his behalfe, beſeeching Almyghtie God longe and ever to bleſſe your Sacred Maieftie with al bleſſingis of Heaven and earth, that both this Churche and al other Reformed within the Chriſtian world may ſtil be happie in your Maiefties royal favoure and protectioun.

Your Maiefties moſt humble and
affectionat ſerviteur,

SANCTANDREWS.

Darfy, the laſt of May 1622.

To his moſt Sacred Maieftie.

CCCCXXXI.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO JOHN MURRAY
OF LOCHMABEN.

SIR,

As ye advertifed, I haif prefumed to offer vnto his Maieftie my

humble thankis for his preferment of the Commiffar Mr Thomas Henderfon,¹ to the place of Seffioun, quich dois more good to his Maiefties fervice every way then wel I can expresse. But, alaffe, qhat ar my thankis, or any thinge I can promife or effect worthe, being fo infinitely obliged as I am by benefitis vnderferved, al being duty, and leffe than duty, that I am able to perform.

I refavit with your letter ane other from his Maieftie, qhairto my former that ar com to your handis ere now, haif gifen fom fatiffactioun ; and ftill falbe careful bothe to doe and advertife of the proceedingis we mak, quiche I trust in God, fal not be infufficient, thocht the opposition we haif be great, and more vnder hand, then is or dar be avowed. If my health doe any way fuffer, I wil, by Godis help, this nixte vacance fee yow, and mak bold to fchew qhat wilbe the only remede of al our crossingis. So leaving to wryt of my own particular til I try the effect thairof, I reft,

Youris ever affurit at power,

SANCTANDREWS.

Darfy, the laft of May 1622.

To my very honourabill good freind, Jhon Murray of Lochmaben, of his Maies- ties bedchamber.

¹ Mr Thomas Henderson of Chesters, son of Dr Edward Henryson, one of the Lords of Session, had filled the office of one of the Commissaries of Edinburgh from the year 1597. On the death of Sir Lewis Craig, in 1622, he was raised to the Bench, as a reward for his services in advancing the cause of Episcopacy, and soon afterwards obtained the honour of knighthood. The Earl of Melros, in a letter to John Murray, expresses like gratitude and satisfaction at Henderson's promotion :—"Maister Thomas Henderson's learning and carriage in the Commissariat, and faithfulness in his bypast services to his Majesty, promises continewance and inrese of his honest endeavours in this more eminent place, wherein he sall have my best counsels and encouradgements."—(Melros Papers, vol. ii. p. 453.)

CCCCXXXII.—HIS MAJESTY'S MISSIVE TO THE LORDS OF PRIVY
COUNCIL.

Apud Edinburgh, Sexto Junij 1622.

Sederunt—

THESAURAIR.	CARNEGIE.	REDHOUS.
MORTOUN.	MR OF ELPHINSTOUN.	CRAIGTOUN.
WYNTOUN.	PREUIE SEALE.	FOSTERSAIT.
MELROS.	JUSTICE CLARK.	MR PETER YOUNG.
B. ST ANDROIS.	ADUOCAT.	CONSERUATOUR.
LAUDERDAILL.	KILSAITHE.	SIR JOHNNE SCOTT.
AIR.	INNERTELL.	

Anent the preventing the growthe of Poperie.

The quhilk day, the letter vnderwrittin, signed be the Kingis Maieftie, and directit to the Lordis of his Maiefteis Preuie Counsell, wes presentit to the saidis Lordis, and red in thair audience, and thay promiseit to gif obedience thereto: Off the quhilk letter the tennour followis:—

JAMES R.

Right trustie and right weilbelouit Cosines and Counfellouris, and right trustie and weilbelouit Counfellouris, We greite yow weele. We wer pleasit of laite to write to yow to directe oure Justice Depute, and twa of your number as Affeffouris to him, to putt ane Haddny in Glasgu to ane affise for the reffett of a Jesuite: And becaus that kynd of people ceaseth not daylie to practise and peruert oure goode subiectis, We haif writtin to the two Archiebishoppis, willing thame anes euerie half yeir to aduerteis yow of the estaite of thair feuerall prouinceis in that behalff. It is thairfoir Oure pleafour that yow and the saidis Archiebishoppis aduise and resolue vpoun some fuche folide cours as in youre iudgement falbe most fitt to suppres the present, and preuent the new grouthe of Poperie in that oure kingdome. And according as

ony new accident fhall frome tyme to tyme fall oute, or the faidis Archiebifhoppis fhall aduerteis yow, that yow tak fuche present order as yow fhall think the caus to require. And quhat outhere the faidis Archiebifhoppis fhall aduerteis, or yow conclude thairin, We expeect by yow ourre Secretaire to vnderftand. And this We doubt bot yow will haif a fpeciall cair of, that thairby the world may fee that We ftryke with the fword of iuflice equalie aganis bothe Papift and Puritane, that thairby no iuft imputatioun may be layed vpoun Oure proceedingis as a caus of the increfce of Papiftrie. Fairweele.

Gevin at Oure mannour of Theobauldis,
the 27 of Maij 1622.

To Oure right traift and right weilbelouit Cofines and Counfellouris, and to Oure right truftie and weilbelouit Counfellouris, the Earle of Dunfermyne, Oure Chancellor, and remanent Earlis, Lordis, and otheris of Oure Preuie Counfell in Oure Kingdome of Scotland.

CCCCXXXIII.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO JOHN MURRAY OF LOCHMABEN.

SIRE,

I cam to the town of Edinburgh this morninge, qhair I found Mr Jhon Carmichael¹ buryed the night before, one of our great troubleris; my Lord of Glasgow and the Chancellar dangerously ficke; but the Chancellar lyis at Pinkie. If it fal out that he be takin away, his Maieftie hes occafion, by fetling that place, to feure his affairis heir from al oppositioun heirafter. Thairfore I fal befecche yow to defyre his Maieftie to regard the effecting of his own defignes, more then other menis pleafures, and to chufe fom one that is according to his own

¹ He was admitted Minister of Newburn, in Fife, in 1594; and was translated to Kilconquhar, in the same presbytery, in August 1603.

heart, if so it fall void. As for my own business, my Lord Mar says to Sir James Balye, that he must haif his Maiesties expresse command to follow his first directioun, which, if it be not already sent, I pray you furder with all diligence, for Sir James affuris me the warrand must be of new vnder his Maiesties own hand. I can say no more, but rest,

Youris ever affurit,

Edinburgh, the 6 Junij 1622.

SANCTANDREWS.

To my very honourabill good freind, Jhon Murray of Lochmaben, of his Maiesties bedchamber.

CCCCXXXIV.—THE BISHOP OF GALLOWAY TO JOHN MURRAY OF LOCHMABEN.

RYCHT HONORABILL.

MY HAIRTIEST SALUTATIONS REMEMBRET.

I wait to you a good tyme fins anent Sir Robert Gordon's purpose concerning the Abacie off Glenluce. He luikit that wpon the recommendation maid to his Maiestie off his richtis off erection off that benefice, by these Confellors and Commissionars who had recawit direction from his Hienes to wieu and tak notice off them, to haiff recawit some reward for it, and so to haiff demittit all his rycht in fawor off me and my fuceffors, for the help of that benefice. Bot finding his Maiestie, as he says, somewhat cauld and flaw to grant him any fut for it, he is come hither and hes schawne me plainlie that he will mak fut be law for the recouerie off his awin, and was with diligence to haif ferwit inhibition wpon the fruits and rents off this yeir, and so maid the benefice unprofitable to me; wherthrow I fould recaue gret disaduantage in respect that the last yeir, by imposition off the Lordis, I was ordenit to geff to Jhone Craffurd, to quytt his pretendit tak maid to him off the teinds off it be my predeceffor, to the grett hurt off the benefice, the

fowme off ij^m marks. Bot I haiff delt with him erneslie to hald aff till I gett word fra Court what his Maiesties pleasure is heirannt. Iff he recouuer it, as my lawers says that he is able to doo, iff he gett rycht, in respect off his good and sufficient rycht off erection, it will wndoo that benefice, and I must be forcit to quytt the charge. My request to yow, Sir, is that it may please yow acquent his Maiestie with this mater, and let his Hienes wnderstand whow hard it stands with me ather to want it or to enter in proces for defence off it, and at your first good occasion, efter his Maiesties answer, to latt me haiff yowrs, for it requyris diligence. So excusing my bauldnes that thus fould fasehe yow withe fuche buffines, I comitt yow to the grace and lowe off God Almichtie, and rests

Your affurit freind at service,

This 13 June 1622.
Edinburgh.

A. B. OF GALLOUAY.

To my verie honorable goode friend, Johne
Murray of Lochmaben, Gentleman of his
Maiesties Bedchamber.

CCCCXXXV.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO JOHN MURRAY
OF LOCHMABEN.

Sir,

I see your care for my busines by your letter I refavit this day, and must render you thankis for it, qhiche is al I can, and too litle for such kyndnes. Nothing is lyk to be done befor Archibald Primroffe cumming, qhiche we expect every day.

Yow haif befor this tym vnderstood that the Chancellour dyed on Sondag last. I wil not wryt of the dyverse humoris and rumoris that ar heer, but I pray God his Maiestie mak a good choyse, as I know he

wil, that we may serve with more quyetnes and content then we did in thir last tymis. My own opinioun I wrote vnto yow, and since, haif talked thairof with my Lord Melrosse himself, qho is wel peremptorie in his refuse and declyning that charge. If that cannot be, I wische it may fal in the handis of sum man that lovis religioun and is not phantastical, such as I think my Lord of Mortoun to be, for he is a noble man of good presentatioun, speakis wel, and I trust sal keep ane equal course to his Maiesties good lykinge. My Lord of Aire,¹ I know, hes written vnto yow qhat his love perfwadis him to doe,² but I beseeche yow tak no heed to it, for it is altogether vnfitting.

In this actioun pursewit be my Lord of Mar against Lord Elphinstoun, thair hes ben a great delay vsed, vpon a letter purchasid to my Lord of Dury for supplying the Advocatis place in this cause, qhairin it seemis thei haif enformed his Maiestie that it hes ben the custum in substitutioun of one in the Advocatis place, vpon such occasiounis, that sum of the Lordis them selfis behooved to plead for his Maiesties entres. But that never wes vsed, and seemis a plain derogatioun of the authoritie of the House, and drawis after it a number of inconvenientis; but I leave this and other particularis to thair informatioun qhom it concernis; only, I wryt of it, because I remember the Elphinstonis service in the late Parliament, and the course thei sal keep in our effairis of the Church. I desyre no man wronged against justice, but they qho intend to serve his Maiestie, and haif gifin proof of it, oght not be delayit for such menis plesuris; yit al this is referrit to his Maiesties plesure. If the Advocat substitut, as he is ready, one of the Advocatis of the House, as wes the form, qhom the party sal chuse, it seemis to many heer sufficient.

Clofburn wes with me, and we agreed vpon conditionis; but I find the gentleman very vnable to perform any thinge: and my Lord of

¹ William, seventh Lord Crichtoun of Sanquhar, on the 2d February 1622, was created Viscount of Ayr; and in June 1633, Earl of Dumfries.

² Namely, the promotion of Spottiswood himself to be Lord High Chancellor, in the room of Alexander Earl of Dunfermline, who died at his house of Pinkie, 16th Junè 1622. Sir George Hay of Kinfauns was appointed at this time; the King's letter of nomination to the Privy Council, 9th July 1622, was presented at a meeting on the 16th of that month.

Aire tellis me that your obligatioun is impignorat to him for J^m lib. But if thei end as thei haif promised, that falbe done quiche ye haif directed in that parte. This in haste, being privie to this pacquet. I rest

Youris ever affurit

Edinburgh, 19 Junj 1622.

SANCTANDREWS.

To my very honourabill good freind,
Jhon Murray of Lochmaben, of
his Maiesties Bedchamber.

CCCCXXXVI.—ACT OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

Apud Edinburgh, xxv Junij 1622.

Anent the Ministeris Stipendis in Orknay.

FORSAMEKLE as it is vnderstand to the Lordis of Secreit Counfell that thair is some Ministeris in Orknay whose yeirlie stipendis, extending to the fowme of ane thousand sax hundreth pundis, ar dew, to be payit oute of his Maiesties rentis and dewiteis of Orknay: And the saidis Lordis of Secreit Counfell being loathe that the poore Ministeris falbe withdrawne frome thair flokkis and kirkis to come heir to this Cuntries for craving payment of thair saidis stipendis: Thairfoir, and for thair ease and releif in this point, the saidis Lordis ordanis Sir Johnne Buquhannane knight, his Maiesteis Chalmerlane of Orknay and Yetland, to mak payment yeirlie, during the yeiris of his tak, to the saidis Ministeris of thair stipendis foirsaidis, extending to the fowme abouewritten, oute of the first and reddiest of the dewitie addebtit be him to his Maieftie: Anent the payment quhair of thir presentis, with the acquittanceis of the saidis Ministeris, falbe vnto the said Sir Johnne ane sufficient exoneratioun, warrand, and discharge.

CCCCXXXVII.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF GLASGOW TO MR ROBERT
BOYD OF TROCHRIG.

REVEREND AND WELL BELOVED BROTHER,

Mr John Cameron is now come to this City and entered in the Colledge, and came in haft from his Maiefty. Invited by my Lord Chancellor he came home with him, so that he hath not brought with him his Majesty's presentatioun. These are therfor to request you to fend unto me the presentatioun ye had of his Majesty to the Principality of this Colledge,¹ or if ye will not trust me with it for a short time, at least a just copy thereof, that according therunto I may cause draw up ane for him after the fame or some better manner, which trusting that you will not refuse to do: Remember my duty to your Lady. I commend you to the mercy and blessing of God, and rests

Your very loving Brother,

Glasgow, August 7 [1622.]

JA. GLASGOW.

To his reverend and well beloved Brother,
Mr Robert Boyd of Trochrigg.

¹ In consequence of the stringent measures employed to enforce conformity to the Perth Articles, Boyd, in July 1621, had resigned his office as Principal of the University of Glasgow; and was succeeded by Cameron, Professor of Divinity at Saumur, a very eminent theologian, but who held the office of Principal for little more than twelve months. The following note, about that time, from Andrew Boyd, Bishop of Argyle, urging him to Conformity, may be subjoined:—

COUSIN,—I am sorry to hear you should give any occasion of offence. It's no fitt time to mentain any separation in the true Christian Church. The bearer heiroy, your faithfull friend, will give you his best advice; I pray to God you may hearken. Cousin, I will be glad to hear from you, and more glad to hear you will Conform yourself, as is fitting. I wish you much happiness, and will ever rest

Your loving Cousin to command,

A. BOYD.

Oatlands, 3 of July 1621.

CCCCXXXVIII.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF GLASGOW TO THE VISCOUNT
OF ANNAND.¹

MY VERRY HONORABILL GUD LORD,

I vret onse befor to your Lordship in favors of this young gentleman, quho is as my Nephew to me. Nou heiring be himself that my first letter was loft, and being informit that he hes vaitit long to his grit lose, I do earnestlie entreate your Lordship to favor and help him in al his honest buffines, quhairvith he vil aquent your Lordship quhen he fall have occasione. Your Lordship may fie by this request for my freind how bold I am, and quhat trust I have in your Lordship's favor; vpon quhich relying, I hope I fall be pardonit, and he be your Lordship fall be helpit and furtherit in all his lawfull adois, even as I fall treuly remane

Your Lordship's obliged and affured to serve you,

Glasgow, the tuentie of August 1622.

J.A. GLASGOW.

To my verry honorabill gud Lord
my Lord Wicount of Annan.

CCCCXXXIX.—THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL TO HIS MAJESTY
KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOUERANE,

By a letter fend heir frome the Archiebishop of Glasgw, we ar certified that Mortymer, the Jefuite, prifonner in Glasgw, is havelie

¹ John Murray of Lochmaben was raised to the Peerage about the 28th of July 1622, by the title of Viscount of Annand; and in March 1625, he was promoted to the higher dignity of Earl of Annandale.

diseased with ane appeiring deadlie consumptioun, and that haueing spent all that he had, hes not now the meanis to intertenie him selff, and that he daylie cryis to be send to France, offering to act him selff vpoun the parrell of his heade nevir to returne; and the Archiebifhop inclynniss that he salbe fend away vpoun this same conditioun, yf so it shall pleis youre Maiestie to think meete. And thairfoir, these ar humelie to requeist youre Maiestie to latt ws knowe youre Maiesteis will and pleasour in this mater, that accordingle we may conforme oure selffis thairunto. And so, continewing oure vncessant and eirnist prayeris vnto God for youre Maiesteis lang and happie reigne, we rest

Your Maiesteis most humble and obedient
subiectis and seruitouris,

GEORGE HAY.

MELROS.

MAR.

LAUDERDAIL.

WINTOUN.

PERTHE.

ROXBURGH.

Edinburgh, 28 August 1622.

To the King his most sacred and
excellent Maiestie.

CCCCXL.—HIS MAJESTY'S MISSIVE TO THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL.

[JAMES R.]

Right trustie and right weilbelouit Cofines and Counsellouris, and right trustie and weilbelouit Counsellouris, We greete yow weel. Whereas We ar credibillie informed that the Jesuite Mortymer, now prifonner in Oure Citie of Glasgu, is so haelie diseased as it is feared that he shall hardlie yf euer eschaip, and becaus We do not desire the liues of ony of that foirt of people, yf We may be secured frome ony harme whiche thay might do by the peruerfion of ony of Oure goode

subiectis in thair duetie to God and Ws, We ar weele pleased that yow caus the said Mortymer be transported to some place oute of Oure dominionis, with certificatioun to him that yf, at ony tyme heirafter, he shall returne thether without Oure spèciall license, it falbe capitall vnto him: And not doubting of youre conformitie to Oure pleafour in this point, We bid yow fairweele.¹

Gevin at Our Mannour of Hauering, the xij day of September 1622.

CCCCXLI.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO VISCOUNT ANNAND.

MY VERY HONORABIL GOOD LORD,

I know befor this tym your Lordship hes vnderstood by my Lord Regifter, that nothing is done for delyvering these moneyis that my Lord Marques fuld haif resavit, and that so I am disapointed of that qhiche I expected: thei promise to his Lordship fourscore thowfand pundis Scotis fourten dayis befor the next term, or fourten after, and it is lyk ynough thei fal cast of longer, qhairby I cannot assure my self of any thinge: in the mean tym the annualis fal confum al, and mak his Maiesties benefit to me vnprofitable. I caufed deal with Archbald Primrosse, and haif obtained of him, that if my Lord Marquese may be induced to subscryve the warrandis enclosed, he wil satiffie me in due time of my parte, qhairin your Lordship wilbe plefit to tak sum pain if your Lordship find it expedient; but I feare his Lordship offend so with thir delayis as he scarce agree vnto it. I haif written to his Lordship a letter, to gif him thankis for his favour, and generally intreated his Lordship's furtherance; but the particular your Lordship may move as

¹ The Privy Council, on the 18th of September, passed an Act in accordance with the above letter, ordaining the Archbishop, Provost, and Baillies of the City of Glasgow "to caus attend the commoditie of some ship going from Glasgu or Air to France, or any other pairt oute of his Majesties dominionis, and to putt the said Mortymer aboarde of the same ship to be transported," &c.

from your self, and if he condiscend vnto it, cause James Dowglas or som of your own Secretaryis to wryt them out in a better hand.

If this succed not, and that your Lordship see no certanty how I falbe payed this way, I wold wische to be assigned to the moneyis of Edinburgh, for thei pay ten thowfand lib. yeerly, qhair of three yeeris ar to cum, and for discharging som profitis thair of I wold look to be advanced by them, at least, haif these to qhom I am indebted tak to thair payment: and for this a new precept must be to the Thesaurer to assigne your Lordship to thair moneyis, in respect of your disapointment in the other precept. If Mr Jhon Hay be not cummed away, your Lordship may in this case talk with him thair of, and mak him your Lordship's agent to resais the sam, as Sir James Balye wes in the other; but I must remit al this to your Lordship's care and judgment, that knowis qhat is best in the erand. I had thoght to haif sent a fervant to attend this as I wrote last, but seing that wold haif ben chargeable, and that I found my Lord Register careful ynough to haif satisfieit me if he had cummed speed himself, I forbear to fend any. I wil not meddle in thair matteris, but it seemis to many that my Lord Marquis his precept myght haif ben satisfieit with lesse noyse and more speedily. I look to hear in this busines from your Lordship qhat I sal look for.

As to these thingis I wrote last of to his Maiestie, the clamoris continue in this countrey, and ar fosterit by malcontentis. They haif written to me from the west partis to conven the Bischops and the specialis of the Ministrie to conferre vpon the appearing dangeris to religioun; but I haif disswaded this, and written bothe to them, and al the partis of the countrey, that thei tak matteris not rightly, and warned them to be quyet and attend thair callingis. We are ane il disposed people, and so can not but expect som great mischeif. I pray God save his Maiestie from thair wischis, and gif ws to enioy him long, and blisse your Lordship with al happines. So I rest

Your Lordship's affured good freind,
to be commandit at power,

Darfy, the 16 Sept. 1622.

SANCTANDREWS.

My Lord, I haif fent your Lordfhip the very writ that Archbald with his own hand fent to me; qhair of the firft is to contain his name; the fecond is a warrand to delyver the money to me: your Lordfhip wil eafily tak vp how thei ar to be written over, if yow find my Lord Marquis willing vnto it.

To my very honourabill good Lord, my
Lord the Vifcount of Annand, gentle-
man of his Maiefties Bedchamber.

CCCCXLII.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO MR ROBERT
BOYD OF TROCHRIG.

LOVING BROTHER,

While I was purposed to draw you to Saint Andrews, and had written to my Lord Bifhop of Argyle, your cufine, to that purpofe, I have heard of a treaty the Town of Edinburgh have with you for thair College,¹ and am forry to have failed of my own purpofe. I fuppofe I muft ever prefer the weil of that houfe of Edinburgh to all other, and fo will not envy them that happinefs. Now being required to confent to your plantatioun there, I have taken occafion to advertife his Maiefty of the Town's defire, for I know his Maiefty was fomewhat difpleafed with your remove from Glasgou, taking it to have proceeded on your part on thir late introduced Rites in our Church, wherwith as no man of your understanding can be much moved, fo I am of opinion that the

¹ On the 18th October 1622, Boyd was elected by the Provost and Magistrates of Edinburgh to be Principal of their University, "vacand be dimiffion of Mr Patrik Sandis, lait Princippal thair of." But having manifested no greater difpofition to Conformity this year than in 1621, his election was not approved of by his Majesty, who, by his warrand, commanded the Magistrates to urge Boyd either to conform, or to expel him from his place; and, on the laft of January 1623, he resigned the office *simpliciter* in the hands of the Provost. The Life of Boyd, in Wodrow's Biographical Collections, printed by the Maitland Club, extends to pp. 361, in 4to, and includes a number of interesting letters from persons of note.

fight of your conformity with thofe worthy men that are pafors there may be a great occafion of fetling the people in their doubts, and draw our Bretheren to that confent which is meet to be in our Church ; and in that refpect, I muft be earneft with you not to fhew yourfelf difficil where you may be the occafion of fo great a good, both to the Church in general, and to that City in particular. Neither will I at this time labour to move you by any perfuafions that I can give, feeing your own mind does tell you what an ill it is to impropriate thofe gifts wherewith God hath bleffed you to yourfelf, being conferred for the ufe of others, and upon fuch occafions as thofe that have troubled us thefe years paf, to draw back and feperat. I know you yourfelf will not efteem it lawfull. To end therfor, that this begun bufinefs may happily proceed at the return of his Maiefty's good pleafure, and that your entry with thofe worthy men, your colleagues, may be fuch as the happy peace that is amongft them may continue, I fhall befeech you to difpofe your mind and affections to embrace the fervice which to God's Church may be profitable, and fo for the prefent I ref,

Your affectionat Brother,

SAINT ANDREWS.

Dairfie, the 17 of October 1622.

To my very reverend and loving Brother,
Mr Robert Boyd of Trochorege.

CCCCXLIII.—MR ANDREW DUNCAN, MINISTER OF CRAIL, TO THE
ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS, WITH THE ANSWER.

MY LORD,

It micht be fupponed that, feing I haue bein fa many yeiris vnder censure of banifhement and imprifonment, I micht now at laft, in my auld dayes, luik for fum pitie and eafe ; and fo meikle the rather in

refpect that favour is now extendit to enemies of the trewth and estaitt, commandement beand gevin out to fett thame at lairge out of thair wardis and prifonis. We that ar Chrifteis fervandis and minifteris then nicht be worthellie blamit, if we expectit les nor thefe haue already obtenit. I muft thairfoir requeift it wald now at laft pleas you no to truble me altho I go and ferue my Maifter in that calling he hes fett me in. King Adonibezekis judgement fould affray merciles fawllis. Hall binkis ar fliddrie, ye know, and earthlie courtis ar kittill, and kingis minions ar fett vp on heigh skelffis, bot flipperie and dangerous. I haue fein one richt high mounted in your roume and cours, that gatt a foull and schamefull fall. Pittie your poore faull, and luik vp to Him that can doe this; the Michtieft. I befeik yow remember ye haue ouerthrawn my pure estait; bot quhat rek of that? Ye haue hinderit Godis wark to be done in many and many places. The Lord of Heaven giue yow remors. I befeik yow, as ye tender your awin faluatioun, play no more the burrio vpoun your Brethrenne: that is the Devillis pairt. Returne, amend, and difappoint many. If ye pertain to God, thir lynes will doe yow no ill. God mak yow feik mercie, and mend.

Yours to be commandit in all gude,

ANDRO DUNCANE,
Minifter of Chrifit Jefus att Craill.¹

Anfruther, 23 October 1622.

I befeik yow for anfwer with the beirar.

(The Bifhop's anfwer vpoun the taile of the letter, efter the Minifter's fubfcriptioun, with the Bifhop's awin hand:—²)

¹ Duncan was admitted Minister of Craill, in September 1597, and was one of the banished Ministers in 1606 (see No. XVIII.) During his banishment and confinement his place as Minister of that parish was supplied by his colleague, Mr William Murray.

² This letter is directed on the back thus—"To the Bischop of St Androis, this be de-lyverit in hand."—It is indorsed,—“Copy of Mr Andro Duncanis letter sent to the Bishop of St Andrews, with the Bishop's answer writtin at the taill thereof. 1622, October.”

BROTHER,

I am forie to fie yow infit in your follies. Our Kirk hes not neid of fuch spreittis, especiallie at this tyme. Ye fall do weill to be quyett, leaft ye fall in the handis of wors burriois then I haue bein. I mynd to die without remors for ony thocht or deid I hawe ever had or kythed to yow or ony of the Brethrenne. I returne yow your awin lettre to feid vpoun. Fareweill.

(And having inclofit the lettre in a new fauld, the Bifhop wrytes with his awin hand thus :)—To Mr Andro Duncane at Anfruther.

CCCCXLIV.—HIS MAJESTY'S MISSIVE TO THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL.

Apud Edinburgh, xiiij Novembris 1622.

Sederunt—

CHANCELLER.	L. ERSKINE.	CRAIGTOUN.
THESAURAIR.	MR OF ELPHINSTOUN.	INNERTEILL.
B. ST ANDROIS.	MR OF JEDBURGH.	MR ROBERT SPOTTISUODE.
MORTOUN.	PREUIE SEALE.	MR PETER ROLLOK.
GLENCAIRNE.	MARCHINTOUN.	CONSERUATOUR.
WYNTOUN.	ADUOCAT.	SIR JOHNNE SCOTT.
LOTHEANE.	RIDHOUS.	
MELROS.	FOSTERSAIT.	

The quhilk day the letter vnderwrittin, figned be the Kingis Maieftie, and directit to the Lordis of Secreit Counsell, wes presentet to the faidis Lordis, and red in thair audience; off the quhilk the tennour followis :—

JAMES R.

Right truftie and right weilbelouit Counfellour, and right truftie and right weilbelouit Cofines and Counfellouris, We greete yow weele.

Vnderftanding that vpoun aduerteifment frome henfe of the courfe which We laitlie tooke concerning the Papiftis in this Oure kingdome, fome too bauld thair to iudge of Oure intentions haue idlie imagined the fame for a begynning of a further purpois in Ws to tollerat or grant libertie of confcience, and that the rumour, or foolifhe apprehenfion thairof, hes gevin occafion bothe to Papift and Puritane to tak hairt, and beyond thair accuftomed maner to grow infolent, the one vainlie boifting of the faid pretendit libertie, and the other, with a feameing feare thairof, cloaking his difobedyence, and fhowing himfelf moir then heirtfoir wywarde and auerfe to conformitie : Albeit, God knowis, that quhat proceedit in that courfe concerning the Papiftis heir wes without ony fuche intention, and groundit vpoun goode and approuable reasonis of State, in the deepe and miferie quhair of euery man is not to diue nor wyde, and that Oure awne confcience bearing Ws witnes, yee yourfelffis knoweing by daylie experiance, and Oure Workis manifefting to the world that Our conftancie euer hes bene, and ftill is, in Oure profeffioun. We can not thairfoir yneugh maruell how ony of Oure fubiectis, of whatfomeuir profeffioun, can be poffeft with fo iniuft ane opinioun of Ws : yitt, neuertheles, feeing We ar informed how far the fame hes preuailed, or rather is pretendit by thefe enemyis to religioun and good order, to the greif of otheris Oure goode fubiectis, We haif thought fitt, for remeid thereof, to will and requyre yow by thefe presentis ferioullie to aduife and refolue with the Archiebifhop of St Androis, and fuche otheris as fhall chance to be present of the Clergye, vpoun the beft and speedieft courfe yee can conclude and intend for confirmeing and encourageing of goode profeffouris, alfweele by curbing of infolent Papiftis as difconforme Preachouris, whose diftraftioun and wilfull difobedyence to thair Ordinaryis is the mayne and cheif occafion of the increfe of Poprie thair ; nather is thair ony better meane to explode and hold oute the commoun enemy, and repreffe the lowfnes of licentious libertines, then that geuing dew obedience to thair fuperiouris, and conformeing thamefelffis to the lawis of Oure Church and State, thay joyne and concurre togidder in vnitie and concord, for the maintenance and advancement of trew religioun and pietie : And thairfoir, as We defire yow the more earniftlie in Oure name to require the faid Archiebifhop to vrge the faid Conformitie, and

to recommend to the rest of his colliguis the lyke instance, for obteneing the same in thair feuerall Dioecsis, So it is Oure speciall pleasour that, according to Oure mony formair letteris, thay proceid with all cair and diligence, not onlie to tak notice of Apostatis and Papistis falling away from the trewth, vsing thair best meanes ayther to reclame thame frome thair errour, or censure thame according to the Church Discipline, bot lykewayis that, aboue all, thay mak diligent searche and tryall through thair whole Dioecsis for discouerie and apprehensioun of Jesuites, and other Messe Preistis, that so thay may be maid lyable to Oure lawis; and incaise it fal happin ony Papistis to be apprehendit, who vpoun pretence of the said libertie, haue done or committis ony insolent thing, It is Oure pleasour that, after dew and laughfull tryall thairoff, thay be the so mutche the more stricte and seueirly punished, to the exemple and terrour of otheris: For affecteing whereof, and of the whole premisses, not doubting bot yow will contribute youre best counsell, ayde, and assistanco, from tyme to tyme, as occasioun shall require, in that assureance, We bid yow fairweele.

From Our Courte at Hincheingbrooke,
the penult of October 1622.

To Oure right trustie and right weilbelouitt
Counsellour, Sir George Hay of Kin-
fawnis knight, Oure Chancellor, and to
Oure Right trustie and weilbelouit Co-
fines and Coufellowis, and otheris Oure
trustie and weilbelouit Counsellouris, the
Earlis, Lordis, and remanent of Oure
Preuie Counsell in Oure Kingdome of
Scotland.

Quhilk letter being red, hard, and confidderit be the saidis Lordis, and thay acknowlegeing the Kingis Maiesteis most religious and vpriht dispositioun towardis the advancement of the trew Religioun and suppressing of Poprie, thay ordanit the copie of the said missive letter to be

delyuerit to the said Archiebifhop of St Androis, and requiefted him to haif a cair to gif vnto his Maieftie fatiffactioun thairin.

CCCCXLV.—ACT OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

Apud Edinburgh, Vigesimo primo die Nouembris 1622.

Sederunt—

CHANCELLAIR.
 THESAURAR.
 B. S^r ANDROES.
 B. GLASGOW.
 MORTOUN.
 GLENCAIRNE.
 LOWTHLANE.

MELROS.
 B. ABERDEENE.
 MERCHESTOUN.
 PRIVIE SEALE.
 CLERK REGISTER.
 ADUOCAT.
 KILSAYTH.

RIDHOUSE.
 INNERTTEILL.
 CRAIGTOUN.
 M^r ROBERT SPOTTISWOD.
 M^r PETER ROLLOK.
 CONSERUITOUR.

*Charge anent Mr Andro Duncane.*¹

FORSAMEIKLE as the Lordis of Secreit Counsell ar furelie informit that Mr Andro Duncane, who for his difobedience to Ordouris of the Kirk wes lawfullie and worthilie de pryued frome his Ministrie, and confyned within a certane boundis, and for not keeping the limitis of his confynning wes denuncit rebell, and put to the horne, and remanes therat as yit vnrelaxed, does not onlie haunt and frequent in all partis of the cuntrie at his pleafour, bot of late has most contemptuoufflie intrude himself in the kirk and pulpet of Carrail, as if he wer a lawfull Minister, and intendis furdere to disturbe the peace of that kirk, and to obtrude himself upon the present Minister thereof, without remeid be

¹ At the same meeting of Privy Council a charge was given to the Sheriff of Renfrew to search and apprehend "Allane Hamilton of Ferguslie, ane excommunicatt traffiquing Papist, and who is denunceit rebell and putt to the horn for that cause," yet who, as they admitted, "hauntis, frequentis, and reparis publictlie and avowedlie in all partis of the cuntry at his pleasour, and by reasoning, and vtherwayes, does what in him lyes to divert his Maicsteis good subiectis both from the trew Religioun and frome thair obedience to his Majestic," &c.

provydit: Tharefore Ordanis letteris to be direct chargeing the Proveist and Baillies of Carrail to impede and stay the said Mr Andro from furdur intruding himself in the kirk and pulpitt of Carrail, and from preaching therin; and if he fall presume or preasse to preach in the said kirk at anie tyme heerafter, or enter in the pulpit for that effect, That they apprehend his persoun, and exhibite him before the saidis Lordis, to be tane ordour with and punished for his contempt and disobedienc, as appertainis, vnder the paine of rebellious, and putting the saidis Proveist and Baillies to the horne, with certificatioun to them, and they failyie or doe in the contrare, that letters fall be direct *simpliciter* to putt them to the horne, and to escheit, &c.

CCCCXLVI.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF GLASGOW TO THE VISCOUNT OF ANNAND.

MY WERIE HONORABIL GOOD LORD,

Vpone the nynt of this instant, the Earle of Melros and I, in prefence of Robert Mackbrair and Robert Phillip, did agree with Mr David Roggers for ane take to your Lordship of the whole personage teinds of the parish of Sainct Mungo¹ vpon ther conditions, that your Lordship shall pay wnto him and his successeurs thrie hundereth pound yeirly betuixt Zuile and Candelmes, the first yeirs payment to be betuixt the said termes, in the yeir ane thousand sex hundereth tuintie thrie; nixt, that your Lordship shall build the quyre of the said kirk when ye shall be requyred be the Bisshoppe of Diose, and wphold the famine in tyme cumming; and last, that your Lordship shall releive the Persone and his successeurs of all taxations and impositions to be laid vpon the said personage. We agreed also for the help of his povertie, and in the regaird of the commoditie which your Lordship will finde be the said take, vpon ane grassume of sex hundereth merks to be payed to the Minister at the subserying of the take. As for my consent

¹ The parish of St Mungo is in the Presbytery of Lochmaben. Mr David Rodger was translated from the united parishes of Dalgarnok and Cloisburne to St Mungo and Tundergarth between 1608 and 1615.

as patrone, I shall subscribe the take this day or the morne when it shall be presented, wishing that I had some matter of greater importance and commoditie for your Lordship, to testify my willingnes to serve your Lordship.

Thair is ane buik wreatin be Mr Tilen,¹ and dedicated to his Majestie, wherein he hath done great wrong to Mr Cameroune, as I doubt not bot his Majestie knoweth it weil. Efter the reading and consideration wherof, I advyfed Mr Cameroune, in all humilitie and submissione, to wreat ane letter to his Majestie for clearing of him self of such aspersions and imputations as Mr Tilen hath calumniouffie and, as appeirs, maliciouffie layed vpon him; which letter your Lordship will be pleased to receive and delyuer to his Majestie² when ye thinke tyme. Mr Cameroune is much greived with it, and can not be comforted wntill he be assured that his Majestie will not be moved to thinke so of him as the other wreates.

I can not ommitte to testify the trew affection which Mr Walter Quhyteford caireth constantlie toward your Lordship's service and honour, and with all to recommende him to your Lordship's favour and caire, as one who is worthie to be preferred when any place shall be woyde, and who by his wisdom and caire hath alreadie brought all the Ministers in Annandaill to conformitie and obedience. Thus, wishing good health and all happienesse to your Lordship, I rest.

Your Lordship's assured to serve yow,

Edinburgh, the 13 December 1622.

JA. GLASGOW.

Quhen any kirk at his Majesties gift or myne shall waike, I shall be myndefull and cairfull for the Minister of Lacmaben, otherwayes I can

¹ Daniel Tilenus, of Silesia, an Arminian divine, with whom Cameron, in 1620, had held a disputation, at Orleans, which lasted for five days, on the doctrines of grace and free-will. This was published at Leyden in 1621, under the title of "Amica Collatio."

² The letter referred to is printed in Jo. Cameronis Opera, p. 713, and in the Abbotsford Miscellany, vol. i. p. 115.

hardlie helpe him, for other patrones presentis thair owen freindis and fuch as they please.

To the richt noble his werie honourable
good Lord, My Lord Wicount of
Annan.

CCCCXLVII.—ACT OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

Apud Edinburgh, xxij Januarij 1623.

Act in fauouris of Williame Laing.

FORSAMEIKLE as Don Carlos Colonia, Ambaffadour for the King of Spayne, having established Williame Layng in Aberdeene his Agent in this Kingdome in all thingis concerning the said King of Spayne his service, The Kings Maiestie hes beene thervpoun pleafit, by his letter vnder his hand and signet, to will all his Maieftis subiectis of this Kingdome, of quhatsoever estate or degree they be, to acknowledge the said Williame for fuch a perfoun: And heirwithall to prohibite and difcharge all his Maieftis Judgis, Ecclesiasticall or Civile, to molest the said Williame, or anie of his familie, for mater of religioun, he in all vther thingis behaving himself as a dewtifull subiect; as his Maieftis said letter, bearing date at Quhytehall, the tenth day of Januar instant, and presentit and exhibite be the said Williame this day before the saidis Lordis, at lenth beares. Quhilk letter being red and confiderit be the saidis Lordis, They ordaine all his Majefteis subiectis whome it concerneth to conforme them selves and give obedience thervnto.

*Extractum de libris Actorum Secreti Consilii,
S. D. N. Regis, per me Jacobum Pryme-
rose, Clericum ejusdem sub meis signo et
subscriptione manualibus.*¹

¹ The above official attestation is strangely enough ingrossed in the Register of the Privy Council (fol. 115), from which it professes to be an extract; but instead of erasing

CCCCXLVIII.—THE ARCHBISHOPS OF ST ANDREWS AND GLASGOW
TO HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED AND GRATIOUS SOVERAIGNE,

The troubles made to the Bifchope of Caithnes by the Earle of that countrey,¹ who liveth subjeēt to no law, and debarreth him of his rent and living, hath broght him to fuch neceffitie, that we ar forced humbly to meane his eftate to your Majestie; especiallie at this time when he is charged and forced to pay taxatioun whereof he cannot get that reliefe which other Prelats haue, nor enjoy any of his owne rent, and that by reason of the disorder of that parte of the countrey by the Earle thereof, and his evill example; fo vnleffe some courfe be taken to render the Earle obedient, and to fupplie the Bifchop's neceffities and burthens, he will be forced to quite his place and charge. His humble fupplication to your Majestie is, that vnto fuch time he may be poffeffed peaceable in his owne, your Majestie wold be gracioufflie pleased to direct the Collector of Taxatioun to let him haue repetition of that which he hath beene alreadie forced to giue out and pay, and may be fred of the rest of the termes payment following, which tho' it be great for him to be burthened with, yet in it felfe it is but fmall, amounting in whole to

these words, a verbatim repetition of the Act immediately follows, of course omitting this superfluous addition. The King's letter, however, is not inserted, which granted a toleration to a Roman Catholic and his family, on the ground of his being a kind of political agent for the Spanish Ambassador.

¹ The Privy Council, on the 23d January 1623, issued a Proclamation against the Earl of Caithness, in consequence of his rebellious proceedings; and this is reiterated at a subsequent meeting of the Council, on the 11th February. Part of it may be quoted, in reference to these complaints on behalf of the Bishop:—"Bot the further that his Majestie extendit his favour towardis him (the Earl of Caithnes) he became so much the more ungrait and undewtifull, in so farre as he not onlie continewit as he does yit in his rebelloun, bot with that he hes thir diverse yeares bygane seased upoun the Bishop of Caithnes his whole estate and living; for the quhilk he is six or seven tymes denuncit rebell and putt to the horne; and to the further contempt of his Majestie he hes usurpit upoun him the places of judicatorie, within the saidis landis," &c.

litle more then two thousand merks: And we hauing considered his distresse herein, were moued to joyne our humble petition with his owne, and to mak bold humblie to entreate your Maiestie for his help, and for your Maiesties speciall warrant to the Collector hereanent for his supporting, till such time as that parte of the countrey may be quieted, and he may haue recourse to his living. For this oure boldnesse we humbly beseech your Maiesties gracious pardon, and so humblie tak our leaue.

Your Maiesties most humble and obedient seruatoris,

Edinburgh, 8 February 1623.

SANCTANDREWS.

J.A. GLASGOW.

CCCCXLIX.—THE BISHOP OF CAITHNESS TO HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES.

MOST GRATIOUS AND SACRED SOUERAIGNE,

The disorder of that part wherein your Maiestie was pleased to preferre me hath so frustrat me of my small rent, and made me so vnable to serue into my place, that I am redacted to such extremitie, that unlesse I be otherwise helped, I willbe forced to quit my place. This hard estate vnder the which I am broght compelleth me to haue my recourse to your Maiesties most gracious fauour and care as to my only refuge, that your Maiestie wold be gratiouly pleased to mak me some reliefe for supporting of my present necessities. That till the time the Earle of Cathnes and that part be reduced to some better obedience, and till that lytle thing I haue in that part be better secured to me, and may saiffy resort there, I may be so a lytle helped by your Maiestie for the present, that with some greater ease I may patientlie abide a better settling by your Maiestie. They that wer before me in that place had often experience of your Maiesties bountie in this kind, wherof I shalbe verie loth to mak any custome. For this my boldnesse, and this

my first petition, I most humbly craue your Maiesties pardon, and humbly tak my leaue.

Your Maiesties most humble and
obedient seruant,

JO. B. OF CATHNES.

Edinburgh, Februar 8, 1623.

To the King's most excellent Maiestie.

CCCCL.—THE EARL OF MELROS TO HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOUERANE,

The letter writin by James Douglas, by youre Maiesties direction, to the Lord Chancelar and me, aduertising ws of his Highnes suddaine journey to Spaine, being sent by my Lord Chancelar to me, I no sooner vnderstood thereby your Royall pleasure that finister rumours of that vnexpected resolution might be suppressed, and als litle speech of it disperfed as could be, but foreseeing that sermons were to be made the next day, in all the Churches of this towne, I presentlie sent for Maister Williame Struthers, and directed him to warne all his colleagues to forbear all mention of that mater, till, by better occasion of knowledge of your Maiesties will, they might vnderstand how to behaue themselves dutifullie, in a pourpose of such moment. And incontinent thereafter, I dispatched to the Archibishops, to tak the like order with the Ministers of there prouinces, which wes all, that, in a case so much perplexing my mind, I could conceiue to be most fit to effect your Maiesties pleasure; albeit I feare it fall not wourk so fullie as I could wish, because of the abuse of the posts, of whose slownesse I haue many times compleaned, hes, in this occasion, anfuered my apprehension: for that letter sent to ws, being directed from Newmarket, by packet, for life, the 21 of February, at eight at night, came not to me till the first

of March at fix at night, the information of his Highneffe journey being knowne heir tuo dayes fooner, alswell by letters from London, as by relation of fuch as came from London to this towne by fea, by which meanes the rumour being fo disperfed, nothing now refeth, but to make the beft constructions that may be thoght of, till we fall know your Maiefties particular directions, which I humblie defire may be with diligence. And in the meanetime, I fall adde to my inceffant prayeris for your Maiefties long and constant prosperities, my faithfull and heartie petitions to God, that his Highneffe journey, fraughted with our feares for the great. trauell and manifold dangers incident to that paffage and returne, may tend to his honour and fafetie, and your Maiefties contentment, and fall, till my death, remaine

Your facred Maiefties moft humble, faithfull,
and bund fubiect and feruant,

MELROS.

Edinburgh, 3 March 1623.

To the Kings moft facred Maieftie.

CCCL.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF GLASGOW TO HIS MAJESTY KING
JAMES.

MOST GRACIOUS SOUERAIGNE,

Maie it please your Sacred Maieftie: The Bifhop of Cathneffe is fo diftreffed by want of paiment of the rent of his poore benefice, and the heauiie burden of the Taxation for which he is charged termely by your Maiefties Thefaurer and his Deputyes, and of the which he can haue no reliefe of the tenentis and takfmen of his Bifhopricke: The Earle of Caithneffe pretending to haue right, and being in poffeffion of the moft and beft part of the lands and tithes of the faid Bifhopricke, that he may hardlye maintane his priuat eftate, much leffe be able to

ferue your Maiestie, and attend his Dioceffe in that dignity and place to the which your Maiestie hath graciouslie preferred him. In regard whereof I doe most humbly entreat your Maiestie (as my Lord of St Andrewes and I did in our former letter), that your Maiestie would be pleased to graunt a special warrand and direction to my Lord Treasurer to exempt him from paiment of the Taxation imposed vpon him for all termes preceeding and to come, resting vnpaid by him, and that your Maiestie would be pleased to direct and command James Douglas to send downe the same in haist, that the Bishop be not denounced to the horne, who is not able to pay. Thus humbly crauing your Maiesties pardon for this my boldnesse, and beseeching Almighty God to bleffe your Maiestie with good health, long life, and all happinesse, I rest,

Your Maiesties most humble subject and seruant,

JA. GLASGOW.

Aprile 15, 1623.

To the King his most excellent Majestie.

CCCCLII.—THE EARL OF MELROS TO HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOUERANE,

The necessitie of my obedience to your Royall commandement forces me to giue your Maiestie an accompt of the order obserued in this towne at Easter, not so gracious as I wished. The Ministers haue all done there dutie. Maister Andro Ramsay preached vpon Good Fryday, vpon the First Epistle of Saint Peter, 2 chept. 24 verfe. Maister John Guthrie, on Setterday, vpon the sixt verfe of the 26 Psalme; and Maister Patrik Galloway, vpon Easter, his text being the 23, 24, 25, and 26 verses of the 11 chep. of the First to the Corinthians; all of them verie worthelie, according to the time and holie subiects

wherof they had to entreat. The number of communicants wes small; no frangers, few of the townes people of good fort. The greateft part receiued kneeling, following the exemple giuen by the Minifters, and by your Maiefties Thefaurar-deput, Aduocat, and me. Maifter Patrik difcreitlie moued fome to kneel who offered to haue done otherwayes, but findrie of the bafe fort, and fome wemen, not of the beft, did fit. In the Colledge Church I heare by them whom I caufed attend, that the number of communicants far exceiding that of the Hie Church, verie few of them kneeled. Maifter William Struthers, who preached vpon Eaſter day, vpon the 25 verſe of the 11 chept. of the Firſt to the Corinthians, and Mr John Maxwell, who aſſiſted him in the celebration, receiued vpon there knees, but verie few did imitate them.

It is neither the Biſchops nor the moſt part of the Minifters fault that better obedience is not giuen, bot we haue a number of ignorant and peruerſe people, who *in vetitum nituntur*; and if withowt offense I may ſpeake, I beleue that time and conuenience fall preuaile more to reduce them to conformitie nor fuddane or vehement inſtance, the multitude of the auerſe appearing to require *vt quod a multis peccatur impune paulisper ſit*, leaſt the ſcandall and difficultie of the remede ſould be more hurtfull nor the toleration for a ſhort ſpace; the trouble of a rascallic multitude for a ſubiect which is pretexted with conſcience, not ſeeming reaſonable, which I humblie ſubmit to your Maiefties moſt excellent wiſdome: And, begging pardon for my preſumption, I beſeech God long to faue and proſper your Maieſtie with health and perſite contentment, I reſt

Your ſacred Maieſties moſt obliſhed, humble, and
obedient ſubiect and ſeruant,

MELROS.

Edinburgh, 16th April [1623].

To the Kingis moſt ſacred Maieſtie.

CCCCLIII.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO THE VISCOUNT ANNAND.

MY VERY HONOURABILL GOOD LORD,

I refavit a letter from Mr Jhon Hay this day, qhairby he schewis me that he wes commandit by his Maieftie to defyre my Lord of Melroffe, the Proveft, Balyeis, and Counfal of Edinburgh, and my felf, to enquyre the true caufe of not keeping the feaft of Eaſter and Communioun, as thei oght to haif done in that Toun, and to advertiſe his Maieftie thair of. For my felf, I can gif the caufe without inquitoun, quich is ane obftinat purpoſe and reſolutioun in that people to hearken to no perſwaſioun that can be gifin them, nor to obey ony directioun that way. They haif alſe worthie men, that ſpeak alſe plainly to them as can be wiſchit, but nothing wil move; and I advertiſed your Lordſhip long ſince, that the Magiſtratis chuſit for this yeer wer not ſo ſet as to draw the people, either by their example or other means to obedience, as it hes proved. It wil not be amendit with reproofis or benefitis, qhair of the more thei get the worſe thei growe, as if his Maieftie culd not want thair ſervice. Qhat effectis haif appearit at this tym your Lordſhip, I doubte not, hes heard ere now. If they had had ſo muche affectioun to thair Prince as nature wold haif taught them, remembring qhair he wes, and the interteynement his Highnes hes found, thei wold haif kythit ſum more kyndnes, and not gifin ſo juſt caufe of greif to thoſe of his Maiefties Counfel. But I wil not medle with that. And for our Church materis, thei ar gone, vnleſſe another courſe be taken, and followit with authoritie; and I pray God the effectis yitt kythe not worſe. If his Highnes wer returnit, quich I truſt in God ſalbe ſhortly, I wold ſay it wer meet to tak ſum order with thingis that ar far amiſſe. This is al I can ſay of thoſe buſineſſis, qhair of I wryt more freely to your Lordſhip then perhaps men wold advyſe me; but I know your Lordſhip wil communicat them to his Maieftie only. For the remede, if his Maieftie defyre to know my mynd, I wil not ſpare to travel thither vpon his Maiefties directioun; but it paſſis our meanis and diligence to doe

more then we haif done. I pray God fend ws our Prince faif home, and gif his Maieftie to take thingis more patiently then thei requyre, and heerwith to blefs your Lordship with al happines. I reft,

Your Lordships ever affurit at power,

SANCTANDREWS.

Darfy, the 11 May 1623.

To my very honourabill good Lord,
my Lord Viscount of Annand.

CCCCLIV.—BERNARD LYNSDAY OF LOCHILL TO THE VISCOUNT
OF ANNAND.

RIGHT HONORABILL MY WERRY GUID LORD,

My best love rememberit. Pleis you to know that the Bifchope of Murray is depairtit this lyfe, and I dowt nocht bot ye know quhat guid feruice the Archedeane, my fonne in law,¹ hes doun, and I hoip will do to his Maieftie; as I think my Lord Bifchope of St Androis will tef-tifie to his Maieftie with his letter of recommendation, quhilk I hoip fall cum to his Maieftie and your Lordship werry fehortlie. Quherfoir, my requaift to your Lordship is to stand his guid freind, as I doubt nocht bot ye will do. My guid Lord, I requaift your Lordship to do me the favour to recommend my maift humble and dewtifull feruice to my moft gracious Soweraine Maifter, his Sacreit Maieftie; als I intreit you, at your convenient tyme, to commend me hairtly to all the nobilmen of the bedchalmer, and to all my camarades. Swa, praying God for our

¹ Jean, daughter of Bernard Lyndsay, was married to Dr Alexander Gladstones, Archdeacon of St Andrews: "1613, August 10. Mr Alexander Gladstanes, Arch-daine of St Androis, and Jeane Lyndsay," married.—(Kirk-Session Register of South Leith.) The above application was not successful, as Mr John Guthrie, one of the Ministers of Edinburgh, was promoted to the See of Murray.

noble Prince's happie returne, with his fweit Lady, committis you to God, and fall ever rest,

Your Lordships euer to be commandit,

B. LYNDESAY.

Leith, the 16 of May 1623.

To the richt honorabill his werry guid Lord,
my Lord Vicount Annen, gentilman of
his Maiefties bedchalmer.

CCCCLV.—THE BISHOP OF DUMBLANE TO HIS MAJESTY KING
JAMES.

MOST GRATIOUS SOVERAIGNE,

The estait of the Chapell Roiall being well foundit for the tyme be your Maiefties most worthie predeceffors, hes refautt fuche ruine fen the Reformation by most schamefull dilapidations, as hes bene feen be thofe that at your Maiefties command hes vifited the famin; for their wer foundit faxtein Prebendaries beyd the Deane, and nyne boyes, whilk had a reasonable provifion affigned them above thre thowfand fib. Scottifh money be yeir, whilk now will not be twell hundreth fibs. Scottis money yeirly. Your Maieftie hes fufficiently provydit the Deane his dutie, and for the prebendaries, what remedie can be had to recover ony pairt be law fall be affayed. The best meanes to fupplie the rest is by mortifieing of fome Church rent whilk is at your Maiefties gift as yit vndisponit to the vfe of the Chapell, for by this courfe your Maiefties patrimonie is not burdenit, and in the fearche of thefe Church levingis that remainis vnerecēt, the beirar, Mr James Law, hes made grit fearche, and taken panes to try owt the famin, with fome vther overtures for the bettering of the Chapell, whilk I wald your Maieftie might be pleafed to confider, and according as they or ony of them fall be

fund meit, to give way vnto them, in the mean tyme forbidding your Maiesties Commiffionars at home in Scotland to pas ony new grant of ony Church leving that is yit fre vndifponed, and commanding your Maiesties registers to be patent, for a more full inquiry and fearch of thingis of this kynd. It may schortly prove a perpetuall benefit to the Chapell, and full reparation of the famin, to your Maiesties perpetuall honor, who is and hes bene God's bleffed instrument to reftore the Gospell, whilk be dilapidations wes almost extinguisched. Thus wiffing your Maiestie a long and bleffed reigne, we rest,

Your Maiesties humil and obedient fubiectis,
the Prebendaris of your Chapell, and in their names,

AD. B. OF DUNBLANE,
Dean of the said Chapell.

Cannogait, the 17 of Maij 1623.

To his Sacred Maiestie.

CCCLVI.—MR JAMES LAW OF THE CHAPEL ROYAL TO HIS MAJESTY
KING JAMES.

WNTO your Sacred and most gracious Maiestie, humble meanes and fhawes your Maiesties most humble and obedient fubiect, MAISTER JAMES LAW.¹

That wher in the particulars which he is to propofe to your Sacred Maiestie concerning the weill of your Maiestie's Chappell Royall of Striueling, ther will diuers questiones refult, and it may be that maters be handled which may tend to the weill of Church and Commoun wealth, and your Maiestie's greit contentment: In doing wherof the petitioner may happilie be disguffed by diuers your Maiesties good

¹ See the preceding letter from the Bishop of Dunblane.

subiects ther who does not affect these bufineffes; Therfor moft humble creaues, that when opportunitie fhall offer, your Sacred Maieftie wold be pleased to incall him by Maifter James Galloway,¹ in whose fecrecie he does repose, and that he may haue accefs *cæteris remotis*.

To his Sacred Maieftie.

CCCCLVII.—INFORMATION ANENT HIS MAJESTIES CHAPELL ROYALL
IN SCOTLAND.²

KING JAMES THE FOURT, of gude memorie, in the year 1501, founded the Chapell Royall of Sterling, appointing be the fundation xvi Chanonis, nyne Prebendaries, and fax boyis, with yeirly rent as followis. The Fundation is confirmed be Popes Alexander and Julius.

The faxtein Chanonis, befyd the Deane (who had a rent of fyve hundreth merk affigned to him furth of thofe foundit and mortified revenues), ar these:

1. The Subdeane; his rent was the half of Kirk inner and Kirkowen in Galloway, which payit to him, befyd the fervice of the cure at the Kirkis, fourtein fcoir merkis yeirly, now payis only xl mark. Andro Cowper, brother to the late Bifhop of Galloway, is titular.

2. The Sacriften, who had the iuft vther half of the faidis Kirkis, payit of old as the vther dilapidat payis now, as the vther, xl mark yeirly. The faid Andro Couper is titular of this alfo.

3. The Chanter. 4. The Thefaurar. 5. The Maifter of the bairnis.

¹ He was the son of Mr Patrick Galloway, the King's Minister. In the year 1642 he became Master of Requests, and was knighted; and in 1645, he was raised to the Peerage by the title of Lord Dunkeld.

² This paper has no date, and may perhaps have been earlier than the accompanying letters, with which however it seems to be connected. The reference to Bishop Cowper, who died in February 1619, shows that it must have been subsequent to the appointment of his successor Andrew Lamb, who was translated in the course of that year from the See of Brechin to Galloway.

Eche one of these had in rent 100 lib. yeirly furth of S. Marie Kirk of the Lowis. One William Scot, that dwelleth in the border, is Chanter, who can not ferue nor will not reside. Mr Thomas Gray is Thesaurar, in lyk maner non resident, never comis to the Chapel. James Castellaw is Maister of the bairnis: he attendis dayly, bot the rent is diminifched to 100 mark, being first 100 lib.

The revenues of this Kirk ar fet in long taks to the Erle of Bakleugh, worth 2000 lib. yeirly.

6. The Chanceler his rent wes the Kirk of Southweik, whilk now the Organist hes: it payis 100 mark be yeir. It had also ane Kirk in Bute whilk now payis 50 mark be yeir, and the trumpeter Fergifon hes it. Thir ar called the fax dignities.

7. The Perfon of Kellis hes now 100 lib. yeirly. A child, Thomas Cowper, nevoy to the late Bifchop, is titular: can not ferve.

8. The Perfon of Balmaklellan hes only 50 mark. Patrik Dumbar, titular, attendis and is skilfull.

9. The Perfon of Glenwhom hes 50 mark, and hes sold it to my Lord Wigton. Vaikand.

10. The Perfon callit Air Primo hes 100 lib. yeirly. The foirfaid Andro Cowper titular of this also.

11. The Perfon of Alloway hes 80 mark yeirly; another child, James Cowper, nevoy to the late Bifchop, is titular, and can not ferve.

12. The Perfon of Dalmellinton hes 80 mark. Johne Gib, his Majesties fervant, is titular. No attendance.

13. The Perfon of Dalrumpill hes 50 mark. Andro Sinklar, titular, attendis and is skilfull.

14. Culton, now divyded betuix tuo Perfonis. The faid James Castellaw and Barnard Lyndefay his Majesties fervant, eche of them hes xl lib. yeirly. Barnard Lyndefay can not attend.

15 and 16. Creif, having tuo Perfonis foundit, the faid Mr Thomas Gray one, and a child callit Henry Mow the vther: eche of them hes 80 markis yeirly. This Kirk is fet in taks: it is worth 22 chalders yeirly by the vicarage. Thir ar the xvi Chanonis.

The nyn Prebendars ar,—fyve in Strabran, whairof the faid Patrik Dumbar hath one, and Stephan Tillidaf the vther four: ilk Prebendarie

is xx lib. yeirly. The vther four ar in Castellaw, whair of the faid James Castellaw hath one, William Duncanson, that dwelleth into Pole, another, and James Keith, who attendis, and is skilfull, the vther two. Thir Prebendis ar worth, eche of them, 35 mark yeirly.

The fax boyis had 90 markis among them, whair of their is none this day; and of all the xvj Chanonis and nyn Prebendis, only fevin attendis, and hes no meanes; so that only they sing the common tune of a psalme, and being so few are skarfe knowen.

Item, Thair is aikeris befyd Sterling called the Raploch, foundit and perteing to it, bot hes never payit this long tyme.

Item, 312 lib. yeirly, furth of Kintyr and Loquhaber, payit euer till of late yeiris.

Thir aboue written kirkis and rentis ar reknit in the Fundation to haue payit to the Chapell, then in the 1501 yeir, 2000 lib. yeirly, whilk is more then ten thowfand lib. now, and this day payis only twell hundreth lib., and most of it to non residentis.

Remedies.

First, To restore the 312 lib., whilk wes duly payit furth of Loquhaber and Kintyre furth of the Kingis duties, all the dayis of King James the Fourt and Fyft, and of late ceafed, these boundis ceasing to be euill, whilk now, bleffed be God, is vtherwayis, and fuld be restored.

Secondly, To assay be course of law, to repair the dilapidat estait of this benefice, diminution of rental being so evident, and be the lawis of Scotland a clear irritation of ane tak, befyd that these takis wanting the patron his consent (who is his Majestie), can not subsist; and to this effect, to writ to my Lord Advocat and Secretar to have a cair heirin, as of his Majesties proper service.

Thridly, Seing their hes bene mortified to the Chapell, befyd the aboue written rentis, evin in the fundation, the Pryorie of Restenot, the Prebendaries of Spot, Belton; Duns, Pinkarton, lyand within the College Kirk of Dumbar, Kinkairn in Mar; Pettie, Brachly and Duthell in Murray, Ellam and Cranschawis in Lammermuir; all thir ar contained in the fundation. Item, be Act of Parliament, the Pryorie of Colding-

ame is annex to the Chapell, of all whilk the Chapell hes nothing. To try (feing the titulars of the Chapell hes neuer renuncit thir kirkis and benefices) how they ar lost, and either be law or composition, some yeirly dutie may be had furth of them.

Laftly, If no better meanes can be had, a new Fundation must fupplie it, or els all will ceafe: and a howfe to the Dean to dwell in wald be giuen, or to pay the meill of it, as wes befor.

CCCCLVIII.—SIR ARCHIBALD NAPIER, TREASURER-DEPUTE, TO HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOVERANE,

There is com'd down, a litle before the ryfing of the Seflion, a Signature vnder your Maiefties hand of almost all the Chaplelanries, Prebendaries, Alterages, and other small Church livings within this Kingdome, mortified to the Chaple Royall. I have only feene and perused it; the Lord Thefaurer and Commiffioners of your Maiefties rents haue not yet feene it, and before the twenty of this month thay ar not to meet becaus of the vacation. Therfor I have taken the boldnes to humbly to entreat your Maieftie not to urge the paffing of that Signature before the Counfele day, which falbe on the twenty of Auguft instant, at what tyme the Commiffioners of your Maiefties rents will meet, and confider of your Maiefties difavantage, and other inconvenients that fall enfue if any be, for I doubt not but your Maieftie falbe earnestly follicited for that purpofe, the pretext being fo fair, and your Maiefties inclination fo pious. To provyde for the Chaple Royall in a large and ample meafure, is a good work, and worthye the care of fo gracious a prince, but to do it by this Mortification of all the Chaplelanries almost in Scotland, wherby most of your Maiefties greateft fubjects rights falbe queftioned, and your Maiefties own liberality to poore Students or Minefters alluterly reftreyned in this kynd, I kno not if eftir true information your Maieftie will think it fitt, efppecially when it may be done by mortificatione of them in a large meafure. So

humbly craving pardone for this boldnes which my duty enforces, I tak my leave, praying Eternall God long to preserve your Maiestie in all happines ouer ws.

Your Maiesties true and humble fervant,

ARCHIBALD NAPER.

Edinburgh, 1 August 1623.

To the Kings most excellent Maiestie,

CCCCLIX.—THE DEAN AND PREBENDARIES OF THE CHAPEL ROYAL OF STIRLING TO HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES.

SIR,—MAY IT PLEIS YOUR SACRED AND MOST GRATIOUS MAIESTIE,

Wee the Prebendares and remanent members of your Maiesties decayed Chapell Royall of Striveling,¹ esteiming it our greateft honor to be præferred to these places, and haveing with great penurie and lucta-

¹ The Chapel Royal of Stirling, at the desire of King James IV., was erected by Pope Alexander VI., in the year 1501, into a Collegiate Church. The Provost of Kirkheuch was constituted Queen's Confessor and Dean of the Chapel, with Episcopal dignity. This richly endowed ecclesiastical establishment, besides the Dean, consisted of sixteen Canons, nine Prebendaries, and six Singing-boys. After the Reformation, it had fallen into decay; but, in the year 1606, having been annexed to the Bishoprick of Galloway, its privileges were confirmed, and the place appointed to be "at Halyrudhous, within the Palice of the samyn," and called "His Majesties Chapell Royall of Scotland."

After the death of Cowper Bishop of Galloway, in 1619, the Deanery of the Chapel Royal was annexed to the See of Dunblane, and ratified by Act of Parliament, 4th August 1621. Previously, on the 8th March, at a meeting of the Privy Council, "compeirit Grissell Andersoun, relict of umquhile Williame Bishop of Galloway," and "produit and exhibit before the Lordis, the Bullis, Register, and Evidentis of his Majesties Chappell." These deeds, connected with the foundation and endowments of the Chapel, were delivered to Adam Bishop of Dunblane, "Dean of his Majesties Chapel;" and the Bishop's acquittance, with a copy of the Inventory (extending to four pages) is inserted in the minutes of Council on the 13th March 1621.

tioun served therein these six yeeres bygain (some haveing bot thrie punds Stirling be yeer, others no thing at all; the hail rent dew to ws all not exceiding ane hundreth merkis Stirling), being surelie informed be the Bishop of Dumblane, Deane of your Maiestie's Chapell, off your Maiesties royall and religious dispositioun for repaireing the breaches therof, can not bot give your Maiestie all hairtly thanks for the same, especially in such a tyme when the erecting of it finds so vniuersall ane oppositioun and contradicition of all sorts of people, from the heighest to the tumultuarie vulgar; and fall fend vp our daylie prayers to God for the long continuation of your Maiesties happie government and establisching of your hopefull posteritie; and so much the more, being now sensible of your Maiesties propense inclinatioun to re-erect the same by your Maiesties own hand, no less by doting therto a compitent maintenance then by building a princelie and glorious fabrick, when such is the iniquitie of tyme and aduerse disposition of many against works of this kynd, tho in them selfs most laudable, and the meanes projected the easiest course, with least hurt to the crown rent, as fall be veresfyed by most prægnaunt reasones; the particulares consisting in small benefices, chaplanries, and certane few dewties of kirklands of so litle valor, and so trublesome to be collected, that few or naine of them ar in vse to pey any dewtie in your Maiesties Exchecker, at the least haue bene of the nature of concealed dewties. And wheras it may be objected, that by this meanes your Maiestie binds vp your hands from benefiting your Maiesties seruands and childrein for their education at scooles, it is most certaine, wher ever one chaplanrie hes bene gifted to any persone of that qualitie, ther hes bene twentie gifted to other sort of perones, of whom we absteine to be critik censurares; and we ar confident that your Maiestie will rather bestow the same vpon such a publick and godlie work for your Maiesties own service, then vpon any such privat perones. Bot not being able to withstand so strong a pairtie, in whoes hands your Maiestie hes recommended the perfyting of our busines, wee tak the boldnes to flee to your Sacred Maiestie as the manteiner of your Maiestie's poor distressed seruands, humblie beseeching your Maiestie to give strait command to your Maiesties Thesaurar and remanent Commisionars to speedilie exped that which your Maiestie with your own hand

hes finnet, or els to provyd ws with a sufficient maintenance elfquhair, according to your Maiesties lait Foundation; otherwayes wee, your Maiesties humble servitoris, groaning and succumbing vnder our great burdings, will be forced to surrender and dimitt our giftes, places, and provisions in your Sacred Maiesties hands.

It is also humblie petitioned, that your Maiestie wold not onlie keip vp your Royall hand, bot also discharge your Maiesties Thesaurar to pas any signatours for confirmatioun of any taks formerlie sett of the rents and teithes of your Maiestie's Chapell, as wee shall particularlie informe your Maiesties servitour, James Douglas; becaus it is the opinion of Lawiers that without your Maiesties confirmation the taks will not subsist.

And also, that your Maiestie will be pleased to grant some support and remembrance to Maister James Law, who vpon his own expenffis repaired towards your Sacred Maiestie laitlie in the effaires of your Maiesties Chappell; and in token of our thankfulnes, wee shall publictly and privatly fend vp our prayers daylie to Almighty God (as of dewty wee ow) for your Maiesties long and happie regne.

Your Maiesties most humble and obedient
subiects and servitors,

RO. WYNRAM.	AN. COWPER.	AD. B. OF DUNBLANE,
M ^R JAMES LAW.	JAMES KEITH.	and Deane of the
J. LAURIE.	S. TULLIDEFF.	Chapell Roiall.
ROBERT ROS.	J. CASTELLAW.	WALTER TROUPE.
A. HAY.	M ^R JA. WELAND.	PATRIK DUNBAR.
RO ^T . WEIR.	HUMPHRAY WATSON.	JOHNE WATSONE.

Halirudhous, 5 August [1623.]

To the King his Sacred Maiestie.

CCCCLX.—MR JAMES LAW OF THE CHAPEL ROYAL TO HIS MAJESTY
KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED AND GRATIOUS SOVERAIGNE,

In your Maiesties audience at Windfore, vpon the sext day of Julij last bypast, wher I wes gratiouflic hard in the effairs of your Maiesties Chapell Royall, some litle twiching ane other purpose was expressed, and vpon the morne by wreat supplied, yet not so cleirlic bot that it is more then neidfull some farder wer hard for deteecting that which is evill, and proponing that which no doubt may proue profitabile for pace in the Church, and perpetuall strenthning your Sacred Maiestie and most hopefull Successioun. So that now I most hairtilie wisch and desyre yet once again, on my bended knees, to offer vp my old mit new stamp unto your Heighnesse graue confideratioun, that the same being put to tryell may (efter your Maiestie's princelie censure) proue no les fyned from impuritie then offerred with sinceritie; not doubting bot when your Maiestie will be pleased to call for me to Court, ordour will be takin that I receaue some reasonable supplie for my better addresse ther.

Efter my dispatch in the effairs of your Maiesties Royall Chapell, for expeding the same, I reteired my selff home, to my no small expenffis, wher wee receaue a vehement opposition of some to whom ar trusted the manadging of your Maiesties rents,¹ who vpon plaufible reafones and weak prætences (bot for their own priuat respects) labour in the very cradill to extinguisht that laudable work. In which case I can sufficientlie veresie against them all, that these proceidings do least tend to the hurt of the Crown rent or lieges; and will not be infeebled, bot think my self more then happie, if your Maiestie, confidering the equitie of the caus, by your own Sacred hand erecting that godlie work, winn to your Maiestie immortall gloir. So creaveing pardon for that wherin I

¹ The letter of the Treasurer-Depute, here printed as No. CCCCLVIII., affords some insight into the nature of this opposition.

may haue offended, I befeech Almichtie God to bliffe your Maieftie with all maner of happineffe.

Your Maieftie's moft humble and obedient fervand,

MR JAMES LAW.

Edinburgh, 14 Auguft 1623.

To the King his moft Excellent Maieftie.

CCCCLXI.—THE BISHOP OF DUNBLANE TO THE VISCOUNT OF ANNAND.

MY VERIE GOOD LORD,

My dutie remembrith. I did write to your Lordfhip vpon the refait of the fyue hundreth lib. fterling whilk his gracious Maieftie wes pleafed to fend vnto me. I think fuche a fowme came neuer in a better tyme; and the Lord euer bleffe his Maieftie who had that remembrance of his poore fervant. I know not, neither dois it befeeme me to inquire, anent that money; bot I muft hamely craue your Lordfchip's advyfe in this particular, and I befeik your Lordfchip to writ to me your answer. When I wes in England, his Maieftie did promeis to me the making of two Sergeants at Law, and I travelled with fome to that effect, with whom I covenanted, if they wer made Sergeantis be my meanes, they fuld geue me ellevin hundreth lib. fterling the peece, and the proiector a hundreth fib. of it for his paines. Now I haue refavit ane letter, that thefe fame men ar called to be Sergeantis, and hes refavit his Maiefties writ to that effect, and defyris me to writ to them anent that indenting. I befeik you to lat me know, If his Maiefties will is I be payit be that courfe or not? If it be, it will be to me a good weill and grit. If his Maieftie will not, far be it from me to offend his Maieftie in ony mater, having refavit his favor in a beginning (albeit, alace, it dois fmall to my burdenis), I will attend his Maiefties pleafure and lafar in the tyme

and maner and all; for I will not be taxed of avarice for all my wantis, and importune preasing so gracious a Sovereaine, of whose bountie I haue tasted. Albeit, if again Martimes I get not some farther, I will find truble again. As ever I may serve your Lordship, try if be that course of Sergeantis I may expect help or not, and advyse me, and if it may be had but offence, but not els, further it, and writ to me your Lordship's counsell, that I may fend vp my Sone, if neid beis, for I will not leave my charge. Thus, expecting your Lordship's answer, I rest

Your Lordship's in all dutie to my power,

AD. B. OF DUNBLANE.

Edinburgh, the 21 of August 1623.

To my very honorabill good Lord, my
Lord Vicecount of Annand.

CCCLXII.—PETITION OF MR ROBERT BRUCE TO THE LORDS OF
PRIVY COUNCIL.

MY LORDS OF SECREIT COUNSAILL,

Vnto your Lordships, humblie meanis and shawis, I, your seruitour MR ROBERT BRUCE, Minister, That quhair it pleased your Lordships, some [blank] monethis sence, or thairby, according to his Maiesties speciall warrand and directioun, To confyne and warde me within the Burgh of Innernes, and four myllis about the same, quhilk boundis I haif hitherto inviolable obseruit and keipit, and hes never transcendit the limitis thairof, bot hes behaved my selff with all dew respect and submissiue obedience to his Maiestie's Royall commandementes, Be reffoun of quhilk restraint and remaining within the said Burgh I have contracted havie disease and feiknes, quhilk hes so violentlie seased vpoun my aiged and infirme persone, that by humane conjecture thair is litle or no hoip of my recoverie. And whereas, lykewayes, through

occasioun of my removall and absence frome my awne house, I haif bene dishabled to intend to my awne estait and leving, and to improve the same to the best advantage; sua that the famyne hes bene altogether ouerseene and misgouernit, the most pairt thair of lyand waift, to my irreparable hurte and preiudice. Heirfoir, I befeik your Lordships, in consideratioun of the premifs, to freethe and releive me of my present warde and confyneing, and suffer me to repair and returne to my awne house for some certane space, to the effect I may haif the opportunitie to be consulted and aduyfed with Phisitianes anent the caufs and remedies of my diseafe, and resolue vpoun some good and solide course for the better ordering and managing of my estate and leving in tyme comeing, I finding caution to reenter in ward vpoun the expiratioun of your Lordships licence and warrand: And your Lordships anfueir humblie I befeeche.

[Indorsed.]

Apud Halyrudhouse, Decimo die Septembris 1623.

Fiat ut petitur This complenair finding caution for his reentrie in warde within the Burgh of Innernes betuix and the last day of Nouember: And in the meantyme, that he fall nocht preache, in his repairing towardis his awne house, nouthur during his remaning and aboade thairat, vnder the pane of tua thousand merkis.

GEO. CANCELL.

CCCCLXIII.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO THE VISCOUNT OF ANNAND.

MY VERY HONOURABIL GOOD LORD,

I haif, God willing, intendit to begin my journey towardis Courte, on Tuesday the 7 of October, qhair of I thocht good to advertise your Lordship, wisching of God we may haif a good and happie

meting, and that I may see that longit-for return of our Prince, quich
 wil not be heer belevit. So, til that tym, I rest

Your Lordship's ever affurit,

SANCTANDREWS.

Darfy, the laft September 1623.

To my very honourabill good Lord,
 my Lord Vicount of Annand.

CCCCLXIV.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO THE VISCOUNT
 OF ANNAND.

MY VERY HONOURABILL GOOD LORD,

I refavit this morning forrowful newis of my Lord of Craigtounis¹
 deathe: His Maieftie lackis a trew fervant, and one qho hes not left
 many the lyk behind. I cannot wryt qhat I wold for forrow; but
 am perfwadit, in respect of my Lord Chancellaris being on his journey,
 that his Maieftie wil keep that mater qhole to his Lordship's cumming;
 and it concernis his Maiefties service much that it be fo. I had ben
 two dayis advanced on my journey, but I muft bring Bernard Lyndfay
 with me; always, ten or twelf dayis I hope fal finishe it, and bringe
 me thither. Wisching your Lordship al happines, I rest

Your Lordship's most affurit ever,

Leyth, the 8 October 1623,

SANCTANDREWS.

To my very honourabill good Lord,
 My Lord Vifcount of Annand.

¹ Mr John Wemyss of Craigtoun, one of the Senators of the College of Justice: See
 note to No. CCCXII, p. 494. He is usually said to have received the honour of knight-

CCCLXV.—ACT OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

Apud Halyruidhouse, xij Octobris 1623.

FORSAMEKLE as it hes pleasit the Almightye God in his exceiding grate fauour and mercy towardis this Realme, to blisse the same with the most happie, comfortable, and faulf returne of the excellent Prince his Heynes,¹ for the quhilk, as it becometh all goode subiectis, in most submissive and humble maner, to acknowledge this so inestimable a benefit, quhairwith it hes pleasit the Almightye to comfort and blisse thame, so thay aucht to vtter and expres thair joy and thankfulnes by a solemne and publict thanks giveing to God: And for this effect to convene with thair pastour in the house of God, and thair to concure and joyne togidder, and in a most solemne maner to gif al honour, praise, and thankis to his Divyne Maiestie for this his grete kyndnes: And quhairas the Ministrie of this Burgh hes appoyntit the publict and solemne thankifgiving to be in the Grite Kirk this present day at three afternoone, Thairfoir ordanis heraulds and purssevantes to pas to the Mercat Croce of Edinburgh, and thair to mak publicatioun heirof: And to warne all the inhabitantis of the Burgh to repair to the Kirk at the ringing of the bellis, and with humble and thankfull haitis to praise and magnifie God for the premisses: And thairefter to maniefest thair hood, as stated in the note referred to; but no evidence appears in proof of this. The meeting of the Privy Council in which his name "Craigtoun" occurs for the last time in the Sederunt was the 1st August 1623; and in the proceedings of the 31st July, "Mr John Wemyss of Craigtoun" is specially named as one of the Commissioners who were appointed to examine and report on the adoption of the Latin Grammar of Alexander Hume.

¹ On the 19th of February 1623, Prince Charles embarked at Dover, and passing through France, arrived at Madrid on the 3d of March. His proposed alliance with the Infanta of Spain (which did not take place) was looked upon, says Calderwood, with fear and astonishment by "the whole Ile of Britaine, speciallie by the professors of true religion." On hearing of his return, the Ministers of Edinburgh convened, and appointed Mr John Guthrie "to preache in the Great Kirk after noone, that the people might convene, and give thanks to God. Efter sermon, there was shooting of ordinance, ringing of bells, setting on of bonfires, with the greater contentment that the Prince was not married upoun the daughter of Spaine."—(History, vol. vii. pp. 570, 580.)

joy and thankfulness be setting out of bonefyres, and making vtheris taikines of joy, as vfe is.¹

MELROS.

CCCCLXVI.—THE VISCOUNT OF LAUDERDALE TO THE VISCOUNT OF ANNAND.

MY VERIE HONORABIL GOOD LORD AND BROTHER,

The good proof your Lordship hath often giwen whatt place my requests hath fund with yow, makes me oftentimes more importunatlie to be urged to be a footer to your Lordship nor either reasone or discrezione can suffer me to obeye; howbeitt att this tyme I can not refusis to second ther entreatyes, who I know will be humble footers to your Lordship in the behalf of my Persone of Lauder, Mr James Burnett,² who defyreth be my Lord of St Androis (who I know can not in dewtye refusis anye of your Lordship's demandes) to be transported to the cure of the Kirk of Libbertoun, wher I am lykewayes a parishioner. The particular informatione I will remitt to his brother, your Lordship's servitor, Mr Robert Burnett, who att his laft cumming home delivered a letter of your Lordship anent your reductione against Harden, which I shall be verie cairfull maye goe right, and in everie thinge els shall be readie to difcharg the dewtye of

Your Lordship's most affectionat brother to serve you,

Edinburgh, 27 of November 1623.

LAUDERDAILL.³

To my verie honorabil good Lorde and
Brother, my Lorde Vicount of Annand, etc.

¹ This Act, with some verbal differences, is entered in the Register of the Privy Council, on the 13th October. Instead of the concluding words, "as use is," we find this addition, "according as the nature and circumstances of the caus, and thair bundin dewtie requiris."

² His name, as Minister of Lauder, occurs in the Book of Assignations for 1615.

³ John Lord Maitland of Thirlestane succeeded to that title in 1595, and was created Viscount of Lauderdale, 2d April 1616. He was admitted a Lord of Session in June 1618, and in March 1624 was created Earl of Lauderdale.

CCCCLXVII.—THE BISHOP OF GALLOWAY TO THE ARCHBISHOP OF
ST ANDREWS.

MOST REVEREND AND MY VERIE HONOURABLE GOOD LORD,

My heartiest salutations rememberit and to all yours: I hadē wrytten to your Lordship so soone as I came from Galloway, about some fourtein dayes since, bot I was still put in houp that your Lordship was on your way homeward, til this night, that Andro Hay hes shawen me that your Lordship is not as yit resolved nor ready to take journey. I haue no great matters to fash your Lordship with, only am I to testifie my myndfulnes of your Lordship, and to giue your Lordship many thanks for the kyndlie care your Lordship hade of me, and the grief your Lordship did conceaue of the malicious brute that some wicked perfons invented and spreade of my death. These are the fruites of the prætitendit zeale of that inuyful crew who laboures to get estimation to themselues through the disgracing of honest men. We haue bin nichtilie rejoyced at the good newes frequentlie reportit of our gracious Prince and all these that hes bin abroad with him, concerning their good carriage in their absence in matters of religion, and of their better confirmation in the trueth, and more zealous profession therof since their returne. Your Lordship's letter also to Mr William Struther was verie acceptable to the Ministrie heir about, and did confirme the good reports they hade heard, to their great contentment and of all that feares God and loues our gracious King and Prince. Long may your Lordship haue that good subiect to wryt of to vs, to abate a litle the too great pryde of our Papists, and to make our refractarie Brethren more plyable to conformitie and obedience to their King and their ordinaries. Our Church hes too long felt the smart of both their pryds, and except some good ordour be shortlie taken to bring both in ordor and vnder duety, there can be nothing bot loofnes and confusion in this Church. I wryt not this to informe your Lordship, who both knowes better, and better can resent this evil, nor any other amongst vs; bot because being lately and long inough in my Diocoeffe, I haue found the prooffe of con-

tempt of our authoritie, alſweil in the one fort as in the other, to my great miſcontentment and diſcouraging. I could not but acquaint your Lordſhip therewith, intreating your Lordſhip to conſider of it and to deale with his Majeſtie for amending of it, which thing is feared for the preſent, to be brought to paſſe be your Lordſhip's good travails and credit about his Majeſtie, of both theſe forts of peopill, and greatly wiſhed and houped for be all the weil affected to the reſtoring of our Church to foundnes of doctrine and conformitie in order and diſcipline, whoſe prayers are ſtill to God Almighty to moue his Majeſties heart therunto, and to grant your Lordſhip favor in his eyes to be the happie instrument of it. My Lord of Glaſgow hes bin heir ſhortſyne, and looked for letters fra your Lordſhip when others receaued, wherof his Lordſhip hade bin verie glade. His Lordſhip is returned to Glaſgow, and deſyred me to be his advertiſer if any word came fra your Lordſhip to him. If your Lordſhip be not ſhortlie to come away yourſelf, your Lordſhip will doe vs a ſingular pleaſure to reſreſh vs with your letters and ſuch occurrents as maiſt and beſt concernes the matters of our Church and State. As your Lordſhip hes occaſion, I will intreate your Lordſhip to remember my humbleiſt and heartieſt ſalutations and thankfull remembrance of their kyndnes and courteſies ſhawen vnto me, to my Lord his Grace of Canturberrie and my Lords of London and Exeter. So excuſing my tediousnes, efter my heartieſt prayers to God Almighty for his grace and bleſſing vpon yow and the Lordis good work in your Lordſhip's hands, I take my leaue of your Lordſhip till forder occaſion, and reſtes

Your Lordſhip's loving Brother
to ſerue your Lordſhip,

M. A. B. OF GALLOWAY.

Leith, the 11 of December 1623.

To the moſt reverend my verie honorable
good Lord, my Lord of St Androis,
att Court.

CCCLXVIII.—THE BISHOP OF GALLOWAY TO THE VISCOUNT ANNAND.

MY VERIE HONORABLE GOOD LORD,

Your Lordship hes certane lands and teynds of the Pryorie of Whithorne, possessit be the Goodwyf of Broughton and her husband, wherof I can get no dewty ather of few or tack, so that I am forcit to fummond all that hes interest to these lands, to sie their fewes reducit for not payment thir foure yeires bypast, since my entrie. Bot because your Lordship has interest in the matter, I haue stayerd to call the action, till I fould vnderstand of your Lordship if the richts of these lands doe still appertaine to your Lordship, or if they be disponed to the present possessors, that thereafter I may perfew for my saids dewties according as your Lordship shall think good and advise me. As for the teynds, they alleadge that your Lordship is takfman, and that they cannot be preassed for the teynd-dewty. They haue never payed any taxation of thir three termes, bot I haue bin forced myself to make payment for them. I haue caused my factor draw vp a roll of the dewties aughten me severally, and for what causes, which your Lordship shall find heir inclofit.¹ Efter your Lordship hes considered of it, I will intreate your Lordship to wryt back to me your mynd heir-anent. Whatsoever concernes your Lordship therein, doe in it at your Lordship's awin good pleasure. If the burthen of the payment of these dewties belonges to any other, it may please your Lordship let me be aduertified, that someway I may come to my awin. So, ceassing to fash your Lordship, efter my heartiest salutations, I recommend your Lordship to the grace and blessing of God, and restes

Your Lordship's affurit good friend to his power,

Leith, the 11 of December 1623.

M. A. B. OF GALLOWAY.

To my verie honorable good Lord, my Lord
Vicount of Annand, att Court.

¹ The paper referred to is not preserved with the letter.

CCCCLXIX.—MR WILLIAM WHITEFURD,¹ MINISTER OF MOFFAT, TO
VISCOUNT OF ANNAND.

RICHT NOBILL AND MY VERIE GOOD LORD,

Itt hath long bein my freinds defyr to have me removed from Moffett to some pairt more confortabill both to thame and to me. These fourtein yeirs I haue streavin, and am now wearie with the barbaritie of my nichtboures. The Kirk of Libbertoun, befyd Edinburghe, is vacant be the Minister's removing to the Colledg of Edinburghe,² which thocht itt be nather of gretter credit nor meines nor my owen, yitt I wold glaidlie embrace in respect of the neirnes of the place to Edinburghe, whair I may be more stedabill to my freindes and speciellie to your Lordship, findrie wayes, to whom I do acknowldg my selff more bund then to all wtheres. Since this place vaiked, I had no occasioun to fie my Lord St Androes, and na doubt his Lordship is fuitted be findrie; itt may be engaged to some, yitt out of all doubt nott so far bott be your Lordship he may be diverted giff itt will pleas your Lordship to do me the favour as to wrytt to his Lordship for me, and purchase his Maiesties letter direct to his Lordship, efter such a tennour as I have maid bold heirwith to send to your Lordship. And his Maiesties hand to this signatour, which, among your Lordship's many wndeferved favoures, I humblie entreatt your Lordship to procure and to send to me, that I may present thame to my Lord St Androes. Thus I am bold in all my necessiteis to fie to your Lordship as my onlie shelter and Patron, to whom I have vowed, and acknowldg I do owe evin my selff, and that too mein a recompens of your Lordship's

¹ Other letters, addressed to John Murray, by Whitefurd, and preserved in the same volume with the above, are dated 16th and 28th May 1622, the 21st January or (June), and 9th August 1623. Having no special reference to Ecclesiastical Affairs, it was thought unnecessary to insert them in this collection. The first two are printed in the volume of State Papers and Letters, pp. 204, 205, but there, by some oversight or the mistake of the transcriber, they are dated 1612 in place of 1622.

² Mr John Adamson was appointed Principal of King James's College, Edinburgh, 21st November 1623. His successor as Minister of Libberton was Mr John Cranstoun.

favour, defyring nothing more nor occafion to approve my thankfull affectioun, whairin to the vttermoft of my abilitie I fall evir remane

Your Lordship's ferviteur enteirly devoted,

Edinburgh, December 26, 1623.

W. WHEITFURDE.

To the richt nobill and my verie good Lord,
My Lord Vicount Annan.

CCCCLXX.—A LETTER TO BE DIRECT TO MY LORD OF ST ANDROES
IN FAVOURES OF MR WALTER WHEITFURD FROM HIS MAIESTIE.

Richt, &c. Haveing hard that the Kirk of Libbertoun is vacand be removeing of Mr Jhone Adamfone to our Colledg of Edinburghe, We haue taken occafion to acquent your Lordship thatt itt is Our pleafour that Kirke be planted with a man of fpeciall good affectioun and dexteritie for Our fervice, inrefpect of the neirnes of the place to Our burghe of Edinburghe; and for thais refpectes, that Mr Walter Wheitfurd, Minifter att Moffett, be removed to the famyn; and thatt fo foone as the faid Mr Jhone Adamfone falbe fetled in the charge of that Our Colledg We be advertifed, to the effect We may present the faid Mr Walter to the ftipend of the faid Kirk of Libbertoun, according to Our richt of patronage.

CCCCLXXI.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO THE VISCOUNT
OF ANNAND.

MY VERY HONORABILL GOOD LORD,

I wrote fom dayis pafst by Sir William Murray to your Lordship, but perfaving that he makis no hafte in his journey, I haif taken occa-

fioun to runne my letteris, and if I find him before his parting, wil tak them back: if your Lordship refave the famin, yow may vse them as your Lordship plefis. Only qhat I wrote of Mr William Wifchart and the Lard of Babignois complaint of him,¹ qhiche his Maieftie directit me to tak order with, I find, since my cumming to this town, that Babignoes informatioun is dyverse, and not agreeing to the answer Mr William gave me; and thairvpon am to summond Mr William to a dyet befor the Commiffioun, and doe that qhiche justice requyris, fo as your Lordship may assure his Maieftie that bufines falbe done to the gentlemans contentment, fo far as reason wil permit, and that he fal haif no caufe to complain of delay or injustice.

Thair wes presented a letter from his Maieftie to the Commiffioneris of the rentis concerning Orkney; and I find they ar al of mynd that it fuld be his Maiefties profit to few the landis for the duty they presently paye, qhiche certainly fal be the weel of the tenantis, and mak a certain rental to his Maieftie, that for many reafons is now vnfore. It seemis that the Chancellar expectis by this fom benefit, qhairin I feare greatly his Lordship be deceavit; for the povertie in these partis, and in all this countrey, is fo great that it wil tak a long tym ere he be able to mak ony good thairof; qhiche out of my love to him, and yet not fo much to him as to his Maiefties service, I advertife, that your Lordship may hold his Maieftie in mynd of fum meanis qhairby his Lordship may be inabled to doe the services that he fettis him self to; for I know he wil not moue any thing that may be thocht burthenfom to his Maieftie, and that he is more ready to doe then to fpeak. Your Lordship hes always loved fuch fervantis; and I protest to God his Maieftie, in my tym, had never a better, that I must ftill be doing for my part this good duty to him, althocht he would perhaps difallow me, if he vnderftood fo much.

The last I wrote to your Lordship wes by Jhon Achmowty from

¹ On the 18th February 1624, and at some subsequent meetings, the dispute referred to came before the Lords of Privy Council, in the form of a submission between the said parties, viz., "Sir John Wood of Balbegno, John Stratoun, fear of Louriestoun, and Mr Williame Wishert, Persone of Fettercairne." Wishart afterwards was translated to the Church of South Leith; and in a work on the Lord's Prayer, printed in 1636, he styles himself "Parson of Restalrig."

Newcastle, qhairin I advertisit your Lordship of our troublefom journey homewardis, and the losse I made of two horfes, and now al the foure ar gone, so as I must mak new provisioun. If your Lordship conveniently can obtain for me a precept for my chargis to the Thesaurer, it wil cum in this troublefom yeir in good seafon. But I referre this to your Lordship's wifdom; for I will not offend with begging, thocht my necessitie wer greter nor it is. Thus, wifching to your Lordship the continuance of al happines, I rest

Your Lordship's most affurit to command,

SANCTANDREWS.

Edinburgh, the 20 Januarij 1624.

I wil pray your Lordship remember my service to my Lord of Nithisdail. The rumour is heer that he is becommed his Maiesties convert, and thair is nothing I wishe more for his good, bothe spiritual and temporal.

To my very honourabill good Lord,
my Lord Vicount of Annand.

CCCCLXXII.—ACT OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

Apud Edinburgh, xxvij Januarij 1624.

The Bishop of Dunkeld admittit on Counsell.

THE quhilk day, the Lordis of Secreit Counsell, according to ane warrand and directioun in write signed be the Kingis Maiestie, and directit to Sir George Hay of Kinfaunis, Lord Heich Chancellor of this kingdom, reffaued and admittit Alexander Bishop of Dunkeld to be ane of the number of his Maiesties Preuie Counsell, and to brouke all honouris, digniteis, preuilegeis, and immuniteis proper and dew to

the said place; lyke as the said Bifchop being perfonalie prefent, and with moft humble thankis acknoulegeing his Maiefteis gracious fauour fhawne vnto him, by preferring and advanceing of him to this place of honour and dignitie, he with all dew reuerence vpoun his knees, his hand lyand vpoun the halie Evangell, maid and gaif his folemne oathe of Alledgeance and the oathe of a Preuie Counfellour.

CCCCLXXIII.—THE BISHOP OF DUNBLANE TO THE VISCOUNT
OF ANNAND.

MY GOOD LORD,

I have often written to your Lordfhip, bot hes nevir refavit any anfwer, for I fe no hope that be Sergeantis of Law making,¹ ony good can come to me, fyftein beind made lately and I not rememberit. Truly that whilk I got faved me from falling, and I think wes the moft tymous help ever came. The Lord euer bleffe his Maieftie, who theirin did fave me from ruine. Bot feing it did not fre me of my burdenis, bot only payed fome annuellis and rigorous compryngis, I am ever, and will be again Whitfonday, in the lyk miferie or griter; praying your Lordfhip to affay what meanes may be gottin to do me good, withowt hurt or offence to his Maieftie, for I fe nothing heir bot mere povertie, for of all Dundranan I have gottin nothing this twa yeir, that contrey is fo extremly impoverifched that I muft neidis forgiue them. Thus I humely befeik your Lordfhip to remember the beft way, as occaſion fall offer, and writ to me your Lordfhip's opinion and advyfe, whilk I fall imbrace, and reft

Your Lordfhip's to my vttermoſt power,

Cannogaite, the 5 of Marche 1624.

AD. B. OF DUNBLANE.

To my verie good Lord, my Lord
Vicecount of Annand.

¹ See the Bishop's former letter, *supra*, page 725.

CCCLXXIV.—ACT OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

*Apud Edinburgh, xvj Martij 1624.*¹

Mr Robert Bruce.

ANENT the Supplicatioun presentit to the Lordis of Secret Counsell be Robert Bruce, appeirand of Kynnaird, sone to Mr Robert Bruce, Minister, makand mentioun, That quhair it is laitlie come to his knowlege that it hes pleasit God to visite his said fader with ane havie diseafe and feicknes, whilk be appeirance, according to the informatioun send vnto him, will shortine his dayis, and thair is no hoip nor expectatioun of his recoverie: And whereas now the said Supplicant is to repair toward him to attend vpoun him in this tyme of his havy visitatioun, and he knowing that it wald be ane grite confort to his said Fader yf, be the saidis Lordis fauour, he might compleete his course and end his dayis in his awne house, humelie thairfoir desiring the saidis Lordis that he might haif ane warrand in maner and to the effect following, lyke as at mair lenthe is contenit in the said Supplicatioun: Whilk being red, hard, and confidderit be the saidis Lordis, and thay finding the desire thairof to be reasonable, The Lordis of Secret Counsell gevis and grantis licence to the said Robert Bruce to transpore his said fader fra the burgh of Innernes, quhair he now remanis, to his awne house of Kynnaird, yf his healthe in ony caise will permitt, and thir presents salbe vnto the said Mr Robert, notwithstanding of his confynement within the burgh of Innernes, wheranent the saidis Lordis dispensis; providing, that the said Mr Robert first find cautione and fouirtie, actit in the bookes of Secret Counsell, That he fall returne back to his warde betuix and the first day of September nixt to come, and in the meantyme that he shall not preatche, nowther in privat nor publict, vnder the pane of tua thousand merkis.

¹ In the Council Register this Act is inserted at the end of the Minute dated 25th March, probably in consequence of its having been omitted by the Clerk in its proper place, on the 16th.

CCCCCLXXV.—THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL TO HIS MAJESTY
KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOUERAIGNE,

Vpoun the knowlege of that lettre fend be your Maieftie to youre Chancellour, and of your Maiefties earnest defyre to be treulie and tymoullie informed of the circumftanceis of that proude contempt and prefumptioun of fome of the people of Edinburgh to censure thair Ministeris doctrine; we conuenit and mett this day, fend for all the perfonis exprest in youre Maiefties letter, and spent the whole day in examinatioun of thame: And first, wee began with Williame Rig, baillie, and his compliceis, who wer geuin vp to be vrgearis of this censure; and having endit with thame, wee then called vpoun the Prouest, Baillies, Deane of Gild, and Thesaurair, whose whole depositions, after the most strict maner that wee could tak the same, wee haif heirwith fend vp to your Maieftie. And tuitcheing our opinioun and censure of this præsumptioun and contempt, wee think the same in generall to be ane offence of bad example, carying with it verie probable appeirances of mutinye and shifine, and thairfoir woorthie of rigorous punishment, by confyneing or fyneing, according to the qualitie of the perfonis, and nature of the offence, quhilk, as wee conceaue, hes three brancheis: First, the publict impugning of Doctor Forbes doctrine be Johne Dickfone, who, with grite humilitie and repentance, acknowledgeis his ouersight; protesting, gif he had thought that it wald haif geuin the least mater of offence, that he wald neuer haif oppynit his mouthe thairin, and promising to be more respectiue of his behaviour in materis of that kynd in all tyme heirefter: Secundlie, the standing to and fusteaning of this point be Williame Rig and Johne Hammiltoun: Thridlie, the vргеing of the Ministeris to celebrate the communioun against the receaued ordouris of the Church, and publict lawes of the Kingdome, be the said Williame Rig and John Meyne: And, last, Williame Symfoun his refusall to ferue the tables of the Communioun, in respect of the receaued ordour of celebratioun thairof, and his challenging of Mr Patrik Galloway for not attending of the Sessioun.

All whilkis, in oure opinioun, ar punifhable in the awne kynd; bot becaus the not knowing of the qualitie of the perfonis may make some mistakeing in the ordour of punifhement, wee haif prefoomed, for your Maiefties better cleiring in this point, to acquainte your Maieftie, that Johne Meyne and Williame Symfoun ar bot poore men; the first having the burding of a numerous familie, and the other leiving by his credite in venting of wyne: the other twa ar in some better estaite, bot men of no grite wealthe, and Williame Rig is ane wealthie man. After that wee had endit with thame, wee called for the Ministeris, and earneftlie delt with thame to acquaint ws with thair greeves, that accordingly wee might tak ordour for repairing of the fame. Thay wer sparing to come to particularis, bot in the generall, thay exprest als grite caus of greiffe and havynes, as euer pastoris had of thair flocke, quhilk, as thay affirmed, thay euer concealed and boore vp till this laite contempt and indignitie enforced thame now againft thair hairtis, after long patience to reveill the fame. Wee haif assured thame of all the fauour and concurrence to procure respect to thair perfonis, and obedience to thair Miniftrie, that our placeis will allow; and wee haif gevin ordour and directioun to the Magiftratis of Edinburgh to doe the lyke. This being the effect of our proceedingis in this buffynes, wee humble present the fame to your Maiefties princelic confideratioun, and what your Maieftie fhall be fonder pleased to command thairin fhall be accordingly obeyed. And fo, with oure humble and earnest prayeris vnto God for your Maiefties long and happie reign, wee rest for euer

Your Maiefties most humble and obedyent
fubiectis and feruitouris,

GEORGE HAY.

MAR.

MELROS.

SANCTANDREWS.

S. W. OLIPHANT.

AD. B. OF DUNBLANE.

Halyrudehouse, the last of Aprile, 1624.

To the King his most sacred and excellent Maieftie.

CCCLXXVI.—EXAMINATIONS BY THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL OF
WILLIAM RIG, JOHN DICKSON, AND OTHERS.

At Haliruidhous, the last day of Aprile, 1624 :

In prefence of the Lordis Chancellair and Thesaurair, the Archibishop of St Androis, the Earle of Melros, the Bishop of Dunblane, and Sir Williame Oliphant, Aduocat.

WILLIAME RIG, Baillie of Edinburgh, examined and demandit, yf he wes present at the meeting of the nightbouris of the Toune in the LitleKirk, vpoun Twifday afoir Easter last ; deponis, He wes present at that meeting.

Demandit, yf, by reasoning or discourse, he sustenit that the doctrine of the Pastouris of the said Burgh might be censurit in that meeting ; deponis, That Johnne Dikfoun haueing regraitit to the meeting ane scruple and doubt that he had apprehendit vpoun occasioun of some speecheis vtterit be Mr Williame Forbes publictly in a Sermon maid be him, saying, That the materis contrauertit betuix the Romane Church and ws might be easlie reconciled : and Mr Williame Strutheris, Moderatour of the meeting, haueing answerit, That the doctrine of the Pastouris wes not to be censured be that meeting ; the deponner mantennit the contrair opinioun, saying, That no tryall nor censure could seclude the Sessioun of the Kirk from thair tryall and censure ; alledgeing some passageis of Scriptour for his warrand, especialie oute of St Johnne, quhair it is writtin, " Try the Spirittis yf thay be of God or not : " And grantis that he sayd, The judgement of discretioun belonged till all men.

Demandit, yf he defyrit the Ministeris to gif the Communioun after the auld maner ; grantis the same.

JOHNNE DIKSOUN, flesheour, demandit, yf he wes present at the meeting foirfaid ; grantis the same, it being ane vsuall custome in the Kirk to keepe the said meeting, and quhair of intimatioun is yeirly maid be

the Ministeris vpoun the Sunday preceding to the people to keepe the same.

Demandit, yf at the meeting he vtterit any speecheis concerning Mr Williame Forbes or his doctrine; deponis, That the Clerk of the Sessiou, haueing desirrit the people conuenit to declair quhat they had to say aganis thair Ministeris, towcheing thair lyffe and doctrine, and this deponner haueing hard Mr Williame Forbes, in a fermone maid be him in the Little Kirk, mantene that thair wes findrie contrauertit headis betuix the Romane Church and ws that might be reconfiled and aggreit; and this haueing bred some scruple and doubt in the deponaris hairt and conscience, he thairupoun tooke occasioun, simplie, without choller or spleene, to regrait the same, saying, That he had hard some of our Ministeris of auld declair in thair fermonis, and teache to thair flocke, that light was no more contrair to darknes, nor Christ to Belial, nor we and the Romane Church ar, in pointis of faith and doctrine. And deponis, That he is forie from his hairt that he fould haif challengeit his Pastour in publict vpoun thair pointis, and yf he had thoght that offens wald haif bene tane at it, he wald neuer haif done it.

Denyis that he desirrit the Ministeris to gif the Communioun in the auld maner.

JOHNNE HAMILTON, apothecour, demandit, yf he wes present at the meeting foirsaid, and quhat wes his behaiour thair; deponis, He wes present at the said meeting, whilk meeting is a ordinair custome in our Church vpoun the Twifday afoir the celebratioun of the Communion; and the deponner haueing hard Johnne Dikfoun impugne some pointis of doctrine vtterit be Mr Williame Forbes, anent the materis contrauerted betuix ws and the Romane Church, quhairin, as the deponner thoght, the meeting gatt not satisfactioun, he said and proponned this questioun, That yf he wer to minister phisick, his patient had reffoun to trye yf the phisick wer goode and holefome, feing it importit the weele of the body; so, we had mutche more reafoun to trie the phisick of the faull, whilk is the sweete milk of the Worde: and deponis, that he spak this onlie vpoun occasioun of Johnne Diksonis

speeches, and no otherwayes; and denyis that he spak ony thing concerning the Communioun.

JOHNE MEINE, marcheant, examined, grantis that he wes present at the meeting foirfaid, and that he desirit Mr Williame Strutheris to minister the Communion in the auld maner; and grantis that quhen the people wer regraiting the point of doctrine foirfaid, vtterit be Mr Williame Forbes, the deponner, perfaving Mr Andro Ramsay to laugh, he said vnto him, Weele, Sir, are yow laugheing at the regraitis of the people: yow will anfuer to God for it. And he medlit no farder in these materis.

WILLIAME SIMSOUN, mercheant, examined, grantis he wes present at the meeting foirfaid, bot spak no thing concerning the Communioun, nor Mr Williame Forbes: grantis that he wes one of the Sessiou; regraitit that Mr Patrick Galloway attended not the Sessiou, nowther vpoun the Sondag nor oulk day; and grantis that he being desirit, as one of the Sessiou, to serve the table the tyme of the celebratioun of the Communioun, he refused to do the same.

ALEXANDER CLERK, Prouest of Edinburgh, demandit, quhat past betwixt him and the Nightbouris of the Toun at the Meeting foirfaid; deponis, That the Clerk of the Sessiou haueing, conforme to the ordour, askit of the people, yf thay had ony thing to obiect aganis thair ministeris, concerning thair lyffe and connerfatioun; Johnne Diksoun, flesheour, raise vp, and with verie grite modestie desirit to be heard; whilk being grantit vnto him, he said, That he hard Mr Williame Forbes delyuer some doctrine in a Sermone towcheing the contrauertit pointis betwix ws and the Papistis, whilk wes contrare to the doctrine formarlie taught vnto him: and he, desiring that his doubtis and feruple anent that point might be cleirit, the deponner refused to suffer ony medling to be thairin, saying and mantening, That that place and meeting wer not judgeis of thair Pastouris doctrine, and that modestie requirit that the said Johnne fould haif gone to his Pastour and oppynnit vp his grief vnto him, fra whom he wald haif gottin resolutioun and satisfactioun

anent his doubt; and so, commanding Johnne silence, he acquiescit and spak no forder. And some twa or three otheris preassing to vrge this mater of new, and that thair greivis in this point might be related to the rest of the Ministerie, and Mr Williame challenged thairupoun; the deponner refusit the same, imposing silence vnto thame, and sharplie reprooueing thame for thair presumptioun in thair publict challenge of thair Minister, of whome, in dewtie, thay fould haif craued resolutioun of thair doubtis secreitlie betwix thame selffis. Deponis, That quhen the assemblie was riffin, and all vpoun thair feite, one, whome the deponner saw not, bot hard his voice, cryed out, desiring the deponner to caus the Ministeris gif the Communioun in the auld maner.

The other three Baillies, withe the Deane of Gild and Thesaurair, adhere to this depositioun, and wer conforme thairto.

CCCLXXVII.—ACTS OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

(1.) *Apud Haliruidhous, Octauo Junij 1624.*¹

Charge against Mr Robert Boyd and otheris.

FORSAMEKLE as the Kingis Maiestie is credibillie informed that thair is diuers personis resident in Edinburgh, or frequentlie comeing thair, as namelie Mr Robert Boyd, lait Primer of the Colledge of Edinburgh, Mr Johnne Ker, Minister at Prestoun, Mr Johnne Murray, fometyme Minister at Dunfermlyne, and Mr Thomas Hoig, a deposed Minister; who hinderis the obedience of the people to his Maiesties lawis, and steiris thame vp to continew in thair disobedience and disconformitie to the ordouris of the Church, heighlie to his Maiesties offence, and contempt and misregard of his Royall authoritie: Thairfoir the Lordis of Secreit Counsell ordanis letters to be direct chargeing

¹ On the 10th of June, the Privy Council issued a "Proclamatioun aganis Conuentielis and dissobedient personis to the Ordouris of the Kirk." This Proclamation, "penned, as is reported, by the Bishop of St Androes," is printed in Calderwood's History, vol. vii. p. 611.

the personis particularlie abouewrittin to compeir personalie befor the saidis Lordis vpoun the xxiiij day of Junij instant, To anfuere to the premiffes, and to heir and see ordour tane thairanent as appertenis, vnder the pane of rebelloun, &c., with certificatioun.

(2.) *Apud Haliruidhous, xv Junij 1624.*

Mr Robert Boyd.

FORSAMEKLE as Mr Robert Boyd, lait Primer of the Colledge of Edinburgh, being chargeit to compeir befor the Lordis of Secreit Counsell vpoun the xxiiij day of Junij instant, to haif anfuereit to the informatioun maid of him to the Kingis Maiestie towcheing his remaining within the burgh of Edinburgh, and hindering the people thair of fra thair obedience to his Maiesties lawis, and steiring thame vp to continew in thair difobedience and difconformitie to the ordouris of the Kirk, heighlie to his Maiesties offence, and contempt and misregaird of his Royall auctoritie: The said Mr Robert, be his Supplicatioun gevin in this day to the Lordis of Secreit Counsell, humelie defyrit, That seing he wes now preparit and reddey to remoue his houfholde and familie furth of the burgh of Edinburgh towardis his awne duelling within Carrik, and that he was now vpoun the point of his remouall: That thairfore he might be callit this present day, and not confrayned vnnecessarlie to attend till the said xxiiij day of Junij: Quhilk Supplicatioun being hard and confidderit be the saidis Lordis, and thay finding the desire thair of to be reasonable, and the said Mr Robert being callit vpoun, and he compeirand personalie, and the particular abouewritten, as alua the keeping of Conuenticlis within the said Burgh being layed to his charge, he purgeit him self bothe of the one and the other, protesting that he nevir medlit directlie nor indirectlie in such materis; and towcheing the saidis Conuenticlis, he declairit that he nouthur knew of thame nor allowit thame: With the quhilk declaratioun the saidis Lordis restis satisfieit, And ordanis the said Mr Robert to mak his addresse to the boundis of Carrik, and to remayne thair, and not to transcend the boundis thair of till he be fred be his Maiestie, as he will anfuere vpoun his obedience.

(3.) *Apud Haliruidhous, xxviii Junij 1624.*

Act aganes Mr Johnne Murray and otheris.

ANENT our Souerane Lordis letters direct makand mentioun, Forfamekle as his Maiestie is credibillie informed that thair is diuers personis resident within the burgh of Edinburgh, or frequentlie coming thair, as namelie Mr Johnne Ker, Minister at Preston, Mr Johnne Murray, sometime Minister at Dunfermlyne, and Mr Thomas Hoig, a deposit Minister, who hinderis the obedience of the people to his Maiesties lawis, and steiris thame vp to continew in thair disobedience and disconformitie to the ordouris of the Church, heighlie to his Maiesties offence, and contempt and misregaird of his Royall authoritie: And anent the charge gevin to the personis particularlie abouewrittin to haif compeirit personalie befoir the saidis Lordis this present 24 day of Junij instant, to haif anfuert to the premisses, and to haif seene ordour tane thairanent as appertenit, vnder the pane of rebelloun, &c., with certificatioun, &c., lyke as at mair lenthe is contenit in the saidis letters, executionis, and indorfatiouns thairof: Quhilkis being callit, and the saidis Mr Johnne Ker and Mr Thomas Hoig compeirand personalie, and the said Mr Johnne Murray compeirand be Williame Murray his procuratour, who produceit a letter vnder the said Mr Johnne his hand, testifeing his infirmitie and inhabilitie to trauell, by a dangerous fall he laitlie reffaut, wherwith his leggis ar hurte; The Lordis of Secret Counsell haueing hard the declaratioun maid be the saidis Mr Johnne Ker and Mr Thomas Hoig concerning the particular point aboue written layed to thair charge, whilk was altogiddir denyit be thame, The saidis Lordis ordanis the said Mr Johnne Ker to addresse him selff to his awne parroche of Prestoun, and to remayne within the said parroche, and not to transcend the boundis thairof, and that he repair not towardis Edinburgh; and the said Mr Thomas Hoig to addresse him selff to the parrocheis of Kirkaldy or Dyfairt, and thair remayne, and not to transcend the boundis thairof; And ordanis the said Mr Johnne Murray to contene him selff within the parroche of Foullis, and not to excede the boundis thairof, and that

nane of thame repair to Edinburgh without licence had from the saidis Lordis, to that effect, as thay will anfuere to his Maiestie and the saidis Lordis, vpoun thair obedience, at thair heighest charge and parrell: And ordanis the said Williame Murray to mak intimatioun heirof to the said Mr Johnne Murray, quhairthrow he pretend no ignorance of the same.

CCCCCLXXVIII.—THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL TO HIS MAJESTY
KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOUERANE,

Wee ressaunt your Maiesties lettre of the xxj of Maij, by the whiche your Maiestie hes sett down the forme of punisshement, whilk your Maiestie will haif to be inflictit vpoun these of the Burgh of Edinburgh, who so præsumptuouslie censurit thair Pastouris preatcheing vpoun Twyifday afoir Easter last: and, for obedience thair of, haueing conuenit and seriousslie aduisit vpoun the best meanes of proceeding in the buffynes; finding it expedient to call the offendouris befor the Counsaill, that thair offence might be knowne to all the nomber, and that the sentence might be pronunceit ordourlie agains thame, for closing of the mouthis of the commoun multitude, who ar euer readdie, vpoun the least occasioun, to misconstrue all laughfull proceedingis, and wald not haif failed to haif furnisid agains this, as being caryed by a few nomber of selectit personis, whome thay accompt partiall, becaus wee are readdie, according to our bundin dewtie, to obey and execute your Maiesties laughfull commandementis; for this effect, wee causit warne thame befor the Counsaill to this present day. Lyke as thay compeirit, and with the Prouest, Baillies, and whole Ministeris, who in ane voice declarit that Williame Rig wes come to ane grite acknowledgement of his formair misbehaviour, and oute of a sngle and humble haire, had geuin satisfioun and contentment to the Ministerie in all these materis whilkis bred the scruple and offence amongis thame; and that he had promiseit, by a respectiue and dewtifull behaviour, in

tyme coming, not onlie to eshew all occasionis of new offence and scandall, bot by his goode cariage to give example of the lyke to otheris; and the Ministeris ar in opinioun of his future conformitie to all goode ordour. And whereas thay seeke nothing bot ane peaceble Ministerie, and to live in that vnitie and love with thair flocke that becometh, thairfoir, thay humbly intreated ws for a mitigatioun of the sentence on the pairt of the said Williame, whilk thay thought wald produce better effectis nor ony rigour that could be vsed agains him: And besydis this thair declaratioun and intreatie, Williame Rig gaif in a verie humble petitioun himself vnder his hand, quhairby he cleirit himself of some pointis wherein he wes mistaken in his formair depositioun, as, namelie, that point anent the power of the Sessioun to censure thair Ministeris, and to excommunicat; wherein he affirmis, that he onlie meaned of the Ministeris, with the Eldairis and Deaconis of whome the Sessioun is composed, and no otherwayes, and that he detestes all opinionis of populair power ouer the Ministerie, as smelling of that odious opinioun of the Browneistis, quhairof he protestis he is free, and disclames the same as being impious befoir God, scandalous in a Reformed Church, and repugnant to all goode ordour: And twitcheing that point of his confessioun, where he grantit that he defyrit the Ministeris to celebrate the Communioun after the auld maner, he protestis solemnlie that he never motioned ony fuche mater at the meeting foirsaid; bot being demandit vpoun that point, and sua surpryfed vpoun a suddane, and not fully resolued thairanent, he made choise rather to confes, then by ane vnaduifit denyall to be broght bak with a lie, whairanent he offerit to submit himselff to the declaratioun of the Prouest and Baillies; who, with some otheris vnfsuspect personis who wer present at the meeting foirsaid, being demandit vpoun this point, thay all declairit, vpoun thair grite oathes, that thair wes no fuche mater moved nor spoken be the said Williame at that tyme. This petitioun, with the humble and earnest requiest of the Prouest, Baillies, and Ministeris, being hard and throughlie confidderit at the Counsaill table, and it being verie weele knowne to the whole nomber, that your Maiestie, oute of your most religious dispositioun towardis the propagatioun and advancement of religioun, doe seik nothing in all this buffynes bot obedience to the

ordouris and discipline of the Kirke; thay thairfoir inclynit to fatiffie the Magistratis and Minifteris in this poynt; and hes confyned the faid Williame in his awne houfe, till your Maiefties forder pleafoure be knowne, and the reft ar directit to the appointit placeis of thair imprifonment and confyneing, except Symfoun, who, in refpect of his pouirtie, notour vnto ws, is maid prifonner in the tolbuthe of Edinburgh; and thay ar all to keepe thair wardis till your Maiefties forder pleafoure be decernit agains thame. Wee haif onlie gone this far for the present, as a beginning of thair punifhement, and fhall hold the reft ouer thair heades till wee fee vnto what conformitie this pairt of the punifhement drawis thame: and quhen your Maieftie falbe pleased to command forder heirin, vpoun the fignificatioun of your Royall will to the whole Counfaill, it falbe obeyit. And fo, remembring our humble and earnest prayeris vnto God for your Maiefties lang and happie reign, wee reft

Your Maiefteis moft humble and obedient
fubiectis and feruitouris,

GEORGE HAY.

MAR.

MELROS.

AD. B. OF DUNBLANE.

S. W. OLIPHANT.

Halyruidhoufe, the tent of Junij 1624.

To the King his moft facred and
excellent Maieftie.

CCCCCLXXIX.—THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL TO HIS MAJESTY
KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOUERANE,

Having, conforme to your Maiefties direktion, commandit

chargeis to be direct againis Maister Robert Boyde, and the rest of the Ministeris and otheris, whome your Maiestie ordanit to be confyned, for their compeirance befor ws, vpoun the tuentie fourt of this instant, to haif hard your Maiesties will anent thair confyning. declairit vnto thame, the said Maister Robert getting notice heirof, not onlie prepared himselff for a present obedience, and is this day vpoun the removing of his houfhold and familie, bot to preveene the dyett, he presentit himselff befor ws, and by his petition humblie defyrit that he might be now hard, and your Maiesties will declairit vnto him, and that he wer not vnnecessarlie forced to attend till the said tuentie fourt day, whilk wes grantit vnto him. In his petition, he cleired himselff of findrie imputationis, whilkis, as he alledgeis, ar obiected againis him, as, namelie, that of the priuat meetingis and conventicles within Edinburgh, of the whilkis he protested, bothe by word and write, and vpoun his grite oathe, that he wes ignorant and innocent, and that he nouthur assisted thame with his presence, nor allowed of thame, nouthur yitt buffyed himselff with thir churche materis, nor had no dealing with ony of the burgh of Edinburgh, nor no otheris thairanent, bot behaved himselff so calmelie and soberlie, as possiblie he could, eshewing all occasionis, companyis, and meetingis, whilkis might give the least mater of offence.¹ And whereas he pretendit the necessitie of findrie his adois throughout the whole shirefdome, and the rather, for that he had a stranger to his wyffe, of whose contentment, besydis the educatioun of his childreene, he behooved to haif a cair, and that he could nouthur be accommodat with the one nor the other, within the boundis of Carrick: Wee having hard and confidderit of his petition, wee wald not prefoome to enlarge his confyning without your Maiesties allowance, bot hes referued the same to your Maiesties awne goode will and pleasoure, wherein gif your Maiestie salbe gratiousslie pleased to fauour him, oure simple opinioun is, that no harme can follow thairupoun; and gif thairafter he sal happin to ouersee himselff, whilk wee looke not for, and sua fall proue vnworthie of that fauour to be shawne be your Maiestie vnto him, your Maiestie, vpoun knowledge thairof, may give directioun for his forder restraint, as

¹ See the Act of the Privy Council in favour of Boyd, *supra*, p. 746.

your Maieftie fall think goode; bot remitting this to your Maiefties confideratioun, and humblie craving pardoun for this our prefumptioun, we humblie pray God to bliffe your Maieftie with mony long and happie yeiris, and wee reft for euer

Your Maiefties moft humble and obedient
fubiectis and feruitouris,

A. M. ELPHINSTON.	GEORGE HAY.	LAUDERDAILL.
AR. NAPER.	MELROS.	J. ERSKYNE.
S. J. HAMILTON.	KILSAYTH.	CARNEGIE.
HAMILTON.	S. W. OLIPHANT.	R. COCKBURNE.

Halyrudhoufe, the fifteene of Junij 1624.

To the King his moft facred and
excellent Maieftie.

CCCCLXXX.—THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL TO HIS MAJESTY
KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOUERANE,

Your Maiefteis letter, concerning the declaratioun of your Royall will and pleaſour, aganis Williame Rig and his complices, come no foonnair to oure handis, whome your Maieftie firſt intruſted thairwith, bot thair went a current brute through this toun, of ane extraordinair grite fyne to be impoſed vpoun the ſaidis perſonis. How, or fra whome this brute proceidit, we know not, and we will cleir oure felffis, that, to this houre, we haif euer concealled that point anent the fyne, and nowther acquentit the reſt of the Counfell, nor no otheris thairwith; and for this we will humelie crave your Maiefteis pardoun, and beg that fauour of your Maieftie, that youre Maieftie wald be gra-tiouſlie pleſit to tak in goode pairt oure humble opinioun concerning

this fyne, whairin, as the Lord knowis, we haif no other thing befoir our eyis bot your Maiesteis honnour, and the generall content of youre subiectis, who at the first raising of the vncertane brute of this fyne, quhair of the particular is yitt vnknowne vnto thame, wer so moued with the rairnes of the mater, and the apprehensioun of feare, vpoun the preparatiue and consequence thairof, as we haif not hard of a mater so hardlie tane with, and so dangerouflie apprehendit, be all rankis of personis; ffor the lyke of this fyne wes neuer hard of in this Kingdome, and thair wes never a cryme (how grevous foeuir), whilk wes punifhable be fyneing, that reffaut fuche a censure; nor can the meanes of priuat personis afforde fuche fowmes, and the man him selff, althocht in the generall opinioun of the people he be welthie, is not knowne to haif so mutche stocke as the fowme imposed; and yf it be left in record, it will importe the effect of ane forfeytour, and a depryveing him of his wholl estate, whilk in a mater of this kynd, respect being had to the qualitie of the offence, and quantitie of the fyne, will not be warrandit be example, and in the opinioun of mony, will not subsist in course of justice. The consideratioun wherof hes moued ws hithertillis to conceale the fyne,¹ being perswadit that the Counsell wald neuer allow thairof, and we wer loathe that ony of your Maiesteis directionisould reffaue ane interruptioun, or hard interpretatioun. The rest of your Maiesteis pleasour concerning him, and his associates, by declaratioun maid of thair being ever incapable of ony publiet functionis, is satisffeit, and he shall keepe warde in the Blaknes, and the rest in thair wardis, till your Maiestie, in the excellencie of youre wisdome, comparing this punishment with the qualitie of the offence, shall reffaue contentment, wherwith we will most humelie beseeke your Maiestie to rest satisffeit, and to pardoun our presumptioun and bauldnes, wherin, as we haif formarie said, we haif no other respect bot your Maiesteis honnour, and

¹ Calderwood states, that besides depriving Rigg of his office as one of the Magistrates of Edinburgh, the Council were commanded by the King "to fyne him in a great sum, 50,000 pounds at the least, as is constantly reported." The cause of this rigour displayed towards him, beyond the ordinary punishment of warding or exile, was occasioned, it seems, in Rigg having contributed liberally towards the printing of "the infamous libells" against the Articles of the Perth Assembly.

content of youre subiectis. And so, praying the Almighty God to preferue youre Maiestie in healthe and happynes, with a lang and blified reigne, we rest for euer

Your Maiesteis most humble and obeyent
subiectis and seruitouris,

GEORGE HAY.

MAR.

MELROS.

S. W. OLIPHANT.

Haliruidhous, the first of Julij 1624.

To the King his most sacred and excellent Maiestie.

CCCCLXXXI.—THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL TO HIS MAJESTY
KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOUVERAINE,

We ressaue youre Maiesties lettre of the xxij of Junij last, and, to oure exceeding grite greiff, we persaue that youre Maiestie hes tane offence at oure proceedingis, in that mater concerning William Rig, and that sentence wes not pronouneit aganis him, conforme to youre Maiesties directioun, wherin we will humelie craue pardoun, to cleir oure selfis, that no priuat respect nor consideratioun towardis the man could haif induceit ws to ouersie the least point of dewtie in the executioun of youre Royall commandmentis; bot knoweing that youre Maiesties principall ayme, in this and otheris materis of the lyke kynd, is groundit vpoun a most religious and princelie resolutioun, to haif youre Maiesties lawis, concerning the ordouris of the Church, to be reuerentlie obeyit, and a peceable and fruitfull Ministerie to be establisheit in this burgh; so, at the dyet appointit for pronouneing of youre Royall will aganis the said Williame, he compeirit, accompanied with the whole Ministeris of this burgh, and not onlie most submissiuelie acknowlegeit his ouersight

in that Twifdays meeting, afoir Easter last, and cleirit him self of some mistakingis in his depositionis, and quhairin he had foryett him self, by granting a point never spokin of be him in the meeting foirsaid; bot with that the Ministeris, after a havye regrait maid be thame of thair hard estate and conditioun within this burgh, and how thay had a purpos to haif beggit leave to haif left thair Ministerie,—in end, thay declairit, that vpoun conference with the said Williame, thay had reffaut grite contentment and satisfioun in the mayne pointis, wherin he pretendit his doubtis, and wer in goode hoip of his future conformitie and obedyence; and that the rest of the nightbouris of the towne, who hes the gritest hand in this buffynes, wald by his example do the lyke, quhairupoun wald follow the peace of thair Church, respect to thair personis, and a hairtlye and mutuall harmonie betuix thame and thair flocke, whilk wes the onlie thing thay focht. And thairfoir thay humelie interceidit for fauour vnto the said Williame, and that the declaratioun of youre Royall will aganis him might be deferred for some certane space. Thay being at lenthe hard, and the expediencie of thair propositioun debaitit at the Counsell table, and the Archiebishop of Sanctandros, who, as youre Maiestie knowis, hes the gritest cair in thir Church materis, and whose opinioun is mutche reuerenceit and followit thairin, not onlie ioyned with the Ministeris, in thair propositioun and desyre, as the fittest course to procure obedyence and peace in the Church, bot voided with ws, to the superseiding of the declaratioun of youre will and pleasour. This being the simple trewth of the cariage and progres of this buffynes, we will humelie beseeke youre Maiestie to accept the same in goode part, as proceedinge frome thame, whose cheif cair and indevoiris, in the charge and placeis quhairwith youre Maiestie hes honnourit ws, is to approve ourefelffis worthie of oure charge, and anfuorable to the truste youre Maiestie reposeth in ws; we haif depnyed the said Williame frome his office of Baillierie, and hes declairit him and the rest incapable of ony publict charge, in church or towne, heirafter; and hes directit thame to thair warde; and in all otheris thingis, quhilkis may procure your Maiesties obedyence and contentment, the peace of the Kirk, and respect to the Ministeris, thair falbe no thing wanting in ws, whilk to the dewtie of our place, as Counsellouris, and alledgeance,

as humble ſubiectis and feruitouris, appertynis. And ſo, with the continewance of our humble and eirniſt prayeris vnto God for youre Maieſties lang and happie reiggn, we reſt for ever

Youre Maieſteis moſt humble and obedyent
ſubiectis and feruitouris,

GEORGE HAY.	MAR.	MORTON.
MELROS.	LAUDERDAILL.	CARNEGIE.
S. W. OLIPHANT.	R. COKBURNE.	LINLITHGOW.
S ^R . J. SKENE.	A. GIBSONE.	A. ERSKYNE.
AR. NAPER.	A. M. ELPHINSTON.	HAMILTON.
		KILSAYTH.

Haliruidhous, the firſt of Julij 1624.

To the King his moſt ſacred and excellent Maieſtie.

CCCCXXXII.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO [THE
VISCOUNT OF ANNAND.]

MY VERY HONORABILL GOODE LORD,

I perceived by your Lordſhip's letter that his Maieſtie was not pleaſed with the courſe that the Councell tooke in theſe matters of Edinburgh, ſo as the whole ouerture which I ſent with my Sonne ſerueth for nought at this time. I haue bene advertiſed that vpon this his Maieſties direction, the Councell hath done all that firſt was required, ſauing in the point of the fines, for which they haue given their reaſons of new to his Maieſtie. To be puniſhed by the purſe is a thing that euer hath bene moſt grievous to Scottiſhmen, and keepeth them moſt in aw. Wherefore the preparative is ſo feared, that men ſeeke carefully to eſchue it, and yet I can not ſee a reaſon why theſe fines might not be juſtly impoſed; not that I would haue wiſhed them exacted with

rigour, if they would haue come to repent their infolence, but when men saw what might fall vpon them in the like cafes, they would haue become the more wife. Since my laft writting to your Lordship, the Ministers wer intreated to deale for the fufpenfion of the wardes of thefe men that were commanded off the towne and put in the Tolbuith, but when they dealt with them to keep order in time coming, and not to runne from their owne communions, promifing not to vrge them with the gefture of kneeling, they answered, That their confciences could not fuffer them to communicat with thofe that kneeled, nor otherwife then after the old manner. They offered to heare conference in that point, but would promife nothing. Yet the Ministers, carefull of their weell, wrote vnto me that I would request the Councell for a continuation of their charge. I answered, That I feared his Maieftie fhould not take well the continuation that was already granted, and therefore till I heard how his Maieftie tooke the firft, I wold request no more. All this was before his Maiefties letters came down: Senfyne I haue heard nothing from the Ministers, but by fome that hath fpoken with them I vnderftand that there is great malice borne vnto them, and that they are fo wearied of their places, as they refolue all to leaue them.

There is no way to fettle that Church, but by the fetling of thofe particulars which I fent vp to your Lordship; but how they fhall be vrged vpon them, except they were induced to entreate his Maiefties fauour, I fcarce fee; and I fear they fhall not trouble themfelues much with it that is done. But if his Maieftie fhould be pleased to write another letter to the Councell, and fhew that fince thefe men who are challenged were not only in the fault, his Highneffe would haue them to trie the reft, and fpéciallie the keepers of the conventicles, it is probable that the feare thereof fhould fet them on to fupplicat for fauour, and then conveniently thefe things whereof I fpeake might be vrged. But I remit all the courfe of this to his Maiefties great wifdome, only I will adde this, that if the occafion be loft that is now offered for remedying thefe diforders, and that there be not a conftant profecution of that which is begunne, we fhall never fee an order againe in our Church, for your Lordship fees how they are come to maintaine that a feparation is lawfull and neceffary from fuch as are obedient to the conftitutions of

the Church, which is a folly that will not be beaten out, without a heauy and feure correccion. I wish of God that his Maieftie were eafed of thefe falheries, which I cannot think can euer be fo well and furely done, as by the meanes I wrote of laft; but therein I fubmit my opinions to his Maiefties wifdome. The reafon why I do vfe the hand of another in this writting, is a difeafe that hath vexed me this fortnight and more. This day I had advertifment from my Lord of Stormont, that he is tyed to the bed by a heauy fickneffe, whereof I feare the worft. Praying God to faue your Lordfhip, I now reft

Your Lorship's moft affured to ferve yow,

Dairfey, 6 Julij 1624.

SANCTANDREWS.

CCCCCLXXXIII.—THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL TO HIS MAJESTY
KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOUERANE,

We reffaued youre Maiefteis lettre of the 21 of this infant, by the whilk your Maieftie recommendit vnto ws the fearching and finding out of the Conuenticlis keepit within the Burgh of Edinburgh. For your Maiefteis fatiffactioun in whilk point, we thought it firft expedient that all of youre Maiefteis Counfaill, who wer this day conuenit in a frequent number,¹ fould be examined, vpoun thair grite oathe, concerning thair knowledge of thir Conuenticlis; quhilk being accordinglie done, and thay haueing purged thame felffis thair of, thairafter we fend for the Proueft, Baillies, and wholl Counfell of the faid Burgh, and verie ftraitlie layed this mater to thair charge, as a cryme moft offenfue to your Maieftie, fcandalous to the Kirk, and moft pernicious and wicked, in confequence and example, caryeing with it ane evident introduccioun of fhifme, the breiding and foftering of errouris, and of mony otheris euillis

¹ See the Sederunt on the following page, 760.

within the Kirk; and we burdynnit thame, owther to find out the offenderis, or otherwayes youre Maieftie wald tak yow to the wholl Towne. Thay wer verie grevit for youre Maieftis offens agains the Towne, and, with mony attestationis, pleadit ignorant and innocent of thofe Conuenticlis, and, by thair grite and solemne oathe, purgeit thame selffis bothe of the deid and knowlege thair of, protesting that thay never hard of fuche a mater; and yf it wer trew, that in thair hairtis thay detestit it, as a point vnworthie to be sufferit or hard of within thair Towne; and thay promiseit the vttermoſt of thair endevoiris to trye, yf ever ony fuche offence hes bene committit, to the intent the pairtyis found guiltie may be feuairlie punished.

We intimat, lykewayes, vnto thame, youre Maieftis will and pleafour anent the Communioun, whairunto thay willinglie acquiescit, with promeis of conformitie and obedyence, humelie intreating youre Maieftie, that yf ony foolishe people of thair Towne fall stand oute and be refractar, that the weyght of youre Maieftis wraithe fould light vpoun thame selffis, and that youre obedyent subiectis of the Toun fould not be troublit for thair foleysis. We haif gevin directioun to mak intimatioun of the celebratioun of the Communioun, be proclamatioun at the Mercatt Croce of Edinburgh, vpoun Mononday nixt, and we haif infert, in the proclamatioun, that same certificatioun exprest in youre Maieftis lettre. This, for ane accompt of oure procedingis in this mater, we humelie present the same to youre Maieftis consideratioun, with our humble and eirnist prayaris vnto God for youre Maieftis lang and happie reiggn. Frome Haliruidhous, the 29 of Julij 1624.

Your Maieftis most humble and obedyent
subiectis and feruitouris,

GEORGE HAY.

MAR.

MORTON.

ROXBURGHE.

MELROS.

LAUDERDAILL.

CARNEGIE.

S. W. OLIPHANT.

HAMILTON.

AR. NAPER.

BUCCLEUCHE.

To the King his most sacred and excellent Maieftie.

CCCCLXXXIV.—HIS MAJESTY'S MISSIVE TO THE LORDS OF PRIVY
COUNCIL.

Apud Haliruidhous, xxix Julij 1624.

CHANCELLAIR.	B. ROS.	THESAURAIR DEPUTE.
THESAURAIR.	B. DUNBLANE.	CLERK OF REGISTER.
MORTOUN.	L. ERSKINE.	ADUOCAT.
GLENCAIRNE.	MERCHELL.	KILSAITHE.
ROXBURGHE.	CARNEGYE.	FOSTERSAIT.
BUGCLEUGH.	MR OF ELPHINSTOUN.	SIR PETER YOUNG.
MELROS.	MR OF JEDBURGH.	MR ROBERT SPOTTISWODE.

Ane Act anent the celebratioun of the Communioun at Christmas.

FORSAMEIKLE as the Generall Affemblic of the Kirk haldin at
the burgh of Perth in the moneth of August 1618, &c.¹

The Kingis Missiue for warrand of the Act aboue writtin.

[JAMES R.]

Right trustie and weilbelouit Counfellour, Right trustie and weil-
belouit Cofines and Counfellouris, and right trustie and weilbelouit
Counfallouris, We greete yow weele. Now that We are come thus far
on Our progres, We haif more laifair to think on affairis thair, whilk
hes moued Ws to add tuo articles till Our last dispathe. The first is,
concerning Conuenticles, the finding oute whereof We eirneftlie recom-
mendit vnto yow heirtofoir, and becaus We haif hard no thing frome
yow concerning thame, We haif thought goode once agane to require
yow to caus thame be diligentlie searched, and yf by your meanes yow
can find nane of them out, that then yow do, as We did after the xvij
day of December, whilk wes to caus the Toun of Edinburgh thame
felffis to find out the offendaris, or els all to be guiltye of the cryme.

¹ The Proclamation founded upon this Act, is given at full length by Calderwood in
his History, vol. vii. p. 622.

The other Article is, concerning the obstinacie of the people of Edinburgh in refuseing to tak the Communion kneeling; and thairfoir it is Our pleasour, that yow caus intimatioun be maid of the Communion to be gevin in all the Churcheis of Edinburgh at Christmas next, and that all perfonis, als weele of Our Preuie Counfell, Sessioun, Magiftratis of the Toune as otheris of the Commontie, be all present and tak it Kneeling; whiche yf thay do not We will, for that contempt of God and Ws, not onlie remoue the Sessioun, bot all otheris Courtis of Justice from thame: And the premiffes recommending to your speciall cair, We bid yow fairweele.

Gevin at Houghton Lodge the 21 of Julij 1624.

THE quhilk day, the Lordis of the Preuie Counfell, who wer this day present in Counfell, purged thame selffis by thair grete and folemne oathe that nane of thame knew of the Conuenticlis kept in Edinburgh.

The quhilk day, Alexander Clark, Prouest, David Mitchell, Patrik Someruill, Baillies, and Johnne Byris, Deane of Gild of Edinburgh, Williame Dik, James Inglis, James Cochrane, Alexander Speir, Gilbert Aitchefoun, Gilbert Williamefoun, Johnne Fleming, Edward Ker, Thomas Weir, George Simfoun, William Adair, James Guthrie, all of the Counfell of the said Burgh, and Mr Johnne Hay, Clerk therof, compeirand personalie befoir the Lordis of Secretit Counfell, and being feueralie demandit vpoune thair grite and folemne oath yf ony of thame wer present at the said Conuenticlis, or yf thay knew of thame? Thay all purged thame selffis be oathe, that thay wer nowther present at ony such Conuenticlis nor knew of thame.

The quhilk day, the Prouest and Baillies of Edinburgh wer comandit to try and informe thame selffis, by the best meanes thay can, yf ony such Conuenticlis hes bene kept in Edinburgh, and whair and be whome; quhilk thay, being personalie present, promiseit to do.

CCCLXXXV.—HIS MAJESTY'S MISSIVE TO THE LORDS OF PRIVY
COUNCIL.

[JAMES R.]

Right trustie and right welbeloued Counfellowr, right trustie and right welbeloued Cofens and Counfellowris, and right trustie and welbeloued Counfellowris, We greette yow weele. Whereas we ar credibilie informed that Mr George Dunbar, being both depryved from his Miniftrie and putt to our horne, doth still publicklye preache at Air (ane offence not onlie punisheable in the persone of the committar, bot also of the whole Magistrates of that Towne, who suffers so dangerous a præcedent to be practifed): And Mr Richard Dickfone, being lykewyse depryued and confyned in Dumbartane,¹ preacheth thair in private houffes with ane grite concourse of auditouris; And least by thair fuggestionis they may persuade the people to be more obstinate in thair diffobedience to the Ordouris of the Churche whereunto thay ar of thamefelffis evill affected, It is Our speciall pleasure that ye cause the said Mr Richard to be sent to Aire, and then both him and the said Mr George to be sent to Ireland, not to returne from thence without Our speciall license thairunto first obtained, vnder all heighest pane whiche Oure lawis can affoorde in the like cais. And expecting your readie conformitie to this Our pleasure, We bid yow fairwell.²

Gevin at Apthorpe the 30 of Julij 1624.

¹ See note *infra*, page 766.

² The above letter is entered in the Minutes of the Privy Council on the 4th of November: the Provost and Baillies of Ayr had repeatedly been before the Council on account of their Minister in 1624. Agreeably to this warrant, Dunbar was commanded "to depart furth of this kingdome, with his family, and that he transport himself to Ireland, between this date and the 8th of March following." On the 22d September, having been summoned to appear before the Council, he declared his willingness, in obedience to the King's will, to renounce and quit his Ministry at the Kirk of Ayr for ever.

The following is a note of some of the entries in the Privy Council Register referred to:—

Edinburgh, 11th March 1624.—The Provost and Baillies of Ayr charged to appear by two of their number on the 25th, "to answer for not choosing a Minister to succeed in

CCCLXXXVI.—ACT OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

Apud Edinburgh, xxv Augustj 1624.

Act in fauouris of Mr Robert Bruce.

ANENT the Supplicatioun presentit to the Lordis of Secreit Counfall be Mr Robert Bruce of Kynnaird, makand mentioun, That quhair it pleased the saidis Lordis laitlie to releave him from his confyne-ment in Innernes, and to grant him libertie to repair to his awne hous of Kynnaird, vpoun caution fund be him that he sould returne to the burgh of Innernes betuixt and the first day of September now approche-
place of their last Minister, who was laughfullie depryved, denuncit rebele, and put to the horn.”—(fol. 182.)

25th March.—The Provost and one of the Baillies “appeared personalie, and promised to deale with their town to receive a qualified Minister, to be presented to them by James Archbishop of Glasgow.”—(fol. 185.)

28th April.—The Archbishop having presented Mr William Annand, Minister, “a learned, qualifeit, and modest persone,” and the Magistrates having neglected to deal for his reception, they are put to the horn.—(fol. 188.)

8th June.—The Provost and Baillies commanded to send within 15 days and invite Mr William Annand, or such person as may be recommended by the Archbishop, and “that thay deale efauldrie and trewlie with the person swa to be recommendit, to accept the office and function of Minister in thair town.”—(fol. 190.)

6th August.—The Provost and Baillies of Air charged to appear on the 25th August, “to answer and underly tryall and punishment for their offence and contempt in allowing Mr George Dunbar to preach publickely within the Burgh of Air.”—(fol. 205.)

25th August.—The Provost and Baillies “purged themselves by their great oath, that the said Mr George had not preached within their said town since he was denounced his Majesties rebell;” and they renounced the said Mr George to be their Minister, promising “never to acknowledge him for their Minister in tyme coming, and that thay sall use thair best endeavours for planting thair Kirk with ane qualifeit and learned Minister, and that thay sall concurr with the Archbishop of Glasgow to that effect.

“Lykeas, the said Mr George being attending at the Counsell hous doore, and he being callit vpoun and demandit, if he will renunce his Ministrie at the said Kirk; he answerit and declairit, that he wald acquiesc to his Maiesties will and pleasure anent his removing from his Ministrie and charge in the Kirk of Air, and that he sould nevir oppose himself aganis the plantatioun of the said Kirk.”—(fol. 206.)

ing, and that in the meanetyme, fra his comeing fra Innernes to his awne duelling hous, and dureing the tyme of his aboad thair, and in his returneing and going back to Innernes, that he fould not preach, vnder the pane of tua thowfand markis, quhilk cautioun he hes preceisslie and inviolatlie kepted: And quhairas now he is, at the pleasure of God, of grite age, and is far worne and become waik, and vnable of his perfone, without strenth or abilitie, to trauaill on horse or foote, and the winter seasoun drawis ordinarlie with it money dangerous deceassis and infirmities vpoun him, quhairwith he is all that seasoun in danger of his lyfe, and be all appeirance, if he be compellit to abyde this winter in Innernes, his lyfe wilbe in danger; and feing lykewyse he hes mony turnes to outrade at this approcheing terme, quhilkes touches him in his credite and in his poore estate, Humblie desyreing, thairfore, the saidis Lordis to prorogate the terme of his returne bak to Innernes vntill some tyme in the Spring, vpoun new cautioun to be fund be him, conforme to his former cautioun, lyke as at mair lenth is contenit in the said Supplication: Quhilk being red, heard, and confiderit be the saidis Lordis, and thay being willing to shew him some favour quhairthrow he may in the meantime procure his Maiesties royall consent to a farder prorogatioun, Thairfore the saidis Lordis hes prorogate the terme of this Suppliant his returne bak agane to Innernes vntill the last day of September nixtocome.¹

CCCCLXXXVII.—HIS MAJESTY'S MISSIVE [TO SIR GEORGE HAY,
LORD CHANCELLOR.]

[JAMES R.]

Righte trustie and right welbeloued Counfallour, Wee greete yow well. Wee were pleased at your last being with Vs to signifie Our plesour vnto yow concerneing diuers affaires in that kingdome, and amongft others concerneing the fine imposed vpon Williame Rig; and leaste the

¹ In the proceedings of the Privy Council, we find no further notice of Bruce. After the death of James, in March 1625, he was permitted to remain under less restraint, and occasionally to preach. He survived till August 1631, having attained the 77th year of his age.—(Calderwood's History, vol. viii. p. 124.)

multitude of other busines mighte cause yow neglecte or forget that particulare, Wee haue thoughte good by these presentes to putte yow in minde thereof, requiring yow to vrge the leuying of the said fine, according to our former directions: And if the partie censured shall thinke the burden too heauie for him to beare, vpon his submiffion or supplication, Wee will vse such moderation, by remitting eyther a parte or all, as Wee shall see iuste cause: For as it is in Vs onlie to punish or pardon according to the nature of the offence, so oughte no other sauing Our selfe to be the gracious Lordes. And this remitting to your speciall care, Wee bid yow farewell.

[Given at, &c.¹]

CCCCLXXXVIII.—THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL TO HIS MAJESTY
KING JAMES.

MOST SACRED SOUERANE,

Your Maiesties letter of the 28 of Julij last being this day presented to the Commissionaris of your Maiesties affaires, and the feuerall pointis and heades of the same, tending bothe to the publick [good] of the kingdome and the particulair goode of the burgh of Edinburgh, being dewlie and at lenth considerit be thame; all your Maiesties directionis exprest thairin wer thought fitt to be proponit in Counsaill, quhilk wes accordinglie done.

And toutcheing the first point thairof, anent Papiftis and Puritanes, the sayaris and heararis of Masse, and the receptoris of Jesuites, Preiftes, and trafficquing Papiftis, thair shalbe nothing omittit in that point quhilk to our charge and diligence apperteyneth.

Wee fend for the Magistratis of the burgh of Edinburgh, and verie earnestlie recommendit vnto thair cair and foresight, that no choise should be made of Magiftratis for the yeir to come bot suche of whose conformitie and obedience to the Ordouris of the Churche thair wes

¹ The date of the above missive is not given; but according to Calderwood, letters to this effect, from the King, were dadressed to the Chancellor, in September 1624, although not read in Council.—(History, vol. vii. p. 624.)

goode assurance. They haif promised to be respectiue and carefull in that point, and wee haif directed chaarges against thame and the whole burrowis of this kingdome for this effect.

The direction anent the Counsaill, Sessioun, and memberis thair of, the Magistratis and people of Ebinburgh, tuitcheing the receaving of the Communioun conforme to the late proclamatioun, shalbe preceissie followed oute.

Anent the deviding of the toun of Edinburgh in parrocheis, and providing of thair Ministeris with competent stipendis, that mater can not be handled for the present, becaus the Toun is now vpoun the nominatioun of new Magistratis, and that point most be recommendit to the nixt entrantis; quhilk shalbe carefullie done, and the performance thair of instantlie vrged at the dounfitting of the Sessioun.

And touthcheing the catalogue to be made in euerie parroche of Papistis and disconforme personis, wee doubt not bot the tua Archibishoppes who wer present will give directioun to the Ministeris to performe there pairtis, and the catalogues being reported unto ws, wee shall proceed as your Maiestie shall think expedient to command.

Maister George Dumbar and Maister Richard Dickesoun being chargit to this present day anent the directionis send down be your Maiestie for sending of thame to Ireland,¹ Maister George compeirit, and declairit, that he thocht that his obedience gevin the last Counsaill day, by renunceing his Ministerie at the Church of Air, quhilk he ratified this day, had bene a sufficient satisfactioun for him. He is ane decrepitate, poore, aged man, quhilk moued ws to continew him to the nixt Counsaill day, and to recommend him to the Archibishop of Glasgw, who wes present, vnto whome, if he give not satisfactioun betuix and that day, the ordour præcryued by your Maiestie shalbe followed oute.

Maister Richard Dickson² his absence, and not keeping of this dyet,

¹ See No. CCCCLXXXV. In the History of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, by the Rev. J. Seaton Reid, D.D. (vol. i. p. 113), honourable mention is made of Dunbar, who became Minister of Larne, in the vicinity of Antrim.

² Mr Richard Dickson, one of the Ministers of St Cuthberts, Edinburgh, on the 7th March 1619, having celebrated the Communion "according to the laudable and ancient forme of this Reformed Kirk; and exhorted the people to stand to thair former liberty," he was summoned, on the 11th March, before the High Commission, and without any long

was excused by reason of ane testimoniall producet vnder the handis of the Minister and Magistratis of the Burgh of Dumbartane, testifeing that the said Mr Richard, his wyffe, and nyne young bairnes, ar all lying deadlie feake of the fever; and by his awne letters to some of the Counsaill he declairit, vpoun his oathe, that he had not expenss to bring him to this toun; quhilk moued the Counsaill to continew him lykewayes to the next Counsaill day.

Your Maiesties directioun anent the imposing of the fyne vpoun Williame Rig being proponit and impairit to the Counsaill, fuche as wer present in small number, in respect of the present vacance, fand the mater to be of grite importance, quhairof the lyke hes not occurred in this Kingdome, and that therefore the same requirit the presence and advyse of the whole or the most pairt of the Counsaill, for quhilk purpos wee haif resolued to write for the haill number to be present at the next meeting, vntill quhilk tyme wee will humblie beseeche your Maiestie to haif patience.

This, for ane accompt of our proceedings at this tyme, wee humblie present the same to your Maiesties princelie considderatioun, with oure humble and earnest prayeris vnto God for your Maiesties lang, happie, and blessed regne, and wee rest for euer

Your Maiesties most humble and obedient
subiectis and feruitouris,

GEORGE HAY.

MAR.

MORTON.

ROXBURGH.

BUCCLEUCHE.

LAUDERDAILL.

R. COKBURNE.

S. W. OLIPHANT.

HAMILTON.

Edinburgh, the 22 of September 1624.

To the King his most sacred and excellent Maiestie.

process, was deprived, and committed to ward within the Castle of Dumbartane.—(Calderwood's History, vol. vii. pp. 352–355.) Whether Dickson, in conformity with the King's letter, *supra*, page 762, accompanied Dunbar to Ireland, is uncertain; but in banishing such men to that country, the King was unwittingly rendering a very important service to the cause of religion, and to the spread of Presbyterianism in the North of Ireland.

CCCCLXXXIX.—HIS MAJESTY'S MISSIVE [TO SIR GEORGE HAY,
OF KINNFAUNS, LORD CHANCELLOR.]

[JAMES R.]

RIGHT trustie and right welbeloued Counfellow, We greete yow weele. Whereas We ar credibile informed that Johne Dickfone and Williame Simfone being, for thair misbehaviour aganis thair Pastouris, committed to the Tolbuith of Edinburgh, ar releafed from thair warde, and suffered to remayne in thair awne houffes, We think it fstrange that, being committed for a notorious offense, thay fould be fett at libertie, without ather satisfactioun or acknowlegeing of thair offense, yea, and without Our knowlege. As also, Johne Hamiltoun the Apothecar hath not so much as entered to the place where he wes to be confnyed: It is thairfoir Our speciall pleafure that ye cause thame all thrie enter into the places whiche wer at the first appointed for thair feuerall wardes,¹ till upoun thair submissioun, and order from Our self, thay falbe releafed. So not doubting of your care heirin, We bid yow farewell.

Gevin at Royftoun, the first of November 1624.

CCCCXC.—ACT OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

Apud Edinburgh, Quarto die mensis Nouembris 1624.

FORSAMEIKLE as the Lordis of Secreit Counfaill ar informed be the Reverend Father in God, James Archbifhop of Glasgow, that [blank]

¹ The above warrant being read at a meeting of the Privy Council, on the 9th November, John Dickson flesher, William Simson, and John Hamilton, burgesses of Edinburgh, were commanded to enter the Tolbooth, and support themselves until they be released. In regard of the known disease of his wife, "who now approaches the time of her deliverie," Hamilton was thus allowed to remain in Edinburgh, "to be neere by his wyffe the tyme of hir seeknes;" and after her delivery he was ordered to keep ward, as he had originally been commanded, in the burgh of Aberdeen.

Pryde, sometyme Minister at Huttoun,¹ within the boundis of Annanderdail, being depyved from his Miniftrie as a persone vnqualified and not worthie to exerce such ane calling, doeth notwithstanding, to the offence of God, contempt of the Ordouris of the Kirke, and scandall of the Miniftrie, still preatch and minister the Sacraments at the said Kirk, gevand thairby evill example to otheris to do the lyke, if remeid be not provydit. Thairfore the Lordis of Secreit Counfall ordanis and commandis James Johnestoun of that ilk, within whose boundis the said [blank] Pryde remanis and exerceis the functioun of the Miniftrie at the said Kirk, that he on nawayes suffer nor permit the said [blank] Pryde to preach nor to minister the Sacramentis at the said Kirk at ony time heirafter, quhilk the said James being personallie præsent, promiseit to do.

CCCCXCI.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO THE EARL
OF ANNANDALE.

MY VERY HONOURABILL GOOD LORD,

One inconveniencie begettis alwayis another. The Warrant sent home for the Papiftis of Abirden² caused the Lordis grant ane suspenssioun of thair horninge, qhairupon I am cited, by the copie enclosed,³ to answer the last of this monethe, and produce the decret of the High Commiffioun, with the rest that followed thairvpoun; quich is in effect a subiecting of our decretis to thair judicatorie, and the difanulling of the Commiffioun, and authoritie of it. I am very vncertain how to behave my self, and fory to see the preparatiue, quiche wil not fail to meit ws in other thingis; but becaufe I wil not oppose to his Maiesties directionis in ony forte, I think it best for me not to compeir, and let

¹ The name of Mr George Pryde, as Minister of the united parishes of Corrie and Huttoun, occurs in 1615.—(Assign. of Stipends.)

² On the 1st of July 1624, the Privy Council had issued a warrant to the Provost and Baillies of Aberdeen for apprehending excommunicated Papists within the borough, and committing such persons to ward till further directions were received respecting them.

³ The paper here referred to is not preserved.

the mater goe. I refavit the copie but this day, otherwyfe I had advertifed your Lordfhip fooner, to haif vnderftand his Maiefties plefure. Thefe fam ar the people qhom by his Maiefties own letter we cited to the 2 of Oötober laft, and qho denyit thair compeirance befor ws: Yit had I concludit with my felf to vfe no executioun againft them, becaufe of the prefent treaty with France, and thairfor diffeblit thair difobedience for the tym. The Bifhop of Abirden is fummoned lykwyfe, and a number of the Minifteris, and qhat a clamour this fal mak, your Lordfhip wil eafily judge.

I haif awaited this moneth on fum refolutioun for thir effairis of Edinburgh, but now muft back, after the fyue and twenty day, to St Andrews, qhair many thingis ar not right, efpecially in the Divinitie Colledge. The Erle of Mar cam yifternyght only to the Abbey, and had a dangeroufe fal by the way, quich I pray God may not trouble him. Wifching your Lordfhip al happines, I reft

Your Lordfhip's to command,

Edinburgh, 18 Nouember 1624.

SANCTANDREWS.

To my very honourabill good Lord,
my Lord the Erle of Annandaill.

CCCCXCII.—ACT OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL, AND HIS MAJESTY'S
MISSIVE TO THE COUNCIL.

Apud Falkland,¹ Decimo quinto die mensis Decembris 1624.

Sederunt—

CHANCELLAIR.

STORMONT.

ST ANDROIS.

B. DUMBLANE.

MELROS.

¹ On account of the fatal Pestilence which was raging in Edinburgh at this time, the Privy Council had adjourned their meetings to Falkland.

Directionis anent the Burgh of Edinburgh.

THE quhilk day, in præfence of the Lordis of Secreit Counfall, compeirit perfonallie Williame Dick baillie, Gilbert Kirkwoode, and Mr Johne Hay, as Commiffionaris directit from the Provest, Bailleis, and Counfall of the Burgh of Edinburgh, to attend the meatting at Falkland, to vnderftand His Maiefties will and pleafure in fuche particularis as His Maieftie had commandit to be impaired vnto thame be the faidis Lordis; and the faidis Lordis haueing fhawne vnto thame, and caufed read in thair audience the miffiue letter vnderwrittin, with the Articles following fend doune from His Maieftie to the faidis Lordis, and thay haueing required of the faidis Commiffionaris to giue thair names thairunto, the faidis Commiffionaris humblie craved of the faidis Lordis that thay might haif ane copie of the miffiue and Articles to be fhawne to the Counfall of thair Towne, to the intent they might be confulted and advyfed with thame thairanent, and promifed to giue ane anfwair thairunto the nixt Counfall day: Quhairunto the faidis Lordis agreed and consentit. Of the quhilk miffiue and Articles the tenour followis:—

[JAMES R.]

Right truftie and right welbeloued Cofens and Counfellouris, and right truftie and welbeloued Counfellouris, We greet yow weele. We haif reffaued a petitioun from the Provest, Bailleis, and Counfall of Edinburgh, wherin thay excufe thamefelffis of the diforders laitlie committed in that Towne, defireing that We fould accompt of thame as in former tymes, and not poynte thame out as the onlie rebels in that Our Kingdome, whilk excufe We could easilie admitt, fo as we wer affured not to be troubled with the lyke infolencies heirafter; for, as We have alwyfe loued rather to pardone and pafs by faults committed than to punifh thame with rigour and feueritie, fo We wolde be forie to be driven to a neceffitie of vndoing that Towne, to whiche We haif ever wifhed weele, and bene manie tymes beneficiall: But becaus We cannot haif any fuch affurance, vnles the caufes be taken away whiche bred the confufioun whiche is amongft thame, befor We determine in thefe laft buffineffes, We will fee a courfe taken for præventing the like diforders,

and for that effect haif caused draw some Articles whiche heirwith We haif inclosed,¹ to be proponed to thame, and performed with the grittest expeditioun that may be; For whiche it is Our pleasure that ye call thame befor yow, and vrge the præsent accomplishment thair of, as thingis which We will haif to tak effect, both for thair benefite and the furetie of Our obedience; Whereunto, if ye fall find thame practicable, We ar pleased to dispense with the lait Proclamatioun of the Communioun at Christmasse, and to continew the same to the ordinair tyme of Easter, Requiring yow to deale effectuallie in this busines, and mak thame see thair owne goode and benefite thairin, that the same being willinglie imbraced by thame, We may haif the occasioun to continew Our wonted favoure, according as thay desire: And heirin persuading Our self of your care and diligence, We bid yow fareweill.

Gevin at Newmarket, the 26 day
of Nouember 1624.

CCCCXCIII.—ACT OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

Apud Falkland, Decimo quinto die mensis Decembris 1624.

*Dispensation with the Proclamatioun anent the Communicating at
Christmas.*

FORSAMEKLE as althocht the King's Maiestie vpoun diuerse goode respects and considerationis, warrandit be the Cannons of the Church and Lawes of this Kingdome, did command and ordaine that the blifed Sacrament of the bodie and bloode of our Lord and Sauieur Jesus Christ should be celebrate in all the Kirks of Edinburgh at this

¹ A copy of the Articles referred to is inserted immediately after the above letter, on the 15th of December 1624. As these are repeated in the Privy Council Register, along with the Answers of the Provost and Magistrates of Edinburgh, transmitted to King Charles, in the following year, they are given, accompanied with his Majesty's marginal remarks upon the several Answers, at a subsequent page.

approcheing Christmaffe, and that all the inhabitantis of the said burgh fould tak the same kneeling; yitt his Maiestie, vpoun the humble petition of the Magistratis and Counfall of the said Burgh, vnto the quhilk his Maiestie hes ever wished well, and hes bene [many] tymes beneficiall, and thairwithall haveing vnderstoode by letters from some of the Prælatiſ of the Church, that vpoun conference had be thame with the Ministeris of the said burgh, they haif fund that the myndis of some few of the inhabitantis who hes bene averſe, and yit ignorantlie stands out in thair opinionis aganis the ordouris of the Church and lawis of the Kingdome, could not be seasonned and disposed in so short a tyme to that uniformitie of obedience whilk thair dewtie and alledgeance required; And that nevertheles they wer in goode hoip, if they had some longer tyme and leasour to deale with the saidis inhabitants, that monie of thame wald become more peaceable and obedient, His Maiestie, following his accustomate gracious inclinacioun rather to pitie nor to punish the errouris and faults of his people, and by a loueing and fatherlie behaiour patientlie to abyde some tyme of thair amendement, and by gentle and fair meanis rather to reclame thame from thair vnſatled and evill groundit opinionis, nor by ſeueritie and rigour of justice to inflict that punishment whilk thair misbehaiour and contempt meritis, His Maiestie hes bene gratiouſlie pleased, by his letter direct to the Lordis of his Privie Counfall, bearing dait the twentie ſex day of Nouember laſt, to ſignifie his Royall will and pleasure, That his Maiestie is content to diſpenſe with the lait Proclamatioun for the Communioun at Christmaffe,¹ and to continew the same to the ordinair tyme of Eaſter. And thair the saidis Lords ordanis letters to be direct to mak publicatioun heirof be oppin proclamatioun at the Mercate Cros of Edinburgh, quhairthrow nane prætend ignorance of the same.

¹ The King's letter is not recorded. The Proclamation referred to in the above Act of Privy Council, is entered in the Minutes 29th of July 1624. As already noticed at page 760, a copy of it, which enjoined the celebration of the Communion on Christmas Day, in all the churches of Edinburgh, in the manner prescribed, is contained in Calderwood's History, vol. vii. p. 622.

CCCCXCIV.—HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE LORD CHANCELLOR
OF SCOTLAND.

JAMES R.

Right truſtie and right weele beloued Counſellour, We greet you weele. Much earneſt ſuit being made to Us by the French Embafadour in the behalfe of the Roman Catholicks (as they terme them) of that Our Kingdome, requyring that, in regard of this marriage (which ought to be a tyme of publick rejoyſing, wherein all perſons ought to be ſet at libertie) We wold ſhow them fauour, We were pleaſed to write to the Archbiſhop of St Androis to ſurceaſe all trubling of them, either by citatioun to compeir before any Judges, or by Excommunicatioun, till Our furder pleaſure ſhould be knowen, the ſaidis Recufants giuing no publick offence: And therefore We have thought good by theſe preſents to acquaint you with Our forſaid pleaſure, to the intent, that if any buſines fall aryſe upon any former Excommunicatioun or Horning for materis of Religioun which ſhall be brought before Our Counſell, ye ſhall cauſe it be diſmiſſed with the leaſt ſtirre or noyſe which may be. And this recommending to your ſpeciall care, We bid you fairweill.

Given at Our Manour of Theobalds,
the 12th day of Januarij 1625.¹

CCCCXCV.—JAMES DOUGLAS, GENTLEMAN OF THE BEDCHAMBER,
TO THE LORD CHANCELLOR OF SCOTLAND.

RIGHT HONORABLE AND MY MUCH HONORED GOOD LORD,

His Maieſtie having written to your Lordſhip concerning the

¹ *Indorsed*.—"King James's Letter to Sir George Hay, Chancellour, concerning Catholicks, 12 Januarij 1625." From a contemporary tranſcript by Sir James Balfour: but the peculiarly corrupt orthography of his tranſcript is not retained.

Recufantes of that Kingdome, willed me (when I presented the same to be signed) to write to your Lordship to keepe the letter to your selfe, and communicate it, or the contentes thair of, to as few as might be, which I interprete to be, in plaine English, to none at all. And, for anie thing which I could gather a far of, he desired not that your Lordship should communicate it to the Archbishop of St Andrewes: And this is all what I can write of this purpos. I am forie that I am fo barren of mater. I haue no other thing to write worth your Lordship's reading, onlie I must by these praesents most humble craue your Lordship's pardon, that hauing sent three feuerall pacquetts to your Lordship, I wrote nothing my selfe, which proceeded neyther of neglecte of my dewtie, nor frome lack of good will, but partlie frome lack of time, being tyed to fashious attendance, and partlie lack of mater. These other two letters frome the Prince Sir James Fullerton sente to me, desiring me at the first commoditie to sende them home. So, hauing no furder wherewith to trouble your good Lordship at this time, I humble take my leaue, and remayne

Your honorable good Lordship's moste humble
and deuoted seruant,

J. DOUGLASSE.

Theobaldes, the 12th of Januarie 1625.

To the righte honorable and my much
honored good Lord, the Lord High
Chancellour of Scotlande.

CCCCXCVI.—ACTS OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

Apud Edinburgh, Decimo tertio Januarij 1625.

Warrant to Williame Rig.

ANENT the Supplicatioun praesentit to the Lords of Secret Counfaill be Williame Rig, merchant burges of Edinburgh, makand

mentioun, That quhair his bedfellow being grite with child is become verie feeklie and infirme of bodie, and hir indispositioun and weaknes is grittumlie increased, partlie through the grieff sho conceaves for his absence and trouble, and partlie for the feare sho apprehendis of the forder growth of the contagioun and plague quhairwith it has pleast God to visite this Burgh; whilk hes so perplexed and discouraged hir that sho can nather receave comfort hirselff nor provyde for the ordouring and removall of hir familie, in this so exigent and dangerous a tyme, without sho be affistid by his presence, counfall, and directioun, Humblie, thairfore, desiring the saidis Lordis to free and releave him of his præsents warde within the Castell of Blaknes for some certane space, to the effect he may attend his bedfellow during hir feeknes, and tak some course for the ordouring and transport of his familie, in the tyme of God's visitatioun; lykeas at mair lenth is contenit in the said Supplicatioun: Quhilk being red, hard, and considerit be the saidis Lords, and thay finding the desire thair of to be reasonable, The Lords of Secreit Counfall hes thairfore frid and releavit, and be the tennour heirof freiths and releavs the said Williame Rig of his præsents ward within the Castell of Blaknes, and grantis him libertie and licence to repair to his house of Mortoun, thairin to remane for the comfort of his bedfellow and securitie of his familie in this tyme of trouble untill the last day of Februar nixt to come: Quhairnent thir præsents falbe ane warrand not onlie to the said Williame Rig bot also to the Captane, Constable, and Keeperis of the Castell of Blaknes, for putting of the said Williame to libertie and freedome furth of the same.¹

Proclamatione aganis Infamous Libellis.

FORSAMEKLE as the Kingis Majestie is certanelie informed that diuerse turbulent and feditious personis ar come, at the least ar comeing, frome the Low Countreys of Flanderis to this Kingdome of Scotland, to stirr up tumult and disordour, by false and malicious reports, and imbringing and dispersing of feditious wreitts and printed pamphletts

² Warrants about the same time were granted by the Privy Council to Dickson and Simpson, (see page 768,) who were warded, allowing them also, under special restrictions, to attend to their private affairs.

and bookis ; for preventing of the effects of quhilkis mischeavous courfes, The Lordis of Secreit Counfall ordanis letters to be direct, chargeing Officers of Armeis to pas to the Mercat Croceis of the heid Burrowis and Sea Portis of the Kingdome, and thair, be oppin proclamatioun, to command and charge all and findrie Magiftratis of Burrowis and Townes, Customars, Searchers, and other Officers, and Ministers of his Majesties lawis, that they on nawayis suffer ony ship or ships coming from the Low Countreyis of Flanderis fett ony one of thair merchands passengers equippage, or companie quhatfumever, on land or fhoire, till first so exact searche be maid by the faids Magiftrats, Searchers, and Customars, and others foirfaids, whome it apperteinis, as [that] all such letters, wreitts, and buiks as falbe found within the faids ships be maid sure, and not sufferit to be disperfit or delyverit to ony persone quhatfomever, till first they be presentit to the Lordis of Secreit Counfall, or such as thay fall appoynt to that effect. And that they tak and apprehend all suspect personis, yf onie be fund in the faids ships, and specialle such as falbe fund to be imbringaris of the faidis wreitts, buiks, or pamphletts, and present thame befor the faids Lordis of Secreit Counfall, as the faidis Magiftrats, Customars, Searchers, and others foirfaids, will answair vpoun thair alledgeance, at thair heigheft charge and perrell.

CCCCXCVII.—ACT OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

Apud Edinburgh, Decimo nono Januarij 1625.

Anent the Town of Edinburgh.

THE quhilk day, in præsence of Sir George Hay of Kinfauns knight, Lord Heigh Chancellour of Scotland, Johne Archibishop of St Androis, and Thomas Earle of Melros, Præfident of the Counfall and Secretair of this Kingdome, compeirit personallie Alexander Clerk, Provest of the Burgh of Edinburgh, John M'Nacht, Williame Dick, Andro Purves, and Archbald Tode, Bailleis of the said Burgh, John

Byaris, Deane of Gild, and George Sutie, Thesaurar of the said Burgh, Mungo M'Caull, David Mitchaell, Nicoll Vdwart, Gilbert Kirkwoode, and Thomas Weir, with some otheris of the Counfall of the said Burgh, and Mr Johne Hay thair Clerk, and gave in thair Answairs in writt to the Articles fend doune be his Majestie touching the distributioun of the said Burgh in severall paroches, and provisioun for the Miniftrie of the same Burgh with competent stipends; and toucheing certain vther poynts mentioned in the saids Articles, quhilks his Maiestie recommendit to be performed be the Magistrats of the said Burgh, and of the quhilk Articles the Commiffionaris of the said Burgh gat ane copie at the lait meeting at Falkland vpone the fiftene day of December last. Quhilks Answairs being red and confidderit be the saidis Lordis, and they not being satisfieid with findrie points of the same, The saidis Lordis gaif back the saidis Answairs to the saidis Proveft and Bailleis to be reformed be thame, and affigned vnto thame, with thair awne consent, the twentie sex of this instant to report to the saidis Lordis thair Answairs, reformed in such particular heads wherein the saidis Lordis wer not satisfieid.¹

CCCCXCVIII.—ACT OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

Apud Edinburgh, Tertio die mensis Februarij 1625.

Sederunt—

CHANCELLAIR.	LAUDERDAILL.	ADVOCAT.
THESAURAIR.	L. ERSKYNE.	INNERTEILL.
WINTOUN.	CARNEGIE.	CURRIEHILL.
LINLITHGOW.	M ^R OF ELPHINSTOUN.	RIDHOUS.
PERTH.	M ^R OF JEDBURGH.	DURIE.
ROXBURGH.	THESAURAIR DEPUTE.	SIR ROBERT SPOTTIS-
BUGCLEUGH.	PRIVIE SEALE.	WOODE.
MELROS.	KILSAYTH.	SIR JOHNE SCOTT.

¹ No further notice, during the reign of James, is taken of this matter in the Acts of Privy Council; but after the accession of King Charles the proposed arrangement was concluded: See Nos. CCCXCIX.—DI.

Warrant to Williame Rig.

ANENT the Supplicatioun presentit to the Lordis of Secreit Counsaill be Williame Rig, marcheant-burges of Edinburgh, makand mentioun, That quhair it is knowne to the saidis Lordis how that he hes bene this lang tyme bigane prifonare in the Castell of Blaknes, upoun occasioun of some scruple and doubt apprehendit be him toucheing certane of the lait establisshed Ordouris of the Kirk; and by reafoun of this his imprifonement, he hes bene dishabilled and restraynit from all occasiounis alsweele of conference as otherwayes with learnt men, whereby he may ressaue satisfactioun and clear resolutioun in his saidis doubtis; and so long as he is in prifoun in the said Castell this impediment and hinder will continew: Humblie desyreing, thairfore, the saidis Lordis to confyne and warde him in some certane place within the Shirefdome of Fyffe, quhair he may haif ane occasioun of conference with the Right Reverend Father in God, Johne Archibishop of St Androis, and some of the Ministrie, for his better cleiring and resolutioun of these doubtis and scruples, quhilkis procurit his restraint, lykeas at mair lenth is contenit in the Supplicatioun; Quhilk being red, hard, and confidderit be the saidis Lordis, and they being willing to favour and assist the said Williame Rig, by all laughfull meanis, quhilkis may serve for clering of his doubtis, and geving vnto him satisfactioun in the matters abouewrittin, The Lordis of Secreit Counsaill hes thairfore confynit and wardit, and be the tennour heirof confynis and wairdis the said Williame Rig within the place of Adernie, and thrie mylis thairabout, and ordanis him to remane and keepe warde within the same, and not to transcend the boundis thairof, as he will answair to his Maiestie, quhill he be fred be the saidis Lordis, with power alwayes to the said Williame to repair towards the said Archibishop of St Androis, at such pairts and placeis within the said Shirefdome of Fyffe as salbe appoyntit vnto him be the said Archibishop, and conforme to his warrant to be send to the said Williame to that effect, and to remayne and confer with the said Archibishop, for cleiring of his doubtis, for such tyme and space as the said Archibishop shall require him: Quhairanent the said Archibishop his

letter, in wreitt, to be direct to the said Williame, falbe vnto him, in that behalf, a sufficient warrand and exoneratioun.¹

CCCCXCIX.—ANSWERS OF THE PROVOST, BAILLIES, AND COUNCIL OF EDINBURGH, TO HIS MAJESTY'S ARTICLES, FOR DIVIDING THE TOWN INTO PARISHES.

*Apud Edinburgh, Vigesimo nono die mensis Julij 1625.*²

Sederunt—

GEO. CANCELL.	MELROS.	THESAURAIR DEPUTE.
THESAURAIR.	LAUDERDAILL.	CLERK OF REGISTER.
S ^r ANDROIS.	L. ERSKINE.	ADVOCAT.
MORTON.	CARNEGIE.	INNERTEILL.
WINTOUN.	M ^r OF ELPHINSTOUN.	CURRIEHILL.
PERTH.	M ^r OF JEDBURGH.	S ^r ROBERT SPOTTIS-
ROXBURGH.	PRIVIE SEALE.	WOODE.

THE whilk day the Proveft and Bailleis of Edinburgh, and the Sax Ministeris thair of, compeiring befor the Lordis of his Maieftis Privie Counfell, and the Anfweiris of the Proveft, Bailleis, and Counfell of the said Burgh, fend vp to His Maieftie to the Articles sent doune be His Maieftie vnto thame, anent the devyding of the said Burgh in Parocheis, and provyding of thair Ministeris with competent ftipandis, and His Maieftis Note vpoun everie Article of the saidis Anfweiris being fhawne to the saidis Proveft and Bailleis, and ane copie thair of delyverit

¹ After Charles's accession, Rigg presented a petition to the Privy Council, on the 8th of July 1625, and obtained a further extension, allowing him to repair to Edinburgh "for settling of his affairs and business." At length, on the 20th of September 1626, his Majesty addressed a letter to the Privy Council, dated 14th of June, authorising Rigg to be released and set at liberty, the Archbishop of St Andrews having declared "that he was satisfied with the said Williame his resolutioun to carrie himself in a dewtiful manner heirafter."

² Inserted in the Register, on the penult of August 1625, having been omitted under the proper date, the 29th of July, as attested in the margin by J. Prymrois, Clerk of Council.

vnto thame, thay wer ordanit to gif a direct anfwair thairto vpon the penult of Auguft nixt to come.

ANSWEIRIS OF THE PROVEST, BAILLEIS, AND COUNSELL OF EDINBURGH TO
THE ARTICLES DELYVERIT VNTO THAME BE THE LORD CHANCELOUR
AND OTHERIS OF HIS MAIESTEIS MOST HONNOURABLE PRIVIE COUNSELL.

WE ar perswadit that Our late deare Father never repented him of ony favour bestowed on that Towe, and wishe that thay may never prove vnworthie of the same; nor do We intend to diminishe ony thair liberties, or hinder ony decent ordour to be kept in thair Church, Bot till thay satisfie Oure desire thay aught not to mak new Propositionis vnto us.

THE Provest, Bailleis, and Counsell of Edinburgh having confidderit the Articles vnderwritin, delyverit vnto thame by the Lord Chancellour and otheris of his Maiesteis most honnourable Privie Counsell, doe acknowledge with all humilitie the manie favouris conferrit vpon thame be his Maieftie, togither with the grete care and folicitude his Maieftie hes for fatling the peace and quietnes of this his Maieftieis goode Towe, Whiche as it most concernis thame vnder his Maieftie, So it becometh thame to obey and reverence all his Maiesteis royall intentionis for procureing, intertenyng, and continwatting the fame; Bot with all do most humblie intreate his Maieftie that these liberties and priviledgeis, whilk thay haif formerlie vnder his Maieftie enjoyed, concerning the maner and forme of planting of the Kirkis of the said Burgh with Ministeris, and decent ordour to be observit be thame, mair at lenth sett doune after the Anfwairis to the Articles vnderwriten, may not be that occasioun be prejudged or diminifhed: Bot it might pleas his Maieftie to give his expres Declaratioun that the same fall stand in the full force and strent, and to that effect to grant ane Ratificatioun of the same former priviledgeis, as the same is heirefter annex after the saidis Anfwairis to the saidis Articles.

FOLLOWIS THE ARTICLES AND ANSWEIRIS TO THE SAME.

1. Art.—Forasmuch as the Ministers of Edinburgh cannot possible discharge thair dewties vnto that people so long as they ar not distinguished in particular parochines, His Maiestie requireth a present ordour to be taken for distributing that multitude into severall congregatiions with the greatest equalitie that may be had; for, beydis that all populous cities and townes in the whole Christiane world ar so ordered, the Magistrates and Counsell of Edinburgh did thame selfis condiscende, after the sevententhe dayes work, to the distributioun required, Like as the same was put in practise and continewd some yearis, vntill the Ministeris then in place wer putt from thair charges for thair vndutifull behaiour towardis his Maiestie; after which tyme things turned back to the auld confusioun.

We ar satisfied with this Answer, the same being performed.

Anfw.—It is answairit to the First Article, The Provest, Bailleis, and Counsell of Edinburgh agree and consent that the Towne of Edinburgh and Inhabitantis thair of be distribute in severall Parochines or Congregationis, and fall appoint thair distinct limites according to the same distributioun that formerlie has been maid, the supplie and accessioun of the Kowgait, West Port, and Cannogait head being proportionallie distribute amongis the saidis Parochines, according as the same lye ewest vnto thame.

2. Art.—This distributioun required most be maid, as at that tyme was done, in foure parochines, and two Ministeris appointed to everie parochine, so that the Towne fall haif eight Ministeris in the whole, and of that number the Principall of the Colledge fall alwayes be one.

This Answer doth likewise satisfie, bot We will haif thame presentlie to condiscend either

Anfw.—To the Second it is answairit, That this distributioun fall be maid in four parochines or congregationis, and that thair fall be two Ministers appointed to each Parochine; so that the Towne fall have eight Ministers in the

upon the eight Ministers or tak the Principall of thair Colledge for one.

whole, with this provisioun alwayes, that it fall be in the optione of the Provest, Baillies, and Counsell of Edinburgh, whether the Principall of the Colledge fall be one or not.

3. Art.—These Ministers most be provydit of houfes to reside within thair feuerall Parochines, which fall be known to be the houfes of the Church, and with maintenance sufficient, which in that Towne can be no less than twa thousand merkis Scottis to everie Minister, and aught to be payed in all reafoun by the people that live vnder thair cuire. This may be done aither by imfosing a certane Annuitie vpoun everie house and tenement within the parochines, as is done here at Londone, and in other weill ordered cities, or by some other convenient meane that may be devyfed. And till this tak effect the Towne most beare the charge of the whole.

Anfw.—It is anfwairit to the Third Article: And first, to the first pairt of the same, That the Townes houfes which they haif in the Kirk-yaird, being thrie in number, being fillit and occupyit, viz., twa of thame be the Ministers of

Parochine; and the third with ane of the Ministers of Parochine; and to provide the remanent houfes to ilk Minister in his awin Parochin. And to the second pairt thair of it is anfwairit, That the Ministeris of this Burgh ar provided eache man with a sufficient house to dwell in, maill frie, with a yeirlie stipend of twelf hundreth merkis Scottis, thankfullie payed to thame, conforme to the agriement maid with thame at thair entrie to thair chairges; and since the Commoun guid is not abill to sustene the burthen alreddie imposed thairupoun, and of reafone aucht not to be thrallid to the payment of the Ministeris stipendis; and that the augmentatioun desired, both in matter and maner, does crave mature advysement, thay

We haif shewed Oure mynd in this poynt to those of Oure Counsell whome We haif trusted with this bussienes, and will haif the provisionis required to tak a beginning at fardest in the yeir 1626.

most humbly intreat his Maieftie to pardoun thame that they cannot give Anfweir to the fame at this present; and to spare the fame till the rest of the Articles be first discussed, and the distributioun desired, in maner contentit in these Articles and Anfweiris under the same annexed, be first sated, and brocht to perfectioun.

4. Art.—Euerie Paroche shall heirafter be governed in matters Ecclesiasticall by thair Ministeris and proper Sessioun, conforme to the order of othere Churches in the Kingdome. Whiche Sessiounis shall be elected yearlie in euerie Paroche eight or ten dayes after the electioun of the Magistratis, by the Provest and Bailleis of the Towne and the Ministeris of the paroche, and no others.

This Answer contenteth us for thair Church government, bot in the electioun of thair yearlie Sessioun We will not that anie meddle saveing the Magistratis of the Towne and the Ministeris of the Paroche.

Answ.—It is answered to the Fourth Article, That the Provest, Bailleis, and Counfall agree, that everie Paroche hereafter be governed in matters Ecclesiasticall by the proper Sessioun of the Paroche: So that in the whole, thair shall be four distinct Sessiouns, having thair severall jurisdictions within the limites of thair Paroche allanerlie; and that ilk severall Sessioun shall consist of the Magistrates, Ministers, Elders, and Deaconis of the same Paroche; and that the said Elders and Deaconis shall be elected yeirly in every Paroche by the Provest, Bailleis, and Counsell of the Burgh, and Ministers of the said Paroche, in the moneth of December, so that the said Elders and Deaconis may enter to thair offices upon the first day of January efter following yeirly.

5. Art.—So often as it shall happen ony place in that Ministerie to fall voyde by deathe, translation, or ony other way, the saidis Provest, Bailleis, and Counsell shall make choise of such a persone as they think meete to discharge the cure, and present him to the Ordinarie, con-

forme to the custome of other patrones in the Realme, for eschewing the confusioun and trouble of populare electiouns.

Answ.—It is answairit to the Fyft Article, That thay aggrie and consent that when anie laice or plaices, ane or mae, of the Ministrie of Edinburgh fall fall voyde by death, translatioun, or utherwayes whatfomever, that the said Proveit, Bailleis, and Counsell fall mak choice of such a persone or persones as thay think meitt to discharge the cuire, and present him or thame to the Archibishop of Sanct Androis, conforme to the custome ressavit: And for eschewing of all confusioun of tumult by popular electioun, that the Electioun of the saidis Ministeris fall be maid in all tyme to cum by the Proveit, Bailleis, and Counsell of the said Burgh allanerlie; who fall be haldin to nominat and present the saidis Ministeris, swa to be chosen by thame, to the Archibishop of Sanct Androis, and his suceffouris, to be admitted to the saidis vacand plaiceis of the Ministrie within the said Burgh, and to be authorized with his collatioun and admissioun thairupone in dew forme: And if the saidis personis elected, chosen, and presented, as said is, or anie of thame, fall be fund by the said Archibishop of Sanct Androis, or his suceffouris, unmeitt and unqualified for the saidis plaiceis of the Ministrie within the said Burgh, the saidis Proveit, Bailleis, and Counsell fall be haldin to elect, nominat, and present otheris in thair plaice, within the spaice and tyme prescryved be the lawis, and observed in otheris lyke patronages be the custome and practique of the kingdome.

We esteeme this Answer sufficient.

6. Art.—And notwithstanding the distributioun afoirsaid, the Proveit, Bailleis, and Counsaill of the Towne most everie Sunday resort ordinarlie

to the Heigh Church, at least in the forenoone, the rest of thair families (thair necessarrie attendents onlie excepted) being astricted to keepe thair proper paroche churcheis as otheris of the people.

And this likeways.

Answ.—It is answairit to the Sext, That thay agrie, that notwithstanding the distributioun foresaid, the Proveist, Bailleis, and Counsell of the Guid Towne, fall every Sunday refort ordinarilie to the Heigh Church, at least in the forenoone, the rest of thair families (thair necessar attendants onlie excepted) being astricted to keip thair proper Paroche Churcheis, as otheris of the people.

7. Art.—The pervers custome practised in that Towne of trying and censuring the Ministrie by the people falbe in all tyme comeing discharged, seeing they ar subiect as otheris Ministeris to the tryall of thair Ordinarie in the Synodes and other lawfull Affsemblies of the Church.

The conclusioun of this Answair satisfis the Article, bot the narrative, if it be trew, sheweth what a Reformatioun that was and how evill advised; yet We beleive not that either Superintendent or Minister wold ever subiect thair doctrine to the tryall of the popular [voice]: this is ane Anabaptisticall phrenesie.

Answ.—It is answairit to the Sevint, That the publict conventiounes upon the Tyfday preceding the celebratioun of the Holie Communioun, was introduced in this Church with the Reformatioun of the Gospell, and was ordanit to be keiped, both by the Superintendants of the Church and Ministers of the same, and wherin the doctrines, lives, and conversatiouns of thair Ministers wer tryt;¹ lyk as the same hes been in continuall observance these thriescore yeares; but since it is his Maiesteis pleasure, thay ar content to discharge the same conventiounes in all tyme comeing.

8. Art.—Lastlie, His Maiestie requireth ane Act to be maid by the

¹ “Bothe by the Superintendis of the Church and Ministeris of the same, and thair Ministeris thairin removed, thair doctrine, lyffe, and conversatioun tryed; like as, &c.” (Reg. Secr. Sig.)

Magistratis and Counfall of the Towne aganis all fuche as doe not communicat with thair Ministeris in thair awne parochie church, or fall goe out of the Towne to other communionis without the licence and testimonie of thair awne Ministeris; and this Act to contene some severe penaltie to be inflicted vpon the transgressouris.

Lett this be added, that the testimonie of the Ministeris must be in writing, and gevin by the Ministeris of the Parochie, or at the least by one of thame; and for the penalties, We will haif thame employed ad pios usus, and not to the commoun workes of the Towne.

Answ.—It is answairit to the Last, That the Proveist, Bailles, and Counfall ar content, and consentis and promittis to caus an Act be maid in thair Counfall buikis against such as doe not communicat in thair awne Parochines, or fall goe out of the Towne to other communionis without the licence and testimonie of thair Ministeris; containing ane penaltie of twentie pundis for everie fault, to be uplifted be the Treasurer of the Goode Towne, to be applied to the commoun workes of the same.

FOLLOWIS THE LIBERTIES AND PRIVILEDGES DESYRIT TO BE RATIFIED.

The thingis above required being performed, these sall ressave a reasonable Answair. In the meanetyme, for the present distributioun, We think it fitte that the Ministeris who now serue be appoyntit to thair severall Parochies by the advise of the Magistratis of the Towne, and with thair awne consent.

Imprimis, Seing it has pleased his Maiestie to tye the electioun of the Ministeris to the vaikand Churches within this Burgh to the Proveist, Bailles, and Counfell of the same, excluding all Popular Electioun, that when ony place of the Ministrie within the same vaikis thay fall haif power and libertie to lite ane tua or thrie Ministeris out of ony Parochie or Parochines of Scotland, to burgh or land, who fall be haldin to repair to the said Burgh, there to mak ane Sermon or tua, in what churches it fall pleas the Proveist, Bailles, and Counfell to appoint thame; and in caice, etc.

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D.—THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS TO HIS MAJESTY KING
CHARLES.

MOST SACRED AND GRATIOUS SOVERAIGNE,

May it please your Majesty: The Town of Edinburgh liath by Act of their Councell condiscended vnto the Articles proponed by your Maiesties Father of most blessed memory, and renued to them by your Maiesties selfe. And for the petitions they made concerning their Churches, which your Majestie differred to answere before the Articles proponed to them were agreed vnto, I haue composed the matter between their Ministers and them, as your Majestie will perceiue by their subscriptions. Both these require your Majesties ratification, which must be done by Act of the Lords of Privie Councell, to which effect your Majestie would be grateously pleased to write a letter to the saids Lords, and another to the Town, for perfecting the things whervnto they haue condiscended. I trust the good successe of this worke, which was a worke most difficill to be broght about, doeth prognosticat a good event to all your Majesties royall purposes, intended both for this Church and for the Republict. The rest I remit to my Lord Bishop of Rosse¹ his relation, of whome we are all assured your Majestie will haue a speciall care that his charges in attendance there doe not vndoe his estate, which is by diuerse occasions already much hurt, and specially by his forwardnesse in the services of your Maiesties Father, for which he susteineth as yet the hatred of many great ones in this kingdome. So with my humble prayers to Almighty God for your Majesties long and prosperous reigne, I humbly take my leave.

Your Majesties most humble and obedient seruant,

Sanctandrews, 2 October 1625.

SANCTANDREWS.

To his most Sacred Majesty.

¹ Mr Patrick Lindesay, afterwards Archbishop of Glasgow.

DI.—ACTS OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL, AND LETTER FROM KING CHARLES
TO THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL.

(1.) *Apud Edinburgh, primo die mensis Novembris 1625.*

Sederunt—

GEO. CANCELL.	LINLITHGOW.
THESAURAIR.	PERTH.
ST ANDROIS.	WIGTOUN.
MORTOUN.	ROXBURGH.
MURRAY.	BUGCLEUGH.
WYNTOUN.	MELROS.

Ratificatioun of some Articles concerning the Burgh of Edinburgh.

THE whilk day, in prefence of the Lordis of Secreitt Counsell, compeirit personallie Johnne Archibishop of St Androis, and presentit and exhibite to the saidis Lordis the missive letter vnderwrittin, signed by the Kingis most excellent Maiestie, and directit vnto the saidis Lordis, containing his Maiesteis pleasure and directioun that the Articles and Petitionis following, whilkis wer likewayis presentit and exhibite be the said Archibishop, and concernis the fatling of the peace and quietnes of the Burgh of Edinburgh, might be ratified and approvin, and ane Act of Counsell maid thairvpon: Whilk Missive, with the Articles and Petitionis foirsaidis, being red, hard, and confidderit be the saidis Lordis, and thay being weele advyfit with the same, and finding his Maiesties will and pleasure toucheing the Ratificatioun of the saidis Articles to be Royall and iust, and to tende to the weele of the said Burgh, and fatling of peace and quietnes within the same, Thairfore the saidis Lordis, following his Maiesteis will and speciall command and directioun in this matter, hes ratifiet and approvin, and by the tennour heirof ratifies and approves the Articles and Petitionis foirsaid, and euerie one of thame, in all and sindrie poyntes, claufes, articles, and conditionis contenit thairintill, and efter the forme and tennour of the same in all poyntis. And thay haif interponit and interponis thair authoritie

thairto; and ordanis the fame to be infert and regiftrat in the Bookes of Secreit Counfell, thairin to remane, *ad futuram rei memoriam*.

Of the whilkis Articles and Petitionis the tennour followis:¹

*Followis his Maiesteis Missive Letter for Warrant of the
Ratificatioun aboue written.*

CHARLES R.

Right trustie, and richt well beloued Counsellour, richt trustie and richt well beloued Cofens and Counsellouris, and richt trustie and weill beloued Counsellouris, We greete you well. Whereas Our late deare Father, of famous and eternall memorie, out of his zeale to the advancement of Godis glorie and speciall love to the Towne of Edinburgh, did in his lyfytyme vrge thame with certaine Articles concerning the diftributioun of thair Towne in Parocheis, and some other thingis belonging to the right ordering of thair Churches, whairunto thay haif now by Act of thair Counfell, at Oure speciall desire condiscendit; and that the said Towne haif preferrit to Ws certaine Petitionis, agreed upoun by thame and thair present Ministers, desyreing the fame to be ratified and approued by Ws: It is Oure speciall pleasure, that you caus an Act be maid and inferted in your Bookes of Privie Counfell bearing ane Approbatioun of the said Articles and Petitionis, both whiche you fall cause infert in your saidis Bookes *ad futuram rei memoriam*: In whiche behalf these presentis, with the Articles and Petitionis subferyved² by

¹ These Articles and Petitions are accordingly inserted, and occupy about four pages of the Register. The Articles are much the same with those already given under No. CCCCXCIX; and therefore not necessary to be here repeated. The Petitions consist of 11 heads, and are printed in Maitland's History of Edinburgh, p. 276-277. In the same work will be found the Act of Town Council, dated 28th September 1625, along with the said Articles and Privileges in regard to the Election of Ministers, in the form agreed upon and ratified by the Privy Council.

² The Articles are signed by the Magistrates and Ministers of Edinburgh, as follows:— Alexander Clerk, Provost, John M'Naught, William Dick, Andro Purves, Archibald Tod, Baillies; Mr Patrick Galloway, Mr Andro Ramsay, Mr William Strutheris, Mr Thomas Synserff, Mr William Forbes, Mr John Maxwell, Ministers; and Mr John Hay Towne Clerk.

thame, and heirwith sent to you, fall be your sufficient warrand. Fareweill.¹

Gevin at Sarisburie the 19th of October 1625.

(2.) *Apud Edinburgh, Secundo die mensis Novembris 1626.*

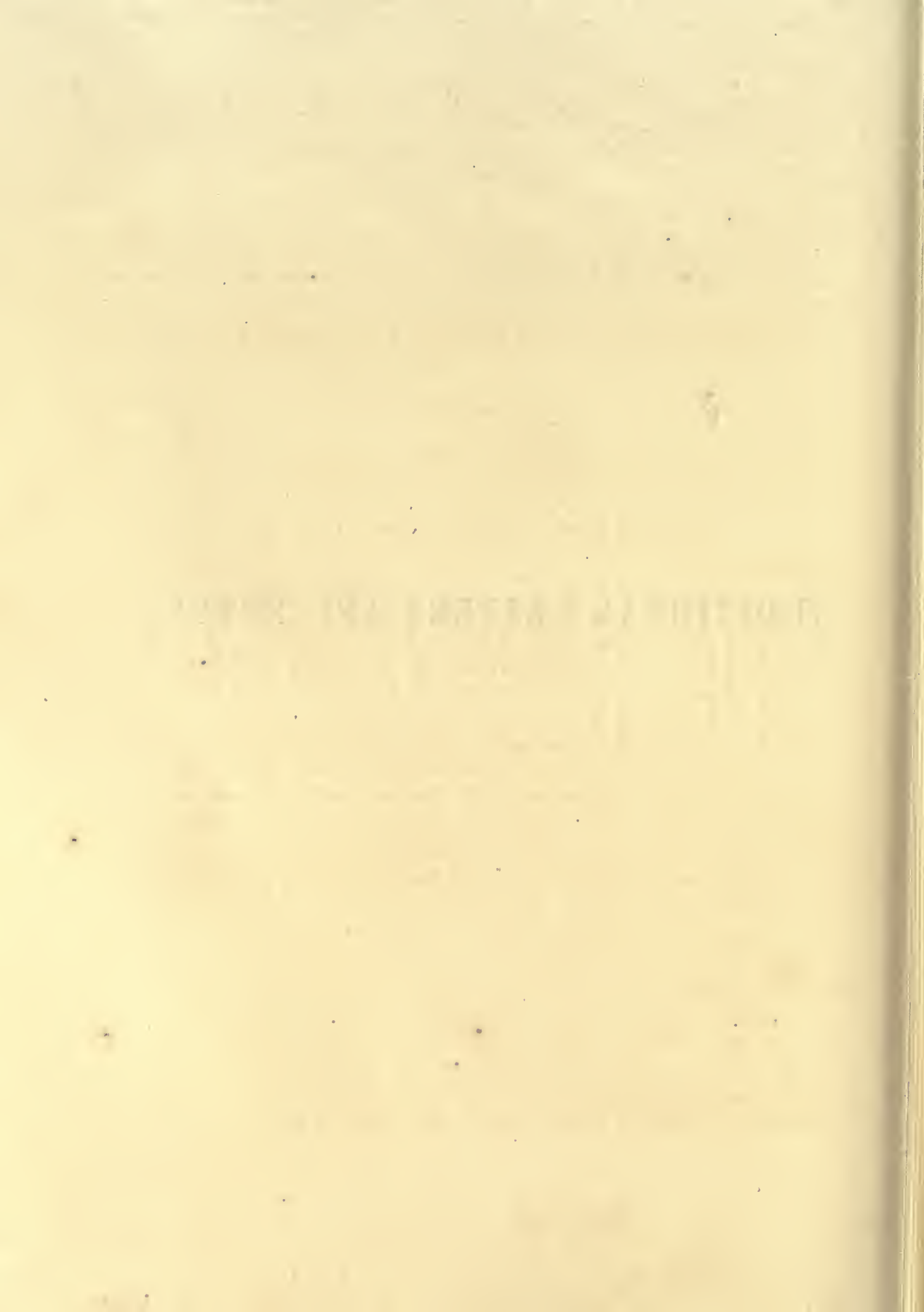
THE whilk day, Thomas Erle of Melros, his Maieftis Secretarie, producit and exhibite before the Lordis of Secreit Counfell ane missive letter from the Kingis Maieftie anent the provyding of the Eight Ministeris of Edinburgh, everie one of thame with ane hundreth pundis sterling in stipend, and a commodious house to dwell in; Whilk letter being oppinit be the saidis Lordis, and red in thair audience, thay send for David Aikinhead, Provest of Edinburgh, and intimat unto him his Maieftis will and pleasure in this matter; who craved the nixt Counfell day to gif his Anfweir, to the intent that in the meane tyme he might be advysit and consultit with the Counfell of the Towne thairanent.

(3.) *Apud Halyrudhous, Septimo die Novembris 1626.*

THE whilk day, in prefence of the Lordis of Secreit Counfell, compeirit personalie the Provest and Baillies of Edinburgh, and declairit that thay and thair Ministeris had aggreit that the matter recommendit be his Maieftie, anent the provyding of thair Eight Ministeris with stipendis and ludgeing houffes, fould rest, and that no furder fould be procedit thairin till thay wer forder advysit thairanent.

¹ The above letter to the Privy Council is also inserted in the Town Council Records: in the latter (see Maitland's History, p. 279) there is likewise preserved a copy of the King's Letter to the Magistrates of Edinburgh, of the same tenor and date as the above.

ADDITIONAL LETTERS AND NOTES.



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ACTS OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL OF SCOTLAND.

Apud Edinburgh, Decimo Nouembris 1614.

Sederunt—

B. ST ANDROIS.

B. GLASGW.

CASSILLIS.

LOTHEANE.

CRANSTOUNE.

BINNING.

PRESIDENT.

PREUIE SEALE.

THESAURAIR DEPUTE.

JUSTICE CLERK.

CLERK OF REGISTER.

ADUOCAT.

KILSYTHE.

MEDOP.

Ane Act allowing the Apprehensioun of Mr James Moffet, Preist.

FORSAMEKLE as George Archiebifchop of St Androis, Mr [Alexander] Gledftanes, Archideane of St Androis, and the Proveft and Baillies of the Citie of St Androis, hes laitlie tane and apprehendit Maifter James Moffett, ane Jefuite and Meffe preift, and hes broght and exhibite him with his Meffe cloathis heir befor the Lordis of his Maiefties Preuey Counfaill, by whome he is committit to warde within the Tolbuithe of Edinburgh, to abyde his tryall and examinatioun as accordis: Thairfoir the faidis Lordis of Secret Counfaill ffindis and declairis that the perfonis foirfaidis in the taking, apprehending, keeping, detening, and exhibitoun of the faid Jefuite, with his Meffe cloathis, hes done very faithfull, worthie, goode, and acceptable feruice to his Maieftie and the cuntrey, and authorizeis, allowis, and approveis the fame in euery poynte and circomeflance thairof, and exoneris the faidis perfonis of thair dewytie in that behalff be thir presentis.

Apud Edinburgh, xj Nouembris 1614.

Commissioun for tryeing of the Messe Preistis in Glasgow.

Forfamekle as albeit the reffett of Jesuitis, Seminarie and Messe Preistis, and the saying and heiring of Messe be verie straitlie prohibite and forbidin be the Lawis and Constitutionis of this Kingdome, nochtwithstanding it is of treuthe that the reuerend Fader in God, Johnne Archiebischop of Glasgw, hes of laite apprehendit within the Citie of Glasgw ane Jesuite and Messe preist, calling himself Ogiluy, who had not onlie ane publiēt and avowit reffett within the Citie of Glasgw amangis findrie of the inhabitantis thairof, be whome he wes confortit and interteynit with all showes of loue and kyndnes, as yf he had bene a lauchfull subiect, bot with that diuers of the saidis inhabitantis and utheris his Maiesties subiectis hes, to the grite offence of God, sclander of his holie Ministerie, and contempt and misregaird of oure Souerane Lord and his auctoritie, bene present with the Preist at the abhominatioun of the Messe, and hes hard him say Messe, and some hes confest thame selfis to the Preist, and tane the Sacrament of him after the Popishe maner: Of the quhilkis personis, [&c.]

Apud Edinburgh, xxij Nouembris 1614.

Warrant for persute of Mr James Moffett, Jesuite.

Forfamekle as Mr James Moffett, ane Jesuite and Messe preist, hes laitlie come in this countrey, with his Messe cloathis, and hes bene trafiquing bothe aganis the Estate and trew Religioun presentlie profest within this Kingdome, hes sayd and hard Messe, and vtherwayis behauit him self in findrie pointis aganis the Lawis of this Kingdome: Thairfoir the Lordis of Secreit Counsaill ordanis his Maiesties Aduocat to libell and forme ane summondis or dittay aganis the said Mr James to be persewit befor his Maiesties Justice, vpoun suche crymes and according to suche informatioun as he fall ressaue from the reuerend Fader in God, George Archiebischop of St Androis, and that his Maiesties said

Aduocat infist in the perfute of the faid Preift for the faid crymes, conforme to the Lawis of this Realme: Whereanent thir presentis falbe vnto the faid Lord Aduocat ane warrand.

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HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL.

[JAMES R.]

Right trustie and weilbelouit Cofine and Counfellour, and right trustie and weilbelouit Counfellouris, We greeete you weele: Haueing sufficentlie vnderstoode the qualificationis and sufficiencie of Patrik Bifchop of Rofs, and his goode inclinatioun to Oure service, We haue thoght goode to promoue him to Our Preuie Counfell in that Oure Kingdome; It is thairfoir Oure pleasour that yow minister vnto him the Oathe accustomed in lyk caifes, and admitt him as one of the ordinair number of Oure Preuie Counfellours, to injoy all honnouris, digniteis, preuilegeis, and immuniteis, whilk ony vther Oure Counfellour by vertew of the faid place injoyeth, for doing wherof these presents falbe vnto you a sufficient warrand. So We bid yow fairweele. At Newmarkett, the 13 of Marche 1615.¹

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HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL.

[JAMES R.]

Right trustie and weilbelouit Cofine and Counfellour, and Right trustie and weilbelouit Counfellouris, We greeete you weele:

¹ At a meeting of Privy Council, held on the penult of March, this letter was presented, and Patrick Bishop of Ross took the prescribed Oaths, and his seat as a Privy Councillor.—In the footnote at page 240, it was suggested that the letter No. CXLV. was intended for this Mr Patrick Lindsay, who was present at the General Assembly in 1610. It appears, however, that Mr George Lindsay was Minister at Roseneath at that time, and his name as such occurs in the Acta Secr. Concil., 21 Novembris 1610.

Whereas We ar informit that by ane Act of Parliament maid for vniting of some Parrocheis in Annanderdaill, it wes prouidit that the twa Parrocheis of Daltoun and Moufwall fould be vnited, and the place whairat the Parrochionaris fould meete fould be the Kirk of Nethir Daltoun, as a place thocht most commodious, and whairat it wes expectit that ane Kirk fould foonnest haif bene biggit: Neuirtheles seeing it hes othirwayes appeirit, and that thair is now at Moufwall a new Kirk biggit haueing all commodityis and easmentis for reffaueing of the Parrochionaris of these Kirkis, We haif thocht goode that the Kirk of Moufwall be heirefter the place for meeting of the Parrochynnaris of the saidis Parrocheis: And for that effect, if it falbe neidfull, or falbe defirit be the Minister of the Parroche, or Bischop of the Diocefe, yow fall grant letters chargeing the Parrochionaris to meete and conueene at the said Kirk of Moufwall euerie Sunday for prayer and preatching and reffaueing of the Holie Sacramentis as occasioun offereth, till We in a Parliament of Oure Estaitis caus that part of the foirsaid Act to be amendit; whiche recommending to your speciall cair, We bid yow fairwee. At Our Mannour of Greenwich, the 27 of May 1615.

To Oure Right.truftie and weilbelouit Counfellour, the Erll of Dunfermling, Oure Chancellour, and to the remanent Lordis and otheris of Oure Preuie Counfell in Oure Kingdome of Scotland.

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ACTS OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL OF SCOTLAND.

Apud Edinburgh, xxiij Martij 1615.

Act anent James Steuart of Hierusalame.

The quhilk day, in presence of the Lordis of Secretit Counsaill, compeirit personallie James Steuart, callit of Jerufalame, and actit and

oblifit him, That he fall depart and pas furthe of this Kingdome betuix and the laft day of May nixttocum, and neur returne agane within the fame without his Maieftis licence had and obtenit to that effect, vnder the pane of deade.

[*Apud Edinburgh, xij die mensis Junij 1615.*]

Proclamatioun anent the Prenting of Books beyond Sea.

FORSAMEKLE as it is vnderftand to the Kingis Maieftie and Lordis of Secret Counsaill, That diuers Minifteris and otheris fubiectis of this Kingdome hes of laite tane a courfe to fend fume bookis and pamphlettis to be prentit beyond the Seas, efpeciallie at Middleburgh, the fame not being revifed and allowit by thefe whome his Maieftie hes authorized with that priuiledge, whilk with tyme may breid grite inconuenientis bothe to this Eftate and Kirk, yf remeid be not prouidit: Thairfoir the faidis Lordis ordanis letters to be direct to command, charge, and inhibite all and findrie his Maieftis leigeis and fubiectis, alfueele Minifteris as otheris whatfomeuir, be oppin proclamatioun at the Mercat Croceis of the heade Burrowis of this realme, and other places neidfull, That nane of thame prefoome nor tak vpoun hand to fend ony bookis, wrettingis, or pamphlettis of whatfomeuer fubiect, to be publifhed and prented beyond the Sea, except the fame haif bene firft [perufed] and approued by the Archiebifchoppis of Sanctandros and [Glasgow,] and by His Maiefties Secretarie of Eftate, certifeing thame that [falbe fund] to contravene and tranfgres this his Maieftis commandment, that thay falbe accomptit and punifhed as raifaris of fhifme, feditioun, and [mutinye,] and contravenaris of his Maieftis auctoritie, with all rigour, to the example of otheris.

Apud Edinburgh, 20 Julij 1615.

James Stewart his Act.

The quhilk day, in prefence of the Lordis of Secret Counsaill, compeirit perfonalie James Steuart, callit of Jerufalame, and acit and oblifit

him, That within the fpace of tuentie dayis efter the dait heirof he fall depairt and pas furthe of his Maiefties dominionis, and neur returne agane within the fame without licence of his Maieftie had and obtenit to that effect, vnder the pane of deade.

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HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL.

[JAMES R.]

Right trustie and weilbelouit Cofine and Counfellour, We greete yow weele: Hauing had sufficient prooffe of the sufficiencie and qualificatioun of James, now Archiebifchop of Glasgw, to do Ws good fervice in that Oure Kingdome, We haif thought goode to promoue him to Oure Preuie Counsaill thair: And thairfoir it is Oure pleasour that yow minister vnto him the Oathe¹ accuftomed in the lyke caifes, and admitt him to enioy all honnouris, digniteis, preuilegeis, and immunityis which ony uther Oure Preuie Counfellour enioyeth in that realme, be verteu of his place in Our faide Preuie Counfell: Whiche not doubting bot yow will do, as this falbe your sufficient warrant in that behalff, We bid yow fairweele. At Lulworth, the xiiij of August 1615.

To Oure Right trustie, [&c., *ut supra.*]

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HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL.

[JAMES R.]

Right trusty and right welbeloued Cousen and Counfellour, [and right trusty] and welbeloued Counfellours, We greete yow weil: Whereas Wee haue thought it expedient, for removing the diffenfionis and reforming the abufes which [haue] burft furth in the Toun of Brunt-

¹ Archbishop Law, on the 23d of August, took the accustomed oaths, and was duly admitted as a member of the Privy Council, in terms of this letter.

yland, that Mr Williame Watfoun, [fumtyme] Minifter, be tranſplanted (as more fullie Wee haue gevin direktionis to the Archbiſchope of Sanctandros), to the intent that buffynes may [with the greater fa]cilite and better expeditioun be compaffed, Wee thinke it [neceſſarie that the ſaid] Mr Williame be prefentlie removed oute of the ſaid Toun; [and thairfore have] thought good to will and require yow to call him [before yow, and intimat to] him this Oure pleaſour, chargeing and commanding him, within ſome reaſonable ſpace and tyme, to remove himſelf oute of the ſaid Toun, and not to approche to the ſame, without Oure ſpeciall licence, by the ſpace of aught myles:¹ As alſo, that ye inhibit him heirefter to keep or interteyne ony intelligence with theſe mutineris in any acts concerning thair Toune, and the gouernament of it, as he will eſchew Oure diſpleaſour, and ſhew himſelfe a dewtifull ſubject in tyme commeing. And heirin expecting your diligence, Wee bid yow fairweill. At Newmarket, the 27 of Nouember 1615.²

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THE FORM OF HOMAGE AND OATH OF ALLEDGIANCE TAKEN BY
THE ARCHBISHOPS OF ST ANDREWS AND GLASGOW.

*In the Chappell of Halirudhous, the xxvj day of Nouember 1615.
In preſence of diuers of the Nobilitie, Counsaill, Senatouris of
the Colledge of Juſtice, Baronis, and Gentilmen.*

THE quhilk day Johnne Archiebiſchop of Sanctandros, and James Archiebiſchop of Glaſgu, maid and gair thair Oathe of Alledgeance, and maid thair Homage for thair Beneficeis, in the Chappell of Halyrudhous, immediatelie after the Sermone whilk wes maid be

¹ On the 7th of December 1615, Watson was ſummoned before the Privy Council, and on the 14th a decret in terms of the King's letter was pronounced, obliging him to remove from Burntisland before the 10th of January. In 1616 he became Miniſter of Markinch.

² The volume of Privy Council proceedings, 1615—1617, containing this letter, is imperfect, and is in many places almoſt illegible; but the repetition of the King's letter in the Act itſelf reſpecting Watson has ſupplied the words inſerted within brackets.

William Bifchop of Galloway, to Alexander Erll of Dunfermelyne, Lord Heigh Chancellour of Scotland, his Maiefteis Commiffionair, fpeciallie nominat by his Commiffioun vnder the Great Seale for taking of the faid Oathe and Homage: Quhilk Commiffioun was publictly red in audience of all thefe conuenit and being prefent at Sermone for the tyme.

THE OATHE OF ALLEDGEANCE AND SUPREMACIE OF THE PRELATTIS OF SCOTLAND, AND THE FORME AND ORDOUR OF GEVING OF THE OATHE.

The Bifchop kneilling vpoun his knees befoir the Commiffionaris knees, sall lay his right hand vpoun the Bible, whilk falbe then held by another Bifchop, lykewayes kneilling befoir the Commiffionair, and sall gif the Oathe following:—

I, N., nominat be the Kingis Maieftie, and now confecrat Bifchop of B., do utterlie testifie and declair on my confcience, That the Kingis Maieftie is the onlie Supream Governour of this Realme, and of all otheris his Heynes Realmes and Dominiounes, alfwel in Spirituall or Ecclefiastical thingis or cauffes as Temporall, and that no Foreyne Prince, Perfone, Prelate, State, or Potentat, hathe or aught to haif any iurifdictioun, pouer, fuperioritie, preeminence, or authoritie, Ecclefiastical or Spirituall, within this Realme: And thairfoir I do utterlie renunce and forfaik all foreyne iurifdictionis, pouers, fuperiorityis, and auctoriteis, and do promeis, That frome henffurthe I fall beare faithe and trew Alledgeance to the Kingis Maieftie, his Airis and lawfull Succellouris, and, to my pouer, fall affist and defend all iurifdiction, preuilegeis, preeminenceis, and auctoriteis grantit and belonging to the Kingis Maieftie, his Airis and Succellouris, as united and annexit to the Crowne of this Realme.

Then the Bifchop sall hald up his twa handis togidder, at the Commiffionaris knees, and the Commiffionar with his handis sall couer the Bifchoppis handis, and the Bifchop sall proceede in his Oathe as followis:—

AND forder, I confes to haif and to holde the faid Bifchoprik, with

the haill landis and possessionis of the same, under God, onlie of his Maiestie and his Crowne Royall of Scotland: And for the saidis possessionis I do my Homage presentlie vnto your Lordship, his Maiesties speciall Commissionair, appointit in his Maiesties name to reffraue the same; And unto his Maiestie, his Airis and lauchfull Successouris, falbe euer faithfull and trew: So help me God, and be the Holie contentis of this Booke.

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HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL.

[JAMES R.]

Richt trustie and welbeloued Cofen and Counfellow, and right trustie and welbeloued Counfellours, Wee greete yow well: Whereas Wee haue caused a littill booke or treatise be publisht, intituled GOD AND THE KING, contening the sowme of the Aithe of Alledgeance; whiche booke Wee haif caused be imprinted, fauld, and disperfed through all pairtes of Our Kingdomes and Dominionis of England and Irland, to be taught in all Schooles of learning, alswell priuat as publict, wemen as men, both in the Englishe and Latine tounge, and consequentlie to all youthe whatsoeuer within the aige of xxj yeiris, quhairby thay may be the better instructed in thair dewtie to God and Alledgeance to Ws: And We being of purpose and intention to tak the lyk cours within Our Kingdome of Scotland, Oure exprefs will and pleafour is that the said Booke be uniuersallie taught and learned within that Our said Kingdome and Dominionis thair of accordinglie as it is within Our saidis vther Kingdomes: And becaus that nether the youth, nether thofe of ryper yeiris, within Our said Kingdome of Scotland, ar so naturallie inclyned nor disposed to the vse of reiding as is fitt and convenient, Oure will and pleafour is lykewayes, that all housholders within the said Kingdome, feuerallie and respectiuelie, fall haue the same book, quhairby the hairtis and myndes bothe of the one and uther may be the better seasoned and prepared with loyaltie and obedience: The sole and onlie licence for printing, felling, and dispersing of the

whiche Bookes Wee, for diuers good caufes and confiderationis Ws heirunto moving, do give, grant, and difpone to Oure louit Mr James Prymrois, during the fpace of tuentie one yeiris, referring alwayes to your good confiderationis the condition, manner, and forme for profequuting of this Oure grant and licence; So as Wee may receive contentment, Oure loving people instructioun, and the faid Mr James competent benefite for his travellis. Wee bid yow fairwell. At Newmarket, the 14 of Aprile 1616.

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ACTS OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL OF SCOTLAND.

Apud Edinburgh, xxij Maij 1616.

Warrant anent the Booke intituled "God and the King."

THE Lordis of Secret Counfall nominatis and appointis Johne Archibifhop of St Androis, James Archibifhop of Glasgu, Williame Bifchop of Galloway, and Alexander Bifhop of Caithnes, or ony tua of thame, to fight, examine, and confidder the Booke intitulatt GOD AND THE KING, and yf the fame be worthie to be teachit and published in this Kingdome, And that thay report to the faidis Lordis the nixt Counfall day thair opinioun and aduaife thairanent; and Ordanis thame, or ony twa of thame, with his Maiefties Aduocat, and Mr Peter Rollok in [of] Piltoun, to convene with Mr James Prymrois, who hes his Maiefties Patent for prenting and felling of the faid Booke, and to confer with him anent the forme and maner how he will follow out that buffynes.

Apud Edinburgh, Sexto Junij 1616.

The Archiebifhop of Glasgw his Reporte anent the Booke intituled "God and the King."

THE quhilk day, James Archibifhop of Glasgw compeirand perfonallie

before the Lordis of Secret Counfall, he reported and declared that he, with Williame Bifhope of Galloway, Sir William Oliphant of Newtoun his Maiefties Aduocat, Sir Alexander Drummond of Medop, and Mr Peter Rollok of Piltoun, with fome of the Miniftrie of Edinburgh, had fene and confidderit the Booke intitulate GOD AND THE KING, and that they fand the faid Booke was worthie to be teachit in all the Univerfities and Schooles of this Kingdome, and that the principall heades therof fould be drawne up in fome Catechetick Questionis and Anfueris, and proponed in publick doctrine be everie Minifter, and that everie Student in the Univerfities, and eury Scholer in the Schooles of this Kingdome, fould haue ane of the faidis Bookes, and that no Studentis in the Univerfities fould be receiued to thair degreis quhill they give thair Oath of Alledgeance, according to the doctrine proponed in the faid booke: And that euerie Familie within this Kingdome, quhair thair is ony that can reid, fall haue one of thir bookis; and that the Maifteris and Regentis of the Colledges and Schooles within this Kingdome falbe anfuerable for thair Schollaris and Studentis, that euerie ane of thame fall haif ane of the faidis bookis; and that the Minifter of euerie Paroche fall try the diffobeyaris within the bondis of his Paroche to buy the faid Booke, and fall report thair names to the Bifchope of the Diocie; who fall fignifie the fame to the Lordis of Preue Counfall, that ordour may be tane with thame accordinglie, and that Proclama-tioun falbe direct to this effect in forme as effeiris.¹

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HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE CHANCELLOR, RECTOR, AND PROFESSORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS.

JAMES R.

Righte Reverende Father in God, righte trustie and welbeloved Counfellour, and trustie and welbeloved, We greeete you well: Whereas

¹ A long "Proclama-tioun Anent the booke intituled God and the King," *Apud Edin-burgh*, *xiiij Junij* 1616, is inserted in the Privy Council Register of that date.

We ar credible informed of divers thingis requiring Reformatioun, and divers good Orders requisite to be established among you, We (out of Our Royall zeale to God's glorie, love of the flourishing estate of the Church and Commonwealthe, affectioun to the advauncement of Learning, and care of the benefite of that Place, as the Principall fountayne of Religione and good Letters in that Our native Kingdome), have thocht good hereby to testifie unto you that We ar well pleased that ye shoulde hereafter enjoy all such priviledges, immunityes, and favors, and in as ample maner as formerlie Our predeceffours have graunted eyther unto that or to anie of thes flourishing Univerfities of this Kingdome; and therefore We require, and by thes presents authorize you, with all diligence, to concurre to the Reformatioun of all fuche thingis, and establishing of such good Orders as may tend to your perpetuall good, according to the Directiouns which We have given in charge to Our trustie fervant and Chaplaine, Doctour Young, Deane of Winchester, whome We have expresse sence thether, that he may see thingis the better done, and upone his returne relate unto Us the happie evente whiche We expecte. Given at Our Mannour of Greenewiche, the 10th day of June 1616.¹

To the righte reverende Father in God, Our
righte trustie and welbeloved Counsellour,
the Archebysshoppe of St Andrewes, Chan-
cellour, and to the Rector, Maisters, and
Regents of the said Univerfitie.

[Articuli quidam sequentes oblati sunt Academiae a Doctore Joanne Junio, qui rogavit, ut ab Academia reciperentur, et ut iis subscriberent Primarii Collegiorum Magistri; quod facere recusarunt D. Jacobus Martinus et D. Petrus Brusius nisi prius consulta Academia.]

¹ The above letter is inserted, along with the accompanying Articles, in the University Records. For the transcripts the Editor is indebted to his Reverend and learned friend the Principal of the University of Edinburgh: they form part of his extensive collections

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THE ARTICLES SET DOWN BY HIS MAJESTY CONCERNING THE
UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS.

*Articles sette doune by his Majestic concerning the Universitie of
St Andrewes.*

JAMES R.

FIRST, We are pleased that the auncient Chartour of that Univerfitie be renewed, confirmed, and enlarged, or (if no such Chartour be) to graunte a new one, whereby that Place may enjoy all priviledges and favours whiche Our predeceffours, or anie of them, have graunted to anie other of their flourishing Univerfities.

2. That they fall have power to conferre Degrees upon learned men in all artes and sciences, but speciallie on such as studdie in Divinitie.

3. That none be admitted unto the Degree eyther of Batchellour or Doctour in Divinitie but such as fall give triall of ther sufficiencie by ther preiching both in Englifhe and Latine, and answering and disputing in Divinitie in the face of the Univerfitie, and by a publike Grace shalbe allowed by them both for their life and learning.

4. That all such as shalbe so approved and allowed, shalbe by the Archbyshope of St Andrewes appoynted, within the space of one year thereafter, to preache one Sermon at Edinburghe before the Lordes, either in St Giles church or in the Chappel Royall, in a hoode agreeing to their degree, that so they may be knownen to be men fitte for the prime places of the Church; for it is Our speciall pleafour that hereafter none be preferred to eminent places in the Church but such as passe their degrees in the Univerfitie, ane Batchellour in Divinitie at the leaste; and that none be admitted to the sacred order of Bifhopes but such as shalbe first Doctours.

regarding the University of St Andrews which were communicated to the late Rev. Dr M'Crie, while engaged in preparing his Life of Andrew Melville. It is much to be regretted that Principal Lee himself should have never employed such materials to illustrate the Annals of that University, and the Literary History of Scotland.

5. That the same ceremonies and rites be used in the creatione of Doctours whiche ar used in the Univerfities of Cambridge, Oxenforde, and other privileged places in forreyne nationis, or at leaste that ther be as gryte conformitie unto them as the estate of the Countrie may beare.

6. That ther be ane intermissioun of all leçures in Schooles, at the solemne tymes of Christenmas, Easter, Ascension-day, and Whitsonday; that those dayes whiche the evening preceeding be celebrated with prayers and sermons agreable to the tymes, and that these sermons be preached by the Maisters and Students of the New Colledge.

7. That the fyft of Növementher be kepte solemnlie, in the fornone, to be preached by one of the Professours in Divinitie, or Maisters of Colledges, fitting the day; and in the afternoone, by some of the Regents or their Schollers, ther be had a Latine oratione *in laudem Regis*, with solemne thanksgiving for all hys deliveries at other tymes, the fyft of August then especiallie at that tyme to be remembered, because the Univerfitie is disperfed.

8. That the same prayers be daylie said for the King, Queen, and their Royal progenie, in all the Colledges throughout the Kingdome whiche are used in the Church of Englande, together with the same Confessione in the beginning of prayer, and that the Psalmes of David be red monethlie.

9. That everie year, twise, there be a solemne Thanksgiving unto God for ther Founders and Benefactors, to wit, at the times of the meiting and parting of the Univerfitie.

10. That some longer tyme may be agreed upon befor they passe Maisters of Arte, if the state of their Colledges may beare it.

11. That the Maisters of Colledges, Regents, and all Maisters of Arte, have a voice in passing of all Univerfitie busines, as for Degrees, and such like, and that they meit solemnlie in their habites convenient to the Degree, for the hearing of all such Sermons and Acts as ar to be doone *pro Gradu*.

12. That the Librarie be finished and furnished with all possible speede, *Ne sint Magistri sine Libris*.

13. That meanes be used to draw Scholleris to the New Colledge, for the studdie of Divinitie; and for there mantinence ther be two at least

to be enterteyned by everie Diocefe¹ throughout the Kingdome, by the helpe of the Byfhoppes, Noble and Gentlemen, with the Minifters of the faid Diocefes, *Ut non sint Libri sine Magiftris.*

As for Gentlemen and others quho applye not themfelvis to the Minifterie after they haf pafte their courfe in Philofophie, We wold have them to repayre to Edinburgh, quhair We wald haf a Reader at leaft eftablifhed to teache the Lawis, that fo Students might atteyne both to the theorie and praftife of the fame.

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ACT OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL OF SCOTLAND, AND HIS MAJESTYS
LETTER TO THE COUNCIL.

Apud Edinburgh, xvij Julij 1616.

Sederunt—

CHANCELLAIR.	PRESIDENT.	KILSYTHE.
B. S ^r ANDROIS.	THESAURAIR DEPUTE.	MEDOP.
B. GLASGW.	PREUIE SEALE.	SIR JAMES SKEENE.
B. ROSS.	JUSTICE CLERK.	SIR PETER YOUNG.
GLENCARNIE.	ADVOCAT.	M ^r PETER ROLLOK.

Proclamatioun of the Generall Assemblie.

FORSAMEKLE as the Prelatis and Reverend Fatheris of the Kirk forfeeing that thair is ane grit decay in Religioun, and a growth and increafe of Poperie within this Kingdome, and that the fame is lyke to produce mony dangerous effectis aganis the Eftaite bothe in Kirk and Policie: And the faidis Prelatis haueing gravelie aduifit vpoun the beft and reddieft meanis for preventing and fuppreffing this growth of Poperie, and for reformeing of the difordours and abufeis flowing thairfra, They haif found that nothing is more expedient for effectuating of this goode worke than a Nationall Affemblie and meiting of the hail

¹ “ This explains the term *Alumni Dioceseos Andreap., Dunkeld., &c.*, in Howie’s List of Students of Theology.”—(MS. note by Principal Lee.)

Kirk; And by thair petitions presented vnto His Maieftie thay haue humblie crauit his licence for halding of the faid Affemblic: Lykeas his Maieftie allowing of thair good aduife and opinioun in this pointe, and being willing to hald hand vnto thame in all and euerie thing whilk may procure the goode of the Kirke, His Maieftie hes most willinglie and freelie grantit, and hes gevin his consent, licence, permiffioun, and allowance for halding of the faid Affemblic, ordaining the fame to hald at the Burgh of Aberdeene, and to begin, God willing, upoun the xiiij day of Auguft now approtcheing, in this instant yeir of God, I^m vj^c and Sextene yeiris; Thairfore the Lordis of Secreit Counfall ordanis letters to be direct for publicatioun thairof be oppin proclamatioun at the Mercat Croceis of the head Burrowis of this Kingdome, and vtheris placeis needfull, wherethrow nane pretend ignorance of the fame: And to wairne all Archibifhoppis, Bifhoppis, Commiffionaris for the Kirkis, and vtheris haueing voiceis in that Affemblic, that thay repair in dew and lawfull tyme to the faid Burgh of Aberdeene, aganis the faid xiiij day of Auguft nixt, and affist the faid Affemblic and meeting with thair prefence and voiceis, and do and performe that whilk to thair chairge in fuch caifes apperteynis, as thay will anwer upoun the contrair at thair heicheft charge and perrell.

His Maiefties miffive letter for the Warrant of the Act aboue written.

[JAMES R.]

Richt truftie and richt welbeloued Cofen and Counfellour, and richt truftie and welbeloued Counfellours, Wee greete yow weil: Whereas Wee haif gevin licence to the Clergie and vther Deputes of the Church to meete at Aberdeene the xiiij of Auguft nixt to cum, there to treat of fuch thinges as falbe thocht requifite to hinder the encreas of Poperie in that Our Kingdome, and procure ane Vniformitie in Religioun amongft Our fubiectis, It is Our pleafour that yee caufe mak Proclamatioun of the faid meeting, to be at the tyme and place aboue faid, at all the Mercat Croceis accuftomed in the lyke caifes: Whiche knowing that yee will caufe be reddilie performed, Wee bid yow fairwell. At Wented, the xij of Julij 1616.

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HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL.

JAMES R.

Righte trustie and righte welbeloued Cosen and Counfellour, and right trustie and welbeloued Counfellours, We greete yow well: Whereas it is necessarie, for the better establisshing of true Religion, that Childrene be Catechised and educated in the knowledge of the groundes thereof frome their tender yeares; and whereas manie parentes are so negligent and careles in that pointe, as their childrene, being eyther altogether ignorant or careleslie instructed, are, when they come to age, easilie peruerted and drawen to Poperie: It is therefor Oure pleasour that yee cause make and publishe an Aete commaunding all parentes to vse the ordinarie meanes of instructing thair young childrene, to præsente them to their ordinarie Pastour at all usuall times of Catechising and examination, and to bring them to the Byshoppe of the Diacefe at euerie Visitation, to be tried and confirmed by him; with certification, that such parentes as shall neglecte these meanes shall pay, according to their qualitie, a pecuniall summe, withoute anie remission: And this recommending to your speciall care, Wee bid yow farewell. At Oure Pallace of Whitehalle, the seconde of Nouember 1616.

To Our righte trustie, [&c., *ut supra.*]

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HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE LORD CHANCELLOR.

JAMES R.

Righte trustie and righte welbeloued Cosen and Counfellour, Wee greete yow well: Whereas oute of Our trust reposed upon James Archebyshoppe of Glascow, Sir George Hay, Clerke of Our Register, and Sir William Olyphant, Our Aduocate, Wee wer pleased to preferre them to be of Our Priuie Counsell, and hauing had sufficient prooffe of their qua-

lification and good inclination to Our seruice, so as Wee haue founde them worthie of anie employment whatfoeuer: Wee are further pleased to constitute them Commissioners, to haue place and voyce with remanent Commissioners formerlie appoynted for managing Our Rentes in that Kingdome; And therefor haue thoughte goode, by these præsentes, to require yow to calle and admitte them to the aforesaid place: In which behalfe, as these præsentes shalbe vnto yow a sufficient warrant, so Wee bid yow farewell. At Newmarket, the 9th of December 1616.

To Our righte trustie and righte welbeloued
Cosen and Counsellour, the Earle of Dum-
fermeline, Our Chancellour of Our King-
dome of Scotland.

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ACT OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL OF SCOTLAND.

*Apud Edinburgh, decimo die mensis Decembris, Anno Domini
Millesimo Sexcentesimo decimo sexto.*

FORSAMEKLE as the Kingis Maiestie haueing a speciall care and regard that the trew Religioun be advancit and establisht in all the partes of this Kingdome, and that all his Maiesties subiects, especiallie the youthes, be exercisid and trayned vp in civilitie, godlines, knowledge, and learning, that the vulgar English Tounge be univesalie plantit, and the Irish Language, quhilk is one of the cheife cauffis of the continowance of barbaritie and incivilitie among the Inhabitants of the Ylles and Hielands, may be abolisshed and removit: And whereas there is no meane more powerfull to further this his Majesties princelie regard and purpose than the establisshing of Schooles in the particular parishes of this Kingdome, where the youth may be taught at the least to write and reid, and being catechisid and instructed in the groundes of Religion: Thairfore the Kings Maiestie, with advyce of the Lords of his Secreit Counsell, hes thought it necessar and expedient, that in everie parish of this Kingdome where convenient meanes may be had for

enterteaning a Scoole, That a Scoole falbe eftablished, and a fitt perfon appoynted to teache the fame, upon the expenfes of the Parifhoneris, according to the qualitie and quantitie of the Parifh, at the fight and be the advyce of the Bifhop of the Diocie, at his Vifitation; Commanding heirby all the Bifhops within this Kingdome that they and everie one of thame within thair feveral Diocies deale and travell with the Parifhonars of the particular parifhes within thair faids Diocies, to confcend and agrie vpon fome certane folide and fure courfe, how and by what meanes the faid Scoole may be enterteanied: And if anie difficultie fall arryfe among thame concerning this mater, that the faid Bifhop reporte the fame to the faids Lords, to the effect they may take fuch ordour heiranent as thay fall thinke expedient: And that letters be direct to mak publicatioun heirof, wherethrow nane pretend ignorance of the fame.

*Extractum de libris Actorum Secreti Consilii S. D. N. Regis,
per me Jacobum Prymerose, Clericum ejusdem, sub meis signo
et subscriptione manualibus.*

JA. PRYMROIS.¹

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HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL.

JAMES R.

Righte truftie and right welbelouit Cofen and Counfellour, and righte truftie and welbeloued Counfellours, Wee greete yow well: The Earle of Errolle hauing now giuen fatiffaction to the Fathers of the Churche there concerning maters of Religion, there now refteth no

¹ A letter in the same terms with this Act was addressed by Charles the First to the Archbishops and Bishops respecting English schools, instructing Children in religion, and removing "of the Irish language and barbaritie out of the Heigh lands," (on the 25th August 1625): See the Maitland Miscellany, vol. ii. pp. 1-50, Glasgow, 1840, for a series of interesting Extracts relating to the Establishing and Maintaining of Schools in Scotland, from 1496 to 1696, collected by the late Mr Alexander Macdonald.—The above Act of Council was ratified by an Act of Parliament, in June 1633, with the addition of authorizing an Assessment to be made for the maintenance of the Schools.

further cause to restrayne him in any forte of his naturalle libertie: It is therefor Our pleafour, that with all conuenient expedition yee in Our name releue him of all former restraints, and graunte vnto him whatfoeuer libertie Our beste subiectes enjoy. And herein nothing doubting of your readie willingnes to obey this Our commande, Wee bid yow farewelle. Giuen at Aske, the 16th of Aprile 1617.

To Oure right trustie, [*&c., ut supra.*]

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ACTS OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL OF SCOTLAND.

Apud Halirudhous, xvij Maij 1617.

PRESENTE REGE.

The Erll of Buckinghame admittit on Counsaill.

THE Kingis Maiestie remembering the goode affectioun borne by George Erll of Buckinghame to this Kingdome, and inhabitantis of the same, and the mony goode officeis done be him in favouris of diuers personis of this natioun attending his Maiesteis Courte; and to the effect he may be the better encourageit to continew his affectioun to this countrey Thairfoir His Maiestie, with aduise of the Lordis of his Secreit Counsaill, reffaut and admittit the said George Erll of Buckinghame to be one of the ordinair number of his Maiesteis Preuie Counsell of this Kingdome, and to enjoy all honnouris, digniteis, preuiledgeis, and prerogatiues proper and dew to the said place: Lyke as, the said Erll being personalie present, and acknowledgeing with all dew thanks his Maiesteis gracious fauour showne vnto him, by preferring and advanceing of him to this heigh place of honnour and dignitie, he with all dew reuerence, vpoun his knees, his hand lyand upoun the holie Evangell, maid and gais his soleme Oathe of Alledgeance, and the Oathe of a Preuie Counfallour.

Apud Halirudhous, Penultimo Junij 1617.

Sederunt—

REX.		
CHANCELLAIR.	MONTROIS.	CLERK OF REG ^a .
LENNOX.	WYNTOUN.	ADUOCAT.
MAR, THES ^r .	LOTHEANE.	KILSAYTHE.
HAMILTOUN.	TULLIBARDINE.	RIDHOUS.
HUNTLE.	ROXBURGH.	MEDHOP.
B. S ^r ANDROIS.	BINNING.	CURRIEHILL.
B. ABIRDENE.	BURLEY.	M ^r PETER ROLLOK.
B. ROSS.	CARNEG. Y.	BRUNTYLAND.
ARGYLL.	L. GORDOUN.	SIR ANDRO KER.
	PREUIE SEALE.	SIR WILLIAM ALEXANDER.

The Erllis of Arrundaill and Pembroigh, Lord Suche, and Sir Thomas Laik, admittit on Counsaill.

The quhilk day, The Kingis Maieftie, with aduife of the Lordis of his Secreit Counfaill, reffaut and admittit [Thomas] Erll of Arrundaill, [William] Erll of Pembroigh, Eduard Lord Suche, and Sir Thomas Laik knight, to be of the ordinair number of his Maiefteis Preuie Counfaill of this Kingdome, and to brouke all honnouris, digniteis, preuiledgeis, and prerogatiues proper and dew to the faid place: Lyke as the faidis Erllis of Arrundaill and Pembroigh, the Lord Sutche, and Sir Thomas Laik, being personalie prefent, and acknowledging with all dew thankis his Maiefteis gracious fauour showne vnto thame by preferring of thame to this place of honnour and dignitie, thay with all dew reuerence, vpoun thair kneeis, thair handis lyand upoun the holie Evangell, maid and gair thair solemne Oathe of Alledgeance, and the Oathe of a Preuie Counfallour.

Apud Halryuidhous, Vltimo Junij 1617.

Oath gevin be the Commissionaris anent the Plantatioun of Kirkis.

The quhilk day, in prefence of the Kingis Maieftie, James Marques of Hamiltoun, James Erll of Abircorne, Williame Erll of Tullibairdin, Robert Erll of Roxburgh, Johnne Vicount of Lauderdaill, Thomas

Lord of Binning, Daudid Lord Carnegy, James Lord of Balmerinoch, Sir Williame Douglas of Drumlangrig, Sir [James] Haliburtoun of Pitcur, Sir Johnne Hamiltoun of Lettrik, Sir Johnne Vaufs of Barnbarraugh, Sir Thomas Gordoun of Cluny, George Afflek of Balmanno, [Alexander] Strauchane of Thornetoun, Sir Robert Steuart of Shillinglaw, James Arnott burges of Edinburgh, Mr Alexander Wedderburne clerk of Dundie, Sir Thomas Menyees prouest of Abirdene, and Johnne Mathieson clerk of Carraill, And gaif thair grite and solemne Oathe, That thai fall cairfullie and dewtifullie execute the Commiffioun grantit to thame for Plantatioun of the Kirkes, and that thay fall keepe the dyetis to be appointit to that effect.

Apud Edinburgh, Primo Julij 1617.

The Bischop of Elie admittit in Counsell.

The quhilk day, the Lordis of Secretit Counfaill, according to ane warrand and directioun in write, signed by the Kingis Majestie, and presentit this day vnto thame, reffaut and admittit Lancelott Bischop of Elie to be one of the ordinair number of his Majesteis Preuie Counsell of this Kingdome, and to brouke all honnouris, digniteis, preuiledgeis, and immunitis proper and dew to the said place: Lyke as, [the said] Lancelott being personalie present, and acknowledgeing [with humble] thankes his Majesteis gracious fauour shewn vnto him by preferring and advanceing of him to this heigh place of honnour and dignitie, he with all dew reuerence, vpoun his kneeis, his hande lyand vpoun the holie Evangell, maid and gaif his solemne Oathe of Alledgeance, and the Oathe of a Preuie Counsellour.

His Majesteis missiue letter for Warrand of the Act aboute written.

[JAMES R.]

Right traift Cofines and Counsellouris, We greete yow weele: Whereas We think it meete and expedient, for diuers goode confiderationis moueing Us, to [prefer the Reuerend Father in God, Lancelott

Bifhop] of Elie,¹ to be one of Oure Preuie Counfell of [this Oure ancient Kingdome: Thairfore it] is Oure will that yow reffauē and admitt him to be one of the ordinarie number of Oure faid Counfell, and minifter vnto him the Oathe accuftomat in the lyke caiffes: Whereanent thefe prefents falbe your warrand. At Halyruidhoufe, the penult day of Junij 1617.

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HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL.

JAMES R.

Righte truſtie and right welbeloued Cofen and Counſellour, and right truſtie and welbeloued Counſellours, Wee greete yow well: Whereas Wee wer pleaſed not long agoe to ſigne in favours of Gilbert Dick, Bookefeller and Burges of Edinburgh, a gift of the ſole printing and felling of the Catechiſmes appointed by the Affemblic laſt kept at Abberdene, and authorized by Vs to be vſed and taught by the Miniſters and other Catechiſers and Schoolemaifters of that Our Kingdome; whiche being preſented ſo ſigned, to be paſt by yow in Counſell there, was at that time refuſed, becauſe of a Charge therein to all men to buy the ſame, whereupoun the ſaid Gilbert hauing reformed the ſaid ſignatour, and omitted the ſaid Charge furth of the ſame, Wee haue bene pleaſed of new to ſett Oure hand therto; And therefore it is Oure pleaſure that whenſoeuer it ſhalbe preſented to yow, yee giue way therto, and ſuffer the ſame to paſſe at Oure Seales: And forasmuch as Wee ar credible informed that Andro Hairt, Richard Lawſoun, and Edward Catchkein, Booke ſellers in Edinburgh, haue at their owne hand preſumed to print and fell diuerſe copies of the ſaid Catechiſmes, It is therefore Oure pleaſure that yee call vnto yow the afoirnamed perſones, charging them to tell be what licence or authoritie they haue imprinted the ſame, and that yee cauſe them exhibite ſuch as they haue imprinted; whiche when they haue exhibited, yee ſhall forthwith deliuer to the Archbiſhope of St Androis, to be reuiſed by him, and

¹ Dr Lancelot Andrews, Biſhop of Ely, and formerly of Chicheſter.

thereafter vsed and disposed vpon as Wee shalbe pleased to direct him :
Wherein not doubting of your readie care and obedience, Wee bid
yow farewell. Frome Oure Courte at Newmarket, the 9th of Feb-
ruare 1618.¹

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HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL.

JAMES R.

Righte trustie and righte welbeloued Cofen and Counsellour, and
righte trustie and welbeloued Counsellours, Wee greete you well : None
of yow is ignorant that manie yeares ago Wee commanded yow not to
permitte the Earle of Argyle to come oute of that Our Kingdome til
first he shoulde appointe some man of authoritie and power to be answer-
able in his absence for the peace and good order of the inhabitantes of
that parte of Our Kingdome, for which, partlie as Landeflord and part-
lie as Sheriffe and Officer, he shoulde be answerable : And yee Our
Chancellour, and the Earle of Mar Our Treasurer, can remember how
highlie Wee wer offended with the said Earle at your being with Vs at
Royfston, for his neglecting of that dewtie at that time, wherby Wee
wer perswaded that yee wold be preciselie carefull to see that important
parte of his dewtie performed by him before his last coming frome
thense ; And so being void of all suspicion of that omission of his dewtie
and your care, Wee wer easilie induced to grant to him Our licence to
go beyond the seas, the rather becaus he pretended his desire of cure of
some bodilie infirmitie by the waters of the Spa, to be the onlie cause of
his crauing licence and shorte entended absence : And albeit your dili-
gence of late in pressing his frendes to vndertake the charge of that
parte of the contrie during his absence doeth in some forte supplie your
former neglecte, yet Wee hauing latelie vnderstood that since his

¹ It may be noticed, that on the 12th of February 1618, the Privy Council gave a warrant for the payment of £1000 Scots "to Mr Petir Bruce, Directour of the Universitie of Sanctandros, for buying of tymber and uther materiallis for the ruiff of that house ordanit to keepe the Librarie of the said Universitie."

obteyning of Our said licence he hathe made avowed defection frome the trew Religion, and gone publiklie to the Maffe, and withall is not secretelie reconciled but openlie entered in verie professed frendshipp and suspicious dealing with Our proclaimed traytour, Sir James M^cDonnald, and olde M^cRonald: Therefor it is Our speciall pleasour that with all possible diligence yee by open Proclamation at the Mercatt Crosse of Edinburgh, and Shore and Peere of Leethe, reuoke, discharge, and annulle Oure said licence granted to the said Earle to departe oute of Oure Dominions: And that you caus orderlie charge him, vnder the paine of treason, to returne within threescore dayes warning after the publication of the said Charge, into that Our Kingdome, and there compeare before yow of Our Priuie Counfalle, the first lawfull day after the expiration of the said threescore dayes, to answer for his intercomoning with Our said traytours, M^cDonald and M^cRonald, vnder the paines aforesaid, with certification that if he fayle, the said paines of treason shalbe executed against him: And that yee commande Our Aduocate to see all the præmisses so perfectlie directed and performed as to his office and dewtie apperteyneth: Wherein expecting your care and diligence, with a speedie accompte of your proceedinges, Wee bid yow farewell. Giuen at Our Pallace of Whitehall, the seauenth of Nouember 1618.

To Our righte trustie, [&c., *ut supra.*]

PAGE 592. CCCLXVII.†

ACT OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL OF SCOTLAND.

Apud Edinburgh, Decimo nono Januarij 1619.

Act in fauours of the Bishop of Galloway.

THE Lordis of Secreit Counfall, Commiffionaris of his Majesteis rentis, vnderstanding that it is the Kingis Maiesteis expres will, pleasour, and speciall directioun, that the last termis payment of the Taxa-

tion of the Bifchoprik of Galloway, the Priorie of Quhithorne, and Abbaceyis of Glenluce and Tunland, extending to
 as being part of the Taxatioun granted to his Majestie be his Estattis in the moneth of March 1617, falbe gevin, and frielie allowit and difchargit, to the Reuerend Father in God, Williame Bifchope of Galloway, Deane of his Maiefteis Chappell,¹ in full contentatioun and fatiffactioun of his houle maill, in all tyme cuming dureing his lyftyme, fieing he cannot be commodioufflie ludgeit and easit within his Maiefteis Pallice of Halyrudhous: Thairfoir the faidis Lordis ordanis and commandis Sir Gedeone Murray of Elibank knycht, Deputie Thefaurer and Collectour of the faid Taxatioun, to anfuer and mak payment to the faid Bifchop of Galloway, Deane of his Maiefteis Chappell, of the faid fum of £1928, 17s. 8d., as the laft termes payment of the Taxatioun of the faid Bifchoprik of Galloway, Priorie of Quhithorne, and Abbaceyis of Glenluce and Tunland; Anent the payment quhairof the extract of this present Act, with the faid Bifchope his acquittance, vpoun the refset of the faid fowme, falbe unto the faid Sir Gedeone a warrand.

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HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS,
 THE LORD CHANCELLOR, AND THE SECRETARY.

JAMES R.

Right Reuerende Father in God, Righte trustie and welbeloued Counsellour, and Righte trustie and righte welbeloued Cofens and Counsellours, Wee greete yow well: Oure seruant, Sir Roberte Gordon, vnkle to the Earle of Sutherlande, hath humblie shewed vnto Vs that he hath heretable righte to the liuing of the Abbacie of Glenluce; Wee haue therefor thoughte good by these presentes to require yow to peruse his euidentes, and confider of his title to the faid liuing, and according as yee shal finde him to haue righte to aduertife Vs, that Wee may giue such furder order in that mater as shalbe moſte agreeable to rea-

¹ William Cowper, Bishop of Galloway, died in the following month: See note, page 593.—A few words above, in the Register, are illegible from the effects of damp.

fon: Farewell. Giuen at Our Pallace of Whitehalle, the 29th of Aprile 1621.

To the Righte Reuerend Father in God, Our righte trustie and welbeloued Counsellour, the Archiebifhoppe of Sanct Andrewes, and Oure righte trustie and righte welbeloued Cofens and Counsellours, the Earle of Dunfermeline, Our Chancellour, the Earle of Melros, Our Principall Secretarie of Our Kingdome of Scotlande.

PAGE 668. CCCCXIX.†

A DECLARATION OF MR ROBERT BRUCE TO THE LORDS
OF PRIVY COUNCIL.

MY LORDS OF SECRET COUNSAILL,

Unto your Lordships humblie menis and shawis: I your seruitour, MR ROBERT BRUCE, Minister, That quhair the last day when I wes broght befor your Lordships, I wes commandit and ordaneit be your Lordships to addresse my selff to the Burgh of Innernes, and thair to remane, and within four myllis about the same, dureing his Maiesteis will and pleasure; lykeas the tyme for my addresse thair daylie approtches, quhairunto, althoght I acknowledge my selff bundin in conscience befor God, and in my alledgeance to the Kingis Maieftie my Soverane, to gif all dew obedyence, as by Godis grace I mynd never to be difobedyent to his Maieftie or your Lordships, in ony of your Lordships directionis in this kynd; yitt the indispositioun and inhabilitie of my perfone, conjoynd with my grite aige, forceis me humblie to fchow unto your Lordships how unable I am to undertak and to underlye fuche a journey and charge; for I am become so feible and waik, and my aigeit and wearyed perfone is so far worne and waisted with greif, cair, and utheris visitationis quhairwith it hes pleasit the Lord in his mercye to

chastise me, that hardlie dow I travell any quhair without haifard of my lyff; And if it fall pleas God to visite me with sicknes, outhar at Innernes or be the way, it is not liklie that I fall overcome the same: And touching the imputatioun layed upon me, whilk wes the caus of his Maiesteis offence, and of this hard course tane with me, I thank God I wes frie and innocent thair of, and I clearit my selff of the same in your Lordships presence, it being a poynt verie far fra my professioun to be a movair or steirair up of seditioun, as his Maiestie wes informed of me; and fra my hairt I detest suche seditious practizes, as being most impious and wicked, and repugnant to the holy ordinanceis of God, quhairby we ar commandit to gif all dew obedyence to our superiouris: And, as I shew unto your Lordships, my comeing to this Burgh the tym of the Parliament wes upon a meare necessitie, and to eschew the danger of horneing, quhairwith I wes threttened for xx^m (twenty thousand) merkis; and dureing the short tyme of my aboade heir, whilk wes not xxxvj houris, I spak not with a Parliament-man, except the Lord Kilfayth, whome I employed to be a cautionar for me, and had no kynd of meddling with the affairs of the Parliament, becaus thay concernit me not, but kept my selff verry quyete till my away going; and dureing the tyme of my wairding in the Castell of Edinburgh, my cariage wes so modest, calm, and peaceabill, withoute medling with the matteris of the Kirk now in questioun, as I hoip no thing can be objectit unto me: And yf his Maiestie wald be graciousslie pleasit to suffer me spend the few remanent of my aigeit and wearysome dayes at my awne house, I will be verrie glad, and willing to be perpetuallie confynned thair, and twa myllis thair aboute; and I fall never transcend that boundis, nor medle with ony matter concerneing the Pollicie and Government of the Kirk. Most humblie beseiking your Lordships to haif consideratioun of this my estate, and outhar be your selffis or be your intercessioun at his Maiesteis handis, to grant me some ease and releiff in this havie charge layed upoun me, whilk will be my utter overthrow and wrak: And your Lordships Answer.¹

¹ Wodrow, in his *Life of Bruce*, conjectured that "this affectionate Petition," which has no date, might have been about March 1622. The actual date was October 1621, as appears from the Council's letter transmitting this Petition to his Majesty: see page 668.

PAGE 706. CCCXLVI.†

HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE LORD CHANCELLOR, &c.

JAMES R.

Righte trustie and righte welbeloued Counfellowr, and righte trustie and righte welbeloued Cofen and Counfellowr, Wee greete yow well: Wheras Wee are credibillie enformed that Edward Maxwell of Hilles and his prædeceffours haue bene kindelie tackesmen to certeyne teyndes helde of the Colledge of Linclouden these feauen or eighte score yeares bypast, and that Mr Robert Douglas, laft Proveft of Linclouden, hauing fette certeyne tackes to him, which not being in all pointes conforme to the stricte order of law, are quarrelled, and in danger to be reduced by the new Proveft, to the greate hinderance (if not vtter vndoing) of the said Edward: And becaus he was *in bona fide*, and payed sufficient consideration for the said tackes, Wee haue thoughte good by these præsentes to require yow to intercede with the parties to submitte them selues to your arbitrement, or to that of such other indifferent frendes as they shall thinke fitte for the amicable composition of all matters contraverted betwixte them. Wherein nothing doubting of your best endeauours, Wee bid yow farewell. Giuen at Our Pallace of Whitehalle, the eight and twenty of Januarie 1623.

To Our righte trustie, [&c., *ut supra.*]

PAGE 714. CCCCLIII.†

HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL.

JAMES R.

Righte trustie and righte welbeloued Counfellowr, righte trustie and right welbeloued Cofen and Counfellowr, and others Our righte trustie and welbeloued Counfellours, Wee greete you well: Whereas Williame

Douglas of Drumlangrig hath certeyne actions depending before yow, Wee haue thought good by these præfentes to recommede him and them to your speciall furderance, that such order may be taken tharin as all vnnecessarie delayes being fette aside, yee will determine the same according to Justice; and in speciall, an action betwixte him and Edwarde Maxwell of Hilles, which Wee require yow to expedie with all expeditioun, as yee shall finde the cause to require. And nothing doubting of your æquitable proceeding in the præmisses, Wee bid yow farewell. Giuen at Our Mannour of Grenewich, the 14th day of Maie 1623.

To Our righte trustie, [*&c., ut supra.*]

PAGE 720. CCCCLVII.†

HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE COMMISSIONERS ON RENTS
IN SCOTLAND.

JAMES R.

Righte trustie and righte welbeloued Cofens and Counsellours, and righte trustie and welbeloued Counsellours, Wee greete yow well: Whereas Wee haue bene pleased to mortifie to Our Chappell Royall the wholle Chaplainries in that Our Kingdome which are at Our donation, and some other smalle benefices and pittie rentes particularelie exprest in Our Signature, Wee haue thoughte good by these præfentes to require yow to expedie Our said Signature with all conuenient expeditioun, together with Our gifte of the bygone few-dewties of the said Chaplainries, Præbandries, and Channones landes, to Mr James Law, withoute anie composition at all. Lykwise that yee expedie no Signature of anie small chaplainries or benefices of the like nature in time comming, till Wee shall finde that Our said Chappell is sufficientlie provided. Moreouer yee are to cause the dorekeeper and artificer of Our said Chappelle be payed as before, til the Chappelle come in vse of payment of the dewties mortified thereunto. And lastlie, yee are

to caufe deskes and feates be builded for the Quirifters, wherein none muft fitte but them felues, juſte before thoſe appointed for the Nobilitie. And nothing doubting of your readie performance of the præmiſſes, Wee bid yow farewell. Giuen at Our Pallace of Whitehalle, the xxth of Julie 1623.

To Our righte truſtie, &c., The Earle of Mar,
Our Treaſorer, and remanent Commiſſioners
appointed for managing Our rentes in Our
Kingdome of Scotland.

PAGE 738. CCCCLXXII.†

HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL.

JAMES R.

Righte truſtie and right welbeloued Counſellour, Right truſtie and right welbeloued Cofens and Counſellours, and others Our truſtie and welbeloued Counſellours, Wee greeete yow well: Vnderſtanding that no choiſe [as yitt is] made by Oure Bourghe of Air, of one to ſuceeid in place of [their lait] Miniſter, notwithstanding that he being lawfullie deprived [of his miniſtrie, is lyke] wife denounced rebell, and putt to Our horne; whiche being a contempt, [ſcandalous] and of ill exemple, to the effect that the ſame may not be [increſced by] longer tolleration or hope of impunitie, Wee haue theſe preſentes to require yow to call before yow the Ma[giſtrates of] the ſaid Burghe, and to certifie the Archbiſhops of Glaſgow [of the day to] be aſſigned to them for their appeirance before yow, [requiring him] that he may be then preſent to aſſiſt yow with his beſt [advise and con]currence, as well for cenſuring them for thair foir[mer negligence and] contempt, as for perſwading them to ane vndelayed [choiſe and admiſſion] of ane well qualified, and fitting both for doctrine [and con]formitie in diſcipline, to fill and exerce that place; wherto [if ony] of the ſaids Magiſtrats, or others intereſſed in that choiſe, ſhall [ſhew] themſelues refractarie or vnwilling, yee ſhall in that caſe give [ſtriçt] order for their reall puniſhment by committing of their per[ſones, and in] ſhicting of ſuch further payne or penalties, as

shalbe thought [meete for their] condigne punisshement, to the exemple and terrour [of others.]. Thus not doubteing of your carefull performance [in the pr]emiffes with all possible diligence, Wee bid yow farewell. [Given at Our] Courte at Theobalds, the third of Marche 1624.

To Oure right trustie, [&c., *ut supra.*]

PAGE 738. CCCCLXXIII.†

THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL TO THE ARCHBISHOP OF GLASGOW.

AFTER oure verie hairtlie commendationis to your goode Lordship: According to ane directioun which we haif laitlie reffautt frome the Kingis Maiestie, we haif directit chargeis aganis the Provest and Baillies of Air, for thair compeirance befor the Counsell vpoun the 25 day of Marche instant, to anfuer vpoun thair contemptuous delaying to mak choise of one to succed in place of thair lait Minister: And whereas it is his Maiesteis pleafour that your Lordship falbe present at this dyet to affist the Counsell with youre best aduise and opinioun, bothe for censureing and punisheing of the negligence and contempte of the perfonis foirfaidis, as for persuading of thame to ane vndelayed choise of ane qualifeit and fitt persone to fill and exerce the said place. These ar thairfoir to requeist and desire your goode Lordship to keepe this dyet preceisslie, to the intent that, by your Lordshipis presence and concurrence, we may proceed in the buffynes as his Maieftie hes comandit; whilk lookeing assuredlie your Lordship will do, we committ your Lordship to God. Frome Edinburgh, the xj day of Marche 1624.

Your Lordshipis verie loving and assured goode Freindis,

SR W. OLIPHANT.

AR. NAPER.

A. GIBSONE.

GEO. CANCELLS.

ROXBURGH.

MELROS.

LAUDERDAILL.

To the Archiebishop of Glasgou.

PAGE 745. CCCCLXXVI.†

HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL.

[JAMES R.]

Right trustie and right welbeloued Cousen and Counsellour, and trustie and weilbeloued Counsellouris, We greit yow weil: Haueing heard from the Bischop of Ross that thair is a clause inferted within a Chartour granted to the Lord Balmerynoch¹ when he wes restored by Ws to his Fatheris estait, whereby he heth appropriat vnto him selff, by a new gift frome Ws, the right of patronage, and the disposeing of beneficeis with the said Bischoprik, to the grite prejudice thair of, We do neuer remember of any fuche thing intendit by Ws, and can not bot think that it was procured without Our knowledge; for otherwayes yf We had bene acquentit thairwith, We haue euer bene so cairfull to haue beneficeis and preuiledgeis restoiored vnto the Churche that ar iustlie dewe vnto hir, that We wald neuer haue condiscendit vnto this whiche is so far contrary to that course whiche We do vsuallie keepe; And We will omitt no lawfull meanis that We may vse, wharby it may be repaired: And thairfor since We haue of lait signed a signatour of new to the said Bischope for his better suretie of his said Bischoprike, We desyre that it may be dispatched and passed Our Seales with diligence: As lykewyse that uther signatour whiche We haue granted vnto him of the nonentrie of the right of the maillis of the Barony of Delveis, whiche ar fallin in Our handis throw nonentrie of the heiris of the late Sir William Keyth; And that yow imparte this Our pleafour to any whose help falbe requisite for expeditioun thair of. So assuring yow that We will accompt the furthering of the said Bischope to recover that whiche iustlie doth belong vnto his Bischoprik, as goode service done vnto Ws, We bid yow fairweill. From Oure Courte at Theobalds, the fyfth of Apryle 1624.

¹ A long minute in connection with this grant, proceeding upon a Supplication from John Lord Balmerinoch, occurs in the "Decreta" of Privy Council, 10th of March 1624; but in many places it is illegible from damp.

PAGE 745. CCCCLXXVI.††

HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE LORD CHANCELLOR.

[JAMES R.]

Right trustie and right weilbelouit Counfellow, Wee greete yow weele: Whereas Wee ar credible enformed that certane not onlie of the Magistrates, but euen of the basest trademen of Edinburgh, have prefoomed to censure the doctrine of some of thair Ministeris (a presumption whiche, gif in dew tyme it be not curbéd, may produce ane infinitie of bad effectis), Wee can not be in quiet till the treuthe of that mater be sufficientlie tryed; and becaus Wee will haue it condignelie punished, Wee haif thocht goode by these presents to require yow to joyne to your selff the two Archbishoppis, Our Thesaurair, Secretarie, the Bishop of Dumblane, and Our Aduocat, and to call befor yow not onlie the Magistrates and Ministeris of Our said Burgh, but lykewayes suche other perfonen whose names salbe gevin vnto yow in writing, and to examine and trye whether Mr Rig, one of the Bayliffes, and his compliceis (by name one Dikfoun a flesher, John Minne, and one Hammiltoun ane apothecarie, with diuers otheris), did presume to censure Doctor Forbes his doctrine; and when it wes told thame that they wer no judgeis, whether Mr Rig insisted to prooue that thay wer: Secondlie, to examine who wer presente, and whether the Provest and remanent Bayliffes wer there or not; and gif all concurred in urging thair Ministeris to go against thair former practise in Kneeling at the Communioun, and soe both breake the lawes of that Our Kingdome and the Orderis of the Churche; and having sufficientlie enformed your selffis of the whole mater and circumstanceis thair of, and of the behaviour of eache feuerall persone thairin, with all expeditioun to acquent Ws with the same, and lykewise with your opinioun what punishment yee think fitt to be inflicted on the offendouris, whereby the lyke disorderlie presumption may be in tyme comeing prevented. And nothing doubting of your cairfull and diligent proceeding herein, Wee bid yow fairwell. Gevin at Our Mannour of Theobaldis, the 19th day of Aprile 1624.

PAGE 745. CCCCLXXVI.††

HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL.

JAMES R.

Right trustie and right weilbeloued Counfallour, right trustie and right weilbeloued Coufenis and Counfallouris, and trustie and weilbeloued Counfallours; We greit you weill: At what tyme We wer pleafed to haue erectit the Abbacie of Inchaffray in a temporalitie to the late Lord of Madertie, the lait Erll of Tullybardin futed of Ws the stay of Our grante till he and his freindis might be secured of fuche teyndis as thay held of the said Abbacye, Wherunto We haueing yeildit, the matter (as We ar credible enformed) wes submittit to frendis, and a Decreit Arbitrall pronouced thairin; Quhilk decretit not being at the deceife of the said Lord of Madertie putt to executioun, his Sone comeing to Ws about a tuelf month ago to crave the erectioun of the said Abbacie, We denyed his requeist, till at the humble suite of the now Erll of Tullybardin and his frendis, We wer pleafit to grant the same, so as the matter wes of new submitted to frendis, and Our Coufen, the lait Duke of Ritchmonth, chofen ouerifman, in whose handis also Our signatour wes putt, to be keipt till the matter fould be concluded: But becaus, since the deceis of Our said Coufen, Our said signatour cannot be found, We haif thought goode by these presentis to require yow to fend for the now Lord of Madertie, and to understand of him quhair the fault was that the first Decreit Arbitrall was not fulfilled, and yf he himselff will not fulfill it, or performe the headis of his last submissioun, and advertife Ws of his anfueir; and yf Our said signatour falbe broght to yow to be exped, that ye gif way thairunto, till ye haue adverteist Ws, and frome Our selff vnderstoode Our further pleafour in that matter: Wherein nothing doubting of your cair, We bid yow fairwell. Given at our Mannour of Greenwich, the xx^o day of Maij 1624.¹

¹ The original is much mutilated, but a copy of the letter is inserted in the volume of the "Registrum Secreti Concilii, Royal Letters," &c., along with the Council's Answer: also a letter to the Council from Lord Madertie, dated 7th June 1624.

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[Copies of this and several other letters in 1624 are inserted, with slight differences of orthography, in the volume of the Privy Council Register, containing Royal Letters, 1623 to 1632. In the present instance, the signatures at page 752 are given as follows:—"Chancellor, Mar, Lauderdale, Jo. Erskene, Carnegie, A. M^r Elphinstone, Ar. Naper, R. Cockburne, Kilfayth, Ja. Hammiltoun, Sir A. Hammiltoun, W. Oliphant, A. Gibsone."

The title of No. CCCCLXXX, should have been, THE OFFICERS OF STATE, &c.]

PAGE 756. CCCCLXXXI†

THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL TO THE BISHOP OF ABERDEEN.

AFTER our verie hairtlie commendationis to your goode Lordship: By a letter written be the Archiebifchop of St Androis to me, his Maiefteis Chancellour, we ar informit of the increfe and growthe of Poprie within thefe boundis, and of the publict and uncontroulled reffett and aboade of excommunicat trafficqueing Papiftis within the Burgh of Abirdene, and in speciall how the Laird of Craig Gordoun,¹ a excommunicat Papift, behavis him felff moft offenfuelle and slanderouffie to the contempt of law, and mifregaird of his Maiefteis auctoritie, for repressing of quhilkis offenseis and preuenting the forder growthe thair of, we haif heirwith fend vnto your Lordship ane warrand to the Prouest and Baillies of Aberdein to apprehend all fuche Excommunicat Papiftis within that toun, as your Lordship fall gif in note vnto thame; and we haif lykewyis fend vnto your Lordship letters aganis the Laird of Craig, whilk you fall caus execute to ony fuch day in this Sessioun as your Lordship may conuenientlie keepe, for your Lordshipis prefence at that meeting wilbe moft neccessar; and in every other thing quhairby we may testifie our goode affectione to the fuppreffing of Poprie, your Lordship may expecte frome ws all the concurrence and

¹ John Gordon of Craig younger, styled "a most scandalous example, and sedulous seducer." (Maidment's *Analecta Scotica*, vol. ii. p. 53.)

affittance that our placeis will allow. And so with the remembrance of oure best affectionis, we committ your Lordship to God. Frome Edinburgh, the first of Julij 1624.

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THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL TO THE BISHOP OF ROSS.

AFTER our verrie hairtlie commendationis to your goode Lordship: Complaynt hes bene maid vnto ws be David Aikinhead, lait Prouest of Edinburgh, that Mr Johnne Monro, Minister at Ferne, being debtfull to him in a certane sowme of money, and that he haveing used all ordinare executioun usuall be the Lawis of this Kingdome aganis the said Mr Johnne for payment of the said sowme, alsweill be inhibitionis as be horneing and captioun, whilkis ar all misregairdit and contemptit be him, as gif he wes nouthur subiect to King, Law, nor Justice, that notwithstanding to the forder contempt of the Law, beydis the offence of God, and skandall of the Ministrie, he continowis in his function and charge of the Ministrie at the said kirk, as gif he wer a frie subiect; and quhairas this is a mater of verie bad example, and skandalous in a Reformed Kirk, that he who is a Minister, and fould be ane preacheour of obedyence to utheris, fould in his owne persone be so offensive to the Law, and gif example of diffobedyence to utheris; We haif thairfoir thoght meit to gif notice heiroy unto your Lordship, who is his Ordinar, requeisting and desyreing your good Lordship to admonishe him of his dewetie, and of the scandall he gifis to his professioun and ministrie by his notour and contemptuous rebelloun and diffobedyence, and that your Lordship will aduysie him outhier to purge him selff tymoufflie of that horneing, and failyeing thairof that your Lordship will assure him, that you will purge and remoue the scandall whilk in his persone is gevin to the Kirk, by silenceing of him, and suspending of him fra his ministrie dureing his rebelloun: Whilk remitting to your Lordshipis confideratioun is a poynt whilk, in our opinioun, belongis to your chairge, we committ your Lordship to God. Frome Halyrudhouse, the day of Julij 1624.

PAGE 758. CCCCLXXXII.†

THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL TO THE ARCHBISHOP OF
ST ANDREWS.

AFTER our verrie hairtlie commendationis to your goode Lordship: Hauing by our former letter certified your Lordship of the dyet appoyntit for heiring of the Griouanceis, quhilk is appoyntit to be vpoun the xxj of this instant, we haue now fenfyne reffaued some new adverteifment from His Maiestie, quhairin your Lordship's presence is alwayes requisite and necessar: And thairfoir these ar to requiest and desyre your goode Lordship, that yf yow may not keip the first day, that yow fail not, all excusses fett afyde, to be heir the morne thairefter, that we may be affisted by your Lordship's aduylse in the particularis recommendit be his Maiestie vnto ws: And lookeing for your Lordship's preceis keeping of this dyett, becaus it may suffer no delay, we committ your Lordship to God. Frome Halyrudhous, the xvij. of Julij 1624.

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HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL.

JAMES R.

Right trustie and right weilbeloued Counfallour, right trustie and right weilbeloued Coufens and Counfallouris, and right trustie and weilbeloued Counfallouris, We greit yow weil: We reffaued from yow two letters, both of the xvth of June, one concerning the Scottis Shippis taikin by the Dunkirkeris; and the uther concerning Mr Robert Boyde. As for the first, We had long long befoir the recepte of your letter given ordour to Our Agent Resident at Bruxellis to crave restitution, with certificatioun, in caise of refusall, that We wald give licence to the pairtyes interessed to repair thair losse be way of facte. As concerning Mr Robert Boyde, We mervell that not any Bishope did fette his hand to

that letter¹ which ye sent to Us in his fauouris: And thairfor We suspēd Our judgement, and deferre to declair Our pleafour concerning him, till We falbe furder enformed of his behauour by the Bifchoppes: Whiche expecting in tyme conuenient, We bid yow fairweill. Giuen at Royfton, the 18th of Julij 1624.

To Our right trustie, [&c., *ut supra.*]

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HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL.

[JAMES R.]

RIGHT trustie and right welbeloued Counfellour, right trustie and right welbeloued Cofens and Counfellours, and richt trustie and welbeloued Counfellours, We greete yow well: Wheras We haue bene credible enformed that Mr George Dunbar, being depryved and put to Our horne, did notwithstanding preach publicklye, for ane certane space at Aire,² without controllement, a contempt of Us and Our authoritie fo greate in the Magistrates of that Towne, as We think it sufficient to forfeit thair liberties: And leaft that præcedent be drawin to example heirafter, It is Our speciall pleafour that ye call befoir yow the whole Magistrates and Counsell of that Towne, and narrowlie trie and examine if the said Mr George did preache thair publicklye by thair toleratioun (at leaft not discharged by them), and if ye fall find that it was fo indeed, that ye committe them to safe custodie till yee advertise Us of youre opinioun, and vnderstand Our forder pleafure concerning thair punishment. Given at Apthorpe, the last of Julie 1624.

¹ Principal of the University of Edinburgh: See the signatures Council's Letter, *supra*, p. 752; and the note, p. 830.

² From the following letter of Charles the First, it appears that Dunbar had not transported himself to Ireland within the time prescribed: See notes to pages 762, 763, and 766:—
CHARLES R.

Right trustie and right welbeloued, &c.: Whereas We vnderstand that while the Archbishop of Glasgow was to plant a Minister at the Church of Air, some turbulent persones thair wer so bold as to mak protestatioun aganis his admissioun, and that by the instigatioun of Mr George Dunbar, who wes censured and removed from the Ministrie of

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THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL TO THE ARCHBISHOP OF
ST ANDREWS.

AFTER our verrie hairtlie commendationis to your goode Lordship: Mr Robert Bruce being, in the month of Marche last, havelie vifite with feiknes, thair wes a petitioun given in to the Counfaill be his Sone, that he might haif libertie to bring the said Mr Robert fra the Burgh of Innernes to his hous of Kynnaird, quhair for the better recouerie of his health he might gett his naturall aire dureing the schort Summer seafoun. This Petitioun wes grantit vpoun caution for his returne bak to Innernes betuixt and the first of the approtcheing September; and that he fould not preatche in the meanetyme vnder the paine of ij^m merkis. Now this day Mr Robert hes given in a bill in his owne name, craueing a prorogatioun of the terme of his returne bak to Innernes vntill the Spring tyme; and for this he pretends the necessitie of his adois at this Mertymes terme, as indeed we ar informed he hes too mony of thame; he alfuia pretendis his greit aige, the infirmitie and waiknes of his perfone, the diftemperatione of his bodie, and mony difeaffes whilk aige and the cauld Winter seafoun drawis vpoun him, all whilkis ar weele knowne to be incident to aige; we haue grantit a prorogatioun to him vntill the last of September, bot wald medle no forder thairin without His Majesteis allowance: And thairfoir we will requeift and defyre your goode Lordship, that, at the first occasioun of your wretting to his Majestie, yow will acquent his Majestie with Mr Robert his petitioun, and with the reffonis of the same, wherein as appeiris thair wilbe litle preiudice, be finding caution to keip the boundis of his confyneing at his awne houe, and not to preatche.

that Towe for his misdemeanour; Thairfore We haif thocht meitt to will and require you to cite before you the said Mr George, and all otheris who did signe the said Protestatioun, of whome you salbe informed by the said Archbishop, to the effect that, after due tryall, you may punishe thame accordinglie, as you find thair faultis to deserve, and caus be put in executioun the Act of Counsaill formerlie maid againis the said Mr George Dunbar. So remitting to your consideratioun what further you think fitt to be done thairanent, We bid yow farewell. Whitehall, 3 Julij 1625.

Quhilk remitting to your Lordships goode discretioun, and committing your Lordship to the protectioun of the Almightye, we rest.

BUGCLEUCH. MAR.
MELROS. ROXBURGHE.

Frome Edinburgh, the xxvth August 1624.

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HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL.

[JAMES R.]

Right trustie and right welbeloued Counsellour, Right trustie and right welbeloued Cosens and Counsellours, and right trustie and welbeloued Counsellours, We greete you weill: Our earnest care to haue Papistrie and Puritanisme repress in that Kingdome is not unknowne to you, whiche hath moved Us by these presentes to require you to cause the Laws against the Hearers of Masse, receipters of Priests, Jesuites, and traffiqueing Papistes, be putt in executioun, and commissionis gevin to all Shereffs and Magistrates of Burroughes to apprehend thame quhairfoeuer they may be found:

That no Shereff, Aduocat, Clerk, Magistrat in Burrough, or onie other publick Officer, be receaued till they first practise Conformitie; and that everie Burrough be charged against Michaelmas to obserue this in the electioun of their Magistrates for the yeare to come, vnder the pane of the los of their freedoms.

That the whole Councell, Sessioun, and all the Members thair of, with the Magistrates and all the people of Edinburgh, be putt to practise obedience according to the laite Proclamatioun, and under the paines contained thairin, with this additioun, That at the nixt sitting downe of the Sessioun at Hallowmes nixt, everie Lord, Advocate, and Clerke, promeis obedience at the time appointed, or be removed from his place.

That ye call vnto yow the Magistrates of Edinburgh, and with them

take ane present course, that that Towne be devided in parochins; thair Ministers sufficientlie provided; thair Sessionis chosen by thair Ministers and Magistrates; and that everie one keepe their owne parochie, and be not permitted to vage, but to communicate in their owne parochie churches.

And lastlie, whereas We have commandit a Catalogue to be yearlie made in every parochie, of Papistes and Disconforme perfonen inhabiting thairin, to be deliverit to the Bishopes, and by them to yow, it is Our pleasure, that according as thay salbe deliverit to you, ye fend thame to Vs from time to time. And in all the præmisses expecting your speciall care, We bid you fairweill. Given at Byffane,¹ the 29 of Auguste 1624.²

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HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL.

[JAMES R.]

Right trustie and welbeloued Cofens and Counfellours, and right trustie and welbeloued Counfellours, Wee greete yow well: Whereas for certane good respects We have bene pleased to signe a grant of the Abbacie of Inchaffray to Mr Patrick Murray, servant to Our dearest Sone the Prince,³ We have thought good by these presentes to require you to give way vnto the same, that it may be exped through Our Seales according to the ordour: Wherein doubting nothing of your conformittie to Our pleasour, We bid yow farewell. Given at Our Honnour of Hamptoun, the 20 day of September 1624.

¹ Probably Bisham Abbey, the seat of Sir Edward Hoby, which the King had visited on former occasions.

² The Answer to this letter, on the 22d of September, is printed *supra*, p. 765.

³ A previous grant of this Abbacy had been made to Lord Maderty (see *supra*, p. 829); but the death of James having occurred before the above grant was confirmed, a new letter was signed by Charles the First, in favour of Mr Patrick Murray, as follows:—

CHARLES R.—Right trustie, &c.: Whereas for certane goode respects We haif bene pleased to signe a grant of the Abbacie of Inchaffray to Our Servant Mr Patrik Murray, We haif thought goode be these presents to require you to gif way vnto the same, that

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HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL.

JAMES R.

Righte trustie and righte welbeloued Counsellour, righte trustie and righte welbeloued Cosens and Counsellours, and right trustie and welbeloued Counsellours, Wee greit yow well: Whereas the Arch-byshope of Sanct Androis hath bene an humble fuitter vnto Vs on the behalf of Mr Robert Bruce, carneftlie crauing that (by reason of the indisposition and weaknes of bodie of the said Mr Roberte¹) he may have a prorogation of the time limited for his returne to his confining at Innerneffe, Wee are well pleased that the said Mr Roberte shall haue libertie during the time of this ensuing Winter to remayne at his owne houle, prouided alwise that during all the time aforefaid he neyther preach, make feastes, nor visites; and in case of breach, to be præfentlie sente to Innerneffe in what weather so euer it shall happen to be: for Wee thinke it neyther conuenient nor tolerable that he who oppofeth him selfe againste all Bysshopes should play the part of an uniuersall Byshoppe, and lyke an Apostle go frome place to place preaching the Gospell: And of the præmisses willing yow to tak sufficient securitie, Wee bid yow farewell. Giuen at Our Mannour of Theobaldes, the 22 day of September 1624.²

To Our Righte trustie, &c., Sir George Hay
knighte, Our Chancellour, and remanent
Earles, Lordes, and others of Our Priuie
Councell in Our Kingdome of Scotlande.

it may be exped through Our Seales according to the ordour: Wherein nothing doubting of your conformitie to Our pleasure, We bid you farewell. Gevin at Our Castell of Windsore, the 19th of Julij 1625.

A letter from the Privy Council, in reference to the Abbacy of Inchaffray, is inserted in the Register of Royal Letters, 27th September 1625. There is also preserved an original letter on the subject from King Charles to the Council, dated 18th October 1627.

¹ At the request of the Privy Council, on the 25th of August: See *supra*, page 834.

² The original letter is injured, but it is recorded in the volume of "Royal Letters."

PAGE 765. CCCCLXXXVIII.

[In the volume of "Royal Letters," 1623 to 1632, this letter, dated the 22d of September, likewise commences with the words, "Your Maicities letter of the 28 of Julie last." There are some flight variations in the two copies, but not worth specifying. The last of the signatures is, "J. Hamiltoun," or Sir John Hamilton of Magdalens, one of the Lords of Session. It is marked on the margin "Ane Anfuer to His Majestie anent the preceding letter for Church materis." The King's letter, however, to which it was the Anfwer, is the one dated 29th of August, which is now printed at page 835.]

PAGE 767. CCCCLXXXVIII.†

THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL TO SOME OF THE NOBILITY.

AFTER our verie hartlie commendatiounis to your good Lordship: Thair hes findrie directiounis of grit importance and consequence come from His Majestie in this vacant tyme, wherwith the few number of the Councill that keepe the Councill dyettis in the vacants wald not medle,¹ bot hes reserved thame to the heiring and deliberatioun of ane more frequent number of the Nobilitie and Councill, who ar appointed to convein and meete heir at Edinburgh for that effect upoun the 2d day of November nixt to come: And whereas your Lordship's prefence at this meiting is verie neecessar, These ar thairfoir to request your good Lordship most earnestlie to keepe the said dyet preciselie, and to assist the rest of the Councill with your best advyse and opinioun in the maters thair to be proponed and intreated; whilk lookeing assuredlie your Lordship will do, we committ your Lordship to God. Frome Edinburgh, the first day of October 1624.

¹ There seems to have been no regular meeting of the Privy Council between the 22d of September and the 2d of November. The Archbishop of Glasgow was present on the 2d, and the Archbishop of St Andrews on the 4th of November. His Majesty's letter, dated the last of July, and printed at page 833, was then read and entered in the Register.

PAGE 768. CCCCLXXXIX.

[The original of this letter is preserved in the General Register House; and also the previous Nos. CCCLI., p. 566; CCCLXXVII., p. 606; CCCLXXXIV., p. 618; CCCLXXXIX., p. 623; and CCCCXL., p. 694. But some of these, like Nos. 472†, 478†, 482††, and 487††, in this Appendix, are more or less injured from the effects of damp.]

PAGE 770. CCCCXCI.†

HIS MAJESTY KING JAMES TO THE LORD CHANCELLOR.

[JAMES R.]

Right trustie and right welbeloued Cosen and Counsellour, We greete you weill: We wer pleased to cause one Williame Symefone to be committed to the Tolbuih of Edinburgh for his misbehaviour to the Ministers; and now hauing refaved a Petitione of his given to the Archbishope of St Androis, conteyning a promeis of Conformitie to the orders of the Church in all tyme comeing, We have thought goode by these presents to send the said Petitione to you, and withall to require yow to signifie Our pleasour to Our Counsell, which is, that if the said Symfone shall doe accordeing to the tennour of his Petitioun, We ar pleased that he be sett at libertie; and nothing doubteing of your care heirin, We bid yow fairweill. Given at Newmarkett, the 26 day of November 1624.

PAGE 772. CCCCXCIII.

[In the footnote to this Act of Council, in place of the first words, "The King's letter is not recorded," it should read, The King's letter is recorded in the Privy Council Register, of this date, the 15th of December, and is printed immediately preceding this letter, as No. CCCCXCII.]

PAGE 777. CCCCXCVI.†

THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL TO THE ARCHBISHOP OF
ST ANDREWS.

AFTER our verie hartlie commendationis to your good Lordship: Your Lordship rememberis that, at our lait meiting at Falkland, the xiiij day of this instant wes appointit to the Commissionaris of the Burgh of Edinburgh, for reporteing ane direct anfueir from thair Towne to the Articles fett downe be His Maieftie toucheing the diftributioun of the said Burgh in competent Parocheis, and toucheing certane utheris thingis mentionat in the saidis Articles: And becaus of your Lordshipis abfence thir tua Counfell dayes, we have referved the handling and heiring of that mater vntill your Lordship's comeing, and hes continewit the fame vntill Twifday nixt, the auchtene of this instant. Lyke as the fufpenfioun of the Excommunicat Papiftes in Aberdene, is, with confent of the Bifhop, who is heir present, continewit to that day: And quhairas your Lordship's prefence and concurrence with us in thir tua particularis is moft important and neceffar, Thefe ar thairfoir to request and defire your good Lordship moft earneftlie to keepe this dyet with us, that we may be the better prepared to returne vnto His Maieftie our Anfueir concerning our diligence in the præmiſſes; quhilk lookeing affuredlie your Lordship will do, we committ your Lordship to God. From Edinburgh, the xiiij day of Januar 1625.

[GEORGE HAY.
MAR.
WINTOUN.
MELROS.]

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