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Officers of the coining house to remove to Perth

As the Plague is in Edinburgh and Dundee, The King with advice of his Council, “orders and commands the general and master of his Highnesses coining house to transport themselves, the printing irons, say box, and all officers furniture, warklunis, and necessaries belonging to the said house, from the parts and places where they presently remain, to the burgh of Perth, with all possible diligence, and their to enter and continue in coining and working of gold, and silver, and allayed money, according to the acts and ordinances past thereupon of before, alterand the circumscription of the allayed pennies OPPIDUM PERTH FOR OPPIDUM EDINBURGH, and eikand a ring within the letters, as they have already out with the same wherever if shall happen the said money to be wrought.”--the wording of the remainder of the order is the same as in the previous order ante, Vol iii, p,751., for removing to Dundee.

“Anent the Cuinye”

Partly because the pestilence is still in Edinburgh, and Dundee, and partly through the “drift and delay” of the lieges, the 12d pieces, bawbees, placks, and 3d, groats are not being brought in to the master coiner to coin into new money, as required by Acts of Parliament and divers proclamations (ante, Vol. iii. P. 680

Thus, not only are the officers of the cunye house constrained to lie idle, “but unlawfully transporting, breaking down, and fynning of the said pieces has been used in the meantime as well out with the country as within the same, to great hinder of his Majesty’s profit and hurt of the commonweal. The said Cuinye being one of the chief rent casualty belonged to his Highnesses person has been the persons appointed for the Guard of his Highnesses person has been accustomed to be paid, and sundry others necessary offers of the country outred, and furnist”. The Officers of the cunye house are, therefore commanded to remove as soon as possible “with their hole work looms “to the burgh of Perth. There to continue to work and coin the gold, silver, and allayed money, according to the Acts formerly passed. Proclamation is to be made



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accordingly, with a charge to the lieges to bring in to the master coiner the said pieces of Alloyed money within a date not specified, under pain of confiscation of the same and imprisonment

P104 Burgh of Perth against Dundee

Complaint by the ,provost, baillies, council sand community of the Burgh of Perth, as follows:-
The provost, baillies, council and the community of Dundee, alleging that their pier, bulwark, shore and having thereof throw occasion of the tempestuous weather is become ruinous and likely to decay, has, as the said complainers of informed, lately obtained a pretended letter and gift under the privy seal, given and disponed to them the towst and exaction following, privilege and freedom of the same, to be uplifted, ressavit and used be the thesauruses of their burgh for the time of five years next and immediately following the date of the said gift; that is to say, two shillings for every ton of goods entered within the said port and heavy of Dundee, at the at the entrée thereof; two shillings for every ton at the out passing of merchandise freemen, un freemen and strangers; and such like of every ton frought xii d. at the entrée, and as muckle at the out passing of ships coming from Norway and others parties laden with timber,--off every hundredth geistis one; off every hundredth rauch taris one of every hundredth corbel's, wainscot, and dailies one; and such lik of every sort of timber coming to the said port and heavy, one or the acail and prices thereof; off every chalder and victual that shall be sold at the said port and heavy, of the merchants xvi d., and of the skipper and master xiii d; and all of others goods quhilks are used to be disponed be calderas; as the said pretended gift at more length bears. By virtue of the quhilk they have already, or at the least, intends to intermit with and uptake the said extraordinary towst and exaction of the inhabitants of the said burgh or Perth repaired and used trade at the said port and heavyn, most wrongly and unjustly, considering it is of verity and notour to his Majesty and Lords of Secret Council what necessity the said complainers have themselves of such exactions to support the common works of their own burgh, more requisite to be bett and helped nor the said port and haven of Dundee; specially the Brig, having twice fallen down and decayed, and lately being erected of timber, is ready to fall without present help'' latterly falling down and ruined, their tollbooth likewise falling down, the wall ruined and at the point of decay: in the bating and reparation' works their common good is altogether spent and ''other money to support their necessity but be taxation to be resit among themselves. As likewise they are burdened with his Majesty's customs for his wines and other affairs beside the great work and lose their sustenance throw the long continuance of the pest within the said burgh.

And Further, the said gift is wrongfully and evill purchased, the said complainers not being called to be giving thereof, as they aught and should have been, seeing they had special interest and



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many lawful reasons to have stayed the same; specially be reason the hole water of the Tay and privilege thereof from Drumlay into Drumallane pertains to the said burgh of Perth, as one part of the property thereof, with the pier and shore of Dundee, quhilk stands and is situated within the said Water of The Tay, bounds Freedom and privilege thereof; and that the said complainers, their ships, boats, merchandise and other gear coft and landed be the said complainers, inhabitants of the said burgh of Perth, was never in use nor required with the payment of any towstis or exaction in time began, in respect of their said privilege and freedom. Like as the said burgh of Perth has been in continual possession of the freedom and libertt of the said water of Tay, and their in losing, lading, packing and pilling, selling and wearing of their goods and merchandise within the bounds of the said Water of Drumlay in [/ Drumallane] without any payment of anchorage, small custom, or other towst or exactions by reason of the freedom foresaid. In respect whereof the said letters and gift ought to be declared to have wrongly and evill purchased, and therefore nul, an the least, suspended and discharged to have any force of execution against the said complainers while the mater be reasoned at lengtj in presence of his Majesty and Lords of Secret Council.”--James Scrymgeour of Dudhope, Provost, William Mann, Alexander Scrymgeour. James Auchenk, and Alexander Ramsay, baillies, and James Finlayson, treasurer, of the burgh of Dundee, having been summoned to answer for the defenders, and the said Provost and Alexander Scrymgeour, one of the baillies, appearing for themselves and in the name of the rest, and Mr Patrick Oathlaw and Oliver Peebles, two of the baillies of Perth, appearing for themselves and in the name of that burgh, and reasons on both sides having been heard, the Lords,”in respect that the inhabitants of both the said burrows and others his Highness lieges commodity be the building and reparation of the same” ordain the privilege foresaid granted to the burgh of Dundee to continue during the space mentioned in the said letter of gift, but “no further towist nor privilege of up taking of towist, or exaction of the goods pertaining to any of the said inhabitants of Perth” to be granted after the expiry of this present privilege; and the burgh of Perth is required to appoint some person for reporting to the Lords Auditors of Exchequer whether the “towst” collected shall be applied by the provost and baillies of Dundee according to the tenor of the said letter of gift.

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New Order against exportation of victuals, with discharge of licences to the contrary.

The King having been moved by “inopportune and untymous suits diverse persons” to grant certain licences for exporting “victuals, flesh, talloun, and other forbidden goods,” though expressly against the laws and Acts of Parliamont, and this being “to the great hurt of the commonweal. And chiefly at thie present. Quhenes there is great derth and scarcity of victuals, the same derth dayly increasing, and many householders by this occasion drawn to such extreme



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misery that, give times remade by not provided, a more fearful misery and calamity appears to follow, to the utter wreck and poverty of his Majesty's good subjects, and chiefly the handy labours, who scarcely can have to sustain them by their industry and labours, muckle less to furnish them in clothing and others their necessaries " the said licences are therefore discharged and publication to that effect os to be made at the market crosses of the head burghs.

The ships and goods of persons contravening this act are to be confiscated, and themselves punished in their bodies (ante. P,116) and the magistrates of Edinburgh are to prevent the exportation of the forbidden goods at any port on either side of the Forth from the bridge of Stirling to Fife and Beruik, while the magistrates of Dundee are to act as justices in the same matter on both sides of the Water of Tay.

P.162 Edinburgh 4th May. Caution for Graham of Fintry

Caution by John Hutchison, merchant, burghess of Edinburgh, for David Graham of Fintry, "that all victual, meal, and beer quhilks grew upon his own lands of the Mains, betir and land in the heaven of Dundee , shall be transported to the ferry of Airth, " under pain of confiscation of the victual.

P.164 Caution for David Morris

Caution by Andro Mckairny, merchant burghess of Edinburgh, for David Morris, merchant, burghess of the same, that the victual, such as wheat, beer, meal and oats, belonging to the said David. laden by him at the ports and havens of Dundee and Montrose, shall be brought to the port and haven of Leith, only under pain of confiscation. David Robson notary, subscribes for the said Andro and David, who cannot write.

P.195 Edinburgh 7th July

Sederunt--Crawford; Mar; Montrose; Vice Chancelleries; Dominus Ogilvy; Thesaurarius; Pluscarden; Culross ; Blantyre; Coldenknows; Clerks Registry; Clerks Justices; Lynclowden, Collector; John Seaton.

Order for measures to be taken against pirates

The King and council "considering the manifold heir ships spoils and open robberies committed by a great number of pirates and others evil disposed persons, enemies to common quietness of all nations, not only against the subjects of this country, but strangers bringing home victuals now in this time of derth and scarcity , the same pirates not aspiring to repair in his Majesty's own waters, and sum of them presently remaining in certain parts ewest thereunto, attending upon



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the company of other quhilks are to repair unto them, ny quhome thereafter, as his Majesty is informed, his Highnesses good subjects dwelled upon the coast sides and other parts thereabout are to be pursued with all extremity to their great hurt and endangering of the public peace." it is therefore ordered that all masters, mariners and skippers of ships and "crearris," and other leiges residing in Dundee, St Andrews, Crail , Pitenweem

Anstruther, Leith, Kinghorne, Dysart, Kirkcaldy, Burntisland and Inverkeithing, be charged by proclamation at the market crosses of the same to hold themselves " in readiness, well and sufficiently furnished and accoutred with munitions, artillery and all other warlike [?engines] to repair together of severally to such parts as they shall be appointed and warned by baillies, proclamation or other wise, upon days or hours warning, for withstanding and repressing of the attempts and intention of the said pirates and others common enemies to all nations, and pursuit of them as occasion shall be offered, under the pain of tinsall of life , lands, and goods

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Holyrood House, 27th Jan., Act forbidding exportation of herring this year.

The King and council understanding that "their id scarcely such quantity of herring taken in the North and West Lochs and Iles of this realm this present year as sill serve to the furnishing of his Majesty's own subjects within the same, far less to be transported forth. Thereof as has been accustomed the years proceeding" proclamation is ordered at the market crosses of Edinburgh, Leith, Dundee, St Andrews, Crail, Anstruther, Pitenweem, Kirkcaldy,

Dysart, Kinghorne, Inverkeithing, Glasgow, Dumbarton,, Ayr, Irving and other places needful, forbidding skippers, mariners, merchants or owners of herring export the same in great or small quantity this present year, "unto the time order be ta ken that all estates of persons within this realm be furnished of the said herring," under penalty of confiscation of the herring, together with the ships and goods of the exporters and owners. For the better execution of this Act the provosts and baillies of the said burghs are ordained "to arrest and stay all and whatsoever ships and vessels already laden with the said herring, take the sails from the raise, quhairthrow they depart naught unto time they disburdened them of the same herring

P.368 Graham of Fintry Summoned

Order to charge [David] Graham of Fintry, personally if he can be found, and if not, at his dwelling place of Fintry and of proclamation at the market crosses of Dundee and, to appear before the King and council Holyrood house upon the third day after the charge on pain of rebellion, to answer "teaching the late practise tending to the subversion of the present religion and periling of our Sovereign Lords person and estate."



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James Bonar appointed collector of the second and third terms' payment of the tax of the small barons in Forfarshire

The charge of collecting from the small barons and freeholders of Forfarshire their parts of the second and third terms' payment of the sum of £40,000, granted by them to the King for their vote in Parliament and General Councils, having been committed to James Scrymgeour of Dudhope, constable of Dundee, who is now forth of the country in his Majesty's service, so that "the same sums are yet restand unpaid," while the persons who owe them altogether refuse to pay, alleging that there is no one within that shire who has power to receive the money and give them discharge,--on this account, " and in respect of the present need of money for outré of his Majesty's special affairs," the council have nominated James Bonar, sheriff of Forfar, as collector of the said second and third terms' payment within the same shire, he to pay the same to Sir James Hume of Coldenknows and Sir tobert Melville of Murdocairny, collectors general for the whole, between this date and 1st January next. Now," because of the said James refusal to accept the said charge upon him, "letters are ordered to charge him to undertake the duty within 24 hours after being charged under pain of rebellion. It is also ordained that there be uplifted of every pound land of old extent within the said shire held by the small barons and freeholders immediately pf the King of any other superior, of held of them by any subject of the realm, the sum of 40s money; for payment whereof letters are to chare all the heritors or present posteriors of the same lands to answer to the said James Bonar within ten days after being charged under pain of rebellion. Charge is also to be given to the small barons and freeholders, by proclamation at the market crosses of Forfar, Dundee and other fir places, not to make payment of their shares to any other person, any previous command not withstanding

P 351 Band for Paul Thomson

Registration by David Moysie, writer, as procurator for George Balfour, prior of Charterhouse, and William Thomson, procurator in Eglisjohnne, that Willliam Carnegy in Canongy, Alexander Carnegy if Galraw, and James Colin in the Bank of Ballachie, their tenants and servants shall be harmless of the said Paul,--the said William Thomson becoming bound to relieve Balfour. The band subscribed at Dundee, 12th October 1588, before jams Bonar, sheriff-depute of Forfar, Gilbert Whittet, sheriff--clerk of the same, James Miln and David Skynudie, writers, and Archibald Bruce, servant to the said Gilbert Balfour



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Act for the rigging out of ships for bringing the King and his Queen home

The King having by an article sent with some of his Councillors from Norway, “ recommended to the inhabitants of his Highnesses burrows” fir out certain ships “ in good equipage, for the conveying and home bringing of his Majesty, with the Queen his dearest bedfellow, in this realm, at the time and season convenient thereto now shortly approaching,” the Commissioners of the Burghs, convened to that effect, after long conference , has willingly granted to the rigging out and furnishing of six, ships of the greatest birth that may be had within this realm, with men, munitions, victual and all other necessary provision, and that be the order and form following,” - two ships by the inhabitants of Edinburgh, assisted by the towns of Kinghorne and Inverkeithing; one ship by the town of Ayr, assisted by Rothesay, Dumbarton, Renfrew, Rutherglen, Irving, Glasgow, Kirkcudbright, Wigtown, Quhithorne, Lanark, Jedburgh, Selkirk, Peebles, Drumfreis, Linlithgow, and Lauder; one ship by the city of St Andrews, assisted by Dunfermline, Burntisland, Kirkcaldy, Dysart, Pitenweem, Anstruther, Crail,

Coupar, Striling, and Haddington; one ship by Dundee, assisted by Arbroath and Forfar; and one ship by Aberdeen, assisted by Brechin, Elgin, Inverness, Cullane, Forress, Nairn, Teyne, Montrose, North Berwick, and Dunbar.

Quhilks ships will and honourably equipage and furnished, every one of them with thirty mariners, whereof their shall be sic expert pilots accounted and furnish with hand signes, flags, streamers of weir of red taffety, red side clothes, and decked tops tith colours of Red and yellow, shall be rigged out by every one of the principal burrows particularly above written, and brought to this present Firth betwixt and the first day of April next to come, ready to depart and make sail together so soon thereafter as wind and weather may serve thereto, and the same principal burrows to have their relief therefore pf the burrows conjoined for their support in manner abonentioned, according to their parties thereof pro rata, particularly to be set down in one taxed rill to be made thereupon” It is ordered that none depart beyond sea with their ships or other vessels till the ships appointed for this service shall first sail.

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further petition of inhabitants of the burghs against Thomas Ogilvy; his letter of marque to be null henceforth

Supplication by the Burghs of the realm collectively as follows;---

Thomas Ogilvy, burgess of Dundee, had been lately ordained to find sufficient caution that the victual and other goods taken by him out of s ship belonging to certain inhabitants of the town



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of Danskine ---" whereof there is a part presently arrested in one ship within the harbour of Dundee,"--should be forthcoming to all having right thereto, and also that he would pay all damages and expenses sustained by his wrong intromission with the said goods (ante, P 615) Nevertheless, he has not yet found the said surety, " neither intends he to find securities at any time," but either "to late the said victual and goods remain in the hands of the magistrates of Dundee, Qhome, be his Highnesses letters, the name are arrested, and away to bring them in danger of the laws as thought they had been the pillars of the said goods," of else "to purchase delivery to himself of the same goods be sum privy letter or charge to be purchased of his Highness." Further, it is still his intention to execute the letter of margue granted to him against all professors of the Union and Holy League without distinction, " as if they were all indifferently professed enemies to this nation, how be it, as his Majesty and the said Lords knows, there is few or none that stand presently in good friendship with his Majesty and this whole country; like as on their part they have uttered, signs of friendship and humanity to the said complainers, and chiefly the inhabitants of the said town of Danskene, quhone give the said complainers should requite fall out as to this hole nation, seeing thereby not only shall their tread in they parts be cut of, but cruel wear shall be denounced against his Majesty and against his highnesses subjects, to the bring on of many inconvenient; quhilk is naught his Majesty meaning, that for the particular of one person, interest by the misbehaviour of certain privy persons of one other nation, his Majesty will take on a wears against all persons indifferently of the League, they naught approved the fact done to the hurt of the said Thomas of any others his Highnesses subjects. Attour, besides liberty granted to him by the said marques to peruse all professors of the said League in general, the like liberty is granted against the hole inhabitants of certain towns particularly nominate therein within the realm of France, whereof their sum tha of late was rendered their obedience to the present King of France, and the remnant looked for to do the like; against quhome good, friendship and neighbourly being presently standing betwixt his Majesty and him, it is nowise his Highness meaning that any thing should be done to the prejudice of the same always seeing no such letters of marque ought to be granted without good advise and deliberation of the hole Estates, quhilk in this case has not bee observed," The prayer therefore is that the King and Council "would declare the said letter marque to be null." Charge had been given to the said Thomas Ogilvy to appear; and, he making no appearance, while the inhabitants of the burghs are represented by Mr James Johnston, one of the baillies of Edinburgh, and Thomas Traill, burgess of Dundee, the Lords decern the said letter of marque to be null hereafter.

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James Lindsay and others against the provost and baillies of Dundee, in the matter of the ship arrested at Dundee by a previous order of Council



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Complaint by James Lindsay burgesse of Dundee, for himself and the other owners of the ship called "the Thomas of Dundee," as follows;- Upon 12th March last the complainers, in presence of the dean of guild of Dundee, had freighted their said ship to Thomas Ogilvy and James Flucheour, burgesses of the said burgh, to Zetland trusting that nothing would happen whereby "other themselves or their said ship might have been periled, but that they should have accomplished their voyage lawfully." But the said Thomas Ogilvy, shortly after his arrival in Zetland, intermitted, by what authority the complainers know not, with a great part of the goods of a ship of the town of Danskin, belonging to the Duke of Florence; "the report whereof coming to the magistrates of the said burgh, and they finding the said Thomas proceeding to touch them and the hole inhabitants of the said burgh, in particular seeing the said Thomas, special committer of that wrong, was one of their neighbours," there had been complaint by them to the King and Council, and. "upon their supplication given in in the name of the hole burghs of this realm," letters had been obtained for arresting the said ship and intronetting with their goods for the use of the just owners (ante, p.627). By virtue of these letters, they, in April last, "upon the first arrival of the said ship within their harbour," had arrested the said ship with her whole lading, and they have held her under arrestment ever since, "to the said complainers great hurt and work, and periling of the said ship, they being but mean man, having no thing to their live upon but the commodity that they resave be her, scho beibg now greatly hurt by the injury of the sea and in point to pursue and her hole loudening ."-- Charge had been given to James Forrester, William Mann and James Auchenlek, baillies of the said burgh, to have disburdened the said ship of her whole goods and cellared the same upon indenture," within three days after charge, to be forthcoming to all parties having right, so that thereafter the complainers might "bait, mend and repair" her for their profit, of else to have appeared and shown cause to the contrary, under pain of rebellion; and now, James Lindsay appearing for himself and the other owners of the said ship, and the provost and baillies by John Lovell, burgesse of Dundee, their procurator, the Lords ordain the said arrestment to be loosed and the ship to be disburdened of all the goods within her taken from the said ship of Danskin, the same to delivered upon inventory to the said provost and baillies, who shall sell as much thereof as "will not keep unspoilt," and make forthcoming to all parties interested the money receive for the said goods, "together with the remained goods to be saved by them in manner foresaid."

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Suspension of horning against Thomas Ogilvy in re the letter of marque granted to him

Complaint by Thomas Ogilvy, burgesse of Dundee, as follows:-- He had been charged by the inhabitants of the burghs this realm collectively to find caution that all the goods intermitted with by him by virtue of a letter of margue granted to him, fourth a ship belonging to the town of Danskene, lying within Zetland for the time, should be forthcoming to all having right to the same,



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and also that he should execute the said letter only against the inhabitants of such burghs as are expressly specified therein (ante, p. 627) For his alleged disobedience “he has been put to the horn,--most unjustly, inasmuch as, at the time of the giving of the said charge, he, being in Edinburgh “ and astricted to such hard conditions of cautionary,” could get none within the said burgh to become bound for him, “ and saw of necessity he behuifit to pass fourth of the said burgh to use so many as possible he could for finding of the said caution, not of purpose of intention to have disobeyed the said charge, but with all reverence to have satisfied the same in all points. “ While he was thus occupied, the King and Council had ordained the said goods to be delivered to the provost and baillies of Dundee, who were required to keep the same and behoof of all “parties haven interest thereto as law would.” According to the said Act, the complainer as one of the masters of the ship wherein the said goods were, had gone with diverse honest witnesses, upon 30th and 31st August last, and “lost and disburdened her of her hole lading,” and delivered the same upon inventory to the said provost and baillies, who received the said goods, as an instrument subscribed by their own town clerk, and another taken by the complainer upon delivery of the goods, bear. By such delivery the complainer pleads that heis relieved of the caution touching the making of the said goods forthcoming; and, as to the other part of the said caution touching the using of the said letter or margue, the King and his Council have already declared the same letter to be null. On these grounds the said letters of horning ought to be suspended simpliciter. -- Charge having been given to William Little, provost, James Nicoll, Archibald Johnston, Thomas Fisher, and William Small, baillies of Edinburgh, James Forrest provost, Alexander Ramsay, James Carmichael and William Duncan, baillies of Dundee, to appear and produce the said letters of horning, and none of them appearing, while the complainer appears personally, the Lords do suspend the letters

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Caution for the provost and baillies of Dundee

Caution by George Mudie, merchant, burghess of Dundee, for James Forrester, provost William Duncan, Alexander Ramsay, James Carmichael and Patrick Lyon, baillies there, that one-half of the victual and goods which they have intermitted with forth of the ship called the ‘Lyon of Dundee’ shall be forthcoming to the King’s use as they shall be required, in consideration of the suspension till 25th February instant of ‘ the letters execute against them at the instance of William Rollok searchor in Dundee.’

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Suspension of letters of horning against Gray of Dunynauld and his son.

Complaint by Andro Gray of Dunynauld, and Andro Gray and his son and apparent heir , as follows;-- They are put to the horn by virtue of King’s letters for non appearance before the Privy



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Council to answer such things as should have been inquired of them. Now the said letters are wrongfully executed, because it is 'notour to the hole country where they dwell' that the said Andro Gray, elder, at the time of the charge given to him and for a long time after,' was laid deadly sick of the fevers, so that he was not able to travel on horse nor foot,' and also because the said Andro Gray, 'younger, ' accompanied with a testimonial of the ministers of Dundee Logy, and Longforgan, and of a chirurgeane, testifying the vehement sickness and inability of his said father' had come Edinburgh on the 15th of February last, the day appointed for their appearance, and had waited there three or four days for the calling of their case before the Council, when finding no appearance of the convening of the Council, by reason of his Majesty's sudden departure from the said burgh of Edinburgh, and that the most part of the Officers of the estate remained behind his Highness's before the Clerk of Counsel of his compliance and readiness to answer for himself and his father,' ripening assuredly that no thing should have been proceeded against them at court while they had been newly warned.' Nevertheless, ' the party purchaser of the said charges against them caused them at Glasgow in the very meantime when the said Andro was attending at the said burgh of Edinburgh, and throw their not-compliance procured the said letters of the horning.' Not only are the letters unjust in the circumstances, but they were granted contrary to the Acts of parliament and Secret Council, which bear that no charges shall be directed against any person to answer super inqirendis ' but the causes and occasions of their calling to be particularly insert in the letters,' Still, to justify their own innocence of these things most unjustly they have been caluminate and misreported of the complainers have found caution to appear before the King and Council upon the 10th instant to answer to any things to be laid to their charge. On these grounds they crave suspension of the said letters,--Charge had been given to Sir Robert Melville of Murdocairny, treasurer, and Mr David McGill of Cranstounriddell, advocate to the King, for his Majesty's interest, to appear and produce the said letters; and now, the said Andro Gray, younger, appearing personally, and producing a testimonial subscribed by the ministers of Longforgan and ,dated June instant, certifying that his said father is 'presently diseased and unable to travel,' and the said Sir Robert also appearing personally, but the said Mr David failing to appear, the Lords of Secret council do suspend the letters against complainers because they had been obtained ' the sun particularly persons out with Counsel, and without advixe of the Lords thereof, or knowledge of his Highness's thesauruses foresaid 9 as was declared presently by himself), no mention being made therein of any cause or crime for the quhilk they were charged.'

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