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PREFACE.

Many of the cases in this part of the Register of the Kirk Session resemble those which occur in the previous part, and the delinquents are frequently dealt with in a very similar manner; but this is far from being a mere repetition of the former with different names and dates. Transgressions of other kinds also appear, and the old prevailing vices are more severely punished. There are likewise many interesting references to noteworthy matters, old customs, and prominent persons. Some outstanding men become members of Session; and the newly-erected Presbytery, having its seat in St. Andrews, co-operates with the Session in repressing sin and reforming the manners of the people.

Only one obstinate Papist figures in this part, and occasional references seem to imply that they were well nigh extinct in the neighbourhood. In August 1587, it was 'delatit to the Sessioun that Mr. James Myrton is new cum hame furth of uther cuntreis, and is suspect of Papistrie. Thairfoir the Sessioun ordanit him to be warnit to answier to the said dilatioun, and gif confessioun of his faith conforme to the Act of Parliament.' Thrice was he warned by the officer, and thrice was he publicly cited, but in vain; and for his contemptuous disobedience he was 'decernit worthie to mereit the sentence of excommunication, and the samyn to be execut aganis him.'\(^1\)

In the following December, Mr. Thomas Methven—apparently he who in 1561 had troubled the Session, and who in 1569 'abhorrit and detestit al superstition and Papistre'—ratified

\(^1\) Pp. 601-607.
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the hail articis of religious professit within this realme, and promist nevir to use in tymes cuming ony other religion, nor yit that kynd of speking to say that he is rather Papist nor Protestane. ¹ In April 1590, it was decided 'to request every gentillman, within his awin boundis, to tak diligent inquisition of all incestious personis, adulteraris, fornicatouris, on baptizit bairnis, Papistis, Jesuittis, and of all utheris notabill vices, within the parrochins'; ² but in response to this appeal no information seems to have been lodged against a single Papist or Jesuit. In a collection of acts re-adopted in 1595, it is provided that 'quha keipis ony superstitious dayis, as Zuill day, Peace day, or ony other holy dayis, or that hes ony other face of religioun nor that quhilk God of his mercy hes offerit to us, salbe estemit Papistis and sall underly the punishement of the Act of Parliament, and also censorit be ecclesiastical discipline'; and again that 'thai quha refusis to communicat with the brethern, and wilfullie abstrakis thame thairfra, salbe estemit Papistis, and punishit thairfor conforme to the Act of Parliament, and also thoill ecclesiastical discipline.' ³ These are all the references to Papists, but during the same period there are, among others, the following in the Register of the Presbytery:—Lord Oliphant was allowed, in 1590, to receive his son-in-law, the Master of Angus, for fourteen days, under certain conditions; a fast was appointed in 1594, 'in respect of the dangerous practesis of the excumunicat lords traveling with the gentillmen of the cuntrie for assistance'; the brethren were ordered in 1596 to intimate the excumunication of the lords, and 'to try within thair boindis quha ar traffecoris and moyeneris for them'; in the winter of 1600-1 the Presbytery feared 'gret danger' from the resorting of Mr. John Hamilton and other seminary priests within their

¹ P. 609.—In 1561, Methven is described as 'prebendar of Kyngask and Kynglesse' (p. 138); and, in the Register of the Presbytery, he is mentioned, in 1596, as 'present possessour of the teindis of Kingask and New Biggin.'
² P. 662.
³ Pp. 808, 810.
bounds;¹ on the sixth of May 1602, a suspected Papist was strictly examined;² and two years later a letter was received from the Presbytery of Perth, craving help in seeking redress from the Privy Council, 'anent the abominatioun of the mes quhilk laitlie wes in St. Johnstoun.'

But although there were so few professed Papists left in St. Andrews, the Session found that the old customs were not easily eradicated. Some parishioners could hardly be prevented from observing Yule, and when the magistrates came to the rescue they received 'reprochefull language.' Most of the offenders protested before the Presbytery, whose help had to be invoked, 'that thei did nocht aknowledg any holines in that day, moir then ony uther day, nether yit that thei did hailie abatine from wark that day; but nocht haying mikel ado thei past to their pastyme in the feildis and uther places, &c., for the quhilk if thei had faulted thei wald submit tham selves to the judgement of the Presbiterie.' Others—including

¹ John Hamilton had at one time been a member of the Session (see p. 399 and n.). The references to him in the Register of the Presbytery are as follows:—

'December 11 [1600]. The quhilk day, the Presbyterie ordanis the Moderatour to weir to the King's minister in name of the Presbyterie, to desyre his Majestie to intammat the proclamatioun, maid aganis Mr. John Hammyltoun, in Cuper, St. Androis, and uther places neidfull in Fyf, be reasoun of his frequent resorte in thir boundis.' 'Januarii 22, anno D. 1601. The quhilk day, the Presbyterie, weyng the greit danger that wes liklie to ensew be the resorte of Mr. John Hammyltoun and utheris seminairic præisit within thir boundis, hes desyrit Mr. James Meluill, Moderatour of the last Synodall Assemblie, to weir to his Majestie, schewing him that the present necessite cravit the haiting of the Synodall befoir the ordinarie tyme; and to desyre his Majestie to weir to the best affectit gentilmen to be present and assist the Assemblie.'

² The record of his examination is well worthy of quotation:—'Robert Wode, compeirand, excusand his absence the last day, being posit, 1, how he profest being furth of the contrie, ansueris, he profest na religion; 2, quhy he absentit him self fra the prayeris in the schip, ansueris, quhen his helth permittit he came; 3, tuiching his beadis, ansueris, he brocht them out of Rome, but usit them not for devotioun; 4, quhy he usit ane Papisticall buik, ansueris, it wes Mr. Jon Hayis Demandis, quhilk he usit to instruct him self, nocht to pervert utheris; 5, tuiching his going to the Pope, ansueris, it wes to get gold onlie to sustene his povertie. The Presbyterie referris him to be instructit be the ministeris of St. Androis and St. Leonardis, and ordanis him to resort to them to that effect, and thairafter his satisfactioun to be injoynit.'
one who had offended in the same manner nineteen years before —were 'moir stubburne,' and justified what they had done. Four men came under an obligation to the Session that in future they would not keep Yule nor any other superstitious day holy.1

It was not until the end of May 1599 that the Session learned that a most pernicious custom had been kept up in a remote part of the parish. 'Being informit that thair hes bene yeirly upon Trinitie Sunday, in Raderny, ane evill custome of pypping, dancing, drinking, and misordour,' it was ordained that the session-officer should 'pas upon the samin day to Raderny, and command the fewaris thairof, in the name of God and Sessioun, that thai suffer nocht the lyik ryot and prophana- tion of the Saboth to be usit, bot that thai stay the samin, with certification if thai do in the contrar they salbe punished thairfoir.' The officer did not go alone, yet he soon discovered that his authority was little regarded in Raderny. On the first Wednesday of June, two women appeared before the Session, and, having confessed 'thair dancing and ryot on the last Saboth,' were ordained to make repentance next Sabbath before the pulpit. On the same day the Session found a more sturdy transgressor in David Wemis, who, on being accused for breaking the Act of Session, 'in allowing the dancing, drinking, and ryot usit in the towne of Raderny on Trinitie Sunday last, ansererit, that custoume wes keipit in Raderny or [i.e. ere] ony in the Sessioun wes borne, and albeit the Session had send sum of thair number for staying thairof to Raderny, yit had he and his cumpany bene als mony and als habill, they suld have gottin a meitting, and that he wes nocht in the kirk that day, nather saw that dansing evir stayit befoir.' This ringleader was 'ordinit to be imprissoned in the stipill, till he find cautioun to compeir on Sonday and mak repentance for his fault.' It was also resolved that 'the haill fewaris of

1 Pp. 738-740.
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`Raderny' should be warned to appear next Wednesday; and it was added—doubtless because of the difficulty experienced in enforcing discipline on these wayward and distant sheep—‘that none in the boundis of Raderny get any benefit in this kirk, except the offendaris satisfie.’ The benefits of the kirk, it may be necessary to explain, were baptism, the Lord’s Supper, and marriage. Imprisonment in the steeple tamed the spirit of Wemis, and next Wednesday he ‘confess his fault in dancing and prophanation of the Saboth day and his allowing thairof,’ and submitted himself to the will of the Session. He was ordered to make public repentance, and was bound, with his own consent, to pay £10 to the poor, if he should again commit a like fault. On the 20th of June, George Wilson in Raderny was bound ‘to answer for himself and his familie and cottaris, for keiping the kirk on the Saboth day’; and on the 11th of July three of the Raderny tenants, being admonished, ‘promise nevir to suffer the lyik abuse to be committit be thame selfis, nor na utheris qhome thai may lat.’¹ In the following summer Trinity Sunday was kept in a similar manner in Kincaple. The first batch of the tenants who were accused confessed ‘that thair wes sum strangeris com that day thair, and sum prophanation wes usit in that towne, bot thai nather did it nor allowit thairof,’ and promised to endeavour ‘to stay the lyik in tyme cuming.’ Other four of the Kincaple tenants, however, acknowledged that on that day they had played ‘at the futball and uther pastyme.’ A piper was there from Leuchars, a tailor from St. Andrews, a sailor, one man from Ardet, one from Earlshall, and another from Leuchars. All these were dealt with by the Session. The tailor’s case being greatly aggravated by his behaviour on his way home, and by his perjured attempt to clear himself, he was ordained to make his repentance in sackcloth, on the penitent stool, on Friday and Sabbath. When, on the latter day, George Glaidstanes

¹ Pp. 892-897.
demanded if he had repented of his faults, he insolently
replied, that his admonition and the decree of the Session
were partly true and partly otherwise. 'He wes dimittit bot
nocht absolvit, and the magistrattis requestit to punishe him
condignely.'\textsuperscript{11} As this volume of the \textit{Register} ends in October
1600, and, as the second volume is lost, it cannot now be ascer-
tained whether any attempt was made next year to observe
Trinity Sunday in some other corner of the parish, or whether
the measures of the Session had overawed its votaries.\textsuperscript{2}

If, as the entries seem to imply, the custom had been kept
up since the Reformation, it is amazing how such an observ-
ance could have escaped the lynx-eyed Session of St. Andrews
for forty years, seeing the village of Raderny is within half-a-
dozen miles of the city. It must be noted, however, that the
Session had always been over-burdened, the parish being much
too large. More than one of the ministers had refused to take
the whole charge upon him, and, as Robert Wilkie stated
before the Presbytery, 'for boundis and pepill it mycht weill
be four parochinis.'\textsuperscript{3} Much will be found in this part con-
cerning the negotiations which eventually resulted in the dis-
junction and formation of the parish of Cameron. Other
portions of the parish are now comprehended in Dunino, Ceres,
and Kemback; and for many years the minister and Session
of St. Andrews had also the oversight of St. Leonard's parish.
The population of the city alone at the Reformation has been
estimated at from twelve to fifteen thousand. These figures
are probably far too high; but there is some reason to believe
that the number increased after the Reformation, until in
1585 it was terribly thinned by the pest. Not only was the

\textsuperscript{1} Pp. 925-930.
\textsuperscript{2} Alexander Henderson, minister of the neighbouring parish of Leuchars, had
to reprove some of his people, in the summer of 1638, for having, in his absence,
on a Sabbath 'run from the one end of the parochin to the other to see a
dancing' (Henderson's \textit{Sermons, Prayers, and Pulpit Addresses}, p. 363). Probably
this was a remnant or attempted resuscitation of the old observance of
Trinity Sunday.
\textsuperscript{3} P. 655, n.
parish unworkably large, but the vacancies in the ministry had sadly disarranged matters, and led to much neglect. From Robert Hamilton's death in April 1581 until John Rutherford's entry in July 1584, the congregation may be said to have been without a regular pastor. Robert Pont had been called, and is supposed to have served for a year; but from various statements in the Register it may be doubted whether he came at all. Those three years had been tided over by George Black, and by Thomas Wod, who succeeded him as reader, assisted by Patrick Adamson and the Melvilles. The Earl of March is charged, as Commendator of the Priory, with having colluded with the rulers of the town to keep the ministry vacant, spending the stipend on golf, archery, and good cheer. 1 John Rutherford was one of the victims of the pest in October 1585. At that time, as the clerk puts it, 'all gude ordour cessit in this cittee'; and the Register is blank from the 11th of August 1585 until the 29th of June 1586, when Robert Wilkie took his place as minister. Attempts were made, at his urgent and repeated request, to obtain a fellow-labourer, and in the early part of 1590 John Authinleck was chosen; but in September of that year, Wilkie, having been appointed Principal of St. Leonard's College, resigned the pastoral charge of St. Andrews. 2 Next November, David Black, noted for zeal and energy, was chosen as his successor; but after struggling for a year, and finding that there was no hope of another fellow-helper being appointed instead of Authinleck, who had left for lack of sustenance, he withdrew, and the Presbytery, after trying in vain to retain him, consented. 3 But in April 1593, the General Assembly ordained that as minister of St. Andrews he should discharge the duties of ordinary pastor, and nominated Robert Wallace—a man of

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1 Pp. 481 and n., 488 and n.
2 Wilkie was elected an elder of St. Andrews Session on the 20th of January 1590-91, on the 28th of November 1593, and on the 1st of November 1594. St. Leonard's had a Session of its own by the 14th of April 1597, probably some years earlier (p. 934 n.).
3 See his reasons, p. 725, n.
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kindred spirit—as his colleague. On the 19th of September they formally ‘acceptit the ministre of the citee of St. Androus in and upon thame, equalie and proportionalie’; and for the better carrying on of their work the town was divided into two parts, each of which was subdivided into seven districts. Black produced the conditions on which he accepted the ministry on the 12th of December. They were, in substance, that Wallace’s ministry should be established and continued with his own, and that the magistrates should with faithful diligence endeavour to obtain universal obedience to the Word and discipline. Never did colleagues work more cordially or more zealously. During the next three years St. Andrews was destined to undergo a more searching and thorough social reformation than it had ever before experienced.

Sins of uncleanness were still fearfully prevalent. Perhaps the very frequency of the appearance of fornicators on the penitent stool had rendered the punishment commonplace and contemptible in the eyes of the people. A perusal of some portions of the Register leaves the impression that at times the Session, in the trial and condemnation of the oft-recurring sin, acted in a somewhat formal manner. But all this was now to be changed. Black and Wallace were determined to put down sin, and they grappled with it right manfully. It had been the practice to free fornicators from imprisonment on payment of forty shillings, but, the very next week after Black produced his conditions, the Session, with the consent of the magistrates, ordained that an Act, which had been drawn up in accordance with the Act of Parliament, should be published on the following Sabbath, and that it

1 Black proposed that it should be divided into three equal parts, and that these should be respectively under the ministry of himself, Wallace, and Robert Zuill, who had succeeded Thomas Wod in the vicarage; but the Presbytery, on the 13th of September 1593, resolved that Zuill ‘suld nocht presentlie enter in the equal burden, bot to continew in exhortatioun and catiching of the pepill’ (p. 755, n.). In November of that year the Session was increased to fifty-nine members. Of these thirty-nine were elders and twenty deacons.
should in all times coming be put to full execution against the transgressors. For the first offence each fornicator was to pay forty pounds to the poor, or be imprisoned for eight days, 'thair fuid bread and small drink, and thaireftir to be presentit to the merkat croce . . . beirhedit, and thair to stand, festnit that thai may nocht remoif, for the space of tua houris.' For the second fault, each was to pay a hundred merks, or the imprisonment to be doubled, their food to be bread and water, to be presented to the market-cross, and their heads to be shaved.¹ For the third fault, the penalty was a hundred pounds, or the imprisonment doubled, to be fed on bread and water, to be thrice ducked, and thereafter banished.² Although in every case the full penalty was not inflicted, the proclamation of this Act was no idle threat, for next Wednesday a transgressor was ordained to be punished in conformity with it.

Neither were adulterers allowed to escape so easily as before. A year after the publication of the Act against fornication, a terrible example was made of one of the officers of the town, a married man, who had committed adultery with a married woman. He was put in the jougs, carted through the whole town, then taken to the North Hauch, 'the haill scolaris and utheris, ane great multitude of pepill, upon Mononday ane merkat day, being his convoy, casting rottin eggis, filth, and glar at him,' and 'wes at last dowkit ower the heid divers tymes.' It was in mid-winter that he was subjected to this treatment, and his civil punishment also included banishment from the city. He had likewise to undergo ecclesiastical discipline. The Session ordained him 'to stand at the kirk dur, beir heddit and beir futtit, ilk precheing day tyme of sermone, fra the secund bell quhill the last bell to sermon, in seclaith; and thaireftir to enter on the hichest degre of the penitent stuill, and sitt quhill the sermone and blessing be gevin, and

¹ This is the only reference to head-shaving in the Register. ² P. 767.
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to cum ilk tyme to the catichisme, and sa to continew quhill the kirk be satisfeit.\textsuperscript{1} In the following March the Session, with the advice of the magistrates, condemned another adulterer 'to be joggit, cartit, and dowkit, and thaireftir to satisfe the kirk be publict humiliatioun conforme to the Actis.'\textsuperscript{2} This offender was ducked in the sea. In neither of these cases is anything recorded as to the punishment of their paramours.

The most cursory reader of the Register cannot fail to observe that these severe measures had a most beneficial effect in restraining sinners. During the next three years, only five cases of adultery were before the Session. One of these was evidently an old case revived,\textsuperscript{3} in another it is merely stated that a woman was 'decernit to be jogit and banisit the boundis of this citie for adulteri,'\textsuperscript{4} while the only connection another had with St. Andrews was the child's being born here. Such an offence as the last was not likely to be repeated, as the man and his wife who took in the erring female, seemingly a relative, had to pay forty shillings, and make public humiliation, for not giving information.\textsuperscript{5} During the last year of Black's ministry in St. Andrews, there was not a single case of fornication before the Session. And although the penalties were afterwards relaxed, the salutary results of the wholesome teaching and well-merited punishments were long apparent. It was not until 1599 that the brethren, 'finding the syn of fornication and huredum grytlie to incrse in this citie and congregatioun,' requested the magistrates to put the Act of Parliament again in execution, and that each offender should pay at least four pounds to be relieved of imprisonment, and 'sa proportionalie to multiplie the sam in according to their factis.'\textsuperscript{6}

Next to fornicators Sabbath-breakers were the most numerous class of offenders with which the Session had to deal, and there was a multifarious variety in the forms of their trans-

\textsuperscript{1} P. 793.  \textsuperscript{2} P. 794.  \textsuperscript{3} P. 820.  \textsuperscript{4} P. 819.  \textsuperscript{5} Pp. 796, 797.  \textsuperscript{6} P. 887.
gressions. Of these may be mentioned playing, and its more aggravated form of playing in time of sermon, passing to the fields and keeping no preaching, playing in the fields, playing in the golf-fields in 'tyme of fast and precheing,' 'playing at the gouf eftir nune,' 'playing and casting the hammer,' running through the town 'under silence of nycht,' drinking, drinking in time of sermon, selling ale in time of preaching, keeping market in Crail, travelling to Falkland market, travelling with packs, carrying loads, 'leading of burn,' playing wort, working cloth, 'laying out skynnis to dry . . . on the calsay,' selling fish, 'slaying flesche,' 'delving and sawing of lint,' leading corn, thrashing corn, and, most frequent of all, absence from church. Fleshers, barbers, cordiners, cadgers, maltmen, mariners, pipers, brousters, litsters, millers, and bakers were admonished or punished as they deserved. With all their strictness the Session were not unreasonable. Two cadgers, who confessed their travelling on Sabbath, and alleged that 'the storme of wether stayit thame ower lang in Dundie upon Sattirday,' were simply bound never to commit the like again.¹ Some may think that in fact they were rather lax, seeing bakers were allowed to open their booth-doors betwixt the preachings, and after five in the evening; but 'all furth putting of caseris, for selling of their bread, at ony tyme upon the Saboth,' was forbidden;² and it was specially ordained that 'na baxter nor tavernour hald furth juigis of wyne, aill, nor bread on the Saboth, under pane of ten s. for ilk falt, and of publict humiliatioun.'³ Some of the acts give a general idea of how the Sabbath was to be outwardly observed. It was thought good that 'na leadis of victual, collis, peatis, turfis, hedder, nor na uther geir, be carit nor brocht in within this citee on the Sabbaoth day.'⁴ 'That diligent triall be takin owklie of sic as abstrackis thame sellis from the sermonis, Sunday, and uthereis dayis tyme of sermonc, and from the

¹ P. 914. ² P. 849. ³ P. 837. ⁴ P. 533.
catchisim; and that na persoun of laufull age be fund nor sein, tyme of sermone, vagand idill furth of the kirk, eftir the ringing of the thrid bell to sermone, nor exercising ony busines temporall, nor at playis nor gammis; and that na barne without discretiou be brocht to the kirk tyme of sermone. . . . That na buith durris, mercheand nor na uther craftsman, be opint upon Sunday, nor na uther dayis tyme of sermone, eftir the ringing of the last bell to sermone; and that all caicchepellis be then closit; and that na topferis of wyne nor aill prepair ony disjunnis, nor sell wyne nor aill at that tyme; and that nane be fund then drinkand in taveroun nor aill houssis; and that na mercheand, dreipar, flescheour, fischear, nor hukstar sell ony mercheandis fische nor flesche; and that nane leadis be carit on the Sabboth day. The transgressouris on the Sabboth to incur the panis contenit in the Act of Parliament, and on utheris dayis tyme of sermone to pay vj. viij. d. to the box of the puir, conforme to the auld actis of this citee, and also censorit be ecclesiastical discipline.'

As these extracts show, attendance on week-day services and cessation from work at these times were also enjoined, and latterly they were rigidly enforced. For the better observance of the Sabbath, masters were held responsible for their servants and punished for their offences. Among those dealt with for 'nocht keiping of the Sabboth day holy and nocht frequenting the sermonis,' was 'Alexis the Apoloniane.' In April 1600, 'Bessie Miln compter and being accusit confess hir braking of the Sabboth day, and craved mercie of God, and the Sessioun forgivenes, and with hir awin consent salbe baneist this citeie if she be fund in

1 Pp. 807, 808. See also p. 778.
2 The craftsmen were not at first inclined to acquiesce in the observance of preaching days, but afterwards became more amenable to the Session (pp. 847, 894, 895). At a later period, the cordiners enacted that those who absented themselves from God's service on a preaching day should pay two shillings; and ordained that, if one of their number should be again 'apprehendid to play at the bowlis or uthir gemmis' in time of sermon on such a day, he should pay forty shillings (p. 634, n.).
3 Pp. 843, 873, 880, 932, 933.
4 Pp. 731, 733.
the lyik fault.'1 A year earlier the magistrates imprisoned five men—one of them a 'kard'—for three hours, 'for vagand in tyme of sermone on the Sabath day.' If they again transgressed in the same way, they were 'to be censurit and punished with all rigour.'2 One result of these efforts, enactments, and punishments was the greatly increased attendance at public worship. In the summer of 1600—there being then no preaching in St. Leonard's—the huge parish church was so inconveniently crowded that a large section of the citizens had to be sent to St. Salvator's Church.3

As might have been expected, Black took a keen interest in Sabbath observance, and did much to enforce it. When asked 'to sett down in speciall the heidis and preceptis' which he desired to be observed in his congregation, he placed in the forefront,—'that ordour be takin for keiping of the Saboth day.' The other two were also characteristic of the man, 'that provisioun be maid for the puir,' and 'that the elderis wasche and attend upon the maneris of the pepill.'4 He not only punished those who drank at home in time of sermon; but also those who, to escape his premature Forbes Mackenzie Act, went to Leuchars and tipped there in preaching time.5 According to James Melville, Black was 'mightie in doctrine' as well as of 'singular fidelitie and diligence in the ministerie.'6 This estimate is borne out both by the Register of the Kirk Session and the Register of the Presbytery. The latter shows that he was an ardent reformer of abuses of every kind; and that his professional brethren were not overlooked. It was reported in a Synod held at Dysart that he had inveighed against ministers in his preaching, 'calling sum of them—Pyntail ministeris, bellie-fallowis, sycophantis, gentillmenis ministeris, leaderis of the pepill to Hell; and that a grait part of them war worthie to be hangit.' In his explanation to the Presbytery, he did not deny that he had used these forcible

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1 P. 923.  2 P. 887.  3 P. 925.  4 P. 725.  5 P. 813.  6 P. 688, n.
expressions. Instead of attempting to mince matters, he seems on all occasions to have called a spade a spade; and, for the alleged fault of having spoken too freely in October 1596, he was summoned before the Privy Council in the following month, and on the 2d of December was banished beyond the Tay. Next summer he was debarred from St. Andrews; and Wallace, who had spoken in defence of his colleague, was suspended from the ministry. Their places were soon occupied by George Glaidstanes—the future Archbishop of St. Andrews—and by David Lindsay. Writing in reply to Archbishop Spottiswoode, who succeeded Glaidstanes in 1615, Calderwood says:—'This Black was a man worthy of being remembered by all, on account of the admirable character both of his life and his sound judgment. Selected as a suitable minister for the church of St. Andrews, he so administered the affairs of that distinguished charge that among so vast a multitude of people (there are in fact more than 3000 regular communicants) not a beggar was to be seen, no one dared to violate the Sabbath. But now while things are under the oversight of a bishop and his too numerous assistants, I, the writer of this, less than two years ago, have seen more amusing themselves on the ice at the time of sermon even on the Lord's day than were present at worship in both churches. On this day the Bishop himself enjoys his games, nor does he, if on a journey and while passing through any town at the time of evening service, condescend to alight from his carriage, he must hasten on to some tavern. About the beggars I know nothing definite, only I do know that the hospital, which that illustrious man raised for the employment and education of the poor, now stands empty. The devil envying this ingathering has ruined

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1 P. 815, n.
2 See pp. 823-830 and notes.
3 The first reference in the Register to the hospital is on the 2d of March 1596-7, that is, three months after Black was ordered to confine himself beyond the North Water, but that reference implies that it was already established.
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in the blade this most delightsome crop.' It must have been an exceptional occasion when Calderwood saw so many on the ice, for Alexander Henderson, of Leuchars, in preaching at St. Andrews, in 1688, said:—'Ever since I kent you, in this city, and while I was amongst you, I ever kent you to be diligent observers of the Lord's day.' He had known them for well nigh forty years. More than a century later a very different man from Calderwood or Henderson bears emphatic but grudging testimony to the Sabbatical strictness of one of the parishioners. Some of the many kinds of offences of which the Session took cognisance may be briefly enumerated. Defamation, 'flyting,' ungodly speaking, filthy speeches, bannning and swearing, blasphemy, 'extraordinair drinking,' 'drinking onynouslie,' suspicious company-keeping, haunting evil company, mis-spending gear, night-walking, keeping open house 'in the silence of the nicht,' 'singing of bawdry songs, play at durris, dansing and ryning throw the town eftir supper,' 'tulzeing and ongodlie behaviour,' 'filthy handling,' wrestling and kissing on the causeway, troublesome to neighbours, playing at tables over night, cards and dice, striking, forcible abduction, fighting, bloodshed, slaughter, witchcraft. That offences of so many kinds came before the Session is not to be wondered at, seeing they did not wait until a fama clamosa was raised before they took action. Not only was it the duty of the elders and deacons to report transgressions, but special steps were taken to ferret out gross sins that they might be repressed. For example, in 1586, it was resolved 'that ane generall delation

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1 Epistola Philadelphi Vindicia appended to Altare Damascenum, 1623, p. 65.
2 Henderson's Sermons, Prayers, and Pulpit Addresses, p. 6.
3 The Chevalier de Johnstone, in escaping from Culloden, passed through St. Andrews, and on presenting a letter from a relation to one of her tenants in the neighbourhood, he was petrified by the answer—'Mrs. Spence may take her farm from me, and give it to whom she pleases; but she cannot make me profane the Lord's day, by giving my horse to one who means to travel upon the Sabbath' (Memoirs of the Rebellion, 1822, p. 279).
be takin throch the hail town of the offendaris of Goddis law, and of all manifest transgressouris.'

In Black's time a new plan was adopted for putting down banning and swearing. The magistrates and town council agreed that each elder and deacon should have power to fine all those who thus transgressed in their hearing. The penalty was limited to eight pence; and the members of Session, who had to provide themselves with purses for this service, were ordered at intervals to produce them. In 1595 a somewhat peculiar case of banning was dealt with. A young woman granted that 'sche said to hir father, The devill tak yow away; and said to hir mother, The devill stik hir! and sche, being commandit be hir mother to do ane honest turn, ansuerit, The devill ane futt will I do it!' The decree, like so many of the others, is distinguished by its strong common sense. 'The Session ordanit the father and mother, with thair dochter, all togidder upon Sunday nixttocum, to sitt on ane stueil befoir the pulpeit, and ask God and the congregation forgifnes; and, if thai tak nocht better ordour with thame selfis and thair barnis, to be banisit the boundis of this citee.' A case may be quoted to show how suspicious conduct was dealt with in 1599. 'Elspot Andersoun and Robert Hammiltoun callit comperit, and being accusit she confess he com to hir in Mr. Johne Methvenis hous, undir scilence of nycht, and that hir maister fand hir in the said Robert his okstar undir his clok, and reprovit him. The said Robert denyit any injurie done be him, and na forder being verifeit, he wes ordinit to crave God mercie; and bayth war admonist nocht to commit the lyik heireftir; and if he be fund doand the contrar it salbe holdin as confest fornicatioun aganis thame.' Verily, lovers had to behave circumspectly in those days! Some men were brought up for striking, or 'dinging,' their parents, and some for treating their wives in that fashion. In April 1594,

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1 P. 576.  
2 Pp. 821, 929, 942, 943.  
3 P. 798.  
4 P. 906.
a young man, convicted of assaulting his father, was ‘ordainit
to compeir in sek claiith, beir heidit and beir futtit, upon the
hichest degré of the penitent steuillez, with ane hammer in the
ane hand and ane stane in the uther hand, as tua instrumentis
quhairwith he manassit his father, within ane papir writin in
great letteris about his heid thir wordis:—Behald the on
naturall sone punisit for putting hand in his father and
dishonoring of God in him; and thaireftir to compeir in the
middis of the kirk Sunday the xxj of April, and ask God for-
gifnes his father and the haill pepill; and thaireftir, upon
Mononday the xxij of April instant, to stand fra ten houris
quhilk xij houris at none, cled and adornit as said is, in the
jokis at the merkat croce; and thaireftir to be cartit throw
the haill town, and be oppin proclamatioun the pepill to be
advertisit and informit of his falt, and thaireftir brocht agane
to the croce and his dittay red and publicit, with thir wordis
of decreet:—If he evir offend aganis his father or mother heir-
eftir, in word or deid, that member of his body quhairby he
offendis salbe cuttit of from him, be it tung, hand or futt,
without mercy, in exampill to utheris to abstain fra the lyke.’
This was certainly a smart sentence, and doubtless deserved.
The information is added that the ‘haill decrete and ordinance,
with the haill circumstancis forsaidis, wer all done with great
solemnite as is befoir writin.’¹ Perhaps the worst case of
fighting dealt with was that of two men—one of them a tailor
—who had a ‘set to’ in the church on Sabbath in the time of
preaching. They must have created a considerable sensation,
and, as the Register has it, ‘trublit the kirk.’ They were
‘ordinit to mak repentance in sek claiith, bear futtit and bair
heidit, thrie Sabath dayis in the porche dur, betuix the secund
and thrid bell and thaireftir on the penitent stule.’ They
were remitted to the magistrates to be punished civilly.²

The references to witchcraft are exceedingly interest-

¹ Pp. 785, 786.
² P. 877.
ing. The first is to a notorious witch, Alison Peirson of Byrehills, who was consulted by Patrick Adamson in his illness, and who was finally condemned by the High Court of Justiciary in 1588. The entry in the Register shows that the attention of the Session was first directed to her by the ungrateful Archbishop in August 1583. The next case was brought up in July 1588. Agnes Melville, whose father had been reader in Anstruther, was twice married, and having picked up some knowledge of herbs used them to cure several people who had ‘evill stomokis.’ All this and much more she confessed in her long examination before the Session. She knew nothing of the virtue of stones, but had recommended the sick to wash with south-running water, and had given instructions to ‘cast furth the watter on the midding, for feitt watter suold nocht be cassin in ony bodeis gait.’ Among other things she told how she met, at North Berwick, the old man—perhaps suspected to be the devil—who had given her much of her information. Nothing is said as to what was done with her, and she drops completely out of sight for more than seven years. When she is mentioned again, it is in connection with the satisfaction enjoined to two widows for consulting with her to cure their husbands. The entry is brief; but it shows that five people were at one time decreed to make public humiliation for consulting; and it implies that Agnes Melville and other two witches had suffered the extreme penalty. These are the only references to witchcraft; but there are others in the Register of the Presbytery. Several witches from Pittenweem were, in 1597, burned at St. Andrews. They were condemned by the King, when he was here thrusting Black and Wallace from their ministry. One reason given by the Presbytery for the appointment of a fast was ‘the discoverie of the gryt empyre of the deivill in this countrie be witchcraft;’ and ere the fast was at an end the same reverend court decided to petition the

1 P. 508 and n. 2 Pp. 620-623. 3 Pp. 799, 800.
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King to repress 'the horrible abuse by carying a witch about' to detect others—a method they entirely disapproved of.\(^1\) The Laird of Lathocker in 1598—while being himself dealt with for slaughter—consulted the Presbytery concerning Alison Peirce; and not long afterwards it was reported that he had taken Geillis Gray, a suspected witch, from the minister of Crail, carried her to Lathocker, and so tortured her that she was unable to work for her living!\(^2\)

Numerous as witches were in Scotland, they appear to have been much more plentiful in England. In preaching before Queen Elizabeth, Bishop Jewel exclaimed:—'It may please your Grace to understand that this kind of people (I mean witches and sorcerers) within these few last years are marvelously increased within this your Grace's realm. These eyes have seen most evident and manifest marks of their wickedness. Your Grace's subjects pine away even unto the death, their colour fade, their flesh rot, their speech be numbed, their senses are bereft. Wherefore, your poor subjects' most humble petition unto your Highness is, that the laws touching such malefactors may be put in due execution. For the shoal of them is great, their doings horrible, their malice intolerable, the examples most miserable.'\(^3\) Bancroft, when Bishop of London, ridiculed half-a-dozen ministers, and other good Christians, who believed that by their prayers a bewitched maiden had been released from the spell. Lewis Hughes, though sent to him by the Recorder with the wonderful tidings, says:—'I . . . could have no audience, and for my pains I was called Rascal and Varlot, and sent to the Gate-

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\(^1\) P. 800, n.

\(^2\) P. 882, n.—John Wemyss, a subsequent Laird of Lathocker, who was minister of Hutton from 1608 to 1613, and of Duns from 1613 until his death in 1636, holding latterly the second prebend of Durham in conjunction, wrote a Treatise on the Magician, which Principal Lee characterises as 'more curious than almost any other work of the kind' (Lectures on the History of the Church of Scotland, i. 323).

\(^3\) Bishop Jewel's Works, Parker Soc. ii. 1028.
house, where he kept me four months, and did set forth a book wherein he called me, and the rest of the ministers, that did join with me in that holy action, Devil finders, Devil puffers, and Devil prayers, and such as could start a devil in a lane, as soon as an hare in Waltham Forrest. All the rest, being men and women of good esteem and credit, he called, a rout, rabble, and swarm of giddy, idle, lunatick, illuminate, holy spectators, of both sexes, and specially a sisternity of nimpes, mops, and idle holy women, that did grace the devil with their idle holy presence. Bishop Hall bewailed their increase:—"How busy and prevalent Satan is in this present age, above all former times, appears . . . most clearly in the marvellous multitude of witches abounding in all parts. Heretofore, one of those clients of hell in a whole country was hooted at as a strange monster; now, hundreds are discovered in one shire; and, if fame deceive us not, in a village of fourteen houses, in the north parts, are found so many of this damned breed." Richard Baxter, too, bears witness to their numbers. "If," he says, "any should doubt whether there be any such witches, who thus work by the power of the devil, or have any compact with him, he hath as good opportunity now to be easily resolved, as hath been known in most ages. Let him go but into Suffolk, or Essex, or Lancashire, etc., and he may quickly be informed. Sure it were strange, if in an age of so much knowledge and conscience, there should so many score of poor creatures be put to death as witches, if it were not clearly manifest that they were such. We have too many examples lately among us to leave any doubt of the truth of this." Principal Lee has conclusively shown that the penal laws against witchcraft did not originate in Scotland; and he firmly believed that the zeal of James the Sixth against witchcraft, like his attachment to Episcopacy, was assumed for the purpose of ingratiating him with the English nation, where a

1 Certain Grievances, 1642, p. 20.  
2 Wren's Hall, viii. 34, 35.  
3 The Saints' Everlasting Rest, 1662, p. 262.
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passion for the wonderful has always been much stronger than in this more frigid climate. Common as this superstition was in South Britain, it was almost infinitely more so on the Continent.

In estimating the efficacy and value of discipline it must be remembered that real reformation begins at the heart; and it cannot be supposed that all those who were ordained 'to make public repentance' were truly penitent. The mere fact that some of them were 'driven' to repentance militates against

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1 Lee's Lectures, i. 315-327.
2 'No sooner has Innocent [VIII.] placed his commission of fire and sword in the hands of Sprenger and his brethren, and a regular form of process for the trial of this offence been laid down in that unparalleled performance, the Malleus Maleficarum, which was intended as a theological and juridical commentary on the bull, than the race of witches seems at once to increase and multiply, till it replenishes the earth. The original edict of persecution was enforced by the successive bulls of the infamous Alexander vi. in 1494, . . . of Leo x. in 1511, and of Adrian vi. in 1522. Still the only effect of these commissions was to render the evil daily more formidable, till at last, if we are to believe the testimonies of contemporary historians, Europe was little better than a large suburb or outwork of Pandemonium. One-half of the population was either bewitching or bewitched. Delrio tells us in his preface that 500 witches were executed in Geneva, in three months, about the year 1515. A thousand, says Bartholomeus de Spina, were executed in one year in the diocese of Como, and they went on burning at the rate of a hundred per annum for some time after. In Lorraine, from 1530 to 1535, Remigius boasts of having burnt 900. In France the multitude of executions, about 1520, is incredible. . . . In Germany, to which indeed the bull of Innocent bore particular reference, this plague raged to a degree almost inconceivable' (Foreign Quarterly Review, vi. 7, 8). See also Sir Walter Scott's Demonology and Witchcraft, letter vii.

3 In a manuscript volume of sermons on Hebrews xi., preached in Edinburgh in or about 1590, and now belonging to my friend, the Rev. John Sturrock, of the Original Secession Church, the following passage occurs:—'This condemneth all the penitentis of our age, all the feigned repentances that are drawin out of yow be force of argument and reason, an no wrought be the Holie Spirit. That repentance may weill satisfae a visible kirk and put aff for a tyme, but it will nevir satisfae the pearcing eye of a living God, quo luikis the hait and mynd, and is not content with a schadow, bot cravis ane unfaind remors, weping and tearis. Theirfoir they that repent fainnedlie, out of question they aggredge thair awin damphatious: ffor they cum not to glorifie God, bot to mok him in his face, and so they repoir a beiver judgement. Ather theirfoir repent trewlie fra your haitiris, or hold away your confessiou. The thing that ye do, do in sincerite, that as ye ar humbled outwardlie in your bodie, so your saull may be humbled inwardlie befors the living God. Ye may weill begyuill us, bot ye will not begyuill the living God' (fol. 26, b.).
that. No church discipline can purify men, working in them the power of godliness, for that is the work of God by His Word and Spirit; but it cannot be denied that the faithful exercise of discipline acted as a powerful curb upon irreligion and vice. The amazing reformation of manners effected in St. Andrews during Black's too brief ministry is a striking illustration of the repression of outward wrong-doing at least. The result cannot be altogether attributed to ecclesiastical discipline. His vivid denunciations of God's wrath against sin, and his powerful gospel-preaching, must not be overlooked; and the severe civil penalties inflicted on offenders were not without effect. Those who did not learn to love righteousness were taught to dread the punishment of sin; and the shame of public appearance was designed to deter the innocent, as well as to express the grief of the guilty. It was thus that a healthy public opinion was formed and strengthened, in an age when virtue was lightly esteemed. In discipline much of course depended on the strictness, impartiality, and spirit with which it was exercised. If at any time the Session were satisfied with a mere formal appearance on the penitent stool, little good could be expected to result; but it is evident enough that they were anxious that offenders might be touched with a feeling of their sins, and means were adopted to secure this end. In 1598 David Lentren, 'being fund nocht verie penitent for his sin,' was enjoined 'to keip the catechising for his better instruction.' In 1594, it was 'statut and concludit be the Sessioun that all personis quhatsumevir, qua salbe appointit be the Sessioun heireftir to mak publict humiliatioun, sall cum to the kirk at ilk tyme of the exerccis of the Catichisme, during the tyme appointit to thame of humiliatioun, to learne the doctrine of trew repentance, befoir thai cum to the suill of publict humiliatioun, that, quhen thai cum to the suill, thai

1 P. 876.
may answer to sic heidis of repentance, as the minister sall propone to thame, befoir thai be ressavit. From an entry in 1599, it is learned that obstinate sinners were so far from being afraid to answer questions in the church, that some of them, in making repentance 'befoir the pulpeit,' uttered 'proud and querelling speiches, testifying thairby the pryid of thair hartis and the litill regaird of God and discipline.' These, it was resolved, should be 'repellit for that tyme, and put and keipit in pressoun, till thai find cautioun to satisfie on the penitent stule of repentance the nixt Saboth following.' Perhaps no act made by the Session is more significant of the times than that forbidding accused persons to bring guns or swords with them to the Session, and prohibiting penitents from carrying these weapons to the stool of repentance! That a keen interest was taken in the proceedings of the Session is proved by the injunction to the beadle to keep hearkeners from the door and windows of the Session-house. And that the Session had some regard to public opinion is shown by the fact that the reason why an offender was not subjected to public humiliation was intimated to the people. The occasional remitting of an offender for a short time, until a voyage was made or the harvest gathered in, proves that the Session were not unreasonable, and were willing to adapt their rules to the circumstances of their people.

In the olden times the Prelatical party usually twitted their Presbyterian brethren with being too strait-laced and severe in discipline, the common retort being that their accusers were lax and partial. An Act was made in 1612, in the Synod of Clydesdale, under Spottiswoode, then Archbishop of Glasgow, 'for observing ane conform order in discipline.' The thirty-three rules laid down were to be precisely kept by ministers in their sessions, and by moderators in presbyteries, against every delinquent or slanderous offender. They provide for the

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punishment of those who refused to give confession of their faith—blasphemers—Sabbath-breakers—wilful absentees from kirk, examination, or communion—refusers of reconciliation—abusers of parents—murderers—adulterers—incestuous persons—fornicators—slanderers—drunkards—night-walkers—haunters of suspected places, etc. Most of these rules have pecuniary penalties attached as well as the making of repentance; and some of them are fortified by corporal punishment, imprisonment, and the jougs. They are certainly severe enough, the chief difference from those in this Register being that the penalties are all apparently enjoined by ecclesiastical authority.¹

In the Acts of a Diocesan Synod, held by Archbishop Sharp, it is provided:—‘that, for the lifting of the customary mulcts from persons convict of scandal, the minister and Session within burgh may interpose with the magistrates that they may exact the fines according to law, and deliver them to the Session, to be employed for the use of the poor; and that for the landward, the former way used by parishes may be continued; and if they find it not effectual, that the minister and Session may make their address to the Lords of his Majesty’s Council, that they may be pleased to grant a commission to some persons in the parish for uplifting their fines, to be employed to the use of the poor and pious works.’² A somewhat superficial examination of the Register of the Kirk Session of St. Andrews during Sharp’s primacy leads one to suppose that the modes of discipline were very much the same then as they had been a century earlier. Andrew Honeyman, who was promoted to the see of Orkney in 1664, had, as one of the ministers of St. Andrews, frequently presided in the Session, both in Presbyterian and Prelatic times, and he was not disposed to admit that discipline was administered more slackly in the latter.³ In England, too, ‘the registers abound with examples of the severity with which the Church in former

times maintained its authority by compelling notorious delinquents to do public penance, and by excommunicating offenders against ecclesiastical discipline.' So late as 1797 the parish church of St. Mary, Lambeth, was so crowded that several hundreds of persons could not get admission, because a publican was to 'do penance in a white sheet' for calling 'the domestic female of a neighbouring baker by an improper name.' And less than half a century ago, it was the custom at a missionary station of the Church of England near Calcutta, in the 'case of notorious and flagrant crimes, to suspend from communion, and to make the delinquents stand in a conspicuous place during the whole of the service.'

As in the period covered by the previous part of the Register, so in the period covered by this, much of the time of the Session was taken up with other matters than the punishment of offenders. Fresh regulations were made concerning the proclamation of banns and celebration of marriage, and to one at least of these a penalty was added in 1594. After that date, persons presenting themselves to be contracted were not only to be refused, if unable to repeat the Lord's Prayer, Creed, and Commandments, but were to be fined forty shillings for their ignorance. Marriages were to be celebrated on Fridays as well as on Sabbaths and Wednesdays; pledges were to be consigned by those contracted; and claims of adherence were still dealt with.

The care of the poor was one of the chief duties of the Session. Funds for their support were raised in various ways. Nearly all the penalties of transgressors were appropriated to this end, voluntary alms were collected for them, compulsory contributions were levied in their favour, notaries in making wills were to remind clients of their claims, the possessors of

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1 R. E. C. Waters' Parish Registers in England, 1887, p. 76.
2 Notes and Queries, seventh series, ix. 386.
3 London Missionary Register for March 1841, cited by Lorimer in his Elder-ship of the Church of Scotland, 1841, p. 117, n.
4 P. 794.
5 P. 830.
altarages were asked to demit them in their favour, vow-silver dropped in for their behoof, the hospital was provided for them, and their medical attendance was paid for. All this was done most systematically—a roll being kept, a special box for their money being made, collectors and treasurers regularly appointed, and rules enacted for the using of their 'broddis.' Their souls as well as their bodies were attended to. Latterly they were catechised in the hospital each Sabbath, and attended prayers in the parish church each Monday. In connection with the poor much discrimination was shown; all and sundry were not put on the roll;¹ and citizens were forbidden to let their houses to poor beggars or strangers, without licence of the magistrates. In October 1597, it was concluded 'that, quhen ony puir body cryis for almous at ony part of this citee, thai be takin and apprehendit be Thomas Wilson, and puit in the thevis hoill, quhill triall be takin of their esteat.'² Eighteen months later, begging at the 'yettis or durris of the inhabitantis' was also forbidden.³ At the same time, almsgiving at funerals was prohibited, the mourning relatives being directed to give the money to the treasurer, that it might be distributed at the sight of the elders and deacons to the poor with the rest of their alms. On the 19th of June 1583, the seventeenth anniversary of the King's birthday, his Majesty being then in St. Andrews, seventeen poor men were selected as the recipients of a blue gown and a purse containing seventeen shillings. In return they were to pray daily for his Highness, and to attend the prayers and preaching in the parish church, each clad in his blue gown.⁴

¹ In 1570, it was ordained that only those poor should receive alms who attended sermons, prayers, examination and communion, who gave account of their faith, and who could either say the Lord's Prayer, Creed, and Commandments, or would learn them within a month. (Pp. 340, 341.)
² P. 835.
³ P. 883.
⁴ Pp. 503, 504.—As the recipients were chosen yearly in whatever town the king happened to be on the anniversary of his birth, none of these St. Andrews men would probably ever get another purse or gown at his Majesty's expense.
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Special attention was paid to the sick. At the censuring of the elders, in May 1596, Wallace was desired to be ‘mair diligent... in visiting of the seik’;¹ and in the same month it was ‘statut that ilk persone within this congregacione, hose none that any persone be seik within any familie, sal adverteis the elderis of the quarter of the persone seik within xxiiiij hours, that the ministeris may be adverteisit to cum and confort thame with holy admonition, and that under paine of publict humiliatione; and if the elder be adverteisit and signifieis nocth the samyn to the minister, he sall also mak publict humiliatione; and this to be also under pane of ten s., to be upliftit upon ilk persone transgresand; and this to be publict Sunday nixxtocum.’² From an entry in 1598, it may perhaps be inferred that at that time the members of Session visited the sick in weekly rotation;³ and in 1599, one of the reasons given for dividing the town into nineteen quarters was the better visiting of the sick.⁴

The burial of the dead was also under the charge of the Session. In 1587 the landward parishioners were summoned, inter alia, ‘that thai mich help and support to the clengeing of the burial’⁵; in 1588 the Dean of Guild, ‘at the earnest suit of the Sessioun, promist to caus mak ane bier to burie the deid’;⁶ and in 1591, the beadle and his man were taken to task for burying an illegitimate child ‘under silence of nycht, the maestratis nocht being adverteisit.’⁷ Among the Acts ratified anew in 1595 there is the following:—‘For convoying of the deid to burial, alsueill purr as riche, it is statut that all inhabitantis of this cite, specialie in that quarter quhair the persoun is departit, thai, with the elderis and deaconis of that quarter, with thair wyffis, convoy the deid to burial, under pane of vjd., to be upliftit of ilk persoun disobeyand; and that nane be burriit bot betuix the son rysing and down passing thairof; and that nane be burriit nather tyme of sermone nor

¹ P. 816. ² Pp. 817, 818. ³ P. 874. ⁴ P. 904. ⁵ P. 597. ⁶ P. 617. ⁷ P. 719.
dennar.' 1 Another of the Acts ratified at that time shows that some of the citizens had no respect for the burying-ground. It runs thus:—'It is statut that nane presume to lye dicht dry nor pak woll nor lint, saw treis, dicht malt corne, pak nor dry skynnis, in the kirk yaird, nor fyle the samyn, nor do any uther labour nor handling thairin heireftir, and that nane bring thair doggis to the kirk, under the pane of vii s., to be upliftit of ilk transgressour, sa oft as thai failye, to the box of the puir. And that every maister of hous, maister of scole and baikhoussis, tak diligent cuir of thair barns and familie, that thai transgres nocht in the premissis; and that nane play in the kirk yaird nor cast stanis upon the sklatis under the pane foirsaid.' 2 It was laid down in 1589 as one of the duties of the session-officer, 'that unkowth and strong beggaris be keipit furth of the kirk yaird, and als all barnis fra playing thairin tyme of sermone and prayaris, as at all uther tymes fra breking of the wyndowis and casting on the sklait.' 3

There are many interesting references to the administration of baptism in this part of the Register. Children were not to be brought indiscriminately to the church for this sacrament, but the father of the child, or in his absence a faithful neighbour, was to inform the reader and two members of Session on the previous evening, lest any illegitimate child should be inadvertently baptized; 4 and again, the reader was instructed 'to pas and tak suir triall of sic barnis that ar to be baptizit, and quha ar the barnis parentis, and quhidder thai be laidfull or nocht, and quhidder thai haif maid satisfaction or nocht that ar adulterous or fornicatouris parentis, that the barnis of sic be nocht baptizit without repentance preceed.' 5 'For eschewing of misordour and tumult, and satling of the abuse enterit in the ower great number of witnes or gossopis,' it was concluded that the witnesses asked by the parents should sit in

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1 P. 810. 2 Pp. 808, 809. 3 P. 652. 4 P. 521.—Thirteen years after this was enacted, it was ordained that the parents should 'advertes the minister the nicht befoir' (p. 837). 5 P. 537.
their own seats, 'and none to stand up, tyme of baptisme, bot
the parent and father of the barne haldand up his awin barne
him selfe onlie, except tua or thre witnes at the maist.' It
was afterwards enacted that any one desiring baptism for his
child should bring the elder or deacon of his quarter 'to testifie
that the parentis of the said barne frequentis the hering of the
Word, and in thair famileis thair is na suering nor bannin.'
Though people had occasionally to be dealt with for neglecting
to get their children baptized, and one man had to make
public humiliation in sackcloth, 'with ane papir about his
heid, bering his falt writin thairin,' for allowing his child
fourteen weeks old to die unbaptized, yet very many forni-
cators, and even adulterers, were extremely anxious that their
progeny should receive this ordinance. Indeed, this desire to
secure baptism for their children often brought offenders under
the notice and power of the Session. No one was allowed to
dispense the sacraments, in any case, unless duly authorised;
but John Downy, one of the roughest men in St. Andrews, in
passing through Strathkinness, took pity on an adulteress who
could not get her child baptized, and performed the ceremony
in presence of her neighbours. As may be readily imagined,
the punishment meted out to him was none of the slightest.
In 1587, 'conperit ane puir barn, born be unquhill Margret
Moncur, incertane quha is his father, and maist humlie on his
kneyis reheresit the Lordis Prayar and the Beleif, and desyr
the Session for Goddis saik to grant him baptisme.' It need
hardly be said that the Session complied with this request.

1 P. 533. 2 P. 778. 3 P. 792.
4 Pp. 563, 567-570, 572.—It was alleged that Andrew, Earl of Rothes, was
the father of the child in question, and it was named Alexander. Usually, it is
stated that Alexander Leslie, the covenanting general, was the lawful son of
Captain George Leslie of Balgonie; but it has been asserted that he was a
natural son of a Banffshire laird (Spalding's Memorialis, Spald. Club, i. 130);
and Rawson Gardiner avers that he was 'an illegitimate son of a Fifeshire
laird' (Fall of the Monarchy of Charles First, i. 195). Perhaps some one may
yet be able to identify him with the child baptized by John Downy.
5 Pp. 592, 593.

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In 1584 it was resolved that a register of baptisms should be kept; and in 1600 it was ordained that intimation be made 'that these quha hes bairnis to be baptizit heireftir sall nocht only cum to the minister quha sould baptize thame, but also to Mr. Robert Zule, quha hes the Register of the Baptizme, that he may have the parentis names, and that he gif ane tiqut thairof to the minister, that thai may be callit befoir baptizme, and nane uthirwayis to be resavit.'

The previous part of the Register contains the earliest known reference to the use of communion tickets or tokens in the Reformed Church of Scotland; and in this part there are suggestive references both to tickets and tokens. In May 1590 it is stated that 'Patrik Gutherie, at command of the Sessioun, hes maid the ironis for streking of the takynnis to the communioun, and hes ressavit fra the Sessioun for his panis xl s.' Next July the Session 'payit to Patrik Gutherie, for twa thousand taiknis to the communion, ten merkis.' These tokens were undoubtedly made of metal, but it is perfectly certain that the tickets were not always metallic. In 1596 it was enacted 'that na persone heireftir sall wreit tikkitis to the communioun . . . bot sic as the Sessioun sall ordane to that effect'; and, in 1600, it was 'thocht expedient anent the geving of tiqutos to the communion, to be celebrat the tua nixt Saboth dayis, that everie tiqut [bear] the personis name, the examinatouris name, with ane mark thairon to designe the first Sondayis tiqutos fra the secund.' In 1588, one man had produced 'ane fangyeit tikket,' at the Lord's Table; and another had presented himself with 'his maisteris tikket.' Although wilful refusers to communicate were liable to excommunication, it must not be supposed that all were allowed to

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1 Pp. 530, 531.  2 Pp. 936, 937.  3 P. 34, and n.
4 P. 672.—Patrick Gutherie, who was a goldsmith, was dean of the hammermen both before and after 1590 (Book of the Hammermen of Sanctandrous, MS.).
5 P. 677.  6 P. 818.  7 P. 920.  8 P. 505.  9 P. 860, 884.
partake of the Lord’s Supper. It is expressly stated, ‘that na
persoun be admitterit to the communioun, but sic as confessis
the treuth with us, and substractis nocht thame selfis frome
precheing and catichising; and that can say the Lord his
Prayer and Ten Commandiments, and that can ansour to the
questionis of the Litill Catichisme; and thai be xvj yeiris of
aige.’¹ All the people were still rigidly examined before
each celebration of the communion. Special examiners were
appointed for the four quarters in June 1584, April 1585,
March 1587, March 1587-8, July 1588 and April 1589,² and
on other five occasions the examinations are mentioned although
the examiners are not.³ These examinations usually began
two or three weeks before the dispensation of the sacrament;
but in the summer of 1600 six weeks were allowed, and although
the work was ‘to continew morning and evening the hailm ouk
dais except in tyme of preaching,’ it was necessary to delay
the celebration for another week—‘the landwart pepill nocht
being yit examinat be thame, nor their names tane up in roll,
nather is the pepill of this citie all examinat nor utherwayis
prepared as thai aucth to be.’⁴ Thrice it was intimated that
those who failed to pay their contribution to the poor would
not be admitted to the communion; and on one of these occa-
sions the people were informed that those, who were ‘debarrit
thairfra for lauffull caussis,’ would be ‘punished accordingly.’⁵
From July 1584 to May 1590 the Lord’s Supper was dispensed
yearly to the town’s people; and to the landward parishioners
in August 1588, August 1587, August 1588, June or July
1589, and July 1590. Commissioners from the town com-
plained of their minister to the Presbytery, in September 1591,
‘for the not ministratioun of the sacraments.’ Black replied
‘that he acceptit not the ministrie simpliciter on him, but in
houp that sic a portioun suld be allotit to him of the parochin
as he mycht be abill to deal with in conscience, in administra-

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tioun of the Word and sacramentis and exercis of disciplin'; and, as they would not do this, desired them 'to provyd for a minister or ma to serve ther turn.'

The citizens had to wait until the 24th of March 1593-4 before the Lord's Supper was administered to them. This is the only occasion during Black's incumbency that the celebration of the ordinance is directly recorded; but from a reference in May 1595 it may be inferred that it had been dispensed shortly before; and in April 1596 the 'ordour anent the communioun' is set down, implying that it was to be celebrated almost immediately.

The privilege was twice enjoyed by the citizens in 1597, namely, in October and December; and likewise in July 1598. In November 1597 the landward parishioners desired 'that thai may haif the communioun ministrated to thame and thair familes and tenentis, being fund habill eftir triall, and the rest of the benefits of the kirk;,' and declared 'that thai haif nocht gottin the communioun thir sex yeiris bigane.' It was dispensed to them accordingly in August 1598. In the spring of 1599 it was celebrated on two successive Sabbaths; and in 1600 on the last two Sabbaths of February, and the first two of August.

It had been customary to have two celebrations of the ordinance on the same day. On the 24th of March 1593-4, it was ordained to be 'baith in the morning and at ten houris, that the samyn, as use is of befoir, may be done in cumlie ordour.'

In July 1598 the preaching was to begin at five o'clock in the morning, and, as only those who were present at the beginning were then to communicate, the doors were to be locked 'at the ending of the Psalme;' while for the celebration in the forenoon the preaching was to begin at nine o'clock. It was probably to supersede this double celebration on the same day,

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1 P. 725, n. 2 P. 797. 3 P. 815.
4 Pp. 833, 841. 5 P. 862. 6 P. 842.
7 P. 860. 8 Pp. 884, 920, 930. 9 P. 781.
10 P. 862.—'The Scotch rule was never to administer the sacraments without the preaching of the Word' (Walker's Theology and Theologians of Scotland, 1888, p. 200).
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that in 1599 and 1600 it was spread over two successive Sabbaths. In these latter years special steps were taken to remove 'all eilestis and feidis' for the better preparation of the people; and fasts were also held—held, indeed, on the communion Sabbaths.\(^1\) Sacramental fasts were not a novelty in St. Andrews. They had been observed during Robert Hamilton’s ministry.\(^2\) There are references also to preparation services on the Saturday afternoon preceding the communion.\(^3\)

Some of the duties imposed on the session-officer throw a curious light on the past. On the 2d of January 1582-3, he was commanded 'to let na person enter in the presson hous to the pressonaris, to beir cumpanie with thame in extraordinar drinking and wantownes; nor to let na sustentatioun cum in the presson hous bot sic as aggreis with the Act of Parliament; and that the dur be closit fast at sex hours at evin nichtlie, and nocht opnit quhill the morn at day lycht; and this command to stand in all tymes cuming, as he will ansuer upon the executioun of his office.'\(^4\) In October 1589, ten precepts were drawn up, which he was to observe under pain of deprivation: —'In the first, that he nor his man nather ask nor craif money fra na persoun that hes thair barnis baptizit, nor that ar contractit in mairiage, onles it be gevin frelie and na forder. Secundlie, that the knok be kepit in gude ordour.\(^5\) Thridlie, that the bell ring ilk day, Sunday and uthers dayis, at fyve hours in the morning, and at fyve hours at evin to prayaris, and at aucth hours at evin, ane quarter of ane hour, and that the last bell to sermone or prayaris ring continewalie quhill

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\(^1\) Pp. 861-863, 884.
\(^2\) Pp. 371, 393.—See also Maitland Miscellany, i. 115.
\(^3\) Pp. 862, 884.
\(^4\) P. 495.
\(^5\) The clock was one that struck the hours (p. 805); but the old mode of measuring time prevailed. Professor Welwood walked to his class with a book in the one hand and a sand-glass in the other (p. 819, n.) ; and the Presbytery imposed a penalty of six shillings and eightpence on each long-winded brother, "qua passis the glas in the explication of his theses" (p. 913, n.).
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the minister or redar be in the pulpeit and begyn the prayar. fferdlie, that he or his man be continewalie, tyme of sermone and prayaris, in the kirk, to attend that barnis and utheris vaga-boundis mak na hender to the hering of the Word. Fyftlie, that the hand bell pas nocht throch the town tyme of sermone nor prayaris . . . Auchtlie, that the kirk fluir be watterit, and the pulpeit and daskis in the kirk be sowpit and haldin clein. Nyntlie, that he cum ilk Twysday to the scribe of the Sessioun, and ressaif his direction quhom he suld warn to the consalhous. Tentlie, that he remane at na tyme in consall, bot to depart quhen he hes gevin his anser; and that the towall and the bassin be sett on the pulpet at the secund bell to sermon.¹

Despite the rigour of the Session, the officer, influenced maybe by that familiarity which breeds contempt, was not always so deferential and compliant as was desired. For his ungodlie and unreverend behaveour and spiches in Sessioun, he had to sit in sackcloth before the pulpit, and there crave forgiveness.² Again, he and his assistant were 'decernit to mak publict humiliatione, for drinking in the brousteris' on a Wednesday in time of sermon.³

Sometimes the members of Session themselves acted indecorously. One deacon was struck off for non-attendance, disobedience to the magistrates, and for being 'ane evill payer of his dettis';⁴ another was declared incapable of office for the ensuing year for speaking against the magistrates;⁵ and, worst of all, an aged elder had to be deposed for adultery.⁶ The most common failing of the members was apparently their irregular attendance at the meetings of Session; and in December 1599—almost at the close of the volume—the reason leaks out. 'The bretheren undirstanding perfytlie that divers personis of thair number the tyme of sessioun passis to the feildis, to the goufe and uthir exercise, and hes no regard for keiping of the Sessioun conform to the actis maid thairanent,

¹ Pp. 651, 652. ² P. 796. ³ P. 818. ⁴ P. 822. ⁵ P. 870. ⁶ P. 866.
for remeid quhairof it is ordinit that quhatsumever person or
personis of the Session that heireftir beis fund playand, or
passis to play, at the goufe or uthir pastymes the tyme of
Sessioun, sall pay tens. for the first fault, for the secund fault
xxs., for the thrid fault publik repentance, and for the fourt fault
deprivation fra thair offices; and this to be payit to the clerk,
without prejudice of the formar actis maid for keipng of the
Sessioun." It would have been interesting to know whether
this act was passed by a stern minority, whose patience had
been exhausted, or whether it was suggested by the lighter-
hearted members in a penitent mood. At all events it is
enough to prove that our Presbyterian fathers were not the
gloomy and fanatical bigots which they are occasionally repre-
dented to have been. And this Register shows that they only
objected to their people playing at golf or football, or casting
the hammer, when such games were indulged in on Sabbath, or
in the time of preaching on week-days; but playing at cards
and dice they uncompromisingly opposed. An excellent oppor-
tunity was given to the members of Session to find fault with
one another, had they been so disposed, at the privy-censuring.
The process was gone through both in May and October, 1596,
and also in March 1598-9. The first of these is the fullest
and most interesting. They began with their ministers. Black
having been removed, nothing was objected against him, but
‘all the bretherin praisis God of him, and that he may con-
tenew in his feir.’ Wallace being next removed, they also
thanked God for him, but expressed the wish that he might be
‘mair diligent and cairfull over the manneris of the people, and
in visiting of the seik.’ Zule being removed, no fault was
found with his life, doctrine, or conversation, but he was to be
‘admonisit of multiplicatione of wordis in his doctrine, and
that his nottie be in few wordis, that the people may be mair
edisit.’ Andrew Melville being removed, there was ‘na thing

1 P. 913.
opponit aganis him, bot the haill brethrein thankis God for him.' For none of the remaining thirty members were thanks given, but against twenty-four of them there was 'na thing opponit.' Faults of various kinds were laid to the charge of the others. One paid nothing to the contribution for the poor. Another had been in company with those who broke up the tolbooth door, and elected the Town Council in time of sermon; and there were doubts as to some things he had done while in the King's service. A third was on bad terms with his father, a fourth was charged with going to the Synod without command of the Session, and a fifth was admonished to 'mend his rasche speking in the Sessioun,' which he promised to do. The clerk was told 'to be mair diligent in noting the penalties and faltis in the kirk.'

As mentioned in the Preface to the former part, the yearly election of the Session was kept up here until 1600. There are indications that in some parts of the country it was practised to a much later period, lingering even to 1705. To the close of this volume deacons were still counted members of Session, and did work, some of which would now be considered to belong exclusively to the elders, and some of which even they would now decline. They assisted at the Lord's Supper and made up the roll of communicants. Of the nine appointed in 1596 'to serve the taball with bred and wyne,' eight were deacons, only one was an elder. The deacons as well as the elders were to 'tak tryall of all faultis and enormiteis' within

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1 Pp. 815-817.
2 Acts of the General Assembly, Church Law Society ed., p. 342.—In the Dutch Reformed Church, 'the Kerkenraden (Consistories or Kirk-Sessions) are composed of the minister or ministers, in actual service, and the elders and deacons of each congregation. In small communities, deacons have a voice in all the business of the Kirk-Session, but in large consistories they have a separate chamber, where are exclusively discussed all matters relating to the poor. Both the elders and the deacons remain in office for two years; and should their services be again solicited, which frequently happens, re-ordination takes place' (Steven's Scottish Church in Rotterdam, p. 383).
3 Pp. 884, 926, 932.
4 P. 819.
their own quarters, and acquaint the minister; and were also with the elders to 'tak triall of sic personis as ar seik, of strang and vagabound idill personis and beggaris, and of wemen that keipis houssis be thame selfis, nocht wedowis and on marit,' and report to the Session weekly. They likewise with the elders received power from the Town Council to fine those who were guilty of banning or swearing in their hearing, with authority to poind for the penalty, and to incarcerate the disobedient.

In 1595 it was 'statut and concludit be the Sessioun that nane sall remane with us in Sessioun, nather at voting nor yit in cumpanie, bot sic as ar allowit of the maisteris of the colegis, and ar sworn with us nocht to reveill ony thing intreatit in this Sessioun.' But in 1597 the newly elected elders and deacons, in ratifying the acts and statutes, excepted 'that act concernyng the maisteris of the college nocht to half voit in Sessioun.' This was the first election after the places of Black and Wallace had been supplied by Gladstanes and Lindsay; and, contrary to the former custom, there was not a single member of the University chosen. The matter was brought indirectly before the Presbytery by Andrew Melville in May 1602; and it was then agreed that the old custom should be again followed. It will be found that previous to

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1 Pp. 805, 806.  
2 P. 821.  
3 P. 856.  
4 P. 831.  
5 'Mali 6, [1602] . . . The Provost of the New College gratit to the Presbyterie that, he being halde in his chalmer be the Lordis visitation, Mr. George Gladstanis cryit out publiclie against the Universitie as sic quha wald exeme them self be discipline, he having no occasioun except that, laitlie befor, the Universitie maid intimatioun to the Sessioun of thair privilege. Mr. George asuerit he wes offendit at the said intimatioun, and sett him self against it, and if he haid nocht just caus reportit him to the jugement of the Presbyterie. Tharfor ordanis the said intimatioun to be product' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery). 'Mali 13 . . . The intimatioun of the Universitie produceit, the discussing quharios diferrit to a fuller Presbyterie' (Ibid.). 'Mali 20 . . . The Presbyterie, having deiple considerit the intimatioun of the Universiteis privilege maid to the Sessioun of St. Androis, hes found the caus thairof to half bene becaus the said Sessioun hes none of the memberis of the Universitie thair-
1597, men like Andrew Melville, James Wilkie, John Johnston, William Welwod, and James Martine, had been regularly elected.

During the period covered by this part of the *Register*, Patrick Adamson came little in contact with the Session; but when the 'Black Acts' were passed in 1584, they feared that they would not be allowed to meet. The Archbishop, however, assured them that neither King nor Parliament wished 'to inhibeit the convening of the elderis and deaconis of ony con-
gregatiquin within this realme, . . . bot onlie to inhibeit the new erectit Prisbittreis.' The Session, at his urgent request, agreed to meet 'as thai haif in tymes bygane'; but they took the precaution to obtain his signature to the minute.  

By one of these obnoxious Acts, Adamson, with the bishops and certain commissioners to be appointed, were empowered to 'put ordour to all materis and causis ecclesiasticall within thair dioceissis'; and that no doubt was the reason why, two months afterwards, the minister proposed to the Session whether they should 'follow furth the auld ordour observit in this sait sen reformation in religioun, in punising of trans-
gressouris, and inobedient personis to the voice of the kirk, or to remit the offendaris to the Bishope to be punisit.' By plurality of votes it was decided 'that the Sessioun keip thair auld acustomit use, quhill forder order be takin be the Kingis Majestic and his Gracis Esteatis.'  

Adamson and the Session were not always on good terms. In December 1586 he gave them mortal offence, by alleging in a sermon that some within the town had said that the flock of St. Andrews were goats! There is no reference to the dispute in this *Register*, but in that of the Presbytery it is so fully set forth that an abridge-
ment of it must suffice here. On the 29th of December the

upoun, as it wes wonte to have, quha wer judges of ther scholeris; and that thefuir
recommends the redres of that mater to the ministeris of St. Androis, quha
proemist at the niext electioun to nominat of the Universite to that effect' (*Ibid.*).

1 Pp. 529, 530.  
2 P. 530 n.  
3 Pp. 535, 536.
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Presbytery ordained 'Mr. Patrik Adamsone, alias Constine, to be summoned to comper the nixt Fuirysday to answer and giff in his reasonis and causis quhy he altered his ordiner text of preaching upone Sunday befoir none, the xxv of December; and to giff his warrand and author for that, that he called the flock of Sanctandrous gaittis, as he alledged it was reportit to him to have bene spoking be some within the sayd towne.' On the 5th of January he appeared before the Presbytery and acknowledged that 'he altered his text, and in his teaching alledged that sowme within the said towne hed ¹ called the said flock gaittis.' He affirmed that in altering his text 'he meaned na superstitione,' and that 'he teachit that day of the nativitie to scew him selve to be disagreand and dissasenting fra the Neoteriks that hes wretting of the birthe of Christ, quhome Mr. Androw Melvine followis.' Four commissioners were present desiring that the matter might be handed over to the Session, 'in respect the said Cessione is ordiner judge to all the congregacione of the said towne, and the said Mr. Patrik, being ane of the said congregacione, the said commissioneris desyrit that' he 'might be tried befoir the said Cessione at the first instance.' The Session had evidently perfect confidence in their own authority and ability to try the Archbishop; and the Presbytery called neither in question, simply answering that they could not remit the trial because they had already entered into the process, but desired some of the Session to be present. Besides the commissioners for the Session, James Wilkie also appeared in name of the rest of the congregation, and 'cravit maist earnestlie that the said Mr. Patrik suld find and declar the author of these wordes' he 'spak in pulpit,' calling 'the flock of Sanctandrous gaittis,' otherwise 'they wald hald the said Mr. Patrik authour, inventour, forger and

¹ He in ms.

² Although Spottiswoode caused a tailor to be punished for working on Christmas day in 1620 (pp. xlvii. xlix.), he acknowledged to James Cathkin, in June 1619, that he had made 'great scruple of holy dayes,' and was 'not well resolved yet' (Bannatyn Miscellany, i. 212).
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online speaker of the saidis wordes.' Adamson ' maid na answyer, but declynit the judgement of the Presbyterie, and offerit to produce ane Act of the Generall Assemble, eimyng him fra all triall and judgement of all inferior judges quhairsomever, the nixt Fuirssday.' This the Presbytery ordered him to do 'sub- scryvit withe the clarkis hand of the said Assemble.' The Archbishop did not appear next Thursday; but there ' com- perit Mr. Henrie Hammyltowne, messinger, and, be vertew of our Soverane Lordes lettres, chargit the moderator of the Presbytery and everie member thairof to desist and ses fra all farde proceeding in the matter and actione, in leading of proce[s], against the irreverend (sic) father Patrik Adamsone for quhatsumever [deid] or occasione bygane, inhibeting the saidis persones thairanent quhilk [sum] farde ordour be tane and triall thairintill, under the pane of rebe[llione] and putting of the saidis persones to the horne.' After receiving this charge the Presbytery contented themselves by desiring at each brother on his conscience concerning Adamson's 'calling the congregen[t] one of Sanctandrous gaitiss, giff they knew the author thairof, and [in] speciall giff in any wayis they knew or hard Mr. Androw Mel[vine] in any wayes or any tyme speake the saidis wordes or the ly[k]. The bretheren in ane voce particularlie purgit the said M[r. Androw] of the saidis wordes or like wordes.2

The Session had so long ruled St. Andrews in ecclesiasticall matters that the newly erected Presbytery was possibly regarded at first as somewhat of an interloper; and, when differences of opinion did arise, the elders and deacons were not inclined to submit tamely. In September 1587 the Session, in desperation, petitioned the Provost, Bailies, and Town Council for help.3 Unfortunately, the Register of the Presbytery is blank from 20th April 1587 to 9th October 1589; but the 'questionis fallin out betuix the Presbittrie and

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1 Cease. 2 Register of St. Andrews Presbytery. 3 P. 604.
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the Sessioun,' which necessitated the appeal to Caesar, seem to have referred to the proclamation of banns. Afterwards they apparently worked very harmoniously, although the Session did not yield an implicit blind obedience;¹ and the older court derived great help and support from its immediate superior. The earliest volume of the Register of the Presbytery extends from the 13th of October 1586 to the 12th of December 1605. It was long supposed to be irretrievably lost, but was accidentally discovered by Dr. Buist.² Such a volume is well worthy of being printed by this Society at some future time, when fewer works are in hand than at present. Having had the privilege of examining it, I have given a good many extracts bearing on men and matters mentioned in this Register, and others illustrating the relationship existing between the Presbytery and the Session.

Great as was the assistance received from the Presbytery, the Session were quite as much, probably more, indebted to the magistrates. Municipal politics occasionally ran high in those days in St. Andrews, as they sometimes do still, and traces of party feeling are discernible in the Register; but some of the magistrates were always elected members of Session, and generally were ready to act in their double capacity as a terror to evil-doers. In the Preface to the former part, the question of the infliction of civil penalties was briefly dis-
cussed,³ and with this second part in type much more might now have been said, but lack of space forbids. On this point, as on others, too much stress must not be laid on a single expression. For example, it is stated that an offender

¹ Pp. 857, n., 859, 860, 916.
² New Statistical Account of Scotland, ix. 454.—It has suffered much from damp, and more from attempted restoration by chemicals. When rebound it was interleaved; but unluckily the original leaves are not all in their proper order, and many of them have no year-date. A sixteenth century clerk attempted to partially remedy the latter defect, but not quite successfully; and for some mysterious reason has occasionally altered the year-date and made it wrong—1591 having been, almost in every case, changed into 1590. In my extracts I have given the true dates.
³ Pp. liv-lvi.
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was 'jokit, cartit,' etc., 'be decreet of the Sessioun'; but it is added, 'this wes also done be vertew of ane decreet of ane condigne assyis.'1 Attention can only be called to two short entries bearing on the manner in which the magistrates carried out the behests of the Session. In 1598-9, each bailie was requested 'to put the actis to execution upon transgressouris within his awin quarter';2 and in February 1598-9, to obviate the confusion which this plan involved, the Provost and bailies agreed that they should in future, 'ilk ane per vices, his weik about,' 'put in execution the ordinances of the Sessioun, and put ordour to personis disobedient thairto.'3 But the help of the magistrates was by no means confined to the execution of decrees, witness a resolution adopted in 1600:—'It is concludit that the ministeris and baillies of this citie sall pass togidder and viseit the sami citie, and to tak sic ordour that na evill disposed nor ydill personis have libertie to duell in sic ane reformit congregacion.'4 There was a touch of humour as well as zeal in those old bailies. Casual references have already been made to some culprits whose heads were adorned with paper inscribed with their offences. In one case the bailies specified that this head-gear was to be in the form of a mitre!5

The social state of the people was such that the combined powers of Presbytery, Session, and Magistracy were needed to repress disorders; and yet the bulk of the citizens must have been on the side of law and order, or these bodies could not have acted as they did. There were a number of wild fiery spirits ever ready for a fracas or daring outrage, and there was a 'rascal multitude' to appeal to. Threatening a deacon, challenging an elder to fight, or even railing on the Provost and bailies, were comparatively trivial offences.6 A brother of the Laird of Forret lay in wait, with a servant, for three hours, for Thomas Douglas, the minister of Balmerino,

1 P. 793. 2 P. 781. 3 P. 880. 4 P. 920. 5 P. 727, n. 6 Pp. 898, 898, 863.
‘invadit him and drew his bluid.’ On being desired to satisfy for this, he cut his glove, and casting down half of it to Douglas, in presence of the Presbytery, dared him or any of his kin to take it up.\textsuperscript{1} A tailor, under silence of night, attacked Thomas Wod, the aged reader, intending ‘to have maist schamfullie murtherit’ him.\textsuperscript{2} On a Sabbath day, Robert Wallace ‘wes invadit be William Learmonth, younger, . . . maist unreverently and undewtifulie with bosting and thretning behaviour in the face of all the peipill, immediatlie efter his furthcuming of the pulpetit, . . . quhairby gryt skaith of bluid micht have fallin furth throw the tumult rasit be him, war nor that the Lord of his mercie stayit the samyn.’\textsuperscript{3} At a meeting of Presbytery, and in presence of brethren from the Synod, William Arthur exclaimed, in reply to Wallace:— ‘Thow leis falsly, and ether sall thow deny that word and aett up, or it sall cost me my lyffe!’ The Presbytery, ‘being maist heily offendit,’ sent for the magistrates; but, ‘nochtwith-standing of their presens,’ Arthur ‘utterit the lyk wordis in gryter pryed and rage of hairt.’\textsuperscript{4} In such outbursts of unbridled passionate men the recklessness and daring were open; but what palliation can be urged for Patrick Learmonth, a son of the Provost, who took a quiet shot at Archbishop Adamson on the Links?\textsuperscript{5} No doubt it was in time of sermon, but Learmonth was not one of the appointed visitors, nor was such a mode of capture authorised. Some of the difficulties experienced in curbing such men can be realised by a perusal of the dealings with the Arthurs for the murder of James Smith.

There are at least seventy references to the penitent stool, more than a score to the stool of repentance, several to the stool, a couple to the stool of public humiliation, half-a-dozen to a stool before the pulpit, one to a high stool before the pulpit, and another to the ‘penitent stule of repentance.’

\textsuperscript{1} P. 695, n. \textsuperscript{2} P. 726, n. \textsuperscript{3} P. 863, n. \textsuperscript{4} P. 869, n. \textsuperscript{5} Calderwood’s \textit{History}, viii. 224.
These could not all have been the same stool, because there are references to ‘the hitches degre of the penitent stoull;’ and on one occasion the stool is distinguished as ‘ane stoull laiche in the kirk, beneth the place of repentance,’ and on another as ‘the penitent stoull betuix the pulpiteit and publict place of repentants.’ Sometimes the offender was condemned to make humiliation before the pulpit—no stool being mentioned. One penitent was to sit beside the precentor, and another was to make humiliation in a seat near the pulpit. A woman, who kept a child too long without baptism, was decerned to sit upon the penitent stool, and to bring the child with her!

To some people the most interesting entry in the Register will be the short one telling how Patrick Adamson came before the Session ‘allegeand him to haif verball directiou of the Kingis Majestie, to desyre the minister and redar to pray publiclie for his Hienes mother, for hir conversiou and amendiment of lyfe, and if it be Godis plesour to preserve hir from this present danger quhairin sche is now, that sche may heirefter be ane profitabill member in Christis kirk.’ Never dreaming that that very morning the unfortunate Mary Stewart had been led forth to execution, the Session resolved ‘that the minister, at ilk sermone, and the redar, at ilk tyne quhen he saysis the prayaris, pray publiclie for the Kingis Gracis mother as is desyrt.’ It may also be stated here that George Douglas, afterwards Sir George, who helped Queen Mary to escape from Loch Leven, was an elder in the Session for several years, that his house is mentioned as the division between two districts, and, as thus marked out, it may still be seen, with his initials and arms over the old gateway.

Among the other items of interest that may be pointed out are those relating to Thomas Wod of Psalter fame, the collection for the French Kirk, the choosing of texts for the minister, the seating of the church, the removal of the

1 Pp. 583, 584.
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women's seats 'for eschewing of trubill,' the comedy in St. Leonard's College, the prohibiting of an Englishman 'to mak ane publik play,' the bringing of the best scholars of the sangschool to help to sing the Psalms on Sabbath, and the alteration of one of the preaching days and Session day to Tuesday, to commemorate the King's deliverance from the 'Gowrie Conspiracy.' Much may be learned from the surnames occurring throughout the volume; but, although there is an apparent attempt at phonetic spelling, allowance must be made for the fancy or ignorance of the clerks. A witness named Barclay is mentioned four times, and on each occasion his name is spelt in a different way:—Barthlhat, Barclaytht, Bartclaytht, Barclaitht.¹ Judging from the clerk's attempts to take down his name, this witness probably lisped. Perhaps the most amusing transmutation is that of Spandemager into Spaidmaker. There are at least two specimens of double Christian names, Henry Adam Foulis and Ellen Allan Mackewyn. The prevalence of some Christian names is remarkable, and still more so is the infrequency of others. Only one Mary, or Marie, occurs in the whole Register. Do we owe the commonness of this name in Scotland now to the memory of our unfortunate Queen?

This part has been edited on the same principles as the former, and the proofs of the text have been as carefully checked. The extracts from the Register of the Presbytery, the Hammermen's Book, the Baxters' Book, and the Cordiners' Book,² have been carefully taken; but I have not had the opportunity of again comparing them all with the originals. Some portions of the Register have been written very hurriedly, the letters running into one another. And, for

¹ Pp. 300-302.
² Since this Preface was written, Mr. D. C. Smith, watchmaker, has handed over to the St. Andrews University Library, for preservation and reference, the Cordiners' Book, the box and documents of the same craft, and also the box which was kept by the Convener of the seven incorporated trades of St. Andrews, with its remaining papers.

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example, may be found in various stages until it actually becomes ad. In such cases I have given the word as the clerk evidently meant it to be. It should perhaps have been mentioned in the Preface to the former part that contractions have not been reproduced in the foot-notes, unless when there was a special reason for doing so; and inverted letters have been treated in the same way. A copious Index to both parts has been added, and facsimiles are given of the entry concerning Queen Mary, and of the signatures of Patrick Adamson, David Black, Robert Wallace, and George Glaidstanes. By permission of the Senatus Academicus of St. Andrews, a reduced facsimile of a drawing of the parish church from the original sketch in Oliphant’s St. Andrews Delineated, 1767, is given as a frontispiece. So far as known, this is the only drawing of the church after the Reformation and before the extensive alterations of 1798.

In spite of every care, a few errors have crept in. Readers are requested to correct the serious one which occurs on p. 268.

I have again to thank Dr. Mark Anderson most cordially for the great help he has given me, and also Mr. Law for suggesting the insertion of the year-date in the headline, and for directions in compiling the Index. 

D. H. F.

St. Andrews, 30th April 1890.
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CORRECTIONS

PART I. (ADDITIONAL.)

Page viii, line 22, for wax read wax.
,, xxix, ,, 5, for no read do.
,, liv, ,, 10, for 1574 read 1564.
,, 16, ,, 1, for rectantatioun read recantatioun.
,, 268, n. 2, line 17, for 1556 read 1566.
,, 407, line 3, for ocor ding read according.

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Page 501, lines 7 and 26, for Walter read Robert.
,, 502, margin, line 3, after Broun insert 1.
,, 521, ,, for Confes read Confessio.
,, 535, line 13, for Ric. read Ric. 2
,, 549, line 28, for haid read hard.
,, 563, ,, 16, for no read on.
,, 634, n., line 14, for in read to.
,, ,, ,, 15, for uther gamis read uther gemmis.
,, 651, line 6, for witness read witnesses.
,, 659, margin, for Lochemalon read Lochemalony.
,, 753, ,, for Commissionet read Commissioneris.
,, 809, line 29, for but read bot.
,, 814, ,, 23, for [be] 6 insert a comma.
,, 874, ,, 2, for shives read Shives.
,, 881, ,, 12, for Patrick read Patrik.
,, 884, margin, for visitouris read [visitouris].
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Die vigesimo quarto mensis Octobris, anno Ixxxii.⁰

Elderis votit electit and chosin.

Mr. James Wilkie, Rectour of the Universite of St. Androus
Mr. James Martine, Provest of the Auld College
Mr. Jhone Robertsoun, ane of the maisteris of the New College
Mr. Dauid Russell, bailye
Thomas Lentroun, bailye
Mr. William Cok
Maister Martine Geddy
James Robertsoun
Thomas Welwod
William Ferry
James Smyth
Andrew Greif.

Up on land.
Andrew Wod of Straythwethy
Mr. Androw Aytoun of Kynnauld.¹

Deaconis votit electit and chosin.

George Blak
Williamie Zwill
Alexander Smyth
Andrew Watsoun
Patrik Gutherie
Jhone Hagy
Patrik Playfeir
Dauid Blair
Charlis Watsoun, notar.

Up on land.
Martine Carstrophein in Byrhillis
James Calvart in Over Kenlovy
Walter Kynnynmonth in Baldony
Dauid Forester in Kyncapill.

¹ This was the father of Sir Robert Aytoun the poet.
The quhilk day, the elderis and deaconis aboif writin affirmit ratifit and apprevit the haill statutis and ordinances of the sessioun, maid upon the fyft day of November in the yeir of God, &c., thre scoir tuelf yeiris, and ar all oblíst and suorn to observe and keip the samyn.

Die Mercurii, ultimo mensis Octobris, anno lxxij.

The quhilk day, it is aggreit statut and ordanit be the sessioun that in all tyme cuming, quhill God provide ane ordinar pastour to this kirk, the first artikle, that beis proponit and ressonit in sessioun ilk Weddinsday, salbe to knaw quha sall mak the sermons in this parroche kirk the nixt Fryday Sunday and Weddinsday thaireftir; and gude provisioun hed and takin thairin, that the pepill laik nocht thair saulis fuide.1

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1 The first entry on the 9th of May 1582 (supra, p. 481) shows that Robert Pont had not come to St. Andrews at that date; and this entry proves that at the end of October there was no ordinary pastor in the congregation. It was of this time that James Melville wrote:—'The session of the kirk haid a custome to send twa of thair elders everie ouk to desyre Mr. Andro and me to helpe tham on the Sabbath, during the want of a minister and absence of the Bishop.' Perceiving that the Prior and the rulers of the town wished to keep the charge vacant, the Melvilles hinted this from the pulpit, after which a purse of money was offered to James Melville for his labours; but he declined it, fearing, 'giff they gatt a fason of a ministerie sa easelie provydit, they wald be lang of bring- ing in an of the notable men nominat to that ministerie, . . . they haffing George Blak to minister the sacraments and marie, and us to teastche, wald content thairwith and selk na mair.' Having explained the matter to the Presbytery, that court discharged the Melvilles from preaching, and ordained James to pen a letter stating the reasons. 'Qhilk being done, and publicklie read, certean of the rewers of the town . . . ragit thairat, and pennit against the nixt day an answer, in effect and termes unrevenerate; denying the authoritie of the Presbytery, calling it pretended, and inveying against the sam: for the quhilk cause, the persone that red it, Ringand Rewill, taker up of the Psalmes, being callit befor the Presbytery, schew that Mr. David Russell and Wilyeam Lermont commandit him to reid it; bot, pure man, he gat his reward, for he never threave nor did guid effer that, bot died with madnes and miserie. The saids Mr. David and Wilyeam being callit, the Pryor and Provest compeir with them, thinking to bang out the mater; bot God assistes Mr Andro sa, that he daasht tham all, and maid them sean to go packing. The Generall Assembilie nocht being far to, the Presbytery remittes the mater thairto, and summoned the said Mr David and Wilyeam to compeir befor the Assembilie, quhilk they did with thair assistars; but they war condemnit be the Assembilie,
The quhilk day the Bischope and haill sessioun hes electit Elettioon of the Charlis Watsoun deakin thair scribe and clerk of thair assemblie.

The quhilk day, the sessioun requestis the majestratis Request to the to chaos the quarter maisteris of the town to tak triall of guede ordour. faltouris within this citee, that guede ordour and discipline may be hed within the samyn.

The quhilk day the electioun of the assemblie scribe is Rij.1 continewit to this day aucht dayis.

Die septimo Novembris, anno lxxxiij.

The quhilk day the electioun of the assemblie scribe is Rij. continewit to this day aucht dayis.

Die Mercurii, decimo quarto Novembris, anno lxxxiij.

The quhilk day, William Pitcarne and Elspot Ferlie ar Pitcarne, decernit befoir solemnziationoun of mariage to mak publict satisfactioun as fornicateouris according to the ordour; uther-wyis, if thai pay xxx s. to the puir and satisfies the day of thair mariage, the impressment to be dispensit in with respect of thair mariage.

The quhilk day, the puir of ilk quarter to be warnit The puir to be thair ouk about for triall of thair habilite; and the North tryt. Gait quarter to begyn.

The electioun of the assemblie scribe continewit to this Rij. day aucht dayis.

and ordesanit to mak publict repentance in the kirk of St. Androis, and Mr. Andro to receave the sameig; the quhilk they did solemnlie, and sa became beter-conditioned thairefter 'Melville’s Diary, Wod. Soc. pp. 124-127. There is no reference to the public repentance of these men in this Register, the minutes of the Presbytery for the period are not extant, but the procedure before the General Assembly will be found in the Booke of the Universall Kirk, ii. 615-618, 621. The answer which Russell penned to Melville’s letter is there stated to have been read on the 17th of March 1582-3.

1 Rij, which occurs so frequently in the margin, stands for Res in jure or res in judicio; occasionally it is followed by q, thus rij. q, meaning res in jure quaerenda.
Die Mercurii, xxviiij Novembri, anno lxxxiij.

The quhilk day, Duncane Gerves is oblist of his awin consent, in presens of Mr. David Russell bailye, to pay to the support of the puir xl s., befoir the hemnest day of the proclamioun of his bannis.

Die quinto Decembris, 1582.

The quhilk day, the haill sait ratifeis and apprevis the Statut and Act maid the xxj of Maij lxj yeiris, anent thair convening ilk Weddingsday to the sait, under the panis thairin content, with this condioun, if thai be seik or furth of the town to be fre.

The quhilk day, Jonet Dalgleis being warnit to this day for keping of ane barn on baptizit, and for nocht fulfilling the ordinance of session maid in the last Act on hir, the session ordainis hir to report the testimoniall yit as of befoir within xv dayis, under pane of excommunication.

The quhilk day, the session hes continewit thair proceeding aganis Jhone Moreis, cautior for Jhone Tod, to this day xv dayis, within the quhilk tyme Jhone Moreis to present Tod to discipline, under the pane content in Act.

The quhilk day, Agnes Sowtar is decernit to enter in presson Satterday nixxtocum, and to satisfie conforme to the ordour, for fornicatioun confessit be hir with Patri[k] Walker.

The quhilk day, Patrik Walker present is decernit to mak satisfactioun for fornicatioun committit be hir with Bessy Hillock; quha, being also present, confessis hir with barne to Patrik; and als Patrik to mak satisfaction for fornicatioun committit be hir with Agnes Sowtar, conforme to the ordour. And as tuiching the mariage desyrit to be endit betuix him and Elspot Stewart, the session hes con-

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1 *Sati* in MS. This clerk frequently uses *sa*, without any mark of contraction, for *satisfit*.

2 *Last.*

3 *Thairin contenth thairin* in MS.

4 *Satisfit* has been inserted between *Dalgles* and *rij. q.* These later additions in the margin are frequently inserted where there is most room.

5 *Satisfit* in MS.
clud[t], quhen satisfactioun is dewlie maid be him for the first tua crymes, and thairefter thair parentis\(^1\) consentis obtenit to the mariage, or ellis laifdulle requerit, and all utheris thingis requisite done and perftytit be him and Elspot Stewart conforme to the ordour of the kirk, mariage than to proceid, utherwyis none; and ordanit Stewart to be warnit to this day aucth dayis, under the pane of publict admonition.

The quhilik day, the sessioun hes ordanit Jhone Scheves\(^2\) and Margret Clepen to be chargit to proceid and performe thair repentance, conforme to the ordinances ellis maid thair-ament; and becaus Margret Clapen is present in this citie, sche to be chargit be the officir to conpeir on Sunday nixttocum on the penitent stuill, as sche wes first decernit, under pane of excommunicatioun; and Jhone Scheves to be warnit to the samyn effect at his hame cuming.

The quhilik day, Robert Clerk and Jonet Flek being present confessis Jonet to be barne to Robert under promis of mariage, and desyris to performe the samyn. In respect thairof the sessioun ordanis thame to mak satisfactioun conforme to the ordour, and to pay to the puir xx s., quhilik\(^2\) thal promis to do, and thairefter mariage to proceid.

The quhilik day, Henry Symson and Issobell Ker accusit Symson, Ker. Symson present\(^3\) gratitis thair is ane barne borne of Issobell, gottin betuix thame in fornicatioun. The sessioun ordanis thame to mak satisfactioun thairfor, conforme to the ordour; and Issobell to be warnit, quhen sche is halil of hir child evill, to mak satisfactioun.—Symson hes satisfet.\(^4\)

The quhilik day, the sessioun ordanis Jonet Forbes to be warnit to this day viij dayis, for resaving of Jonet Hagy in houshald within this citie, quha wes with barne gottin in fornicatioun within the parroch of Luicheris; and remits Hagy to underly discipline befoir the elderschip of Luicheris, quhair the falt wes maid.

The quhilik day Agnes Rany confessis hir with barne to Rany, Hagy. Robert Hagy. Sche is decernit to mak satisfactioun conforme

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\(^1\) Paretis in MS.  
\(^2\) Quhill in MS.  
\(^3\) Presentis in MS.  
\(^4\) The last three words have been added afterwards. A similar addition has been made to many of the paragraphs.
to the ordour; and Hagy to be warnit to this day aucht dayis.

Die xij* Decembris, anno lxxxij*

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis Jhone Scheves to be warnit to conpeir on Sunday nixttocum, to proceed in humiliatioun; and Margret Clapen agane Sunday cum aucht dayis, elykewys to proceed in humiliatioun, conforme to the ordinance.

The quhilk day, Jonet Hagy confessi schi buir ane barne in fornicatioun to Alane Hendersoun. The session ordanis hir to mak satisfaction thairfor betuix this and Candilmes; and Jhone Hagy, in presens of Thomas Lenton baiyle, is oblivis caution for hir to that effect; and Alane Henderson is ordanit to be warnit to conpeir befoir the sessioun howsone he may be apprehendit.

The quhilk day, Patrik Walker is ordanit to be warnit to enter in presson Satterday nixttocum, and Elspot Stewar being present confessi sche hes hed carnall daill with Patrik Walker sen the last admonitioun gevin to hir be the session. Schi is decernit to enter in presson and mak satisfaction for the first offence, conforme to the first ordinance; and to pay ane pecuniall sowme to the pur for hir offence committit sen admonitioun; and thairefter mariagio to proceed betuix hir and Walker, quhen thair parentis consentis ar obtenit, and Patrik hes satisfyt conforme to the ordinance.

The quhilk day, Jonet Forbes is decernit to mak publict satisfactioni in the kirk on Sunday nixttocum, for ressaving of Jonet Hagy fornicatrix in houshald with hir, without licience of the kirk and majestratis.

Die Mercurii, xviij* mensis Decembris, anno lxxxij*

The quhilk day, Patrik Walker being oftimes chargit be the assemble officiar, as wes verefit, to enter his body in presson, and to satisfie the kirk for fornicatioun committit be him and confessit with Bessy Hillok, Agnes Sowtar and Elspot Stewart, and to underly discipline thairfor, conforme
to the ordour, and disobeyit: thairfor, the sessioun remits
the said Pattrik to the civile majestratiss, Provost and bailyeis
of this citee, to tak ordour with him for his offence and
disobedience, as thai will anser to God and the King, and
supplication to be direct to thame to that effect.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis James Steill officar to Scheves.
charge Jhone Scheves agane to proceid in humiliatioun for
adultrie, conforme to the ordinance, upon Sunday nixttocum.

The quhilk day, Jonet Forbes is chargit personalie befor Forbes.
satisfiet. the sessioun yit as befoir to conpeir on Sunday nixttocum,
tyme of sermon, and mak humiliatioun for hir offence, con-
forme to the first ordinance thairanent.

The quhilk day, Henry Symson [is]\(^1\) decrenit to conpeir Symson, Ke
on Sunday nixttocum, and mak repentance for fornicatioun
committit be him with Issobell Ker; and hes payit x s. in
hand to the puir. And Dauid Blair is oblist of his awin
consent, in presens [of]\(^1\) Mr. Dauid Russell bailye, to pay
ten s. to the puir\(^3\) betuix this and candilmes nixttocum, and
Henry oblist to relf Dauid Blair.

The quhilk day, William Muffet is ordanit to be warnit Muffett,
Wemes, rj.
to this day auch dayis as cautioner, to pay sex pund for
James Wemes.

The quhilk day Margret Kellie is ordanit to be warnit Kellie, rj.
for retening with hir of ane on baptizit barne.

The quhilk day, Thomas Mordo and Maige Ballingall ar Mordo,
decrenit to sit on the penitent stueil, Sunday nixttocum, for
fornication, as is manifestit be procretioun of ane cheild
betuix thame.

\textit{Die secundo mensis Januarii, anno lxxxij}\(^*\)

The quhilk day, fforsame[kil]\(^4\) as Margret Kellie, upon the Kellie.
xxj day of Februar lxxxj yeris, conperand befor the sessioun
and ministrie of Sanctandrous, accusit and inquirit for keiping
in houshald with hir of ane on baptizit barne, and quha is
the barnis father, and quhome fra sche ressavit the said
barne, and quha payis to hir the barnis buird, ansuerit that

\(^1\) Omitted. \(^2\) \textit{Monito} in ms. \(^3\) \textit{Buir} in ms. \(^4\) Altered.
sche, than thre yeir sensyne or thairby, ressavit the said barne out of the minister of Craillis hous in S'Androus for the tyme, fra the said ministeris wyfe and Cathrine Stevinsoun mother to the said barne respective, the said minister being for the tyme dwelling in Henry Lawmonthis forch chalmer; and said that Alane Cwnighaime wes the barnis father, quhilk wes gottin in the Jland of Maij; and that Alane sum-tyme payit hir for the barnis bui[rd], and the barnis mother uther tymes; and sche knew than na forther of that mater: thairfor than the session for forder triall in this mater direct[t] thair supplicatiouen to the ministrie of Craill, quha as yit hes send na anser thairin. And now the said ministrie of S' Androus, understanding the great offence and sklander that hes risinn and daly rysis on this mater, hes agane of new callit the said Margret Kellie befoir thame this day, and inquitir of hir yit as of befoir quhat sche knawis forder of the treuth of this mater; anseris, that leatlie sensyne, sche askit the barnis buird fra Alane Cwnighame, quha anserit that he wald hai[rd] na mair to do with hir, for the barne wes nocht his barne. And Margret being inquirit quhome sche knawis\(^1\) to be the barnis father, anseris that sche heris say be common bruit that the barne is Henry Lawmonth gottin in adultrie. Now the sessioun, in respect that Margret Kellie hes\(^2\) salang kepit ane on baptizit barne in compane with hir, and nocht knawand the father thairof, decernis hir to mak publict humiliatiouen thairfor, at the discretiouen of the majestris of this citee, to quhome thai remit hir to be adjugit be ane condigne assyis, or utherwyis as thai will anser to God and the Kingis\(^3\) Grace; and as concerning trew triall to be takin anent the barnis parentis, remitis the samyn to be takyn and decidit be the Prisbitrie of Sanctandrous,\(^4\) that the verite may be knawin and discipline hed thairin.

The quhilk day, Robert Hagy and Agnes Rany being confrontit grants carnall copulationioun togidder, and that ane tyme about Michaelmes last wes; and that the barne

\(^1\) *Kisw* in MS. Many of the letters in this part of the *Register* are not half formed.

\(^2\) *Hes hes* in MS.

\(^3\) *King* in MS.

\(^4\) *S' Sanctandrous* in MS.
Agnes is with is Robertis barne. Thai ar decernt to mak humiliatioun; Hagy to enter in presson Satterday nixttocum, and Rany quhen sche bes chargit.

The qhilk day Elspot Reif and Issobell Ker ar ordanit Reif, Ker. to be warnit to this day aucth dayis.

The qhilk day William Zwill mariner is content to enter Zwill. Satisfiet in presson Satterday nixttocum.

The qhilk day, conperit Margret Suyne, quha grantis Swayne. Satisfir to be with barn to Jhone Lentroun, and that sche is now feit. Lentroun. relaps. Sche is decernit to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour, and Jhone to be warnit to this day aucth dayis.

The qhilk day, Patrik Walker submittis himself to Walker. discipline, and promissis to enter presson Satterday nixttocum, and fulfill the ordinance.

The qhilk day, James Steill officiar is commandit be the Command session to lett na person enter in the presson hous to the pressonaris, to beir cumpanie with thame in extraordinar drinking and wantownes; nor to lett na sustentatioun cum in the presson hous bot sic as aggreis with the Act of Parliament; and that the dur be closit fast at sex houris at evin nichtlie, and nocht opnit quhill the morn at day lycht; and this command to stand in all tymes cuming, as he will ansuer upon the executioun of his office.

Die nono mensis Januarii, anno ixxxij.

The qhilk day, Mr. James Wilkie, Rectour, at desyre of Riji. Kellie. the session, to report ansuer this day aucth dayis fra the Prisbittrie, anent the questioun proponit befoir thame, of the on baptizit barne with Margret Kellie.

The qhilk day conperit Cathrine Gutherie and confessis Gutherie, sche is with barn to Robert Hagy. The session ordanis hir to mak satisfaction for hir offence, conforme to the ordour, and Robert to be warnit to this day aucth dayis.

The qhilk day, Elene Dik grantis hir to be with barn Dik, Bouy. to Jhone Bouy, quha is now as sche allegis out of the cuntreth, and that the barn wes gottin in the place of Logy. Sche is ordanit to mak satisfaction conforme to the ordour, quhilk forder triall be hed of the barnis father.
The quhilk day, it is delatit to the sessioun that Dauid Pattoun, servand to Mr. Androw Aytoun of Kynnaldy, hes committit inesent with Cathrine Thomson, now in the parrochin of Craill, his dochter in law. The sessioun ordanis Dauid to be summond to conpeir befoir thame, and that Mr. Androw Ayton his maister be desyrit to caus him conpeir.

Zwill. Satisfait.

The quhilk day, William Zwill [is ordanit]¹ to mak humiliatioun for his offence Sunday nixttocum, and to pay xxx s. to the puir, for relief of his presson, in part of pament of the Act of Parliament.

Reif, Ker.

The quhilk day Elspet Reif and Issobell Ker to be warnit to this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, anent the desyre of Robert Scheves, in name of Jhone Scheves adultrar, proponit to the session, the samyn is continewit to this day aucht dayis; and the hailt sait to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, to consult and gif ansuer thairto.

Die xvij mensis Januarii, anno lxxvij

The quhilk day Robert Hagy confessis he hes hed carnall daill with Cathrine Gutherie. He is decernit to mak satisfactioun conforme to the ordour.

Confassio Ker.

The quhilk day Issobell Ker conperit and confessit sche hes borne ane barn in fornicatioun to Henry Symson. Sche is decernit to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour.

Reif, Geddy, rij.

The quhilk day, Walter Geddy oblist him to conpeir befoir the sessioun th[i][s] day aucht dayis, and gif ansuer quhiddar he wald caus Elspet Reif his nutrix enter in pressoun, and satisfie for fornicatioun committit be hir, or ellis to pay ane pecuniall pane, &c.

Confassio Ramsay, Miller.

The quhilk day, Grissell Miller confessis sche is with barne to Charlis Ramsay tailyeour, and that sche hed nevir carnall daill with him bot anis, quhilk wes upon Mononday befoir Michaelmes day last wes. And Charlis present also confessis he hed carnall daill with hir aucht dayis befoir that same tyme, and nevir mair. Thai ar decernit to mak humiliatioun conform[e] to the ordour.

¹ Omitted.
The quhilk day Jhone Lentroun confessis he hes hed carnall dail with Margret Suyne. The session ordanis him to mak satisfaction conforme to the ordour.

Die xxij° Januarii, anno octuagesimo secundo.

The quhilk day, Issobell Reif oblist hir to pay xx s. to the use of the puir for hir impresonment, and to conpeir on the penitent stuill Sunday nixttocum to mak humiliatioun; and quhen the barnis father conperis and makis humiliatioun in this kirk conforme to the ordour, and haldis up the barne him self, than the barn to be baptizit, utherwyis nocht.

The quhilk day, Mr. Dauid Russell and Thomas Lentron Muffett, rij. bailyes promissis to do diligence agane this day aucht daysis, to gait the act out of the townis buikis, quhair William Muffet wes oblist for pament of vj £. to the puir, as caution for James Wemes.

Die penultimo mensis Januarii, anno lxxij°

The quhilk day, James Steill officiar verefit that he hed chargit Robert Hagy to mak humiliatioun upon Sunday last wes, and he disobeyit; thairfor the sessioun ordanis him to be yet warnit agane Sunday nixttocum, for the secund tyme.

The samyn day, James Steill officiar verefit that he hed warnit Issobell Ker to mak humiliatioun Sunday last wes, and sche disobeyit; thairfor ordanit to be warnit for the secund tyme.

The quhilk day, anent the desyre of Patrik Walker desyrying the barne gottin be him on Elspot Stewart to be baptizit, the samyn is continewit to this day aucht daysis; that his parentis be present, and thair myndis hed and knawin to the sessioun anent the mariage; and ordanit Patrikis parentis to be warnit to that effect, to the samyn day.

The quhilk day, Jhone Lentroun oblisit him to pay xxx s. to the puir for his impressonment, and to mak humiliatioun quhen he beis requirit be the kirk.
Die sexto Februarii, anno lxxxij

The quhilk day, Alexander Walker, mercheand, being requirit be the sessioun, quhidder he will consent to the mariadge of Patrick Walker his sone with Elspot Stewart or nocht, ansueris he wald nather consent nor disassent, bot sayis he wald nocht stay him to marie; and being inquirit for quhat caus he wald nocht consent ansueris, first, Patrik hes bein disobedient to him in mony cacie, and that he hes dilapidat mekill of his geir within thir tua yeiris, and spetialie the last viage he maid with his geir to Deip, he spendit of the said Alexanderis geir by his will and consent viij frankis.

The quhilk day, the bannis of mariadge being of Hercules Mortoun and Agnes Forsyth his spouse, parrochenaris of this parrochion, thre severale Sundayis in this kirk proclamit, licencie is grantit to thame to marie in Darsy parrochion, thai payand ane pecuniall pane to the support of the puir, as utheris hes done befoir.

Die decimo quarto mensis Februarii, anno lxxxij.

Lawmonth, ríj. The quhilk day, the sessioun ordains Henry Lawmonth to be warnit to this day aucth dayis, to anser to sic thingis as salbe proponit aganis him.

Miller, Reif, Ker, disobeyit, ríj. The quhilk [day], becaus Grissell Miller, Elspot Reif and Issobell Ker, hes bein thryis chargit be the officiar to enter in pressoun, conforme to the ordinances of the kirk, as wes verifit be the officiar, the session ordanis thame to be publiclie summond Sunday nixttocum; with certificatioun, if thai conpeir nocht in presson Satterday nixttocum, thai salbe remittit to the secular majestrais; and that thai conpeir this day aucth dayis befoir the session, to allege ony ressonabill caus quhy thai suld nocht do the samyn.

Caid, Dewar. The quhilk day, Alexander Caid oblisit him to pay to Jonet Dewar iij li. money, befoir he be maritit with Margret Crawfur; and for the samyn sche remitis him all promis of mariadge maid to hir.

1 Dieppe. 2 Without, against. 3 Omitted.
The quhilk day, James Alane is oblied cautionar for
Patrik Walker and Elspot Stewart, that thai sall satisfie the
kirk befoir thai be mariit; and als that thai sall maree togidder
befoir Patrik pas out of Scotland; under the pane of forty
£. to the use of the puir; and Patrik oblisis him to releif
James Alane.

Die xx Februarioi, anno lxxriij.

The quhilk day, Margret Kennedy confesis sche is with
barn to James Fairfull, servand to Robert Cowstoun, and that
sche first hed to do with him in Alane Lentronis hous befoir
he past to Lochebruny,² and sensyne ane uther tyme sen he
come hame. James Fairfull present confessis he hed carnall
daill with hir at the samyn tymes. Thai ar decernit to mak
humiliatioun, and James to enter in presson Satterday nixttocum,
and the woman Satterday cum aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Henry Lawmonth is ordanit to be warrit Lawmonth.
agane to this day aucht dayis, to answer super inquirendi.

Margret Law, servand to James Balcanquell, confessis
sche is with barn to ane callit Robert Liddell mariner,
duelling as sche sayis sex mylis aboif Dunde; and that sche
hed first to do with him outwith the Est Burn Wynde Port
of this citee, ane moneth befoir Martimes last wes, and ane
uther tyme sensyne be west Sueilcont Burn of this citee,
passand to Straythtyrum, viij dayis befoir Martimes last wes.
Sche is decernit to mak humiliatioun quhilk forder triall be
takin.

Margret Tarres confessis sche is with barn to Symone
Andersoun, servan[d] to William Wilsoun, and that the barn
wes gottin in Straythwethy place in the forder end of harvest
last wes. Sche is commandit to be heir this day aucht dayis,
and Anderson to be warrit to the said day.—Tarres hes payit
xij s. iiiij d., and maid humiliatioun.

The quhilk day, the sessoun ordanis Jonet Andersoun,
dochter to [blank] Andersoun in Lamelethame Miln, Jhone
Lory and Jonet Stirk in Kynkell, to be oppin[ly] summond
be George Blak redar upon Sunday nixttocum, to conpeir

¹ Monitio in MS. ² Or Lochebruny.
on Weddnsaday nixttocum, to anser to sic thingis as salbe proponit aganis thame, under the pane of disobedience.

_Die penultimo mensis Februarii, anno lxxxiij_

The quhilk day conperit Symon Andersoun and grantis the barne quhilk Margret Terres is with is his barne. He is decernit to mak satisfactioun, and to enter in pressoun Satterday nixttocum. The barane is gottin in fornication, and Margret Tarres to enter in presson Satterday cum aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, becaus it is verefit be the officiar that Charlis Ramsay is chargi[t] to enter in presson and disobeyt, he is ordanit to be chargit agane for the secund tyme to pressoun.

The [quhilk day], conperit Henry Lawmonth, as he that wes warnit to this day, to anser to the dilatioun gevín in aganis him, he to be the father of the madin barne borne be Cristene Stevinson, allegit gottin be him upon hir in adultri[e], in the Jland of Maij, quhilk barne is presente within this cítée on baptizit in burding with Margret Kellie. The said Henry, being inquirit be the sessioun if he be the said barnis father, ansueris that he nevir knew the said Cristene Stevinson carnalie, and denyis that he is that barnis father. The.Rect[our], at desyre of the sessioun, promissi to expone the said Henreis anser to mo[en] to the Prisbitrie, and to report thair counsaill and declaratioun thair- anent this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Jonet Andersoun dochter to Androw Andersoun in Lamelethame, [and] Dau[id] Patton in Kynnalde, being summond to this day, be George Blak redar upon Son[day] last wes, conforme to the summomdis this day producít dewlie execut and indorsa[t], to anser to sic thingis as salbe proponit aganis thame. Conperit the said Andr[ow] Anderson, quha confessis that his said dochter is ten dayis syne lichter, in his hous, of ane knaif barn; and that the barne is bruttit to be ather Jhone or Henry Pittillokis, or

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1 Omitted.  
2 *His* in ms.
Robert Hageis. The sessoun ordanis the said Androw to conpeir befoir thame this day aught days, and to caus Issobell Balfour his spous, and Issobell Robertson maidwyfe, to conpeir with him the said day. And conperit Dauid Patton elder, and excusit his sone quhome he allegit to be fr[a] him; and promist to caus his sone conpeir this day aught days. The sessoun ordanis Henry Pittillok and Walter Hagy to be warnit to the samyn day.

The quhilk day, Jonet Blak confessis sche is with barne to James Hay, servand to James Hay induellar in this citee; and that the barn wes gottin viij day[s] befoir Hansell Monoday last wes, in James Hayis stabill. Sche is decernit to mak satisfactioun conforme to the ordour, and James Hay to be warnit.

*Die Mercurii, sexto mensis Martii, anno lxxvij*.  

The quhilk day, conperit Henry Pittillok, quha grantis that be hes hed carnall daill with Jonet Andersoun, ane littill befoir Witsunday last wes, in his motheris malt barn in the West Bwnr Wynd; and if the woman will say the barn is his, he will grant the samyn and tak theirwith. The session, for forder triall to be hed herrin, ordanis the belman or his son to pas to Lamelethame, and warn Androw Andersoun thair, Issobell Balfour his spous, Issobell Robertson maidwyfe thair, to conpeir befoir thame this day aught days, under pane of disobedience; and Jhone Pittillok and Walter Hagy to be warnit to the samyn effect be the officiar.

*Die xxvij Marsii, anno lxxvij*.  

The quhilk day, Begis Oliphant spous to Dauid Arnot declaris that sche hard Jhone Arnot hir sone grant that the madin barn, quhilk Cristene Alane hes borne to him, wes his barne. The sessioun in respect thairof ordanis the barn to be baptizit, and Alane to mak humiliatioun.
Die xxiiij* mensis Aprilis, anno lxxiiij*.

The quhilk day, Margret Oliphant declaris and confessis that sche hes born ane man cheild in fornicatioun to Charlis Broun in Mwir-houssis; and the first tym e sche hed carnall daill with him wes xv dayis befoir midsymmer last wes in Mwir-houssis, and that the barn wes born on Thursaid befoir Pasche last wes. The sessioun ordanis the man to be warnit, that tryall may be takin heirin, how sone he may be apprehendit.

Die primo mensis Maii, anno lxxiiij*.

The quhilk day, Thomas Broun father to Charlis Broun oblissis him to caus the said Charlis his sone conpeir befoir the sessioun this day aucht dayis, to ansuer to sic thingis as salbe proponit to him, under the pane of ane hundreth fl. to the use of the puri, in presens of Mr. Dauid Russell bailye.

Die octavo mensis Maii, anno lxxiiij*.

The quhilk day Malie Bell confessis sche is with barne to Jhone Peblis duelling with the Chalmerlane. The barne wes gottin in James Hageis hous in Balrymonth about Michaelmes last. Jhone Peblis present grantis carnall copulatioun at the samyn tym e with hir. Thai ar baith decernit to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day conperit Charlis Broun quha grantis that he hed carnall daill with Margret Oliphant xx dayis after Witsunday last wes. Promis of marriage allegit maid be him to Margret Oliphant, quhilk Margret referrit to his aith simpliciter. Charlis is suorn and ordanit to conpeir this day aucht dayis, and declar his aith and depone.

The quhilk day, Jhone Kellie, Androw Anderson and Dauid Robertsoun, fleschouris, grantis that thai haif kepit mercat in Craill Sunday last wes, thairfor thai submit thame selfis in the will of the kirk.

1 The words Brun satisfit with have been afterwards inserted between Confessio and Oliphant; and sa has been written after Oliphant.
Die quinto Junii, anno lxxxiiij-

The quhilk day, for triall of the mater betuix Grissell Ramsay, Miller and Charli[s] Ramsay tailyeour, the sessioun ordanis Grissell Miller to be summond to this day aucht dayis; and ane supplication to be direct to the Prisbittrie, to direct thair summondis to that effect.

The quhilk day, James Hay confessis he hes hed carnall Confessio Ha, dail with Jonet Blak, and that the samyn first viij dayis after Hansell Mononday lest wes or thairby. He submitis him self to discipline.

Die duodecimo Junii, anno lxxxiiij-

The quhilk day, the Recour and Mr. James Martine, Miller. Provest of the Auld College, [ar appointit]1 to report anser fra the Prisbittrie, anent Grissell Miller and hir conperance to anser to sic thingis as salbe proponit to hir anent Charlis Ramsay, this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Marione Broun and Issobell [Miller—Decretum contra Broun deleted] Bell being at hetred ar reconcilit, and decernit with thair awin consent if thai be fund flytand or injuring utheris heirofter, thai and ilk ane of thame to pay xls. to the box of the puir unforgevin.

The quhilk day, Agnes Methven confessis sche hes hed carnall dail with Robert Skirling, lykeas sche befoir departit with barn to him at ane uther tyme and sa sche is relappis. —Methven hes satisfit for ane tyme.

The quhilk day Elezabeth Bett grantis hir to be with Confessio Bet barn to James Quyhte mariner in Leith. Sche submittis hir self to discipline.

Die decimo nono mensis Junii, anno lxxxiiij-

The quhilk day, conperit befoir the ministrie of St. Androus The distribution of the Kingis Graci: Mr. Petir Zoun,2 Mr. Almosar to our Soverane Lord the almous.

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1 Omitted.
2 Peter Young, afterwards Sir Peter, of Seaton, was born in Dundee in 1544, studied under Beza at Geneva, was appointed assistant preceptor under Buchanan.
Kingis Majestie, quha, with the advis and counsell of the said ministrie, deliverit to Petir Carstaris, Thomas Banis, Thomas Aitchesoun, Nicholl Strathawin, Archibald Mwir, Henrie Miller, Jhone Watsoun, Jhone Donaldsoun, Thomas Oliphant, Jhone Robertsson[n], Alexander [Duplein—deleted] Dempstar, Dauid Duplein, Henrie Jamesoun, Dauid Mortoun[n], Jhone Duncane, George Wauche, Dauid Arnot, and to ilk ane of thame, as pur personis electit with the advis of the said ministrie, ane blew gown, and ilk ane of thame ane purs and xvij.s. money thairin, in name of our said soverane lord; that thay and ilk ane of thame suld pray for his hienes dayly, and keip the prayaris ilk day and the sermon every preaching day, sittand all togiddir in the parroche kirk of St. Androus, ilk persoun cled with his said blew gown: quhillk thai and ilk ane of thame hes promist faithfull[ie] to do.¹

The quhilk day, Jonet Leiche confessis hir to be with barn to Henry Pittillok, and that the barn wes gottin about Fastronisevin last wes, in William Eleiston[is] hous within

to James the Sixth, was for many years King's Almoner—or almosar—for Scotland, had three wives and sixteen children, and died in 1628. See Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, iv. 420-429; Maitland Miscellany, i. 13-15.

¹ In April 1579, 'Maister Petir Young, elemosinar to his Hienes,' called the attention of the Privy Council to the custom, which had been observed since his Majesty's birth, of serving—on 'Skeir Furisday,' i.e. the Thursday before Good Friday, in England known as Maundy Thursday—'sum puyr young boyis,' 'quhairof the nowmer augmentis be ane yeirlie, according to the nowmer of the yeiris of his Hienes aige,' with 'ane coat of blew clath to everie ane, everie ane sex quarteris of blew clath, tua ellis of lyning, sum breid, drink, hard fischis, herring, and sa mony schillingis as his Majestie is of yeiris of aige, with ane litill purs to be hung about their craigs.' Mr. Peter suggested that the day should be changed 'for superst[i]ous caus,' and that 'puyr aigit honest folkis should be chosen instead of boys. The King and Council determined that this his Hienes almos salbe gevin in maner following to certane aigit and decyit personis, sumtyme honest houshaldisis, maist misterfull, in nowmer according to the yeiris of his Hienes aige, at the sicht and discretion of his Hienes elemosinar, and of the majestrats of the toun quhair his Hienes sall happen to be present for the tyme, upoun the xix day of Junii yeirlie, quhillk is the day of his Hienes nativitie, bengynand upon the xix day of Junii nixt to cum,—that is to say, to everie ane a maid gowne of blew clath, and als mony schillingis of sylvir as his Hienes is of aige' (Register of Privy Council, iii. 136, 137). It has been truly said, that, as they had such an interest in the increase of the King's years, 'their intercessions for his prolonged life must have been sincere' (Chambers's Domestic Annals, i. 405).
this citee. The sessioun ordanis Henry to be warnit to this
day aucht dayis, and Jonet to be present the said day for
triall of the verite thairin.

*Die xviij°* Junii, anno lxxxiij°.

The quhilk day, Henry Pittilok grantis he hes hed carnall
daill with Jonet Leche, and quhair Jonet allegis the barn
that sche is presentlie with to be his barn, he referris the
samyn to hir aith simpliciter. The sessioun ordanis hir to
be warnit thairto this day aucht dayis.

*Die decimo Julii, anno lxxxiij°.*

The quhilk day the sessioun ordanis George Blak to deliver James Steill.
to James Steill thair officiar for his yeiris sic xls.

*Die decimo septimo Julii, anno lxxxiij°.*

The quhilk day, Elspot Balfour grantis hir to be with barn
to James¹ Scott, servand to the Laird of Craighall, and that
the barn wes gottin in Craighall. Becaus sche is ire stranger
cum in this citee with barn, to the evill exempill of utheris,
the sessioun requisitis the majestatis to dispasche hir of this
citee.

*Die vigesimo quarto Julii, anno lxxxiij°.*

The quhilk day, Jhone Hwniman feidman² confessis he
productat at the Lordis Tabill ane fangyeit tikket, quhilk wes
gevin him be Davuid Robertsson, sone to Richert Robertsson.
Andrew Broun younger tailyeour lykewys accusit for pre-
senting him self to the Lordis Tabill, he nocht being at
examinationou, nocht ressavand ane tikket, bot be his maisteris
tikket³; [he]⁴ grantit the samyn.

The quhilk day, Alexander Mansoun, Arthour Miln, Jhone
Budege, William Moreis and Andrew Swyne, citineris in St.
Androus, ar oblist of thair awin fre willis cautionaris for

¹ James interlined over Alexander deleted. ² Rather seidman in Ms.
³ Tikke in Ms. ⁴ Omitted.
Alexander Robertsoun cowper; to witt, Alexander Mansoun within the boundis of Cathenis, and the rest within Fyffe; to pay xll. money to the puir, in cais that evir the said Alexander Robertson, quha is this day contractit in mariage with Elspot Moreis, be acclamit be ony uthir woman; and Alexander Robertson oblis his to relif his saidis cautionaris.

The quhilk day Alexander Ker wrycht grants he hes gottin ane lawn in fornicaition with Jonet Duncane. He submittis him self to discipline, and is content to pay xxx.s. to the puir for his impressonment, in part of pemant of the pane contenit in Act of Parliament maid thairanent.

Die septimo mensis Augusti, anno octuagesimo tertio.

The quhilk day the sessioun concludis the land communio to be ministrated Sunday cum auct dayis.

The quhilk day, Mr. Dauid Russell, at request of the sessioun, offerris him self willing and redy to ryd to Abirdein on his awin expenssis, for Mr. Alexander Arbuthneth minister; and to bring ane direct anser fra the said Mr. Alexander in weire, quhider he will cum or nocht; with this contidion that the said Mr. Dauid be nocht burdinit to ryde the nixt tyme for the said Mr. Alexander, in cais he condiscend to cum. The sessioun thinkis gude this offer be intimit to Provest bailyeis and consall.

Die Mercurii, vigesimo octavo Augusti, anno lxxxiij

The quhilk day, conperit Mr. Dauid Russell bailye, quha being send from the consall of town and session to Aberdein, to Mr. Alexander Arbuthneth, Mr. Principal of the College of Abirdein,1 to desyre him to address him self to this citee,
to be ordinar pastor of St. Androus, conforme to the generall ordinance of the Generall Assemblie, and the said Mr. Alexanderis promis maid to the town to that effect, and for the said Mr. Alexanderis ansuer thairin. The said Mr. Dauid for diligence producit the said Mr. Alexanderis ansuer, in wreit, direct to the sessioun, quhairof the tenour followis:—The confort of the Holie Sperit for salutatioun. Belovit in the Lord after my maist hartlie commendatioun, pleis I ressavit your letter, requesting me to addres my self to that charge in St. Androus, according to the ordinance of the last Assemblie, quhilk trewlie I wald maist glaidlie obey, if I wer utherwyis fre, and of honestie and conscience mycht weill leif this rowme; lykees the beraris of your letter, my Lord of Marche his servitour and Mr. Dauid Russell, hes omittit na diligence to do thair charge, nor na persuasioun to move me to the same effect. Bot, as I haif writin baith to my Lord and the town, of treuth, thair be presentlie sic stoppis and impedimentos of my transporting, and just causis to retein me heir; and cheifie no sufficient provision being maid for this Universite, that nather presentlie can I addres me to remove, nor yit can I see how the same may be haistellie done, without great inconveniencis to this cuin tre in generall and to me in particula[r]; quhilk I dowlc nocht the Assemblie having dewlie considerdit all thingis will ressonablie regard, as your wisdowmis also will pacientlie receve, for my present excuis. Referring foder to my writingis send to my Lord, Erle of Marche and the town of St. Androus, for I constantlie affirme that if I may be fre thair is na cumpanie among quhome I wald mair glaidlie travell nor amangis yow, as he knaws quho jugis the secretis of hartis, to quhois almychtie protection I maist hartlie commit yow. From our college the xij of August, your bruth[er] to be commandit in the Lord, M. Arbuthnot. —And foder the said Mr. Dauid declarit that, at the said Mr. Alexanderis desyre, he hes purchest our Soverane Lordis charge, direct to the said Mr. Alexander, to charge him to addres him self heir with all diligence; quhilk charge is

1 Mrs in Ms.
directit to him allis with Walter Todrig messinger, and this
day aucth dayis with Goddis grace he sall schaw the same
charge and executioun thairof, with the said Mr.\(^1\) Alexanderis
mynd and anser thairin.

The quhilk day, Jonet Moreis duelland in Craill proponit
hir actioun aganis James Tullois mariner thair, allegeand the
said James fyve yeiris sen synce, befoir sche bur him tua bannis
and befoir sche hed carnall daill with him, that he maid to
hir promis of mariage; and desyrith thairfor all proclamatioun
of banni[s] to be maid betuix him and Cathrine Fransche alia
Latouris to ceas, and na mariaghe to proceid betuix thame
quhill the first promis maid to hir be tryit, as the bill produci[t]
be hir this day at lenth beris. Conperit the said James
Tullois, quha denyi[t] the said promis, and thairefter the said
James—deleted] Jonet referrit the samyn to his ait[h] sim-
pliciter. The sessioun, upon gude caus moving thame, con-
tininwit the geving of his aith quhill this day aucth dayis, and
ordinit him to be presen[t] befoir thame the said day, to gif
his aith in the premissis; and thairfor the sessio[un] ordanis the
proclamatioun of all bannis betuix him and Cathrine Frans[che]
to stay quhill the decision of the first promis. Baith the saidis
parteis presen[t] warnit to this day aucth dayis apud acta.

The quhilk day, the sessioun, at the resonabill request
and desyre of the Bishop of St. Androus, desyryng thair
counsell and advis quhat gude ordour thai toech[t] gude suld
be takin for examiniatioun of Alesoun Peirsoun, allegit [to]
be ane wiche, presentlie impresonat, hes requisit Mr. James
Wilky, Rectour, [and] George Blak, to pas to morn to the
Prisbittrie, and desyre thair gude consa[ll] and advis thairin,
that God may be glorifit and vice punischt accordi[ng] to the
Word of God.\(^2\)

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\(^1\) Afri in ms.

\(^2\) The fate of this poor woman is only too certain. James Melville says, that,
from April 1582 until August 1583, 'Bischope Adamsone keipit his castle, (lyk
a tod in his holl,) seik of a disease of grait fetiditie, and ofymes under the cure
of women suspected of witchcraft, namlie, an wha confessit hir to haift lernt
medecin of an callit Mr. Wlyeam Simsone, that aperiid divers tymes to hir efter
his dead, and gaiff hir a buik, etc. This woman being examined be the Presby-
terie, and fund a witche, in thair judgment, was gissen to the Bischope to be keipie
in his castle for execution, bot he sufferit hir to slip away; bot within thrie or
Die xi\textsuperscript{a} Septembria, anno lxxxiiij\textsuperscript{r}.

The quhilk day, in the caus persewit be Jonet Moreis aganis James Tullos, allegeand him to haif\textsuperscript{1} maid promis of marriage to the said Jonet, desiring thairfor the proclamatioun of bannis betuix James and Cathrine Latouris \emph{alias} Fransche to stay quhilk the first promis be tryit; the sessioun efter triall takin findand the promis maid betuix the said James Tullos and Jonet Moreis to be privat, aganis the ordinance of the kirk, ordanis the bannis to proceid, and thairefter marriage betuix him and Cathrine Fransche; and ordanis James to satisfie the

four yeirs thairefter sche was takin, and execut in Edinbruch for a witche\textsuperscript{1} (Melville's \emph{Diary}, Wod. Soc. p. 137). From Melville's statement it might be inferred that when she was at length executed she suffered under the judgment of the Presbytery; but she was tried and condemned by the High Court of Justiciary in 1588, and curiously enough the entry in the text shows that while her case was brought before the Presbytery by the session, it was the Bishop who called the attention of the session to her. According to Sempill's scurrilous \emph{Legend of the Bishop of St. Androis Lyfe}, this was the third witch consulted by Patrick Adamson. There she is described as—

'Ane carling of the Quene of Phareis,
That evill win geir to elphynge careis;
Through all Braid Albane scho hes bene,
On horsbok on Hallow ewin.'

Dalyell's \emph{Scottish Poems of the Sixteenth Century}, p. 321.

Of the thirteen jurymen who tried her six were St. Andrews men, and of these four were malmens. Three of them as deacons were members of the Kirk-session, viz., David Guidlett, maltman, Charles Watsoun, notary, and John Hegie, maltman. From her confession it would seem that she was far from being an old woman, although 'scho wes cuming and gaggand to Sanct Androus in hailling of folkis, thir saxtene yeiris bypast.' Her relative, Mr. William Sympsoun, 'tauld hir that the Bishop of Sanct Androus had mony seiknessis, as the trembling fever, the palp, the rippilis and the flexus; and baid hir mak ane saw and rub it on his cheikis, his craig, his breist, stommak and sydis: and siclyke, gaif her directioonis to use the yow mylk, or waidraue with the herbis, claret wyn\textsuperscript{e}; and with sume uther thingis scho gaif him ane sottin fowll; and that scho maid ane quart att anis, quhill he drank att twa drachitis, twa sindrie dyetis.' As a Scotch quart is equal to an imperial gallon the Bishop must have had a royal draught. 'The particulars of the procedure which took place in court, and of the sentence pronounced against this unhappy woman, are not inserted in the Record: there is merely a marking in the margin of the Record, '\emph{Convicta et combusta}. The scene of her suffering was likely the Castle-hill of Edinburgh, where, after being \emph{wirretit at ane staik},' she would be \emph{\'brint in assis}.' (Pitcairn's \emph{Criminal Trials}, vol. i. part ii. pp. 161-165).

\textsuperscript{1} \emph{Haif haif} in ms.
kirk befoir solemnizatioun for his inconstancie; and to bring ane sufficient testimoniall thairof, and that he hes satisfisit for the fornicatioun committit betuix him and Jonet Moreis, fra the minister of Craill.

The quhilk day, in the caus of injuris persewit be [Jonet Moreis—deleted] Maws Michell aganis Margret Lyell, the said Margret laffullie warnt to this day, oftimes callit and nocht conperand, the sessioun statut to the said Mauis to preif hir bill this day aucth dayis; and ordanit the said Margret to be warnt thairto.—And baith the parteis purges thame selfis of carnall copulatioun togidder.

*Die xviij* Septembria, anno lxviiij*.

The quhilk day, Jhone Peblis and Maly Bell, being baith present, accusit for fornicatioun committit betuix thame, for procreation of ane madin¹ barn gottin in fornicatioun, the session ordanis thame baith to be impresonit, and thairefter to mak publict humiliatioun. And siclyke, Jhone Peblis with his awin consent is decernit to tak the barn away fra Malie Bell at Witsunday nixttocun, and thairefter to sustein the barn on his awin expensis in all tyme cuming. And Malie oblisit hir to sustein the barn quhill Witsunday on hir expensis, and for fourty s. quhilk Jhone Peblis oblisit him to pay to hir thairfor, and Malie grantis hir [to haif]² ressavit xx s. in hand in part of pament thairof.

*Die primo mensis Octobris, anno lxviiij*.

The quhilk day, the sessioun of the ministrie of Sanct-androus hes with commoun consent electit Mris. Dauid Russell, Martine Geddy, William Cok and James Smyth, or ony twa of thame, commissionar is to conpeir in the Synodall Assemble, to be haldin at St. Androus the second day of October instant, and thair to assist consult ressoun voit and concluit in all thingis, with the said Assemble, concerning the furtherans of Godis glorie and proffeit of his kirk.

¹ *Madin* is in the margin without any connecting mark. ² Omitted.
Die nono mensis Octobris, anno lxxxiiij*

The quhill day, as the day appointit and assignit to all manner of personis haiving voit within this citee, to conpeir to object aganis the personis nominated to be elderis and deaconis for this yier incuming, na persoun nor personis conperand to object, the sessioun findis the personis nominated elegibill, and thairfor ordanis the electioun to pas forderward.

Die decimo sexto mensis Octobris, anno lxxxiiij*

The quhill day, anent the bill producit be Grissell Miller aganis Charlis Ramsay, twiching ane madin barn procreat betuix thame in fornicatioun, Grissell referrit to the aith of Charlis simpliciter, quhudder he will grant the barn to be his or nocht; quha, being solemnlatle suorn, maid faith he culd nocht presentle clairle depone. Thairfor the sessioun statut to him to conpeir this day aucth dayis to depone and declar his conscience; with certificatioun, if he failye, he salbe hed pro confesso. Baith Charlis and Grissell warnit thairto apud acta.

The quhill day Margret Kynneir confessis sche is with barn to Alexander Mane. Sche submittis hir self to discipline, and ordanit to enter in presson Satterday nixttocum.

Die vigesimo quarto mensis Octobris, anno Domini jvm vs octuagesimo tertio.

Elderis and deaconis votit electit and chosin.

Mr. James Wilkie, Rectour of the Universite of Sanctandrous
Mr. James Martine, Provest of St. Saluatouris College
Mr. Jhone Robertsoun, ane of the maisteris of the New College
Mr. Daudi Russell, baiyle
Mr. Martine Geddy, baiyle
James Robertsoun
William Ferry
Mr. William Cok
Alexander Carstaris
William Leirmouth
Alexander Wynsister
James Mortoun. Up on land.

Andrew Wod of Straythewthy
Mr. Androw Aytoun of Kynnaldy.
Deaconis votit electit and chosin.

George Blak
William Zwill
Charlis Watsoun
Patrik Gutherie
Duncane Leiche
Dauid Guidlaid
Patrik Playfeir
Androw Watsoun.

Up on land.
Martine Carstrophein in Byrehillis
Thomas Venesoun in Kyncapill
Dauid Pattoun in Eister Balymonth.

The quhilk day, the elderis and deaconis aboif writin affirmit ratifit and apprevit the haill statutis and ordinances of the sessioun, maid upon the fyft of November in the yeir of God jv b vce threscoir tuel yeiris; and ar all oblist and suorn to keip the samyn, and all utheris statutis ma[ld] for gude ordour [and] discipline in this buik.

The quhilk day, the aith of Charlis Ramsay to be takin is continewit to this da[y] xv dayis; and in the meanetyme the sessioun ordanis Grissell Miller present to caus Issobell Thomson maidwyfe in Middilfudy, Issobell Fairfull, and Issobell Faryn in Darsy Miln, Dauid and Beigis Ingram thair, to be heir present befoir the session, to anser super inquirendis this day aucht day[is]. And thai baith confess that thai hed diveris uther tymes carnall daill togid[der], befoir that tyme quhilk thai confessit in the Act maid the xvj of Januar lxxxiij yeiris. Bot Charlis allegis the barn can noch[t] be his, in respect that it is born ane moneth befoir Witsunday last wes, as Grissell confessis in hir bill, quhilk is nyne oukis befoir the tyme.

Die penultimo Octobris, anno lxxxiij°.

The quhilk day, in the terme appointit to Grissell Miller to produce the witnes mentionat in the last act, to anser super inquirendis in the caus movit be hir aganis Charlis Ramsay, conperit the said Grissell, quha product Issobell Thomson madwyffe, Issobell Farny and Begis Ingram witnes,

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1 Omitted.  
2 Dauid in ms.
sworn ressavit and examinat, na thing aganis thame opponit, as thair depositionis heirefter beris, to witt, the said Issobell Thomoun deponis that sche wes maidwyffe to the said Grissell tyme of hir birth liter, and that sche hard Grissell say that the barn wes Charlis Ramsayis barne, and tuik the samyn on hir conscience, and that sche suir solemnlatlie that sche nevir knew man carnalie bot the said Charlis onlie, and that the barn wes born to the tyme. Issobell Farny and Issobell Ingram witnes deponis conforme to the former witnes. And now Charlis and Grissell being confrontit grantsis that thai hed divers uther tymes carnall dail, and ofter nor anis baith sensyne and befoir the tyme that Grissell allegis the barn wes gottin, quhilk is mentionat in the first Act of this caus. Bot Charlis sayis that he hed nocht to do with hir ane yeir befoir viij dayis befoir Michaelmes wes ane yeir. The session statutis to pronounce in the said mater the xx day of November nixttocum. The parties present warnit heirto, and Charlis being requirit if he knew ony uther to haif hed carnall dail with Grissell, or if he suspecit ony uther to be the barnis father, declarit that he knew nane.

Die vigesimo Novembris, anno lxxxiij

The quhilk day, conperit Alexander Scharp baxter and Alex Scharpe. cravit v N. viij d. for sevin yeiris bread bygane, furnisit be him to the communion.

The quhilk day, anent the bill persewit be Grissell Miller aganis Charlis Ramsay tailyeour, makand mention that qhahir, ane moneth befoir Witsunday last wes, sche bure ane madin barn to the said Charlis, gottin be him on hir in fornicatioun, as yit on baptizit, desrying hir selve to be ressavit to humiliation for hir offence, and the barn to be baptizit, and the said Charlis decernit to hald up the barn to baptisme, and to sustein the barn in tymes cuming as his awin barn; the session, in respect of the said Charlis confession, that he hes hed divers tymes carnall dail with the said Grissell, and that he, being requirit to nominat ony uther man quhom he knew or suspectit to haif hed carnall dail with the said Grissell, culd nocht nor wald nocht; and in respect of the depositionis of divers and
sindry honest witnes, examinat in the said mater for triall of
the treuth, and als efter lang triall consultatioun and mature
deliberatioun, prouncis and decernis the said Charlis to be the
father of the said madin barn; and ordanis him to haild up
the said barn to baptisme, efter that Grissell hes satisfet the
kirk and maid publict humiliatioun for hir offence, conforme
to the ordour; and ordanis Grissell to be warrit thairto, and
Charlis to haild up the barn thairefter to baptisme, under
the pane of publict admonitioin and disobedience; and forder
punisment to be usit aganis thame conforme to the actis of
the kirk; and remittis the sustentatioun of the barn to be
decidit be the juge compiten.

Die xxvij° Novembris.

The quhilk day, it is toocht gude that the haill membris of
this sait be warrit to this day auccht dayis, to consult quhat
gude ordour salbe takin in tymes cuming, twiching the con-
tracting of mariages, quhudder if the parteis sal cum to the
kirk or nocht to be contractit; and siclyke to tak gude ordour
for electing of ane minister and pastour to this congrega
tion.

Die xj mensis Decembris, anno lxxvij°.

The quhilk day, Schir Patrik Lernmonth, of Darsy, knycht,
Provest of St. Androis, present with the session, promisiis to
caus gude ordour be takin for electing of ane minister to this
congregation within xv dayis, and that the kirk salbe na
langer frustrat.

Die xvij° mensis Decembris, anno lxxxiij°.

The quhilk day, conperit Jonet Ostiane, quha confessis sche
hes borne ane barne to Donald Makanair, quhilk wes gottin in
hir fatheris hous, and born viij oukis sen syne. The session
ordanis to warn the said Donal[d] to be present this day viij
dayis with the said Jonet.

1 And in MS. 2 Day in MS.
The quhilk day, conperit Bessy Rowill and confessis sche is with barne to William Balfour maltman, and that sche hed first daill with him in his aw[en] chalmer, thre owkis efter Lammas last wes. The sessiou ordanis William to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, and Thomas Fenton, maister to Bessy, to be warnit and accusit for nocht reveling the falt.—Balfour hes satisfet.

The quhilk day, it is delatit that Alexander Milleris tua sonis ar inobedient to him, and that thai, with Nicholl Mane, William Bruce and uther[s], their complices, playit in the golf feildis Sunday last wes, tyme of fast and precheing, aganis the ordinances of the kirk. The sessi[oun] ordanis thame to be warnit and accusit thairfor.

Die xxv mensis Decembris, anno lxxxiiijt.  

The quhilk day, Donald Maknair present with Jonet Oistiane confessis that the bar[n] quhilk Jonet hes born is his barn, gottin on hir in fornicatioun. Thai ar bait[h] decernit to mak humiliatioun for thair offence, and ilk ane to pay xij s. iiiij d. [to] the puir in part of pament of the Act of Parliament, and sowme contenit thairin.—Thai ha[if] baith satisfait all things.

The quhilk day, William Balfour maltman confessis the barn quhilk Bessy Rowill is present[lie] with is his barn, gottin in fornicatioun. He is decernit to mak humiliatioun and to pay xl s. [to]1 the puir, and Bessy to pay xij s. iiiij d., for thair impress[on]ment, in part of pament of the sowme contenit in the Act of Parliament.

The quhilk day, conperit Dauid Muffett and Emmy Paty, quha grantis tha[i] haif hed carnall daill togidder, and that Emmy is with barn to Dauid. Thai ar baith decernit to mak humiliatioun, and Dauid to pay xx s. to the puir in part of pament of the Act, and Emmy to enter in presson.

Die primo mensis Januarii, anno lxxxiiijt.  

The quhilk day, conperit Betrix Murray, servand to Patrik Gutherie, and grantis hir to be with barn to George Cwning.

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1 Omitted.  2 This satisfait is inserted between Muffett and Paty.
hame. The sessioun ord[a]nis hir to mak humiliatioun for hir offence, and George to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, and Beatrix to be present with him.—Murray hes satisfait.

The qhilck day, Beatrix Weland confessis sche is with barn to William Mo[r]. The sessioun ordanis hir to mak humiliatioun for hir offence, a[nd] William to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, and Beatrix ordanit to be present with him.

The qhilck day, the sessioun ordanis Cristene Reif, servand to Androw Wrycht, to be warnit to this day viij dayis.

The qhilck day Alexander Mane grantis the barn born be Margret Kynneir to be his barn gottin in fornicatioun. The sessioun ordanis him to pay xx s. to the puir in part of pament of the Act, and to mak publict humiliatioun, and ane plege to be deliverit for Margretis satisfaction, qhilkis being all done than the barn to be baptizit.

Die Mercurii, octavo Januarii, anno lxxrii

The qhilck day, Thomas Scheves, sone to Thomas Scheves in Byrehillis, grantis he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Elspot Dipplein in this citee. He offeris him self to discipline, and obligis him self to pay xl s. to the use of the puir in part of pament of the Act for his impressoment, or ellis to enter in presson. The sessioun ordanis him to be warnit thairto, and Elspot to this day aucht dayis.

The qhilck day, William Moir, being warnit to this day, and accusat for committing fornicatioun with Beatrix Weland, producis ane bill aganis the said Beatrix, makand mentioun that the said Beatrix suld haif said to him that he suld nevir be the barnis father, bot ane man callit James, dwelling in Kellie within the parroch of Carnebe, and thai call his mother Agnes Traill, as the said bill at mair lent contenis, in presens of the said Beatrix, denyand the samyn, and said that sche nevir knew man carnalic bot the said William Moir alanderlie. Thai baith confes that it is thre yeiris sen that he had first carnall daill togidder, and mony tymes sen syne. And Beatrix sayis that the barn wes gottin the tyme that the Kingis Majestic wes last in this citee, and upon the fourt day after his Gracis cuming, at ten houris at evin, in the stray hous
under the over-girnell in the Abbay of St. Androus; and oftentimes sensyne thai haif lyin togidder. And William Moir, being inquirit if he knew ony uther man to haif hed carnall daill with hir, declaris he knawis none. The sessioun thairfor ordanis Moir to preif Weland to haif hed carnall daill with ane uther man, this day aucht dayis, in presens of Weland warnit heirto apud acta.

The quhilk day, becaus George Cwninghame and Beatrix Owminghame, Murray, Reif, and als Cristene Reif servand to Androw Wrycht, hes bein warnit of befoir and conperit nocht, the sessioun ordanis thame to be warnit agane for the secund tyme.

Die decimo quinto mensis Januarii, anno lxxxvij.

The quhilk day, in the terme appointit to William Moir to preif Beatrix Weland to haif hed carnall daill with ane uther man, conforme to the Act maid the viij day of Januar instant, becaus William Moir being laidfullie warnit to this day to that effect conperit nocht, and failyeit in probatioun; and in respect of his confession maid in the said Act, grantand carnall daill with the said Beatrix; thairfor the sessioun, and for divers utheris gude causis moving thame, decernis William Moir to be the father of the barn Beatrix is presentlie with; and ordanis thame baith to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordinances of the kirk.—Weland and Moir hes payit xxvj s. viij d. for thair impressonment, in part of pament of the Act.

The quhilk day, Cristene Reif grantis sche is with barn to James Forret, servand to James Lentroun; and that the barn wes gottin in Jhone Forrettis hous in this citee. The sessioun ordanis Forret to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, and Cristene to be than present with him.

The quhilk day, Issobell Kedzow, servand to George Greg, Thomas Ade,1 quhilk wes gottin ane moneth befoir Martimes last wes, in the hic gait betuix this and Coupars. The sessioun

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1 Interlined over Wilsoun.
ordanis William to be warnt to this day aute day dis, and Issobell to be present with him, and sche is relappis.—Kedzow hes satisfet.

The sessioun ordanis the breikis to be deliverit to Robert Clerk quhen he sittis upon the stull of repentance and makis\(^1\) humiliation for his offence.—Satisfet.

\textit{Die xxiij\(^o\) mensis Januarii, anno lxxxiij\(^o\).}

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis Duncane Gulene and Beatrix Miller, quha ar this day contractit in mariage, becaus thai hai[f] committit fornication befoir the mariage and contract, to sitt baith upon the penitent stull, the Sunday befoir the mariage and mak repentance.

The quhilk day, James Forret grantis he hes hed carnall daill with Cristene Reif, the xiiiij and xv dayis of October last we[s], and can nocht say if the barn Cristene be with is bar[n] or nocht; and if the [barn]\(^2\) being born cummis to his reckning he is content to tak thairwith; and sayis that [he]\(^2\) hed twois to do with hir and na mair. He and Reif baith is ordanit apud acta to be heir this day aute dayis for forder triall.

The quhilk day, Issobell Wilsoun in Byrhillis present sayis sche he[s] born ane madin barn in fornication to James Dik young[er], quhilk wes gottin in Patrik Hunteris hous in this citee, thre ouikis befoir the Sengze day last we[s]; and that sche hed to do with him sindry tymes thair, at the none tyid of the day; and that the ba[rn] wes borne fyve ouikis sensyne on ane Friday. The sessioun ordanis thame baith to be present this day aute dayis; and Ja[mes] Dik elder present takis the burding on him, to caus his son be present this day aute dayis befor the session.

The quhilk day, William Wilsoun grantis he hes hed carnall daill with Issobell Kedzow at the tyme sche confessis in the last Act, and thre dayis immediate thairefter, and never sensyne.—Issobell Kedzow hes satisfet.

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\(^1\) \textit{Mak} in MS.  
\(^2\) Omitted.
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Die xxix\textsuperscript{e} Januarii, anno lxxxiiij\textsuperscript{-}

The quhilk day, Agnes Bailze and Jhone Suntar baith present grantis that thai haif lying togidder in fornicatioun, and Agnes is with barne to Jhone. The sessioun ordanis thame to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour.—Agnes Bailze hes satisfait, and als Sunter.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis Dauid Gilruif and Issobell Russell to mak publicit humiliatioun, for fornicatioun committit be[...]. The sessioun ordanis thame befoir their contract of mariage; and thairefter mariage to proceed, utherwis nocht.—Sa.

The caus of fornicatioun betuix James Dik and Issobell 
Wilsoun is continewit to this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, James Forrett and Cristene Reif baith present, aggreand upon the tyme of fornicatioun committit betuix thame, as in the Act the xxij of Januar instant, ar decernit to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour.—Reif hes satisfait.

The quhilk day, Cristene Sandis, duelling with James 
Ramsay tailyeour, grantis sche is with barne to Edward 
Sinclar in Orknay. The barne wes gottin in James Dikkis 
hous in this citée, xv dayis befoir latter Marie day last wes. —Cristene Reif\textsuperscript{2} hes satisfait.

The quhilk day, William Moreis grantis he hes hed to do carnale with Jonet\textsuperscript{3} Mortoun twa syndry nichtis, in Jhone 
Budge hous younger wricht: he submittis him self to discipline.
The said [Bessy—deleted] Jonet is delatit also to haif hed carnall dail with Androw Forrett cultellar, and with ane 
servand of Androw Hageis walker, named Androw Watt. The sessioun ordanis thame all to be warnit to this day aucht dayis for triall.

Die quinto Februrii, anno lxxxiiij\textsuperscript{-}

The quhilk day, Jonet Mortoun confessis sche is with barn to William Moreis, quhilk wes gottin xiiiij dayis efter Witsont- 
day last wes; and that thai haif hed mony syndry tymes to do

\[1\] A. probably stands for actitat.  \[2\] Interlined over Bessy deleted.  \[3\] Sic.
The quhilk day, James Dik and Issobell Wilsoun confrontit, sche sayis that he hed to do with hir thre sindry tymes in the places specifiit in the first Act. Now James confessis twois, anis in the cheir and ane uther tyme at the fyre syde, in Patrik Huntaris hous. The sessioun contenewis the mäter to this day aucht dayis for forder triall.

The quhilk day, it is tocht gude be the Prisbittre, consall of the town, and sessioun, that Mr. Henry Leiche and Thomas Wod vicar of St. Androus be on the sessioun for this present yeir, quhill God provide ane ordinair pastour to this flok. Thairfor thai being present ar baith solemnalte sworn to observe the actis and statutis of the session, conforme to the godlie ordour observit in this session.

The quhilk day, conperit Elene Wilsoun, presentlie duelland with the Laird of Kynkell in Anstrother, confessis sche hes born ane man cheild gottin in fornicatiouen on hir be Jhone Monipenny, father bruther to the Laird Kynkell, quhilk wes gottin in William Monipennew heye chalmer in this citee, vij dayis befoir Zwill in the lxxxij yeries; and the samyn wes born xiiij dayis befoir Michaelmes last wes. Sche desyrand hir bartn to be baptizit, the sessioun ordanis Jhone Monipenny [to] conperit befor thame, and declair his conscience in the premisis; and thairefter satisfaction to be maid be thame to the kirk, and than the bartn to be baptizit, utherwysnoch.

**Die undecimo mensis Februarii, anno lxxxiiij.**

The quhilk day, Jonet Richertsoun confessis sche hes hed carnall dail with James Lawmonth, sone to Henry, Lawmonth, and that sche trowis sche is with bartn to him. The first tyme sche hed to do with him wes in Henry Lawmonthis four

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1 *Satifet* in MS.
2 This is the Thomas Wod referred to, *supra*, p. 40, n. 3. An attempt seems to have been made to scrape out *vicar*.
3 *In in* in MS.
4 Omitted.
chamber, ane moneth efter Michaelmes last wes, and that sche hes hed mony sindry tymes [to] do with him sen syne. The sessioun ordanis James Lawmonth to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, and Jonet to be than present with him.

The quhilk day, Cathrine Leiche confessis sche is with barn to Thomas Monipenny. An[d] Thomas and sche confrontit, baith present confessis thai haif hed mony sindry tyme[s] to do togidder, baith in Walter Finlosonis hous and his buith. Thai baith aggr[e] upon the tyme. Thai ar decernit to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day, James Dik hes payit for the impressio-ment of him and Jssobe[ll] Wilsoun his harlott xx s., in part of pament of the Act of Parliament. Thai a[r] decernit to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour, and thairafter the barn procreat betuix thame to be baptizit.—Satisfeit.1

Mr. Martine Geddy confessis he hes tane cautiuon for Dauid Muffett, that he sall mak humiliatioun for fornicatiou committit with Emmy Paty quhen he salbe chargit.—Satisfeit.

Die decimo nono mensis Februarii, anno j° v lxxxiiij°

The quhilk day, it is thocht gude and concludit be the session, for eschewing of inconvenientis in tymes cuming, that quhen ony man hes ane barne to be baptizit, that the father of the barn if he be at hame for the tyme, falyeing thairof ane uther faithfull nichbour in his name, cum to the redar and tua of the saitt and signifie the samyn—that na adultraris nor fornicatouris barnis be baptizit—and that the nicht befor the baptisme, utherwis that nane be ressavit to baptism[e] for the tyme.

Die xxvij° Februarii, anno j° v lxxxiiij°

The quhilk day, Jonet Richertsoun and James Lawmonth confessis thai haif diveris tymes committit fornicatiou togidder, and that Jonet is with barn to James. The sessioun

1 Satisfeit in MS.
ordanis thame to be impressonit and to mak humiliatioun for
their offence conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day Elspot Diplein confessis sche hes born ane
madin barn in fornicatioun to Thomas Scheves. The session
ordanis hir to be impresso[nit], and to mak humiliatioun con-
forme to the ordour.—Baith satisefit.

The quhilk day, becaus Robert Skirling, being oftines warmit
be the offic[iar] to conpeir befoir the sessioun, for forni-
caitioun committit be him with Agnes Methven, conperit nocht
bot contemptuuslie disobeyit; thairfor the sessioun ordanis
him to be publiclie summond upon Sunday nixttocum[m], to
conpeir befoir the sessioun this day aucth dayis, to anser
for the premissis under pane of disobedience.

Die undecimo Martii, anno lxxxiij.°

The quhilk day, Henry Jofray and Alesoun Perie, present,
grantis thai haif committit fornicatioun be procreatioun of
ane madin barne. Thai ar decerrnit to mak humiliatioun
Sonday cum aucth dayis, and thairefter thair barne to be bap-
tizit.—Satisfeit.

The quhilk day, the sessioun continewis the contracting
of William Robertson and Issobell Clerk, quhilk thai first
mak humiliatioun for fornicatioun, confessit committit betuix
thame; and also quhilk the said Issobell bring and produce
ane sufficient testimoniall fra the ministrie of Craill, quhair
sche hes satisefit the kirk, for adultrie committit be hir with
Androw Peris in the town of Craill, as sche confessit, be
bering of ane barn to him; and in the meanetyme ordanis
thame to mak humiliatioun for the said fornicatioun.

The quhilk day, Robert Skirling hes payit xx s., and he to
pay vjs. viijd. mair within xv dayis, to the pur; and to sitt
on the penitent stuill Sunday nixttocum or Sunday cum aucth
[dayis]² at the farrest, under pane of publict admonitioun;
and thairefter the barne to be baptizit, quhilk is procreate in
fornicatioun betuix him and Agnes Methven.

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¹ Confesso in ms. ² Omitted.
Die xvij. Martii, anno lxxvij.

The quhilk day, conperit Cristene Mwir, quha grantis that she, the xviij day of Marche instant, in the nicht, past outwith the South Gait Port of this citee, and thair committit the filthy crime of adultrie with James Neilsoun dwelling in Tessis Miln; and that she also befoir committit the filthy vice of adultrie with Androw Erle of Rothes, and that she buir ane madin barn to the said Lord at Alhallowmes last wes in adultrie. The sessioun requestis the Rectour to signifie the samyn to the Prisbitrie, that ordour may be takin heirwith, becaus the transgressouris duellis outwith thair jurisdiction.

The quhilk day, it is delatit to the sessioun that Margret Moncur hes hed carnall daill with Jhone Jak sklater, and with Jhone Motto, sone to umquhill Androw Motto; and also Cathrine Arthouris dochter is with barn; and siclyke that Bessy Forsyth hes born ane barn in fornicatioun to Mr. Patrik Myrtoun. The sessioun ordanis the wemen to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, to anser super inquirendis.

Die xxv. Martii, anno lxxxvij.

The quhilk [day],¹ conperit Jonet Brountoun, quha confessis she hes born ane barn in fornicatioun to Archibald Forbes within this parroche. The sessioun ordanis hir to mak humiliatioun, and to be impressonit for hir offence; and Archibald to be warnit how sone he may be apprehendit.

The quhilk day, the sessioun with commoun consent hes electit Schir Patrik Lermouth of Darsy, knycht, Provest of St. Androus, Mr. Dauid Russell, bailye, and Mr. James Martine, Provest of the Auld College, commissionaris to conpeir in the Synodall Assemblie, to be hallin at St. Androus the xxv of Marche instant, to assist consult² ressoun voit and conclud in all thingis, with the said Assemblie, to the glorie of God, mentinance of the religioun, and weill of Christis Kirk.

¹ Omitted. ² Consult in ms.
Die primo mensis Aprilis, anno lxxxiiij.  

The quhilk day, the sessioun requeistis the maesteatis of this citee to call Margret Moncur judicialie befoir thame; becaus sche is inobedient to the voce of the kirk, and will nocht declair quha is hir barnis father, now neir thre yeir auld, in hir cumpanie within this citee on baptizit; requesting also the maesteatis that sche may thoill the sentment\(^1\) of ane condigne assis for the samyn, and for the great sklander sche geviss to this congregratioun; requesting also the maesteatis to proovid for ane pressoun houes for faltours, and cheiflie to prepair the samyn quhair it wes anes devyat,\(^2\) on the north part of the north ile of the parroch[e] kirk. Mr. Dauid Russell and Mr. Martine Geddy, bailyes, present, acceptis the samyn commissioun in and upon thame, promising to report anser thairof this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Margret Kellie is decernit to remoif the on baptizit barne out of hir cumpanie and houshall; and also, becaus sche hes retenit the barne salang with hir on baptizit aganis the ordinance of the sessioun, sche is decernit [to]\(^3\) sitt upon the penitent stiull and bring the said barne with hir upon Sunday nixttocum, and to mak publict humiliatioun for the samyn.

Die octavo mensis Aprilis, anno lxxxiiij.  

The quhilk day, conperit Elspot Walker, induellar within the citee of St. Androus, bfeofir the sess[ioun] and ministrie thairof, and producit hir bill, makand mentioun that quhair, at Martimes ten yeiris sensys[ne], sche wes, according to the law of God and ordinance of the kirk, lauchtfullie mariit, with[in] the kirk of St. Androus, with Androw Wilsoun tailyeour, than duelling in the Eist Burn Wy[nd] of the said citee; and that the said Androw, without ony occasioun or notabill offence o[r] ony devorceoment, at Candilmes nixt efter the mariage, aganis the law of God, seperatit him selfe fra hir societie; and that sche wes trewlie informit the said Andro

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\(^1\) Sentment or sensyment, judgment.
\(^2\) Probably a mistake for devyat.
\(^3\) Omitted.
wes mariit with ane uther woman, uther within the parrochynnis of Leith or Crawmonth; and thairfor desyrith of the session act and testimoniall of the saide mariage. Qhilk desyre the saide sessioun and ministrie thocht ressonabill, quhairfor, efter the inspectioun of the band, and examnation of divers and sindry fam[ous] witnes, hes fund that the said Elspot wes laidfullie mariit with the said Androw in ma[ner] forsaide; and thairfor ordanis the extract and attentik copy heiroof to be deliverit to h[ir], for trew testimoniall of the saide mariage.

The quhilk day, conperit Margret Moncur, quha, being inquirit be the sessioun, quha is the father of the barne, quhilk sche hes borne an[d] kepith this lang tyme in hir cumpanie on baptizit, ansueris o[n] hir conscience that the said barne is Dauid Watsonis barne, and that he j[s] the father thairof, gottin be him on hir in Cathrine Morreis foir hous on the north syde of the South Gait of this citee, sex oukis befoir St. Androus day, four yeir sensyne last bygane; and that hir barne wes born at latter Marrie day nixt thairefter; and that sche hed to do with him divers uther tymes that samyn winteer. The sessioun ordanis Dauid Watson to be warnt[?] to anser thairto this day aucht dayis, and Moncur warnt to the samyn da[y] apud acta, to be confrontit.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis the officiar to charge Brentoun, Hunter. Patrik Hunter t[o] remoif Jonet Brentoun out of his houshald and famile, with all dilig[ence], under pane of disobedience.

Die decimo quinto mensis Aprilis, anno lxxiiij°

The quhilk day, Dauid Watsoun—being warnt to this day, and conperand befoir the sessioun, and accusit upon the dilatioun gevin in on him this day aucht dayis be Margret Moncur—declaris on his conscience that he nevir knew the said Margret carnalie, and that he is nocht hir barnis father.

The quhilk day, Margret Kellie, being present befoir the sessioun, declaris on hir conscience, safer as sche belevis, that the barne, quhilk sche hes hed in hir companie salang in buirding, is Henry Lawmonthis barne; and forder sayis that

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1 Confessio in MS.
upon Monoday last wes, the xiiij of Aprilis instant, Jhone Thowles, servand to Henry Lawmonth, deliverit to hir, in
Henry Lawmonth his name, twenty s. money; and desyrit hir
in the said Henreis name to depart furth of this citee for ane
litill tyme, quhill he speik with his gude sone Alane Cuning-
hame [to tak with the barne—deleted]; and forder declaris
that, within this quarter of yeir last wes, the said Jhone Thowles
deriverit to hir ane half merk steik¹ in Henreis name; and
siclyke declaris this samyn present day Gelis Muffett, spous to
Thomas Narne, send for hir and desyr hir to gif ane bill in
befoir the session, and say that the barnis father is furth of
this citee, that sche may haif delay, and nocht to enter upon the
penitent stew, quhill the barnis father cum heir agane. And
now the said Gelis being callit befor the sessioni grants
the samyn, and that sche did the samyn at the desyre and
request of Henry Lawmonthis wyffe. The sessioni continewis
Margret Kelleis cuming to the stulle of repentance, quhill
forder triall be hed in this mater, and ordanis Jhone Thowles
to be warnti to this day aucht dayis.

Die xxij° mensis Aprilis, anno lxxviiiij°

The quhilk day, the sessioni and ministrie of St. Androus
hes electit Schir Patrik Lemmonth, of Darzy, knycht, Provost
of St. Androus, Mr. Martine Geddy, bailye, and Mr. William
Cok, commissionaris to conpeir in the Generall Assemblie, to
be haldin at St. Androus the xxiiiij of Aprilis instant, to mak
instance for ane minister and ordinair pastour for the kirk of
St. Androus; and to assist ressoun voit concluid and determin
in all thingis, with the said Assemblie, for the outsetting of
Goddis glorie, mentinance of the religioun, and punisment[t]
of vice.

The quhilk day, becaus Jhone Thowles, servand to Henry

¹ Steikis were small Anglo-Saxon coins. 'It is undoubtedly an improper
application of styce, staca, styca, which denoted a small brass coin, in value
about half a farthing' (Jamieson's Dictionary). Half a merk was six shillings
and eightpence Scots.

'Sum gat thair handfull of thir half mark steikis,
Will have na mair within ane yeir nor we.'
Lawmonth, being laidfulle warnit be the officiar to haif conperit this day befoir the session, to haif ansuerit to the verite, to sic thingis as suld be proponit to him, he conperit nocht: thairfor the sessioun ordanis him to be warnit agane to this day aucht dayis, under the pane of publict admonitioun.

Die penultimo mensis Aprilis, anno Domini j."t"r lxxviiij"t"r.

The quhilk day, conperit James Steill officiar, quha verifiit befoir the sessioun that he hed warnit Jhone Thowles, servand to Henry Lawmonth, personalie apprehendit, to haif conperit befoir the session this day, to haif ansuerit to the verite of sic thingis as suld haif bein proponit to him, tuiching the on baptizit barne in buirding with Margret Kelle, incertane of the father, &c., and that for the secund tyme, under the pane of publict admonition, conforme to the tenour of the last Act. The said Jhone being oftimes caillit, nocht conperand, dew tyme biddin, the session ordanis the clerk to direct ane summondis to Thomas Wod, vicar and redar of this parrochin, to summond the said Jhone Thowles publice in the parroch kirk, upon Sunday nixttocum befoir none, in presens of the pepill convenit to sermone, to conpeir on Weddinday the sext of Maii nixttocum befoir thame, to ansuer to the premissis, under the pane of excommunicatioun; and the summondis to conten ane narrative, how lang the barn hes bein with Kelle, and quhaur and quhome fra sche ressavit the barin.

Die sexto mensis Maii, anno lxxviiiij"t"r.

The quhilk day, Jhone Thowles, witnes, servand to Henry Lawmonth, being ressavit suorn and examinat, confessit that upon the xiiij day of Aprile last wes, he deliverit xx s. to Margret Kellie, in name and at command of the said Henry his maister; and that he desyrit Margret Kellie in his maisteris name to depart furth of this citee for ane litill quhill; and forder grants that ane quarter of ane yeir sensyne their com ane pur laid and knokit at Henry Lawmonthis yett in this citee, and the deponar opnit the yett and the boy said to him:—Margret Lawmonth, youngest dochter to Henry, hes
given me this half merk steik at hir fatheris bak yett, and hes willit me to cum to the foir yett and gif the samyn to yow, that ye, Jhone Thowles, suld pas thairwith and gif it to Margret Kellie—quhilk he did in deid; and foder the deponar sayis that Margret Lawmonth grants that schet gat the said half merk steik fra the said Henry to the effect foirsaid. The sessioun ordanis Henry Lawmonth wyse, namely [blank] Monipenny, to b[e] warnit to this day aucht dayis, for foder triall to be takin in this mater.

The quhilk day, Androw Andersoun, servand to Jhone Wod, grants he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Bessy Gulen in Kyncapill. The sessioun ordanis Gulen to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, and Andersoun to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day, the sessioun, with commoun consent, ordanis William Wilsoun to pay xx s. to the puir, for fornicatioun committit be him with Issobell Kegzo[w], in part of pament of the Act.

_Die xiiij Maii, anno lxxiiiij°._

The quhilk day, conperit Thomas Wilsoun, servand to George Philp, confessis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Margret Richertson, he being for the tyme servand with Jhone Wilsoun in the Grange; he hes presentit his barn to baptismis, nevir knawand the kirk for his offence. He is decernit to enter in pression Satterday nixttocum, and to satisfie conforme to the ordour; and ordanis Richertson to be also warnit.

The quhilk day, becaus that Cristene Monipenny wes warnit to this day, personale apprehendit, to half conperit befoir the sessioun, as wes verefiit be the officiar, and disobeyit; thairfor the sessioun ordanis hir zit as of befoir to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, under pane of disobedience.

_Die xx mensis Maii, anno lxxvij°._

The quhilk day, Cristene Monipenny, spous to Henry Lawmonth, being laidfull[lie] warnit to this day, conperit
and confessis that sche desyrit Gelis Muffett, spous to Thomas Narne, to pas to Margret Kellie, and to desyre hir to gif in ane bill befoir the sessioun, to mein hir selē that sche wes extremelie handlit for keping of ane on baptizit barne with hir, quhairfor sche wes accusit, and na forder.

*Die xxvij' Maii, anno ixxiijto.*

The quhilk day, Margret Kellie is decernit of new to sit Kellie. upon the penitent stuill, and to bring the barn with hir; and thairefter to put the barn out of hir cumanie.

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the sessioun that Thomas Wod redar, in tyme of prayaris, reid onlie the prayar in the Psalme Buik, and the chapitouris alanerlie of the New and Auld Testament, without ony additioun of his awin brane, noit, or utherwyis, except it be gevin him be wreit from the sessioun, and he to reid that without additioun simplie.\(^1\)

The quhilk day, Margret Richertsoun in Ester Grange grantis sche is with barne to Robert Bryde, servand to Thomas Ade. He is decernit to be warnt to this day aucht dayis.

*Die decimo septimo Junii, anno ixxiijto.*

The quhilk day, conperit Patrik Archibishop of St. Androus befoir the sessioun and ministrie thairof, and declarit planlie that it is nather the Kingis Majestis will, nor yit the Thre Esteatis of this realme, to inhibiteit the convening of the elderis and deaconis of ony congregatioun within this realme to convene, nor to inhibiteit ony guide ordour estabalit within the same for punisheinent of vice, bot onlie to inhibiteit the new erectit Prisbittreis; and thairfor takis upon his lordschip that the sessioun and ministrie of Sanctandrous may convene at thair accustomat tymes, as thai haif done heirtofoir, without ony danger of the Act of Parliament,\(^2\) lyke as his lordschip

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\(^1\) Other readers were restricted as well as Wod. On the 3d of February 1595-6, the Presbytery of Glasgow ordained 'that thair be na thing red or sung in the new kirk be Johne Bucchane reidare thair, bot that quhilk is contenit in the Word of God' (Maitland Miscellany, i. 79).

\(^2\) This was one of the Acts, passed on the 22d of May 1584, abolishing Presbytery, and known as the Black Acts. The one specially referred to is that
presentlie requiris thame sa to do, for gude ordour and
punisment of vice in tymes cuming; quha ar content to
convein at his desyre to the effect foirsaid, as thai haif in
tymes bygane; requesting his lordship to obtein and deliver
to thame the Kingis Gracis letter of warnand thairupon,
quhilk the said Archibishop promist to do.

P. Sanctandross.

The same day, the sait hes tocht gude and appointit
the communioun to be celebratit upon Sunday cum xv dayis,
the fyft day of Julii nixttocum.

And sua examinatouris to the first quarter: Mr. James
Wilkie, Rectour, Mr. Martine Geddy, William Ferry, elderis.
Androw Watsoun dakin, scrib thairto.

The second quarter: Mr. James Martine,1 Provest of the
Auld College, Mr. William Cok, James Robertson. Dauid
Guidlaid scrib thairto.

The thrid quarter: Mr. Jhone Robertson, Mr. Dauid Russell,
Alexander Carstaris, and Charlis Watson scrib thairto.

The fourt quarter: Mr. Henry Leiche, William Lermouth,
Alexander Wynsister. Thomas Wod redar, scribe thairto.

The examinioun to begin upon Mononday the xxij of
Junii instant.

_Die xxiiij^o Junii, anno lxxxiiij^o._

The qhilk day, it is tocht gude and concludit, be my
Lord of St. Androus and haill sessioun, that Thomas Wod
redar, in all tymes cuming, haif ane Register Buik, in the
qhilk he sal insert the names of all barnis that ar baptizit

entitled:—'Ane Act discharging all jurisdictionis and jugementis not approvit
be Parliament, and all assemblies and conventionis without our Soverane Lordis
speciall licence and commandement '(Acts of Parl. of Scotland, iii. 293). By
another of these Acts, Archbishop Adamson, the bishops, and certain commis-
sioners to be appointed, were empowered to 'put ordour to all materis and
causis ecclesiasticall within thair dioceissis' (Ibid. iii. 303). Adamson's state-
ment in the text, that the King and Parliament only wished 'to inhibit the new
erectit Prisbittreis,' is far from accurate. See M'Crie's Melville, second ed.,
i. 221 et seq. It was probably in case of danger, that the kirk-session secured
Adamson's signature to this entry.

1 Interlined over Robertson deleted.
PATRICK ADAMSON (p. 373).

DAVID BLACK (p. 757).
ROBERT WALLACE.

GEORGE GLAISTAINES (p. 772 et al.).

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within this parroche, the parentis names, the day of thair baptisme; siclyke, the names of all personis mariit within the samyn, and the day of thair mariage; and also the names of all personis departand fra this lyfe within the samyn parrochinn, and the day of thair departing; and forder the names of all penitentis, and the day that thai mak thair humiliatioun, quhidder it be the first secund or thrid falt or ofter; and this in presens of the said Thomas Wod, promising to do the samyn; and als that the day of the birth of every barne baptizit; and the redar ilk Weddingsday to bring and produce all thir foirsaidis names befoir the sessioun, to be inrollit in ane Register ad perpetuam rei memoriam.

The quhilck day, anent the supplicatioun gevin in befoir the sessioun be Jhone Russell in Nether Kenlovy, for thair testimoniall to be direct to the minister of Kilconquhar, that the said Jhone hed maid humiliatioun in this kirk for fornication committit be him with Jonet Kay; the said Jhone, for preving that he hes maid humiliatioun, produces\(^1\) Hew Frew in Pwkye, Thomas Broun in Mwirhoussis, and Robert Broun in Pukye, witnes, [quha,]\(^2\) suorn and examinat, deponis in thair consciences that thai saw the said Jhone and Jonet mak publict humiliatioun in this kirk, conforme to the ordour, for thair said offence. Thairfor the sessioun ordanis the clerk to gif testimoniall heirupon as is requirit.

The quhilck day, it is votit be the sessioun that the Rectour, the Provost of the Auld College, Mr. Dauid Russell, bailye, and Mr. William Cok, ryde to Darsy, Mononday nixt to cum, to heir the Provestis mynd anent the electing of ane minister to this congregatioun, and thai to report ansuer this day aucht dayis.

_Die octavo mensis Julii, anno lxxx quarto._

The quhilck day, the sessioun ordanis the barin, gottin in fornicatioun be Jhone Macnab upon Jonet Dalgleis (quhilck Jonet hes ellis satisfai the kirk), to be baptizit upon the suit of the said Jonet; and Jhone Macnab to be punist for his falt, according to the ordour of the kirk.

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\(^1\) _Produce in ms._

\(^2\) Omitted.
Die decimo quinto mensis Julii, anno lxxx quarto.

The quhilk day, conperit Patrik, Bishop of St. Androus, befoir the sessioun and ministrie thairof, and declarit that his lordschip him selfe hes takin sufficient triall in Lundoun of the departure of umquhill Jhone Tailzeour, suntyme baxter citiner in this citee, fra this lyffe; and thairfor takis the burding on his lordschip of the mater, and of the said Jhonis departure; and sua his lordschip, as ordinair Bishop of St. Androus, ordanis the mariage to proceid betuix Archibald Wischart and Jonet Dalgieische, relict of the said umquhill Jhone, and the redar to proclame thair bannis Sunday nixttocum.

The quhilk day, Agnes Buikles grantis sche is with barne to Jhone Andersoun litstar, quhilk sche sayis wes gottin in hir awin hous in St. Leonardiis Wynd, in the nicht about Zoull last wes. The sessoun ordanis Jhone Andersoun to be warnit to anser thairto this day aucht dayis, and Agnes to be present, warnit apud acta.

Die vigesimo sec[un]do Julii, anno lxxx quarto.

The quhilk day, conperit Mr. Jhone Rutherfurd, 1 electit minister and pastor of this congregation of St. Androus, quha ratifesit and apprevit the hail actis and statutis of the kirk and sessioun of this parroch, maid in this buik, for outsetting of Goddis glorie, and gude ordour and discipline to be hed in the samyn; and, being solemnatle suorn, promist to observe and keip the samyn at his power, and to discharge his office and cuir in all thingis at his power, safer as God wald minister to him his grace.

The quhilk day, Jhone Anderson litstar and Agnes Buikles, baith present, grantis thai haif committit fornicatioun, and

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1 'About this time the King asked at Mr. Jothe Rutherfurde, saying, "Would yee be minister of Sanct Andrewes?" He answered, "Yes, sir; but shame fall me, if I doe not my duetie!" The King said, "Shame fall thee, and the devill receave thee too, if thou doe it not: goe thy way." So he departed inaugurated. This was called The maner of Mr. Jothe Rutherfurde's admissiou.' (Calderwood's History, iv. 199.) 2 Confesso in ms.
that the said Agnes is with barne to him; and thai baith confes that this is the thrid tyme that ilk ane of thame hes maid defection. The sessioun statutis to pronounce thair decrete aganis the saidis parteis this day aucht dayis. The saidis parteis warnit heirto apud acta.

Die vigesimo nono mensis Julii, anno lxxx quarto.

The quhilk day, the sessioun, haifing respect to the outsetting of Goddis glory and keping of the Sabbaoth day conforme to the fourt commandiment of Almychtie God, hes, all with ane voce, tocht gude [that]\(^1\) na leadis of victuall, collis, peatis, turffis, hedder, nor na uther geir, be carit nor brocht in within this citee on the Sabbath day; and that na craftsman, flesheouris, nor utheris, work on the Sabbath; bot that the samyn be kepit puir and holie, according to the commandiment of God; and that supplicatoun be direct be the minister to the majestraitis of this citee, for gude ordour to be takin heiranten; and that publication of the samyn be maid in the pulpit be the minister Sunday nixttocum.

The quhilk day, for eschewing of misordour and tumult and satling of the abuse enterit in the ower great number of witnes or gossoppis to the barnis that ar baptizit in this kirk, the sessioun hes tocht gude and concludit that, in all tymes cuming, witnes, that salbe advertisit and warnit be the parentis to the baptisme\(^2\) of the barnis, sall sitt still in thair awin places, quhairin thai salbe in for the tyme in the kirk; and nane to stand up tyme of baptisme bot the parent and father of the barne haldand up his awin barne him selfe onlie, except tua or thre witnes at the maist.

The quhilk day, as in terme statut to pronounce in actioun of fornicatioun, committit betuix Jhone Andersoun litstar and Agnes Buikles, the sessioun—in respect of the said Jhone and Agnes awin confessionis, maid in the Act the xxij of Julii instant, grantand that thai and ilk ane of thame hes thre sindy tymes maid defectionoun efter admonition, and fallin in the filthy vice of fornicatioun, be procreatioun of thre sindy

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\(^1\) Omitted.  \(^2\) Baptisme in MS.
barnis—hes decernit the saidis Jhone and Agnes to mak publict repentance conforme to the Act of Parliament; and, for execution thairof, remittis thame to the civile majestraitis, to be forder punisit according thairto.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis James Fairfull and Margret Kennedy, Bessy Rowill, James Lawmonth and Jonet Richertson, Thomas Monipen[ny] and Cathrine Leiche, to be all warnit to this day aucht dayis, under pane of publict admonitioun; becaus it wes verefit be the officiar that thair wer laidfullie warnit to this day and contempteusle disobeyit.

—Thai haif baith ² satisfeit.

James Fairfull and Margret Kennedy hes ilkane payit xx s. for thair impressment, in part of pament of the Act of Parliament; and hes baith maid publict humiliatioun ³ Sunday the ix of August 1584.

_Die Mercurii, quintu Augusti, anno lxxx quarto._

The quhilk day, Thomas Wod redar is ordanit be the sessioun to reid the prayaris ilk Friday, befoir and efter none, quhill God provide for the Fridayis precheing.

The quhilk day, becaus James Laumonth wes nocht personolie apprehendit, it is ordanit be the sessioun that he be warnit personolie to this day aucht dayis, under pane of publict admonitioun.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis Thomas Monipenny, Cathrine Leiche, Alane Hendersoun, Robert Bridy, Andrew Andersoun, to be all warnit agane to this day aucht [dayis], ⁴ under pane of publict admonition; becaus thai haif bein twois warnit of befoir and conperit nocht.

_Die duodecimo mensis Augusti, anno lxxii quarto._

The quhilk day, Thomas Monipenny is ordanit to pay for his impressment ten s., in part of pament of the Act of

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1 This has originally run to _haif merit the panis for fornicationis contenit in the Act of Parliament_. The alteration is interlined, but the clerk has omitted to delete some of the words.

² _Sic._

³ Admonition in MS.

⁴ Omitted.
Parliament; and to mak humiliatioun Sunday nixttocum, for fornicatioun committit\(^1\) be him with Cathrine Leiche.

The quhilk day, Androw Andersoun to pay xiiij s. iiiij d. Anderson, for his impressement, in part of pament of the Act of Parliament, for fornicatioun committit be him with Bessy Gulen; and to mak humiliatioun Sunday nixttocum.—Anderson hes payit. Gulen suld pay vj s. viij d. Thai haif baith maid humiliatioun.

The quhilk day, Robert Bryde grantis he hes hed carnall dall with Margret Richertsoun, and that he hes gottin ane barn with hir in fornicatioun. He is decernit to mak publict humiliatioun, and to enter in presson Satterday nixttocum.—Brydy hes satisfait and payit. Ric.

The quhilk day—becaus it is this day verefeit be James Steill officiar that James Lawmounth hes bein thre sindry tymes warnit to conpeir before thame, and last to this day personale apprehendit, to anser for the fornicatioun committit be him with Jenet Richertson, manifestit be procreatioun of ane barne grantit be thame procriait, he contemptuslie disobeit—[the session]\(^3\) ordanis summondis to be direct to Thomas Wod redar, to summond the said James publiclie in the kirk Sunday nixttocum, to conpeir befoir thame Weddingsday nixttocum, to the effectfoirsaid, under pane of publict admonition. And siclyke ordanis Alane Hendersoun to be publiclie summond, becaus he hes bein thrys warnit of befoir and disobeyit.—[Alane Henderson hes payit xiiij s. iiij d.—deleted.]

\[\text{Die xix}^a \text{ Augusti, anno lxxvij}^a.\]

The quhilk day, the questioun being proponit be the minister and ressonit be the sessioun, quhidder it suld be better to follow furth the auld ordour observit in this sait sen reformation in religiuin, in punising of transgressouris, and inobedient personis to the voce of the kirk, or to remit the offendaris to the Bischope to be punisit; it is concludit, be

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\(^1\) Commit in MS.

\(^2\) The clerk has begun to write Richertsoun, but has stopped short. Omitted.
pluralite of voitis, that the sessioun keip thair auld accustomit
use, quhill forder order be takin be the Kingis\(^1\) Majestie and
his Gracis Esteatis.

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the sessioun that ilk
persoun, quha enteres in pressoun, sall pay to James Steill kepar
of the pressoun, for his panis, twa schillingis, and that he\(^2\)
componis for thair impressoment tuelf penneis in tymes cuming.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis Jhone Small to present
Bessy Small his dochter, quha hes born ane man chiel in
fornicatioun with Dauid Buist, as he allegis befoir thame,
within xx dayis, that triall and gude ordour may be hed
with hir.

The quhilk day, conperit James Lawmonth, quha promist
to pay xl's., in part of pament of the Act for his impressoment Satterday nixttocum, and to sitt on the penitent stueil
Sunday nixttocum.—Lawmonth hes maid humiliation bot
restis xl's. on payit.—Now payit.

The quhilk day, conperit Alane Hendersoun, quha payit
xiiij s. iiiij d., in part of pament of the Act for his impressoment, for fornicatioun committit be him with Jonet Hagy,
and promist [to]\(^3\) enter on the penitent stueil Sunday nixttocum.—Hendersoun hes satisfait.

\[\text{Die vigesimo sexto mensis Augusti, anno lxxx quarto.}\]

The quhilk day, conperit Thomas Diksoun younger, quha
confessis he hes committit fornicatioun with Besse Scott,
quha as he belevis is with barn to him. He is ordanit to
pay xxx s., in part of pament of the Act, and to mak publict
hummiliatioun thairfor Sunday nixttocum.—He hes satisfait.

The quhilk day, conperit Issobell Wilkie, quha confessis
sche is with barn to\(^4\) Jhone Dowill, servitour to Robert

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\(^1\) King in ms.
\(^2\) There seems to be something wrong here. Perhaps it should read—'Thai that componis' for their imprisonment should pay twelve pennies. The session had previously (16th October 1577) ordained that James Steill should receive two shillings from each prisoner (\textit{supra}, pp. 427, 428).
\(^3\) Omitted.
\(^4\) To to in ms.
Scheves. . . . 1 The session ordanis Jhone Dowill to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, and Issobell to be present the said day.—And now [she makes a further confession].

The quhilk day, Conferit Bessy Fogow, quha confessis sche is with barne to Jhone Kay. The session ordanis hir to enter in presson Satterday nixttocum, and Jhone to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, and Bessy to be present the said day. —Thai haif Satisfecit.

Die secundo mensis Septembris, anno lxxxiiij.

The quhilk day, Thomas Wod, being present befoir the ses-

sion, is ordanit, befoir ony barne be baptizit, [to] 2 pas and

tak suir triall of sic barnis that ar to be baptizit, and quha ar

the barnis parentis, and quhider thai be laidfull or nocht,

and quhider thai haif maid satisfaction or nocht that ar adulterous or fornicatouris parentis, that the barnis of sic be nocht baptizit without repentance preceid.

The quhilk day, Elspot Rekie grants sche is with barne
to David Orm younger. [Elspot then gives a detailed con-

fession.] The session ordanis the said David to be warnit
to this day aucht dayis to anser thairto, and the said Elspot
to be present the said day.

The quhilk day, William Rantoun and Cathrne Gourlay
to adheri togidder in the feir of the Lord as becummis twa

marit peronis, in all tyme cuming, durin[g] thair lyftymes.

And also William oblis him to inbring, to his awin utilite

and the said Cathrns, the hail geir quhilk he hes takin

furth of the hous, and to place it in that place quhair it

was of befoir. And siclyke, the said Cathrne oblis him to

bring hame as said is all geir quhilk sche hes takin furth of

the said William hous, and place it in the awin place agane.

And thai promis with Goddis grace to lief mair godlie and

honest togidder in tyme cuming.

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1 Here she enters into details, in which she refers to 'Alexander Ostianis hous.'

2 Omitted.
Die nono Septembris, anno lxxxiiij°.

Dowill, Wilkye. The quhilk day, becaus Jhone Dowill is presente seik, he is ordanit to be warnit agane of new to this day aucth dayis, for fornicatioun committit with Issobell Wilkie.

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Kay, quha confessis [Issobell—deleted] Besse Fogo is with barin to him gottin in fornicatioun. He [is]¹ ordanit to enter in pressoun Satterday nixttocum, and to satisfie conforme to the ordour.—Kay hes satisfeit and payit.

The quhilk day, Mr. Jhone Rutherfurd minister declaris that David Orm younger commiss to him, and confessit that Elspot Rekie is presente with barin to him gottin in fornicatioun, and that he is departit furth of this citiit. The sessioun ordanis David Orm, how sone he returnis to this citiit, to mak satisfaction for his offence conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day, conperit Besse Small, quha confessis that sche is with barne to Androw² Buist. Sche is ordanit to caus David be heir befoir the sessioun this day aucth dayis, that gude ordour may be takin thairin.

The quhilk day, Charlis Watsoun scribe, at command of the sessioun, deliverit to James Steill for his yeiris fie bigane xl s.

Die decimo sexto mensis Septembris, anno lxxxiiij°.

The quhilk day, Margaret Bane, servand to Henry Forsyth, confessis sche is with barne to Henry Wilsoun, son to unquhill Henry Wilsoun; and that sche hed nevir to do with him bot anis, quhilk wes at Trinitie Sunday last wes. The sessioun ordanis hir to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour, and Henry to be warnit to anser thairto.

The quhilk day, Mr. David Russell baiyle, ane of the elderis of this sessioun, commandit Besse Small to caus Androw² Buist, quha hes gottin the barne with hir as sche allegis in fornicatioun, to be present befoir the session, to

¹ Omitted. ² Interlined over David deleted.
answer for the said cryme, this day viij dayis, under the pane of banising hir this citec.

The quhilk day, Cristene 1 Deir confessis sche is with barne Confessio Deir.
to Alexander Mylsoun. [Then follows a detailed confession of her guilt.]

Marioun Boytoir confessis sche is with barne to Jhone Confessio Boytoir, Hagy.
Hagy, schipbird to the relict of Mr. Thomas Balfour. [Marioun then gives details as to the frequency of her sin.]

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Dowill and Issobell Wilkie, Confessio Dowill, Wilkie,
quha being confrontit, the said Jhone [while admitting his guilt denied part of her statement]. Sche is delatit to haif
hed carnall daill with William Moir, William Kirk, Thomas Moir, Kirk,
Ostiane and Jhone Maknair. The sessioun ordanis Jhone Ostiane,
Dowill to mak humiliatioun for his offence; and the saidis
personis to be warnt to this day aucht dayis, to answer to the
dilatioun, and Issobell commandit to be present the said day.

Die vigesimo quarto mensis Septembris, anno lxxiiiij 2o.

The quhilk day, becaus that Henry Wilsoun, quha wes 2 delatit be Mergrét Bane to haif gottin ane barne with hir in
fornicationoun, is at the saill, he is ordanit to be warnit to
answer to the dilatioun how sone he returnis; and Mergrét
Bane, being present, inquirit if the barne be Henry Forsythis
barne, and if evir he hed to do with hir carnalie or nocht,
ansueris, on hir conscience, that sche nevir knew the said
Henry Forsyth carnalie.—Mergrét Bane hes bein impressonit sa.
and maid humiliatioun.

The quhilk day, Androw Buist and Bessy Small, baith
present befoir the sessioun, grantis the barne quhilk Bessie
is with is the said Androwis barne, gottin in fornication
within the parrochin of Logy; and becaus sche com to this
citee and buir the samyn, the sessioun ordanis thame to
mak publict humiliatioun in this kirk, Sonday nixtocom, and sa.
to pay xxx s. to the priur.—All is satisfeit.

The quhilk day, Alexander Mylsoun, being warnt to this
day to answer to the dilatioun gevin in upon him to be

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1 Interlined over Margret deleted.  2 Hes in MS.
the father of the barne quhilk Cristene Deir is presentle with, conperit personalie with the said Cristene, and grantis the samyn. He is decernit to enter in pressoun Satterday niixttocum and Cristene Satterday cum aucht dayis, and thairefter thai baiith to mak publict humiliatioun.—Thai haif payit xxx s. and hes satisfeit.

The quhilk day, Jhone Hagy grantis that the barne, quhilk Marioun Boytour is presentle with, is his barne gottin in fornicatioun, and aggreis on the tymne with hir. Hagy is ordanit to enter in pressoun Satterday niixttocum, and remane thair viij dayis, and Boytour Satterday cum aucht dayis, and remane xv dayis becaus sche is relappis.—Jhone Hagy hes payit x s. and satisfeit. Boytour hes bein impressonit and satisfeit.

The quhilk day, William Moir, William Kirk, Thomas Ostiane and Jhone Maknair, being warnit to this day to anser to the dilatioun gevin in aganis thame to haif all [hed]\(^1\) carnall daill with Issobell Wilkie, conperit William Moir and William Kirk, quha refusit to declar the trewith or sueir on the dilatioun; thairfor thai ar warnit *apud acta* to advis quhill this day aucht dayis, and to conpeir agane to gif thair aithis and declaratioun thairon, with certificatioun if thai failye thai salbe hed *pro confesso*. Thomas Ostiane conperit and purgit him self be his ath of the dilatioun; and becaus Jhone Maknair conperit nocht, [the session]\(^1\) ordanis him to be warnit agane of new to this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Anderson litstar befoir the sessioun, and declarit in conscience befoir God that he repentit from his hart his former syn and ongodlie lyfe, desiring the sessioun moist humlie in the name of God and for Goddis saik to ressaif him to humiliatioun, and offerrit him willinge to obey quhat kynd of discipline thai wald injune to him, and siclyke offerrit willinge to pay to the purten merkis money. The sessioun, understanding his humill suit, and willing rather his salvation nor distruction, ordanis him to be impressonit for viij dayis, and thairefter to mak publict humiliatioun conforme to the ordour, and to pay the

\(^{1}\) Omitted.
said ten merkis to the puir.—Jhone Anderson hes payit x merkis and satisfieit.

Die primo mensis Octobris, anno lxxxviiit.  

The quhilk day, William Moir grantis he [hed]¹ anis carnall daill with Elspot ² Wilkie, on St. Vallantynis evin last wes, and nevir mair. And Williame Kirk also grantis he hed anis carnall daill with the said Issobell ² Wilkie ane yeir sensyne, in Alexander Ostianis hous, and nevir mair. Thai ar baith ordanit to be impressonit; and William Moir to mak tuois publict satisfactioun, becaus he is relappis and nocht yit satisfieit, and Kirk anis publict humiliatioun. Jhone Macnair conperit and purgit him of the dilatioun laid to his charge with Elspot ² Wilkie.

The quhilk day, conperit Margret Bell and grantis that sche hes borne ane man child in fornicatioun to William Swayne younger, quhilk wes gottin besyde Thomas Rekeis yet, betuix x and xj houris at evin, viij dayis befoir Michaelmes last wes. William is ordanit to be warnit heirto this day aucht dayis, and Margret warnit apud acta thairto.

The quhilk day, Jhone Dowill, being accusit for haifing carnall daill with Jonet Duncane, confessis the samyn, anis and na mair, quhilk wes ane yeir sensyne or thairby. Jonet is ordanit to be warnit to this day aucht dayis to anser thairto, and Dowill to be punisit as ane relapis in fornicatioun.

Die septimo Octobris, anno lxxxviiit.  

The quhilk day, William Swayne grantis he hes hed carnall daill with Margret Bell, at the tyme and place confessis be Margret in the last Act, and that the barne is his barne. He is ordanit to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour.

Die xiiij* mensis Octobris, anno lxxx quarto.

The quhilk day, Jhone Diplein grantis that he twa yeir Diplein.

¹ Omitted. ² Sir.
sensyne committit fornicatioun with Bessy Andersoun, and last tyme that he hed to do with hir wes ane moneth befoir Witsunday last wes. Bessy is ordanit to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, and Jhone to enter in presson Satterday nixtorem, and to satisfie conforme to the ordour.

The sessioun ordanis Jonet Duncane, Beatrix Weland, Grissell Gray, Jonet Brentoun and David Orm younger, William Moir and William Kirk, to be all warnit to this day aucht dayis, to ansuer super inquirendis.

The quhilk day being appointit and assignit to all maner [of] 1 personis haiveng voit within this citee and parrochien, to conpeir to object aganis the personis nominated to be elderis and deaconis for this yeir incuming, na persoun nor personis conperand to object, the sessioun findis the personis nominated elegabill, and thairfor ordanis the election to pas fordirlwart.

Die vigesimo primo mensis Octobris, anno octagesimo quarto.

Mr. Jhone Rutherfurdi minister. 2

Eldaris and diaconis votit electit and chosin.

Maister James Wilkie, Rectour of the Universite of St. Androus
Mr. James Martine, Provest of the Auld College
Mr. Jhone Robertsoun, maister in the New College
Mr. William Cok, bailye
Alexander Winsister, bailye
Mr. Dauid Russell
Mr. Martine Geddy
James Robertsoun
William Ferry
James Smyth
Alexander Carstaris
Jhone Martine.

Eldaris up on land.

Androw Wod of Straytwethy
Mr. Androw Aytoun of Kynnaldy
James Ade in Over Kenlovy.

1 Omitted.
2 Rutherfurdi's name is written opposite the date and partly in the margin.
Diaconis votit electit and chosin.

William Zwill, mercheand
Patrik Gutherie
Charlis Watsoun, scrib
Andrew Watsoun
David Guidlaid
Alexander Dayis
David Blair
Patrik Playfeir.¹

Deaconis up on land.
Martine Carstrophein in Byrhillis
Thomas Scheves thair
Thomas phenisoun in Kincapill
Dauid Pattoun in Balrymounth.

The quhilk day, the eldaris and deaconis aboif writin affirmit ratifiat and apprivit the haill actis and statutis, maid be the sessioun upon the fyft day of November lxxij yeiris, and ar all solemnaitse suorn bund and oblist to observe keip and fulfill the samyn, and the dayis and hour of thair convening, as also Thomas Wod redar, under the panis contenit in the saidis actis.

The quhilk day, Jonet Brentoun present is decernit to pay xl s. to the puir, for hir impressment in part of pament of the Act, and thairefter to mak publict humiliatioun for the fornicatioun committit be hir with Archibald Forbes. And forder sche is delatit of new to haif hed carnall daill with Robert Robertson mason, and lykwis sche being present desyris to be contractit in marriag with said Robert. The session ordanis hir to mak satisfaicioun as is ellis decernit for the first offens, and to anser to the new dilation, and thairefter sche salhaif anser tuiching hir contracting.—Brentoun hes satisfeiz for fornicatioun committit with Normond Wemes and Archibald Forbes, and payit xl s.

The quhilk day, Agnes Robertson alias Sowtar grants that the barne, quhilk sche oftimes befoir affermit befoir the session wes Patrik Walkeris barn, is now Peter Milleris barne, gottin be him on hir in adultrie in harvest wes thre yeiris, under the Gallow Laik amangis the sey cragis; . . . ² and that the barne wes born at mid symmer wes tua yeiris. The sessioun ordanis

¹ Playfeir’s name seems to have been added.
² She then makes a further confession.
Peter to be warnit to answer thairto this day aucth dayis, and ordanit Agnes to be present the said day.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis Grissell Gray and Dauid Orm younger to be warnit agane of new to conpeir befoir thame this day aucth dayis, to answer to the dilationis\(^1\) gevin in aganis thame, becaus thai wer ellis warnit to this day and disobeyit.

Die vigesimo octavo mensis Octobris, anno lxxxiij\(^2\).

The quhilk day, conperit Jonet Duncan, quha wes warnit to this day to answer to the dilatioun gevin in upon [hir]\(^3\) to haif hed carnall daill with Jhone Dowill, quha, being accusit thairon, denyi the samyn. The sessioun ordanis hir to be present this day aucth dayis, and Jhone Dowill to be warnit to the said day, that thai may be confrontit.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis Dauid Orm younger and Grissell Gray to be warnit agane for the thrid tyme, to this day aucth dayis, to answer to the dilationis gevin in upon thame, under pane of publict admonition, becaus thai haif bein twois chargit of befoir and conperit nocht.

The quhilk day Bossy Anderson grantis sche is with barne to Jhone Diplein. Sche is decernit to mak humiliatioun and satisfactioun conforme to the ordour.—Sche hes payit x s. and maid humiliation. Diplein also humliit.

Die quarto mensis Novembris, anno octuagesimo quarto.

The quhilk day, anent the ordour for contracting of mariage in all tymes cuming, within this parrochin of Sanctandrous, it is statut and ordanit be the haill voitis in sessioun, That all parteis, baith rache\(^4\) and puir, to be contractit in mariage heireftir, conpeir with thair parentis if thai be on lyfe, or twa of thair nerrest freindis and na ma, in the counsalhous befoir the ministrie upon Weddinsday, and thair to be contractit and in na uther place; and that na elder gif thair consent to the minister nor redar in the contrar; and if th

\(^1\) Has been *dilagationis*.
\(^2\) Omitted.
\(^3\) *Sic.*
minister or redar failye herin and contract ony persoun in mariage heireftir furth of the counsalhous in presens of the ministrie, the minister sall pay for ilk falt twenty pund Scottis money to the box of the puir unforgevin, and the redar ten lb. Scottis money to the box of the puir unfforgevin, and that for ilk falt. And Mr. Jhone Rutherford present minister and Thomas Wod present redar oblissis thame and ilk ane of thame faithfullie heirto, under the said pane; and Thomas Wod redar to bring the Band Buik with him ilk Weddinsday to the counsellhous, to inroll the names of all partieis contractit, that thaireftir thair banis may be proclamit according to the ordour.

The quhilk day, Grissell Gray grantis sche is with barne to James Lermouth apparand of Balcomy, and the first tyme sche hed to do with him wes the thrid ouk eftir Pasche last wes, and that the barne wes than gottin. James is ordanit to be warnt to this day aucht dayis, and Grissell to be present the said day.

Die xj° Novembris, anno lxxxiiij°.

The quhilk day, conperit Petir Myller couper, to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin upon him to haif gottin ane barne in adultrie with Agnes Robertsoun alias Sowtar. The said Agnes being also present, confrontit with the said Petir, he being solemnatle suorn, eftir that the mater wes referrit to his aith be the said Agnes, he maid faith that he nevir knew the said Agnes carnalie, nor yit na uther woman in all his dayis except Cristene Giffart his spous, yit levand with him.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis yit as of befoir Orme. David Orme younger to be warnt to this day aucht dayis, under pane of publict admonition.

The quhilk day, Issobell Beatoun grantis sche is with barne to James Cwnighame, servand to Jhone Smyth gunnar; the first tyme sche hed to do with him wes in Robert Wilsonis hous at Mid Lentroun last wes in the nicht, and the last tyme at Pasche last wes. Sche grantis that sche wes marriit befoir with Androw Daudson mariner in Craill, quha departit
fra this lyfe as sche allegs passand to Frans¹ four yeris sensyne, in Alexander Symsonis crear in Anstroyer. James is ordanit to be warnt to this day aucht dayis, and Issobell to be than present.

The quhilk day Androw Scott and Beatrix Watson present grantis thai haif gottin ane barn togidder in fornication. Thay ar baith ordanit to mak satisfaction conforme to the ordour.—Baith satisfeit.

Die xviij° Noembris, anno lxxx quarto.

The quhilk day, conperit Dauid Orm younger and grantis he hes hed carnall daill with Elspot Rekye, and that the barne quhilk sche is with is his barne. He oblisit him to pay xi s. for his impressment to the pur in part of pament of the Act, and to mak publict humiliation conforme to the ordour.

The sessioun ordanis Elspot Rwtherfurd to be warnt to this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis James Lermouth apparend of Balcomy and Grissell Gray to be warnt to this day aucht dayis, yit as of befoir.

The quhilk day, James Cwnighame grantis he hed carnall daill with Issobell Beatoun twois, befoir Fastronsevin last wev viij dayis or theirby, and nevir mair. He will nocht tak with the barn, bot hes delatit Robert Wilson to haif knawin the said Issobell carnalie, quha, being also this samyn day accusit thairfor befoir the sessioun, deniyt the samyn. The sessioun ordanis James Cwnighame to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour.—And now knawlege hed be the confessioun of Issobell Beaton that hir husband [is]² yit leiving, sche and James Cwnighame ar ordanit to be punisit as adultraris.

The quhilk day, Elene Caro grantis sche is with barne to Dauid Pitcarne baxter, quhilk wes gottin as sche allegis at our Lady day in Lentron, in hir fatheris hous at Blabow Miln. [Sche then confesses further particulars.] Sche is

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¹ Frans is uncertain in MS.
² Omitted.
ordanit to mak humiliation conforme to the ordour, and
dauid to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, and elene to
be present with him.

The quhilk day, James Lawmonth is ordanit to pay xls. Lawmonth.
to the puir Weddingsday niixtocum, or ellis to enter his person
in waird Satterday cum aucht dayis, conforme to the ordour,
under pane of publict admonition.

*Die xxv° Novembris, anno lxxviii°.*

The quhilk day,¹ Jonet Robertsoun grantis sche is with barn to Jhone Cambell, quhilk wes gottin at latter Marie
day last wes. The sessioun ordanis Jhone to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, and Jonet to be present the said day.

The quhilk day, James Steill officiar veresfit that he this day hed warnit James Lermont apparand of Balcomy to conpeir befoir the session, and that personale apprehendit, to anser to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him be Grisell Gray, allegeand him to be father of the barne quhilk sche is presentle with. Becaus the said James being sua personale apprehendit and conperit nocht, the sessioun ordanis [him]² yit as of befoir to be warnit personale,³ if he may be apprehendit, to this day aucht dayis, under pane of publict admonition.

*Die secundo Decembris, anno lxxix quarto.*

The quhilk day, Jhone Cambell and Jonet Robertson being confrontit grantis [that]⁴ thai haif hed carnall daill in fornication, that the barne quhilk Jonet is with is his barne. Thai aggreid on the tyme. The session ordanis Cambell to be impressonit, and to enter Satterday niixtocum, and Jonet Satterday cum aucht dayis, conforme to the ordour. And becaus Jhone Cambell spak dispytfull and opprobrius wordis proudle in presens of the session, and speciale, sen he suld pay and mak satisfaction he hed gottin ower litill penniworthis, lett him haif penny worthis for his money; the session thairfor

¹ *Quhilk day* is repeated in MS.
² Omitted.
³ *Perso* in MS. without mark of contraction.
remittis him to the civil majestatis, to underly the sentiment of ane condigne assyis, and supplication to be gevin to the majestatis to that effect.

The quhilk day, Dauid Pitcarne grantis he hes hed carnall daill with Elene Carno, and aggreis on tyme and place, and that the barne is his. He is ordanit to enter in presson Satterday nixtocum, and Carno Satterday cum aucht dayis, and to mak humiliasioune conforme to the orduir.—Pitcarne hes satisfei.

The quhilk day, Jonet Lessellis grantis sche is with barne to James Miller, sone to umquhill James Miller flesheour, and that the first tyme wes thre dayis befoir the first Marie day last wes, the nixt tyme ane moneth thaireftir. The session ordanis hir to be impressonit, and Miller to be warnt to this day aucht dayis, and Jonet to be present the said day.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis James Lermouth apparan of Balcomy, yit as of befoir of super abundance, to be warnt to anser to the dilatioun, nochtwithstanding that he wes warnt to this day and couperit nocht, under pane of publict admonitioun.

The quhilk day Effie Howie grantis sche hes borne ane barne in fornicatioun to Charlis Michell in Balrymonth. Sche is ordanit to mak humiliatioun conforme to the orduir, and Charlis to be warnt to this day aucht dayis, and Effie to be than present.—Thai haf satisfei.

*Die nono Decembris, anno lxxe quarto.*

The quhilk day Charlis Michell in Lumbo grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Effie Howie. Thai baith present ar decornit to mak publict humiliatioun conforme to the orduir, and Charlis promisis to pay for his imprissonment¹ and Effei xls. to the box of the puir, in part of pament of the Act.—All satisfei.

The quhilk day Margret Wentoun grantis sche is with barne to James Fuirid. James present grantis the samyn. Thai ar decornit to mak humiliation, and to be impressonit

¹ Impressomet in MS.
conforme to the ordour. This is the secund barne that thir personis hes gottin in fornicatioun.—Thai haif satisfit.

The quhilk day, Jhone Cambell, for his contumelious talk and opprobrius wordis spokin befoir the sessioun being remittit to the civil majestatis, and thair eftir he conperit befoir the session and humlit him self on his kneis, askand God and thame forgefenes, and nochttheles is decernit be pluralite of voitis in session to be viij dayis impressonit and to pay tens. to the puir.—He hes satisfit all.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis Dauid Orme younger Lawmonth, Orm, Moir, Kirk. and James Lawmonth to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, to conperit befoir the session to heir and see thame decernit to fulfill the ordanace of the kirk, under pane of publict admonition Sunday cum aucht dayis; and siclyk William Moir and William Kirk to be warnit the said day.—Thai haif all satisfit except Orm to mak humiliation.

Die xviio Decembris, anno lxxx quarto.

The quhilk day James Miller grantis he hes hed carnall daill with Janet Lessellis. He aggreis with hir on the first tyme, and is decernit to enter in pressoun Satterday nixttocum conforme to the ordour.—Miller hes satisfit.

Die xviij Decembris, anno lxxxvijto.

The quhilk day, in respect that Dauid Orm younger, James Lawmonth, William Moir and William Kirk, being all convict in fornicatioun befoir the session, and decernit to mak humiliatioun and satisfaction thairfor conforme to the ordour of the kirk, and oftimes chargit thairto, and last to this day to haif conperit befoir the sessioun, to haif haid thame decernit, and ilk ane of thame, to haif fulfillit the ordanace of the kirk for thair offences, as wes verefit be James Steill officiar, and that under pane of publict admonitioun, hes contemptueulie disobeyit; thairfor the sessioun ordanis thame all to be publicitlie summond be Thomas Wod redar Sunday nixttocum,

Dail dail in ms.
to fulfill the ordinances of the kirk for their offences, under pane of disobedience.

**Die sexto mensis Januarii, anno lxxx quarto.**

The quhilk day, coniperit Issobell Gray, quha confessis sche is with barne to Jhone Patersoun mercheand citiner of this citee, gottin be him on hir in adultrie, in his awin hous within the said citee. [In her further confession reference is made to the absence of ‘Jonet Trymlay his spouse’.] The sessioun ordanis the said Jhone Patersoun to be warnit to anser to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis, and ordanit Issobell Gray to be present also the said day.

**Die xiiij mensis Januarii, anno lxxx quarto.**

The quhilk day, coniperit Jhone Scheves befoir the sessioun, and producit ane bill humlie schawing how that he for the filthy vice of adultrie committit be him with Margret Clapen hed humlit him self divers tymes, alsweill in mynde and hart befoir God as publiclie in the kirk clothit in sek claieth, as he yit is and salbe fra his hart evir penitent for the samyn; and thairfor maist humlie desyrit the sessioun and assemblie convenit to ressaif him in favour and societie with thame, and the rest of Christis kirk and memberis thairof; and if thai suld thinke gude to injune ony forder discipline to him for his offence, he offerrit him willing to obey the samyn with his hart and at his power; and thairfuir desyrit the barne procreat betuix thame in adultrie to be baptizit and ressavit in Christis kirk; and heirupon desyrit the sessionis godlie and gude anser. The sessioun foirsaid, being movit partlie with the said Jhonis humiliatioun and willing obedience gude behavour and honest conversatioun and abstinance, hes concludit and decernit all with ane voce that the said Jhone conpeir upon Sunday niixtocum, or ellis ony uther Sunday quhen he plesis within thir thre owkis, cled in sek claieth as he did of befoir, and sitt on the hichest degre of the

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1 *In the in* in ms.
penitent stull, and thair confes his offence in presens of God and the congregatioun, and ask thame forvevenes from his hart; and thairefit the minister to ressaif him to the bosum of the kirk, and the barin to be baptizit.

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Paterson mercheand citiner in St. Androus, qua grantis and confessis that he hes hed caunnal daill with Issobell Gray in adultrie, he being marrit with Jonet Trymlay his spous. [He then admits his guilt but denies part of Issobell's statement.] The sessioun, in respect of his confessioun, with ane voce ordanis the said Jhone Paterson, and also the said Issobell in respect of hir confession, to begyn upon Sunday nixttocum thair humiliatioun for the said offence; to witt, thai baith to gidder to conperic cled in sek claith beir heddid and beir futtit at the kirk dur of the said citee, at the secund bell to sermone befoir none, and to stand thair quhill the thrid bell to sermone be cessit; and thairefit to conperic to gidder on the highest dege of the penitent stull, and sit as said is quhill the sermone and prayaris be endit, and sua furth to continew ilk Sunday quhill the kirk be satisfeit.

The quhilk day Patrik Smalum and Cristene Lyell grantis thai haif hed caunnal daill to gidder on marriit. Thai ar ordanit to abstein in tyme cuming, and to mak humiliatioun for the offence ellis committit.

*Die vigesimo mensis Januarii, anno lxxx quarto.*

The quhilk day, the sessioun, at the hummill suit of Jhone Paterson adultrar and for utheris gude considerationis mov-ing thame, hes ordanit that the said Jhone Paterson mak humiliatioun, for the adultrie committit with Issobell Gray, him alone ane Sunday, and the said Issobell hir alone ane uthir Sunday, and sa furth to continew in humiliatioun as is ellis concludit thair owk about, quhill the kirk be satisfeit, conforme to the ordour.

*Die xxvij* Januarii, anno lxxx quarto.

The quhilk day, Thomas Oliphant and Agnes Myrtoun contractit in marriage, the said Agnes grantis sche is with 2 N
barn to the said Thomas, and that the samyn wes gottin befoir the contract. Thairfor the sessioun ordinis thame to be punit for thair offence as fornicatouris, conforme to the actis and ordinances.

Die tertio mensis Februarii, anno lxxx quarto.

The quhilk day, Cristene Weddell grants sche hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with William Wilsoun duelling in Anstroyer, and that the barne wes gottin in Cathrein Peironis hous within this citee. The first tyme wes at the First\(^1\) Fair last wes. Sche is ordanit to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour, and promisis to caus William conpeir befoir the sessioun this day aucht days.

The quhilk day, the haill sessioun presentlie convenit hes concludit and tocht gude, that ane commoun box be for custodie of the silver collectit to the puir, and that distribution thairof be aucht tymes in the yeir, at discretioun of the sessioun.

Die xviij\(^{\text{a}}\) Februarii, 1584.

The quhilk day James Cuik flescheour and Jonet Law grants thi haif gottin ane barne in fornicatioun. Thai ar thairfor decernit to enter in pressoun, and to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day William Wilsoun in Anstroyer confessis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Cristen Weddell. He is decernit to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour and to be impressonit.\(^2\)

Die xxiiij\(^{\text{a}}\) Februarii, anno lxxx quarto.

The quhilk day, Henry Forsyth and Marioun Paty\(^3\) his spous, baith present befoir the sessioun, grantsi that thai ar laidfullie mariit, thairfor thai ar decernit to adheir to gidder,

\(^1\) First first in ms.
\(^2\) At the end of the paragraph Ile hes saisfeir, and in the margin sa., have been added but struck out again.
\(^3\) Initial of surname altered.
as becumnis mariit personis in the feir of God, in bed and
buird, within xv dayis, under the pane of excommunica-
tioun.

*Die tertio Marci, anno octuagesimo quarto.*

The quhilk day, Androw Gibsoun and Agnes Thomsonsoun
behis spous, baith present befoir the sessioun, grantis thai ar
laidfullie mariit, thairfor thai ar ordanit be the sessioun to
adheir to gidder as mariit personis in Goddis feir, within xv
dayis, under the pane of excommunicioun.

The quhilk day, conperit Grissell Gray, quha producit
ane bill befoir the session, desiring James Lermounh apparand
of Balcomy to be callit befoir thame, that he may confes
and aknowle his offence with hir, and mak publict humili-
tioun for the violating of hir virginitie, and begatting of ane
man cheld on hir in the filthy vice of fornicatioun, that
thairefter the said barne may be baptizit. The session ordanis
the said James to be warnit thairto to this day aucth dayis.

The quhilk day, Jhone Wilsoun in New Grange conperit
befoir the sessioun, and signifiit to thame that Jhone Bowar
and Jonet Hagy, his servandis, hes committit fornicatioun
in his hous. The session ordanis thame to be warnit to
ansuer to the dilatioun this day aucth dayis.

The quhilk day Margret Dott confessit hir to be with
barin to Nicholl Scott. The barn wes gottin in James Balcan-
quellis hous, and the first tyme sche knew him carnalie
wes at Mertimes last wes, the nixt tyme about Zwill. Nicholl
is ordanit to be warnit to this day aucth dayis.

The quhilk day, Elene Carnow is ordanit to pay xii s. Carnow.
iiijd. to the box of the puir, in part of pament of the Act,
and thairefter hir barn to be baptizit, or ellis to enter in
presson.—Now sche hes bein impressonit.

*Die decimo mensis Marci, anno lxxx quarto.*

The quhilk day, Jhone Paterson adultrar, being ordanit Paterson.
to haiarf maid humiliatioun for his adultrie, ilk Sunday, his ouk
about with Issobell Gray, producit ane supplicatioun desyring
him to be remittit fra forder satisfactioun, in respect that he hed divers tymes ellis enterit upon the penitent stuill, and obeyit as the said bill at mair lenth proportis. The sessioun, nochtwithstanding of his suit, findis him nocht yit to be sufficientle humlit for his offence, nor yit hes he fulfillit the desyre of ordinances injunit to him; thairfor thai haif ordanit him to continew yit in humiliatioun, quhill forder ordour and that the kirk be satisfeit.

The quhilk day, Jhone Duncane grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Agnes Orrok, and that the barin wes gottin in James Pattonis hous. He is ordanit to enter in pressoun and mak humiliation. Orrok to be warnit.

—And now Agnes Orrok conperis and grantis the saym, and that sche befoir bur ane barne in fornication to Mr. Mwrdo Mucheson, thairfor sche is relaps.

The quhilk day, Nicholl Scott grantis he hes hed carnall daill with Margret Doit, anis at Michaelmes last wes, and nevir mair, in James Balcanquellis hous. He is decernit to enter in pressoun and mak humiliatioun.

The quhilk day, Elspot Robertsoun grantis sche hes borne ane madin barne in fornicatioun to Jhone Miller cultellar, xv oukis sensyne. The barn wes gottin in Alexander Milleris hous. Sche is ordanit to mak satisfactioun conforme to the ordour.

\[ \textit{Die xvij\textsuperscript{a} Marci, anno lxxx quarto.} \]

The quhilk day, Issobell Leddop producit ane bill desyring Androw Colein younger to be decernit to performe the band of mariage with hir, conforme to the contract maid betuix thame in presens of the sessioun with consent of his father. Conperit the said Androw, quha refusit to performe the samyn, and baith the parteis confessis carnall copulationioun. Thai ar ordanit to be thairfor punisit as fornicatoris, and that Androw sall nocht be contractit in mariage heireftir with na uther persoun, quhill he first mak satisfactioun for the promis maid be him with consent of his parentis to the said Issobell as said is.

\[ \textsuperscript{1} \textit{Confessio in MS.} \quad \textsuperscript{2} \textit{With with in MS.} \]
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Die xxiiij\textsuperscript{e} Marci, anno lxxx quarto.

The quhill day, Elspot Wilsoun, servand to Agnes Wemys, Confessio Wilsoun, Arnott.
grantis sche is with barne to James Arnott, sone to the guddeman of Wodmiln, gottin in fornicatioun. The first tyme sche knew him carnalie wes at first Marie day last wes, in the brew hous, befoir none; and the last tyme efter Michaelmes, in the chalmer, behind the buird. The sessioun ordanis James Arnott to be warnit heirto howsone he cummis to this citore.

The quhill day, George Dog is ordanit to produce testi-Dog, Miller.
oniall fra the minister of Logy, quhair he hes satisfit the kirk for fornicatioun committit be him for the secund falt with [blank], befoir he be mariit with Cathrun Miller.

Die ultimo mensis Martii, anno lxxx quinto.

The quhill day, the sessioun ordanis James Lermount To warn Lermont, Orm, with certification.
apparand of Balcomy, to be warnit to conpeir befoir thame, to ansuer to the dilatation of Grissell Gray gevin in befoir thame upon him, with certification if he conpeir nocht he salbe publiclie summond; and siclyke, Dauid Orme younger to conpeir to ressaif his injunctions, to satisfie the kirk, for fornicatioun committit be him with Elspot Reike, with certification if he failye he salbe publiclie summond as said is; and that becaus thai and ilk ane of thame hes bein divers tyms ellis warnit be James Steill officiar to the effect forsaid, and hes disobeyit, quhill the offici[ar] this day verefit befoir the sessioun.

Die xiiiij\textsuperscript{e} mensis Aprilis, anno lxxx quinto.

The quhill day, the haill sessioun presentle convent ratifies the convening ratifit.
and apprevis the Act maid anent thair convening ilk Weddins-day, and quha beis absent fra the sessioun ilk Weddinsday with-out licience, being within this citere or feildis thairto adjacent, sall pay xij d., and if thai be furth of this citere to be excusit.

The quhill day, Mr. Dauid Russell oblisis him to ender Jhone Awdy and Elene Bavin his servandis fornicatouris in pressoun, and to caus thame satisfie the kirk thairfor, betuix
this and the next Sunday after Witsunday nixttocum, or ellis
to pay xlx s. for the man and xx s. for the woman to the puir.

Die Veneris, xvij° Aprilis, anno lxxx quinto.

The quhilk day, the sait hes tocht gude and appointit the
communioun to be celebratit upon Sunday cum xv dayis, the
ix day of Maii nixttocum. And sua examinatouris to the first
quarter: Mr. James Wilkie, Rectour, Mr. Martine Geddy,
William Ferry, elderis; Androw Watsoun scribe.
The second quarter: Mr. James Martine, Mr. William Cok,
James Robertoun, elderis; Dauid Guidlaud scribe.
The thrid quarter: Mr. Jhone Robertoun, Mr. Dauid
Russell, Alexander Carstaris, James Smyth, elderis; and
Charlis Watsoun scribe.
The ferd quarter: Mr. Jhone Rutherfurd minister, Alex-
ander Wynster, Jhone Martine, elderis; Thomas Wod redar
scribe.
Examinatioun to begin Mononday nixttocum xix of Aprile
instant.

Die xxviiij° Aprilis, anno lxxx quinto.

The quhilk day, conperit James Lermont apparnand of
Balcomy, quha grantis that he hes gottin ane barne in
fornicatioun with Grissell Gray within this citee, conforme to

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1 In speaking of his uncle Andrew, James Melville says:—‘Another day he
tuk a placard, affixed upon the Collage yet, knawin, be the Italian and French
oung, to be wrytyn be James Lermont, apperand of Balcomie; and in
the application of his doctrine, quhilk was wounderfull persing and vehement, he
produces the wryt, and haifing the said James sittand befor him in the kirk, he
treretnes him in particular with a judgment, that manie years efter was marked
to strik upon the said James, to this effect: “Thow Frencheist, Italianist, jolie
gentleman, wha has defyled the bed of sa manie mariid, and now bosts with thy
bastonados to defyll this kirk, and put hands in his servants, thow sall never
enjoy the fruits of mariage, be haifing lawfull succession of thy bodie; and God
sall bastone thie in his righteous judgments!” This was remembarit when the
said James, being Lard of Balcomie, leived manie yeirs in mariage without
chyl, and taken be the Heiland-men coming out of the Leaws, was siccerlie
bastoned, and sa hardlie used, that soone thairefter he died in Orkney, in the
yeir 1598’ (Melville’s Diary, pp. 125, 126).
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the dilatioun gevin in be the said Grissell aganis him; and, being desirit be the sessioun to mak humiliatioun and satisfaciou for the samyn, according to the ordour of discipline usit upon siclyke transgressouris within this parrochinh and congregation, ansueries, that he is nocht ane parrochenar of this parrochinh, bot remanis sumtymes, cumand and gangand to this citee, in visitatioun of his father presente diseasit, and sua aucht nocht to be subject to the ordour of discipline observit in this congregatioun: bout 1 submittis him self to the Bishop of St. Androus, his ordinar, under quhais jurisdiction and power he allegis the session present sittis; and offerris him willing to underly sic punishment as 2 the said Bishop his ordinar will injune to him for his said offence. The sessioun hes tane to advis with the saidis allegeance, that the haill sessioun be convenit this day aucht dayis, and James Lermont to be present the said day to that effect.

The quhilk day, Issobell Strathawin grantis sche is with barn to Jhone Carmichaell, servand to the Laird of Taruat younger, quhilk wes gottin in Thrid Part. Sche is ordanit to mak satisfaciouin. Sche remanis in houishald with Euphame Cokburn. Euphame to be warnit to this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Androw Anstroyer, sone to Jhone Anstroyer of that ilk, grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun within the place of Kynkell with Cathrin Miln; the barne is now borne, and desyris the samyn to be baptizit. The sessioun ordanis the woman to be present befoir thame with him self this day aucht dayis, that thai may ressaif thair injunctionis for thair offence, quhilkis being fulfillit, thairefter the barne to be baptizit. Androw promisis to caus the woman to conpeir the said day.

Die quinto Maii, anno lxxx quinto.

The quhilk day Cristene Hendersoun grantis sche hes hed carnall daill with William Armitour. Sche allegis the samyn wes under promis of mariadge, and is ordanit to caus William conpeir with hir to ansuer thairto this day aucht dayis.

1 Scit. 2 As as in ms.
Die duodecimo mensis Maii, anno Domini j"v octuagesimo quinto.

The quhilk day, at the humill suit of Jhone Patersoun adultrar, the sessioun hes grantit licencie to him to saill, under condition that he enter agane in humiliatioun quhen God sendis him hame, and continew on the stueil of repentance ilk Sunday quhill the kirk be satisfeit, as he hes ellis done sevin Sundays befoir.

The quhilk day, Elspot Fogow, being accusit befoir the sessioun for smoring of hir barne, denyis that sche smorit the barne; bot sayis that, xv oukis sensyne, hir barne being ane man chield lying in the bed with hir in the nicht, hir barne deit soddanlie; bot sayis that hir barne wes ten oukis seik befoir, quhilk sche offerris hir to preif. The sessioun ordanis hir to produce probatioun thairon this day aucth dayis, sche being warnit heirth apud acta.

The quhilk day, Agnes Cunighame grantis sche hes born ane barn in forniciation to Henry Mathie alias Wilsoun, dwelling in Baldony. Henry also present grantis the samyn. Thai ar ordanit to be impressonit and to satisfe, and thairefter the barne to be baptizit.—Thai half baith satisfeit.

Die nono Junii, anno Domini j"v lxxx quinto.

The quhilk day, conperit Alexander Donaldson and Bessy Broun, quha confessi thai haif committit forniciation, and that Bessye is presente with barn to him. Thai ar decernit to be impressoniat conforme to the ordour, and thairefter to mak humiliatioun.

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1 No doubt Baldinnie, then in the parish of St. Andrews, now in Ceres. Archbishop Spottiswoode—'for the weil and commoditie of the tennentis and inhabitantis of the landis of Kynnimonth, Baldinny, Ballchuny myyne, Arndyie, Ladedie lyme landis, Over and Nethis Magaskies, and Balmakie medow, pertening heretablie to Mr. Thomas Hope of Craighall, advocat, lyand of auld within the parochyn of Sanctandros—ordanit that they saill repair to the kirk of Seres, in all tyme cuming, for heirina of the Word, partaking of the sacramentis, ressaing of the benefite of mariagie, and utheris benefites and liberties of ane paroche kirk.' Even before Spottiswoode took this step these tenants and inhabitants are said to have repaired to the kirk of Ceres as the 'maist ewest and commodious for thame.' And in 1621 Parliament ratifit the Archbishop's ordinance, and also dissolved and separat 'the saidis landis frome the said kirk of Sanctandros,' and united them to 'the said kirk of Seres' (Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland, iv. 682).
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*Die xxij* Junii, anno lxxx quinto.

The quhilk day the sessioun hes deliverit to* James Steill for [James Steill his yeiris fie xis.

*Die xiii* Julii, anno lxxx quinto.

The quhilk day, James Anderson in Laderny, present befoir the session, granitis that sen the tyme he wes contractit with Issobell Bowsy he hes knawin hir carnalie. He is ordanit to mak satisfaction conforme to the ordour, and to caus the said Issobell be present befoir thame, to anser thairto, this day aucht dayis.

*Die x*¹ Augusti, anno lxxx quinto.

The quhilk day, the sessione ordanis to gif to Thomas Beins. Beins twa markis, for support of his hous malis in this yeir, and for al yeiris bygane v z.,¹ ane mark in the yeir in tymis cuming.²

*Die penultimo mensis Junii, anno Domini m°v° octuagesimo sexto.*³

Mr. Robert Wilkie, minister.⁴

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¹ In MS. x²

² Probably five yopindales or zopindalers. The Joachim thaler, a silver coin of the sixteenth century, varied in value from fifteen to twenty shillings Scots, and was popularly known as the yopindale.

³ The clause in tymes cuming is added in another hand; but after in there is a word, partly shut in by the binder, beginning cn, which is in the same hand as the bulk of the paragraph.

⁴ This blank of nearly a year in the *Register* was doubtless caused by the pest or plague, when, as an entry under this date puts it, 'all gude ordour cessit in this citee.' Patrick Forbes of Corse, writing to James Melville, in October 1585, says, 'Mr. Johan Rutherfurde is deid in the pest, and hath glorified God by a notable confessiou of his indirect and evil dealing in the mater of his ministrie' (Calderwood's *History*, iv. 382). Melville says that this pest, sent by God in the summer of 1585, 'past throw the principall townes, and raget till almaist utter vastation in the townes of Edinbruche, St. Androis, St. Jhonstoun, and Dondie, in sic sort that the comun clamor of the peiple was against the Court' (Diary, p. 222). He likewise tells how, after the meeting of Parliament, 'the pest abated, and began to be strangle and remarkablie withdrawin, be the mercifull hand of God, sa that Edinbruche was frequented again that wintar; and at the entrie of the spring, all the townes, almost desolat befor, repeiple, and St. Androis amangs the rest' (Ibid., p. 245).

⁵ Written in the margin.
Elderis and deaconis votit electit and chosin.

Mr. James Wilkie, Rectour
Mr. James Martine, Provost of the Auld College
Mr. Jhone Robertson, ane of the maisteris of the New College
Henry Lawmonth, bailye
Mr. Dauid Russel, bailye
William Lermouth, bailye
Mr. William Cok, bailye
Mr. Dauid Auchmoty
Thomas Lentroun
Mr. Thomas Broun
Mr. William Russel
Patrik Guthere.

Elderis up on land.

James Forsyth of Nyde
Martine Carstrophein in Byrehillis.

Deaconis.

William Zwill
Charlis Watsoun
Dauid Guidlaid
Martine Lummisdane
Patrik Playfeir
Jhone Hagy
Androw Wrycht
Thomas Lundy.

Deaconis up on land.

Jhone Smyth in Balone
Dauid Pattoun in Balrymonth.

The quhilk day, the elderis and deaconis aboif writin affermit ratifiit and apprevit the haill actis and statutis, maid be the sessioun upon the fyft day of November lxxij yeiris; and ar all solemnatie suorn bund and oblist to observe keip and fulfill the samyn, and the dayis and hour of their convening, as also Thomas Wod redar, under the panis contenit in the saidis actis. Mr. James Martine and Mr. Dauid Auchmoty elderis, William Zwill and Patrik Playfer dakynis, being absent.

The quhilk day, conperit Mr. Robert Wilkie, electit minister and pastour of this congregatioun of St. Androus, quha ratifiit and apprevit the haill actis and statutis of this sessioun, maid in this buik for outsetting of Goddis glorie gude ordour and disipline to be hed within the said parrochion; and being solemnatie suorn promist to observe and keip the samyn at his power, and to discharge his office and cuir in all thingis at his
power, as God sold minister to him his grace. And the session present consentis to the said Mr. Robertis admission; and ratifieis all thingis done be the kirk and Kings grace in his favour, tuiching his enteres to the ministrie.\footnote{Robert Wilkie having been chosen moderator of the Provincial Assembly or Synod of Fife in April 1586, and Patrick Adamson having been excommunicated by it, he urged, in his \textit{Appellation}, that Wilkie was ‘a laick man, a regent in a colledge allanerlie, who has no imposition of hands, nather can be anie lawfull president over the ministrie.’ James Melville, in his Answer, exclaims:—‘That distinctioun of yours betuitz the clergie and laicks, in your third reson, smelles of the pride of Papistrie. . . . It is notoriouslie knowne, that Mr. R. Wilkie was appointed by the Act of Reformation of the Colleges to teache Theologie, and expone the Scriptures. . . . And so, where yee first terme Mr. Robert a laick, and nixt call him a regent in a colledge, the secund convictis the first of an untrue, and by repugnance overthowes it. More, it is als notorious that the same Mr. Robert has beene \textit{prophet} upon the exercise this sixteene yeere, and at the first erection of the Presbyterie in Sanct Andrewes, by commoun vote of the bretherin to have beene elected and ordeaned an elder of the samine, and sensyne has continued labouring in the Word and doctrine, especiallie the yeere last bypast, in the town of St. Andrewes, to the great confort of the people, when the hyreiling bishop, their pretended pastor, had shamefullie left them in great miserie and desolatioun’ (Calderwood’s \textit{History}, iv. 513, 517).\textit{}}

The quhilk day, it is delatit to the sessioun and ministrie that James Miller, induelling in this cietie, hes committit incest with Elizabeth Bruce, and that thai wer inordourlie mariit tyne of plaig, quhen all gude ordour cessit in this cietie, be Robert Arthur, aganis the law of God and gude ordour of the kirk. The sessioun ordanit the saidis partes to be warnit to conpeir befor thame, to anser to the said dilatioun, this day aucht dayis.

The communioun is concludit to be celebratit upon Sunday cum xv dayis, and examinatioun to begyn Mononday nixt-tocum.

The quhilk day, Mr. Robert Wilkye minister ratifieis the act maid anent the contracting of mariage, oblising him to observe and kep the samyn and contentis thairof, quhilk is of the dait the fourt of November lxxxiiij yeris, under pane contentis thairin.

The quhilk day, Jhone Balfour in Kincapill grantsis he hes gottin ane barn in forniciation with Margret Pryde, quhilk he desyris to be baptizit, and offeris him to mak satisfacioun thairfor. The sessioun ordanis him to caus Margret Pryde be
present with him this day aucht [dayis], and to ressaif thair directiou.—Now Margret conperand with him, thai ar baith ordanit to be impressonit and to mak humiliatiou.

The quhilk day, Walter Finlosoun tailyeour grantis he hes gottin ake barn in fornicatioun with Cathrin ² Kelly, offerris him to mak satisfaction thairfor, and thairefter desyris the barn to be baptizit. The session ordanis Margret ² to be warnt to this day acht dayis, and than to gif ansuer.—Now Margret ² conperit, and thai are baith ordanit to be impressonit, and thairefter to mak humiliatiou.

The session ordanis to warn James Miller and Bessy Bruce [Forbes—deleted] his spous, to this day acht dayis, to ansuer to sic thingis as salbe sperit at thame tuching thair marrage, quhilk is allegit to be inseestuous.

The quhilk day, conperit Jonet Spens, quha grantis sche hes born ake man cheld in fornicatioun to Nicholl Bron, now dwelling in Edinbugh, desyris hir barn to be baptizit, and offerris hir to mak humiliatioun, becaus the barin wes gottin in this citee. The session ordanis hir to produce testimoniall subscrivit be ane of the ministeris of Edinbugh of Nichollis grant and that he takis with the barn, and of his humiliatioun; and thairefter to gif hir ansuer.

The quhilk day, Thomas Oliphant desyrit the rest of his bannis of marrage to be proclamit betuix hir and Agnes Morton, and offerrit hir reddy to mak humiliatioun for the fornicatioun committit be hir with the said Agnes, and that thairefter thai may be marriit. The session tuik to advis thairwith quhill this day aucht dayis, seing he is relappis in fornicatioun and na satisfaction yit done.

The quhilk day, the session ordanis William Peblis, in Straythkynnes, to caus Cristene Scott conpeir befoir thame this day aucht dayis with hir, to ansuer to sic thingis as salbe demandit, and thairefter he to haif ansuer of his bill.

Die sexto mensis Julii, anno lxxx sexto.

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the session that na

¹ Omitted. ² Sir. ³ Contraction for Mar. only in ms.
personis be mariit within this congregatioun, quhiddar thair bannis be proclamit or nocht, befoir the parteis with thair parentis conpeir befoir the sessioun and verifie thair contract; and that na forder proclamatioun of bannis be maid quhil thair also conpeir befoir the sessioun as said is; and that na testimoniall of mariage be gevin but be consent of the session, nither be the minister nor redar.

The quhil day, James Stell officir verifiit that he hed Miller, Bruce warnit James Miller and Elizabeth Bruce to this day personalle, to anser to the dilation 1 gevin in aganis thame this day aucht dayis; and becaus thai conperit nocht thai ar ordanit yit as of befoir to be warnit to conpeir to the effect foirsaid, under pane of disobedience, this day aucht dayis.

The quhil day, it is concludit be pluralite of voitis in sessioun that all thingis spokin and done in sessioun, ather in voting ressoning or utherwyis, be kepit secrete, no revelit to ony persoun outwith the consall hous; and if ony questioun fallis ou betuix ony of the bretherin, the samyn salbe first tryit befoir the sessioun or it pas to ony uther juge.

The quhil day, conperit befoir the sessioun William Peblis Confessor, Scott, Peblis. and Cristene Scott in Straythkynnes, and desyrit thair bannis of mariage to be proclamit becaus thai ar ellis contractit, and thair efter to be mariit conforme to the ordour. The sessioun, understanding be dilation that Cristene Scott hes born ane barn in adultrie to Androw Erle of Rothes, for the quhil sches nocht yit satisfeit the kirk, quhilk the said Cristene in presens of the sessioun confessit, and that the said barn wes gottin in the Newtown within the parroch of Sanct Fillan; 2 and also that Jhone Downy, sumtyme dwelling in Tessis now Downy, in St. Androus, maist ongoudlie aganis all gude ordour in his contempt of Christ and his kirk, usurping the office of ane minister, on his maner baptizit the said barn upon Friday, betuix viij and ix hours, befoir non, the xxv of Februar last wes, in the hous of James Carstaries younger in Straythkynnes, in presens of Jhone Scott thair, Alexander Hagy thair, the said James Carstaries and his wyffe; the sessioun thairfor refusis to proclame thair bannis or to marie thame, unto the tyme

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1 Dilagatioun in ms. 2 Better known as the parish of Forgan.
that the said Cristene first haif satisfeif for hir offence, conforme to the ordour of the kirk, within the parroche kirk of Sanct Fillane, within the quhilk parrochin the offence wes done; quhilk being done and satisfactioun dewlie maied conforme to the ordinances of the kirk, and sufficient testimoniale product be Cristene thairupon, than the sessioun suold proceid according [to]¹ the law of God and gude ordour; and ordanis Jhone Downy to be warnit to² conpeir befoir thame, this day aucht dayis, to ansuer for his offence.

_Die Mercurii, xiii Jer Julii, anno lxxx sexto._

The quhilk day, conperit Elene Bowy and desyrit the barn procreat in fornication betuix hir and David Turubill to be baptizit, and offerrit hir reddy to underly discipline. As also Jhone Wilson, portioner in New Grange, and Alane Greg, citiner in this citee, offerris thame cautioneris, under the pane of xl ft., to caus David Turubull satisfe the kirk for his offence at his hame cuming fra the saill, qhaur to he is now presentle; becaus thai declarit on thair consciences that thai hard David tak with the barn to be his barn, and geif thame command to be cautioneris as said is. The session ordanis the said Elene to mak humiliatioun for hir offence, and thairefter to baptiz the barn; and hes ressavit the saidis Jhone and Alane cautioneris that David sall satisfe the kirk as said is, under the said pane.

The quhilk day, conperit Cristene Zwill, ane persoun excommunicat for adultrie committit with umquhill Jhone Robertson, producit hir humill supplication, desyrying hir, for the merceis of God, to be ressavit agane in the bosom of the kirk amangis hir nichbouris and utheris trew Christianis, offerring hir willing with all humilite to underly sic injunctionis and forder discipline for hir offence as the kirk sall think gude. The session, maist willing and mercifull to ressaif the conplaner as is desyrit, continewit thair ansuer heirin to this day aucht dayis, for forder triall of the said Cristinis humiliatioun and repentance.

¹ Omitted.
² To this in MS.
The quhilk day, conperit Agnes Lokkard, quha declaris that sche hes born ane barn in fornication to Robert Melvill, and that the barn wes gottin in Robertis chalmer in this citee, thre owkis befoir Candilmes in the lxxxiiiij yeiris. The sessioun ordanis Robert to be warnit to anser to this dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, becaus Jhone Downy wes warnit to this day and conperit nocht, the sessioun ordanis him to be warnit agane for the secind tyme to this day aucht dayis, under pane of disobedience.

The quhilk day, conperit Bessy Craighall in Ardeth and declarit to the sessioun, in presens of Thomas Oliphant, that sche hes born ane barn to him in fornication; and offerris hir to humilialioun, desyring the barn to be baptizit, and Thomas to be decernit to tak the barn fra hir and sustein the samyn in tymes cuming. Thomas present grantis the barn to be his, and that the samyn wes gottin in the Castell of Luicheris; and obliissis hir willinglie to mak humilialioun for his offence, and to pay to the said Issobel four li. money for the barnis buird quhill this day tolmonth, and thairefter to tak the barn fra hir and sustein the samyn in all tymes cuming on his expensis. Because the barn wes gottin within the parroch of Luicheris, the sessioun ordanis the partis to mak satisfaction for the offence within the kirk of Luicheris, and to report testimoniall thairof, and thairefter the barn to be baptizit.

The quhilk day Margret Greg and Androw Awdy present grantis thai haif gottin ane barn in fornicatioun in this citee. The session ordanis thame to satisfie the kirk thairfor conforme to the ordour, quhilk being done the barn to be baptizit. Androw Awdy obliissis him willingle to tak the barn away fra the said Margret within aucht dayis, and thairefter to sustein the barn on his expensis in all tymes cuming.

The quhilk day, in terme statut to Jonet Spens to produce testimoniall of ane of the ministeris of Edinburgh that Nicholl Broun takis with hir barn, conperit the said Jonet, quha producit ane testimoniall, quhilk the session findis nocht sufficient; thairfor, thai ordane hir to produce ane mair

1 Baptizit in ms.
sufficient testimoniall, and thairefter thai suld proceed according to the ordour.

The quhilk day, conperit William Zwill mariner and Elspot Paterson, and grantis thai haif gottin ane barn in fornicatioun, and desyris the samyn to be baptizit. The sessioun ordanis thame to satisfie the kirk conforme to the ordour, and thairefter the samyn to be baptizit. Ordanit to pay iiij l.

The quhilk day, conperit Thomas Oliphant and Elspot Mortoun, and grantis that Elspot hes ellis born ane barn in fornicatioun, and that sche belevis hir to be with ane uther, yit on marriit. The session, in respect thairof, and that the said Thomas hes gottin ane uther barn in fornicatioun with Bessy Craighall, and that this is thryis that he hes offendit, ordanis him to be xx dayis impressonit conforme to the ordour, or ellis to pay ix l. in part of pament of the Act of Parliament, and thairefter all his thre barnis to be baptizit.¹

The quhilk day, the session ordanis Margret Moncur to be punisit for hir sklander,² as ane³ sklanderir, and thaireftir hir barn quhilk sche desyris to be baptizit; becaus that Daud Watson, on quhome sche fatheris the barn, being callit and accusit befoir the session, the xv day of April lxixij yeris, thairupon denyit in his conscience that evir he knew the said Margret carnalie, and that he is nocht hir barnis father. And in the mane tyme, it is thocht gude that Mr. Jhone Robertson, Mr. William Cok, and William Lermouth, confer with the said Daud Watson in this mater, and report anser this day aucth dayis.

The quhilk day, conperit James Miller, as he that wes warnit to conpeir to anser to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him Wednesdays the penult of Junii last wes, quha being desirit to separat him self fra the cumpane of Elizabeth Bruce his pretendit spous, his first wyfis sister dochter,⁴ with quhome he is incestuise marriit aganis Goddis law and ordour of the kirk, ansueris he is nocht on lauchfullie marriit, bot with ordour as

¹ Baptit in MS. ² Sklanderir in MS. ³ As ane as ane in MS. The clause has originally run—for hir adultrice as ane adultrix. ⁴ This clause is added in the margin.
he allegis, and thairfor refusit to seperat him self. The sessioun thairfor ordanit him and his pretendit spous to con-
peir befoir the nixt Synodall Assemblie in Sanctandrous to anser to the said dilatioun.

_Die Mercurii, xix° Julii, anno lxxx sexto._

The quhilk day, Mr. Jhone Robertsoun, Mr. William Cok, Watsoun, and William Lermont, being appointit be the sessioun, after 
confrarance with Dauid Watsoun to report his anser, thai 
being present declairis that thai conferrit with Dauid, quha 
constantlie, yit as of befoir conforme to his aith ellis gevin, 
denyis that evir he knew Margret Moncur carnalie, and that 
he is nocht hir barnis father. Thairfor the sessioun ordanis 
Margret Moncur to be punitis for sklerdering of Dauid, and 
ordanis thaireftir hir barn in to be baptizit as ane barn gottin in 
laidfull mariagie with unquhill Alexander Lundy hir husband.

The quhilk day, Jhone Downy, being warnt to this day to 
anser to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him anent the baptizing 
of ane barnie in the Act maid the sext of Julii instant, conperit 
and confessis that about the tyme libellit, efter none, as he 
com fra Sanctandrous, rememberis he being present with 
Alexander Broun in Straythkynnes, James Carstaris younger 
thair, Aleson Downy his spous, and sum utheris that he 
rememberis nocht, Cristane Scott haifand hir awin barn in hir 
armes, gottin with Androw Erle of Rothes as he herris say, he 
said to the barn, Alexander, I baptis ye in the name of the 
Father, Sone and Holy Goist. The sessioun ordanis the 
remanent witnes to be warnt for forder triall to this day 
aucht dayis, and Jhone Downy warnt thairto _apud acta._

The quhilk day, Margret Thomson granits sche is with barn 
to Androw Carmichaell, quhilk wes gottin [in] the Hauche, 
tyme of the plaig. [It is ordanit] to warn Carmichaell to 
anser this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day Jhone Watsoun in Darsy desyris ane man 
cheld gottin be him in fornication on Issobell Meblow to be 

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1 _Selfis in ms._
2 _Appoint in ms._
3 Interlined over _James deleted._
4 Omitted.
baptizit. The session ordanis Meblo to be warnit to this day aucht dayis to anser thairto.

The qhilk day Agnes Wilky grantis hir to be with barne to David Bissett. The sessioun ordanis David to be warnit [to anser]\(^1\) thairto this day aucht dayis.

\textit{Die xxvij\textsuperscript{e} Julii, 1586.}

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  \item The qhilk day being appointit be the sessioun to Robert Melvill, to anser to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him be Agnes Lakkard the xij of Julii instant, as he that wes laid-fulle warnit to this day for the secund tyme, as wes vereifi be James Steill officiar; becaus he conperis nocht, the session\(^2\) ordinis him to be warnit to this day aucht dayis for the thrid tyme, under pane of publict admonitioun.
  \item The qhilk day, David Robertson being twois warnit to conper befoir the session to anser to the complant of David Williamsoun, as he also this day contemptuose disobeis, the sessioun ordanis him to be warnit for the thrid tyme to this day aucht dayis, under pane of publict admonitioun.
  \item The qhilk day, in terme appointit to preif the dilatioun gevin in aganis Jhone Downy, conperit Alexander Broun, Alexander Hagy, Jhone Scott, James Carstaris elder, and William Oliphant, all duelling in Straythkynnes, witnes, warnit to this day be James Steill officiar, ressavit suorn and admittit in presens of Jhone Downy, opponand na thing aganis thame. Quha, being examinat particularle and severale, deponit as followis: that is to say, Alexander Hagy deponis that about the tyme li bellit he saw Cristene Scott bring in the barn to James Carstaris youngeris hous in Straythkynnes, and saw and hard Jhone Downy tak watter furth of ane plait, haldin be Alesoun Downy his sister, and say to the barin, Alexander, I baptize ye in the name of the Father, Sone, and Holy Goist. And the deponar com in of ane accident, and saw and hard thir thingis, and said to the said Jhone Downy, at that tyme, Weill, weil, schiris! this [is]\(^1\) nocht godly labour, quha commandit this? Bot Jhone Downy ansererit, I sall tak all the
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\(^{1}\) Omitted. \quad ^{2} \textit{Sessionis} in ms.
plicht and perrell in my awin hand. Jhone Scott witnes, suorn and examinat, deponis conforme to Alexander Hagy in all thingis. Alexander Broun, witnes, examinat, deponis that he wes in James Carstaris hous, tyme libellit, in Straythkynnes, and saw Cristene Scott bring in the barn libellit in hir armes, and hard Jhone Downy say to the barn, Alexander, I baptize ye in the name of the Father, Sone, and Holy Goist; and saw na watter as he rememberis; and this wes done befoir none. The sessioun ordanis to warn James Carstaris younger and his wyff, to conpeir this day aucht dayis for the second tyme, in presens of Downy warnit apud acta.

Die Mercurii, tertio Augusti, 1586.

The quhilk day, Robert Melvill, being warnit to this day to Melvill, Lakkart, riy. ansuer to the dilatioun of Agnes Lakkart, conperit and denyit the barn to be his barn; yit the sessioun tocht gude to warn Robert and Lakkart to be confrontit this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Henry Andersoun and Elspot Dauidsoun baiith present grantis thai half gottin ane barn in fornicationoun, and desyrts the samyn to be baptizit. The sessioun ordanis thame first to satisfe the kirk for thair offence, and thairfetir the barn to be baptizit.

The quhilk day, in terme statut to do diligence for James Downy, Scott, Carstaris and Alesoun Downy, witnes in the caus of dilatioun gevin in upon Jhone Downy for baptizing the barn, etc., conperit the saidis witnes, quha, in presens of Jhone Downy, ar ressavit suorn and admittit, nathing be him aganis thame opponit; quha deponit as followis: to witt, James Carstaris younger deponis that, about the tyme libellat, he being passand in and furth in his hous in Straythkynnes, Alexander Hagy, Alexander Broun, and Jhone Scott, being thair, he hard Jhone Downy call the barn libellit Alexander, and that the barn wes than on Cristene Scottis kne; and knawis na forder. Alesoun Downy witnes deponis that, the nycht befoir the barn wes baptizit, Jhone Downy com to hir hous in Straythkynnes; and sche menit than to Jhone Downy that thair wes ane pur woman in that town, quha hes ane barn to be baptizit and can nocht gait ane name to hir barn; and that Jhone Downy said
than to hir, That may be easy done, ony man may baptize ane barn if the barn be walk. And scho confessis that upon the morn, sche com to Cristene Scott and said to hir, Now ye may cum to our hous, for the thing that ye wald haif done, to witt, your barn baptizit, ye may haif it, for thair is ane man in our hous mair habill to do that thing nor I am. And now thair-eftr the dilatioun with the haill actis and depositionis of witnes being red in presens of the session, and thai all being weil advisit thairwith, and being past in voting, the dilatioun is fund to be sufficientlie provin. Thairfor the sessioun thinkis Jhone Downy worthy of punisment, and continewis thair pronuciatioun and the maner how he sall be punisit and ordour to be takin thairanent, quhill this day aucht dayis; and in the meancyme requisitis the minister to expone the caus to the Prisbittrie, and to report thair advis and consall thairin this day aucht dayis; and Jhone Downy is warnit to this day aucht dayis to that effect.

Die decimo Augusti, 1586.

The quhilk day, the session, for gude caus and considerationis moving thame and quhill the Prisbittries advis be hed, contines\(^1\) thair pronuciatioun in the caus of dilatioun aganis Jhone Downy to this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, conperit Robert Melvill, quha, being demandit be the minister, grantis he hes hed carnall daill with Agnes Lokkart; bot, being demandit if the barn be his quhilk Agnes hes born, answeris on this maner, On my conscience that barn that Agnes hes born is nocht myne. The session ordanis baith the parteis to be punisit for thair fornicatioun as fornicatouris, and, quhen forder triall of the father of the barn salbe hed, ordanis the barn to be baptizit; bot Lokkart, being present confrontit with Robert, constantlie affermis the barn to be Robertis barn, and nane utheris, quhilk wes gottin tyme libellit, and born at the tyme libellit, betuix v and sex houris in the morning. The sessioun thinkis yit gude that Robert be mair spetiale inquerit of the tyme and place.\(^2\)

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1 Continues.

2 To clear up such cases of disputed paternity was evidently one of the reasons why the session inquired so minutely as to the time and place of sinning.
The quhilck day, becaus Beatrix Monipenny hes sein twois Monipenny, rij. warnit of befoir to ansuer befoir the session, and disobeyit, the session ordanis hir to be warnit for the thrid tyme, to this day aucht dayis, under pane of publict admonition.

The quhilck day being laidfullie warnit be publict edict.¹

The quhilck day, Thomas Wod redar producit befoir the sessioun ane publict edict, dewlie execut and indorsat be him, bering and makand mentioung how that he, upon Sonday the last of Julii last, oppinle in presens of the pepill, and be publict reding of the said edict, hed warnit all personis quhatsumevir that wald object and allege ony ressonabill caus quhy Cristene Zwill, adultrice with ² umquhill Jhone Robertson, being for the samyn excommunicat, suld nocht be ressavit agane to the unite of the kirk; that thai suld conpeir this day befoir the session in the consall houz, at tua eftir none, and thair thair ressonis suld be weill hard and ordourlie discussit; with intimation, if nane conperit to object, that silence suld be reput for thair hail consent. And becaus nane conperit to that effect, laidfull tyme biddin, thairfor the session ordanit Cristene to be ressavit agane to the unite of the kirk, sche first standand twa Sundayis and ane Weddingsday at the kirk dur, fra the secund bell to sermone, quhill the first prayar and Psalme be done and endit befoir sermone, cled in sek claieth; and thairafter cum to the hichest degre of the penitent stuill, and sitt quhill the sermone be endit; and befoir the prayar depart to the kirk dur, and stand quhill the hail pepill haif ishet furth; and the last Sonday of the tua Sundayis, the said Cristene to be ressavit agane to the unite of the kirk in maner following, to witt, in ³ the publict assemblie of the congregatioun, hir offencis breflie being repetit be the minister, Cristene sall aknowlege the same and promis with the assistance of Goddis Spirite nevir to commit the lyke agane, humill hir self on hir kneis, ask God mercy and the hoill congregatioun for-gifnes. This done the minister sall first ressaif hir be the hand in the pulpeit quhair he standis, and syne sall appoint hir to pas to samony of the elderis as salbe depute to sitt togidder

¹ Here this entry ends, being probably a bungled beginning of the next.
² With with in MS.
³ The minister in in MS.
for that purpois, quhilkis in name of the kirk sall reseaif hir, and embreece hir as thair sister, to the unite of the kirk. And last of all the minister sall gif thankis to God for hir conver-sioun, and mak publict pryar for hir continowance, according to the purpois, as the Spirit of God sall move his hart for the tyme.

Die Mercurii, xvij' Augusti, anno Domini j"v c lxxx sexto.

The quhilk day, as in terme statut to pronunce in the caus of dilatioun gevin in aganis Jhone Downy, for the ungodly, aganis all gude ordour, in his contempt of Christ Jesus and his kirk, usurping the office of ane minister, on his pretendit maner baptizit ane man chchild born of Cristene Scott—allegit gottin on hir in adultery with Androw Erle of Rothes—say-and thir wordis, and takand watter furth of ane plat in his hand, layand the saym on the barnis heid, Alexander, I baptize ye in the name of the Father, Sone and Holy Goist. Quhilkis thingis being sufficientle veresit and provin befoir the ministrie and session, thai, being well and ryplie advisit, pronunciis ordanis and decernis the said Jhone Downy for his offence to pay to the box of the puri thre Il. money, and to cum upon Sunday cum aucth dayis to the highest degre of the penitent stueil, cled in sek claiith, beir heedit and bair fuitit, and sitt thair quhill the sermon and prayar be done befoir none, in presens of the peipill; and thairefter cum down and humill him self on his kneis, ask God mercy and the hoill congregatioun quhome he hes sklanderit forgiines; and, if he failyes heirin, that he sitt cled as said is on the said penitent stueil ilk Sunday for half ane yeir to cum, as adulteraris usis to do for thair offences, under the pane of excommunicatioun.1

Die Mercurii, ultimo mensis Augusti, anno lxxx sexto.

The quhilk day, Agnes Oliphant grantis sche is with barn

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1 The authors of the *First Book of Discipline*, in requiring the Great Coun-cil of Scotland to make 'strait lawis' against the manifest despiser and the prophaner of the sacraments, say:—'We dare not prescrib unto you what penalties shalbe required of suche; but this we fear not to affirme, that the ane and the other deserve death' (Laing’s *Knox*, ii. 254).
to Dauid Pitcarne, quhilk wes gottin at Fastronisevin last wes in Pittarthy. The sessoun ordanis Dauid to be warnt to answer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day Alexander Zoung and Issobell Anderson present grantis thai haif gottin ane barn in forniciation within Kynnynmonth.\(^1\) Thai ar ordanit to be impressonit and to mak publicit humiliation.—Now thai haif payit for impressoment xxij s. to the puir in part of pament of the Act.

The quhilk day, the sessioun payit to James Stell their James Stell fe. officiar for ane yeiris fie, to wit, Mertimes terme in the lxxx fyve, and Witsonday terme the four scoir sex yeiris, fourty schillingis.

_Die Mercurii, decimo quarto Septembris, 1586._

The quhilk day, the sessioun, at the humill suit of Agnes Lokkart, Lokkart desyring the barn gottin on\(^2\) hir in forniciation be Robert Melvill to be baptizit, and hir for hir offence to be ressavit to humiliatioun according to the ordour of the kirk, ordanis the said Agnes to be impresonit, and thairefter mak repentans, and syne ordanis the barn to be baptizit; and ordanis Robert Melvill to be chargit to enter in presson for his offence, and to mak satisfaction conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day, Grissell Gray, being warnt to this day, Gray. conpert, and, being accusit for keping of ane on baptizit barn in hir cumpanie, also desyrit to mak humiliatioun for hir offence, hes desyr delay quhill this day aucht dayis and than to gif hir answer.

The quhilk day, James Robertsoun and Margret Scott, committeris of ineset, ar commandit and ordanit be the sessioun to enter baith to gidder on the penitent stuill Sunday niixttocum, and thairefter their barn to be baptizit; and Jhone Sourdly mercheand is oblisi be thir presentis of his awin propir confession cautioner for James and Margret, that thai sall sinder cumpanie, and fulfill the ordinance of the Synodall Assemblie for thair offencis; and James and Margret ar oblisi to releif the said Jhone Sourdly of the premissis.

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\(^1\) Then in St. Andrews parish, now in Ceres. See p. 558, n.
\(^2\) Has at first run _born be._
Die Mercurii, xxj Septembris, anno lxxx sexto.

Spens, Broun.
The quhilk day, the session, at the humill suit of Jonet Spens, in respect that it is sufficientlie verisit befoir thame that Nicholl Broun hes confessit the barn that Jonet hes born to be his, ordanis Jonet to mak humiliation for hir offence, and thaireftir the barn to be baptizit.

The [quhilk day],\(^1\) conperit Grissell Gray, qua was content to satisfie the ordour of the kirk for hir offence committit in fornication with James Lermont of Balcomy, sub that thai wald caus the said James also to satisfie, utherwyis refusit to mak humiliation; and offerrit thre il. to the puir to remit hir humiliation publicit, and to baptis hir barn; quhilk the session refusit, onles sche wald mak publict humiliation, and, sche satisfisfeand the kirk, ordanis the barn to be baptizit.

Die xij\(^{*}\) Octobris, anno lxxx sexto.

Elderis and deaconis, nomination.
The quhilk day being appointit to all parteis to object aganis the personis nominat elderis and deaconis, quhy thai nicht nocht stand in election; and, becaus nane conperit to that effect, the sait\(^2\) ordanis the electioun to proceed according to the ordour.

Balcomy, Gray.
The quhilk day the session ordanis the action concerning the baptizing of the barn gettin betuix the Laird of Balcomy and Grissell Gray to be ressonit this day aucth dayis.

Electioun of elderis and deaconis, upon Friday the xiiiij day of October, in the yeir of God j\(^{mvi}\) lxxx sex yeiris.

Mr. Robert Wilkie minister.\(^3\)

Eldaris in the town.
Mr. James Wilkie, Rectour of the Universite of St. Andreas
Mr. James Martine, Provost of S. Salutouris College
Mr. Jhone Robertson, maister in the New College
Mr. Dauid Auchmoty, bailye
Mr. William Cok, bailye

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\(1\) Omitted.

\(2\) Said in MS.

\(3\) Partly written in the margin.
Mr. Dauid Russell
Mr. Martine Geddy
James Robertssoun
Alexander Wynnister
William Lermouth Eldaris upon land.
Mr. William Russell Jhone Jnglis of Straythtyrum
Patrik Gutherie Martine Carstrophein in Byrhillis.

Diconis in the town.

William Zwill
Charlis Watsoun
Dauid Guidlaid
Jhone Hagy
Andrew Wrycht
Thomas Lundy Diconis upon land.
Thomas Blak Daid Forister in Kyncapill
Martine Lummisdane. Dauid Pattoun in Ester Balrymonth.

Die Mercurii, decimo nono mensis Octobris, anno lxxx sexto.

The quhilk day, the eldaries and deaconis aboif writin ratifiit and apprevit the haill actis and statutis maid in this buik the fyft of November lxxij yeiris, and all utheris actis and statutis within the samyn, qua hir all suorn solemnitie, and promis to observe and keip the samyn, as also Thomas Wod redar.

The quhilk day, Jhone Smyth in Seres and Grissell Burrell conperit befor the sessioun to be contractit, and being inquirit be the minister if thai hed committit harlatre of befor, the said Grissell confessit sche hes born ane barn befor to ane named Jhone Pringill duellin in Karskerdo within the par-rochin of Seres, bot sche hes yit nevir satisfieth thairfuir, nor yit wes sche evir chargit be the kirk of Seres thairto, and thes barn wes gottin in adultrie, the said Jhone being for the tyme marit [on]¹ ane uther woman. Thairfor the session refusis to contract the said Jhone Smyth and hir, quhill Grissell report testimoniall fra the ministrie of Seres of hir satisfaction.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis Jhone Patersoun adultrar,

¹ Omitted.
James Miller and Elspot 1 Bruce incestious, and James Robertsoun incestious, to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, and ressaif injunctionis for their offencis, conforme to the actis of the Sinodall Assemblie, maid at St. Androus the vj of October instant, under pane of censorius of the kirk.

The quhilk day Androw Smyth cordinar and Cathrine Kelle grantis carnall copulatioun. Thai ar ordanit to satisfe thairfor befor thair mariage.

The quhilk day, it is tocht meit and expedient be the ministric that ane generall dilatioun be takin throch the haill town of the offendaris of Goddis law, and of all manifest 2 transgressouris; and to that effect certane honest men to be warnit to conpeir befoir the minister, Mr. William Cok, Mr. Dauid Russell, Mr. Martine Geddy, James Robertssoun, Alexander Wynsister, William Zwill, Pa. Guthrie and Charlis Watson, or ony twa of thame, with Charlis Watsoun scribe; and this to be done at sic tymes as the minister sall appoint; within xv dayis to report ansuer to the sait.

Die vigesimo sexto Octobris, anno lxxx sexto.

The quhilk day, conperit James Robertsoun, incestious with Margret Scott, to quhoma the Act of the Sinodall Assemblie, haldin at St. Androus the vj day of October instant, wes red and publicit; quhoma thai also chargit to begyn on Sunday nixtocom, the penult of October instant, his humiliatioun in sec claiith, on the penitent stuill in the parroche kirk of St. Androus, and to continew ilk precheing day be the space of thre monethis, conforme to the tenour of the said Act, under the panes contenit thairin. And becaus Margret Scott conperit nocht, sche being laidfullie warnit to this day, the saitt ordanis hir to be warnit agane to this day aucht dayis under pane of publicit admonitioun. And siclyke conperit Jhone Patersoun and Issobell Gray adultraris, quhame the sessioun lykewyis chargit, conform[é] to the tenour of the Act, to performe the rest of thair repentance, conforme to the ordour of adultraris, safer as is nocht fullfillit; and that Jhone Patersoun

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1 Interlined over 'pronet deleted.
2 Manifest in MS.
abstain fra all carnall copulatioun with the woman he presente
suitis to be mariit with. And in lyke maner conperit James
Miller incessious with Elizabeth Bruce, his umquhill wyffis
sister dochter. The sessioun, according to the Act of the said
Sinodall Assemblie of the dait foirsaid, chargit the said James
Miller to separat him self fra the cumpanie of the said Eliza-
beth Bruce, with quhome he allegis him to be mariit, under the
pane of the censouris of the kirk; ordaning the said Jonet to
be warnit to the samyn effect this day aught dayis; and James
ansueris that he wald nevir separat him self fra hir salang as he
levis.

The quhilk day, conperit Elspot Hammiltoun, presente
duelling in James Alanis hous in this citee, quha confessis schi
hes borne ane barn in fornicatioun to Mr. James Gordoun; and,
being inquerit if the barin be yit baptizit, anseris the samyn
wes baptizit in the kirk of Salkath, be ane minister callit Mr.
Thomas, and rememberis nocht upon his name. The sessioun
ordanis hir to produce sufficient testimoniall of the baptizing
of the said barin this day xv dayis, under sic panis as the kirk
sall injune to hir thairfor.

The quhilk day, Alexander Dewar caution that Agnes Oliphant,
Oliphant sall sitt on the penitent stiull, quhen sche rysis of
child-bed, under pane of ten it.

The sessioun hes ordanit Thomas Wod redar to publicie the
general actis and statutis in the kirk Sunday nixttoc-
cum, baith at the prayaris and tyme of sermone befoir none.

The quhilk day, conperit Mirable Parkye and with hir
Robert Lowtheane, quha grantis thai haif committit fornicati-
oune, manifestat be procreatioun of tua barnis. Thai ar ordanit
to mak repentance conforme to the ordour, and to abstain fra
utheris socite in tymes cuming.

Die Mercurii, secundo Novembris, 1586.

The quhilk day, Grissell Rowill grantis sche buir ane mane cheld in fornicatioun aught dayis befoir Martimes lxxxv yeris,

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gottin on hir be Thomas Lowtheane in hir fatheris hous in this citee in the Lenton befoir, on ane Twisday befoir none, and that Thomas is now in Flanderis, and hir barn yit on baptizit. The session, for triall of the verite, ordanis Effe Miller, mother to Thomas, and Issobell Miller, mother to Grissell, Issobell Rowill, hir sister, and William Lowtheane, to be warnit to this day aucht dayis. And forder Grissell grantis that the tyme that hir awin barin sowkit hir, Beatrix Forsyth, dochter to Henry Forsyth, patt ane barn of hiris, ane man cheild, in foster, quhilk wes on baptizit; and sayis that Beatrix callit the father of that barn Jhone Watson, and efter that the barn wes takin fra hir the samyn wes put in William Oliphantis hous in Straythkynnes to foster, quhar it deit.

Bruce, Miller.

The quhilk day, becaus that Elizabeth Bruce, being warnit to this day personalie, as wes vereifi be James Steill officiar, to haif bein requerit be the session to fulfill the ordinance of the Sinodall Assemble, conperit nocht, sche is ordanit to be warnit agane to this day aucht dayis.

Die Mercurii, xxiiij Novembris, anno lxxx sexto.

The quhilk day, conperit Beigis Blak, spous to Thomas Dudingston, quha, being accusit befoir the session, at the instance of hir said spous, for adultrie in begating of ane barn by him in adultrie, confessis that sche hes born ane barn as is allegit by hir husband; and being inquerit of the mannis name sayis sche knawis him nocht, bot sayis that about Lammes fyve yeiris sensyne, sche being in ane part callit the Grein Syke of Laderny, about ix hours, befoir none, ane horsman being ryding by com to hir, and aganis hir will be force lay with hir and begat the said barn, being ane knaif cheild; and declaris sche nevir saw him befoir nor yit sensyne; and grantis that hir husband hed nocht carnall daill with hir thre yeir befoir the begatting of the barn. Beigis Stevinsoun, witnes, spous to George Wilsoun in Laderny, suorn and examinat in the said mater, deponis that sche wes nocht present quhen Begis Blak wes lichter; bot, immediatle eftir sche wes

1 In in MS.  
2 Quhat in BS.  
3 Radernie.
lichter, sche com in to the defendar, and umquhill Bessy Mark meidwyffe and Jonet Fergous, and sche hard the maidwyfe spair at the defendar, Quha is aucht that barn that thow hes born? tell us or ellis we will nocht cum neir the to help! and hard the defendar anser as sche hes ellis deponit. Jonet Fergous witnes, spous to Jhone Blak, deponis conforme to the former witnes. Cristene Criste witnes suorn and examinat deponis conforme to the former witnes. The session ordanis Beigis Blak to conpeir the nixt Synodall Assembleie, and res-saif injunction for his offence conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day Thomas Fermour and Margret Richeart present grantis thai haif gottin ane barn in fornicatioun. The session thairfor ordanis thame to satisfie for thair offence conforme to the ordour, and thairefter thair barne salbe baptizit.

The quhilk day, Androw Smyth cordinar and Cathrine Kellie presentis grantis carnall copulatioun befoir thair contract, thairfor thai ar ordanit to mak humiliatioun for the samyn as fornicatouris.

The quhilk day, the dilacionis being red in presens of the session, thai haif ordanit the haill transgressouris dilatit to be warnit particularie to anser befoir thame at several tyymes, as tyme may serve.

Dic xiiij° mensis December, anno lxxx sexto.

The quhilk day, the sessioni, understanding the willing obedientie repentance and humill submission of James Robert-son, incestious with Margret Scott, and that he hes suttn ten several Sondays on the stull of repentance, conform [to] the Act of the Synodall Assemble, ordanit him to be ressavit agane to humiliation, and his pennis absolivt Sunday nixtto-cum; and Cristene to be warnit to mak humiliatioun this day aucht days; and now thaid ar ordanit to conpeir befoir the nixt Synodall in lyning clathis, according to the ordour of the kirk.

The quhilk day Robert Thomson grantis he hes committit...
fornicatioun with Mage Dowie. The sessioun ordanis him to mak humiliation thairfor on ¹ Sunday nixttocum and Mage to be warnit to this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk [day], ² James Miller, incestious with Jonet Bruce, producit ane supplication fra the commissaris direct to this session, datit at Edinburgh the penult of November last wes; quhilk being red befor the session, thai haif ordanit ane ansuer to be maid thairto and send agane to thair lordschippis, subscrivit be the clerk; and nochtwithstanding to proceid agans the said James and Jonet, in chargeing thame to separat thame selfis, conforme to the ordinance of the Synodall; and ordanit Jonet Bruce to be warnit to conpeir befor thame and ressaif command to separat hir self fra James; lykeas James hes ellis ressavit the samyn command this day aucht dayis.

Die xxviiij Decembris, 1586.

The quhilk day Jhone Paterson and Issobell Gray ar ordanit to conpeir befor the nixt Synodall in lyning clathis conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day, at the humill suit of Grissell Rowill, the session ordanis hir to enter in presson Satterday nixttocum, and to satisfe conforme to the ordour, and thair efter hir barn to be baptizit, quhilk sche hes born in fornicatioun to Thomas Lowtheane as sche allegis.

The session ordanis Beatrix Monipenny to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, under pane of publict admonition; becaus sche hes bein thryis warnit of befoir and contempteus dis-obeyit.

The quhilk day Bessy Donaldson grantis hir to be with barn to Dauid Cuik tymmerman. He is ordanit to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, to ansuer to the dilatioun, and Bessy to be than present.

The quhilk day Issobell Strathauchin grantis hir to be with barn to Jhone Carmichaill in Thrid Part, the barn wes gottin in William Mortins hous in this citee at Pasche last wes; and that sche bur ane uther barn to him befoir in fornicatioun,

¹ Or in ms. ² Omitted.
quhilk sche allegis wes baptizit in the kirk of Anstroyer, for the quhilk thai maid repentance thair. Sche is ordanit to mak humiliation for hir offence, quhen God sendis hir deliver of hir cheild.

Die\textsuperscript{1} quarto Januarii, anno lxxx sexto.

The quhilk day, David Cuike tymmerman grantis that Bessy Donaldsoun is with barn to him presentlie, procraint in fornicatioun. He hes promist to pay x\textsuperscript{1}s. in part of pament of the Act of Parliament for his impressment within xv dayis, and to mak humiliatioun on the penitent stull for his offence conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day, the sessoun ordanis Thomas Reif to be Reif, \textit{rii.} warnit to this day aucht dayis, under pane of publict admonition, becaus he wes oftines summond befoir and conperit nocht; as also to summond Cristene Deir his party.

The quhilk day, David Pitcarne and Janet Hwniman being this day, befoir thair contract of mariage, accusit be the minister for haining carnall copulatioun, and that Janet is with barn to him, thai baith denyit the dilatioun; thairfor the session ordanit to noit this day, and, if the contrar suld cum to knawlege heirefter, thai to be baith punisit for thair dimeritis at the discrietioun of the ministrie.

\textit{Die xj\textsuperscript{e} Januarii, anno lxxx sexto.}

The quhilk day, conperit Margret Oliphant, dochter to Androw Oliphant in this citee, qua grantis sche hes born four barnis to James Monipenny, bruther german to David Monipenny of Pitmale, all gottin in fornicatioun, quhairof thre wes gottin and born in the burght of Perth, alleging thame to be baptizit thair, and that sche hes satisfet the kirk of Perth for hir offence and sklander; and, as to the fount, confessis the samyn wes gottin in Kinkell within this parrochinch and born in this citee, yit on baptizit, and desyrit the samyn to be baptizit, and offerrit hir redy to satisfe thairfor conforme to the ordour. The session being advisit

\textsuperscript{1} Die in ms.
heirwith hes ordanit the said Margret Oliphant to produce testimoniall from the kirk of Perth, that the uther thre faltis ar satisfait thair, and that the first thre barnis ar baptizit, and als that sche is nocht excommunicat be the kirk of Perth, as wes delatit to this present sessioun, this day aucht dayis; and als ordanit James Monipenny, how sone he beis sein [in]\(^1\) this citee, to be warnit to conpeir befoir thame to anser to the premissis; and thairefter the said barn to be baptizit.

**Die Mercurii, xv\(^*\) Januarii, anno lxxx sexto.**

The quhilk day, at the humill suit of Elspot Rekie, craving the barn born of\(^2\) hir in fornicatioun to Dauid Orm to be baptizit, for the quhilk sche hes ells maid satisfactioun, as also Dauid for his impressoment, the session ordanit the barn to be baptizit, and Dauid Orm to be chargit to mak publict humiliatioun.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanit James Lermouth of Balcomy, Robert Melvill, Henry Andersoun, Dauid Orm younger, and Beatrix Monipenny, as also Dauid Cuik, and Bessy Donaldson, to be all warnit to this day aucht dayis, to gif anser quhy thai satisfie nocht for thair offencis, conforme to the ordour of the kirk, under pane of publict admonition.

The quhilk day, Alexander Touche, sumtyme dwelling in Kirkaldy now in St. Androus with Jhone Dawsoun litstar, grantis he hes gottin ane barn in adultric with Marioun Banntyne, spous to Dauid Wobstar thair. The session ordanit him to report testimoniall of the kirk of Kirkaldy, that he hes satisficth thairfor, this day xv dayis, under pane that the kirk may lay to him.

The quhilk day, Dauid Pitclerne\(^3\) is ordanit to be marriit with Aleson Hwniman; and Thomas Wod redar cautiouin for thair satisfaction, in cais it be fund that thai haif knawin utheris carnaile befoir this day.

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Sibbald and Margret Wilsoun his servand, quha confessis carnaill daill togidder,

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\(^1\) Omitted.  
\(^2\) Written over be.  
\(^3\) Sic.
[and]¹ that Margret is with barn to him. Thai ar ordanit to be impressonit and to satisfie² conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day Cristene Anderson confessis sche hes born ane barn in fornicatioun to Robert Barn in Culros. The session ordanit hir to conpeir agane this day aucht dayis for forder triall. Sche says his barin wes gottin in Daviud Kynneris hous in this citee. The sessioun ordanis hir now to mak humiliatioun for hir offense as ane fornicatrix, without prejudice of greater punishement if forder knawlege³ cumis that the barn is utherwys gottin.

The quhilk day George Greg oblissis him, as cautior for Cathrin Ged, that sche sall enter in presson conforme to the ordour under pane of ten it., for fornicatioun committit with Jhone Dunkeane, manifestit be procreatioun of ane madin barn, confessit be hir, and verefit be James Duncane, Jhone Miller, and Daviud Wilsoun, that thai hard the said Jhone Duncane grant the barn to be his, quhilk the said Cathrin hes born; and Cathrin oblissis hir to releif the said George Greg and maid faith befoir the sessioun that the barn is Jhone Duncaneis barn.

**Die primo mensis Februarii, anno lxxx sexto.**

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanit Margret Oliphant yit as of befoir to produce testimoniall, conforme to the last ordinance maid thairanent the xj of Januar last wes, this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day Thomas Reif grantis carnall daill with Cristene Deir. He is ordanit to satisfie thairfor and Cristene to be warnit to this day aucht dayis.

**Die Mercurii, viij* Februarii, anno lxxx sexto.**

The quhilk day, conperit Mr. Patrik Adamsoun, Bischof of St. Androus, allegeand him to haif verball directioun of the Kingis Majestie, to desyre the minister and redar to pray publicdie for his Hienes mother, for hir conversion and amendiement of lyfe, and if it be Godis plesour to preserve hir from

¹ Omitted.  
² Satisfi in ms.  
³ Knawge in ms.
this present danger quhairin sche is now, that sche may heir after be ane profitabill member in Christis kirk. The sesioun presentlie assemblit, being sufficientlie resolvit heirwith, hes conduedit that the minister at ilk servome, and the redar at ilk tyme quhen he sayis the prayaris, pray publiclie for the Kingis Gracis mother as is desyrt.\(^1\)

The quhilk day, conperit Dauid Turubill, quha\(^2\) grantis carnall copulatioun with Cristane Murray and that sche is with barne to him as he belevis, and that he promist her mariag, and is willing to performe the samyn if his father be content. The sesioun ordanis Cristene to be warnit heirto this day aucht dayis.—And now conperit Cristene Murray, quha grantis the barn that sche is with is Dauid Turubillis, and that he promist to hir mariag. Thair\(^3\) baith ordanit to mak satisfaction\(^4\) conforme to the ordoeur.

The quhilk day, it is verefit befoir the session be Androw Sellar officiar that he hes diveris and sindry tymes warnit Margret Oliphant to produce testimoniall fra the kirk of Perth, mentionat in the Act the xj of Januar last wes, and specialie to this day. And be ressoun sche hes nather conperit nor yit producit testimoniall, the session yit anis agane ordanis hir to report the samyn this day aucht dayis.

\textit{Die Mercurii, xxij\textsuperscript{e} mensis Februarii, anno lxxx sexto.}

The quhilk day, Margret Oliphant, conperand befoir the sesioun, is ordanit be session and bailyeis of this citee to depart fra the boundis of this citee within aucht dayis, in respect that it is notorius be hir awin confession that sche is excommunicat be the kirk of Perth; and nevir to returne agane heir, quhilk sche produce testimoniall of hir satisfaction in the kirk of Perth, under the pane of banisment.

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\(1\) This tardy request, though willingly complied with, came too late. The kirk-session met at two o'clock in the afternoon, but at eight that very morning Queen Mary had been led forth to execution; so that the staunch Protestants of St. Andrews must have publicly prayed for the dead. In connection with the alleged refusal of the ministers of Scotland to pray for the Queen, see Lee's \textit{Lectures on the History of the Church of Scotland}, ii. 91-95.

\(2\) Quha quha in MS.  
\(3\) For thai ar.  
\(4\) Satisfacton in MS.
The quhilk day, conperit Elene Wilsoun, quha grantis sche hes born tua barnis in fornicatioun to Jhone Monipenny, servitour to George Dowglas, and allegis the ane to be baptizit and that sche hes satisfit theirfor, and the uther is yit on baptizit. The session ordanit hir to caus the said Jhone to conpeir befoir thame within twenty dayis, to anser to the premissis, and vrefy that the ane of hir barnis is sua baptizit and satisfaction maid theirfor; and that Jhone also satisfie conforme to the ordour.

Die primo Martii, anno lxxx sexto.

The quhilk day, Beatrix Murray grantis hir to be with barn to Jhonne Downy, quhome sche allegis presentlie to be in Atholl. The session ordanis hir to produce testimoniall, subscrivit be ane minister or redar, of confession and grant to the said dilatioun, this day xxj dayis.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar and Alane Robertsoun belmen ar commandit in all tymes cuming to bring the puir folkis broddis\(^1\) to the sessioun ilk Weddinsday, to ressaif their direction to quhome the broddis salbe gevin the nixt Sunday following; and siclyke that ather the said Androw or Alane or ellis baith be in the kirk ilk day, tyme of sermonie and prayaris, reddy quhen thai heir ony noyis tumult or perturbatioun, ather maid in the kirk or kirkyaider, ather be man woman doggis or utheris quhatsumevir, to stope the samyn, that nather the minister nor redar be inquietid in precheing and reeding of Goddis Word, nor yit the auditor molestit, under all heast pane the maestratris may lay to their charge.

Die Mercurii, viij\(^{o}\) Marcii, anno lxxx sexto.

The quhilk day, conperit Alexander Pady, quha producit his humill supplecatiou, makand mentioun that quhair he hes gottin ane man child aganis Goddis holy law with Margret Clapen, quhilk he repentis fra his hart, and cravis God mercy for the same, and offerrit him maist willing to mak humiliatioun

\(^1\) Collection-plates.
for his offence in sic sort as it suld ples the ministrie to injune
him, theairfor deyrt him to be ressavit to humiliatioun and
thairefter the barn to be baptizt. The sessioun riplie advisit
hes fund the fact to be adultrie, and ordanit the complaner to
enter in sek claith tua severale Sundayis on the penitent stuill,
and thairefter, upon his supplication and ane sufficient plege,
his barn to be baptizit.

Die Mercurii, xvi"e Marci, anno lxxx sexto.

The quhilk day, at the humill suit of Alexander Pady
adultrar with Margret Clapen, he is ordanit to enter on Sunday
nixtto cum on the penitent stuill in sek claith for the second
tyme; and, becaus he is to depart to saill furth of this realm,
his barn is ordanit to be baptizit Sunday nixtto cum; and at
his returning fra the saill he is promist to enter agane on the
penitent stuill in sek claith, and sa to continew quhill the kirk
be satisfet.

The quhilk day, Margret Laing grantis sche hes gottin ane
barn in fornicatioun to Henry Symsoun, and that sche deparit
with barn to him befoir. Sche submittis hir self to discipline;
and, becaus Henry Symsoun duellis in Luicheris, supplication
is ordanit to be direct to the minister of Luicheris that ordour
be takin with him; and Margret sayis that sche knew Henry
Synson thre sindry tymes thre sindry nichtis in Adame
Hopperis hous.

The quhilk day, Margret Portar grantis sche is with barn to
James Traill sone to Capitane Traill, and that the samyn wes
gottin in Mr. Jhone Scottis hous in this citee, and that sche is
xxij owkis gane with barn. Sche submittis hir self to disci-
pline; and James to be warnit quhen he may be apprehendit
heir.

The quhilk day, Mirrabill Dauidsoun grantis hir with barn to
Alexander Dik mariner, and the barn wes gottin in Margret
Reidis hous at the Latter Fair last wes. The man is ordanit to
be warnit at his returning fra saill.

The quhilk day, Euphame Hucheoun grantis hir with barn
to Thomas Monipenny, servand to Dauid Orm. Thomas to
be warnit to answer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis.
The quhilk day, Issobell Mersar grantis hir to be with barn to Jhone Wemys apparan of Logy; the barn wes gottin in Jhone Wyles nether hous; the first tyme sche offendid with him wes ane litill befoir Zwill last wes; and divers tymes sensyne, and last within this aucht dayis in the duelling hous of Androw Wemys of Logy within this citee. Jhone is ordanit to be warnit to this day aucht dayis to ansuer to the said dilatious.

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the sessioun that, fra this tyme furth, all penitentis quha presentis the penitent stueil remoif nocht thame selfis fra the stueil of repentance quhilk the minister gif the blissin, and thairefter to depart with modestie.

_Die Mercurii, xxix* Marci, anno lxxxvii*_.

The quhilk day, the sessioun hes thocht guid and appointit the communioun to be celebratit upon Sunday cum thre owkis viz., the xxiiij day of Aprile nixttocum; and examination to begyn Mononday nixttocum, the thrid of Aprile nixttocum.

Examinatouirs of the first quarter: Mr. James Wilkie, Rectour, Mr. Martine Geddy, Alexander Wynsister, Patrik Gutherie, Thomas Lundy clerk.

Examinatouris of the second quarter: Mr. James Martine, Mr. William Cok, William Lermounth, Thomas Wod, Dauid Guidlaid.

Examinatours of the thrid quarter: Mr. Jhone Robertson, Mr. Dauid Russell, Mr. William Russell, Martine Lummisdane, Jhone Hagy clerk.

Examinatours of the ferd quarter: Mr. Robert Wilkie minister, Mr. Dauid Auchmowty, William Zwill, Charls Watson clerk.

The quhilk day, Jhone Monipenny grantis the barn quhilk Elene Wilsoun hes born is his barn, and he is content to satisfy iij ti. for hir and for his impressoment to the puir, in part of pament of the Act of Parliament, and to mak humilia-tioun conforme to the ordour.—The iij ti. is payit and Wilson hes satisfyt.

The quhilk day, conperit Henry Simson, servitour to the
Laird of Culluthy, quahe, being accusit upon the dilatioun
gevin in aganis him the xv of Marche instant, grantis he hes
knawin Margret Lang\(^1\) carnalie ane moneth efter Pasche wes
ane yier, bot denyis the barne quhilk Margret hes born to be
his, and delatis Margret to haif knawin James Reache carnalie
tyme of plaig in St. Androus. The session ordanis him to
satisfie for his offens, and to preif the dilatioun this day xxj
dayis.

*Die Mercurii, quinto Aprilis, anno lxxvij*\(^f\)

The quhilk day, Cristene Nicholl servand to James Porter-
feild grantis that upon Sunday wes aucht dayis, tyme of preche-
ing eftir none, James Spens servand to Thomas Rekye com to
James Porterfeildis hous and lay with hir, as he also sex oukis
sensyne in Thomas Rekeis barn. The sessioni ordanis hir to
mak satisfactioun thatfor conforme to the ordour, and James
to be warnit to anssuer to the said dilatioun this day aucht
dayis.—And now James grantis the samyn. He is also ordanit
to satisfie.

The quhilk day, conperit Alexander Dudingston, quahe
grantis that he hes gottin ane barn in fornicaition with Mar-
gret Scott in Kynceapill, offerris him to satisfie thatfor conforme
to the ordour, and desyrs the barn thairefter in Goddis name
to be baptizit. The session ordanis him to mak humiliatioun
Sunday nixttocum, and to satisfie for his impressoment, and the
barn to be baptizit Sunday nixttocum; and Margret\(^2\) to be
warnit to mak satisfaction conforme to the ordour. *[Baith—
deleted] Sa.

The quhilk day, Thomas Wod redar for his misbehaveour
this day in the sessioun, behaifing him self on reverentle in
thair awdience, and spatiaalie in geving to William Lermouth
being ane elder ane dowbill lie, and for diveris utheris his mis-
behaveour in the sessioun at diveris tymes of befoir, and for
his additioun of his awin brane to Goddis Word tyme of the
reding of the prayaris, contrar the actis of this sessioun maid
on him of befoir; the sessioun all with ane voce ordanis the
said Thomas to be callit in befoir thame, and thaireftir he to

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\(^{1}\) Perhaps *Laing.*; \(^{2}\) Interlined over *Cristene* deleted.
hummill him self on his kneys, ask God and thame forvevhe, and specialie the said William Lermonth quhome he hes this day offendit as said is; quhilk if he refusis the minister to charge him presentle to obey the samyn for the first tyme under pane of the censouris of the kirk, and thaireftir he to be publiclie chargit thairto Sunday nixttocum under the said pane, and nevir to be agane heireftir in the societie with this session. And incontinent the said Thomas, being callit in befoir the sessioun, and desyrit be the minister in Godis name to obey this ordina[n]e, planlie refusit; and constantlie affermit that the sessioun hed done him manifest wrang. Thairfor the minister chargit the said Thomas as said is to obey, and, becaus he refusit, the nixt charge is ordanit to be gevin him publiclie 1 Sunday nixttocum.

Die Mercurii, duodecimo mensis Aprilis, 1587.

The quhilk day, Androw Clerk conperit and producit his supplicationen desyryng his bairn, gottin in 2 fornaciatoun on Cristene Craig in this parrochien, to be baptizit; and offerrit him redy to satysfye thairfor Sunday nixttocum conforme to the ordour. The session ordanit him to mak humiliatioun for his offence Sunday nixttocum, and to satysfye for his impressment, and thaireftir the bairn to be baptizit. And becaus the bairn wes born within the parrochien of Darsie, the session ordanis testimoniail to be grantit to him eftir that he hes satisfeit to the minister of Darsie, that the bairn may be baptizit thair, and the woman also to satysfye thair.

The quhilk day, becaus that Androw Sellar officiar verefit Miller, Bruce befoir the sessioun that he hed diveris tymes befoir warnit James Miller, incestious with Elizabeth Bruce, to haif conperit befoir the session, and cheislie to this day, and disobeyit, thairfor the session ordanit him to be warnit agane to this day aucht dayis under pane of publicit admonitioun.

Die Veneris, xiiiij Aprilis, 1587.

The quhilk day, the sessioun being all warnit to this day Humiliat

1 Publiclie in ms.  
2 On in ms.
and the maist part convenit, conperit Thomas Wod vicar and
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cedar of St. Androus, quha, humlie with reverence, submittit
him self to the voce of the kirk, and, sitting don on his
kneyis in their presens, askit God and the haill session for-
giness, and speciale William Lermouth quhome he offendit,
conforme to the tenour of the decrete of sessioun prouncit
aganis him the fyft of April instant, and is agane reconcelit
with thame all in Goddis feir; and promist lykwyis upon
Sonday nixttocum to confes his offence oppinlie in the kirk
eftir sermonbe befoir none, conforme to the said decrete.

Die xix° mensis Aprilis, anno Domini jv°lxxxvij.

The qhilk day, the sessioun with commoun consent hes
electit M° William Cok, David Auchmowty, and William
Russell, or ony ane of thame commissioneris to conpeir in the
Synodall Assemblie, to be haldin at St. Androus the xxvj day
of April instant, to assist consult resoun voit and concluid
in all things with the said Assemblie, to the glory of God,
mentinance of the religioun, weill of Christis kirk, and punis-
ment of vice.

The qhilk day, the sessioun ordanit James Miller, incesteous
with Elizabeth Bruce, to be summond publicle¹ Sunday cum
aucht dayis, to conpper befoir thame to ressaif the charge to
fulfill the Act of the Sinodall Assemblie, upon Wednday the
thrid of May nixttocum, under pane of censouris of the kirk;
becaus it is verefiit be Androw Sellar officiar that he warnit
him personale to this day under pane of publict admonition,
and he contempteouslie disobeyit.

Die tertio Maii, anno Domini jv°octuagesimo septimo.

The qhilk day, David Toscholl ² grantis he hes gottin ane
barn in fornicatioun with Besse Watsoun, within this citee, in
David Murrayis hous. He desyris the barn to be baptizit,
and to satisfie for his offence conforme to the ordour. The
sessioun ordanit the woman, mother of the barne, to conpeir

¹ Publile in ms.
² Perhaps Toschoe.
befoir the minister, and answer to the dilatiation; and if she grant the same, and he and she satisfie and the kirk conforme to the ordour, thairefther the barin to be baptizit; and if he and the said Bessy payis xxx s. in part of pament of the Act of Parliament to the puir, and conperis bairthe to the penitent stiill Sunday nixttoecum, the barn to be baptizit the said day.
—Baith sa.

The quhilk day, the sessioun chargit Jhone Sibbald present Jhone Sibbald. to mak humiliatioun on the penitent stiill Sunday nixttoecum, under pane of publict admonitioun.—Baith satisfet.

The quhilk day, the session chargit James Miller incestiosous Admonitioun to James Miller. with Elizabeth Bruce to mak humiliatioun in sec-claith, conforme to the ordour, Sunday nixttoecum; and ask God and the congregatiounforgifhes for his offence with the said Elizabeth; and to desist fra all foder cumpanie with hir, conforme to the decrete of the Synodall Assemble, under pane of publict admonitioun Sunday nixttoecum.

Die decimo mensis Maii, anno lxxx septimo.

The quhilk day, conperit James Miller befoir the sessioun, and confessit that he is now movit be Goddis Spirit and suirlie persuadit that he hes done wrang in maring Elizabeth Bruce, his first wyffis sister dochter, and is now suirle certifit that the samyn is incest; and thairfor is content to separat him self fra hir cumpanie, and to enter on the penitent stiill Sunday nixttoecum with the said Elizabeth, and mak humiliatioun in sec claith conforme to the ordinance¹ of the kirk, and to continew quhill the kirk be satisfet; and if he failyes heirin to be publice summond heirto for the secind tyme under pane of censorius of the kirk.

The quhilk day, conperit George Blair, servitour to George Confessio Georgij Blair, Dowglas, quha grantis he [hes]² knawin Alesoun Zoung carnalitie, sen sch the cie to this citee. The sessioun ordanit him to satisfie thairfor conforme to the ordour, and to warn Alesoun to conper befoir thame this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Alexander Towche, adultrar with Marioun Admonito Touche.

¹ Ordinane in MS.
² Omitted.
Bannatyne, is ordanit be Mr. William Cok baidye to depart of the boundis of this citee within xxiiiij houris, under pane of warding of his persoun; and command gevin to Androw Sellar officiar to putt the samyn in executiou.n.

The sessioun ordanid Dauid Pitcarne and his spous to be warnit to anser upon the Act maid in this buik the ferd of Januar last wes.—Thai haif saisfis, &c.

Die decimo septimo mensis Maii, 1587.

The quhilk day, Jonet Hammiltoun grantis sches deparit with ane barn in this citee, quhilk wes gottin on hir in fornicatioun be Androw Perdov within the burght of Craill. Sche is ordanit to enter in pressoun Satterday nixttocum for the sklander done to this congregatioun; and to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour, in the parrochin of Craill quhair the barn wes gottin; and that supplication be direct to the ministrie of Craill, for ordour to be takin with Androw.

The quhilk day, becaus Alesoun Zoung wes warnit to this day, as wes verifiit be Androw Sellar officiar, and conperit nocht, sche is ordanit to be warnit agane to this day aucht dayis, under pane of publict admonition.

The quhilk day Mirrabill Dauidon is ordanit to caus Alexander Dik hir party conpeir with hir this day aucht dayis and verify hir dilatioun.

The quhilk day, James Miller and Elizabeth Bruce incessious personis confessis thair syn and offence, and is content to separat thame selfis fra utheris societe\(^1\) conforme to the ordinance of the Synodall Assemble, and continew in humiliation for thair offence as thai haif alreedy begun in seclaith, ilk Sunday, quhill the kirk be saisfis; and in the meanetyme maist humlie desyrit the barn procreat betuix thame to be baptizit for Goddis saik. The session ordanit thame to enter agane on Sunday nixt on the penitent stuill in seclaith, and thaireftir to baptize the barn.

The quhilk day, conperit ane puir barn, born be umquhill Margret Moncur, incertane qua ha is his father, and maist

\(^1\) Societe in ms.
humlie on his kneyis reheris the Lordis prayar and the Beleif, and desyrit the session for Goddis saik to grant him baptizit. The session, in respect thairof, ordanit him to be baptizit Sonday nixttoecum.

The quhilk day, Elspot Dauidsoun and Thomas Rikkart presentis grants thai haif committit fornicatioun; and that Elspot is presentle with barn to him. Thai ar ordanit to mak satisfaction conforme to the ordour, and Elspott to enter in presson Satterday nixttoecum, and Thomas Satterday cum aucht dayis.—Thai haif baith satisfeit.

*Die xxvij° Junii, anno lxxvij°*

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Downy, quha grants he hes knawin Beatrix Mwrray carnalie at Lammes last wes, viz., ane day befoir Lammes in Robert Zoungis hous. He is ordanit to conpeir this day aucht dayis; and Patrik Gutherie caution for him that he sall satisfe conforme to the ordour, and enter in pressoun Satterday nixttoecum.

The quhilk day, conperit James Wemys mariner and Effe Alesoun, quha grants thai haif gottin ane barn in fornicatioun, and offeris thame to humiliation, and thairfor desyris the barn to be baptizit. The session ordanis thame to satisfe, and thairefter the barn to be baptizit.

The quhilk day, it is delatit that Francie Zounger, mariit man duelling in the Cottoun of Nyde, hes gottin ane barn in adultrie with Agnes Mathow, in the place of Nyde within this parroche. The barn is four yeir auld at Candilmes last wes. Agnes ducllis presentlie in the Kirkland of Seres. The session ordanit Frances to be first privalie admonisit to conpeir befoir thame to ansuer to this dilatioun, and if he failye to be publiclie summond.

*Die quinto Julii, anno lxxvij°*

The quhilk day, fforesamekill as Thomas Wod redar being accusit befoir the sessioun for transgressing of the gude ordour, observit in this kirk and sessioun thir mony yeiris bipast, in proclaiming the banis of Paule Lundy and Jonet Welwod,
Sonday the secund of Julii instant—the saidis Paule and Jonet nevir presentin thame selfis befoir the sessioun to testifie their promis of mariage as uthers of this parrochins dois, that being induellaris within this citee, conforme to the ordour inviolable observit—and without ony command of the sessioun; and als for usurping authorite on him in ressaving ane testimoniall direct to the minister redar elderis and deacons of this parrochin, and nevir advising with thame. It is fund be the haile sessioun assemblit that the said Thomas hes done wrang in sa doing, and thairfor ordanis him to acknowledge his offence publickle Sonday nixttoecum, and the minister to require him to do the samyn, under pane of censouris of the kirk; and forder ordanis the proclamationoun ells maid to be nul, and that na proclamationoun be maid heirefter of the said Paule and Jonetis bannis, unto the tyme thai conpeir befoir the session and verefy thair promis thame selfis personalie, according to the ordour.

The quhilk day, Jonet Welwod and Paule Lundy being\(^1\) delatit for geving of sklander to this congregatioun, in keepin of ower great cumpane nicht and day and uthers tymes on marriit or contractit, thair ar ordanit to be warnit to this day aucht dayis to ansuer to the said dilatioun; and forder it is delatit that the said Jonet is with barn to the said Paule; thair ar ordanit lykewyis to ansuer thairto; and forder that the saidis Paule and Jonet be accusit for transgressing of the gude ordour of this session in suting and purchessing of thame to be contractit be ony uther person\(^2\) by the ministrie of St. Androus, seing the said Paule and Jonet ar induellaris within this citee, and cheiflie the said Jonet presentle duellis as sche hes done all hir dayis within the samyn.

\textit{Die xii\textdegree Julii, anno lxxvij}\textdegree

The quhilk day, it is tocht gude that Paule Lundy and Jonet Welwod be warnit to conpeir befoir the session, to ansuer to the dilatioun\(^3\) gevin in aganis thame this day aucht dayis, to Weddingsday nixttoecum the xix of Julii instant; becaus thai

\(^{1}\text{Being being in MS.}\)

\(^{2}\text{Altered.}\)

\(^{3}\text{Dilatioun in MS.}\)
haif bein warnt to the samyn effect anis of befoir and con-
tempteuslie disobeyit ; and this with certificatioun if thai failye
thai salbe publiclie\(^1\) summond thairto Sunday cum aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Elspot Eviot is contractit in marriage with
Thomas Wilsoun, and befoir the solemnziatioun of the marriag-
it is ordanit that sche produce testimoniall of the minister of
Kynnowill, that sche hes satisfeit the kirk of Kynnowill for
procreatioun of ane barn in fornicatioun in the said parrochini
of Kynnowill with George Chalmer.

The quhilk day, conperit Marioun Boytour, quha grantis Confessio
sche is with barin to Jhone Hagy gottin [in]\(^3\) fornicatioun.
He is\(^2\) ordanit to be warnt thairto this day aucht dayis. This
[is]\(^3\) tua barnis sche hes gottin with the said Jhone, and ane
uther befoir to Thomas Cok. Sche is ordanit to be thre owkis
inpressonit.

The quhilk day, Daud Turibill elder conperand befoir the Turibill.
seSSIoun, and requerit to gif his consent to Daud Turibill
younger his sone to marie Cristene Murray, he refusit to gif
the samyn.

The quhilk day, conperit Frances Zounger in Nyde, quha
grantis it is aucht yeiris sen he wes marit with Marrabill
Suentoun, and declaris that he hes committit adultrie with
Agnes Mathow, fyve yeiris sensorye about Wodsonday, in Nyde,
ani in the byre and ane uther tyme in the barn of Nyde.
The ministris presente chargis the said Frances to conper
befoir the nixt Synodall Assembleie of Fyffe, and ressaif
his injunctionis of the said Assembleie for his offence, conforme
to the ordour ; and that Mr. Thomas Buquhanane, minister of
Seres, be advertisit to require the said Agnes to conper lyke-
wyis befor the said Assemble, to the effect forisaid.

Die Mercurii, xix\(^\circ\) Julii, 1587.

The quhilk day, Margret Turibill, born in the Wemys, ser-
vitour to Jonet Inglis sumtyme spous to Mr. Jhone Ruther-
furd minister, xxx yeiris of hir aige or thairby, grantis that
sche hes born ane madin barn in fornicatioun to Mr. Jhone

\(^1\) Publicitie in ms. \(^2\) Omitted. \(^3\) Heis in ms.
Jnglis, son to Dauid Jnglis of Ardeth, in the place of Ardeth, gottin fyve or sex oukis befoir Mertimes last wes; and that sche knew him mony and diveris tymes sensync; and that sche wes delieverit\(^1\) the thrid day of Julii instant in Sanctandrous; and being inquerit if sche evir declarit to ony persoun that sche wes with barin fra the tyme of hir concepioun to the day of hir birth, denyis the samyn: secundlie, if sche tuik ony drinkis with barin, ansueris, Ye, that sche, in Maii last wes, ressavit drinkis for remady of hir sair leg fra Mr. Thomas Broun; and grantis sche buir the said barne dead in\(^2\) the said Jonet Jnglis hous in the North Gait at the fyre syde, na persoun being with hir nor knawing thairof; the said Jonet Jnglis being for the tyme gangand up and down the hous; and, being inquerit if ony persoun counsellit hir to tak the drinkis, ansueris Jonet Jnglis hir hussy\(^3\) consallit hir thairto, and desyrit Mr. Thomas Broun to mak the samyn onlie for remady of hir sair leggis; and quhen hir child evill com on hir sche knew nocht the samyn and thairfor wald nocht send for wemen.

The quhilk day, Jonet Welwod conperit befoir the sessioun and declarit that sche hes promist marriage to Paule Lundy, and offerris hir self with all humilite to the obedience of the kirk in all thingis; and forder, being accusit be the minister if sche wes with barin to the said Paule, denyis the samyn on hir conscience. And becaus Paule being warmit to this day personalie, as wes verefit be the officiar, as also requerit be the sessioun in the persoun of James Robertson one of the elders to haif conperit this day, he being in the kirk yaird, contemplteuslie disobeyit, thairfor the sessioun ordanis hime to be warmit for the thrid tyme to anser to the dilatiation this day aucht dayis, under pane of publict admonitioun Sunday cum aucht dayis.

\textit{Die Mercurii, xxvij\textsuperscript{a} Julii, anno lxxx septimo.}

The quhilk day, the sessioun with ane voce ordanis Thomas Wod to mak humiliatioun, and that na bannis be proclamit betuix Paule Lundy and Jonet Welwod quhill thai conpeir befoir this sessioun and verefe thair promis of marriage, con-

\footnote{1 \textit{Deliver} in MS. \hfill 2 \textit{In in} in MS. \hfill Housewife, mistress.}
forme to the ordour and actis of the assemblie and decrete ellis gevin thairanent the fyft of Julii instant.

The quhilk day, conperit Margret Scott, servand to James Alane, quha grants is with barn to umquhill Dunkane Balfour maltman in this citie, quhilk sche grants wes gottin in adultrie, the said Dunkane\(^1\) being than marriit with ane uther woman. The first tyme wes on Sunday befoir Mertimes last wes in Dunkanis hous at vij houris in the morning; and tua uther tymes in James Alanis hous thaireftir. The session ordanis hir to be better advisit, and to conperit agane this day aucht dayis for forder triall to be hed in the mater.\(^2\)

The quhilk day, it is ordanit that the minister publis Sonday nixtto cum that the contract of mariag quhilk wes maid betuix James Robertson and Margret Scott is declarit nul be the kirk, and that the parteis ar fre to mary in the Lord as thai ples.

_Die secundo mensis Augusti, anno octuagesimo septimo._

The quhilk day, being appointit to the parrochenaris of this parroch in upon land, as thai quha wer, upon Sunday last wes, the penult of Julii last wes, publiclie warnit be the minister in the pulpit to haif conperit befoir the ministrie and consall of this citie, to gif thair gude counsall advis ayde and assistance in thir heidis and artiklis following:—In the first, to gif thair advis quhut tyme thai think maist convenient to celebrat the communioun to the parrochenaris up on land. Secundlie, that thai mich help and support to the clengeing of the buriall. Thridlie, that thai mich help to the reparatioun and mending of the kirk. Firthlie, that the elderis upon land micht be mair diligent with the deacons in convening to the ouklie assemblie of the ministrie, and that mair diligent travellis micht be takin in delating of all faltouris alswell in burght as land. FFyftlie, that ilk tenant upon land, quha hes his hous polluted with harlotrie, declar the samyn to thair maister, under pane of xl s.

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\(^1\) _William_ in _MS_.

\(^2\) The session had good cause for being suspicious of Margret Scott’s statement. On the 24th of September 1589, she again appeared, to ask mercy for the wrangus confessioun quhilk sche maid befoir thame befoir, upon the xxvj of Julii 1587."
to the box of the puri; and that every maister declair the samyn, as also if his awin hous be polluted with harlotrie, to the sessioun, under the said pane for ilk falt. Of the quhilks personis upon land conperit James Wod of Lambelethame, George Ramsay of Langraw, James Forsyth of Nyde, Mr. Androw Ayton of Kynnaldy, Androw Wod of Straythwethy, Martine Carstrophin portioner of Byrehillis, and Jhone Smyth in Balone, quha all with ane voce aggregat with the sessioun that the communeion suld be ministrated upon Sunday cum xv dayis, the xij of August instant, and that examination begin Mononday nixttocum the viij of the samyn moneth. And as to the rest of the hail artiklis, the answer thairto is continewit to this dacht dayis, becaus the maist part of the gentill men and parrochenaris ar absent; and for their conperance the said day, it is concludit, with mutuall consent, that the minister upon Sunday nixttocum, the sext of this instant, publiklie warn thame to be present; as also the parrochenaris befoour specifiit quhilks ar present promissis to conpeir the said day to the effect foirsaid. And if thair be ony uther godlie and guude artiklis and heidis, quhilks the parrochenaris up on land sall think gude to be proponit and addect, for the glory of God, commoun weill of the said hail parrochin, the sessioun are glaid content thairwith and that the samyn be proponit and done.

The quhilk day Cristene Kynnynmonth and Thomas Sches in Byrehillis grantis thai haif committit fornicatioun be procreatioun of ane cheild. Thai ar baith ordanit to mak humiliationoun and to satisfie conforme to the ordour.

**Die nono mensis Augusti, anno lxxxvij.**

The quhilk day, conperit Dauid Turubill and Cristene Murray, quha prodeicit thair supplicatioun, desyring thame to be ressavit to humiliationoun for fornicatioun manifestit be procreatioun of ane cheild betuix thame, and thairefter to baptize thair said cheild, and als thai may be contractit in marriage, conforme to the ordour of the kirk. The sessioun ordanis

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thame to satisfie for thair offence, and syne the barn to be baptizit; quhilk being sua done, ordanis thame to be contractit in mariage as is desyr.

The quhilk day, it is ordanit that Paule Lundy salbe warnit to this day aucht dayis, to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him, under pane of publict admitionion, Sunday cum aucht dayis, becaus he hes bein tuois warnit thairto of befoir and contemptuslie disobeyit.

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Danyzell duelling in the Dilatio Haltoun of Lundy, quha product his clame aganis Elene, Howy his spous, makand mentiou that quhair he marit the said Elene laidfullie and orduurlie alevin yeiris sensyne in the face of Christis kirk in the kirk of Kennowy; and that the said Elene hes aganis Goddis law seperat hir self fra his societie, and will nocht adhere agane to him as becummis, without sche be compellit; and thairfor desyr hir to be decernit to adhere to hir, as he quha is hir laidfull spous. Conperit the said Elene, quha allegit sche aucht nocht to be decernit to adhere to hir, be reasoun the said Jhone hes separat hir self fra hir aganis Goddis law, in committing of adulterie with ane woman named Issobell Banis, and that the said Issobell is presentlie with barn to him gottin in adulterie; quhilk being referrit to the said Jhonis awin declaratioun, he being present grantit the samyn to be of truth, and that the said Issobell Banis is with barn to him as wes delatit. The sessioun ordanit the minister to signifie this dilatioun to Mr. Androw Moncref minister of Largow, Thursday nixttocum, that ordour may be takin in this mater as accordis.

Die Mercurii, xv° Augusti, anno lxxvij°.

The quhilk day, Paule Lundy being lauchfullie warnit to this day as for the thrid tym, as wes verefit be Androw Sellar officiar, to haif ansuerit to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him, under pane of publict admitionion, he contemptuslie disobeyit and conperit nocht. Thairfor the sessioun ordanis the said Paule to be publiclie summond thairto Sunday nixttocum, to this day aucht dayis, for the ferd tym, under pane of censouris of the kirk.

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The quhilk day, Jonet Forester grantis sche is with barn to Jhone Gib servand to Magnus Wodek. The barn wes gottin at Fastroneisvin last wes in the nycht in hir bed in Magnisis hou. The sessioun ordanis Jhone Gib to be warnit heirto this day aucht dayis, and Jonet to satisfe conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day Issobell Bett is delatit to be with barn. Sche is ordanit to be warnit to conpeir this day aucht dayis and anser thatirto.

The quhilk day, conperit Issobell Bett, quha, being accusit upon the dilatioun gevin in aganis hir to be with barn, denyt the samyn; and being specialie inquirit if sche hes knawin Dauid Thomson carnalie, also denyt the samyn. The sessioun nochtwithstanding ordanit hir yit to be ad-visit and conpeir agane this day aucht dayis to the samyn effect.

Die Veneris, decimo octavo Augusti, anno Domini jure octuagesimo septimo.

The quhilk day, Mr. Robert Wilkie minister conperit, and, in presens of the session convenit, producit tua decretis of the Presbitrie of the datis respective, at St. Androus the xvij of August instant. The ane bering in effect—the said Presbitrie ordaning Paule Lundy to conperir on the nixt sessioun day befoir the session of St. Androus, to anser to the dilation gevin thairin aganis him; and sic lyke also ordaning the session of St. Androus to desist from any publicit citation of him tyl that tyme, in respect the said Paule hed promis to conperir befoir the said session on the day appointit. The uther bering in effect—the said Presbitrie decerning that Thomas Wod redar hes nocht offendit aganis the tua actis producit; and ordaning the said session of St. Androus to gif command to Thomas Wod to proceid in the proclamatioun of Paule Lundes bannis, ordaning also the minister of St. Androus to intime 2 this to the sessioun thairof.3

1 Servad in MS. 2 Intimate. 3 A considerable blank is left after this entry.
The quhilk day it is delatit to the sessioun that Mr. James Myrton is new cum hame furth of uther cuntries and is suspect of Papistrie. Thairfor the sessioun ordanit him to be warnit to ansuer to the said dilatioun, and gif confessioun of his faith conforme to the Act of Parliament this day aucht dayis, under pane of publict admonition.

Die Mercurii, xxiiij mensis Augusti, anno lxxvij

The quhilk day, conperit Paule Lundy, quha, being inquerit if he hed carnall dail with Jonet Welwod, denyt the samyn, and refusit to purge him self in his conscience thairupon, afferming that conscience and aith is baith ane thing, and it is de turpitudine, in the quhilk cais he is nocht haldin to gif ane aith; and as to the secund part of the dilatioun laid to his charge, accusing him for contracting marriage by the ordour of the sessioun, refusit to ansuer thairto.

The quhilk day, the sessioun, for divers and sindry gude considerationis moving thame, ordanis and decernis that Thomas Wod redar desirit and ceas fra ony proclamatioun of bannis heir eftir, quhili forder ordour be takin thairanent; and in the meaneytyme ordanis the minister to reseaif the Ban Buik fra the said Thomas, that he may proclame or caus the saidis bannis be proclamit him self.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar officiar verefit that he warnit Mr. James Myrton personale to haif conperit this day, and to haif ansuerit to the dilatioun gevin aganis him; and the said Mr. James, being laidfulle callit, laidfull tyme biddin, conperit nocht. Thairfor the sessioun ordanit him to be warnit agane to the samyn effect, this day aucht dayis, for the secund tyme.

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Gib and Jonet Forester, quha grantis that Jonet is with barn to him gottin in forniciation. Thair ar ordanit to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day, conperit Margret Oliphant, quha producit ane testimoniall subscribit be Jhone Balnaves, scribe of the assemble of Perth, datit thair at the tent of August instant, bering in effect the said Margret Oliphant to haif satisfet the
kirk of Perth for hir offencis committit with James Monipenny within the parroch in of Perth; thairfor desyrit hir barn gottin on hir in fornicatioun be the said James within this parroch to be baptizit. The sessioun ordanit James Monipenny to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, to anser to the dilatioun of Margret, and than if he confessis, and thaireftir he and sche satisfeand conforme to the ordour, thaireftir the barne to be baptizit.

_Die Mercurii, penultimo mensis Augusti, anno lxxvij-

The quhilk day, Mr. James Mortoun, being laidfullie warnit to this day, as wes verefit be Androw Sellar officiar, to haif anserrit to the dilatioun gevin aganis him, being also oftines callit nocht conperand, for the secind tyme under pane of publict admonitioon, conperit nocht. Thairfor the sessioun ordanit him to be warnit for the thrid tyme to this day aucht dayis, under pane of publict admonition, Sonday cum aucht dayis.

To warn James Monipenny to this day aucht dayis under pane of publict admonition, to anser to the dilatioun of Margret Oliphant, becaus Androw Sellar verifiit that he wes warnit to this day and conperit nocht.

To warn Dauid Orm younger and Robert Melvill to this day aucht dayis, becaus thai haif oftines bein chargit to enter on the penitent stueil and mak satisfactioun for thair offences, and disobeyis, and that under pane of publict admonition; and sielyke Jhone Monipenny for the samyn caus.

The quhilk day Beatrix Mersar grantis hir to be with barn to Charlis Monipenny servand to Schir George Dowglas. The first tyme that he knew hir carnalie wes in James Mersaris hous within this citee, at Fastronisevin last wes, and that he promist to hir mariag. The sessioun ordanit Charlis to be warnit to anser to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Issobell Bett grantis sche is with barn to Dauid Thomson mercheand, and that the barn wes gottin in Dauidis hous aboif the buith, xiij owkis sensyne. Dauid is

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1 _Anser_ in ms.
ordanit to be warnit to anser to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Agnes Blak, servand to Dauid Mylis, grantis hir to be with barn to Alexander Broun, servand to the Laird of Abottishall; and that the barn wes gottin in Abottishall hous in this citee, ane moneth befoir Peas last wes. Alexander Broun is ordanit to be warnit to anser to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

Die Mercurii, sexto Septembris, anno lxx septimo.

The quhilk day conperit James Monipenny quha grantis that the barn quhilk Margret Oliphant hes born is his barn. He is ordanit and also Margret to mak humiliatioun for their offence, conforme to the ordour, and thaireftir the barn to be baptizit.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar officiar verefit that he hed warnit Dauid Orm younger to this day personale, to haif gevin his resoun quhy he makis nocht publict humiliatioun for his offence in forniciatioun with Elspot Rekie, under pane of publict admonition, and conperit nocht. The sessioun ordanit him yit as of befoir to be anis warnit to the samyn effect, under pane of publict admonition.

The quhilk day, Dauid Thomsson grantis he hes hed carnall daill with Issobell Bett, quha is also present. Sche allegis hir to be with barn to him. The sessioun ordanis thame baith to satisfie conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day, conperit Robert Melvill, as he quha wes laidfulle warnit to this day to gif his ressonis quhy he makis nocht satisfacioun for forniciatioun committit be him with Agnes Lokkart; anseris, he is content to do the samyn quhen Dauid Orm younger, Jhone Monipenny, James Monipenny, Dauid Thomsson, and utheris of his rank, committeris of the lyke offencis, satisfies. The sessioun ordanit the saidis personis to be warnit to the samyn effect under pane of publict admonition.

Die xx Sepphembris, anno lxxvij.

The quhilk day the sessioun convenit ratifeis the command
gevin be the minister to [Thomas—deleted] Niniane Rowill\(^1\) to proclaim the banns of marriage within this parrochion.

Ane supplication is ordanit to be gevin to Provost bailyes and consall of St. Androus, menig that the sessioun is habill\(^2\) to decay without remaid be providit, in respect of sindry questionis fallin out betuix the Presbittrie and the sessioun.

*Die Mercurii, xviij* Octobris, anno lxxxvij*.

The quhilk day, being appoinit to all parteis to object aganis the personis nominat elders and deaconis, quhy thai micht nocht stand in electioun, and to nominat utheris quhome thai knew mair qualisfit; and becaus nane conperit to that effect the sessioun ordanis the electioun to proecid conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day, Mr. James Mortoun being laidfulle warnit to this day for the thrid tyme, as wes verefit be Androw Sellar officiar, to haif conperit befoir the sessioun, and answeriit to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him, under pane of publicie admonitioun, he conperit nocht. Thairfor the sessioun ordanit him to be publiclie summond Sunday nixtlocum, to the xxv of October instant, to gif confession of his faith, conforme to the Act of Parliament, under pane of censorius of the kirk.

The quhilk day, conpeirit befoir the sessioun Androw Wod of Straythwethy, quha exponit and declairit to the session that his dochter is to be contractit in marriag with ane man of the parrochion of Anstrother, quhome he can on na wayis jornay\(^3\) to conpeir befoir this session; albeit that he him self and his dochter ar maist willing to conpeir, and mak thair promis of marage in presens of this sessioun, conforme to the gude ordour and actis of this session, and instantle declaris the samyn, and that he will on na wayis transgres any ordour of this kirk; and maist humlie desyrit licience of the session that his dochter micht be contractit aither be the minister or redar of this congregatioun,\(^4\) that thairefter the bannis may be pro-

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\(^1\) Niniane Rowill was the precentor. See *supra*, p. 488 n.

\(^2\) Liable.

\(^3\) Interlined over *persuaid* deleted.

\(^4\) This has run—*Ather be the minister of Anstreyer or be the minister or redar*.
clamit in this kirk, and thairefter the mariage to be solemnizat without prejudice of the gude ordour actis and statutis maid and observit in this congregatioun; and that he micht haif testimoniallis heirupon as efferis. Qhilk desyre and humill suit of the said Androw the session assemblit tocht ressonabill, and thairfor grantit the samyn, without prejudice of thair actis and ordour observit in this congregatioun; and that the said Androw wald remember the puir of this congregatioun with sum of his cherite, in cais his dochter suld be marit in ane uther kirk, qhilk he promist maist willinglie to do.

_Die Mercurii, xxv° mensis Octobris, anno Domini j°v lx xxxvij°._

The qhilk day, conperit Thomas Wod redar of St. Androus, qhwa producit ane libellit summondis, dewlie execut and indorsat aganis Mr. James Morton to this day, qhairrof the tenour followis:

Minister elderis\(^1\) and deaconis of Christis kirk and congregatioun of this parrochyn of St. Androus, to our lovit Thomas Wod redar at the said kirk, Grace mercy and peace from God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, with the perpetuall confort of the Holie Spirit. fòrsamekell as Mr. James Myrtoun, being leatlie cum hame to this cito furth of forane cuntriese suspeect in Papistrie, wes diversis tymes dewlie chargit be our officiar to hai conperit befoir us in our counsell hous, to sindry diatis, and last to the xviij day of October instant, to hai ansuerit to the said dilatioun, and gevin confession of his faith conforme to the Act of Parliament, and that under pane of publict admonitioun, as diversis our actis maid thairupon in thame, selfis at lenth testifieis. Nochttheles the said Mr. James hes contemptuouslie disobeyit in hie contempt of God and our Soverane Lordis actis; quhairfor we charge yow, in the name of the eternall God, that ye publike be reding heirof laidfullie summond warm and charge the said Mr. James Morton in our parroche kirk foirsaid, upon Sunday the xxij of October

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\(^1\) _Elder_ in ms.
instant, to conpeir befoir us in our consall hous upon Weddins-
day nixttocum, the xxi of the said moneth of October, at tua
hours after none, to the effect foirsaid, under pane of censouris
of the kirk; and this on na wayis ye leif on done, as ye will
ansuer to us upon the executioun of your office. The quhilk to
do we commit to yow our full power in the Lord. From our
session of St. Androus the xvii of October 1587.

Follows the execution of the said summondis: Upon Sunday
the xxi of October 1587, I, Thomas Wod, redar within writin,
did execut laidfulle this summondis in all and everilk point
thairof, according to the direction heirof, and for the mair
verificatioun I haif subscrivit and writin the execution with my
hand.—Thomas Wod redar, with my hand.

The said Mr. James oftimes callit, nocht conperand, laidfull
tyme biddin, he is notit absent and contumax. The ministrie
ordanis him to be summond in maner foirsaid, under pane of
excommunicatioun, for the secind execution and admonition, to
Weddingsday nixttocum, the first of November nixt, with in-
timatioun as efferis.

Die Mercurii, primo mensis Novembris, anno lxxrvix.

The quhilk day, conperit Thomas Wod, redar at the kirk of
St. Androus, quha producit ane summondis dewlie execut and
indorsat aganis Mr. James Myrtoun to this day, charging him
to haif answiert to the dilation gevin aganis him, to witt, that
he is ane Papist, and thairfor gif confession of his faith con-
forme to the Act of Parliament, and this for the secind publicit
admonition under pane of censouris of the kirk, as the
said summondis mair at lenth proportis; and becaus the said
Mr. James being oftimes callit, nocht conperand, lauchfull
tyme biddin, the sessioun ordanis him to be summond in maner
foirsaid for the thrid tyme publiclie, under pane of excom-
unciatioun, to this day aucht dayis, the viij of November
instant.

Die Mercurii, viij Novembris, 1587.

The quhilk day, conperit Thomas Wod, redar at the said
kirk, and producit ane summondis dewlie execut and indorsat aganis Mr. James Morton, being dilattit for Papistrie, and to haif gevin confession this day of his faith conforme to Act of Parliament, and this for the thrid publict admonition and summondis, under pane of excommunicatioun, as the summondis in the self mair at lenth proportis. The said Mr. James, being oftimes callit, nocht conperand, laidfull tyme of day biddin, bot contempteuslie disobeyand this thrid and last admonition, is notit contumaz, and be the ministrie decernit worthie to mereit the sentence of excommunicatioun, and the samyn to be execut aganis him.


The quhilk day, Cathrine Gulen grantis hir to be with barn Confessio Gulen, to Robert Paterson mariner, gottin in forniciation in William Paterson, rij. Ramsayis hous in this citee. The sessioun ordanis Robert to be warnit to anser to the said dilatiation this day acht dayis.

Electioun of elderis and deaconis, upon Friday the xxiiij day of November, anno lxxvij.

Mr. Robert Wilkie minister.
Elderis in the town.
Mr. James Wilkie, Rectour
Mr. James Martine, Provest of the Auld College
Mr. Jhone Robertsoun, maister in the New College
Mr William Cok [bailye—deleted]
William Lermouth, bailye
Mr. Martine Geddy
James Robertsoun, elder
Alexander Wyntsister, bailye
Jhone Martine, elder
David Watsoun
Alexander Carstaris
Patrik Guthrie.

Elderis upon land.
Jhone Inglis of Straythtyrum
Martine Carstrophein in Byrehillis.
Deaconis in the town.

William Zwill
Charlis Watsoun, scribe
Dauid Guidlaid
Martine Lummisdane
Thomas Lundy
Androw Wyght
Androw Watsoun, mercheand
Jhone Hagy.

Deaconis upon land.
Dauid Forester in Kincapill
Dauid Pattoun in Ester Balry-month.

Die Mercurii, penultimo mensis Novembris, anno lxxxvij.

The quhilk day, the elderis and deaconis aboif writin ratifit and apprevit the actis and statutis, maid in this buik the fyft of November lxxij yeris, and all utheris actis and statutis within the samyn; quha ar all suorn, oblisig thame to observe and keip the samyn.

The quhilk day, it is ordanit be the session that ane dilatioun be takin throche this haill parrochín; and siclyke that the ordinair puir of ilk quarter be callit in befoir the minister and elderis, for triall to be takin of thair habilite. The haill South Gait to be warnit agane Weddinsday efter the precheing, this day aucht dayis, and the uther tua quarteris that day xv dayis at the samyn tyme.

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the ministrie, with consent of the majestratis of this citie, that ilk bailye, accompaneit with ane elder or deakin with ane officiar, his owk about, upon Sunday befoir and efter none, await in the kirk yaird and streitis of this citie, that nane be vagand idill furth of the kirk tyme of sermone, nather in the kirk yaird, streitis nor feildis, nor in the tavernouris drinkand, bot that all personis be in the kirk to heir and learne the Word of God, under the panis contentit in the actis maid thairanent. And quha beis fund culpabill heirin, the said bailye and his assistouris to signifie the samyn to the sessiouin, that the majestratis with thair advis may tak ordour heirin. And William Lermouth bailye and William Zuill deakin to begin, will God, to this gude ordour Sunday nixttocum, and safurth ilk bailye, accompaneit as said
is, his owk about, in all tymes cuming, that God may be glorifiit and vice punish. And to this effect the hail actis and statutis ar ordanit to be publiclie red Sunday niixtlocum.

Die Mercurii, sexto mensis Decembris, anno lxxvij°.

The quhilk day, Cristene Gray grantis sche is with barn, gottin in fornicatioun be James Lawmonth ane moneth or thaiirby befoir Witsunday last wes, in George Philpis hous in the foir chalmer in the nycht. The sessioun ordanis James to be warnit to anseur to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis, and Cristene warnit thaiirto apud acta.

Die Mercurii, xiiij° Decembris, anno lxxvij°.

The quhilk day, conperit Mr. Thomas Methven, comissar of St. Androus, quha with his hart and mouth as apparit ratifiit the hail articlis of religioun professit within this realme, and promist nevir to use in tymes cuming ony uther religion, nor yit that kynd of speking to say that he is nather Papist nor Protestane.

The quhilk day, James Lawmonth grantis he hes knawin Cristene Gray carnalit fyve owkis or thairby befoir Witsunday last wes, bot can nocht say if the barn be his quhilk Cristene is with. James and Cristene ar baith ordanit to satysfe for thair offencis, conforme to the ordour, quhill forder triall be hed.

The quhilk day Issobell Fairfull grantis hir to be with barn to Patrik Carstarias mariner. Patrik is ordanit to be warnit to anser to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis. Issobell allegis the barn wes gottin xvij owkis sensyne in Robert Dalgresis hous.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis Jonet Mwir, spous of Pait, Corby. Mr. Jhone Scott, Elene Turubill, spous of Alane Gray, and

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1 This was probably the Mr. Thomas Meffin, who, in 1561, declared 'that he was nether ane Papist nor ane Calvynist, nor of Paul nor of Apollo, but Jesus Cristis man' (supra, p. 135); and who, in 1569, 'abhorrir and detestit al superstition and Papistre' (supra, pp. 317, 318).

2 Religiouns in MS.
Mr. Richeart Schorisdol, to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, for triall of the barn born of Elene Paitt. And also Margret Aytoun, relict of umquhill Dauid Balfour, and Jhone Daudis-son, servitour to Dauid Caid, for triall of the barn born\(^1\) of umquhill Cristene Corby.

\textit{Die xx\textsuperscript{e} mensis Decembris, 1587.}

The qhilk day, it is concludit with the four bailyes, Mr. Martine Geddy, Alexander Carstaris, James Robertsoun, Patrik Gutherie and Charlis Watsoun, collect the cherite within the towin to the puir Fresche Kirk, banisit for the caus of the religioun, in Ingland; and that supplication pas to the aucht quartermaisteris upon land, for collection thairof to landwart, to witt, Androw Wod of Straythwethy, Martine Carstrophen in Byrhillis, for the eist quarter; Mr. Androw Aytoun of Kynnaldy, and James Wemyss of Lathoker, for the sowth quarter; George Ramsay of Langraw, and Jhone Traill fear of Blabow, for the west quarter; Jhone Jnglis of Straythtyrum, and Patrik Dudingston of Kincapill, for the north quarter. And this to be done with all diligence.\(^2\)

The qhilk day, Jonet\(^3\) Mwr, spous to Mr. Jhone Scott, being inquirit if sche wes present tympe of pest with Elene Pait, quhen sche buir ane barn in Beatrix Traillis killogy\(^4\) within this citee, and quhome upon sche fatherit the barn, ansueris sche wes present at that tympe, and hard Elene Pait in hir

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\(^{1}\) Barn in ms.

\(^{2}\) Mr. Agnew has said:—"All that the refugees sought and obtained was the opportunity of earning their own livelihood. They suffered none of their people to solicit alms. They maintained their own poor, a large portion of their congregational funds being devoted to this purpose. And so grand and resolute was their determination in this matter, that when the convulsions of a time of war made their trade low and their cash little, their London consistory (or vestry, as the English would have said) actually borrowed money to enable them to maintain their poor" (Protestant Exiles from France, index vol., p. 12). While they did nobly for themselves, the entry in the text shows that they required and received help. Collections were made for them both in England and Scotland (Smiles' Huguenots, 1867, pp. 101, 102; Baird's Rise of the Huguenots, 1880, ii. 292, 293). The amount raised for them in Scotland at this time was about ten thousand merks (Melville's Diary, p. 265).

\(^{3}\) Jonet in ms.

\(^{4}\) A place before the fire of a kiln for sheltering the person who feeds the fire.
extremite say that the barn wes James Lermouth of Balcomeis barn. Elene Turubill, being also inquirit upon the samyn mater, ansueris sche wes also present with Elene Pait quhen sche buir the barn, bot hard hir nocht say that the barn wes the Laird of Balcomeis barn.

Die xxvij* Decembris, 1587.

The quhilk day, Elspot Hammiltoun grants hir to be with barn to James Arthour, quhilk wes gottin as sche allegis at Witsunday last wes. James is ordanit to be warnit to anser to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis.—And now conperit James Arthour, and, confronitit with Elspit Hammiltoun, denyis the barn, and sayis that he nevir knew Elspot Hammilton carnalie.

The quhilk day Thomas Sourdy and Issobell Balfour ar Delatit as adultras. Thai ar ordanit to be warnit to anser to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day James Cuthbert and Margret Thomsoun grants thai haif knawin utheris carnalie in fornicatioun divers tymes. Thai ar ordanit to abstein and satisfe for the samyn according to the ordour.

The quhilk day, Jhone Dauidsoun grants he knew Cristene Corbie carnalie, and that the barn quhilk sche buir wes his. He is ordanit to satisfe thairfor conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day, Issobell Fairfull grants hir to be with barn to Patrik Carstaris mariner, quhilk wes gottin in Robert Dalglesiis hous xviij owkis sensyne. Patrik is ordanit to be warnit to anser to the dilatioun, quhen he cummis hame fra the saill.

Die Mercurii, xviij* Januarii, [anno lxxxvij*]¹

The quhilk day conperit Patrik Carstaris as he that wes warnit to this day to answer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him be Issobell Fairfull. He grants he hes knawin Issobell carnalie, but can [nocht]² say if the barn quhilk sche is with be

¹ Torn off. ² Omitted.
his barn. The sessioun ordains bath the partees to satisifie for their offence conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day, the sessioun with common consent hes electit William Lermouth and James Smyth, bailyes, Alexander Carstaris, Jhone Martine and Patrik Guthery, commissioneris to the Synodall Assemblie, to be baldin at Couper in Fyffe, the xxiiiij day of Januar instant, to assist ressoun voit and concluid in all thingis with the said Assemblie, to the glorie of God, mentinans of religioun, and well of Christis kirk.

Die ultimo Februarii, anno lxxvij°.

The quhilk day, conperit Issobell Balfour, servitour to Walter Finlosoun, quha being accusit upon the dilatioun gevin aganis hir, makand mentioun that sche hes knawin Thomas Sowrdy carnalie, he being marit with [blank] his spous yit on lyfe: the said Issobell Balfour grants that sche hes knawin Thomas Sowrdy twa sindry tymes carnalie in Dundie. Thomas is ordanit to be warrnit to anser that to this day aucht dayis.

Die Mercurii, sexto Marci, anno lxxvij°.

The quhilk day, Issobell Beatoun, servitour to Michell Smyth, grantis sche is with barn to Gregorie Watsoun, gottin on hir in Michell Smythis hous, sex owkis befoir Martimes last wes, in adultrie, sche being marit with Androw Dauidsoun mariner in Craill quha yit levis. The session ordains the said Issobell to satisifie as ane adultrice, and Gregorie Watsoun to be warrnit to anser to the said dilatioun howsone he returnis fra the saill. And the minister is ordanit to report anser fra the Prisbittre this day aucht dayis, if thai suld ressaif adulteraris to repentance.

Die Mercurii, decimo tertio mensis Marcii, anno lxxvij°.

The quhilk day, it is finale appointit and aggret betuix Maister Robert Wilkie minister, elders and deaconis of this congregatioun, Patrik Kemp, laidfull [son]¹ to umquhill

¹ Omitted.
Androw Kempt minister,¹ and Issobell Adesoun mother to the said Patrik Kempt, on that ane part, and Dauid Husband, tailyeour citiner in St. Androus, on that uther part, in maner forme and effect following; that is to say, the said Patrik Kempt, with consent and assent of the said minister elderis and deaconis and of the said Issobell his mother, obliissis him to remane prenteis and bund servand at the tailyeour craft with the said Dauid Husband, for the space of fyte yeiris nixt eftir the day and dait heirof, quhilk salbe his enteres thairto, and ane uther yeir nixt thaireftir for his mait and alsmekill fie as prentisis of the lyke craft usis to gait the hemnest yeir. And the said Patrik Kempt obliissis him to faithfullie and trewlie inserve the said Dauid in the said craft, and all utheris service godly and honest, during the said space; and for ilk day that he remains absen fра his maisteris service during the yeiris of [his prentisch]²ip, without licenise askit and obtenit, to serve tua daysis for anc eftir his prentischip be run furth. And the minister and hail session ar oblist to the said Dauid for the said Patrikis lawty,³ and remaning with him at the said craft; as also the said Dauid shall instruct and learne the said Patrik in the hail heidis and pointis of the said craft, sa fer as his jugment may extend, to the quhilk he faithfullie bindis and obliissis him be thir presentis, and to furnis the said Patrik his meat drink⁴ and bedding in dew and convenient tyme, in sic sort as efferis to his esteat. For the quhilkis causis the said minister and session forsaid ablissis thame to content and pay to the said Dauid Husband, in name of prenteis fie with the said Patrik Kempt, the sowme of twenty four merkis, and the said Issobell Adesoun twa merkis, money of this realme, at thir termes following: thairof aucht merkis within thre daysis nixt eftir this dait, aucht merkis thairof at Witsonday nixttocum, and aucht merkis betuix this and Michaelmes nixttocum; and the said Issobell the said tua merkis siclyke at Michaelmes nixttocum, with ane pair of scheittis of hardin, and ane bowstar. And heirto baith the saidis parteis obliissis thame to utheris.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis Androw Sellar officiar Citatio Orme, to charge Dauid Orm to mak repentance Sunday nixttocum, r[ij].

¹ See supra, p. 338. ² Torn off. ³ Loyalty. ⁴ Dring in ms.
the xvij of Marse instant, on the penitent stull, for fornica-
tioun committit with Elspot Reke, or ellis to conpeir Wed-
day nixt thairefirtir and alleve ane ressonabill caus in the 
contrar; with certificioun if he failye he salbe publiclie\textsuperscript{1} summond 
thatirto Sunday cum aucht dayis, under pane of censouris of 
the kirk, becaus he hes bein oft and diveris [tymes]/\textsuperscript{2} chargit thatirto 
of befoir and disobeyit.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis James Monipenny, 
James Lawmonth, Robert Melvill, James Cuthbert and Jhone 
Dauidsoun, to enter in pressoun Satterday nixttocum, for forni-
catioun committit be thame \textit{respective}; or ellis to conpeir 
Weddingsday\textsuperscript{3} nixttocum, and alleve ane ressonabill\textsuperscript{4} caus quhy 
thati refuis; with certificioun to thame if thai failye thai 
salbe publiclie summond thatirto, Sunday cum aucht dayis, 
under pane of censouris of the kirk.

\textit{Die xx\textsuperscript{6} Marci, anno lxxvij}.

The quhilk day, conperit James Monipenny, James Law-
month, James Cuthbert, and Jhone Dauidsoun, as thai qua-
\ stake laidfullie warnit to this day to gif thair ansuer quhy thai 
refuis to satisfie the kirk for thair offens of fornicaioni 
\textit{respective}, conforme [to]\textsuperscript{2} the actis maid thairanent; to witt, 
the said James Monipenny desyrit the sessioun to continew 
thair deliverance and his ansuer to this day aucht dayis, and 
James Lawmonth to this day xv dayis, at the quhilkis dayis 
\textit{respective} thai promist to obey, to quhais desyris \textit{respective} the 
session grantit without ony forder delay; and as to James 
Cuthbert and Jhone Dauidson, thai promis to satisfie for thair 
offensis Sunday nixttocum.—James Cuthbert hes satisfait.

The quhilk day Margret Small grantis sche buir ane madin 
barn in fornicaition to Alexander Donald servand to James 
Fyffe. Sche grantis the barn levit tuelf owkis eftir the birth 
and deit on baptizit. Sche is ordanit to satisfie, and Alexander 
to be warnit to ansuer to the dilatioun; and James fyfe and 
his wyffe to be warnit, for nocht reveling the fornicaioni of

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\item \textsuperscript{1} Publiclie in MS.
\item \textsuperscript{2} Omitted.
\item \textsuperscript{3} Weddingsday in MS.
\item \textsuperscript{4} Ressobill in MS.
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their servand in their hous; Margret Small to pay xx s. for part of hir satisfaction, and to pas to the stuill of repentance Sonday nixttocum.

The quhilk day, the sessioun hes appointit the communio to be celebratit upon Sonday cum xx dayis, quhilk is the nixt Sonday efter Pasche.

Examinatouris to the first quarter: Mr. James Wilke, Rectour, Mr. William Cok, Mr. Martine Geddy; Thomas Lundy scribe.

The secund quarter: Mr. James Martine, James Robert-soun, Alexander Wynsister; the vicar scribe.

The thrird quarter: Mr. Jhone Robertson, Patrik Gutherie, Alexander Carstaris; Androw Watsoun scribe.

The ferd quarter: the minister, William Lermouth, William Zuill; Charlis Watsoun scribe.

Die Mercurii, xxvij° Marci, anno lxxviiij°.

The quhilk day, conperit James Monipenny, and offerrit him self to obey the voce of the kirk in all thingis, for his offencis committit with Margret Oliphant; and presentlie deliverit x s. to the box of the puir, in part of pament of the satisfac-tioun of the Act of Parliament for his impressoment; and promist to enter on the penitent stuill quhen evir he beis requirit thairto.

The quhilk day, conperit Thomas Sourdy, quha grants him to haif committ adultrie with Issobell Balfour. Thairfor the sessioun, be the mouth of Mr. Robert Wilkie minister, warrit the said Thomas presente to conper befoir the nixt Synodall Assemblie, to be haldin at St. Leonardis College, the thrid day of Aprile nixtlocum, to ressaif injunctionis for his said adultrie, and this for the first admonitioun, under pane of excommunicatioun; and forder the said Thomas, being accusit for putting handis in James Sourdiy his father, and for dinging of his father to the effusion of his fatheris bluid, grants the saym. And siclyke the sessioun ordanit Androw Seller thair officiar to warn the said Issobell Balfour to conpeir befoir the said

1 Celebratit in Ms.
Assemble Synodall, to ressaif injunctionis for the said adultrie; as also Issobell Beaton, to ressaif injunctionis for adultrie with Gregorie Watsoun.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar verefit that he hed oftimes warnit Issobell Bett to conpeir in pressoun for fornicatioun, and principallie to this day. Thairfor, becaus sche disobeyit, the session ordanis hir to be warnit agane to that effect, under pane of publict admonition.

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Jnglis of Straythtyrum and Agnes Gourlay, quha baikth grantis that thai haif gottin ane assalin barn in Straythtyrum within this parroochin fornicatioun, quhilk barn is yit on baptizit; and thairfor offerrit thame to mak humiliatioun for the samyn, according to the ordour. And thai haif presentlee deliverit to the box of the pair viij lb., in part of pament of the Act of Parliament for thair impressoment. The session ordanit thame to satisfie, and thairfor to baptize the barn.

The quhilk day, conperit Alexander Broun, sevitour to the land of Abbottishall, quha grantis he hes gottin the barn in fornicatioun with Agnes Blak, conforme to the dilatioun. Thai haif payit xx s. in part of pament of thair impressoment, and promis to satisfie on the penitent stull conforme to the ordour.

Die decimo mensis Aprilis, anno lxxxvii.*

The quhilk day, Jonet Spens grantis sche is with barn to Mr. James Broun, servitour to Patrik Bonkle, and that sche is half ane yeir gane; the barn wes gottin at Martimes in the New Clois in hir awin hous. Mr. James is ordanit to be warnit, to anser to the said dilatioun, this day aucht dayis. Jonet warnit heirto apud acta.

The quhilk day, Issobell Bett is ordanit to be publicdie summond to cum to the stueil of repentance, becaus sche hes been oftimes chargit thairto of befoir and disobeyit.

The quhilk day, Agnes Cur grantis sche hes borne ane barn, man cheild, in fornicatioun to Mr. Thomas Broun sevin owkis

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1 *Satisit in MS  
2 Interlined over Blak deleted.
sensyne, quhilk wes gottin in Mr. Thomas Brownis hous aucht dayis befoir the thrid day of Maii; viz., the Ruid day, 1587. [She then makes a further confession as to the frequency of their sin.] The session ordanis to warn the said Mr. Thomas to anser to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis. Agnes warnit heirto _apud acta._

_Die decimo septimo mensis Aprilis, anno lxxxviiā._

The quhilk day, Mr. James Broun grantis he hes knawin _Confessio Magistri Jacobi Brown._

Jonet Spens carnalie, and that the barn quhilk Jonet hes born is his barn. He is ordanit to satisfe conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day, Mr. Thomas Broun denyis that evir he knew Agnes Cur carnalie, and thairfor denyis the barn quhilk Agnes fatheris on him, and allegis that the barn wes fyve okis born befoir the tyme quhilk sche allegis he knew hir carnalie, and that he wes nocht in this cuntreth fyve okis eftir the same.

The said Agnes present constantlie affermit the barn to be Mr. Thomas Brownis barn; and, being inquirit quha wes with hir tyme of hir birth, and quha cuttit the barnis nevill, says that Beatrix Crawfurd and Elspot Reif wes¹ with hir tyme of hir byrth, and that Elspot Reif cuttit the barnis nevill. The _Citatio Rīf, Crawfurd._

session ordanit Elspot Reif and Beatrix Crawfurd to be warnit for triall of the verite.

_Die Mercurii, xxvī Maii, anno lxxxviiā._

The quhilk day, Dauid Watsoun, Dane of Gild, at the earnest suit of the session, promist to caus mak ane beir to burie the deid; and William Zuillass kirk-maister to be present with him to that effect, and to declar thair diligence heirin this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Agnes Richeart grantis sche is with barn to James Methven, and that the barn wes gottin at Zuillass last wes in Alexander Brydeis hous. James to be warnit to anser thairto this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Cristene Gray, haifing humlie sunit to _Gray, Lawmounth._

¹ _With in ms._
haif the barn, procreat betuix hir and James Lawmonth, baptizit, is ordanit first to enter in presson or ellis to by1 hir self thatir fra conforme to the Act of Parliament, and thaire aft hir barn to be baptizit, sche first makand publict humiliationoun; and James to be warnit to this day aucit days.—Grissell wes impressonit and satisfis.

The quhilk day, Margret Richeatsoun, in Ester Grange, grantis sche is with barn to Robert Bryde servitour to Marion Ade. Conperit Robert quha grantis the samyn. And thai baith grant promis of mariage. Thai ar ordanit to satisfse befoir thair mariage.

_Die Mercurii, xxij Maii, anno lxxxviiij._

The quhilk day, the sessioun hes ordanit to warn Dauid Orm, James Monipenny and James Lawmonth, to satisfse the kirk, conforme [to]² the ordour, for thair offences, yit, as thai haif bein oft and diveris tymes befoir, under pane of publict admonitioun.

_Die quinto mensis Junii, anno lxxxviiij._

The quhilk day, Elspott Pittillow grantis sche hes knawin Jhone Balfour in Kincapill carnalie, in hir awin hous in Kincapill, thre yeir sensyne at Mertimes, at the quhilk tyme he promist hir mariage; and siclyke³ that he hed to do with hir that samyn yeir twois or thrwis; and als leatlie within thir sevin owkis he hes knawin her carnalie. The session ordanit Jhone to be wariant to anser to the said dilatioun this day aucit days.

The quhilk day, the minister and sessioun payit to Androw Sellar their officiar fourty schillingis, for his fie and service, fra Witsunday in the yeir of God j⁰ lxxxvij yeiris to Witsunday in the four scoir aucit yeiris.

_Die decimo tertio Junii, anno lxxxviiij._

The quhilk day, James Lawmonth and Cristene Gray, being

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1 Buy.  
2 Omitted.  
3 Syke in ms.
baith present, confrontit; the said Cristene sayis her barn wes
born on Weddingsday befoir Fastronisevin last wes, in the town
of Skethin within the parrochín of Panbryde; and James
ansueris, if schein produce sufficient testimoniall thairupon.
he will tak with the barn, utherswis nocht. Thairfor the
session ordanit Cristane to produce testimoniall herupon this
day xv dayis.

Die Mercurii, decimo septimo mensis Junii, 1588.

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Balfour in Kincapill, quha
grantis carnall copulatioun with Elspot Pittillow, bot denyis
promis of mariagé, in presens of Elspott. The sessioun
ordanis thame baith to satisfie, for fornicaition comittit, con-
forme to the ordour; and, becaus thai duell baith furth of this
citee, Archibald Levingston is caution for Elspot, and William
Balfour for Jhone Balfour, that sall baith satisfie¹ the
ordour of the kirk, under pane of fourenty lfb., in presens of
William Lermonth and Alexander Wynsister bailyeis.

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the sessioun, with consent
of the balyes and consall of the town, that the parrochinaris
upon land be desyrit and requestit publiclie² upon Sunday
nixttocum, be the redar, to conpeir this day aucht dayis, to
gif thair guide counsell aid and advis, to doing of sic things as
tendis to the glorie of God and weil of the hoill parrochín;
and that the haill consall of the town and sessioun be warnit to
that effect.

The quhilk day, Margret Swyne grantis hir to be with barn
to Gregorie Watsoun, quhilk sche affermis wes gottin in Dauid
Watsonis hous in the nycht, in hir awin bed, quhair sche lay
in the hall. The first tyme wes xiiij dayis befor Michælmes
last wes. The barn wes gottin sex owkis befor Martimes last
wes. The last tyme that he hed to do with hir wes this day
xv dayis; and this is the thrid barn sche hes gottin in forni-
cation with thre sindry young men. The sessioun ordanis
Gregorie to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, to answer to the
dilatioun; and Margret to be punisit conforme to the ordour.

¹ Satisfie in MS. ² Satisfit in MS. ³ Publitie in MS.
The quhilk day, the land communioun is ordanit to be ministrated upon Sunday cum xv dayis; and examinationis to begyn Mononday nixttocum, the xxj of Julii instand. Examini- natouris of the ist and first quarter: the Rectour, Mr. William Cok, Mr. Martine Geddy; Thomas Lundy scribe.

The second quarter: Mr. James Martine, James Robertson, Alexander Wysinter; the vicar scribe.

The thrid quarter: Mr. Jhone Robertson, Patrik Gutherie, Alexander Carstaris; Androw Watsoun scribe.

The ferd quarter: Mr. Robert Wilke minister, William Lermouth, William Zuill; and Charlis Watsoun scribe.

The quhilk day, conperit Agnes Meluill, dochter to umqu- bill Androw Meluill elder sumtyme redar at the kirk of Anstrother, born in Anstrother on Margret Wod hir mother, of aige xxxiiij or xxxv yeiris, being delatit as ane suspect of wischecraft, grantis that sche wes first marit with ane callit Stevin Crechtoun, sumtyme mariner in Anstoyer; and that

1 Omitted.
2 Be in ms.
sche is now mariit with Dauid Banis, sone to Dauid Banis citiner in St. Androus; and that sche duelt all hir dayis in Anstroyer, except this last yeir sche duelt in Craill; and now sche remanis in St. Androus, as sche hes done sene xv dayis befoir Witsunday last wes; and now declaris that sche hed Thomas, cheild to hir second husband, and that it is xj yeiris sen sche wes mariit with Dauid Banis, bot that sche keipit hous with him bot thre or four yeiris; and thairefter sche com and duelt with Jhone Kynneir in Kingask ane symmer sessoun; and syne half ane yeir with hir mother; and thaireftir in and out with Mr. Thomas Beinstonis wyffe in Pittinweme, vj owkis or tharby; and thaireftir in North Beruik, with the gude wyffis dochter of Lundy Miln, ane quarter of yeir or thairby; and syne with hir mother agane, half ane yeir; and thaireftir she com to Craill, quhair sche duelt vj owkis with Alexander Wilsonis wyffe in and out; and thaireftir com to St. Androus, and remanit with Agnes and Elspot Farleis twenty owkis cumand and gangand, befoir the pest in St. Androus; and thaireftir past to Anstroyer, and remanit with hir father and mother tua yeiris; and thaireftir to Craill, quhair sche remanit quhill xv dayis befoir the terme of Witsunday last wes; and thaireftir com to St. Androus, quhair sche yit remanis.

Item, the said Agnes being inquirit be the minister, in presens of the haill sessoun, convenit with Mr. Thomas Buhannane and Mr. Jhone Caildeluiche and [blank], as thai quha ar direct from the Presbrittrie, if sche hes skeill and knawlege of herbis, ansueries, Ye, sche hes skell of persell, syffis, confort, wormed, aylay-cumpanay, and of ane herbe callit concilarum; and declaris that sche hes usit syffis, persell, and confort, to help sindry personis that hes hed evill stomokis; and spetialie that sche usit this cuir to Jonet Spens, spous of Jhone Symson in Craill.

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1 Mris in ms.
2 There is a blank in the Register of the Presbytery extending from the 20th of April 1587 to the 9th October 1589.
3 Parsley.
4 Young onions.
5 Comfrey.
6 Wormwood.
7 Elecampane.
8 Probably Cochlearia, the well-known and greatly prized Scurvy-grass, a very likely plant for an Edinburgh herbalist to gather at North Berwick.
Item, being inquirit if sche knawis the vertew of stanis, denyis.

Item, being inquirit quhat vertew is betuix sowth rynnand watter and uther watter, knawis nocht, bot heris say south rynnand watter suld be usit.1

Being inquirit if sche helpit Cathrine Pryde, spous to [blank] in Craill, of hir disais and seiknes, ansueris that Cathrine Pryde hed ane disais and seiknes, quhilk wes ane consumptioun at hir stomak, and that sche maid ane drink of syffis persell and confort, and stipit in aill xxiiij houris, and geif hir to drink, quha drank thairof viij dayis; and thairesfr desyrit hir to wasche hir with watter and spetiale south rynnand watter; and, quhen sche hed weschin hir with the watter, bald hir cast furth the watter on the midding, for feitt watter suld nocht be cassin in ony bodeis gait.

Being inquirit if sche com at ony tyme to Walter Kincaigyn cordinar in Craill, if sche evir said to him, Gude man quhat wantis thow? quhat movis the to paus or be cogitative on ony thing? wantis thow geir? tell me, I sall find the remaid, and gait the geir! denyis the samyn simpliciter; bot grantis that sche spak with him anis, and than hir hed na mair geir bott ane kist with ane brokin cheir, and that sche bocht the samyn fra him, and geif hir xvij s. for the samyn; and denyis all uther thingis of that mater.

Declaris that sche lermit the knawlege of herbis, and spetialie of that herbe callit concilarum, in North Beruik, fra ane man callit Mr. Jhone [blank], quha wes ane auld man gadderer herbis behind ane dyke in North Beruik; and that he hed ane wyffe as he said to hir, and that he duelt in Edinburg. And sche, being gadderer corn for the tyme, saw him gadderer herbis, and sche said to him, Quhat kynd of herb is this? He ansuerit, Thai call it concilarum. I pray yow schir, tell me

1 In 1603, James Reid, who professed to be able to cure 'all kynd of seik-nes,' was 'wirreit at ane staik,' and burnt to ashes, on the Castlehill of Edin-burgh. He was convicted of meeting with the devil, 'quhyles in the liknes of a man, quhyles in the liknes of a hors, . . . quhilk lykways lermit him to tak southe-ffynand-watter to cuir the saidis diseissis' (Pitsaurn's Criminal Trials, ii. 421, 422). Pitsaurn remarks:—'This superstition still obtains, in many remote places of Scotland, where the virtues of such water are firmly believed in.'
quhair for this herb is gude? He ansuerit, Gif me ane point of aill, and I sall tell yow. And scha said, I haif na mair bot ane balbe! quhilk sche geif him. And sayis sche nevir saw him befoir nor sen syne, and that he than sperit at hir how thai callit hir, and quhair sche duelt; and als declaris that Mr. Jhone schew to hir that sowth ryninand watter is best, and better nor uther watter; and that the samyn is gude to weseche folkis fra the kneyis and elbokis down, and gude to help thair hurt stommok; and sayis that sche hed ane vomeid quhen sche com furth of North Bervik; and that Mr. Jhone lernit hir to tak syffis, persell, and twa blaidis of confort, and concil- arum, to mak drink of, and lernit hir to mak drinks thair-with.

And forder declaris that Jhone Meluillis wyffe in Craill lernit hir to tak quheit bread with watter and sukker, to help to stanche the vomeid, and sayis sche lernit na uther thing fra na uther persoun.

Die Mercurii, ultimo Julii, 1588.

The quhilk day, Issobell Auld alias Schaw grantis sche hes born ane man cheld in fornicatioun to Alexander Stewart, present servand to George Halyburton of Pittarthy; the barn wes gottin in this cittee in Laird Murrayis land in Argaill, at Michaelemes last wes. Supplicationi is ordanit to be send to George Halyburton, to caus Alexander obey the kirk.

Die Mercurii, xiiij\textsuperscript{to} Augusti, 1588.

The quhilk day, Cathrine Cristie grantis sche hes born ane barn to Robert Scrymgeour, [servitour]\textsuperscript{3} to the Laird of Darsy, in fornicatioun; the barn wes gottin at Michaelemes last wes in the Provest hous in this cittee. It is born fyve oukis sene syne, yit on baptizit. Robert is ordanit to be warnit heirto this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, James Miller grantis Agnes Mwrray is deliverit\textsuperscript{4} of ane man cheild, gottin be him to hir out of

\textsuperscript{1} Vomit.  \textsuperscript{2} Omitted.  \textsuperscript{3} See infra, 10th Sept. 1595.  \textsuperscript{4} Deliver in ms.
mariage. The sessioun ordanis this mater to be advisit with the Frisbitre, quhidder the fact is adulter or fornication.

Die xxviiij Augusti, anno lxxviiij.

The quhilk day, Maly Crawfurd grantis sche is with barn to Dauid Caid, gottin in fornicatioun under promis of mariage in Alexander Caidis hous in this citee. Dauid is ordanit to be warnit heirto this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Elspott Rekie\(^1\) grantis sche is with barn to Androw Clerk, servitour to James Wod of Lambelethame, quhilk wes gottin thair. [The session ordanit]\(^3\) to warn Androw Clerk to anser to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

Die nono Octobris, anno lxxviiij.

The quhilk day, being appointit to all parteis to object aganis the personis nominat elders and deacons, quhy thai micht nocht stand in electioun, and to nominat utheris quhome thai knew mair qualifiit; and becaus nane conperis to that effect, the sessioun ordanis the election to proceid conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day, Dauid Husband hes ressavit four merkis vj s. viij d. of the prentis fie promist with Patrik Kempt, by and attour xvj merkis ressavit be him fra the sessioun of befoir; and sua the sessioun restis awand to him onlie xlvj s. viij d. of the said prentis fie.

Die xvj mensis Octobris, anno lxxviiij.

The electioun of elders and deaconis in the 1588.
Mr. Robert Wilkie, minister.

Elderis in the town.
Mr. James Wilkie, Rectour
Mr. James Martine, Provest in the Auld College
Mr. Jhone Robertsum, Mr. in the New College

\(^1\) Interlined over Reif deleted.  \(^2\) Altered from Reif.  \(^3\) Omitted.
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Mr. William Cok, bailye
Alexander Carstaris, bailye
Mr. Martine Geddy
James Robertsoun
William Lermouth
Dauid Watsoun
Thomas Lentroun
Patrik Gutherie
Mr. Jhone Scott.

Elderis up on land.
Patrik Dudingstoun portioner of Kin-capill
Martine Carstrophein in Byrehillis.

Deaconis in the town.
Williame Zuill, mercheand
Charlis Watsoun, scribe
Dauid Guidlaid
Martine Lummisidane
Androw Wricht
Dauid Pattoun in Ester Balry-
Jhone Hagy
Walter Ramsay.

Deaconis up on land.
Dauid Forester in Kincapill.

The quhilk day, the elderis and deaconis aboif writin ratifiit Ratification of the actis
and apprevit the actis and statutis, maid in this buik the fyft and all utheris actis and statutis maid
of November lxxij yeiris, and all utheris actis and statutis maid
within the samyn, quha ar all suorn oblising thame to observe
and keip the samyn.

The quhilk day, the sessioun, with advis of the Provest Officer to the
bailyeis and consall of this citie, hes concludit that yeirlie in
the sessioun elect and cheis thair awin officiar,
tymes cuming the sessioun elect and cheis thair awin officiar,
and this day aucht dayis to begyn to cheis thair officiar of this
day to cum.

The quhilk day, it [is]¹ ordanit that it be publicie signifie Publicatio
and notifie, Sonday nixttocum, that na persoun cutt nor carve
the daskis in the kirk nor na uther tymmer, under all heast
pane and charge the contravenaris may incur.

The quhilk day, it is ordanit that all transgressouris of the All transgres-
actis, that hes bein ellis delatit, or that salbe heireftir delatit, souris to be
be callit, that ordour may be takin with thame according to
the lawis.

¹ Omitted.
Die xxiiij Octobris, anno Domini m. v lxxxvij.

The quhilk day, conperit Mr. Robert Wilkie, minister of Sanct Androus, and complanis upon Mr. Henry Hammiltoun, servitour to the Bischope of St. Androus, how that the said Mr. Henry, this day eftir his sermone maid in the parroche kirk of this citee, com to him on the hie streit and querrellit him of his doctrine; and desyrit thairfor the sessioun to call the said Mr. Henry befoir thame to ansuer for the said offence. And in the meane tyme the sessioun, being inquirit be the said minister if thai fand ony falt with his doctrine this day teachit be him in the pulpeit befoir none, anseruir all with ane voce that thai fand na falt with the samyn. In respect quhairof the said minister desyrit the said session to tak ordour with the said Mr. Henry in the premissis, that utheris wicked and ungodly personis tak nocht occasion to do the lyke in tymes cuming, to great dishonour of God and sklander of his kirk and disdane of his servandis. Mr. William Cok and Alexander Carstaris bailyes, with the haill sessioun forsaid, findand great falt with the said Mr. Henry in the premissis, the said bailyes promissis ather to caus the said Mr. Henry acknowlege his offence to the minister, or ellis to caus charge him to conpeir this day aucht dayis befoir the session, and accus him for his said offence, and thair to tak ordour thair anent.

The quhilk day, conperit Gregorie Watsoun, as he that wes laidfullie warnit to this day to ansuer to the dilatious gevin aganis him be Issobell Beaton in the Act the sext of Marche last wes, and be Margret Swyne in the Act the xvij of Junii last wes. The said Gregorie grantis carnall copulatioun with the saidis Issobell and als with the said Margret; but affermis in his conscience that he knew nocht quhen he hed to do with Issobell Beatoun bot sches wes ane fre woman on mariit, and understandis na uther thing yit bot that his husband be deid. The sessioun ordanis Gregorie to satisfie for his offence with Margret Swyne as ane fornicator; and becaus his offence with Issobell Beaton is understandit to be adulterie, in respect of hir confessioun grantand hir husband to be yit leveand, the sessioun ordanis Gregore to conpeir to morn befoir the Presbit-
trie, and ressaif his injunctionis as ane adultrar conforme to
the ordour.

_Die penultimo mensis Octobris, anno lxxviiij._

The quhilk day, becaus that Mr. Henry Hammiltoun hes Hammiltoun,
nather satisfet the minister for the offence done to him this rij.
day aucht dayis, nor yit hes the bailyes causit charge him to
conpeir to this day, to anser to the complant gevin in aganis
him be the minister this day aucht dayis; thairfor the sessioun
ordanit Mr. Henry to be chargit to conpeir befoir thame this
day aucht dayis, to anser to the said complant under pane of
publict admonitioun.

_Die sexto Octobris, anno lxxviiij._

The quhilk day the sessioun continewit the actioun betuix Hammiltoun,
the minister and Mr. Henry Hammiltoun to this day aucht rij
dayis.

The quhilk day, the sessioun with consent of the majestatis Downy.
ordanit Jhone Downy to pay xx s. in part of pament of the
Act, &c., or ellis to enter in presson Satterday nixttocum, and
to mak humiliatioun.

The quhilk day, Agnes Cur ordant to pay xiiij s. iiiij d. in Cur.
part of pament of the Act, &c., or ellis to enter presson Satter-
day nixttocum, and to mak humiliatioun.

The quhilk day, Beatrix Dilarasche grantis hir to be with
barn to James Brand, sone to Jhone Brand minister of the
Cannowgait; the barn wes gottin at Pasche last wes in Jhone
Scheves hous in this citee; and that sche nevir knew him
carnalie bot anis in the chelmer. Missivie is ordanit to be
direct to Jhone Brand for triall.

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1 John Brand, who had been a monk in Holyrood Abbey, was minister of
Holyroodhouse from 1564 until his death in 1600 (Scott's _Fasti_, i. 82, 83).
Besides the son mentioned in the text he had another, John, who, while a
'student in the College of Philo-ophie of Edinburgh,' slaughtered 'William
King, sone naturall to James King, advocat,' on the 27th of May 1615, 'be
streiking of him with ane drawin kayfe under the left pape, quhairof he immedi-
atlie deceisit,' and for which he was sentenced to be beheaded (Pitcairn's
_Criminal Trials_, iii. 360).
The quhilk day, Beigis Paty grantis hir to be with barn to Thomas Mores, quhilk wes gottin in Jhone Mores hous xv dayis befoir Witsunday last wes, and that sche nevir knew him bot anis. [It is ordanit]¹ to warn Thomas to anser heirto this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Issobell Powsay grantis hir with barn to Gedill Kynynmonth, sone to Patrik Kynynmonth, gottin in Callenge, and that sche knew him thre sindry tymes in Callegen. It is ordanit that Mr. Thomas Buchannane, minister of Seris, be advertisit heirof, and that he tak triall of Gedall.

The quhilk day, Robert Scrymgeour grantis carnall daill with Cathrime Cristie tua sindry tymes, in the Provestis kitschion in this citee, xv dayis eftir Lammes wes ane yeir, bot takkis nocht with the barn. The session ordans him to enter in presson Satterday nixttocum, or ellis to pay xx s. in part of pament of the Act, and thaireftir to mak humiliatioun, &c.

Die Mercurii, xiiij° Novembris, anno lxxxviiij°.

The quhilk day the actioun betuix the minister and Mr. Henry Hammiltoun is continewit to this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, it is delatit that Jonet Lessellis, now in the cottoun of Balcomy within the parrochin of Craill, is with barn to Mr. Martine Carstrophin in Byrehillis,² quhilk wes gottin thair. [It is ordanit]¹ to signifie to the minister of Craill to caus hir conpeir befoir us; and to warn Mr. Martine to that effect for the said crime.

The quhilk day, it is delatit that the Laird of Kingkelis dochter hes born ane barn in fornicatioun in this citee; and for triall thairof [it is ordanit]¹ to warn hir and als Agnes Meluill and Jhone Bruce wyffe to this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Thomas Mores grantis carnall copulation with Beigis Paty, and sayis if Beigis will sueir that the barn is

¹ Omitted.
² This sinner may have been a son of 'Martine Carstrophin in Byrehillis,' who was a member of the session. At all events, on the 1st of June 1608, 'Magister Martinus Corstorphine de Bairynmouth' was served heir to his father, Martine Carstorphin, portioner of Byrehills (Inquisitionum Specialium Retornatarum Abbreviatio, Fife, No. 194).
his barn he sall tak thair with. Thomas and Beigis ar baith ordant to be warnit to this day aught dayis [to]\(^1\) that effect.

The quhilk day, Marrioun\(^2\) Orrok grants hir to be with barn to James Lawmonth, quhilk wes gottin in Henry Lawmonth hous, betuix midsymmer and Lammes last wes. James \(\text{ij}\). is ordanit to be warnit to answar heirto this day aught dayis.

The quhilk day Issobell\(^3\) Powstay, being examint of new quhen sche knew Gedall Kynynmonth, quhair and how oft answerys, diveris tymes in Callenge that half yeir sche servit thair, and diveris tymes sensyne quhen sche servit the Lady Tessis, in hir cuming and ganging betuix Tessis and Callenge, in the brume, and utheris partis.

The quhilk day, the sessioun, haifand full power to elect thair awin ordinair officiar yeire, hes this day electit and chesit Androw Sellar thair officiar, and continewit him quhill this tyme tuelf month, and this day aught dayis he to reseaif his injunctionis.

The quhilk day, the session, at the hummill suit of Nicholl Cuik, haifing respect to his gude conversation honest beavear and tred of lyfe in tymes bigane, and of his present necessite and esteat, hes ordanit that thre schillingis four pennis be owklie payit and deliverit to him, furth of the box of the pur, for releif of his present necessite, ay and quhill he be providit to sum office of the town. And the said Nicholl for that caus promissis to be reddy and obedient to serve at all tymes in sic ado as the sessioun sall charge him with.

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1. Omitted.
2. Interlined over Elspott deleted.
3. Marrioun has been written over Issobell and rubbed out again.
the said Mr. Henry to be present this day aucth dayis, to heir\(^1\) their determinatioun in the said mater.

*Die Mercurii, xxvij\(^a\) Novembris, anno lxxxviiij\(^a\).*

The quhilk day, the sessioun of St. Androus being convenit, eftir ernest incalling upon the holie name of God for the confortabill assistance of his Holie Spirit, to pronounce their decreet and sentence aganis Mr. Henry Hammiltoun, for the quarrelling of Mr. Robert Wilkie minister of St. Androus upon the he streit of the said citee, upon the said Mr. Robertis doctrine precheit be him on Wedsinsday the xxiiij of October last wes; the sessioun foirsaid hes\(^2\) decretit and decernit, lykaes thai be the tenour heirof decreetis and decernis, the said Mr. Henry to conpeir upon Sunday the first day of December nixttocum, at the secund bell to sermone befor none, in the parroche kirk of St. Androus; and oppinlie sitt in the saitt besyde Niniane Rowill,\(^3\) quhill the sermone and prayar be endit; and their eftir to cum to the middis of the kirk forgane the pulpeit, humill him self on his kneyis, craif pardoun and forgeifnes at God, the hoill congregatioun, and the said Mr. Robert Wilkie minister, for the said offence, and promis in tymes cuming nocht to do the lyke, under pane of censouris of the kirk;\(^4\) in presens of the said Mr. Henry promising to obey and fulfill the samyn.

*Die quarto Decembris, anno lxxxviiij\(^a\).*

The quhilk day, the sessioun, understanding perfytle that Mr. Henry Hammiltoun hes satisfeit, and in all things, upon Sunday last wes the first of December instant, fullfillit their decree and ordinance befor writin, ordanis the clark to deliver to the said Mr. Henry ane testimoniall of his obedience and satisfactioun of the said decreet.

The quhilk day, Agnes Diplein grantis hir to be with barn

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\(^1\) *Heir the s their in ms.* The clerk has evidently been going to write *the said*, but stopped short.

\(^2\) *He in ms.*

\(^3\) Ninian Roul was the precentor. See *supra*, p. 488, n. 2

\(^4\) *Censouris of the kirk* interlined over *excommunication* deleted.
to Jhone Frissell miller, qhilk sche allegis wes gottin in fornication in the Nether Abbay Miln, xx dayis immediatlie eftir Witsunday last wes. The sessioun ordanis Jhone to be warnit heirtho this day aucht dayis, and Agnes presentlie warnit to that effect.

The qhilk day, it is verefit be Androw Sellar officiar that Carstrophein, Lessellis, rij.
he warnit Mr. Martine Carstrophein personalie apprehendit to conpeir this day, to anser to the dilatioun gevin in upon him the xij of October last wes; becaus he conperis nocht, the session ordanis him to be warnit agane to that effect this day aucht dayis, under pane of publict admonitioun.

*Die Mercurii, undecimo Decembris, anno lxxxvii.*

The qhilk day, Jhone Frissell miller grants carnall daill with Agnes Diplein, viij dayis befoir Lammes last wes in the miln, bot denyis the barn to be his; and allegis and delatis Dauid Andersoun to haif knawin Agnes Diplein also carnalie, rij.
and that Dauid is the barnis father. The sessioun ordanis Jhone to satisifie for his offence, and Dauid to be warnit to anser to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

The qhilk day, Androw Sellar verefit that he hed warnit Carstrophein, Lessellis, rij.
Mr. Martine Carstrophein to this day personalie for the second tyme, to anser to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him the xij of November last wes, under pane of publict admonitioun; and becaus he conperis nocht the sessioun ordanis him to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, the thrid tyme, under pane of publict admonitioun.

The qhilk day, Androw Sellar officiar verefit that he hes Monipenny, rij.
warnit Jane Monipenny, dochter to Alexander Monipenny of Kingkell, thre sindry tymes, and last to this day, at hir fatheris duelling hous in Sanctandrous, and that he intimeit the samyn to hir father and mother, to haif anserit to the dilatioun gevin in aganis hir the xij of November last wes. The sessioun ordanit Androw Sellar officiar yit as of befoir to warn hir to this day aucht dayis; and to certifie hir father and mother, if sche faiyleis heirin, sche salbe publikle summond thairto Sunday cum aucht dayis.

The qhilk day, Androw Sellar verefit that he hes mony
diversis and sindy tymes wnrnit Issobell Bett to cum to the stuell of repentance, for bering of ane barn in fornicatioun to Dauid Thomson, and that the majestratis hes also chargit hir to that effect, and yit sche contemptusle disobeyit; therfor the session ordnit hir to be publicle summond thatro Sunday nixttocum, under pane of cencouris of the kirk.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar verefitt that he hes now tua sindy tymes wnrnit Beatrix Monipenny to conpeir befoir the session, to anser to the dilation\(^1\) gevin in aganis hir; and becaus sche conperis nocht sche is ordnanit to be wnrnit the thrid tyme, under pane of publict admonition.

The quhilk day, it is delatit that Mr. Androw Ayton of Kynnaldy hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun, with [blank] dochter to [blank] maidwyffe, and ane uther barn in fornicatioun to Gelis Wilson. The sessioun ordnat him to be wnrnit \(^{\text{to anser}}\)\(^2\) thairto, be Nicholl Cuik officiar, to this day aucht dayis.

\[\textit{Die xviiij Decembris, anno lxxviiij}\]

The quhilk day, Nicholl Cuik verefitt that he warnt Mr. Androw Ayton of Kynnaldy to this day personale, to anser to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him the xj of December instant, quha reportit the said Mr. Andrews excus, that he wes seik and that he michtnocht conpeir. The sessioun ordnat him to be wnrnit agane to anser to the said dilatioun, quhen God restoris him to helth.\(^3\)

The quhilk day, conperit William Arthur of Carnis, as he that wes laidfullie wnrnit to this day to anser to the dilatioun gevin aganis him, delating him to haif gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Issobell Strang, and that he yit keips companie with hir. The said William denyis the said dilatioun; and becaus Issobell duellis presentle in Anstrother the sessioun

\(^1\)\textit{Dilagatioun} in MS.
\(^2\)Omitted.
\(^3\)Mr. Androw Ayton had been elected an elder in 1581, 1582, 1583, and 1584 (\textit{supra}, pp. 454, 487, 511, 542). He does not seem to have ever been sufficiently restored to health to appear before the session, either to confess guilt or to clear his character. His son, Mr. John Ayton, was served heir to him on the 28th of May 1590 (\textit{Inquisitionum Specialium Retornatarum Abbreviatio, Fife, No. 1488}).
ordainis ane supplicationoun to be direct to Mr. James Meluill minister of Anstroyer, to tak triall of Issobell to quhome sche buir the barn.

*Die xxv Decebris, anno lxxxvii*.  

The quhilk day, conperrit Alexander Monipenny of Kingkell, as he that wes desyrit to be present this day to declair to the session the caus that Jane Monipenny his dochter, being divers tymes warnit to conpeir befoir thame, [conperis nocht]¹ to answier to the dilatiation gevin in aganis hir the xiiij of November last wes, answieris, that on his conscience he knawis nocht quhair sche is, and that sche is nather in his hous nor in ony part of his landis that he knawis; and forder, being inquirit if sche hes borne ane barn in fornicatioun to Alexander Jameson, grants the samyn to be of treuth; and promissis of his honestie, how sone that evir sche cunnis in his hous, or quhair he may haif hir, to caus hir satisfie for hir offence to the kirk. [It is ordanit]¹ to advertes the minister of Couper that Alexander may satisfie for the said offence.

The quhilk day, Beatrix Monipenny grants che is with barn to William Hay tayieour in Disart, quhilk wes gottin in Margret Gourlayis hous in Disart, about Lammes last wes; and forder grants that sche buir ane uther barn befoir in fornicatioun to James Lawmonth, for the quhilk sche nevir yit satisfeit, and that the barn decessit on baptizit. Sche is ordanit to satisfie the kirk for the first barn, and to pas and satisfie in Disart for the last barn quhair sche offendid.

*Die Mercurii, primo mensis Januarii, anno lxxxvii*.  

The quhilk day, Mr. Martine Carstophein grants he hes committit fornicatioun with Jonet Lessellis. He hes satisfeit ane cron of the sone in part of pament of the Act of Parliament for his impressment; and promissis to cum to the stull of repentance and satisfie for his offence.

The quhilk day, Davuid Caid grants he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Malie Crawfurd, and that he promist hir

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¹ Omitted. ² *Decembris* in MS.
mariage. The sessioun ordanis him to satisfie for his offence conforme to the ordour.

The qhilk day, James Smyth, Dane of Gild, Dauid Kynneir, deacone of the baxteris, Jhone Smyth, deacone of the smythis, Jhone Ferry, deacone of the tealyeouris, James Beurarage, deacone of the cordinaris, and Martine Lummisdane, deacone of the flescheouris, and Normond Watsoun, deacone of the walswauris, being desyrat in the name of God, according to Goddis command, to tak ordour, ilk deacone with his awin craft and the Dane of Gild with the gild brether, that the holy Sabboith day of the Lord may be kepit holy, and the sermonis at all tynes may be frequentit be the pepill, that God may be glorifiit and sklander removit fra this congregatioun. The said Dane of Gild and hall deaconis foirsaidis hes promist to convein ilk ane their awin craftis, and the Dane of Gild the gild brether, and tak gude ordour in the premisss ; and to report anser of the samyn to the sessioun this day aucht days.

The qhilk day, Jonet Duncane grantis sche hes born ane madin barn in fornicatioun to Dauid Paterson, mariner in St. Androus; and that sche buir ane barn befoir to Alexander Car, for the qhilk sche hes satisfait. The sessioun ordanis Dauid to be warnit to anser to the dilatioun this day aucht days, and Jonet to satisfie.

The qhilk day, Grissell Gray grantis hir to be with barn to James Lawmonth, gottin ather fyve days befoir Witsunday.

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1 That the craftsmen were not utterly regardless either of the Sabbath or the preaching days is evident from their own records. On the 25th of May 1578, 'the deken and brethren of halmermen all thinkis gude that in lesus effaris, that the brethren convene on Sunday after myne, before sermont, rather than to pas to drinking or utheris inconvenient busines; providing that the preching and praris be kepit without prejudice of the convening of the brethren upon wark days for lesus busines doing' (Book of the Hammermen of Sanctandrous, ms.). On the 15th of September 1607, 'the deacon and counsell ordanis and conclusis that ilk brother of craft keip and observe the preching days within the kirk, and sit in their awin seat; and quhaisoever abstractis himsell from Godis service ilk preching day, the persone that failyeis heirin to pay totes quoties ij sh.' (The Cordinaris Duke of St. Androus, ms.). And on the 16th of May 1609, the deacon and council of the latter craft ordainede:—'That if evir at ony tymé heirefitt William Hewte be fund and apprehendit in play at the bawlis or uther gamis, on ane preching day, tymé of preching and sermon, to pay totes quoties x l s.' (Ibid.).
last wes, or ellis ane moneth efter Witsunday last wes, in
Thomas Symsonis hous in the Mercat Gait. James to be
warnt to anser to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

Die Mercurii, xv Januarii, anno lxxviiij.

The quhilk day, Issobell Michell grantis hir to be with barn
to Jhone Bowar, quhilk wes gottin [in]1 the Grange xv days
beoir Midsymmer last wes. [It is ordanit]1 to warn Jhone
Bowar to anser to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Elene Duncane grantis hir to be with barn
to Jhone Mylsoun, and the barn wes gottin in Jhone Maris
hous at Mertimes last wes.—And now Jhone Mylsoun grantis
the dilatioun, and is ordanit to satisfie conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day, Issobell Strang grantis and confessis that
sche hes born ane barne in fornicatioun, and deparit with ane
uther, to William Arthour of Carnis; the first barn wes gottin
and born in Carnis ane yeir sensyne, and that it is thre owkis
sen sche deparit with the uther barn to him in James Grantis
hous in this citee. William is ordanit to be warnit to this day
aucht dayis, to anser to the dilatioun; and Issobell warnit
heirto apud acta.

The quhilk day, the hail bretherin of the sessioun convent
with ane voce declaris the doctrine this day precheit be Mr.
Robert Wilkie minister, and quhilk he hes prechit in this
congregatioun contienule sen his enteres thairto, is baith
sownd and gud doctrine.

Die xxix° Januarii, anno lxxviiij.

The quhilk day, William Arthour of Carnis grantis the
dilatioun gevint in aganis him the xv of Januar instant, and
allegis the samyn wes under promis of mariage. The sessioun
ordanis him to satisfie for his offences conforme to the ordour
of the kirk, and at the humill suit of William thai haif con-
tinewit his satisfaction for xv dayis.

The quhilk day, Agnes Dilarasche grantis hir to be with

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1 Omitted.  2 Sir.
barn to Mr. Jhone Smyth, and that the barn wes gottin in hir
fatheris hous in this citee, fye owkis befoir Mertimes last wes.
The saitt ordanis the said Agnes to satisfie conforme to the
ordour, and to warn Mr. Jhone Smyth to answar to the said
dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

*Die Mercurii, xij* Februarii, anno lxxxvij*o.*

The quhilk day, it is ordanit that the hail inobedient per-
sons in this parroch to the ordinance of the kirk saulbe sum-
mond in generall, Sunday nixttocum, to conpeir on Weddingsday
nixt, to resaaif their directioun and injunction, under pane of
publict admonition be their names in speichall Sunday cum
aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, James Strathawhin, servand to Mr. Androw
Aytoun of Kinnaldy, grants carnall dail with Margret Ale-
soun duelling in Kynnaldy, and that sche hes born ane barn to
him in fornicatioun. He is ordanit to satisfie for his offence,
and Margret to be warnt to answar to the said dilatioun.

*Die xix* mensis Februarii, anno lxxxvij*o.*

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Jnglis of Straythtyrum, quha
grants his offencis, and submittis him selfe willinglie to the
discipline of the kirk, and to satisfie publiclie for the samyn
with the rest of the gentill men of his rank.

The quhilk day Mr. Thomas Berclay grants he hes gottin
ane barn in fornicatioun with Jonet Ballantyne. He submittis
him self to discipline, and promissis to gif ane crowne to the
puir, in part of pament of the Act of Parliament for his impres-
soment. Jonet is ordanit to be warnt to answar and satisfie
for his offence this day aucht dayis.—The crowne satisfet.

The quhilk day, William Arthour of Carnis and Issobell
Strang grants their offencis, submittis thame selfis to dis-
cipline, and ar contractit in marage, and promissis to satisfie
the kirk for their offences betuix this and Pasche nixttocum,
and to solemnizat and 1 perfyte the band of mariage betuix this
and the Ruid day nixttocum.

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1 For in MS.
ST. ANDREWS KIRK SESSION.

Die xxvij° Februrii, anno lxxviiij°

The quhill day conperit James Lawmonth and grantis that Marion Orrok and Cristane Gray ar baith presente with barn to him. He is ordanit to satisfie twa sindry Sondays for his offences, and to behaif him self with humiliite and reverence, and to conpeir in the consalhous upon Weddingsday the xij of Marche nixttocum, and satisfie for his impressoment, and ressaif forder injunctionis at the kiriks will.

The quhill day, Cristene Alane\(^1\) grantis hir with barn to Jhone Annell, quhill wes gottin in Thomas Dayis hous viij or ten dayis befoir Michaelmes last wes. Jhone is ordanit to be warnit to [ansuer to]\(^2\) the dilatioun this day aucth dayis.

The quhill day, Henry Mowat is delatit to be ane adultrar, Mowat. and ordanit to be warnit [to anser]\(^3\) thairto this day aucth dayis.

Die Mercurii, nono Aprilis, anno lxxxix°

The quhill day, the communioun is ordanit to be with Goddis grace celebratit, and examinatioun to begyn on Monon- munioun, 1589.

Examinatouris.

The first quarter: Mr. James Wilkie, Rectour, Mr. William Cok, Mr. Martine Geddy, elderis; and Dauid Guidlaid scribe.

The secund quarter: Mr. James Martine, Alexander Car- staris, James Robertson, elderis; Thomas Wod scribe.

The thrid quarter: Mr. Jhone Robertsoun, William Ler- month, Dauid Watson, elderis; Jhone Hagy scribe.

The ferd quarter: Mr. Robert Wilky minister, Thomas Lentrone, Patrik Gutherie, elderis; Charlis Watsoun scribe.

Die Mercurii, xxij° Aprilis, anno lxxxiix°

The quhill day, Margret Dalgleis, servand to Agnes Paty, grantis hir to be with barn to Jhone Scheves, sone to Thomas Scheves in Byrchairlis, quhill wes gottin in Agnes Pateis hous;

\(^1\) Interlined over Annall deleted.  
\(^2\) Omitted.
the first tyme that sche knew him wes xv dayis efter Mertimes last wes. [It is ordanit]¹ to warn Jhone Scheves to anser to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

The qhilk day, it is delatit to the sessioun that Margret Geddy and Elene Hammiltoun ar baith ather with barn, or ellis hes born barnis in fornicatioun, to the dishonour of God and great sklander of this congregatioun. Thairfor the sessioun ordanis thame to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, to anser to the said dilatioun.

The qhilk day, the sessioun being informit of the great sklander gevin publike to this congregatioun be Jaine Monipenny, dochter to the Laird of Kingell, passing publike throw the Sangze mercat,² with hir bair hair coverit only with ane kell as ane madin, seing sche hes born ane barn ellis in fornicatioun to Alexander Jameson, as wes confessit be Alexander Monipenny of Kynkell hir father, and nocht satisfit; thairfor the session ordanis the said Jane to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, to anser for the samyn; and also to warn the said Alexander to present the said Jane befoir the session, conforme to his promis maid in the Act the xxv of December last wes, and that to this day aucht dayis; and to warn Jhone Bruce wyffe kepar of the barn to the said day.

The qhilk day, Mr. Robert Wilkie minister declarit to the session that he wald na langer in tymes cuming beir nor sustein the burding on him to preche thrys in the owk in this congregatioun; becaus, quhen he acceptit the office of the ministrie in and upon him, he promist onlie to preche twois in the owk, qhilk he hes done sen his enteres, and sall do, will God, in tymes cuming; and thairfor desyr the sessioun and town to provide ane helpar to him in tymes cuming, for he micht noch gudle beir the haill burding ony langer. And the sessioun being rememberit how that mater hes bein ellis in hand, baith in the Prisbittre and befoir the Provost bailyeis [and]¹ consall of the town, in providing for ane helpar and follow laborar with the said Mr. Robert, and that the mater now lyis as it wer deid aleipand; thairfor the session hes appointit William Zuill, Mr. Jhone Scott, and Charlis Watson, commissioneris,

¹ Omitted. ² See supra, p. 245, n. 2.
to pas to morn to the Presbittre, and desyre thame that this mater may be walknit, and the minister relevit with ane follow laborar; and to report thair ansuer this day aucht dayis.

Die Mercurii, xxiij Aprilis, anno lxix.

The quhilk [day], Jaine Monipenny, being warnit at the Monipenny, rij. plase of Kynkell to this day, to haif anserit to the contentis of the Act maid this day aucht dayis, as wes verefit be Androw Sellar officiar, conpeir nocht: thairfor the sessioun ordanit hir to be warnit agane for the secund tyme, to this day aucht dayis, under pane of publict admonition.

The quhilk day being appointit to Mr. Jhone Scott, Wil- liam Zull, and Charlis Watson, to report the Presbittreis ansuer tuiching ane follow laborar in the ministrie.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar officiar verefit that he hed bein at the dwelling place of Mr. Thomas Buchanane, Provost of Kirkhill, in this citee, to haif warnit Elene Hammilton to conpeir this day to ansuer the dilation gevin in aganis hir the xvij of Aprile instant; and declaris that he wes informit the said Elene is furth of this town, and that he culd nocht apprehend hir to that effect. Thairfor the sessioun ordanis the said Androw Sellar to desyr the said Mr. Thomas and his spous to be present this day aucht dayis befoir the session, to give thair declaratioun on the said dilatioun.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar officiar verefit that he hed bein at Mr. Martine Geddes hous, to haif warnit Margret Geddy to conpeir this day befoir the session, to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis hir the xvij of Aprile instant; and that he wes informit sche wes furth of this citee, and culd nocht apprehend hir. Thairfor the session ordanit to warn the said Martine and his spous, and als Margret Lawmonth, mother to the said Margret Geddy, and George Ramsy hir spous, to gif thair declaration upon the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Cristene Scott grants hir with barn to Alexander Bron flescheour, quhilk wes gottin in Thomas Cuthbertis hall, xx dayis or thairby eftir Michaelmes last wes.

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1 Omitted.  2 Here this entry abruptly ends.  3 Upon on in ms.
[It is ordanit]¹ to warn Alexander to anser thairto this day aucth dayis.—And now Alexander confessis the offence, and submittis him self to punishement.

The quhilke day, Issobell Laing grantis hir with barn to Thomas Spens in Blabow, quhilke wes gottin in Blabow in the hiche chalmer, xj owkis befoir Mertimes. [It is ordanit]¹ that the minister advertes Mr. Dauid Monipenny, minister of Kem- bak, to tak ordour thairwith.

The quhilke day, Jhone Cuik and Issobell Reid, baith person-alie present, grantis that thair is ane barn procreat betuix thame in fornicatioun, thairfor thai ar ordanit to satisfic for the samyn, conforme to the ordour of the kirk.

Die septimo Maii, anno lxxixv.

The quhilke day, [conperit]¹ Mr. Dauid Russell, Dauid Watsoun and Patrik Gutherie, commissioneris fra the Provost bailyeis and consall of this cith, and declarit ² that thai hed nominat Mr.³ Jhone Caldcluiche and Mr. William Marche to be electit follow laboraris in the ministre with Mr. Robert Wilke minister, and speciale Mr. Robert Bruce to be minister with the said Mr. Robert Wilkie, if it be possibill that he may be hed; and desyrith thairfor sum to be direct from the sessioun to the Presbittrie to this effect, quhilke desyre the sessioun obeyit.

The quhilke day, Henry Lovell grantis that he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Elspott ‘Gray, quhilke wes gottin in Charlis Ramsayis hous baxter in this cith, at the first fair of Dundie last wes. The session ordanis Elspott to be warnt heirto this day aucth dayis.

Die xiiij° Maii, anno lxxixv.

The quhilke day, the sessioun ordanit Thomas Wod redar to help Martine [Carstrophein—deleted] Lummisdane deakin, in the place of Androw Watsoun, quhill Michaelmes nixttocum, and to serve the Mercat Gait quarter.

¹ Omitted. ² Declart in ms. ³ Mrs. in ms.
The quhilk day, Alexander Jamesoun grants that the barn, Quhilk Jane Monipenny, dochter to the Laird of Kinkell, hes born in fornicatioun, is his barn, and is content to satisfie thair-for, and promisis to pay xl s. in part of pament of the Act for his impressoment.—The session ordanis baith him and Jane to satisfie.

The quhilk day, Cathrine Authinlek grants that sche hes borne ane madin barn in fornicatioun to Jhone Inglis of Straythryrum, quhilk wes gottin in his chalmer of Straythryrum, about 1 midsimmer last wes. The session ordanis Jhone Inglis to be warnit heirto this day sucht dayis, and Cathrine to be present the said day.2

_Die xxj mensis Maii, anno lxxxix_.

The quhilk day—being appointit to the electioun of ane minister and fallow laborar with Mr. Robert Wilkie minister, in the function of the ministrie in this congregatioun, furth of thir nyne personis eftir specifiit, viz., nominat be the town, Universite, and landward parrochenaris, to witt: Mr Robert Bruce, Jhone Cauldcluiche, and William Marche, nominat be the town; Mr Jhone Malcom, Alexander Monipenny, and Mr. Jhone Authinlek, nominat be the Universite; and Mr Nicholl Dalgleis, Jhone Dauidson, and Robert Dury, nominat be the gentill men and parrochenaris upon land—conperit ane rycht honourabill man, James Lermont of Darsy, Provost of St. Androus, Mr. William Russell baiyle, Thomas Lentroum and Patrik Gutherie, commissioneris for the town, and Patrik Bonkill thair commoun clerk; Maister James Wilkie, Rectour of the Universite, Mr. Dauid Monipenny, Dane of Facultie, Mr. Androw Meluill, Mr. Principall of the New College, and Mr. William Cranstoun, Maister in the Aild College, commisioneris for the said Universitie; and honourabill men Sir George Dowglas of Elenehill knycht, James Wod of Lamblethame, James Hay, Chalmerlane of the Priore of St. Androus, Patrik Dudingstoun, portioner of Kyncapill, Androw Wod of

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1 The about in MS.
2 John Inglis of Strathryrum was elected an elder in October 1586 and again in November 1587 (supra, pp. 575, 607).
Straythwethy, and Mr. Alexander Jarden of Smyddy Grein,\(^1\) commissionaris for the gentill men and parrochenaris upon land: quha all, with ane voce, eftir ernest incalling on the holy name of God, electit and chusit the said Mr. Robert Bruce, as ane man maist meit habill and qhulifit, minister and fallow laborar in the ministrie with the said Mr. Robert Wilkie. And the saidis haill commissioneris hes aggriet that ilk ane of thame, to witt, the town, Universite, and parrochenar is upon land, send with all diligens thair supplicationis in the maist fervent maner to the said Mr. Robert Bruce, to cum and accep the said office in and upon him, conforme to the said fre election.\(^2\)

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Inglis of Straythtyrum, as he that wes laidfullie warnit to this day, [to answer]\(^3\) to the dilatioun gevin aganis him be Cathrine Authinlek this day aucht dayis. The said Jhone, in presens of the said Cathrine, denyi the dilatioun; and on his conscience denyit that he nevir knew the said Cathrine carnale, and that the barn quhilk Cathrine hes born is nocht his barn.

*Die Mercurii, quarto Junii, anno lxxxix.*

The quhilk day Jonet Ballantyne grantis that sche hes born ane barn in fornicatioun to Mr. Thomas Berclay. The session ordanit hir to satisfie for hir offence Sunday nixttocum, and to pay xx s. in part of pament of the Act.—Mr. Thomas hes ellis satisfic for the samyn.

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\(^1\) Now called Kenly Green.

\(^2\) This was the famous Robert Bruce, second son of Sir Alexander Bruce of Airth, who took his arts course at St. Andrews, studied law at Paris, and, returning to his first alma mater, learned theology under Andrew Melville. During the latter period, the citizens, as well as the members of the University, had frequent opportunities of judging of his capacity as a preacher (Melville's *Diary*, p. 254). That he would himself have preferred St. Andrews to Edinburgh as the sphere of his labours is quite certain, for in his old age he said:—

\(^3\) It [i.e. his Edinburgh charge] was laid upon me sore against my will; for at the same time I had an outward calling to St. Andrews, with the consent of the whole University, and all the gentlemen round about. I have yet all their subscriptions to testify, and surely I liked better to go to St. Andrews, for I had no will of the Court' (Bruce's *Sermons*, Wodrow Soc., p. 9).

\(^3\) Omitted.
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The quhilk day, conpeirit Patrik Dudingstoun portioner of Kyncapill, and George Ramsy of Langraw, commissioneris for the parrochenaris upon land, and declarit to the sessioun that it is now convenient tym to celebrat the communio to the landwart parrochenaris. Qhairfor the sessioun, maist willing to obey their gude desyre, hes appointit examinatyon to begyn Mononday nixttocum, and safurth to continew quhill the parrochin be examined, and thaireftir the communio to be celebratit, and that publicatioun be maid heirof Sunday nixttocum.

Die Mercurii, undecimo\(^2\) Junii, 1589.

The quhilk day, Elspott Gray grantis hir to haif born ane man cheld in fornicatioun to Henry Lovell. Sche is ordanit to satisfe, and Henry to be warnit also to satisfe.

Die Mercurii, decimo octavo Junii, 1589.

The quhilk day, Dauind Wilsoun and Cathrine Zounge, tua mariit personis duelling in Cassindonat, being sindry and seperat fra utheris societie aganis the law of God, ar chargit to be the minister and session, personale befoir thame, to adher to giddar and to accumpnien utheris in bed and buird as mariit personis, within xv dayis, under pane of censouris of the kirk.

Die primo Julii, 1589.

The quhilk day, Cathrine Pentland grantis hir with barn to Jhone Thomsson in Langraw, quhilk wes gottin [in]\(^3\) Balry-month Wester sen Mertimes last wes. Jhone is ordanit to be warnit to anser to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Elspot Adnem grantis hir with barn to William Lowden, quhilk wes gottin in hir awin hous xv dayis eftir Zuill last wes. [It is ordanit]\(^8\) to warn William to anser to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day it is delatit to the sessioun that James Dilatio Jacobi Martine.

\(^1\) Celebratit in MS. \(^2\) Decimo in MS. \(^3\) Omitted.
Martine of Lathonis hes gottin divers barnis in fornicatioun yit on satisfeit. He is ordanit to be warnit to anser to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

**Die Mercurii, xvoj° Julii, 1589.**

The quhilk day, William Lowden grantis that he hes knawin Elspott Aidnem canalie, and that the barn quhilk Elspott ja with is his barn. Thai ar baith ordanit to satisfe for thair offences conforme to the ordour.

**Die Mercurii, xxij° Julii, 1589.**

The quhilk day Jonet Dwnce grantis hir with barn to James Ramsay sone to Walter Ramsay cultellar. [Here Jonet enters into details as to times and place of sinning.] The said Jonet Dunce grantis that this is tua barnis sche hes gottin in fornicatioun.

The quhilk day, Thomas Diksoun grantis that Cristene Andersoun is with barn to him, gottin in fornicatioun in his fatheris hous within this citee. The first tyme wes in Thomas chaumer about Zuill last wes, and the last tyme wes about Pasche last wes. Thomas is ordanit to satisfe and declair this day aucht dayis to the sessioun quhair Cristene is.

**Die penultimo mensis Julii, 1589.**

The quhilk day, Mr. William Thomsson, being delatit for hailing carnall daill with [blank] Dawson his spous befoir thair mariage, purgit him self thairof be his aith.

The quhilk day Dauid Rekie grantis that he hes knawin Elspott Oliphant his spous carnalie befoir thair mariage. Thairfor thai ar ordanit to mak publict satisfaction as fornicatiours.

The quhilk day James Ramsay grantis carnall daill with Jonet Dwnce at Fastronisevin last wes. He is ordanit to satisfe for his offence.
Die Mercurii, decimo tertio Augusti, anno lxxxix°.

The quhilk day, Thomas Wod redar verefitt that he upon Sunday last wes publiclie chargit Cathrine Zounger to adheir to David Wilsoun hir marriit spous, conforme to the ordinance maid thairanent the xviiiij of Junii last wes, within xlviij houris, under pane of censoris of the kirk.

The quhilk day, Thomas Symson and Beatrix Howesoun ar ordanit to pay xxvj s. viijd. in partit pament of the Act, and to satisfie for thair fornication committit befoir thair contract, and thairself to proclame thair bannis.

The quhilk day Patrik Killoche in Kincapill grantis him to haif gottin ane barn in fornication with Margret Richie. The sessioun ordanis Cathrine to be warnit heirto this day auct dayis.

The quhilk day, Gregorie Watsoun present is contractit with Margret Auchmowty, and is ordanit to satisfie, as ane adultrait with Issobell Beatoun and ane fornicaotour with Margret Swyne, befoir proclamatioun of his bannis or ony mariage with Margret Auchmowty.

Die xxvij° mensis Augusti, anno lxxxix°.

The quhilk day, Jhone Thomson in Langraw grantis and confessis fornicaotion with Cathrin Pentland, conforme to the Act of hir confession. The sessioun ordanis him to satisfie conforme to the ordour.—Thomson sa.

Die xvij° Septembris, anno lxxxix°.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanit Issobell Strang to be Arbour, warnit to cum to the stueil of repentance Sunday nixttocum, for fornicaotion with William Arbour, under pane of publict admonition; and als to warn the said William and Issobell to this day auct dayis to ansuer to ane new dilation, to witt, for new cunnall copulation.

1 Interlined over Cathrine Hone deleted. 2 Interlined over Hane deleted.
The quhilk day, conperit Robert Balfour and Jonet Alane, baith dwelling in Kincapill, quha grantis that thair is ane barn procreat betuix thame in fornicatioun, and that the barn wes gottin in James Balfouri's hous, sche being his servand for the tyme, and that the samyn wes born in Jonet Inglis hous in this citee. The said Robert and Jonet fornicatouris ar ordanit to be impressonit, or to pay x l.s. in part of pament of the Act, and to mak publict satisfaction. And Jonet Inglis is ordanit to be warnit, to ansuer for ressait of the fornicatouris, this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, conperit Margret Scott, [quha]¹ askis God mercy and the sessioun, for the wrangus confessioun quhilk sche maid befoir thame befoir, upon the xxxvij of Julii 1587; and now declaris in hir conscience that the barn is Mr. Androw Alanis barne, gottin be him on hir in James Alanis hous, and that he hed mony dyveris and sindry tymes to do with hir; and that Mr. Androw causit hir to deny the barn to be his, and to father the samyn omquhill Duncane Balfour. Albeit sche now declaris befoir God in hir conscience sche nevir knew the said Duncane carnalie; and sayis that Mr. Androw promist to slay hir, if sche suld utherwyis confess of him, and wald haif cassin his quhingar at hir; and sayis that Mr. Androw promist to gif hir fiftie l. to father the barne on the said Duncane, and that he gef hir ane pair of plaidis and mony tymes silver and last xxx s. The minister to adverteis Jhone Vre minister of Luicheris to morn, to caus Mr. Androw coneper this day aucht dayis to ansuer to the said dilatioun, and Margret ordanit to be present the said day apud acta.

The quhilk day, Issobell Strang being warnit to this day, as sche wes four sindry tymes of befoir, to haif conperit and gif hir ressonis quhy sche satisfeis nocht the kirk for fornicatioun with William Arthour of Carnis, as wes verefit be Androw Sellar officiar, sche conperit nocht. Thairfor the sessioun ordanit hir to be publice summond thairto this day aucht dayis, under pane of censouris of the kirk, for the first publict admonition.

¹ Omitted.
Die Mercurii, primo Octobris, anno lxxxix.

The quhilk day, Thomas Wod redar producit ane summondis dewle execut and indorsat be him upon Sunday last wes, the xxviiij of September, bering Issobell Strang summond to this day, to gif hir ressonis quhy sche obeyis nocht the voice of the kirk, and satisfeis nocht for fornicatioun with William Arthour of Carnis. The said Issobell being oftimes callit, nocht conperand, laidfull tyme buddin, the sessioun ordanit summondis to be direct to summond hir to mak publict humiliatioun Sunday nixttocum, the fyft of October instant, for the secund publict admonition, under pane of censouris of the kirk.

The quhilk day, conperit Margret Scott as sche that wes Alane, Scott, warnit this day aucht dayis apud acta, to be present this day to verefy hir dilatioun gevin in aganis Mr. Androw Alane; and becaus the sessioun knew the said Mr. Androw to be this day in this citée and advertisit to cum befoir thame to the effect foirsaid, thairfor Androw Sellar officiar is ordanit to certifie James Alane father to the said Mr. Androw, to caus him conper befoir the session this day aucht dayis, to answer to the said dilatioun; with certificatioun if he failye thai will remit the mater to be decidit be the Presbittrie.

The quhilk day, Margret Diplein grantis hir with barn to James Craig, servand to Patrik Scheves of Kembak, gottin in Alane Dempstaris hous. [It is ordanit]¹ to warn James Craig to answer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

Die Mercurii, viij" Octobris, anno lxxxix.

The quhilk day, the sessioun contiunewit the actioun betuix Alane, Scott, Mr. Androw Alane and Margret Scott to this day aucht dayis, that the said Mr. Androw and Margret may be confrontit.

The sessioun ordanit Effe Gardner to be warnit agane of new Gardiner. to this day aucht dayis for the secund tyme, becaus sche conperis nocht this day to answer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis hir, being laidfullie warnit thatirto, as wes verefit be the officiar.

¹ Omitted.
The quhill day, the sessioun hes nominat elderis and deaconis of new, alseuill to be in bruche as land, for thair election this yeir in to cum, as the tikket thairof beris, and publiciation of the samyn to be maid Sunday nixttocum, to warn all parteis haifand enteres to conpeir befoir the sessioun this day aucht days, to gif thair ressonis quhy the personis nominat may nocht stand in electioun, or that knawis ony utheris mair qualisfit, and thair ressonis to be weill hard and discussit.

Die decimo quinti Octobris, anno Domini j"mo octuagésimo nono.

The quhill day being appointit to all parteis to object aganis the personis nominat to be elderis and deaconis, quhy thair may nocht stand in electioun, and to nominat utheris quhome thair knew mair qualisfit; and becaus nane conperit to that effect except Patrik Dudingston portioner of Kyncaipill, allegeand Mr. Alexander¹ Jarden micht nocht stand in election of ane elder, seing he wes dischargit be the Prisbittre fra all function in the kirk, and speciale to presche² the Word, the sessioun ordanit the electioun to proceid upon the rest that ar nominat, and deletit the said Mr. Alexander furth of the nominatioun.

The quhill day, conperit Henry Andersoun litstar and Elspott Davidsoun, quha grantis fornicatioun and that Elspott is with barn to him, and this is the second barn quhill sche hes to him, and that thair is promis of mariage betuix thame. The sessioun ordanit thame to satisfie the kirk as relappis personis in fornicatioun conforme to the ordour.

The quhill day, conperit Mr. Androw Alane and Margret Scott, quha being confrontit and the dilatioun red to the said Mr. Androw, he plante denyit the samyn, except he grantis he sauld to Margret the plaid mentionat in the dilatioun for viij merkis and ane half, quhill he bocht fra Patrik Rymor, quhen Margret wes servand in his fatheris hous. And forder Margret, in presens of the said Mr. Androw, constantle affermit the said dilatioun to be of treuth; and forder sayis that James Broun

¹ Alexander is repeated in MS. ² Sic.
now in this citee com in cumpanie with Mr. Androw at ane tyme to hir motheris hous, quhair sche wes in Drone, quhair Mr. Androw laid compt with hir quhen the barn wes gottin; and at that tyme Mr. Androw causit hir father the barn on umquhill Duncane Balfour, quhom sche never knew carnale, and promist than to hir for that caus 1 lb. money; and als sayis that Jonet Gourlay in Luicheris brocht to hir fra the said Mr. Androw to Dron xxx s. money, thre pair guiffis, with ane dussoun peris; and forde sayis that Mr. Androw hed oftimes to do with hir baith in Drone and in Luicheris sen the barn wes born. Bott the said Mr. Androw being present denys the haill dilatioun. The sessioun ordanit to warn James Bron and Jonet Gourlay to be warnit to conpeir befoir thame this day aucht dayis. And Mr. Androw, being inquirit if he hed ony thing to object aganis James Broun and Jonet Gourlay, quhy thai may nocht beir witnes in this mater, anseris, he knawis nocht James Bron and that he hes na thing aganis Jonet Gourlay. The sesson ordanit baith the parteis to be present this day aucht dayis.

Die Mercurii, xxij Octobris, anno lxviii.

The quhilk day, conperit Margret Fairfull quha grantis hir with barne to Mr. William Birny, quhilk wes gottin in Androw Hoggis hous in this citee, and that he knew hir carnale in the hall and chalmer. Testimoniall is ordanit to be direct to the ministeris of Edinburgh, quhair Mr. William duellis, that triall may be takin of his confession.

The quhilk day, conperit Thomas Studart, servitour to Schir George Dowglas, and Euphame Gardner, quha grantis thai haif gottin ane barne in fornicatioun, and that sche is now presente with the said barn. Thai ar ordanit to satisfie for their offence conforme to the ordour, and to pay xxx s. in part of pament of the Act of Parliament for their impressoment.—The silver payit.

The quhilk day, Margret Scott, being present with Mr. Androw Alane, addis to the dilatioun and sayis, that Mr. Andro stepit tua eggis in vinegar quhill the schellis lap fra thame, and than causit hir drink the vinegar; and that he
kepit the glas, eggis and vinagar, in his awin kist secretlie, quhill sche drank the samyn; and als causit hir drink ane muchkin of aquavite: all this wes done in James Alanis hous. Mr. Androw present denyis the samyn.

Electioun of elderis and deaconis in the 1589.

Mr. Robert Wilkie minister.

Elderis in the town.
Mr. James Wilkie, Rectour of the Universite of St. Androus
Mr. James Martine, Provest of the Auld College
Mr. Jhone Robertsooun, ane of the maisteris of the New College
Mr. William Cok
Mr. Dauid Russell, Dane of Gild
Mr. William Russell, bailye
Mr. Martine Geddy
Mr. Jhone Scott
Thomas Lentroun, bailye
Dauid Watsoun
Patrik Gutherie
Alexander Carstaris.

Elderis up on land.
Martine Carstrophein in Byrhillis
Dauid Forester in Kyncapill.

Deaconis in the town.
Williame Zuill, mercheand
Charlis Watsoun, scribe
Dauid Guidlaid
Thomas Lundy
Jhone Hagy
Martine Lummisdane
Androw Wrycht
Walter Ramsay.

Deaconis up on land.
Thomas Scheves in Byrehillis
Thomas Carstaris in Grange
James Balfour in Kyncapill.

The quhilk day, the elderis and deaconis aboif writin within the town ratifiit and apprevit the actis and statutis, maid in this buik the first of November lxxij yeiris, and all utheris actis and statutis maid within the samyn, promising to observe and keip the samyn.

The quhilk day Androw Sellar officiar demittit his office in
the handis of the sessioun. This day aucht dayis is ordanit to elect ane new officiar.

Dimission of Androw Sellaris office.

Die xxij° Octobris, anno lxxxi°

The quhilk day, in the caus of dilatioun gevin in be Margret Alane, Scott. Scott aganis Mr. Androw Alane, in terme statut to preif the dilatioun, conperit Margret, quha producis Anne Burne witness, aganis quhome Mr. Androw present allegis sche as ane woman aucht nocht to be admittit witnes, thairfor protestis hir depositioun mak na faith aganis him. Nochtwithstanding the sessioun ressavit Anne in witnes cum nota, quha, being suorn and examinat, deponis on hir conscience that Mr. Androw nevir causit hir to gadder herbis to him, nor gef hir ony command to that effect, at na tyme in all hir lyftyme, and knawis na forder.

Die Mercurii, xxix° Octobris, anno lxxxix°

The quhilk day being appointit for electioun of ane officiar to the sessioun, the haill sessioun being convenit hes all with ane voce electit Androw Sellar their officiar, for this yeir in to cum, and that he obey and keip thir preceptis following, under pane of deprivatioun. In the first, that he nor his mane nather ask nor craif money fra na persoun that hes thair barnis baptizit, nor that ar contractit in marriage, onles it be gevin frelie and na forder. Secundlie,¹ that the knok ² be kepit in guide ordour. Thridlie, that the bell ring ilk day, Sunday and other dayis, at fuye hours in the morning, and at fuye hours at evin to prayaris, and at aucht hours at evin, ane quarter of ane hour, and that the last bell to sermone or prayaris ring continewalie quhill the minister or redar be in the pulpit and begyn the prayar. Szerdlie, that he or his man be continewalie, tyme of sermone and prayaris, in the kirk, to attend that barnis and utheris vagaboundis mak na hender to the hering of the Word. Fyftlie, that the hand bell pas nocht throch the town tyme of sermone nor prayaris.

¹ Secundlie in ms. ² Clock.
Sextlie, that the consalhous dor and wyndowis be kepit fra harkneris thairat. Sevintlie, that unkowth and strong beggaris be kepit furth of the kirk yaird, and als all barnis fra playing thairin tyme of sermore and prayaris, as at all uther tymes fra breking of the wyndowis and casting on the sklaits. Aucltlie, that the kirk fluir be watterit, and the pulpeit and daskis in the kirk be sowpit and haldin clein. Nyntlie, that he cum ilk Twyseday to the scribe of the sessioun, and reasaif his direction quhom he suld warn to the consalhous. Tentlie, that he remane at na tyme in consall, bot to depart quhen he hes gevin his anser; and that the towall and the bassin be set on the pulpet at the secund bell to sermon.

Die Mercurii, quinto Novembris, anno lxxix.

The quhilk day, the minister declaris to the sessioun, as he hes done diversis tymes befoir, that he may nocht sustein the haill burding of the ministrie in his awin persoyn, and thairfor requestis the sessioun to propone the mater to the Provest bailyes and consall, that provisioun may be maid for ane follow laborar with him in this great congregation. Mr. Dauid Russell, Dane of Gild, Mr. William Russell and Thomas Lentroun, bailyes, being present, promist to propone the said mater to the consall, and report anser this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, conperit Grissell Mylis, quha declaris that sche hes ellis born ane barn in fornicatioun to Jhone Balfour in Kyncapill, and that sche is now also with barn to him. The session ordanit Jhone to be warnit to anser to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, in the caus of dilatioun gevin in be Margret Scott aganis Mr. Androw Alane, in terme statut to preif the dilatioun, Mr. Androw being warnit heirto apud acta, conperit Margret Scott party, quha producit Cristene Cuik witnes, suorn and examinat, na thing opponit, deponis sche duelt in James Alanis hous quhen Margret Scott servit thair, and that sche hes mony tymes sein Mr. Androw kis Margret Scott, and

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1 Ms. in ms.
sein thame togedder in secrete places and chalmeris, the durris being closit, baith in the foir chalmer and bak chalmer, bot knawis nocht if he hed carnall daill with Margret Scott; and that Duncane Balfour wes slane befoir sche com furth of James Alanis hous and service; and deponis sche hes sein Mr. Androw saith herbis in ane pan, and putt thame in ane stowp and causit Margret Scott to drink, and saw Margret drink the said herb drink; and forder declaris that Mr. Androw causat hir fesche ane muchekin of aquavite fra George Howeson in the New Clois, in ane tyn muchkein stowp, and that Mr. Androw powrit furth the aquavite in ane trein cope, and causat Margret to drink the samyn, quthil sche did in deid; and eftir the drinking thatrof Margret wes seik and in danger of hir lyffe; and forder sayis that Mr. Androw causit hir to by to him vinegar in ane glas, bot knawis nocht quhat he did with the samyn. And thir thingis sche declaris befoir God that sche hard and saw.

The sessioun ordanit Alexander Henderson skilar to be Dilatio warnit to this day aucht dayis, to anser to the dilatioun 2 Henderson. gevin in agains him for smoring of ane barren.

_Die Mercurii, xix° Novembria, 1589._

The quhilk day, Patrik Dewar grantis he hes gottin ane Confessio barn in fornicateoun with Cathrin Tullois, in the feildis amangis the peis. The session ordanit Patrik to seik Cathrin, and caus hir conpeir this day aucht dayis, to anser to the dilatioun.

The minister yit as of befoir requeistis the majestatis for Helpar to the minister to provide for ane fellow laborar with him.

_Die Mercurii, xxvii° Novembria, 1589._

The quhilk day, Jhone Balfour grantis the dilatioun trew Confessio that Grisell Mylis is with barn to him in fornicateoun, and that he is thryis now relappis. He is ordanit to sitt thre severall Sundayis on the penitent stuill, and to pay iiij N. in

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1 Wooden cup. 2 Has been dilagatioun.
part of pament of the Act, and to begin Sunday nixttocum the last of November instant.

Die tertio mensis Decembris, anno lxx.xi.

The quhilk day, Alexander Hendersoun sklarar and Elene Finlo his spous, being accusit befoir the session for suppressing of James Hendersoun thair sone, being ane quarter yeir aild and thre dayis, grantis that the samyn nicht the barne departit that the barn lay with thame; bot Alexander allegis the barn wes thre dayis seik in the gravell befoir, and that thair wes present with him and his wyffe, quhen the barne deit, Agnes Scheves and Barbara Finlo; and that he hard the barne lyand on his wyffis arme greit, and syne walknit hir: bot now confessis the braith wes away fra the barn or the wemen com in. Elene Finlo, spous to the said Alexander, being severale accusit upon the premisis, grantis that sche past to bed with hir barn on lyffe, and that sche and he fell on sleip to gidder, and quhen sche walknit the barne being in hir oxtar wes deid; and sayis the barn hed nevir the gravell. The sessioun for forder triall ordanis Agnes Scheves and Barbara Finlo, with Jhone Cuthbertis wyffe, to be warnit to this day aucht dayis.

Die decimo mensis Decembris, anno lxx.xii.

The quhilk day, Mr. David Russell, Dane of Gild, Mr. William Russell and Thomas Lentroun, bailyes, declaris that the consall of the town hes appointit thame commisioneris to pas to morn to the Presbiteir, for ane helper to the minister. [Thai ar] to report the Presbittreis ansuer thairof to the sessioun this day aucht dayis.

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1 Omitted.
2 On the 11th of December the Presbytery ordaincd 'the parochineris of Sanctandrois to conven on Monday nixtocum in the paroch eirk thairof for chesing of ane fellow laborer to thair minister'; and on the 1st of January 1589-90, they ordaincd 'Mr. Jhon Authinleik to teache in the pulpitt of Sanctandrois on Sunday nixtocum' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery). On the 8th of January, 'Mr. Robert Wilkie minister of Sanctandrois reportit to the Presbitrie that he intima[1] to the elderschip of the town, to the Provost bailyes and counsell, to the Universitie, and gentilmen of landwart, that he was na langer
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The quhilk day David Annell grantis he hes gottin ane barn in fornication with Margret Fogow in Langraw. David is ordanit to produce the said Margret to ansuer to the dilatioun this day xv dayis.

Die ultimo Decembris, anno lxxxix.

The quhilk day, Andrew Sellar officiar verefit that he hed oftines warnit Patrik Dewar, and speitale personalie to this day, to conpeir befoir the sessioun, and to bring with him Cathrine Tullois to vereifie the dilatioun gevin in aganis hir the xix of November last wes. Becaus the said Patrik being oftines callit and conperit nocht, the sessioun ordanit him to be warnit to this day aucth dayis, under pane of publict admonitioun.

The quhilk day, anent the complant gevin befoir the sessioun to tak upon [him] the haill burdene of the ministrie of San[ct]androis as he hed done befoir; protesting that the godlie wysdomes of the Presbytry wa[ld] tak in guid part that he schew the same to tham also, and gadder nane offence thairof; beca[us] at his acceptation thairof he tuik not upon him that haill charge, but onlie ane part thairof as w[es] aggret betuix the parochin and him as he alledgis; counting the haill ane burdene [nsup]portable to ony ane man namlie in that auditour, and that of guid zeal allenarlie he hed sustenit that charge sa lang, houpinc ever for ordinar releif, untill he is brocht to [sic] infirmitie as he ma[n] langere berie it owt, witho[ut] the los of him self; and albeit he culd be content at Goddis guid plesour, in houp of his michtie assistance, to warsell [with] the burdene to the utermost, yit finding his travell to be the stay of forder provisioun [he] culd not of conscience in his persoun mak sa evill ane preparative to the kirk, that [of] sa large ane patrimonie as the teindis few mailis and annuell rentis of Sanctandrois paroch[in] allenanarlie his small part thairof suld be appoyntit to the kirkis use; but at the leist ane uther mycht be provydid with him thairof; nather culd he aggrie that sa greit ane parochin, being [worn off] mylis in lenth and thre or four in breid, suld be servit be the ministrie of ane man allen[ar]lie, seing for boundis and pepill it mycht weill be four parochinis; and cowntis all . . . that ane man tak upon him self alone sic ane parochin and to retene four kirkis, quhilk is contrare to conscience and actis of the kirk; protesting thairfor as of befoir that it be na offence gif he tak him self to his promesit part of his burdene allenarlie, to teache an[is] on the Wedinsday and anis on the Lordis day, besyd the uther effairis of the congregatio[un], that the parochin mycht be movit to the greter diligence for forder provisioun. Quhilk protesta[tion] being weyit and votit wes fund reasonble and admittit in respect of the reasonis alledgit, and wes ordanit to be registrat in the buikis of the Presbitry’ (Ibid.).
be James Meldrum⁠¹ aganis Cristene Turnour his spouse and Nicholl Broun calsay maker, accusing thame as adulteraris, as the bill gevin in thairupon at lenth beris, conperit the said Nicholl and Cristene, quey denyit the bill simpliciter; and thai, nochtheles with diveris witnes examinat thairupon, deponis as thair answer beris. The sessioun, with the advis of the Provost and bailyes of the citee and of the Presbittrie,⁡² for the great sklander gevin be thame to the congregatioun, the said Nicholl being fund eftir ten houris at evin hid secretele in James Meldrumis³ hous in this citee behind ane bed heid, ordanit Nicholl and Cristene to mak publict humiliatioun on the penitent stiull Sunday nixttocom in sek claith; and remittit forder punishmment to be appointit to thame, at the discretion of the majestratiss.

Die Mercurii, xiiij Januarii, 1589.

The quhilk day, Jonet Wateroun grantis hir with barn to Arthour Wemys, quhilk wes Gottin in hir motheris hous in this citee befoir Lammas last wes, and that Arthour promis to hir mairiage. Arthour is ordanit to be warnit to answer the dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

Die Mercurii, xxv Januarii, 1589.

The quhilk day, Arthour Wemys, being warnit to this day to answer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him this day aucht dayis be Jonet Watson, grantis the dilatioun trew, and that Jonet⁠³ Watson is with barn to him, and that he promit to marie the said Jonet; lykeas he be thir presentis promissis to marie hir with the grace of God, and nane utheris. The session ordanit baith the saidis partes to satisifie for thair offence conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day, Margret Diplein grantis hir with barn to James Craig, servand to Pa. Scheves of Kembak, quhilk wes Gottin in Alane Dempstaris hous in this citee. James is

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¹ The contracted termination of this name is a little uncertain.
² There is no reference to this case in the Register of the Presbytery.
³ Text in MS.
ordantit to be warnit to anser to the dilatioun this day aucth dayis.—And now James conpersis and grantis the dilatioun trew.
[He is]¹ ordantit to pay xx s. in part of pament of the Act &c., and to satisfie conforme to the ordour.—Satisfeit be Craig.  Sa.

Die Mercurii, xxviiij* Januarii, anno lxxxix*.

The quhilke day, Jonet Turubill grantis hir with barn to Walter Finlo now servitour to Dauid Dalgleis, grantis the first tyme sche knew him carnalie wes at Witsunday in the feildis quhen the barne wes gottin, the nixt tyme wes in Androw Alanis hous in this cistee. [It is ordanit]¹ to warn Walter to anser to the dilatioun this day aucth dayis.

The quhilke day, Androw Sellar yit as of befoir vereiit that he Dewar, Tullos. hod warnit Patrik Dewar diversis and sindry tymes to satisfie for his offence, and last to this day to anser for his contempt, under pane of publict admonition. The session, yit in hope Dewar hes sa. of amendiment, continewit the mater to this day aucth dayis, and ordanit Patrik to be warnit to that effect; and to warn Tullois, quha is in Pa. Smalummis hous, to this day aucth dayis.

Die xj° Februarii, anno lxxxix*.

The quhilke day, Dauid Pattoun in Kynnalidy grantis he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Margret Cristie, and that in the place of Kynnalidy, quhilk Margret is now in Carneibe. The said Margret is ordantit to be warnit to anser to the said dilatioun this day aucth dayis, and Dauid is ordantit to satisfie for his offence and to pay four meris for his impressoment in part of payment of the Act.—Dauid hes satisfeit.

Die xvij° Februarii, anno lxxxix*.

The quhilke day, Jonet Ogiluy warnit to this day, as sche Ogiluy, that wes delatit for keping of ane oppin hous in the silence of the nicht, with Margret Gibson, and resett of young men; and als accusit for nocht satisfeig of the kirk of Dundee for tua

¹ Omitted.
barnis, gottin on hir in Dunde in fornicatioun with Jhorne Qhittat. Jonet is admonisit to keip hir hous clois in silence of the nicht in tymes cuming, and als is ordanit to produce testimoniall furth of the burth of Dunde that sche hes satisfisit the kirk thatair for the said offence.

xxv" Februarii, 1589.

The quhilk day, Agnes Jnglis grantis sche is with barn to Daud Lochmalony, servitour to Patrik Dudingston portioner of Kyncapill, quhilk wes gottin in Kincapill in Agnes awin hous in harvest last wes. Daud is ordanit to be warnit to anser to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Beatrix Schort, servitour to Robert Mwrray maltman, grantis sche is with barn to Thomas Thomsoun, servitour to the Laird of Culluthy, quhilk wes gottin [in]¹ the castell of Luicheris. Becaus the barn wes nocht gottin in this citee, the session requestis Mr. William Russell and Thomas Lentron bailyeis to caus put the said Beatrix furth of this citee, quhill sche satisfis the kirk of Luicheris for hir offence, quhilk thai promist to do.

Die Mercurii, undecimo Marci, anno lxxxix°.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar officiar verefit that he hed warnit Androw Diplein and Alane Dempstar oft and divers tymes, and specialie to this day, to haif presentit Margret Diplein to underly discipline for fornicatioun with James Craig, manifestit be procreationioun of ane barn gottin in Alane Dempsstaris hous, as thai quha wer cautioneris for the said Margret to that effect; nochtheles thai haif contempsteusl disobeit. Quhairfor, the session ordanis thame yit as of befoir to be warnit agane to this day aucht dayis, to the effect fairsaid, under pane of publict admonitioun.

The quhilk day, the sessoun ordanit the officiar to warn Arthour Wemys and Jonet Watson the thrid tyme, to underly the discipline of the kirk for their fornicatioun, under pane of

¹ Omitted.
publicit admonition; becaus Androw Sellar officar vereifi that he hed warnit thame tua sindry tymes thairto off befoir and [thai have]\(^1\) disobeyit.

The quhilk day, Dauid Lochemalony grantis he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Agnes Jnglis, conforme to the dilatioung gevin in upon him. He is ordanit to satisfie thairfor conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day, Agnes Rekie grantis hir with barn to Robert Ramsay, servitour to the Laird of Tarvat, quhilk wes gottin at Mertimes last wes, in the Thrid Part, in the auld chalmer under the auld hall, efter supper. The session ordanis suppleratioun to the majestratis to putt hir furth of this citee, quhill sche satisfie quhair the falt wes maied.

The quhilk day Martha Dudingstoun conplanut upon James Mar.\(^2\)

The quhilk day, it being delatit to the session that Martha Dudingston is sindry fra James Mar hir spous and fra his societie, and Martha being callit befoir thame, and hering hir maist willing to adheir to hir and to accumpane with hir, as becummis hir of hir dewete to do to hir laidfull spous; the session hes ordanit Androw Sellar officiar to charge James Mar to resaif the said Martha in hous with hir, and to adheir to hir as becummith hir to do, and that incontinent but delay, or ellis to conpeir this day aucht dayis and allege ane ressonabill caus quhy he aucht nocht to do the samyn, under pane of censouris of the kirk.

\textit{Die xvij\textdegree} Marcii, anno l.xxxix\textdegree

The quhilk day, Walter Finlo, servand to Dauid Dalgles,\(^3\) grantis he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Jone TURWILL, as the dilatioung beris. The session ordanit baiith the parteis to satisfie conforme to the ordour.—Finlo satisfieit.\(^4\)

The quhilk day, anent the bill of sklander gevin in befoir the session be Mawis Michell, spous of Jhone Gray messinger, and the said Jhone for his interes, aganis Jhone Jnglis and

\(^{1}\) Omitted.

\(^{2}\) This is apparently a bungled beginning of the next paragraph.
Elene Carno his spous, makand mention that the said Jhone Jnglis and Elene mony sindry and diveris tymis maist ungodly sklanderit the said Maws, calland hir ane commoun huir; and speciale upon Weddinaday the xvij of Marche instant, in presens of the said Jhone Gray and diveris utheris honest personis, the said Jhone Jnglis said . . . ¹ as the said bill² of sklander, this day red in presens of the said Jhone Jnglis denyand the samyn, [beris];³ and thaireftir gevin to the con-planeris probation thai previt the samyn sufficentlie. The session thairfor, for satisfaction and for staying of thame and utheris to do the lyke in tyme cuming, hes decernit and ordanit, and be thir presentis decernis and ordanis, the saidis Jhone Jnglis and Elene Carno to sitt down incontinent on thair kneis befoir the sessioun, and ask God and the saidis Maus and hir spous forgevenes for the said ofens and sklander, and thaireftir to pas to the place qhair the offence wes done and said, and [thaire³] lykewys ask God and thame forgevenes of the samyn, and that thai desist and ceas fra the lyke in tymes cuming; and if thai or ⁴ ony of thame offendis aganis the said Jhone Gray or Maus his spous in tyme cuming, in word or deid, to pay ten fl. to the box of the puir, and to mak publict satisfaction on the penitenst stueil for the samyn; and this decrete and sentence pronuncit with consent of majestratis elderis of the said citee.

_Die xxv° Martii, 1590._

The quhilk day Cathrin Talp grantis hir to be with barn to Robert Lindesay, servitour to the Laird of Raith, quhilk wes gottin in Fedinsche. Robert is ordanit to be warnit to anser to the dilatiioun this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, conperit ane honourabill man Alexander Monipenny of Kinkell, and desyrit the session to ordane the barn gottin be Alexander Jamesoun in fornicatioun on Jane Monipenny his dochter to be baptizit, in respect that the said Alexander hes ellis bein befoir the session and confessit the barn. The session present, being advisit with the said Alex-

¹ Here the slander is summarised. ³ Bell in ms.
² Omitted. ⁴ For in ms.
anderis petition, ordanit the said Jane first to conpeir befoir thame in the consalhous, and confes hir offence, and to mak publict humiliatioun for the offence, conforme to the ordour; or, at the leist, sche conperand befoir the session acknawleging hir offence, and promising to satisfie at ane certane day, and to that effect to deliver ane sufficient plege, and if sche satisfeis nocht at the day to tyn the plege, and nochtwithstanding to be subject to underly discipline; quhilk being done the barne to be baptizit.\(^1\) The said Alexander promist to caus hir conpeir to that effect this day aught dayis.

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the sessioun that missivis be direct from thame to the gentillmen to landwart, to be present befoir thame this day aught dayis, for gude ordour to be takin for provision of Mr. Jhone Authinleik minister for his stipend; and als to gif thair gude advis help and concur-rans in divers utheris neidful thongis, tending to the glory of God and weill of the haill parrochin, etc.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanit [to warn]\(^2\) Patrik Forrottis wyffe and Walter Lathangie and his spous, for ressett of wemen with barn without licencie; and also to warn Beatrix Clapen to answier to the dilationis this day aught dayis.

The sessioun ordanit to warn [Patrik Forrettis wy—deleted] Rikkart. Robert Rikkart and Normond Rikkart to this day aught dayis, for—\(^3\) conperit, and admonest to present thair barnis to baptisme in dew tyme.

\textit{Die Mercurii, primo Aprilis, anno lxxxv.}

The quhilk day, the gentill men upon land of this parrochin being writin for be the session to conpeir this day, for taking ordour for provision to be maid for stipend to Mr. Jhone Authinleik follow laborar in the ministrie with Mr. Robert Wilkie ordinair pastor, and for mending of the kirk, for delating of faltouris and taking ordour for punischemt of vice within this congregatioun, &c., and [that]\(^4\) the sessioun, consall of the town and haill gentill men upon land, micht all with ane

\(^1\) Baptizit in MS.  \(^2\) Omitted.  \(^3\) There is evidently something omitted here.
voce concludit and aggregas thairintill, that God mich be glorified, and this holl congregatioun alsueill burth as land mich be purgit of sic vices as now aboundis thairin. Of the quhiliks gentill men conperit Patrik Dudingstoun portioner of Kyncapill, Androw Wod of Straythwethy, George Ramsay of Langraw, Jhone Jnglis of Straythtyrum, Martine Carestrophen portioner of Byrehillis, and Alexander Wod for James Wod of Lambelethe his father. The session, with the advis of the bailyeis, Dane of Gild,¹ and sum of the consall of the town, and with the advis of the said gentill men, hes tocht gude and concludit to the support of the said Mr. Jhonis stipend, quhill the nixt platt and ordour to be takin be his Majestis doaris for ministeris stipendiis—and than thai all to concur togidder to gait ane resonabill stipend to him—and in the meanetyme the town to gratifie the said Mr. Jhone with sum resonabill thing for their part, as also the parrochenaris upon land for their part, and for the better obtening the samyn fra the parrochenaris upon land, that thair be aucht quarter maisteris in the said parroch; to witt, for the cist quarter, Martine Carestrophen and George Ramsay of Langraw; the second quarter, James Wemys of Lathoker and Mr. Jhone Aytoun of Kynaldy; the thrid quarter, Gavin Wemys of Vnthank and Alexander Wod for James Wod his father; the west and last quarter, Patrik Dudingstoun portioner of Kyncapill and Jhone Jnglis of Straythtyrum; and that letteris of request be directit from the sessioun to the saidis quartermaisteris to the effect foirsaid; and als to request every gentill man within his awin boundis to tak diligent inquisition of all incestuous personis, adulteraris, forniciouris, on baptizit barnis, Papistes, Jesuittis, and of all utheris notabill vices, within the parroch, betuix this and the xxij of Aprile instant; and the saidis quarter maisteris to report anser of thair diligens thairin, and of thair support to the said Mr. Jhonis stipend to the sessioun, the said day: as also Mr. Dauid Russell, Dane of Gild, Mr. William Russell and Thomas Lentroun, bailyeis, present, to report the townis gude will anent the said Mr. Jhonis support the said day.

¹ *Gild* in ms.
The quhilk day, conperit Jane Monipenny, dochter to the Laird of Kinkell, quha grantis sche hes born ane man cheld in fornicatioun to Alexander Jamesoun. Sche submittis hir self to discipline of the kirk, and desyris the session for Goddis saik to bapteis the said barn, and becaus sche may nocht vaik fra the comptes of Crawfurdis service quhill Witsunday, sche promisiss than be Goddis grace to mak publict humiliatioun in this kirk for hir offence; and in plege of the samyn hes deliverit ten fl. money to the box of the puir; with this condition, if sche conperis nocht than and satisfis, the ten fl. to be tynt and be gevyn frele to the puir, and sche nochtwise standing to satisfis the kirk conforme to the ordour; and in this respect desyrit hir barn to be baptizit, quhilk the session ordanit to be done.

The quhilk day, Cristene Andersoun grantis hir with barne to James Hay, quhilk wes gottin ane litill befoir Mertimes last wes, in Dauid Crummeis hous, the first tyme wes at Michaelmes last wes. [It is ordanit]¹ to warn [Dauid—deleted] James Hay to this day aucht dayis. This is the thrid barn sche hes gottin in fornicatioun.

The quhilk day, Robert Lindesay, servitour to the Laird of Raith, grantis [he]¹ hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Cathrin Talm, as is delatit, in Fedinsche. [He is ordanit]¹ to satisfis thairfor conforme to the ordour.

The session ordanit Elene Huntar and Beatrix Clapen to be warnit to anser to the dialitionis this day aucht dayis.

Die xvi° Aprilis, anno 16xxv°

The quhilk day, becaus Elene Huntar, being warnit to this Huntar day to haif ansuerit to the dialitionis gevin in aganis her, conperit nocht, sche is ordanit to be warnit agane thairto this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, James Hay, servitour to Dauid Dalgleis, grantis the dialition gevin in aganis him trew, quhilk wes gevin in the first of Aprile instant. He is ordanit to satisfis thairfor conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day, Alexander Monipenny of Kinkell, in name

¹ Omitted.
of Jane Monipenny his dochter, ressavit fra the minister and
session the ten II., quhilk wes consignit be hir the first of
Aprile instant; becaus it is ordanit be the Synodall Assemble
that Jane Monipenneis barn be nocht baptizit quhill repen-
tance first preced. Thairfor the said Alexander oblissis him,
his airis, executouris and assignis, to warand freith ¹ releif and
keip skaithles the minister and haill session of the pament of
the said ten II., at the handis of the said Jane Monipenny and
all utheris.

Ita est Carolus Watsoun notarius publicus in premissis
requisitus subscribitur.

The quhilk day, Margret Bawin grantis hir with barn to
Jhone Bawdy, quhilk wes gottin in hir awin hous in this citee,
xx dayis efter Zuill last wes; the first tyme wes ane litill befoir
Mertimes ² last. [It is ordanit] ³ to warn Jhone Bawdy, quha
duellis with Agnies Wemys, to this day aucht dayis.

Dies xxij° mensis Aprilis, anno xxxix°

The quhilk day, James Martine of Lathonis being warnit
to this day to anser to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him, and
nocht conperand, as wes verefiet be Androw Sellar officiar; the
sessioun ordanis him to be warnit agane the second tyme,
under [pane of] ³ publict admonitioun, to this day aucht dayis.
The quhilk day, Jonet Lermouth, Lady Nyde, being
personale warnit to this day be Androw Sellar officiar, to
ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis hir, conperit nocht.
Thairfor the sessioun ordanis hir to be warnit agane the second
tyme, under [pane of] ³ publict admonition, to this day aucht
dayis.
The quhilk day, Jonet Bicartoun grantis sche hes born ane
barn in Casche, quhilk wes gottin on hir in fornicatioun be
Androw Bicartoun in Perth. The session ordanis hir to
satisfie for hir offence quhair the falt wes maid, and to report
testimoniall theairupon.
The quhilk day Walter Lathangze admonisit nocht to ressaif
harlottis in his hous.

¹ Free, release. ² Mertimes is repeated in Ms. ³ Omitted.
The quhilk day, becaus Androw Sellar verefit that he hed tuois summond Cathrine Pentland personale, to satisifie for fornicatioun, confessit be hir in procreating of ane barn to Jhone Thomsoun, [and sche]\(^1\) hes disobeyit, the session ordanis hir to be summond the thrid tyme, under [pane of]\(^1\) publict admonitioun.

The quhilk day, conperit Margret Wod in Straythewthy, and Androw Howesoun thair, quha grantis thai haif procreat\(^2\) ane barn in fornicatioun, and is content to satisifie for their offence. Thai haif instantle payit xl s., in part of pament of the Act, and to satisifie on Sunday nixt publiclie conforme to the ordour.

The session ordanit Mr. Dauid Methven to be warnit to this day aucth dayis to answer to the dilatioun.

The quhilk day, Jonet Watsoun, being warnit to this day to satisifie for hir offence, as wes verefit be the officiar, conperit nocht; thairfor the sessioun ordanit hir to be warnit agane the secund tyme thairto, under [pane of]\(^1\) publict admonitioun.

The quhilk day, Elene Huntar, being warnit personale to this day to answer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis hir the secund tyme, as wes verefit be the officiar, conperit nocht; thairfor the sessioun ordanit hir to be warnit agane the thrid tyme, to this day aucth dayis, under [pane of]\(^1\) publict admonitioun.

The quhilk day, thir honest and discrete personis under [Visitouris appointit.] writin ar electit, with consent of the haill sessioun and majestatis of this citee, to attend ilk Sunday, for visiting of the kirk yaird, the haill town, and feildis thair about, that nane be fund vagand in the kirk yaird, streittis, browstarhoussis, taveronis, cachpells,\(^3\) nor feild, tyme of sermon [on]\(^1\) the Sabboith day; and to noit ilk personis name that beis fund that tyme, and signifie the saymn to the session and majestatis Weddinsday nixt thairefter. Thre personis following to pas togidder ilk Sunday about, to begyn Sunday nixttocum, viz.——

\(^1\) Omitted.  
\(^2\) Proreat in MS.  
\(^3\) Cach, or caiche, a game at hand ball resembling tennis. Cachpellis, the places where it was played.


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Die Mercurii, penultimo Aprilis, 1590.

The quhilk day, Cathrine Pentland being warnit to this day the thrid tyme, to answer to the dilatioun, &c., under [pane of]¹ publict admonitioun, conperit Mr. Patrik Orm, and desyrit delay to Cathrin quhill Dauid Orm his brotheris barn, to quhome sche is nutrix suld be haill, quha is now seikle; and than promist to caus hir satisfe for hir offence. The session being advisit ordanit ane plege to be deliverit for Catherin, that sche suld satisfe quhen the barn is weill, at the lest betuix this and Witsunday; and the plege to be gevin betuix this and Satterday, utherwis to proced aganis hir to publict admonitioun.

The quhilk day, Jonet Lermouth, Lady Nyde, being summond personale to this day, to answer to the dilatioun gevin aganis hir, for the secund tyme under [pane of]¹ public

¹ Omitted.
admonitioun; the session, upon gude consideratioun and motivis, continewis the samyn to this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, becaus Jonet Watson, being warnt to this Jonet Watson day to answer quhy sche enteris nocht in presson for hir offence, and that for the secund charge, as wes verefit be the officiar, conperit nocht; thairfor sche is ordanit to be chargit thairto for the thrid tyme, under [pane of]¹ publict admonitioun.

The quhilk day, Elene Huntar, being warnt to this day for Huntar, rij. the thrid tyme to anser to the dilatioun under [pane of]¹ publict admonitioun, conperit nocht. It wes allegit for the said Elene that sche hed impediment in hir leggis and micht nocht travell. Thairfor the sessioun ordanit Mr. Dauid ² Russell, Mr. Jhone Scott, and Thomas Wod redar, to pas and vesy hir diseas, and to report the trouth to the sessioun this day aucht dayis; and thairfor continewit publict admonitioun quhill the said day.

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Bawdy, quha grantis carnall copulatioun and the barn gottin be him with Margret Bawn. He is ordanit to pay xxvj s. viijd. for his impressonment, and to enter to the stueil of repentance Sondar nixtlocum.—Bawdy hes satisfet.

The quhilk day Mr. Dauid Methven grantis he hes gottin ane barme in fornicatioun with [blank] Abircrumy in this citee. He submittis him self to discipline and is ordanit to satise for his offence conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day, becaus William Arthour of Carnis and Issobell Strang, being warnt to this day for the first tyme to anser to the dilation gevin in aganis thame of new, conperit nocht, the session ordanit thame to be warnt agane to this day aucht dayis, for the secund tyme under [pane of]¹ publict admonitioun.

The quhilk day, Cristene Currie grantis hir with barn in fornicatioun to Jhone Annell, quhilk wes gottin in George Davidsonis hous at Marimes last wes. [It is ordanit]¹ to warn Jhone Annell to this day aucht dayis to anser to the dilatioun.

¹ Omitted. ² Interlined over William deleted.
The quhilk day, Margret Cuik servand to James Lentroun grantis sche hes playit the harlott, and lyin in fornication with Patrik Tailzeour thir tua yeiris bigane. [It is ordanit]¹ to warn Patrik Tailzeour and Margret baith to this day aucht dayis.

Gavin Wemys of Vnthank and Alexander Wod to report anser of thair diligence this day xv dayis.

The quhilk day, James Martine of Lathonis, being warnit to this day for the secund tyme to anser to the dilation gevin in aganis him, as wes verefiit be the officiari, conperit nocht. Thairfor the sessioun ordanit James to be warnit agane the thrid tyme personale to this day aucht dayis, under [pane of]¹ publict admonitioun.

\[Die Mercurii, \textit{vj}^\text{to Maii}, 1590.\]

The quhilk day, the communion is ordanit to be celebratit with Goddis assistance Sunday nixttocum, the tent of Maii instant.

The quhilk day, Issobell Strang grantis sche hes born ane barn leatile in fornicatioun, within this quarter of ane yeir, to William Arthour of Carnis; and this is the secund barn sche hes born to him. Schie is ordanit to be xv dayis impressonit, and to satisfie conforme to the ordour; and William to be warnit for the thrid tyme to anser to the dilatioun, this day aucht dayis, under [pane of]¹ publict admonitioun.

The quhilk day, conperit Jonet Lermont, Lady Nye, as sche that wes laidfulle warnit to this day, and accusit upon the dilatioun gevin in aganis hir, to witt, if sche hes born ane barn sen the deces of umquhill James Forsyth hir spous, ather in fornicatioun incest or adulterie, quhilk is yit on baptizit. The said Jonet ansuerit and planlie denyit the samyn, and said that sche hes nocht born ony barne to na persoun sen hir husbandis deces.

The quhilk day, conperit James Martine of Lathonis, as he that wes laidfulle warnit to this day to anser to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him, viz., that he hes gottin tua barnis in

¹ Omitted.
fornicatioun with tua sindry wemen, the ane callit Issobell Dauidsoun the other Jonet Paty. The said James planlie denyit the dilatioun, and sayis that he nevir gatt ane barn with ony of the saidis personis; and that he nevir knew the said Issobell Dauidson, nor yit the said Jonet Paty carnale, Citatio Paty, Davidsson, rij.
all his dayis. The sessioun ordanit to warn the saidis tua women, to answyer to the said dilatioun, this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Mr. David Russell, Mr. Jhorne Scott, and Huntar.
Thomas Wod redar, being appintit this day to declar the inhabilitie of Elene Huntar, as thai quha wer ordanit to vesy hir, declaris that thai haif vesit hir and findis na inhabilitie in hir, nor sche may conpeir befoir the session and answyer to the dilatioun. Thairfor the sessioun ordanit hir to be warnit agane this day aucht dayis, under [pane of] publict admoni-
tiou.

The quhilk day, Grissell Carstaries grantis schye hes knawin Confessio Carstaries.
Alane [Carstaries deleted] Swayn carnalie, betuix Zuill and Swayne, rij.
Candilmes last wes. [It is ordanit] to warn Alane to answyer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis.
The session ordanit to summond Jhone Anell to answyer to Anell, rij.
the dilatioun for the seicont tyme this day aucht dayis.
The quhilk day, Jonet Mark grantis hir with barn to Confessio Mark, Murrar.
Androw Murray, quha being present grantis the samyn. Thair baith ordanit to satisfe conforme to the ordour.
The quhilk day Elspet Gilruif grantis schye hes born ane Confessio Gilruif, Lawder, xvi dayis.
barn in fornicatioun to Henry Lawder. The session ordanit Elspet to produce testimoniall of ane minister that Henry grantis the barn, becaus he duellis furth of this parrhochin, this day xv dayis.
The quhilk day, Alane Robertssoun, for him self and Petition Robertson, rij.
Issobell Roger, his spous, proposit thair action anagis Jhone Leis smyth, conforme to thair bill producit, makand mention that the said Jhone Leis maist ungodly defamit and skanderit the said [Issobell Roger], sayand oppinle in the hous of Alane Dempstar, drinkand at the tabill, in presens of divers honest

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4 Issobell Roger has been inserted afterwards, a blank having been left for the name.
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witnes, upon [blank] instant, that James Caid wobstar hed carnall daill with the said [Issobell]; and thairfor desyrt justice conforme to the said bill. Becaus the said Jhone Leis, being laidfille warnt to this day, conperit nocth, the session ordanit Alane Robertson to pref his bill, quha instante producit James Fullerton witnes, ressavit suorn and admittit, na thing opponit, quha being examinat deponit the bill trew. The session ordanit Alane to warn the remanent of his witnes, for probatioune of his bill, this day aucht dayis; the party to be warnt thairto.

*Die xiiij Maii, anno lxxxx*.

Huntar to be publice summond.

The quhilck day, the sessioun ordanit Elene Huntar to be publice summond Sondere nixttocum, under [pane of] censoris of the kirk, becaus sche hes oftimes bein warnit to anser to the dilatioun, under [pane of] publict admonition, and conperit nocth.

Arbour to be publice summond.

The quhilck day, the sessioun ordanit William Arbour of Carnis to be publice summond Sondere nixttocum; becaus he hes bein oftimes chargit to conpeir befoir the session and conperit nocth.

Swnye.

The quhilck day Alane Swnye grantis carnall copulation with Grissell Carstaris. He is ordanit to satisfe conforme to the ordour.

Annell.

To warn Jhone Annell the thrid tyme under [pane of] publict admonitionioun.

Tailzeour.

To warn Patrik Tailzeour the secund tyme under [pane of] public admonitioun.

*Die xx Maii, anno lxxxx.*

Gilruif, Lawder. The quhilck day, Elspot Gilruif producis ane testimoniall, subscrivit be Henry Lawder, grantand the barn quhilck Elspot hes born to be his. The minister affermit that Henry conperit befoir him and verefit the samyn. The said Elspot desyrt

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3 Publice in MS.  
4 Being in MS.
the barn to be baptizit, and offerrit hir self to satisfie conforme to the ordour. The session, in respect of the premisiss, ordanit Elspot to pay xxv s. viij d., in part of pament of the Act for hir impressement, and to humill hir self on the stiull of repentance Sunday nixttocum, and thairefter to bapteis the barn; and Henry also to satisfie.

The session ordanit Jane Monipenny to be warnit to conpeir befoir thame this day aucht dayis, to ressaif hir injuctionis and direction to satisfie for hir fornicatioun; becaus thai ar informit sche is in Kynkell, and this for the first tyme under [pane of]¹ publict admonitioin.

The qhilk day, Thomas Wod redar producit ane summondis, dewlie execut and indorsat be him aganis Elene Huntar, for the first publict admonition, under [pane of]¹ censorius of the kirk. Conperit William Huntar hir father, and allegit that he and utheris frendis ar in gude hope that Alane Lentron hir spous and sche ar to be reconcelit; and thairfor desyrit continewatioun of all forder publict summondis aganis hir, in hope of reconciliatioun. The session, nocht willing to be suddane to fulminat excommunication aganis ony person, if thai culd be brocht utherwyis to repentance and humiliatioun, at the ernest suit of William Huntar, continewis the publict citatioun Sunday nixttocum to Sunday cum aucht dayis, in hop the said Elene sall conpeir this day aucht dayis befor thame, conforme to the summondis; qhilk if sche fallye, the nixt publict citatioun to proced Sunday cum aucht dayis but forder delay.

The qhilk day, Alane Robertson² officiar verefit that he hed warnit Issobell Dauidsoun in Lathonis at hir duelling place thair, and Issobell Patiy thair, personalie, the first tyme under [pane of]¹ publict admonitioun. And becaus thai conperit nocth this day, to anser to the dilatioun gevin in aganis thame, the session ordanis thame to be warnit agane the secund tyme, under [pane of]¹ publict admonitioun, and Dauidsoun personale.

The qhilk day, Androw Sellar verefit that Patrik Tailzeour Tailzeour, wes warnit to this day personale, for the secund tyme under [pane of]¹ publict admonitioun; and, becaus he conperis nocht,
he is ordanit to be summond the thrid tyme, under [pane of]1 publict admonitioun.

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Annell, quha grantis that he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Cristene Currie, and ane uther befoir with [blank]. He is ordanit to pay xls. in part [of pament]1 of the Act, and to sitt thre sindry Sundayis on the stuill, &c.

_Die xxvij° Maii, anno lxxxx°._

The quhilk day, Pattrick Guthrie, at command of the sessioun, hes maid the ironis for streiking of the takynnis to the communioun, and hes ressavit fra the sessioun for his panis xls.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanit Issobell Davidson and Issobell Paty to be warnit the thrid tyme under publict admonitioun, becaus thai haif bein tuois warnit befoir and conperit nocht. Androw Sellar officiar vereifiit that he hed warnit Issobell Paty personale to this day.

The quhilk day, Jone Caid grantis sche is with barn to Jhone Daudioun, quhilk wès gottin in fornicatioun in Cristene Stenhouis hous in this citee, aucht dayis eftir Zuill last wes. [It is ordanit]1 to warn Jhone Daudioun to this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, conperit Elene Huntar, as sche that wès laidfullie warnit to this day to anser to the dilatioun gevin in aganis hir, viz., that sche is ane adulteris and incesteous person, to witt, with David, Erle of Crawford, Mr. Alexander Lindesay his bruther; and that sche hes borne ane barne in adultrie to James Lermouth of Balcomy; and that sche hes committit adulterie with Mr. Gilbert Ogiluy, William Huntar, and James Anstroyer fear of that ilk, and diveris utheris. The said dilatioun being red to the said Elene, sche denyiit the samyn haill dilatioun, and every point thairof. Yitt nochtheles the session, to the effect that the great sklander may be removit, quhilk is rissin by the said dilatioun in this congregatioun, hes statut to preif the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis; and hes ordanit Elene, quha is personale in the consall summond to

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1 Omitted.  
2 Confessio in ms.
conpeir this day aucht dayis, to object aganis the witnes to be summond for probatioun of the samyn, viz., Mr. Jhone Authinleik, Thomas Wod redar, Mr. Dauld Russell, Mr. Jhone Scott, Bessy Law maidwyffe, Cristene Methven, Issobell Moreis, Jonet Dik, Cathrine Bary, Elene Reid.

The quhilk day, Elene Reid grantis sche hes\(^1\) knawin William Confessio Reid. Arthour younger carnalie divers tymes, and speciale in hir motheris hous. William to be warnit heirto this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day Patrik Tailzeour\(^2\) grantis the dilatioun trew Confessio Tailzeour. gevin upon him be Margret Cuik. He is ordanit to satisfie conforme to the ordour.

\textit{Die tectio Juni, anno nonagesimo.}

The quhilk day, Alane Robertson officiar verefit that he Paty, hed warnit Issobell Paty the thrid tyme to this day personale, to anser to the dilatioun gevin in aganis hir; and becaus sche conperis nocth to anser thatirto, the session ordanit hir to be publicle summond thatirto Sunday nixttocum, under [pane of]\(^3\) censoriris of the kirk; and becaus Issobell Dauldson is nocht yit personale apprehendit, the sessioun ordanit the officiar to do diligens to seik hir personall presents, and to summond hir to [ansuer to]\(^3\) the said dilatioun.

The quhilk day being appointit for preveing of the dilatioun gevin in aganis Elene Huntar, the said Elene being warnit heirto this day aucht dayis apud acta, sche, being optimis this day callit, conperit nocht; the session ressavit the\(^4\) witnesses under writin, for preISING of the said dilatioun, to witt, Bessy Law, Cristene Methven and Issobell Moreis, quha ar all solemn-natle sworn in thair conscienties, to spek and declar the treuth sa fer as thai knaw of the said dilatioun, as thai will anser to God. And in the first, the said Bessy Law, being examinat upon the dilatioun, deponis in hir conscience sche knawis na thing of the dilatioun, except anent the barn born in adultrie be Helene Huntar to the Laird of Balcomy: deponis the samyn

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\(^3\) Omitted.

\(^4\) In in ms.
trew, for sche deponis that in wynter lxxxv yeiris, after Zuill and befoir Candilmes, in ane snawy nycht, in hir bed, in hir awin hous, Cristene Methwen, at xij houris at evin or thairby, com to hir, as sche said at command of Elene Huntar, and requestit hir to cum to the said Elene; quha obeit and com to Alane Lentronis hous in this citee, quhair the said Elene wes than in the extremitie of hir birth, makand great duill and nois. Sche deponis that sche wes maidwyffe to Elene in the bering of the barn, and immediatle eftir the barn wes born the said Elene desyrit hir to tak away the barn with hir; quha ansererit, I haif nather womanis milk nor kowis milk to gif it, I can na thing with the barn: and it wes ane man cheld. Than Elene said, Quhat rak of that? I pray yow for Goddis saik saif my honour, for it is nocht Alane Lentroun my husbandis barn, it is the Laird of Balcomeis barn. And than, that samyn nycht, sche deponis, that sche, at Elenis requeist, tuik the barn with hir to hir hous, and kepit the barn viij daysis and viij nichtis; and that Elene Huntar desyrit hir, ane day at tua houris eftir none, to bring the barn to the Bow Brig¹ besyd this citee, quhilk sche did in deid, and thair George Anderson servitour to the Laird of Balcomy tuik the barn fra hir, and, as sche understandis, the barn is yit leveand in Balcomy. Cristene Methwen witnes, quha wes present with Elene Huntar at the birth with the said Bessy Law, deponis in all thingis conforme to Bessy Law. Jssobell Moreis witnes deponis that sche, being servand to Elene Huntar, wes in the hous that nicht that Alane Lentroun com hame fra the saill, and knokkit at his awin yett in the nicht, to haif gottin in thairat; and that samyn nycht at the saymn tyme, my Lord of Crawfurfd wes within the hous, in the bed with Elene Huntar, in the chamler; and that sche saw my Lord in the bed with Elene. The session ordanit the remanent witnes to be warnit [to be]² examinat upon the said dilatioun this day aucht daysis, and Elene to be warnit thairto, personale, or at hir duelling place, the said day.

The quhilk day, Jonet Husband, for hir ungodly sklander, of Elspot Lyall, calling hir, wiche earling, wes decernit, first, to

¹ Now known as the Shore Bridge.  
² Omitted.
ask the said Elspot forfignes in the consalhous, and syne at the place quhair the sklander wes spokin; and if evir sche wes offensive to the said Elspot in the lyke, in tymes cuming, to mak publict humiliatioun thatairfor, and forder at discretion of the majestratiss.

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Dangzell and [blank] Howie\(^1\) Dangzell, Howycz.

his spous, quha grantis and confessis that thai wer dewlie and laidfulle marriit togidder in the kirk of Kennowy, be umquhill Jhone Symson minister thatairt.

The quhilk day, the session ordanit to summond Jane Monipenny. Monipenny the thrid tyme, to satisfic for hir offence, under [pane of]\(^2\) publict admonitioun; becaus sche hes bein tuois summond befoir thatairto, and conperit nocht, as wes verefit be the officiar.

The quhilk day, Alane Robertssoun officiar verefit that he Paty, Martine. hed summond Jonet\(^3\) Paty personale to this day, to anser to the dilatioun for the thrid tyme; and becaus sche conperis nocht, the sessioun ordanit hir to be publiklie summond thatairto, to this day aucht dayis, under [pane of]\(^2\) censoris of the kirk; and als to summond James Martine to present hir this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, becaus Jhone Leis hes bein oft and diveris Leis, Robert-
tymes warnit to haif conperit befoir the sessioun, to haif anserit in the actioun of sklander movit aganis him be Alane Robertson and Issobell Roger his spous, [and]\(^3\) conperis nocht, thatairfor the sessioun ordanit him to be publike\(^4\) summond thatairto Sunday nixttocum.

\textit{Die xiii}\textsuperscript{a} Junii, 1590.

The quhilk day, William Arthur younger grantis that he hes knawin Elcne Reid carnalie, and thatairfor he is ordanit to

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\footnotetext[1]{On the 9th of October 1589, the Presbytery ordained 'Mr. Androw Moncreif of Kilconquhar' to summond Jhon Danzell and Helen Howy to comper befoir the Presbitrie of Sanctandros, the xvj of this instant;' and on the 16th they referred 'the summunding of Helen Howy to the sessioun of the towm of Sanctandros, becaus sche makis hir residence within the said parochin' \textit{(Register of St. Andrews Presbytery)}.}
\footnotetext[2]{Omitted.}
\footnotetext[3]{Interlined over Issobell deleted.}
\footnotetext[4]{Publike in ms.}
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satisfie conforme to the ordour, and to summond Reid to this
day aucht dayis.

The session ordanit James Martine of Lathonis to be
summond to gif his declaratioun quhair Jonet Paty is, and to
caus hir conpeir befoir thame this day aucht dayis, under
[pane of]\(^1\) publict admonition.

The quhilk day, being appointit for preving of the dilatioun
gevin in aganis Elene Huntar for the secund day of probatioun,
conperit Mr. Dauid Russell witnes, quha, being suorn, deponis
conforme to Thomas Wod and Mr. Jhone Scott witnes, to
witt, that he, being send be the session with the saidis Thomas
and Mr. Jhone to the said Elene, to vesy hir in hir diseas, to
desyre hir to cum to the session to ansuer, quhen thai com to
Elene in hir awin duelling hous in this citee, thai hard the
said Elene confes na thing of the dilatioun in speciall, bot
sche said it wes nocht all trew that wes said of hir, bot sche
repentit hir sair of the offences sche hed done to God and hir
husband. The said Mr. Jhone Scott is conforme to Mr. Dauid
Russell. And the said Thomas Wod deponis that he wes ane
uther tymne in Elenis hous, hir mother being thair present,
hard the said Elene say, Alais! alalais!\(^2\) gar baptise yone
barne. And he sperit at hir mother quhat thais wordis menit.
[And hir mother anserit].\(^3\) This is the thing quhilk sche sayis,
Sche hes borne ane barne to the Laird of Balcomy, and sche
prayis for Goddis saik to gar baptis the barne. Mr. Jhone
Authiniek minister witnes deponis he hard na thing of the
dilatioun aganis Elene Huntar, bot that he hard Elene Huntar
confes that sche hed defylit hir body with the Laird of Balcomy,
in committing adultric with him; and estemit hir of perfyte
understanding tymne of hir confessiouin, and that hir mother
laid the said confession to hir charge, and that sche confessit
the samyn in presens of hir mother, and askit God mercy
thairof with teris. The session ordanit to pronounce in this
mater this day aucht dayis, the said Elene being warmit to
this day at hir duelling place; and ordanit hir to be also of
new warmit [to]\(^4\) the nixt dyat in this caus, personale, or at hir
duelling place.

\(^1\) Omitted.  \(^2\) Sic.
Die viij**uli, 1590.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar vereifi[t] that he hed summond Martine. James Martine of Lathonis at his duelling place to this day, to haif presentit Jonet Paty befoir the sessioun to anser to the dilatioun; and becaus James conperit nocht, the sessioun ordanit him to [be]\(^1\) summond agane to this day aucht dayis, under [pane of]\(^1\) publict admonitioun.

The quhilk day Maister George Leslie grantis he hes gottin Confessio
ane barn in fornicatioun with Margret Geddy in this citee. Leslie, Geddy.
Thairfor he is ordanit to satisfe conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day, the sessioun continewit the advisement of the Huntar,
proces of Elene Huntar and pronunciatioun of decrete thairin
quhill this day aucht dayis, that the sessioun be mair fullie
convenit.

The quhilk day Cathrine Robertsoun grantis sche hes born Confessio
ane barn in fornicatioun to James Buill. Sche is ordanit to Robertson,
satisfe. James hes ellis satisfeit thairfor.
Buill.

Die xv**uli, 1590.

The quhilk day, Mirrabill Mwdy grantis sche is with barn Confessio
gottin in fornicatioun to George Lummisdane, gottin [in]\(^1\) the Mwdy, Lummisdane.
said George awin buith. The sessioun ordanit George to be
warnit to anser to the dilatioun, and Mirrabill to satisfe
conforme to the ordour, quhen George summis hame fra the
saill.

The quhilk day the sessioun hes payit to Patrik Gutherie, Confessio
for twa thowsands taiknis\(^2\) to the communion, ten merkis: and
Patrik Guthere.
als for ane new towall to the bassing, tyme of the sacrament of
Takynnis to the
baptisme, xx s.
communioun.

The quhilk day, it is concludit that the land communion be Communion [\(\text{be}\)]
celebratit, God willing, Sunday nixttocum the xix of Julii
celebratit.
instant.

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\(^1\) Omitted.

\(^2\) It was of a period very shortly after this that Calderwood said that more than three thousand people partook of the Lord's Supper in St. Andrews (Epistola Philadelphi Vindiciæ appended to Altare Damascenum, 1623, p. 65).
The quhilk day, the haill gentill men and uthers discrete men upon land being warnit to this day be the minister publikle in the pulpeit, and be speciall missivis, to conpeir in the session this day, to gif thair gud advis and consall to sic thingis as suld tend to the glorie of God and weill of the hoill congregatioun; of the quhilkis conperit Jhone Meluill of Raith, Androw Wod of Straythwethy, Mr. Jhone Aytoun of Kynaldy, George Ramsay of Langraw, Martine Carstrophein porterion of Byrehillis, Mr. Alexander Jarden of Smyddy Gren, Gavin Wemys of Vnthank, William Kynynmonth in Baldynny. Quhilkis gentill men and parrochenaris up on land, with the bailyeis and Dane of Gild of this citee for the town, and session present, hes all with ane voce aggret, that support may be presente and with all diligens gevin to Mr. Jhone Authinleek, follow laborar in the ministrie with Mr. Robert Wilke ordinar minister of this congregatioun, for the said Mr. Jhonis panis takin and to be takin in the said cuir, quhilk the nixt generall platt, that ordinar stipend may be procurit be the haill congregatioun to him at the said platt. And the personis befoir spatiale nemmit hes instance deliverit, to Charlis Watson scribe, thair awin present support, to be gevin to the said Mr. Jhone. And it is concludit that the haill rest of the gentill men and parrochenaris up on land, quhais names ar spatiale gevin up in bill, salbe publiclie warnit in the kirk Sunday nixtocum, and speciall missivis send to thame, to conpeir this day aucht dayis, to the effect foirsaid. And forder it is concludit, with commoun consent foirsaid, that ordour be takin for the haill puir within the parrochin, baith land and burth, to wit, the Provost and bailyeis to tak up the haill puir folkis names within the town, and the said gentill men present takand the burding on thame for the haill land wart to tak up the haill puir folkis names up on land; and to produce all thair names, alsueill burth as land, in the session Twisday cum aucht dayis, that ordour may be takin with the puir conforme to the Act of Parliament;¹ and, to this

¹ This was the Act passed on the 10th of November 1579, and which substituted the Provost and bailies in each burgh for the elders and deacons, who, according to the similar Act of the 5th March 1574-5, were to take inquisition
effect, that publict intimationoun heirof be maid in the pulpict be the minister, Sonday nixtlocum and Sonday cum aucht dayis, and be the Provost and bailyes Mononday nixtlocum and Mononday cum aucht dayis, be publict proclamatioun at the mercat croce of this citee. And als ressoning being for support and reparatioun of the kirk for the parrochenaris upon land, the minister hes takin the burding on him, ather to bring hame the letter lyand in Peter Ewattis hand writar in Edinburth, for answering of the taxt the parrochenaris ar stent to, or to reas new letteris him self to that effect, at his nixt being in Edinburth at the Generall Assemblie: and als at the nixt day of the convening, commissioneris to be chosin to pas to the generall platt, for procuring of ane stipend to Mr. Jhone Authinlek.

Die xxij° Julii, 1590.

The quhilk day Jhone Hendersoun and Alesoun Perie grantis thai haif gottin ane barn in fornicatioun. Thai ar ordanit to satisfie thairfor conforme to the orduir.

The quhilk day Cristene Lessellis grantis hir to be with barn to William Fortoun servitour to James Wod. Cristene is ordanit to satisfie and the said William Fortoun to be warnit to this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Mirrabill Mwdy grantis sche is with barn to George Lummisdane, quhilk wes gottin in his awin buith. [It is ordanit]¹ to warn George, quhen God sendis him hame fra the saill, to ansuer to the dilatioun, and Mirrabill also to verefy the samyn.

Die xxix° Julii, 1590.

The quhilk day Thomas Smyddy and Margret Richeartsoun grantis thai haif gottin ane barn in fornicatioun. Thai ar ordanit to satisfie conforme to the orduir.

The quhilk day Jhone Rob and Effe Howye grantis thai of all aged poor impotent and decayed persons, to register their names in a book, and provide for their relief (Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland, iii. 86-89, 139-142).

¹ Omitted.
haif gottin ane barne in fornicatioun. Thai ar ordanit to satisfie conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk [day]1 Jhone Scheves and Margret Dalglesis grants thai haif gottin ane barn in fornicatioun. Thai ar ordanit to satisfie conforme to the ordour.

**Die xix Augusti, 1590.**

The quhilk day, Elspott Rekie, being warnit to this day to declar with quhome sche hes gottin the barn in fornicatioun, conperit nocht; thairfor the sessioun ordanit hir to be warnit agane the secund tyme, to ansuer to the said dilatioun, this day aucht dayis, under [pane of]1 publict admonitioun.

The quhilk day, Issobell Carstaris grants hir with barn to Dauid Andersoun, servand to Androw Diplein miller, quhilk wes gottin in Henry Fowlis hous, xv dayis eftir Mertimes last wes. [It is ordanit]1 to warn Dauid to ansuer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis, and Issobell warnit thairto *apud acta.*

The quhilk day, George Lumnisdane, being warnit to this day to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin aganis him the xv of Julii last wes be Mirrabill Mudy, conperit nocht. He is ordanit to be warnit thairto the secund tyme, under [pane of]1 publict admonitioun.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanit Margret Fairfull to be warnit agane to this day aucht dayis, to gif declaratioun with quhome sche hes gottin the barn that sche is presentlie with, becaus sche wes dewlie warnit thairto to this day and conperit nocht, and that under [pane of]1 publict admonitioun.

The quhilk day, Cristene Lessellis, being warnit to this day to declar the father of the barn that sche is presentlie with, conperit nocht; thairfor the session ordanit hir to be warnit heirto to this day aucht dayis, under [pane of]1 publict admonitioun.

**Die xxvii Augusti, 1590.**

The quhilk day, conperit Elspot Rekie, quha grants sche

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1 Omitted.
hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun to Androw Clerk, quhilk wes gottin in William Lermonthis galray, about Fastronis evin last wes. Androw is ordanit to be warnit to anser to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Margret Sibbald Confessio confessis hir with barn to Jhone Fairfull, Patr Pair Sibbald. to Jhone Martine, and that the barn wes gottin about Peace3 last in ane chalmer of her4 hous. [It is ordanit]5 to warn Jhone to this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Dauid Andersoun confessis the fornicatioun Confessio allegit with Issobell Carstaris, and that the samyn wes under Carstaris, promis of mariage. He is ordanit to satisfie conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day George Lummisdane grantis he hes gottin Confessio ane barn in fornicatioun with Mirrabill Mwdy as wes delatit. Lummisdane, Mwdy. He hes satisfite xls. in part of pament of the Act, and is ordanit to satisfie conforme to the ordour publiclie.

Die secundo mensis Septembris, 1590.

The quhilk [day]6, Beatrix Clapen being delatit to the Dilatio Clap session that sche6 hes knawin carnalie Thomas Dalzell, Archibald Drummond, [blank] Narne tailzeour, and William Balfour, as the dilatioun at mair lenth beris, the said Beatrix conperit; and being accusit upon every heid of the said dilatioun in particular, be the minister, in presens of the sessioun, and thretnit with the jugementis of God if sche declarit nocht the treuth, sche planlie denyit the haill dictionis, as hir deposition at mair lenth beris.

Die viij Septembris, 1590.

The quhilk day, Jonet Brentoun, being delatit to the Citatio sessioun to be with barn, wes warnit to this day; and becaus Brentoun. sche conperit nocht, the session ordanit hir to be warnit agane

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1 Interlined over Fairfull deleted.  
2 Jhone in ms.  
3 Perhaps Pete.  
4 Her in ms.  
5 Omitted.  
6 That sche that sche in ms.
to this day aucht dayis, for the secund tyme, under [pane of] ¹ publict admonitiou.

Margret Stevinsoun, servitour to Mr. Patrik Adamsoun, delatit to be with barn, and to be warnit to this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Henry Mowatt and Cathrine Fynny grantis that thai haif bein togidderr in cumpanie carnalrie, thir xiiij yeiris immediatlie bigane, and that sche hes born to him sex barnis in fornicatioun; and that thai haif remanit thir tua on marit in St. Androus, and hes born tua barnis thair. The sessioun ordanit thame to separat thame sellis fra this tyme furth fra utheris cumpane, and to mak publict humiliatioun for their offence and sklander on Sunday nixttocum.

**Die xviij mensis Septembris, anno lxxx.**

The quhilk day Jhone Patrie grantis he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Margret Sibbald. He is ordanit to satisfi conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar verefit that he hed warnit Androw Clerk to this day, to answer to the dilatioun gevin be Elapot Rekie againis him; and becaus the said Androw conperis nocht, the session ordanit him to be warnit agane to this day aucht dayis, under [pane of] ¹ publict admonitiou.

The quhilk day, Maister Robert Wilkie minister declarit to the session that he wes appointit to the Maister Principallis place of St. Leonardis College;² and that he thairfor hed alredy

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¹ Omitted.
² The congregation seems to have been perfectly satisfied with Wilkie, for, on the 10th of September 1590, there appeared before the Presbytery 'Mr. William Cok and Chairlis Watsoun, commissioneris direct fra the toun of Sanctandrois, quho reportit faithfullie that thai hed na thing to say againis the doctrin lyfe or disciplin of thair minister' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery). On the 15th of October the Presbytery 'ordanis lettres to be direct to Mrs. James Robertisoun, James Nicolsoun, Patryk Galloway, and William Rynd, to be present with the Presbiterie of Sanctandrois, concerning the transportation of Mr. Robert Wilkie, according to the Act of the Generall Assembleie; on the 22d, 'the brethering of the Presbiterie, with the commissioneris jont with [them], ratefis the Act of the Generall Assembleie maid for the transportation of Mr. Robert Wilkie fra the ministrie of Sanctandrois to the Principallie of St. Leonardis Colledge—suspendis onlie upon the provision of ane minister to the
declarit the samyn to the consall of the town, and thairfor he
micht na langer awat upon the office of the ministre of St.
Androus; and in that respect willit the town, sessioun, and
haill congregatioun, to provide for ane uther ordinar minister
in his place to this congregatioun, and he suld concur and
assist with thame at his power to the electioun of the samyn.
The sessioun thairfor hes appointit this day aucht dayis, to
adverteis the maist speciallis baith of the Universite, town, and
upon land, to be present at ten houris to the nominatioun of
ane uther minister in the communion ile.

Die ultimo mensis September, 1590.

The quhilk day, Jonet Brentoun grantis hir with barn to
Jhone Bron, sone to umquhill Triolous Broun, in Perth, quhilk
sche grantis wes gottin sex owkis befoir Lames last wes, in
hir awin hous in this citie. Jonet oblisis hir to do diligens
to caus Mr. Jhone conpeir this day aucht dayis to anser to
the dilatioun.

The quhilk day Androw Clerk grantis the dilatioun trew Clerk,
gevin in aganis him be Elspott Rekie. He, being now thris
relappis in fornicatioun, is ordanit to pay vj li., in part of
pament of the Act for his impressoment, and to sitt thre
sindry Sondays on the penitent stiull.

The quhilk day, the barn, gottin in fornicatioun be umqu-
hill Jhone Dauidson on Jonet Caid, is ordanit to be baptizit, at
the suit of Jonet Dauidson; becaus it is verefit that Jhone
in his lyfyme grantit the barn to be his barn, sche deliverand
ane pleaige worth ten merkis, that sche sall satisfe quhen sche
rysis of cheild bed.

The quhilk day, Alexander Lessellis grantis he hes gottin
ane barne in fornicatioun with Agnes Buill, quhilk wes gottin
Lessellis Buill.

congregatioun of Sanctandrois;’ and on the 30th of December, ‘the Presbitrie,
according to the Act of the Generall Assemble, transportis Mr. Robert Wilkie
fra the ministere of the kirk of Sanctandrisis to the Provostre of St. Leonards
Colledge’ (Ibid.). It was not until the 14th of October 1591 that the Presbytery
appointed ‘Mr. Robert Wilkie, minister of Sanctleonardis College, to teache
the Word, minister the sacramentis, and exercis discipline, within the boundis
of his said parochioune, conforme to the ordinance of the Kirk’ (Ibid.).
in Gregstoun. He is ordanit to satisfie thairfor conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day, Elspott Bicarton, being tua sindry tymes befoir warnit to conpeir, to anser to the dilatioun gevin aganis hir, that sche is ather with ane barn or hes ellis borne ane barn in adultrie by hir husband James Hay mariner, contempteusely disobeyis; now it is anseriet that sche is lyand seik bedfast. The session ordanit Mr. Jhone Authinleik minister, Mr. William Russell, William Zuill, to vesi hir, if sche be seik or nocht, and to try the treuth on hir, befoir thai proced to ony forder proces.

**Die xxj° mensis Octobris, anno nonagesimo.**

The quhilk day it is delatit that thair is ane woman with barn in Henry Moreis tenentis hous in Straythkynnes. The session ordanit Androw Sellar to warn hir to this day aucth days.

The quhilk day, Jonet Breintoun, being warnit to this day of new, to gif hir anser anent the conperance of Mr. Jhone Broun, to anser to the dilatioun gevin in be hir aganis him, conperit nocht. The sessioun ordanit hir to be warnit to that effect this day aucth days; with certificatioun, if sche failye, to be publiclie summond thairto Sunday cum aucth days.

The quhilk day, Elspott Wyslie grantis hir with barn to Jhone Anstroyer, bruther to the Lady Kinkell, quhilk wes gottin in Kynkell, in the galry chalmer, xij dayis eftir Sengze day last wes. The session ordanit Jhone to be warnit heirt to this day aucth days.

The quhilk day, Elene Bruce grantis hir with barn to Jhone Bell wobstar, under promis of mariagie. The sessioun ordant Jhone to be warnit heirt to this day aucth days.

To warne Agnes Rekie, Issobell Gray, to this day aucth days.

To warne Androw Clerk to obey the ordinances ellis maid aganis him under [pane of] publict admonitioun.

The quhilk day, conperit Beatrix Ade, spous to Thomas Masoun sumtyne duelling in Redwells, quha producit ane-

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1 Omitted.
supplicatioun makand mentioun that, quhail sextein yeir sensyne, in the moneth of Aprile or thairby, the said Thomas Masoun and sche wes laidfulle mariit in this kirk of St. Androus, be umquhill Mr. Robert Hammiltoun minister for the tyme; and that thai remanit to giddier in houshald as mariit folkis thaireftir continewale be the space of nyne yeiris; and that the said Thomas, without ony offence done to him be hir, departit fra hir cumpanie, and his now, aganis Godis holy law, mariit with ane uther woman in the towne of Waristoun, within the parrochin of St. Cuthbert, within the sherefdome of Edinbrough; and thairfor desyrit the sessionis testimoniall of hir laidfull mariage, with the said Thomas in this parroche, that sche may seik devoirsment, according to equite and laws and practik of this realme. Qubilk desyre the sessioun tocht ressonabil, and thairfor, it being sufficientle verefit and provin befoir thame be Hew Frew, Thomas Russell, Jhone Russell in Nether Kenlowy, Thomas Bron in Mvirhoussis, William Russell, James Russell in Falsyde, and Eduard Paty in Kyngask, witnes, ressavit sworn and examinat, that the said Beatrix Ade wes laidfulle mariit with the said Thomas in the place and at the tyme befoir writin; thairfor thai ordain the actentik extract heirof to be deliverit to the said Beatrix to testifie the premisis, and hir laidfull mariage as said is, subscrivit be thair clerk in dew forme.

The qubilk day, at the ernest supplicatioun of Issobell Strang, desyring hir to be ressavit to repentance for the barnegotin on hir in forniciatioun be umquhill William Arthour of Carnis, and thaireftir hir barn to be baptizit, the session ordant hir to pay xx s. in part of pament of the Act for hir impressament, and to sitt tua sindry Sundayis on the stuill of repentance, and thaireftir hir barn to be baptizit.

_Die Mercurii, xxviiij. Octobris, 1590._

The qubilk day, the sessioun ordanit Androw Sellar officiar to warn Androw Clerk the secund tyme to fulfill the ordinance of the kirk, viz., to satisfie for his thryis relappis in forniciatioun under [pane of]\(^1\) publict admonitioun.

\(^1\) Omitted.
The quhilck day, it is ordanit to warn Jhone Paty to satisfie for his fornicationoun, the first tyme under [pane of]\(^1\) publict admonition.—Now hes payit xiiij s. iiiij d. in part of pament, and is ordanit to cum to the stull.

The quhilck day, Jonet Brentoun being warnit to this day, to report testominall that Mr. Jhone Bron grantis the dilatioun trew gev in aganis him be the said Jonet, becaus he duellis in the town of Perth without this congregatioun; the session, yit movit with compassion of hir ernest suit, statut this day xxj dayis to report the samyn, &c.

The session ordanit Jhone Anstroysér to be chargit to anuer to the dilatioun gev in be Elspot Wyslie aganis him, to this day auccht dayis, for the secund tyme under [pane of]\(^1\) publict admonition.

The quhilck day, Jhone Bell wobstar grantis he hes 'knawin Elene Bruce carnalie, and that sche is with barn to him, under promis of mariage. He is ordanit to satisfie for his forniciatioun conforme to the ordour.

\textit{Die quarto mensis Novembris, anno Domini \textit{xx} \textit{vtr} nonagesimo.}

The quhilck day, conperit Margret Clappartoun, dochter to Androw Clapperton indueller in Leith, and grantis hir with barn gottin in adulteric with Alane Lenton citiner in this citee, and that the samyn wes gottin at Pasche last wes in hir fatheris hous in Leith; and that it is twenty dayis sen sche com to this citee, and that sche com with the post to this citee, and ludgeit the first nicht in Jhone Hendersonis hous in the Eist Burn Wynd, and the secund nicht in Alane Lentonis awin hous in this citee, and lay with Alane thair, and knew him carnale; and upon the morn Alane providit hir to remane in Androw Alanis hous in Straythkynnes, quhair sche past, and hes remanit thair continewalie sensyne, quhill Thursday last wes, that sche com to Alanis hous agane in this citee, quhair sche remanit quhill Sunday last wes, that the bailyes tuik hir furth; and sayis that Alane left Robert Schott hir\(^2\) servand with hir, to bring in to hir hir meat and drink. The session

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\(^1\) Omitted.

\(^2\) Sic.
hes ordanit Androw Sellar officiar to warn Alane Lentron to answer to the said dilatioun this day auacht dayis.

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Anstroyer, quha grantis he hes committit fornicatioun with Elspott Wyslie, as is delatit. Thairfor the session ordanit him to satisfie conforme to the ordour of the kirk for his offence, under [pane of]¹ publict admonitoun upon Sunday nixttocum, viz., to enter in presson auacht dayis conforme to the ordour, and thairefter to the penitent stuill.

The quhilk day, Jane Monipenny being warmit to this day at the place of Kinkell, quhair the sessioun is informit sche commounle remanis, to satisfie for hir offence elliis grantit be hir, Alexander Monipenny of Kynkell hir father being present in the session, it was declarit and intiemit to him, that he micht adverteis hir to conpeir upon Sunday cum aucht dayis to the stuill of repentans, and mak humiliatioun for hir offence conforme to the ordour; with certifiatioun to hir, and sche failye, sche suld be publiclic summoned thairto the said day but forder delay.

The quhilk day, Jhone Cristie, Dauid Gulen, James Paty, Thomas Pentland, Dauid Wilson, burne ledderis,² being warmit to this day, conperit and ar accusit for breking of the Sabboth, and leading of burn thairon, and convict; and admonisit nocht to do the lyke in tymes cuming, under pane of censouris of the kirk.

*Die Mercurii, xj° Novembri, anno lxxx.*

The quhilk day being appointit to elect ane ordinar pastor to this congregatioun, in respect that Mr. Robert Wilkie last minister thairof hed dimittit the samyn, and he was providit be the advis of the Generall Kirk to the Principalls place of St. Leonardis College; the maist speciallis of the haill parroch, alseuill to land as burth, being convenit, eftir ernest incalling upon the holy name of God, electit and chusit, all with ane voce, without discrepans or variance, Mr. Dauid Blak,³ quha

¹ Omitted.
² Water-carriers.
³ On the 22d of October 1590, Mr. Robert Wilkie, according to the Act of the Generall Assemblie, reporrit that he hed consultit with the congregatioun of
was specialie recommendit to thame be the Generall Kirk, pastour and minister to this congregatious; quh, eftir lang advisament and ernest prayar and meditatioun with his God, acceptit the said office in and upon him, and hes promist, with the assistance of Goddis Holy Spirit, to entir to the said office and function betuix this and the first day of Januar nixttocum.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar officiar verifit that he hed diveris tymes warnit Alane Lentron to conpeir befoir thame, to anser to the dilatioun of Margret Clappertoun aganis him, and last to this day, under [pane of]¹ publict admonitioun; declaris that the said Alane, being personale warnit to this day, anserit that he wald nocht conpeir befoir the session in the consalhous, bot in ony uther place he wald anser to ony uther person particular of the session, that thai wald lay to his charge, &c. The session hes ordanit him yit as befoir to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, without forder delay, under [pane of]¹ publict admonitioun.

The quhilk day, Elspott Gray grantis sche is with barn to James Martine marrinell² in Dunde, quhilk wes gottin in Thomas Scottis hous in St. Androus, at the Sengze day last wes; and that sche buir ane barn befoir in forniciatioun to Henry Liddell, and hes nocht yit satisfeit for the samyn. And thairfor sche is ordanit to satisfe for baith the faltis conforme to the ordour, and to suit the said James Martine, that he may conpeir and confess and satisfe for the samyn.

Die Mercurii, decimo octavo mensis Novembris, 1590.

The quhilk day, being appointit to Alexander Monipenny of Kynkell to conpeir, and allege gude ressonis and causiss quhy

Sanctandris; and the said congregatioun in ane voice hes condiscendit to ressave Mr. David Blak to be thair minister, and hes delt with the said Mr. David to that effect (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery). James Melville says that 'Mr. David Blak, a man mightie in doctrine, and of singular fidelity and diligence in the ministerie, haid, be the caifull procurment of my uncle at the Generall Assemblie, bein apointed minister of St. Androis, Mr. Robert Wilkie taking him to a part thairof within the Collage of St. Lenords, as maist aggreibable with his naturall and giftes' (Melville's Diary, p. 293).

¹ Ommit.
² Mariner.
his dochter Jane Monipenny suld nocht mak publict humiliation for fornication committed with Alexander Jamesoun, the said Alexander conperit; quha being hard, and na ressonable causiss allegit nor producit be him, the session, yit as of befoir, ordanit the said Jane to conper Sunday nexttocom to the penitent stiill and satisfe for his said offence, or ellis publict summondis be to execute that samyn day aganis hir to that effect, under [pane of] 3 censoris of the kirk.

The quhilk day, conperit Alane Lentron, quha being accusit upon the dilatoun of adulterie gev in aganis him be Margret Clappertoun, allegeand hir to be with barn to him in adulterie, conforme to the act the ferd of November instant; the said Alane denyt the dilatoun simpliciter in all heidis thairof, bot he grantis that he causat [blank], spous to Androw Alane in Strayythkynnes, convoy Margret Clapperton fra this citee to the said Androwis hous in Strathkynnes, and that he promit to pay Margretis buird thair for xv dayis: alwyis, if Margret Clapperton will in his presens avow 2 the dilatoun, he will confess the samyn and satisfe thairfor.

The quhilk day, anent the bill of complaint gev in be James Hay mariner upon Alane Lentron, makand mentiou that the said Alane hes gottin aue barn in adultrie with Elspott Bicerton his spous, with the quhilk barn the said Elspot is yit on deliverit, 3 as the said bill at mair length proproris; conperit the said Alane Lentroun as he that wes warnit to this day to that effect, and grantit that he hes knawin the said Elspot carnale in adultrie aganis Goddis law; bot sayis the barn quhilk Elspot is with is nocht his barne, bot allegis and sayis that Mr. Thomas Scott is the said barnis father, and offerris him to preff the samyn sufficientlie, and in takin thairof sayis that the said Mr. Thomas Scott geif ane mark of silver to Jonet Carstairis to gif Elspot Bicerton, to the effect Elspot micht gif the samyn to ane wyffe in Pursk, to mak ane drink to Elspot to putt down the barne. And Elspott and Alane, being baith confrontit, aggreis that thai haif knawin uther carnalie in Alanis hous in this citee, at the thrid day of Junii

1 Omitted.
2 Avow.
3 Deliver in ms.
last wes. And Elspot denyis the said Alanis dilatioun gevin
againis hir anent Mr. Thomas Scott, and sayis sche nevir knew
Mr. Thomas carnale. The session ordanit Mr. Thomas Scott
to be warnit to this day aucth dayis, to answer to the dilatioun,
the said Alane and Elspott warnit heirto apud acta; and
decernit the said Alane and Elspot to satisfi for thair adulterie
conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day, Jhone Anstroyer conperit and submittis him
self to discipline, and to pay xx s. in part of pament of the Act
of Parliament for his impressoment, and to cum to the stuill
of repentance Sunday nixttocum.

The quhilk day conperit Margret Thomson quha grantis hir
with barn to James Gorthy. The said James present grantis
the samyn. Thai ar ordanit to satisfi conforme to the ordour
for thair offence.

The quhilk day Cristene Walker grantis hir with barne to
William Lyell. The said William present grantis the samyn.
Thai ar ordanit to satisfi for thair fornicatioun conforme to
the ordour.

The quhilk day the productioun of testimoniall be Jonet
Brentoun is continewit to this [day]1 xv dayis.

**Die Mercurii, xxv° Novembris, 1590.**

The quhilk day, it is concludit that James Gorthy pay
xlv s. viij d., to the xx s ellis payit for impressoment, for his
fornication with Margret Thomsoun: to charge him thair for.

The quhilk day, the sessioun hes ordanit ane missive to be
send to the Laird of Balcomy to conpeir befor thame, to
answer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him of adulterie with
Elene Huntar; and ane uther to Jhone Inglis of Strayhtyrum;
and the thrid to Mr. Martine Carstrophine; to gif thair advis
how the sklander in thair personis of fornicatioun may be
removit for thair nocht making publict humiliatioun for the
samyn.

The quhilk day, Williame Arthour younger conperit befoir
the sessioun, and offerit him willing to satisfi for fornicatioun

1 Omitted.
with Elene Reid, and hes instante payit to the box of the puir lvj s. for his impressoment, in part of pament of the Act.

**Die secundo mensis Decembris, 1590.**

The quhilk day, Elspott Farlie grantis hir with barn to William Ramsay in forniciation, quhilk wes gottin in hir awin hous in this citee, ane moneth befoir Lammes last wes. The sessioun ordanit William to be warnit to anser to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis, and Elspott warnit heirto *apud acta.*

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar officiar verefit that he hed chargit Alane Lentron and Elspot Bicartoun, baith person-ale, to enter to the penitent stueil in sek claith Sunday last wes, under pane of publict admonition. And becaus thai half disobeyit, the sessioun ordanit the officiar to charge thame yit thairto, for the secund tyme Sunday nixttocum, under the said pane.

**Die Mercurii, nono mensis Decembris, 1590.**

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar officiar verefit that he hed chargit Alane Lentron and Elspot Bicartoun adultras, baith personale, for the secund tyme, to mak humiliation in sek claith Sunday last wes, under [pane of] publict admonition. And becaus thai conperit nocht, thairfor the sessioun ordanit Androw Sellar officiar to charge thame, yit as of befoir, thairto the thrid tyme, under pane of publict admonition, Sunday nixttocum.

The quhilk day, Cathrine Scrymgeour grantis sche hes born ane madin barne, ane moneth sensyne bigane on Sunday last wes, gottin in adulterie wit umquhill Jhone Forrett, bruther to the Laird of sforrett, sche being than, as sche is now, marit with Patrik Forrett; and declaris that sche nevir knew him carnalie bot anis. The session ordanit hir to satisfie thairfor as ane adultrice; and to returne agane befoir thame and ressaif hir injunctionis, quhen Mr. Dauid Blak minister cummis hame from Edinburgh.

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1 Omitted.  
2 Interlined over *Cristene* deleted.
The quhilk day, William Ramsey, sone to Walter Ramsey, grantis the dilatioun trew quhilk Elspott Farlie hes gevin in aganis him, and grantis he hes committit fornicatioun with hir. The sessioun ordanit him to satisfie thairfor conforme to the ordour.—And now William hes payit xx s. in part of pament of the Act, and als to satisfie on Sunday niixtocum on the stuill of repentance.

*Die Mercurii, penultimo Decembris, anno nonagesimo.*

The quhilk day, the sessioun committis full power to Mr. Robert Wilkie, Mr. William Cok, Patrik Gutherie, Dauid Watsoun and Mr. Jhone Scott, or ony tua or thre of thame, to re-examin Alane Lentroun upon the adulterie with Margret Clappartoun, and to caus him be confrontit with Margret thairupon; and quhatever thai report thairenant to be als sufficient as the samyn hed bein done in the sessoun, and to report anser thairof this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, the session ordanit Elene Huntar to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, to heir decrete gevin aganis hir, to satisfie as ane adultrice, &c., with James Lermont of Balcomy.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanit Cathrine Scrymgeour to conpeir to morn befor the Presbittrie, to ressaif injunctionis for adultere with umquhill Jhone Forret.

*Die sexto mensis Januarii, anno lxxx.*

The quhilk day, conperit Mr. Robert Wilkie and Mr. William Cok, as thai quha hed commission of the sessioun to ressaif the deposition of Alane Lentron anent his adulterie with Margret Clappertoun, and declarit that thai haif examinat the said Alane, and that he hes grantit thai he hes gottin ane burin in adultery with Margret Clappertoun, quhaireshe is leaultie deliverit. The session ordanit the said Alane Lentroun to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, to ressaif his injunctionis

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1 *Januarii in MS.*
2 *Huntar in MS.*
3 *Do in MS.*
4 See p. 695, n. 3.
5 *lxxx* in MS.
6 *Deiver in MS.*
and to anser to sic thngis as salbe proponit to him; and also Margret Clappertoun that sche may be apprehendid.

The quhilk day, conperit Elspot Rekie and desyrirt hir barn Rekye, Clerk. to be baptizit, seing sche hes bein auccht dayis impressonit and hes bein tua sindry tymes on the penitent stuuil. The session, in respect sche is thryis relappis in fornicatioun, ordanit hir to be yit xv dayis impressonit, and anis agane on the stuuil of repentans, and thaireftir to baptis hir barn; and also ordanit Androw Clerk hir party to be yit tua sindry tymes on the stuuil befoir he be ressavit, and ordanit the said Androw to be chargit thairto under [pane of] censouris of the kirk.

The quhilk day, the session ordanit James Gorthy, Margret Thomson, as thai quha ar leatte delatit in fornicatioun, and Thomas Oliphant, in quhais hous the samyn wes committit, to be all warnit to this day auccht dayis, to anser to sic thngis as salbe proponit aganis thame.

_Die Mercurii, xiiij° Januarii, 1590._

The quhilk day, being appointit to all parteis haifand interst to object aganis the nomination of elderis and deaconis, and to nominat uthers mair meit and qualisfit, and becaus nane conperis to that effect, the sessioun ordanit the electioun to proceed Friday nixttocum, conforme to the ordour. And now it is aggreit upon, be the advis of Provost bailyes and consall of the town, that thair be thre of the Universite, to witte, Mr. Robert Wilkie, Mr. Principal of St. Leonardis College, Mr. James Martine, Provost of the Auld College, and Mr. Jhone Robertson, ane of the maisteris of the New College; and als Patrik Dudingstoun, portioner of Kincapill, George Ramsay, of Langraw, and Andro Wod, of Straythwry, as thre of the landwart parrochien, to be adjunit with the consall of the town, to convene Friday nixttocum in the consal hous, to elect elderis and deaconis in this congregatioun for this yeir in to cum.

The quhilk day, Margret Clappertoun, quha hes borne ane Clapperton, barne in adulterie to Alane Lentroun, is ordanit, be the advis

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1 Omitted.
2 Collge in ms.
of Provost bailyes consall of town and haill sessoun, to depart the boundis of this citee, betuix this and Satterday nixttocum; and, if sche failye, to be brunt on the cheik with ane hott iron.

The quhilk day, Elspott Rekie hes payit xx s. to the puir, for releif of the rest of hir impressoment. Sche is ordanit to cum anis to the stuill of repentance and he ressavit, and thaireftir hir bairne to be baptizit.

The quhilk day, Alane Lentroun conperit and confessit carnall daill with Margret Clappertoun, and the bairne quhilk sche hes borne to be his. The sessioun hes appointit to him this day aucht dayis, to conperit and ressaif his injunctionis, that he may satisfie for his offencis, quhilk Alane promist to do.

Die Mercurii, vigesimo Januarii, 1590.

Electioun of elderis and deaconis in 1590.

Maister Dauid Blak minister.

Elderis in the town.

Maister Robert Wilkie, Principall of St. Leonardis College
Mr. Androw Meluill, Principall of the New College
Mr. James Martine, Provost of the Auld College
Mr. Dauid Russell, Dune of Gild
Mr. William Russell, bailye
William Lermont, bailye
Thomas Lentroun, bailye
Dauid Watsoun Elderiis up on land,¹
Patrik Guthrie Androw Wod of Straythwethy
Mr. Jhone Scott Jhone Jnglis of Straythtyrum
Duncane Balfour Gavin Wemys of Vuthank
Dauid Guidlaid. Martine Carstrophein, portioner of Byre-hillis.

Deaconis in the town.

William Zuill, mercheand
Charlis Watsoun, scribe

¹ As the first of the 'up on land elderis' the scribe has begun to write the name of Patrik Dudingstoun but has stopped short in the middle of the surname.
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Jhone Hagy
Thomas Lundy
Thomas Diksoun Deaconis up on land.
Androw Wrycht Thomas Carstaris in the Grange
Robert Williamsoun Jhone Smyth in Balone
Thomas Blak. Thomas Scheves in Byrehillis.

The quhilk day, the elderis and deaconis befoir writin, Ratification of
being all present except Mr. Androw Meluill and David
Guidlaid, hes acceptit thair offices in [and]1 upon thame, and
ratifiti the hall actis and statutis maid in this buik, and
speciale the actis maid the xij of November lxxij yeiris, pro-
mising to observe and keip the samyn at thair power.

The quhilk day, being appointit to Alane Lenton to Lenton.
iressaif injunctionis for adultery committi be him with Margret
Clapparton and Elspott Bicartoun, manifestit be procreatioun
of tua barnis, [he]1 conperit nocht. Thairfor the sessioun
ordanit him to be2 publiclie summond thairto Sunday nixto-
cum, under pane of censours of the kirk.3

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar vereifiit that he, as officiar, at Hunter.
command of the sessioun, hed oftimes to diveris diatis warnit
Elene Huntar, and specialie to this day, to heir decrete pro-
nuncit aganis hir, for confession of adultery with James
Lermouth of Balcomy; and becaus sche hes nocht conperit to
that effect, the session ordanit hir to be publiclie summond to
that effect Sunday nixtrocum.

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1 Omitted.
2 To to in MS.
3 On the 26th of January, 'Comperit Alan Lenton in Sanctandrois, and
confessit the fact of adultery with Margret Clappertoun; in lyk maneir, Catrein
Scrymgeour thair, and confessit adultery with unquhill John Forrest, brother
german to the Laird of Forrest; as also Davud Forsyth parochiner of Kyl-
conquhar, and confessit adultery with Marioun Paty: quhilk parties wes ordanit
to satisfe the kirk conform to the ordour' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery).
This John Forrest had given the Presbytery a great deal of trouble. With a
servant he lay in wait for three hours for Thomas Douglas, the minister of Bal-
merino, 'invidit him and drew his bluid.' On the 14th of May 1590, he
appeared before the Presbytery and confessed the sin of fornication with
Euphame Brydy; but, on being desired to satisfy for his offence to Douglas, he
became very comtemptuous, and at length cut his glove, and casting down
the half of it to Douglas, dared him or any of his kin to take it up and meet
him in any place. A pretty full summary of the case will be found in Campbell's
Balmerino, 1867, pp. 174-177; but none of the extracts from the Register of the
Presbytery is quoted quite correctly in that book.
And siclyke to summond Elspott Bicarton publiclie the said day, to conpeir Weddingsday nixttocum, to ressaih hir injunction to satisfie for hir adultery with Alane Lenton.

The quhilk day, Jhone Wan cultellar, being accusit for haifing carnall daill with Cristene Walker, denyit the samyn. He is ordant to conpeir this day aucth dayis, to heir his confessioun thairof vereifi and provin.

The quhilk day, James Lermont and Mirrabill Cuik, servitouris to James Scheves, being baith present, grantis carnall daill in fornicatioun, and that Mirrabill is with barn to him. The sessioun ordanit thame to satisfie thairfor, conforme to the ordour. Thai grant the barn wes gottin at Lammes last wes, and Mirrabill grantis carnall daill with him within thir xx dayis last.

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the hail sessioun convenit that the town be quarterit in tuelf quarteris, and that ilk elder tak ane quarter, to tak the oversycht thairof, that thai may be instructit in the trew knawlege of God; and that the samyn may be done with gude ordour, the deaconis to tak up the names of the hail personis, young and auld, in the town, ilk ane thair awin quarter.

Die Mercurii, xxviiij, Januarii, 1590.

The quhilk day, in the actioun and caus of adulterie of Elene Huntar, spous to Alane Lentroun, with James Lermont of Balcomy, as in terme statut to pronunce, the said Elene being present and warnit to this day, the hail session being convenit, the proces being red and advisit; it is fund sufficiente verefiit and provin that the said Elene confessit sche hed borin ane barnie man chield in adulterie, eftir Zuill and befoir Candilmes, in the four scoir fyve yeiris, to the said James Lermont. And the said Elene, being inquirit of the equite and treuth thairof, denyit the samyn simpliciter, and said that sche nevir buir ane barnie to ony man bot to Alane Lentron hir husband. Yit the sessioun, nocht willing to be rasche nor sudden in this mater, continewit the pronunciatioun

1 Publitie in MS.
of their decree and sentence againis the said Elene quhill this
day aucht dayis; and, in the meanytime, desyr the said Elene
to cally to God ernestlie to move hir hart and conscience
to declair the treuth, and ordainit hir to conpeir agane befoir
thame this day aucht dayis to that effect.

Die Mercurii, tertio Februarii, 1590.

The quhill day, William Zoung grantis he hes gottin ane
barne in fornicatioun with Jonet Balfour, quhill wes gottin in
Dauid Bellis hous in Nyde, at Peasche last wes, quhill wes the
first tyme he knew hir, and desyr the barne to be baptyzit.
The sessioun ordainit him to caus the woman conpeir with him
and mak hum liatioun, and thairefter his barne to be baptyzit.

The quhill day, Jonet Duncansoun, servand to Elene Jnglis,
grantis sche is with barne to Mr. Dauid Rutherfurd of Bony-
toun, gottin in fornicatioun in the said Elenis fyr stair, in the
day tyme, ane quarter of ane yeir sensyne; and that sche hed
last to do with him within this moneth, in the said fyr stair.
The sessioun ordainit the said Mr. Dauid to be warnit to
ansuer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

The quhill day, Alane Lentroun being warnit to this day to
ressaif his injunctionis, for the filthie vice of adulterie committit
with Elspott Bicarton, spous to James Hay, and with Margret
Clappartoun, manifestit be procreatioun of ane barne with ilk
ane of the saidis personis; conperit the said Alane, quha wes
injunit be the sessioun to enter upon Sunday niexttocom, at the
secund bell to sermone before none, at the mikill kirk dur of
this citee, cled in sek claiith, and stand thairat quhill the thrid
bell be cessit, and thairefter to sitt on the highest grie of the
penitent stull, quhill the sermon and prayar be endit; and sic
lyke to continew ilk Sunday quhill the kirk be satisfite, under
pane of excommunicatioun.

The quhill day, Cathrine Scrymgeour, spous to Paktiv Forrett,
being warnit to this day to ressaif hir injunctionis, for the
filthie vice of adulterie committit with umquhill Jhone Forrett,
manifestit be procreatioun of ane barne to the said umquhill
Jhone; conperit the said Cathrine, quha is injunit to conpeir
and enter upon Sunday niexttocom, at the secund bell to
sermon efoir none, at the mekill kirk dur of this citee, cled in sec claih, and stand thairat quhill the thrid bell be cessit, and thairefter to sitt on the penitent stall and highett degre thairof, quhill the sermon and prayer be endit; and safurth to continew ilk Sunday, quhill the kirk be satisfeit, under pane of excommunicatioun.

The quhilk day, Elene Huntar, spous to Alane Lentroun, being warmit apud acta and als personalie be the officiar to conpeir this day, to gif trew declaratioun of the treuth of the great sklander of the filthy vice of adulterie committit be hir with James Lermouth of Balcomy, and to ressaif hir injunctionis for satisfaction to haif bein maid be hir for the samyn; the said Elene conperit nocht, bot contempteusle disobeyit. Thairfor the session fand—in respect of the proces led and deduct befoir thame, and that it is sufficientlie verefit and provin—that the said Elene hes confessit hir self to haif borne ane man chield in the moneth of Januar or thairby, in the fourscoir fyve yeiris, in the filthy vice of adulterie, in hir awin duelling hous in this citee, to James Lermouth of Balcomy—decernis and ordanis the said Elene to enter at the mekill kirk dur of this citee, upon Sunday nixttocum, at the secund bell to sermon, cled in sek claih, and stand thairat quhill the thrid bell be cessit; and thaireftir to cum to the highest gre of the penitent stuill and sitt thairon, cled in sek claih, quhill the sermon and prayer be endit; and safurth to continew ilk Sunday, quhill the kirk be satisfeit, under pane of excommunication; and, if sche failye heirin, that publict summondis be execut aganis hir to that effect, Sunday nixttocum, for the first admonition under the said pane.

The quhilk day, Jonet Duncansoun, servitour [to]¹ Elene Jnglis, grantis hir with barne to Mr. Daulid Rutherfurd of Bonitoun, quhilk wes gottin in Elene Jnglis foir stair of hir duelling hous, in the day tyme.

The quhilk day, Thomas Diksoun grantis that he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Cristene Russell, quhilk wes gottin in his fatheris hous in this citee, aucht dayis eftir Lames last wes. It is also understuid to the sessioun that

¹ Omitted.
this is the thrid tyme that he hes fallin in fornicatioun. The sessioun ordanit to warn the said Cristene\(^1\) to this day aucht dayis, to anser to the dilatioun; and thaireftir to tak ordour in this mater.

*Die Mercurii, decimo Februarii, anno nonagesimo.*

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar officiar verefit that he hed warnit William Arthour personale, for the first time, to enter to the stuill of repentance, for fornicatioun committit be him with Elene Reid, and that upon Sunday last wes the sevint of Februar instant. Becaus he conperit nocht, the sessioun ordanit him to be chargit thairto for the secund tyme agane Sunday nixttocum, the xiiiij of Februar instant, under [pane of]\(^2\) publict admonition.

The quhilk day, conperit Mr. Dauid Rutherfurd, grantis he hes gottin aie barn in fornicatioun with Jonet Duncane, and that he hes knawin Jonet Duncane carnalie within this moneth last wes. The sessioun ordanit him to satisfie conforme to the ordour. He hes satisfiet xis., in part of pament of the Act.

The quhilk day, conperit Elene Huntar, as sche that wes laufully and publiclie summond upon Sunday last wes, the sevint of Februar instant, to mak publict humiliatioun for the filthy vice of adultery committit be hir with James Lermouth of Balcomy, manifestit be procreatioun of ane man cheild, conforme to the decrete gevin thairupon aganis hir in this sessioun, the thrid of Februar instant. The said Elene confessit the said crime of adultery, and that sche hes borne ane man cheild in adulterie to the said James Lermouth. Thairfor sche requestis the minister and haill session to pray for hir, and desyris God to be mercifull to hir, and submittis hir self with all humiliatioun and teris to the will of the kirk, and promissis faithfullie, upon Sunday cum aucht dayis, to enter to the stuill of repentance in sek claith, and satisfie the desyre of the session and thair decrete.

\(^1\) To be *warnit* is superfluousy introduced here by the clerk.

\(^2\) Omitted.
Die Mercurii, xvij Februarii, anno lxxxv.

The quhilk day Jonet Balfour in Nvde and William Zoungrantis thai haif gottin anc barn in fornicatioun. Thai submit thame selfis to discipline. Thai ar baith ordanit to be impressonit and to satisfe for their offence, and thaireftir the barn, quhilk is procreat betuix thame, to be baptizit.

The quhilk day, Cristene Russell grantis the dilatioun trew, and that sche is with barn to Thomas Diksoun, and that the samyn wes gottin in his fatheris hous. The sessioun ordanit hir to satisfe thairfor conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day, Cristene Andersoun, servitour to George Pryde, grantis sche hes born anc barn in fornicatioun to Thomas Diksoun. Sche is ordanit to satisfe thairfor conforme to the ordour.

Die Mercurii, xxvii Februarii, anno lxxxvi.

The quhilk day, Elspott Lyell grantis hir with barne toumquihill Robert Tailzeour mariner, quhilk wes gottin in Alexander Symsonis yaird in this citee, aught days befoir latter Marie day last wes. The sessioun ordanit hir to be present this day aught daysis for forder triall.

The quhilk day, it is tocht gude be the sessioun, that ane number of the maist honest and discrete maltmen and marineris be warnit to this day aught daysis, that ordour may be takin for keping of the Sabbath day and sermon on Weddingsday; as also that Mr. Dauid Russell sett ane gild court, Thursiday nixttocum, and warn the haill gild brether to that effect.

The quhilk day, it is aggret upon be the hail session, that Mr. Jhone Ayton, of Kynmaidy, Patrik Dudingstoun, portioner of Kyncapill, George Ramsay, of Langraw, William Kynnynmonth, in Baldiny, and Alexander Scott, in Straythkynnes, be addit to be helparis to the elderis upon land for this present yeir, and thai to be warnit to conpeir to that effect this day aught daysis.

Die Mercurii, tertio Marci, anno lxxxvii.

The quhilk day, conperit Patrik Dudingstoun, portioner of
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Kyncaipill, and acceptit [to be ane helpar to] the office of ane elder in and upon him. The sessioun ordanit the remanent, that wes new electit [helparis to the] elderis, to be warnit to this day aucht dayis for upon land.

The quhilk day, the session, with ane consent, hes addit Mr. Martun Geddy, Alexander Wynsister, William Muffett, [Daudi Lemont—deleted], Daudi Dalgleis, to be helparis to the elderis within this citee, for this present yeir.

The quhilk day, Thomas Diksoun, being thryis relappis in fornicatioun, hes payit iiiij li. for his impresomment, in part of pament of the Act, and is ordanit to sitt thre sindry Sondays on the penitent stuill.

Die Mercurii, decimo Martii, anno 1590.

The quhilk day, the maist part of the haill maltmen, marineris, and cadgers, of this citee, conperand, as thai that wer laidfullie warnit to this day, ar all admonisit be the minister and sessioun, to tak ordour with thame selfis and thair awin famileis, and als to conven the rest of thair vocation togidder, that thai all may keip holy the Sabboth day, cum to the prayaris and sermon, and to keip the sermone on Weddinsday, and to absteen from banning and suering, and to do that lyis in thame for amendment of thair lyffis, that God may be honorit according to his Holy Word.

And siclyke, Thomas Clochoppe pyper, Jhone Hagy pyper, and William Williamssoun pyper, ar all admonisit to keip holy the Sabboth day, the sermonis on Sunday and Weddinsday, and nocht to use ony pyping in the nicht tym in the streitis, nor eftir supper, nor na uthre filthy playing, under pane of censouris of the kirk.

The quhilk day, Mr. Martine Geddy, Alexander Wynsister, William Muffett, and Daudi Dalgleis, being present, hes acceptit in and upon thame to be helperis to the elderis in the town, for this present yeir; and also Mr. Jhone Ayton of Kynnaldy, and George Ramsay of Langraw, hes acceptit in and upon thame to be helparis to the elderis upon land for this present yeir; and ar solemnatle suorn thairto.

1 Added in margin. 2 Interlined.
The quhilk day, Margret Alane, servitour to Jonet Dudingston in New Grange, grants hir with barne to Walter Carstairs, quhilk wes gottin in the said Jonetis hall in New Grange, at Mertimes last wes. The session ordanis the said Walter to be warnit, to ansuer to the said dilatioun, this day aucht days.

The quhilk day, Margret Scott is decernit to satisfie as ane adultrice, for the filthy vice of adulterie confessit be hir with unquhill Duncane Balfour, manifestit be procreatioun of ane child, quhilk is yit on baptizit, and to begyn hir humiliatioun in 1 sek claiith Sunday nixttocum; to stand at the kirk dur fra the secund bell to sermon quhill the thrid bell be cessit, and than to enter on the hichest degr of the penitent stull, and sitt thair quhili the sermon and prayar be endit and benediction gevin; and safurth to continu quhill the kirk be satisfit; and sche sua begynand hir humiliatioun, the said barne to be baptizit.

The quhilk day, it being sufficientlie verifiit and provin befor the session, that Mirrabill Mwdy maist ungodly hes skanderit and defamit Issobell Kay, calling hir ane commoun huir. The session thairfor decernit the said Mirrabill, upon Mononday nixttocum, to sitt on the goik stull of this citee tua houris befor none, in exempill of utheris nocth to do the lyke in tymes cuming, that God may be glorifiit and this congregatioun purgit of sic vices. And for causing of the said Mirrabill performe the samyn, the session maist ernestle requeistes the majestris of this citee; and ordanis the said Mirrabill thaireftir to conpeir befor thame this day aucht days, as also the said Issobell Kay, to ressaiif forther admonitionis anent the said mater.

Die xvij° Marci, anno 1590.

The quhilk day, Alexander Scott hes acceptit in and upoun him to be ane helpar to the elderis upon land, and is solemnlie suorn thairto.

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the sessioun, for gude causis and respectis moving thame, that Alane Lentroun sit

1 On in MS.
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ane Sunday, and Elene Huntar ane uthar, his spous, severale, in sek claith, as adulteraris quhill the kirk be-salesit.

The quhilk day, the sessioun at the ernest suit of [Cristene—Ressaving of
deleted] Patrik Forret, spous to Cathrine Skrymgeour, hes
ordanit Cathrine to be ressavit to humiliatioun upon Sonday
nixtocum, as ane adultrice with unquhill Jhone Forrett, with
this contidioun, if evir sche be sklandrous heireftir, sche to
satisfie forder as the kirk saill appoint hir.

The quhilk day Walter Carstaris grants the dilatioun trew
gevin in be Margret Alane aganis him. He is oranit to be
impressonit and to satisfie conforme to the ordour.

Die xxiii" Martii, anno lxxxiv° 1590.

The quhilk day, James Bruce wobstar, in name of Elene
Bruce his dochter, and Jhone Bell wobstar, be the tenour
heirof, bindis and oblissis thame, and ilk ane of thame, ane
quarter of ane yeir about, respective, to sustein the barn gottin
be the said Jhone Bell upon the said Elene Bruce, ay and
quhill the said barne can eit mait with the awin hand alane;
and the said James Bruce oblissis him to begyn and sustein the
said barin the first quarter fra this day furth, and the said
Jhone Bell the nixt quarter, on thair awin expenssis during the
syme foirsaid, to continew as said is.

Ita est Carolus Watsoun notarius publicus in premissis
requisitus per dictum Jacobum Bruce et Joannem
Bell manu sua subscriptur.

The quhilk day, William Fortoun grants he hes gottin ane
barne in fornicatioun with Cathrine Lessellis, as sche hes delatit.
He is ordanit to satisfie conforme to the ordour.

Die ultimo Martii, anno nonagesimo primo.

The quhilk day, Androw Hagy is chargit personale be the
minister to enter to the stull of repentance in sek claith,
Sonday nixtocum, for the filthy slawchter committit be him
on Jhone Watt walker within this citee, under pane of publict
admonitioun.

1 Sic.
The quhilk day, the session ordanit supplication to be send to the kirkis of Edinburgh and Perth, for triall to be takin with Mr. Jhone Broun of the barne fatherit on him be Jonet Brentoun, and Jonet [to] report answer that of agane this day xxj dayis.

The quhilk day, Mr. Androw Alane and Margret Scott, bæith present, ar ordanit to conpeir befoir the Presbitrie to morn; with certificatioun to Mr. Androw, and he conpeir nocht, he salbe hed pro confesso upoun the dilatioun.  

*Die Mercurii, duodecimo Aprilis, 1591.*

The quhilk day, Walter Carstaries obliiss his to enter in

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1 Omitted.
2 *Aprilis 14, 1591 . . . Ordanis Maister Androw Alane to conpeir befoir the Presbitrie the day aucht dayis* (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery). He does not seem to have appeared, and for some reason the case was allowed to slumber in the Presbytery for a considerable time. That court had had its attention drawn to him before, for, on the 26th of January 1586-7, it resolved that a letter should be written to the minister of Tranent and Presbytery of Dalkeith, for trial of ‘the alleged skander rysing agans the Kirk in the persone of Mr. Androw Allane, viz., fornications commititis in Prestuone and utharis crimes be the said Mr. Androw.’ The outcome of this early reference is not quite clear; but in a list of non-residents drawn up by the Presbytery on the 26th of March 1590, among those not deposed, is mentioned ‘Mr. Androw Alane vicar of Luicheris.’ In November 1593, however, the Presbytery dealt with him, for usurping the office of a reader within the kirk of Leuchars, having been ‘depositt in ane Synodall and nocht admitit again.’ He produced another ordinance of Synod, in which he was remitted to the Presbytery of St. Andrews for trial of the slander brought against him. He also produced a supplication from some gentlemen and parishioners of Leuchars, craving the Presbytery to proceed to his trial and to re-admit him. At another meeting he gave in three testimonials, one from the minister and parishioners of Barrie, another from the inhabitants of Dalkeith, Preston, and Prestomphans, and the third from the session of Leuchars. On the 13th of December the ‘proces of skander intendit aganis him befoir the sessioni of Santandros’ was read before the Presbytery, and it was then determined ‘to enter in farder tryall of the said slander.’ At the next weekly meeting Margaret Scott appeared, and the delation which she had given in against him to the session being read to her, she ‘constant[ly] affirmet the sam to be of veritie.’ Witnesses were examined but nothing was elicited save their ignorance in the matter. On the 10th of January 1593-4, the Presbytery took further time to be advised concerning his re-admission as reader, and ordered him in the meantime ‘to be cairfullie employit in teaching the youth;’ and on the 4th of September 1600 he is again mentioned as ‘Vicar of Leucheris’ (*Ibid.*).
presson, and to remane thair, conforme to the ordour, Satterday cum aucht dayis, under pane of pament of xx li.

The quhilk day, James Alesoun in Raderny and Grissell Confessio Alesoun.
Alesoun thair confessi thai haif gottin ane barne in forn- catiouin, for quhilk the session ordanit thame to satisifie conforme to the ordour. And as for thair desyre to be contractit, and the [barn]¹ baptizit, the session ordanis first satisfaction to be [maid]¹ for thair offence, and thaireftir marriage, and the barn to be baptizit.

The quhilk day, Jonet Turubill grantis her with barn to Confessio Turubil Alexander Paty. The session ordanit Alexander Paty to be warnit to ansuer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

*Die Mercurii, xxij* Aprilis, 1591.

The quhilk day, conperit Alexander Dik, quha grantis he hes gottin ane barn, by his wyffe, in adulterie with Elspott Lesselis presente duelling in the cottoun of Balcomy, quhilk wes gottin in Jhone Halistonis hous in Kingusk within ² this parroche, sen Zuill last wes. He is willing to satisifie thairfor conforme to the ordour. The session ordanit him to caus the woman conper this day aucht dayis, to ansuer to the dilatioun; and in the meantime the minister to spek the minister of Craill quhair the woman duellis, to caus [hir]¹ be obedient and conper.

The quhilk day, Agnes Huchoun and Margret Clerk, being Accusatio Huchoun.
callit and accusit befoir the sessioni, and convict be thair awin confessionis, for singing of bawdry songis, play at durris, dansing and ryning throw the town after supper, and under silence of nycht on the Sabbath Day, ar decernit, for the said offence, to conper upon Sunday nixttocum eftir sermon, beir heddit, for anent the penitent stiill, befoir non eftir sermonc, and thair to craif and ask God mercy and the hail congregatioun for- giness.

The quhilk day, Elene Huntar producit aue humill supplicatioun, and declarit sche is grait with barne and seikle, and may nocht without hurt and danger of hir lyffe assend and sitt on

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¹ Omitted.
² Sen within in ms.
the penitent stuill langer, desyryng thairfor the sessioun for Goddis saik to pardon hir at this present, and to ressaif hir to the followschip of the congregatioun. The sessioun movit with pite consentis to hir desyre, and remittis hir quhill sche be deliverit\(^1\) of hir birth, and thaireftir sche to be obedient quhen sche salbe requirit.\(^2\)

\[\textit{Die Mercurii, xxviiij Aprilis, 1591.}\]

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordainit the actioun anent the dilatioun of James Martine of Lathonis, gevin in aganis him, that he hes gottin tua barnis in fornicatioun, the ane with Jonet Pady and the uther with Issobell Dauidson, to be walknit and proeoid quhair it left, in respect that this day thair \textit{was} new dilatioun gevin in befoir the sessioun thairupon. And for sur triall to be takin heirin, thai haif ordainit James Wemis of Lathoker, Jhone Carstaris of Raderny, George Wilson, Jhone Blak thair, Dauid Calland, William Hucheon in Hashil dane, and James Pryde at Lathoker Miln, to be warnt to this day auct dayis, to try quhair the saidis tua wemen ar.

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Bryde and Jonet Quhittatte, quha grantis thai haif gottin ane barn in fornicatioun. Thai ar ordainit to satisfe conforme to the ordour, and Jhone hes instantle payit xls. in part of pament of the Act of Parliament for his impressoment.

The samyn day Androw Sellar hes ressavit xls. for his yeiris fie last bigane.

The quhilk day, conperit Alexander Dik and Elspott Lessellis, quha grantis thai haif committit the filthy vice of adulterie, and craifs God mercy and the session forgiftes thairfor, and desyris thame to be ressavit to humilatioun. The sessioun ordainit thame to conpeir to morn befoir the Presbitrie, and ressaif thair injunctionis.

\(^1\) \textit{Deliver} in ms.

\(^2\) \textit{Aprilis penultime, 1591} . . . Ordanis the Laird of Balcomy to compeir befoir the Presbitrie the day aucth for adulterie alledgit committit be him with Elen Hunter in Sanctandrois' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery). \textit{Mayi xix,} 1591. The quhilk day conperit James Lermouth of Balcomy for the adulterie alledgit comittit be him with Elen Hunter, and the Presbitrie upon his submissioun referris the said matter to the sessioun of Sanctandrois' (Ibid.).
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The quhilk day, Margret Stevinsoun grantis that Mr. Dauid Murray begatt ane barne on hir in Mr. Patrik Adamsonis hous in this citeit, and that sche past furth of this citeit with barne to the Wod-end,\(^1\) quhair Mr. Dauidis father duelt, and buir the barne thair, quhilk is ane man cheild. Sche allegis the barne is baptizit in ance kirk besyde Jinschaifray, but sche nather knewis the minister that baptizit the barn, nor yit the kirk. The session statut hir to produce testimonial of the baptizing of the barne this day xxj dayis.

Upon Sunday, the secund day of Maii, the yeir of God \(j^m v^e\) Penitentia Andree Hagy. four score alevin yeiris, Androw Hagy walker citiner in this citeit maid publict humiliatioun in sek claith, upon the penitent stueil, in presens of the pepill convent to sermone befoir none, for the ungodlie slawchter of umquhill Jhone Watt walker within this citeit, quha wes ressavit to humiliatioun be Mr. Dauid Blak minister.

**Die quinto Maii, 1591.**

The quhilk [day],\(^2\) anent the conplant gevin in be James Petito Brog chirurgane, in name of Capitane William Brog his sone, agenis Elizabeth Turubill; the said bill of conplant being red to the said Elizabeth, sche denyt the samyn: thairfor the sessioun ordanit the said James to preif the said bill this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, conperit William Arthour of Carnis, quha promist to enter to the stull of repentance Sunday cum aucht dayis, and satisfye for his fornicatioun with Elene Reid without forder delay, under [pane of]\(^2\) publict admonitioun.

The quhilk day, Elspot Guidfallow grantis sche hes borne ane madin barne in adulterie\(^3\) to Alane Lentroun, quhilk wes gottin in Robert Williamsonis hous in this citeit. The first tyme that sche hed to do with him wes in the said Robertis chalmer, upon ane Weddingsday tyme of sermone, about Witsunday wes tua yeir, and diveris tymes sensyne in Robert Williamsonis\(^4\) seller, and in Alane Lentronis awin hous on the

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\(^1\) Probably the Woodend in the parish of Madderty, or that in the neighbouring parish of Trinity Gask.

\(^2\) Omitted.

\(^3\) Adulterie in MS.

\(^4\) Wm. in MS.
Huichiheid; and that the barne wes gottin as sche allegis at Witsonday last wes; and that hir barn wes born ten owkis sensyne. The sessioun ordant Alane to be warnit this day aucth dayis to anser to the dilatioun.

The quhilk day, Jonet Hagy, nutrix to Jhone Inglis of Straythryrm, grantis hir to haif gottin and born ane barn in fornicatioun to Jhone Bowar in this citee. Jhone now duellis in Craill. The sessioun ordanit the minister to speik Mr. Henry Leiche, minister of Craill, to caus Jhone conpeir and satisfe this kirk for his offence; and in the meine tyme Jonet to pay xls. for part of pament of the Act, and to satisfe the kirk Sunday nixttocum on the penitent stuil; and Jhone Inglis is presente oblíst caution to pay the said xls. for the said Jonet, as sche that is relappis with the said Jhone Bowar in fornicatioun.

Quhilk day conperit Mr. Patrik Arthour, quha is admonisit be the minister to keip the kirk and sermons on Sunday and utheris precheing dayis, under pane of censouris of the kirk; and sicyly being accusit for begatting of ane barne in fornicatioun with Agnes Cranstoun, servitour to Elenè Inglis, denys the samyn expresle.

The quhilk day, James Weimes of Lathoker being inquirit if he knawis Cathrine Patrik, and if sche be presentle in the hous of James Morton with Bessy Dryburth hir mother, and if he knawis that the said Cathrine hes born ane barne in fornicatioun yit on baptizit, and to quhome: ansueris, he knawis Cathrine Patrik, bot knawis nocht quhair sche is, nor if sche hes borne ane barne or nocht, nor yit the barnis father.

The quhilk day, it is yit statut to Jonet Brentoun to report testimonial fra the session of Edinburgh, that Mr. Jhone Broun confessis him to be hir barnis father thes day xxj dayis, without forder delay, under pane of censouris of the kirk.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordant Cathrine Patrik, and

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1 To to in MS.
2 Maii 6, 1591. . . Ordinis Jhone Bower in Craill to be summund to conpeir befor the Presbitrie the day aucht dayis' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery).
3 Censouris in MS.
4 On in MS.
5 Ford in MS., the mark of contraction having been omitted.
James Mortoun in Ester Mortoun, and Bessy Dryburth his spous, to be warnit agane to this day aucth dayis, under [pane of]\textsuperscript{1} publict admonition.

The quhilk day, in the caus of dilatioun gevin in aganis James Martine of Lathonis, that he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Issobell Dauidson, and ane uther with Jonet Pady, thir witnes underwritin, to wit, Jhone Carstaris of Raderny, George Wilsoun thair, Jhone Blak thair, Henry Joffry thair, Dauid Calland thair, William Huchoun in Hishildane, and James Pryde at Lathoker Miln, being warnit to this day personalie be Androw Sellar officir, to testifie the treuth, conperit nocth; thairfor the sessioun ordanit thame to be warnit thairto agane, to this day aucth dayis, under [pane of]\textsuperscript{1} publict admonition. Bot conperit James Wemy's of Lathoker, Jhone Alesoun and James Alesoun witnes in Raderny, quha, being solemnly sworn upon this mater and examinat, deponis as thair answir beris.

The quhilk day, being appointit for trial to be takin anent the dilatioun gevin in, that Cathrine Patrik in Ester Mortoun hes borne ane barne in fornicatioun incest or adulterie, yit on baptizit, and for probatioun thairof, James Wemy's of Lathoker, present, being examinat, deponis and declars he kwais Cathrine Patrik, bot kwais nocht quhair sche is presentle, nor if sche hes born ane barn or nocht, nor if the barn be baptizit, nor quha is the barns father. The sessioun ordanit to summond Jhone Carstaris, George Wilsoun, Jhone Blak, Dauid Calland, all in Raderny, William Huchoun in Hashildane, James Pryde at Lathoker Miln, James Mortoun, and Bessy Dryburth his spous, to this day aucth dayis, to testifie in this mater.

\textit{Die xij Maii, anno lxxvij}\textsuperscript{1}

The quhilk day, Walter Geddy,\textsuperscript{2} being callit befor the session to mak publict humiliatioun in sek claith for the unhappy slaughter of umquhill James Cokburn, conperit, and offerrit him self willing to obey ony thing the kirk wald injune

\textsuperscript{1} Omitted.
\textsuperscript{2} Walter Geddy is interlined and is marked to be taken in between to and mak.
to him for the samyn; but allegis divers ressonis to continew publict humiliationoun for ane certane tyme, quhilkis being hard and fand ressonabill, the session continewit his publict humiliationoun quhill Lammes nixttocum.

The quhilk day, Margret Bett grantis hir with barne to Robert Hendersoun maltman, quhilk wes gottin as sche allegis \(^1\) in Robertis awin hous at Zuill last wes. The sessoun ordanit Robert to be warnit to this\(^2\) day aucht dayis to anser to the dilatioun.

The quhilk day, Androw Tod in Straythkynnes, servitour to Jhone Richeart thair, for breking and violating of the Sabbath day last wes, in delving and sawing of lint, aganis the law of God, is ordanit to sitt on ane stueil lauchè\(^3\) in the kirk, beneth the place of repentance, upon Sunday befoir none, and thaireftir stand up on his feit efter the sermone, and mak publict humiliationoun, [and]\(^4\) ask God and the congregatioun forgives.

The quhilk [day],\(^5\) Alexander Dik and Elspott Lesselis adulteraris ar ordanit to compeir on Sunday nixttocum, at the second bell to sermoun befoir none, and stand thair cled in sek claih quhilk the last bell be cessit, and thaireftir assend to the highest gre of the penitent stueil, and sitt quhilk the sermon prayar and blessing be done geving, and sa furth to contine new ilk Sunday quhilk the kirk be satisfeit.

The quhilk day Effe Banis grantis sche hes born ane madin barne in fornicatioun to Jhone Rind in Straythwethy. He is ordanit to be warnit to this day aucht dayis to anser thairto.

The quhilk [day, as]\(^6\) ane terme statut to do diligens for Jhone Carstaris in Raderny, George Wilsoun thair, Jhone Blak thair, Dauid Calland thair, William Hucheoun in Hashaldane, and James Pryde at Lathoker Miln, James Mortoun in Eister Mortoun, and Bessy Dryburth his spous, witnes, for preving of the dilationis gevin in aganis James Martine, and for triall of the treuth in that mater, conperit the said Jhone Carstaris, George Wilsoun, Jhone Blak, William Hucheon, James Pryde, and James Mortoun, quha ar ressavit and surn, and deponit as thair depositioun beris. The session ordanit to

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\(^1\) *Allgis* in MS.

\(^2\) *Laiche, low.*

\(^3\) *This this* in MS.

\(^4\) Omitted.
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do diligens for Dauid Calland and Bessy Dryburth, this day aucht dayis, and ordanit the said James Mortoun to conpeir agane this day aicht dayis, and testifie the treuth, becaus his depositeoun this day is obscure.

And forder the saidis witnes, being examinat upon the treuth and equite of the dilatioun gevin in aganis ane named [Catrick—deleted] Cathrin Patrik in Eister Mortoun, thai deponit as their depositeioun beris. The sessioun ordanit the said James Mortoun and Bessy Dryburth to be summond agane heirto, this day aucht dayis, under pane of censouris of the kirk.

The sessioun ordanit Mr. Martine Carstrophin to be warnit Carstrophin, to this day aucht dayis, to answar to sic thingis as salbe proponit to him.

Die xxviio Maii, 1591.

The quhilk day, William Arthur of Carnis and Mr. Martin Carstrophan, baith present, ar chargit to conpeir agane this day xv dayis, and gif in thair ressonis quhy thai mak nocht publict humiliatioun conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day Patrik Blak and Margret Bransche in Spinkston grantis thai haif gottin ane barn in fornicatioun. Thai ar ordanit to satisfie thairfor conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day, Jhone Bell in Kyncapill grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Margret Pryde: the said Margret being present grantis the samyn. Thai ar ordanit to satisfie thairfor conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day Robert Hendersoun grantis he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Margret Bett. He is ordanit to satisfie thairfor conforme to the ordour.

Die ixio Junii, 1591.

The quhilk day, the session ordanit James Mortoun, Bessy Dryburth his spous, and Cathrine Patrik, to be all warnit to this day aucht dayis; with certificatioun thai suld be all publiclie summond; and als to summond Jonet Paty to the samyn
day; with certificatioun, and sche ¹ conpeir [nochti], ² to be
publicle ³ summond.

The quhilk day, the session ordanit to charge William
Arthour and Mr. Martine Carstrphen, to conpeir befoir thame
this day aucth dais.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanit Jonet Brenton to
mak publicitum humiliation, for gatting of the barn as sche
allegis in fornicatioun with Mr. Jhone Bron; and if it may
be fund and verefit heirefter that the barne is ony uther
mannis nor the said Mr. Jhonis, ather gottin in adulterie or
incest, sche to satisfie thairfor of new accordingle; and to that
effect sche to find suir cautiou, actitat in townis buikis befoir
ane balye and commoun clerk; and in the meanetyme ordanis
the said Jonettis barn to be baptizit ⁴ on hir awin repentance.

Die xxi° Junii, 1591.

The quhilk day, Beigis Chaipline grantis sche hes borne ane
mane child in fornicatioun to Jhone Zuill in Clairmonth,
quhile wes gottin in Clairmonth, in hir bed in his motheris
hous in the hall, and that sche hes hed oftimes to do with
him; the first tyne wes at Witsunday last wes. Jhone Smyth
deakin takis the burding on him to caus the said Jhone Zuill
conpeir to answuer to the dilatioun this day aucth dais.

The quhilk day, Androw Selliar officiar verefit that he hed
warnit Jonet Paty personale, and Cathrin Patrik at hir duell-
ing place in Eistor Morton, being certifiti that sche wes thair,
to this day; and becaus thai, being oftimes callit, laidfull tyme
bidden, and conperit nocht, the sesson ordanit thame to be
publicle summond Sunday nixttocum, to conpeir this day
aucth dais, under [pane of] ² publile admonitioun.

The quhilk day, the sessioun, at the humill suit of Alex-
der Dik, adultrar with Elspot Lessellis, and at the suit of
his spous, the said Alexander haifin alreddy sittin fyve sindry
Sondays on the stuilt of repentance in sek claith, ordanit him
to be ressavit, under promis that he enter agane to mak forder
satisfaction quhen be salbe requirit.

¹ Thai in MS.            ⁴ Baptizit in MS.
² Omitted.            ³ Publile in MS.
Die Mercurii, xxij° Junii, 1591.

The quhilk day, Thomas Wod redar procut ane summondis dewle execut and indorsat aganis Jonet Paty in Lathonis, and Cathrin Pattrik in Eister Morton, as thai that wer publicle summond upon Sunday last wes, the xx day of Junii instant, to haif conperit this day and ansuerit to the dilatiouen gevin in aganis thame, under pane of censouris of the kirk, as the summondis at mair lenth contenis; and becaus the saidis Jonet and Patrik, being oftimis callit, laidfull tyme biddin, conperit nocht, the sessioun ordanit thame to be summond publice the secony tyme, under pane of excommunicatioun, to this day aucht dayis.

The samyn day, conperit Bessy Dryburth, mother to Catrik¹ Dryburth, Mortoun, witen. 
Pattrik, and James Morton in Eister Morton, spous to the said Bessy, witnes, warnt to this day in the dilatioun gevin in aganis James Weys of Lathoker and James Martine of Lathonis, ressvit suorn and examinat, deponis as thair depositions beris.

Die Mercurii, ultimo Junii, 1591.

The quhilk day, Thomas Wod redar procut ane summondis dewle execut and indorsat aganis Jonet Paty in Lathonis and Cathrin Pattrik in Eister Mortoun, as thai that wer publice summond upon Sunday last wes, the xxvij of Junii instant, to haif conperit this day and ansuerit to the dilatiouen gevin in aganis thame, under pane of excommunicatioun, and for the secony publict admonition; and becaus thai conperit nocht, being oftimes callit, laidfull tyme biddin, thairfor the session ordanit thame to be summond agane the thrid tyme publice, under pane of excommunicatioun, to this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Jhone Zuill in Clairmonth, being accusit upon the dilatiouen of Beigis Chaiplane gevin in aganis him, declaris he nevir knew the said Beigis carnalie bot ane tyme, and that wes viij dayis eftir Lammas last wes, in his motheris barne in Clairmonth. The session ordanis baith the partis to be punisit as fornicatouris, conforme to the ordour.

¹ Sic.
The quhilk day, Margret Schankis grantis sche is with barn, gottin in fornicatioun with Walter Scott, servitour to Dauid Turbill, and that sche hes hed thryis to do with him; the first tyme wes upon Lathoker Mwir about Martimes, quhen sche wes cumand hame to Sanctandrous furth of the Grange; and the uther tua tymes wes in William Zuill chirigans hous in wynter, upon the hiche stair, quhen hir maister and hir hussy\(^1\) wes in Jhone Sourdse hous at the supper; and saysis that the said Walter followit hir upon Lathoker Mwir on ane hors, and he tuik hir on behind him, and befoir he tuik hir on he hed to do with hir, and thairefuir immediate he past away fra hir, and within ane litill quheill he followit hir, and thai com hame to gidder sche being behind him on the hors; sche lichitit nevir quhill sche com to the Sowth Haucht, and than sche com up throw the Craftis, and he reid up the Burn Wynd. And the said Walter, being accusit upon the triall of the samyn, saysis that he wes passand fra Sanctandrous on his maisteris hors to Vnthank, and in his ganging he forgadderit with Margret on the muir and tuik hir on behind him, and quhen sche lichitit he hed then to do with hir and nocht befoir; and thairefuir he past away fra hir to Vnthank and left his maisteris hors behind him, and borowit ane hors in Vnthank, and com agane to St. Androus with hir. And now he saysis thai com to gidder on thair feit to St. Androus; and als he now saysis that the hors wes nocht his maisteris hors, bot ane hors quhilk he tuik at his awin hand gangand in the Sowth Hauche, and quhen he com to the Nether Burn he lichitit and luit the hors gang fra him. And als he first grantit that he hed to do with hir tua sindry tymes, anes on Lathoker Mwir, and ane uther tyme in the said hiche stair; bot now he grantis thre tymes. Thus thai, being severale accusit, varcis in thair depositionis, and makis utheris leyaris; quhairthrow it is suspectit that thai ar fengyeit, and seducit to lie and deny the treuth.\(^2\)

\(^1\) Mistress.
\(^2\) This shows that it was through no idle curiosity, but from a desire to get at the truth, that the session inquired so minutely as to the times and places of sinning. That there was otherwise a danger of their being imposed upon is manifest from a case which was before the Presbytery in the previous year.—
\(^4\) Octobris primo, anno etc. lxx.xs. The quhilk day, comperit the young Lard of
thame to be warnit agane of new, and to be re-examinat, quhen the minister cuminis hame and the session is full.

_Die Mercurii, septimo Julii, 1591._

The qhilk day, Issobell Berclay grantis hir with barne to George Mwrray, qhilk wes gottin in the Auld College, in the Dane of Glasgowis chalmer, at Fastronis evin last, and dyveris tymes sensyne in the samyn place, and in Dauid Myllis hous. The session ordanit Issobell to caus adverteis George Murray to cum heir and satisfe this day aucht dayis.

The qhilk day, Jonet Dunce grantis hir with barn to Jhone Dowgall, servitour to Dauid Sourd, qhilk wes gottin in Jhone Dunce hous, about Fastronisevin last wes. [It is ordanit]¹ to summond Jhone to anser to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis. This is the thrid barn Jonet hes gottin in fornicatioun.

The qhilk day, Margret Stevinsoun, spous to George Wil- soun in Laderny, being this day befoir the session, summond as witnes and maidwyffe to Cathrin Patrik in Ester Morton tyme of hir birth, desyrrit to gif hir aith to testifie the treuth, &c., sche expressle refusit.² Thairfor the sessoun ordanit hir

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Balkaske, and confessit him to be father of ane barn alledgit to be his, confessis the mother of the barn to be deid, the barn to be thre yeiris of age, to have been gottin in Leith; affirms the barn to be baptisit, and knawis not quhair nor be quhom, bot that it wes presentit to baptism be ane freind of his awin surname, quho wes past to France with the Laird of Wemys: as concerning the woman quhether sche wes madin or widow, the hous quhair sche duelt, quhair the barn wes gottin, the tym quhen he hed to do with hir, the name of the... minister quho baptisit the barn and of him quho wes presenter, takis the day sylein dayis to adyvisit and to anser to thir circumstancis¹ (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery). ¹ *Novembris quinto, anno etc. lxxxiv*. Because the young Laird of Balckaske confessit him to be the father of ane barn alledgit to be his, and this day denis the same be his letter, therfor ordanis his minister to charge him to compeer befoir the Presbiterie the day aucht dayis' (Ibid.). ² _Decembris 3rd 1590_. The qhilk day, young Balkaske, being inquirit of his conscience quho movit him to tak upon him to be the father of the barn alledgit to be his, anserit that Caipant Strang desyrit him to len his name to that barn and thairfor promesit him ane fair hors² (Ibid.).

¹ Omitted.
² Refut in MS.
to conpeir this day xv dayis to that effect, under pane of censouris of kirk and publict admonition.¹

**Die Mercurii, xiiiij° Julii, 1591.**

The quhilk day, Jhone Dugall grantis the dilatioun,² bering him to haif knawin Jonet Dunce carnale, trew, and that sche is with barn to him. He is ordanit to satisfie as ane simple fornicatour; and Jonet Dunce present is ordanit, becaus sche is now thris rellapis in fornicatioun, to be xx dayis impressonit, and to sitt thre sindy Sundayis on the penitent stull.

**Die Mercurii, xx° Julii, 1591.**

The quhilk day, Thomas Wod redar product ane summondis dewlie execut and indorsat aganis Jonet Paty in Lathonis and Cathrin Patrik in Eister Mortoun, as thai that wer publictle summoned upon Sunday last wes, the xvij day of Julii instant, to haif conperit this day to haif anserit to the dilatioun gevin in aganis thame, under pane of censouris of the kirk, and this for the thrid and last publict summondis, as the summondis at mair lent containis. And thai, being oftmes callit, laidfull tyme biddin, conperit nocth, the session ordanit and decrenit thame to haif meret the feirfull sentence of excommunicat for thair contempt. And yit befor the pronunciatioun thairof, the session ordanit the minister to signifie the samyn to the congregatioun publicle Sunday nichtoune, exhorting thair freindis and acquaintence to travell with thame for obedience, and to request the congregatioun to pray for thame; and continewit the pronunciatioun of thair sentence quhill this day viij dayis.

**Die Mercurii, quarto mensis Augusti, 1591.**

The quhilk day, Mr. David Blak minister declarit that he, upon Sunday last wes, publiclie admonisit and requiestit, in

¹ This paragraph has been squeezed in after the one following it had been written. ² Dilagatioun in Ms. ³ Sic.
the name of God, all and sundry the kyn freindis and familiar acquittance of Jonet Paty and Cathrin Patrik, that thai micht travell with thame to caus thame conpeir befoir the session this day, to ansuer to sic thingis as salbe propon[it] to thame at thair cuming, rather nor thai suld be excommunicat. The saidis Jonet and Cathrin being this day oftimes callit, nocht conperand, nor yit name in thair names to the effect foirsaid, bot contempteuslie disobeyit the voce of the kirk; the sessioun, yit movit with mercy, slaw to pronounce that feirfull sentence, in hope of humiliatioun and obedience, continewis the said sentence to Sunday cum aucht daysis, the xv of August instant; and yit in the meane tyme the minister to mak publict admonitioun Sunday nixttocum, that freindis and acquittance of the saidis personis may yit travill with thame for obedience, Weddinsday nixttocum, the xj of August instant, and if thai failye the said sentence to be pronuncet the said xv of August but forder delay.

The quhilk day, being appointit to Margret Stevinson maidwyffe to conpeir and mak faith and to depon upon the treuth of sic thingis as suld be sperit at hir, sche conperit nocht, thairfor the session ordanit hir to be publicc til summond thairto Sunday nixttocum, under pace of censoursis of the kirk.

The quhilk day; conperit Elspot Zounger, as sche that wes warnit to this day, and being inquirit of the maner how Thomas Wilsoun usit hir, ansueris . . . 4 Thomas, being also warnit the samyn day, denisy the dilatioun, except he lay in the bed with hir sen hir gudhame decessit; and that sche is ten yieir auld at Candilies nixttocum. Thomas is ordanit to cum agane to testife the treuth this day aucht daysis.5

Die Mercurii, xj° Augusti, 1591.

The quhilk day, the sentence of excommunicatioun aganis Patrik, Paty. Jonet Paty and Cathrin Patrik is continewit to Sunday cum

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1 Sic. 2 Feindis in ms. 3 Omitted.
4 Here her statement is recorded.
5 This case does not come up again; and there is a blank in the Register of the Presbytery, extending from the meeting of the 22d July to that held on the 26th of August.
aucht dayis, in hope of their humiliatioun; as also the sum-
mondis publict aganis Margret Stevinson continewit to the
said day.

Die Mercurii, viij Septembris, 1591.

The quhilk day, the sentence of excomunicatioun to be pro-
nuncit aganis Jonet Paty and Cathrin Patrik, and also the
publict summondis aganis Margret Stevinson, is continewit
quhill the session be fully convenit, that the mater may be
ressonit and veisiit.

The quhilk day, Elspot Lessellis, adultrice with Alexander
Dik, is ordanit to conpeir to morn befoir the Presbittrie, and
ressaif hir injunctionis.

The quhilk day, Margret Narne, servitour to Androw Wrycht,
grantis hir to be with barne to Thomas Wemyss, sone to
Thomas Wemis officiar, quha is now in Flanderis. Sche is
ordanit to produce witnes this day aucth dayis, to verfey that
Thomas grantit the barn befoir he departit to Flanderis.

Die Mercurii, xv Septembris, 1591.

The quhilk day, Elene Wilsoun grantis hir with barn to
Henry Wilsoun mariner, quhilk wes gottin in the hous of
John Wilsoun malmman, in hir awin bed in the hali; the first
tyme wes in Lentron last wes. [It is ordanit] to warn Henry
quhen he cummis hame fra the saill.

The quhilk day, Agnes Bron grantis hir with barn to Patrik
Bouy in Langraw, quhilk wes gottin in Fedinsche at Witos-
day last wes. [It is ordanit] to warn Bouy to this day aucth
dayis.

Die Mercurii, decimo mensis Octobris, 1591.

The quhilk day, John Smyth and Margret Fleming grantis
that half gottin ane barne to gidder in forniciatioun, in Davi
Smythis hous in this citee; and that the samyn barne wes

1 Omitted.
born in Lokkeis hous in this citem, and the barne wes borne deid, and burriit under silence of nycht be Androw Sellar and Alane belman. The session ordanit thame to satisfi for their offence conforme to the ordour; and Androw Sellar and Alane to be warnit and accusit for burying of the said barn, being gottin in fornication and nocht satisfaction maid to the kirk thairfor, and under silence of nycht, the majestratis nocht being advertisit.

Die tertio Novembris, anno lxxxjº

The quhilk day, Margret Mane grantis hir with barne to Stevin Lawsooun, servitour to Margret Aytoun, quhilk wes gottin at Midsummer last wes, in hir awin hous in this citem; the first tyme wes at Peasche last wes, and the last tyme wes xx dayis befoir Lammes last wes. Sche buir ane barne befoir to William Dikson in Lawder. [It is ordanit]² to warn Lawson to this day auctor dayis.

The quhilk day Henry Wilsoun grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Elen Wilson. He is ordanit to satisfi as also the said Elene conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day, conperit Issobell Trest and Jhone Andersoun, quha grantis thai haif gottin ane barn³ in adultery in Vnthank, the said Issobell being mariit with James Scrymgeour. The session ordanit thame to conperit to morn befoir the Presbittrie and ressaif thair injunctionis.⁴

Die Mercurii, xxiiijº Novembris, anno lxxxjº

The quhilk day, Cristene Hound grantis sche hes borne ane barne in fornicatioun to Jhone Carnis, quhilk wes gottin [in]² Robert Scheves chalmer in the Abbay, xv dayis befoir Zuill last wes, betuix fyve and sex houris eftir none, and that he hed oftimes to do with hir sensyne. The session ordanit

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¹ Alane Robertson. ² Omitted. ³ Subst.: in bun in barne in MS. ⁴ December 10, 1591.—Conperit Jhone Andersoun, parochiner of Sanct-andresis, dwelling in the Grang[e], and confessit adultery with Issobell Tressis; and sche, in lyk maner, confessis the said s[in] of adultery with him' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery).
Jhone Carnis to be warnit to answar to the dilatioun this day auntch dayis.

The quhilk day, Jonet Symmer grantis hir with barne to Paule Congiltoun, servitour to Mr. Jhone Aytoun of Kynnaldy, quhilk wes gottin in Kynnaldy in Lentrin last wes, in the eist chalmer; the last tyme wes viij dayis befoir Michaelmes last wes. The sessioun ordanit the said Paule to be warnit heirto this day auntch dayis.

*Die Mercurii, primo Decembris, anno lxxxvj.*

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar officiar vereifiit that he hes warnit Jhone Carnis personalie, to answar this day to the dilatioun gevin in be Cristene Hound aganis him; and the said Jhone being oftimes callit thairto, nocht conperand, the sessioun ordanit him to be warnit agane to answar to this day auntch dayis, for the secund tyme under [pane of]¹ publict admonition.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar vereifiit that he hed also warnit Stevin Lawson personalie to this day, to answar to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him be Margret Mane. Becaus he conperis nocht, the sessioun ordanit him to be warnit heirto this day auntch dayis, for the secund tyme, under [pane of]¹ publict admonition.

The quhilk [day],¹ Henry Anderson litstar, being accusit for haifing carnall daill with Elspot Davidsoun sen the last tyme he wes admonisit, grantis the samyn, and promisis to returne this day auntch dayis and contract marige with hir, and to satisfie for his offence at the sessionis will.

*Die Mercurii, octavo Decembris, 1591.*

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar² vereifiit that he hed warnit Jhone Carnis to this day personalie, to answar to the dilatioun gevin in be Cristene Hound aganis him; and becaus he conperis nocht, the sessioun ordanit him to be warnit agane the secund tyme, to this day auntch dayis, under [pane of]¹ publict admonition.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar vereifiit that he hed warnit

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¹ Omitted. ² Interlined over *Carnis* deleted.
Stevin Lawson personalie to this day, to anser to the dilatioun gevin aganis him be Margret Manec. Beacaus he conperis nocht, the session ordanis him to be warnit the secund tyme, to this day aucth dayis, under [pane of]\(^1\) publict admonitioun.

*Die decimo quinto mensis Januarii, 1591.*

The quhilk day, Mr. James Martine, Provest of St. Saluaturis College, Mrs. Dauid Russell, William Russell, Jhone Scott, William Lermonth, Patrik Guthrie, elderis, Androw Wrycht deakin, and Thomas Wod redar, being assemblit in the consalhous, hes ordanit Patrik Arthour, portioner of Newtoun, his barne, procret be him on Margret Monipenny his ladfull spous, to be baptizit; and thai nochtwithstanding to satisfie for ony offence and sklander done and gevin be thame befoir thair mariagie, quhen the kirk sall command thame.

*Die primo Martii, 1591.*

The quhilk day, Patrik Bouy, servitour to George Ramsy of Langraw, grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Annabil Bron, quhilk wes gottin in Fedinsche. He is ordanit to satisfie thairfor conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day Paule Congiltoun and Jonet Symmer grantis thai haif gottin ane barn in fornicatioun in Kynnaldy. Thai ar ordanit to satisfie thairfor conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day conperit Alane Lentroun qhala denyis the dilatioun gevin in aganis him be Issobell Guidsfallow. Thai ar ordanit to be confrontit this day aicht dayis.

*Die viij mensis Martii, 1591.*

The quhilk day, Beatrix Broun grantis sceh hes borne ane barne in adulterie to Jhone Forrett duelling at Forrett Miln, quhilk wes gottin in ane litill auld hous besyde the nether yett of the Abbay, aucht dayis eftir Wisunday last wes. It is ordanit that Thomas Wod present request to the Presbittre to morn, to caus Jhone Forrett conpeir this day aucht dayis, to ansuer to the dilatioun.

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\(^1\) Omitted.
Die xxix Martii, 1592.

The quhilk day, Dauid Strang grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Margret Scott, as also Margret grantit the samyn. Dauid is ordanit to be impressonit and to satisfie conforme to the ordour. Margret committit adultrie befoir with Duncane Balfour.\(^1\) Sche is ordanit also to satisfie, but the hail session to be advisit upon hir satisfaction.

The quhilk day, Henry Anderson is ordanit to enter to the stueil of repentance Sunday nixttocum, and to sitt thairon, for fornicatioun with Elspot Davidson, thre sindry Sundayis, becaus he is thryis relapis.

The quhilk day, Margret Grundestoun grantis sche is with barne to Henry Gaw, quhilk wes gottin in Androw Forrettis hous xx dayis effir Martimes last wes, in the chalmor in the nicht. The sessioun ordanit Henry Gaw to be warnit to answor to the dilatioun this day aocht dayis.

The quhilk day, Issobell Blak grantis hir with barne to Androw Greif, quhilk wes gottin at Lambes last wes, in Cathrin Zoungis hous in this citee. Androw is ordant to be warnit to answor to the said dilatioun.

The quhilk day, Margret Stevinsoun grantis sche hes borne [ane barne]\(^2\) in fornicatioun to Mr. Dauid Mwrray, quhilk wes gottin in the Bischoppis hous. Sche allegis the barne wes baptizit in the kirk of [blank] within the Presbittrie of Perth; and is ordanit to satisfie for hir offence in this kirk, and to report testimoniall of the baptizing\(^3\) of the barin.

The quhilk day Jonet Duncansoun grantis hir with barne to [blank]. Sche is ordanit [to]\(^5\) enter in presson Satterday nixttocum, or ellis to pay xx s. in part of pament of the Act.

Die xix Aprilis, 1592.

The quhilk day Jhone Carnis grantis carnall copulation with Cristene Hound. He hes payit in viij s. in part of pament of the Act for his impressoment; and is ordanit to mak

\(^1\) This seems to imply that the session did not believe her accusation against Mr. Androw Alane. See supra, p. 704.

\(^2\) Omitted.

\(^3\) Baptizing in ms.
publicli humilialioun, conforme to the ordour, within ane moneth.

The quhilk day, Issobell Strang grantis hir with barne to Confessio
Jhone Galloway, servitour to the Laird of Carmebe, quhilk wes
gettin in Dauid Strangis hous in Pittinweme. The balyes
hes promist to tak ordour with hir in the tolbuith, and gif hir
ane assyis Friday nixttocum.

The quhilk day, Margret Rind grantis sche hes born ane barne
in fornicatioun to Jhone Gourlay, quhilk wes gottin in
Tessis, in Lady Wodis hous, within the parroch of Seres.
The bailyes hes promist to tak ordour with hir in the tolbuith,
and gif hir ane assyis Friday nixttocum.

The quhilk day, Margret Scott is ordanit to begyn agane Decretum
hir pennence in seclaith Sonday nixttocum, for adultrie with
umquhill Duncane Balfour, and to continew quhill the kirk
be satisfet, and thaireftir to be punisit for fornicatioun with
Dauid Strang.

The quhilk day, Thomas Wod redar producit ane summondis
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dewle execut and indorsat upon Margret Clapen adultrice, Weland, Bett.
Beatrix Weland and Agnes Bett fornicatouris, quha wes laid-
fulle summond publice to this day, to anser to the dilatioun
and to sic thingis as suld haif bein sperit at thame; and, becaus
thai conperiit nocht, thai ar ordanit to be sum mond the secund
tyme publice, under pane of excommunicatioun. And als
Èlspot Guidsfallow grantis sche hes born ane madin barne in
adultrie to Alane Lentron, quhilk wes gottin.

Die tertio mensis Maii, 1592.

The quhilk day, Alexander Pady and Margret Clapen being
Clapen, Pady.
calit befoir the sessioun for keping cumpanie to gidder as
sij Junii.
adulteraris, thai conperiit and allegit thame to be mariit in the
town of Wark in Ingland; and that Robert Auchmowtys sun-
tyme spous to the said Margret is devorsit fra hir, and he is
mariit with ane other woman. The sessioun ordanit thame to
produce testimoniall of thair mariage and decrete of divorc-
Die xxix\textsuperscript{e} Martii, 1592.

The quhilk day, Dauid Strang grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Margret Scott, as also Margret grantit the samyn. Dauid is ordanit to be impressonit and to satisfie conforme to the ordour. Margret committit adultrie befoir with Duncane Balfour.\textsuperscript{1} Sche is ordanit also to satisfie, bot the haill session to be advisit upon hir satisfaction.

The quhilk day, Henry Anderson is ordanit to enter to the stull of repentance Sunday nixttocum, and to sitt thairon, for fornicatioun with Elspot Daidson, thre sindry Sondayis, becaus he is thrhis relapis.

The quhilk day, Margret Grundestoun grantis sche is with barne to Henry Gaw, quhilk wes gottin in Androw Forrettis hous xx days aftir Martimes last wes, in the calmer in the nicht. The sessioun ordanit Henry Gaw to be warnit to answer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Issobell Blak grantis hir with barne to Androw Greif, quhilk wes gottin at Lambes last wes, in Cathrin Zoungis hous in this citee. Androw is ordant to be warnit to answer to the said dilatioun.

The quhilk day, Margret Stevisoun grantis sche hes borne barne\textsuperscript{2} in fornicatioun to Mr. Dauid Mwrray, quhilk wes gottin in the Bischoppis hous. Sche allegis the barne wes baptizit in the kirk of \textit{blank} within the Feshbittrie of Perth; and is ordanit to satisfie for hir offence in this kirk, and to report testimoniall of the baptizing\textsuperscript{3} of the barin.

The quhilk day Jonet Duncansoun grantis hir with barne to \textit{blank}. Sche is ordanit [to]\textsuperscript{2} enter in presson Satterday nixttocum, or ellis to pay xx s. in part of pament of the Act.

Die xix\textsuperscript{e} Aprilis, 1592.

The quhilk day Jhone Carnis grantis carnall copulaition with Cristene Hound. He hes payit in viij s. in part of pament of the Act for his impressomant; and is ordanit to mak

\textsuperscript{1} This seems to imply that the session did not believe her accusation against Mr. Androw Alane. See \textit{supra}, p. 704.

\textsuperscript{2} Omitted.

\textsuperscript{3} Baptizing in ms.
publict humiliatioun, conforme to the ordour, within ane moneth.

The quhilk day, Issobell Strang grantis hir with barne to Jhone Galloway, servitor to the Laird of Carnebe, quhilk wes gottin in David Strangis hous in Pittinweme. The balyeis hes promist to tak ordour with hir in the tolbuith, and gif hir ane assyis Friday nixttocum.

The quhilk day, Margret Rind grantis sche hes born ane barne in fornicatioun to Jhone Gourlay, quhilk wes gottin in Tessis, in Lady Wodis hous, within the parrochien of Seres. The balyes hes promist to tak ordour with hir in the tolbuith, and gif hir ane assyis Friday nixttocum.

The quhilk day, Margret Scott is ordanit to begyn agane hir penence in seclathi Sunday nixttocum, for adultrie with umquhill Duncan Balfour, and to continew quhill the kirk be satisfeit, and thairefrit to be punisit for fornicatioun with David Strang.

The quhilk day, Thomas Wod redar producit ane summondis dewle execut and indorsat upon Margret Clapen adultrices Beatrix Weland and Agnes Bett fornicatouris, quha wes lad- fulle summond publice to this day, to ansuer to the dilatioun and to sic thingis as sul'd haif bein sperit at thame; and, becaus thai conperit nocht, thai ar ordanit to be summond the secund tyme publice, under pane of excommunication. And als Elspot Guidfallow grantis sche hes born ane madin barne in adultrie to Alane Lentron, quhilk wes gottin.

Die tertio mensis Maii, 1592.

The quhilk day, Alexander Pady and Margret Clapen being callit befoir the sessiun for keping cumpanie to gidder as adulteraris, thai conperit and allegit thame to be mariit in the town of Wark in Ingland; and that Robert Auchmowty sum-tyme spous to the said Margret is devorrit fra hir, and he is mariit with ane uther woman. The sessiun ordanit thame to produce testimoniall of thair mariage and decrete of devource-

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1 Confessio in ms.
2 Publice in ms.
3 Here this entry ends abruptly.
ment, the xij of Junii nixttocum; certefeinge thame, if thai failye, the sessioun will proceid aganis thame to the censouris of the kirk.

The quhilk day, conpert Issobell Gudfallo, quha, being accusit quhy sche conpert nocht to be confrontit with Alane Lenton, ansueris sche wes in the kirk that day, bot sche wes persuadit to pas away and nocht to conpeir be Dauid Gudfallow, Gregore Watson, Mr. Dauid Auchmoty yonger, and Jhone Lenton.

*Die xxij* Augusti, anno lxxxij*

The quhilk day, Alexander Pady and Margret Clapen, being to this day warnit to produce testimoniall of thair marage, and decrete quhail Margret wes devorsit fra Robert Auchmoty hir first husband, conperit Alexander Pady, quha producit ane testimoniall subscrivd be Mr. Dauid Spens, minister of Kirkcaldy, testifieing that he mariit Robert Auchmowty laidfulle with Grissell Seitoun, within the parrochin of Kirkaldy, and that becaus the said Robert is devorsit fra the said Margret Clepen be decrete of the commissaris of Edinburgh. The sessioun ordanit Alexander yit as of befoir to produce testimoniall of his laidfull mariage with Margret Clapen, betuix this and Candilmes nixttocum.

The quhilk day, Alane Lentonoun, being warnit to this day to ansuer to the dilatiaiou gevin aganis him be Issobell Guidfallow, conperit nocht. The sessioun ordanit him to be warnit agane to this day aucth dayis, under pane of publict admonitioun.

The quhilk day Thomas Moreis grantis him to haif gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Agnes Reid. He is ordanit to satisfe for his offence, and Agnes to be warnit quhen sche is habill to travell.

*Die sexto Septembris, 1592.*

The quhilk day, Thomas Wod redar verefifi that he hed upon Sunday last wes summond Alane Lentonoun publiclie to

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1. *It in ms.*
2. *Publitie in ms.*
this day, to answer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him be Issobell Guidfallo, that he and sche may be confrontit thairin. Becaus he conperit nocht, the session ordanit him to be summond publikle Sonday nixttocum, for the secund tyme, under [pane of] ¹ censouris of the kirk.

The quhilk day, it being inquirit of Mr. Davyd Blak minister to sett down in speciall the heidis and preceptis, quhilk he desyris to be observit in this congregatioun:—First, he desyris that ordour be takin for keping of the Sabboth day; nixt, that provisioun be maid for the puir; thridlie, that the elders wache and attend upon the maneris of the pepill. ²

¹ Omitted.
² 'The 23d of September 1591 having been appointed by the Presbytery as the day on which commissioners were to be sent from each parish, 'to testifie of the doctrin and lyfe of ther ministeris, and to complain gif ony occasioun they hed,' there accordingly 'comperit Mrs. William Russell and William Cok commissioneris for the tow of Sanctantrous, quho compleenis upon ther minister for the not ministratioun of the sacramentis; and hes na thing to say farder aganis ther minister, or vicar Thomas Wood, . . . It is anseurit be the said Mr. Davyd [Blak] that he acketit not the ministrie simpliciter on him, but in houp that sic a portioun suld be allotit to him of the parochin as he mycht be abill to deal with in conscience, in administratioun of the Word and sacramentis and exercis of disciplin; and now seing that the paroche takis na ordour for appoynting sic ane portioun as he mycht deal with, and declarit that it is ane thing impossible for thame to do, he refuisse to accept the ministrie of the hail parochin as the wald have him doing; and desyris thame therfor to provyd for a minister or ma to serve thair turn' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery). After this the matter was frequenter before the Presbytery, as their Register shows. From the minute of the 18th of November it appears that he had not ony 'never as yitt ministrat the sacramentis,' but had now also 'withdrawin him fra the ministratioun of the Word.' He seems indeed to have left the town, for, on three subsequent occasions, the Presbytery resolved that he should be written for. At length, on the 21st of January 1591-2, the Provost, bailies, and council, gave in a bill to the Presbytery, mentioning that Black was unwilling to accept the ministry of their city, and desiring the Presbytery 'to ressave his awin declara-tioun heinintill; and in respect thairof to declare the place vacand and fre, that the sameing may be provdyt be the godlie advys and concurrence of the Presbitrie; and that in the mean tyme, quhill ordinar provisioun wer maid, that thae have the Word and sacramentis ministrat unto thaim.' The Presbytery then received his declaration, fortified by five reasons, and signed by him in their Register. One of the reasons was 'the undewisfull removing of the brother [Mr. John Authinleck], quho occupeit the place befor him, for laik of a litill maintenance; and never indevoring to suppleie the place with any uther.' Another is based on 'the continewall contempt of the Word, utterit by thame, in the personis of the ministeris thairof, quho occupeit ther pulpeit; and another on 'the alienatioun of thair myndis from his ministerie, utterit the self daylie mair and mair by
Die xiiij<sup>a</sup> Septembris, 1592.

The quhilk day, Dauid Watsoun bailye declaris that he com to Thomas Wod<sup>1</sup> redar and causit him to stay the publict withdrawing of ther personis from the sessioun. 'Having sustenit the greiff of thaim as he culd for the space of ane yeir, and finding no amendement by repentance, he declaris that he meins not to disgrace his ministerie any mair amangst thaim; but pronuncis the place to be void and vacant.' At the next weekly meeting, the Presbytery found that the place was not vacant; and ordered Mr. David to discharge the office of the ministry there, or show cause why he should not. On the 3d of February he again appeared and refused to obey the injunctions of the Presbytery, for certain reasons, which he was ordered to lodge in writing that day eight days. Thirteen reasons, grouped in three classes, were given in by him on the 10th of February, and the Presbytery found that he had not fully accepted the charge, and continued the matter for a week. On the 21<sup>st</sup> of February, 'The Presbitrie findis it to be ane guid reasoun: Mr. Dauid Blak hes not acceptit the ministerie of Sanctandrois, nor ordourlie adimitit therto; and tharfor he suld not be urgit to do the office.' No further action seems to have been taken until the 18<sup>th</sup> of June 1592, when it was ordained that the parishioners of St. Andrews should be summoned to that day eight days; and on the 29<sup>th</sup> of that month they were ordained 'to produce the Act of the Generall Assemble anent the planting of their kirk.' On the 6<sup>th</sup> of July, 'the congregatioun of St. Androis' was ordained 'to do farther diligence anent the planting of their ministrie.' The next reference to the matter is the one in the text, from which, had it stood alone, it might never have been inferred that Black was not acting then as their minister; yet that seems to have been the case; and the special 'heidis and preceptis,' which he was asked to set down, were probably intended as the basis of an agreement. Nothing apparently came out of all this for some time, for, on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December, the Presbytery granted the desire of the commissioners of St. Andrews, 'that the pulpit mich be supplet be the help of sum brithren, the nixt owlk of solemnne fasting appointed be the Kirk.'

1 This is the last reference to Thomas Wod in the Register. He was now a frail old man. Walter Adamsoun, a tailor, assaulted him on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 1591-2. At nine o'clock in the evening, 'under the silence of nycht,' Wod was 'resortand towards his awin hous, unmyndfull of ony injurie heirm or skaiith to have bene done to him be any person or personis, bot to have always be Goddis assistance frequintit his wounded rest. Nevertheles the said Walter Adamsoun, movit of quhat spirit unknownin,' or 'rather of the spirit of Sathan as apperit, maist schamfullie umbesett' the 'said Thomas Wod, being ane simpill aigit and impotent man,' unable to resist his wicked and furious attempt. Adamsoun 'patt handis in the said Thomas be ruggin of his staff fra him,' intending 'to have maist schamfullie murtherit' him. Had it not been for 'the assistance and speciall providence of God Almychtie, be quhois power and mercie he wes encouragit to divulgat this the said Walteris tratorus and bluide mening be crying with lowd voice Murther! Murther! he wes umbesett and murtherit be ane knaiff.' Wod having complained to the magistrates, and Adamsoun having confessed that 'he hed mellit with the said compleanar and wald have bereft him of his staff,' they appointed an inquest. The jury found Adamsoun, by his
citiotion of Alane Lentroun Sunday last wes; and promisis to caus him conpeir personalie this day aucht dayis and anser to the dilatiation.

own confession, 'to have done intollerable wrang' to 'ane simpill and impotent man bering charge in Chrystis kirk and congregacion of this citie.' Besides, Walter was 'notoriulie kawnin to be sic ane man, swa wyld and dissolute in lyf and conversation, na wayis wirthe to susten the societie of guid man (sic), nather yitt to be harberit in sic ane congregacion.' The trial was on Friday, and he was sentenced to be immediately put into the stocks, there to remain until Sabbath, when he was to be convoyed by the officers to the parish church, and 'placit upon the heichest degree of the penitent stule in quhbit lining or hardin claithis.' After the sermon he was on bended knees to confess his offence and crave forgiveness, then he was to be taken back again to the stocks, from which he was to be released on Monday, in order that he might be set in the jogis in the open market, 'cled in maneir foresaid with ane form of moitar [i.e. mitre] upon his heid, quhairupon salbe wrettin and expressit the form of his offence.' He was there again to make confession and ask forgiveness, and then by proclamation to be banished from the town for ever. The process has been copied into the Register of the Presbytery. Wod does not appear to have long survived this attack. Scott confounds him with a contemporary of the same name who was vicar of Carnbee (Fasti, ii. 411); while Laing states that they cannot be identified, as the vicar of St. Andrews had not taken his degree of A.M. at the University (Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, vii. 453); but in the Register of the Presbytery the vicar of Carnbee appears both as Thomas Wod and as Mr. Thomas Wod. There are references however in that Register which seem clearly to imply that the vicar of St. Andrews was not the same man as the vicar of Carnbee. The fame of Thomas Wod of St. Andrews rests entirely on his Psalter (see supra, p. 40, n. 2). Of his early history, says Laing, 'we have no certain information. His own words show that in 1562 he had joined the Reformers, and had commenced his labours on the music adapted to the metrical Psalms, and that in the course of four years his work in four books had been completed. Not being aware of any difference in date of the duplicate volumes, or that his explanatory notes were added at various times, I fell into the common mistake of supposing him to have held the office of vicar for some years previous to 1566. At that period it was not unusual for one person to hold an office while another enjoyed the teinds or emoluments; but the office itself of vicar ceased to be recognised in the Presbyterian Church, although the vicarage teinds were assigned by special grant from the Crown as a stipend to ministers or readers . . . From the Register of the Privy Seal, we further learn that on the 21st March 1575-6, Thomas Wood having obtained from 'My Lord Regentis Grace a presentation to the vicarage of Sanct Androis, Mr. John Wynrame, Superintendant of Fyfe, was charged to admit him to the said vicarage.' Laing adds, 'This grant of the vicarage teinds was for life, and Wood survived probably till the close of the sixteenth century. One of his marginal notes has the date 1592.' (Proc. of Soc. of Antiq. of Scot., vii. 452, 453.) But it is much more probable that he died that very year, for, as will be seen in a subsequent note (infra, p. 742), Mr. Robert Zuill was presented to the vicarage before the 2d of November 1592.
The quhilk day, conperit George Gilchrist wobstar and Cathrin Kynnynmonth, quha grants is that thai haif committit adulterie, the said George being mariit with ane uther woman; and that thai haif lyn to gidder fyve sindry tymes, and that the said Cathrin is with barne to him in adultrie. Thae ar ordanit to pas to morn to the Presbittrie and ressaif thair injunctionis, and thaireftir conpeir befoir the sessioni this day aucht dayis.

Die Veneris, xvi° Septembris, 1592.

The quhilk day, the sessionoun being convenit, conperit befoir thame Margret Philp, quha being examinit confessis that sche was mariit [with] Jhone Thomson, in the Garioch, in the Northland; and that sche and he com to Coupar in Fyffe and duelt thair (he being ane skynner of his craft) sevin yeiris, under Dauid Nicholl; and that hir husband deit fra hir at Michaelmes wes ane [yeir]; to quhomo sche bur twa barnis in lairdfull marriage; and sensyne sche hes born ane barne to Thomas Bell, ane puir vagabound beggar with ane hand, at Peasche last wes, in fornicatioun; and sche falslie disceiblit and said that hir barne wes hir husbandis, and causis James Tailzeour, seymen in the Fischergait, hald up hir barn, and James Clerk and Andro Dikeson wes witnes, quhen Mr. Robert Wilkie baptizit hir barn in St. Leonards kirk: and forder confessis and declaris that sche hes ane madin barne of sevin owkis auld in fostering with hir, and that the said barne is Patrik Bonkillis barne, and that he geif hir ane mark of silver to keip the barne; and that Jhone Maknair causit hir to pas with hir to ane town, quhilk is Norther Paufeildis, quhair the barne wes borne; and thair, quhen sche and Jhone Maknair com, the mother of the barne wes sittand in ane mirk chalmer, with ane cursche ower hir eis, quha deliverit the barne to hir upon Lammes evin last wes, and prayit hir to do weill to the barne; and als declaris that Patrik Bonkle, Jhone Maknair and sche, being convenit at Patrikis desyre in Patrikis writing chalmer, Patrik thair aggret with hir to tak the barn in fostering, and

1 Omitted.  
2 In in ms.  
3 A woman's cap.
geif hir the said mark of silver; and eftir that sche hed ressavit the barne sche past with it to Coupar, quhair sche remanit xx dayis at Patrikis desyre, and that Patrik promiat to caus tak the barne fra hir schortlie, and he said to hir the barne wes ane gentill mannis barne in Lowtheane; and eftir sche hed remanit xx dayis in Coupar, and nather com Patrik nor send to hir to tak the barne fra hir, sche com agane to this citee with the barn, to seik mair support fra Patrik to sustein the barn: and being inquirit quhair sche wes mariit, sayis that Walter Innes minister mariit hir with Jhone Thom- soun at the kirk of Leslie in the Garioche; and sayis that [blank] Cuthbert, gudwyf of the hous, wes present in the hous quhen sche ressavit the barne, and geif thame butter cheis and meit; and that Patrik Bonkle com to Jhone Segis hous to hir, and bad hir cum to his chalmer to him to aggre with hir; and Patrik send Jhone Caldwellis to hir to that effect, viij dayis befoir the barn wes born. Jhone Mknair, being suorn and examinat, deponis, on his conscience, that he wes directit be Patrik Bonkle to pas to Norther Faufeld, to Androw Dikesonis hous, with Margret Philp, to ressaif ane barne new born in the said Androwis hous; and that he ressavit fra Patrik for his panis ane Frensche testane; and that he saw ane woman qhillk wes sittand in ane chalmer, and knavis nocht the womannis name, nor yit the barnis father. Margret Philp also sayis that quhen sche ressavit the barn the mother thair- of said to hir, The silver that Patrik Bonkle hes gevin yow is bot drink silver, he will pay yow honestle thairfor, and find the barne clathis! and that Patrik gef hir xiiij s. iiiij d. sen syne in the College Kirkzard, ane nicht at ix houris at evin, to pas furth of the town with the barn. The samyn day com- perit Patrik Bonkill, common clerk of this citee, and, being examinat and chargit with the fairsaid dilatioun, if the barne be his or nocht and if the dilatioun be trew, declaris on his conscience the barne is nocht his barne, and that he nevir knew ony woman carnale sen he wes mariit bot his present mariit wyffe; and forder confessis that he, at desyre of ane gentill man, gef ane mark of silver to the said Margret Philp

Walter Innes supplied the parish of Leslie in 1580 (Scott’s Fasti, iii. 590).
to foster the barne, and that he knewis nocht the barnis
mother; and that [he]¹ sall do diligens to caus the barnis
father conpeir befoir the sessioun upon Weddinsday cum aucht
dayis, and confes the barne; and denyis the geying of ane
testane to Jhone Maknair; and, being demandit to tell the
gentill mannis name, presentle refusis. The session nocht-
withstanding ordanis him [to]¹ conpeir Weddinsday nixtto-
cum, and declar the gentill mannis name quha is the barnis
father, and to caus him conpeir Weddinsday cum aucht dayis
personale and confes the samyn, conforme to his promis; and
ordanis Mr. William Russell balye, Mr. Jhone Scott, and
Charlis Watsoun clerk, to pas this day with all diligens to
Norther Faufeld, and examinat [blank] Cuthbert maidwyffe
and Andrew Dikeson, upon the said dilatoun. Quha, being
examinat be thame the said day, deponis as followis: first,
being inquirit if ony woman wes lighter in hir hous of ane
barn sen Witsunday last wes, ansueris that ane ant of hir awin,
haifand hir gud man at the saill, com furth of Craill to hir
and wes deliverit² of ane barn, and thaireftir sche past hame
agane to Craill; and, being inquirit if ony uther woman wes
deliverit² of ony barnis in hir hous sen Witsunday nor that,
ansueris, Na. And than it being schawin to hir that ane
woman, this day with Jhone Maknair present befoir the
consall of the sessioun of St. Androus, declarit that thai at
command of Pa. Bonkill ressavit ane madin barn fra hir furth
of hir hous, than sche ansuer and confessis, Now I remember
ane uther young woman, of xxvj yeiris of age or thairby, com
to hir hous ane litil befoir Lammes last wes, and desyrt hir
help for Goddis saik in hir birth, and that sche micht haif
remaning with hir quhill sche suld be deliverit,² quhilk sche
willingle for Goddis saik consentit to; and that sche com to
hir viij dayis befoir hir birth onle, and knawis nocht quhair
fra sche com nor hir name, bot only thai call hir Cristene,
and that sche buir ane madin barn in hir hous, quhilk is blauk
harit; and that sche sperit nocht hir name, nor of hir parentis
and kinred, nor yit sperit sche tyme of hir birth quha wes the
barnis father, nor quha send hir thair; and that sche remanit

¹ Omitted. ² Deliver in ms.
with hir xx dayis, and than departit sowth ower to Lowtheane, quhair sche said the barnis father duelt; and, being inquirit if Patterk Bonkill send hir thair, denyis the samyn.

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The quhilk day, being appointit to Patterk Bonkill to declar Bonkill the mannis name quha aucht the barn that Margret Philp hes in foestring, he, being oftimes callit to that effect, laidfull tyme of day biddin, conperit nocht.

The quhilk day, George Gilcrist wobstar and Cathrin Kynnynmonth, adulteraris, remittit fra the Presbittrie to the sessioune to ressaif thair injuctionis. Thai ar ordanit be the sessioune to enter upon Sunday nixtocum, at the secund bell to sermone befoir none, and stand at the kirk dur to gidder cled in sek clai th quhill the last bell to sermone be endit, and thaireftir enter to gidder upon the highest degre of the penitent stuill, and sit in sek clai baair heddit quhill the sermone and prayer be endit, and sa to continew ilk Sunday quhill the kirk be satisfeit.

The quhilk day, Mungo Fortoun and Cristene Alane grantis thai haif gottin ane barne in adulterie, the said Mungo being marriit with Jonet Mathesoun. Thai ar ordanit to conper befoir the Presbittrie to morn and ressaif thair injuctionis, and to conper agane befor the sesson this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Robert Williamsoun deakin oblissis him caution to produce testimoniall, that Thomas Traill\textsuperscript{2} and Marie Mortoun\textsuperscript{3} hes satisfeit for thair fornicatioun in the kirk of Kempbak—[the bairn being]\textsuperscript{4} gottin in the said parroch and born in this citee—and that within viij dayis nixt efter Mr. David Monipeny minister of Kembak cum hame.

The quhilk day, Allexis the Appoloniane, being warnit to this day to anser to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him be the minister, being oftimes callit and his personall warning verefit,

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\textsuperscript{1} Interlined over Cathrin deleted.
\textsuperscript{2} Traill Traill in ms.
\textsuperscript{3} Mortoun interlined. Kynnynmonth deleted.
\textsuperscript{4} Omitted.
conperit noctū. The session ordainit him to be warnit heer-to
the second tyme, under [pane of] ¹ publict admonition.²

The quhilk day, Elspot Dauidsoun obliis his hir awin
fre will to be baneist this citee perpetuale, if evir sche half
carnall daill heireftir with Henry Andersoun ritstar on mariit;
and is ordanit to satisfe Sunday nixtlocum for the failtis ellis
done.

*Die Veneris, penultimo mensis Septembris, 1592.*

The quhilk day, Patrik Bonkill, for fulfilling of the desyre
of the Act maed the xv of September instant, producis
Alexander Bonkill personale, sone to Eduard Bonkill in Kelso,
present servand to Walter Ker of Litildane, and that he hes
bein sen Witsunday last wes with him; and declaris that he wes
in St. Androus at midsymmer wes ane yeir and nevir befoir, and
ane uther tyme sen syne at Mertimes last wes, and now this is
the thrid tyme that evir he wes heir; and that he duellis
within the parrochin of Maxton and that Jhone Smyth is
minister thairef, and that he sum tymes ³ hantis in the
parrochin of Kelso, quhairof William Balfour is minister.
And the barne quhilk Margret Philp hes in fostering, being
in the consall hous in the said Alexander presens, it wes aperit
at him if the samyn barne wes his barne, ansueris, he knawis
nocht; bot sayis he hes hed carnall daill with Issobell
Sudderland, the barnis mother, and the first tyme that he
hed with hir wes in Patrik Bonkillis writing chalmer,
upon ane bed quhair he lay in the fluir, quhen sche com to-
mak the samyn, sche being in the meane tyme servand to
Patrik Bonkil; and that sche wald nocht lett him, befoir he
first maid hir promis of mariage; and diveris tymes about
that samyn tyme of Mertimes, baith in Patrik writing chalmer
and in the loft abof his hall, for he remanit than xx dayis with
Patrik in this citee quietle.

¹ Omitted.
² *Aprilis penultimo 1591.* . . . Ordanis the minister of Sanctandrois, in
publict pulpit, to sumund the Polonian to conpeir befoir the Presbitrie the day
aucht dayis, under the pane of the censuris of the kirk ¹ (Register of St. Andrews
Presbytery).
³ *Tyme in ms.*
And Prik Boonkill now declaris that the barnis motheris name is Issobell Sudderland, bastard dochter to umquhill Dauid Sutherland, father brother to his awin wyff; and, being demandit if he knawis quhair she is presentle, answereis he knawis nocht bot belevis she is with hir mother, namit [blank] Hair, dwelling besyde Perth; and that hir mother hys ane brother in Perth callit [blank] Hair sourdalipper.¹ Patrik offereis him willinglye to do diligence to present the barnis mother upon Weddingsday the first day of November nixttocum. Primo Novembri. And the session ordanis the said Alexander Boonkill to present the said barnis mother the said day, and Patrik and Alexander to be baith also present the samin day.

**Die Mercurii, quarto Octobris, 1592.**

Quhilk day, Alexis the Apoloniane, being accusit befor the session for nocht keiping of the Sabboth day holy and nocht frequenting the sermons, is decernit, he being in this town, to keip the precheing or ellis to schaw ane ressonabill caus; and he, being furth of this town, salbe haldin to mak answear to the sessioun, quhair he wes on the Sabboith day tyme of sermone heirefrir.

The quhilk day James Jak mariner grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Sara Stevin. He is ordanit to satisfies conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day, Dauid Strang cordinar is ordanit to pay x s. Strang, Scott, for fornicatioun with Margret Scott, in part of pament of the Act, and to mak humiliatioun.

**Die Mercurii, xviij, Octobris, 1592.**

The quhilk day, Jonet Broun grantis hir with barne to Confessio Broun, Dauid Guidfallow, quhilk wes gottin at the Ruid Day last wes, Guidfallow, in his fatheris mane barn. [It is ordanit]² to warn Dauid to this day aucht dayis to answear, and Jonet to be present the said day.

The quhilk day, Margret Gullen grantis hir with barn to Confessio Gullen, Orme.

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¹ Sword-sharer.
² Omitted.
Mr. Alane Orm, quhhilk wes gottin xx dayis eftir Witsunday last wes, in Beatrix Traillis chalmer in the clois, in the day tyme eftir none. The sessioun ordanit Mr. Alane Orm to be warnit, quhen he may be apprenhidit, to anser to the dilatioun.

The quhhilk day, Dauid Schort and Cristene Michell, being this day contractit, grantis thai haif committit fornicatioun befor their contract and sche is with barn to him. Thai ar ordanit to satisfie as fornicatouris befor their mariage.

_Die Mercurii, xxvi/Octobris, 1592._

Quhhilk day, Agnes Reid grantis sche hes borne ane barne in fornicatioun to Thomas Moreis, quha also hes confessit the gatting thairof. Thai ar ordanit to satisfie for thair offencis. This is tua sindry tymes Thomas hes offendit. He is ordanit to pay xlvj s. viij d., and to sitt tua dayis on the penitent stull.—The money is payit, and thai baith to mak humiliation.

The quhhilk day Dauid Guidfallow grantis that he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Jonet Broun. He hes payit four merkis for him and hir, in part of pament of the Act.—This iij merkis is gevin to William Zuill for heling of tua priu barnis.

The quhhilk day Jhone Carstairis maltman grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Agnes Cragow. He is ordanit to satisfie for his offence, and hes payit iij merkis in part of pament of the Act for him and Agnes, and sche to be warnit to this day aucht dayis.

The quhhilk day Androw Sellar ressavit fourty s. for his last yeiris fie.

_Die Mercurii, primo Novembris, 1592._

The quhhilk day, being appointit to Alexander Bonkill to present Issobell Sutherland, with quhome he sayis he hes gottin

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1 The last clause has been altered, having originally run: _—and thai haif baith maid humiliatioun._
ane barne in fornicatioun in Patrik Bonkllis hous in this citee, and also the said Patrik to schaw quhat diligent he hes done for presenting of the said Issobell, that triall may be takin of the barne quhilk sche hes born, and schatischeoun\textsuperscript{1} may be maid for the offence; nochtttheles, nather conperit the said Alexander nor yit the said Patrik to that effect. The session ordanit Patrik Bonkill to be warnit heirto and to schaw his diligent this day aucht dayis.

\textit{Die decimo quinto Novembris, 1592.}

The quhilk day, being appointit to Patrik Bonkill, to schaw \textit{Bonkll, Sutherland.}
quhat diligent he hes done in presenting of Issobell Sutherland, quha hes born ane barn in fornicatioun to Alexander Bonkill as is allegit, conperit the said Patrik and maid certane allegeance for excusing of his diligent; bot becaus the session was nocht fullie convenit thai ordanit Patrik, present, warnit \textit{apud acta, to conperit befoir thame this day aucht dayis to declair his diligence.}

The quhilk day, Elspot Mwarrae grantis sche hes borne ane \textit{Compassio Mwarrae, Adamsoun.}
barne in fornicatioun to James Adamsoun, son to umquhili Mr. Patrik Adamsoun, quhilk wes gottin in the hiche chalmer in the said umquhili Mr. Patrikis ludgeing in St. Androus, aucht dayis befoir Candilmes last wes, and that sche heid oftimes to do with him. The session ordanit the said James to be warnit to anser to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, anent the bill of complant gevin be Grissell \textit{Complaint on Clapen upon Mr. Thomas Broun hir spous, makand mentioun that quhair thai haif bein laidfullie marit and thairfor the said Mr. Thomas aucht and suld inteerne hir and keip cumpanie with hir in bed and buird, as bcompis him of his dewete, nochtttheles the said Mr. Thomas agenis all equite hes ditenit and abstractit his persoun fra the said Grissell and hir societe thir xxxvj owkis last bipast, and nather adheris to hir in bed nor buird, nor gevis hir ony thing quhahrain to sustein hir self and hir barne; bot he keipis cumpanie and societe

\textsuperscript{1} \textit{Stc.}
with Martha Ferny, Lady Kilquhia, nicht and day, to the great dishonour of God, the said Grissellis great displeasure, and sklander of this congregatioun, as the said bill product befoir the sessioun at mair lenth contenisa. The sessioun ordanit Androw Sellar officiar to pas with all diligence [to the said Mr. Thomas to warn him]¹ to adheir to the said Grissell in bed and buird, as becummis ane marit man with his wyffe, and if he failyecis, upon the said officiaris verificatioun of his warning, and the said Grissellis verificatioun of his refusall, that he be excommunicat Sunday nixttocum; and in the mane tyme to warn him to conpeir to ansuer befoir the sessioun this day aucht dayis.

Die Mercurii, xxij Novembris, 1592.

The quhilk day, being appointit to Patrik Bonkill to schaw quhat diligens he hes done in presentig of Issobell Sutherland, quha hes born ane barne as is allegit in fornicatioun to Alexander Bonkll, conperit the said Patrik, and declarit that he past to the said Issobell to Souther Fawfeild, and solistit hir to conpeir befoir the sessioun to gif hir declaratioun in that mater as wes desyrrit; bot sayis that the said Issobell refusit to conpeir, quhil sche wes advisit with hir freindis, becaus sum membris of this sessioun hed skanderit hir in Perth, and that sche wes also skanderit with the said Patrik him self; and that he requestit hir maist erneste to conpeir, bot sche refusit for the causis foirsaid. The sessioun, being advisit with the said Patrikis ausuer, findis the diligens that he hes done nocht sufficient, and that his voluntar promis maid to the session to do diligens [is]¹ sufficient to striclit him to do forder diligens. Thairfor thai haif ordanit the said Patrik Bonkle to sers² and seik quhair Issobell Sutherland is, and to caus hir conpeir befoir this sessioun and declar the treuth of the dilatioun; and, if sche refusis, to purches lettres of the Presbittrie or sessioun, quhair sche is and remanis, to caus hir conpeir, and to produce the said lettres execut to that effect this day xxij dayis.

¹ Omitted. ² Search.
The quhilk day, at the humill suit of Mwngo Fortoun, Fortoun, wobstar, adultrar with Cristene Alane, desirand the barne procrest betuix thame to be baptizit, the session ordanit the barne to be baptizit, he first findand sufficient cautiou, under pane of fourty lib., to satisfe the kirk for his adulterie.

Die xxiiijº Novembris, 1592.

The quhilk day, Dauid Gourlay, wobstar in this citee, bindis and oblissis him, his aris executouris and assinis, as cautionar and souerite for Mwngo Forton, that the said Mwngo sall satisfe for his adulterie with Cristene Alane, at the discretion of the kirk and session of St. Androus, under pane of fourty lib., to be payit to the minister elderis and deaconsis of St. Androus, to the use of the puir; and Mwngo oblissis him, his aris executouris and assinis, to warrand and releif the said Dauid and his foirsaidis of the premisiss. And baith the said Dauid and Mwngo ar content thir presentis be registrat in the commissaris buikis of St. Androus, and hes tuichit the pen with thair handis, and gevin command to me, notar publict under writin, to subscrire thir presentis for thame, becaus thai culd nocht wret thame selvs, in presens of Jhone Pittillok officiar, Jhone Hwniman baxter, Dauid Watson mailmaker, witnes requirit heirto.

Ita est Carolus Watsoun notarius publicus in premissis ex mandatis dicti Dauidis Gourlay et Quintigerni Fortoun requisitus¹ manu sua subscribitur.

Die Mercurii, sexto Decembrio, anno lxxxiiijº.

The quhilk day, conperit Alexander Nicholsoun and Alesoun Anstroyer, as thai quha² ar warnit to this day to anser to the dilatioun gevin in aganis thame, bering thai haif hed carnall copulation and to haif kepit cumpanie to gidder nicht and day in this citee, to the dishonour of God and sklander of this congregatioun. The said dilatioun being laid to the said Alexanderis charge, [he]³ expreslie denialis the samyn; bot the

¹ Requisitus in ms. ² Quh in ms. ³ Omitted.
said Alesoun, being examinat thairupon be hir self alane out-with the said Alexanderis presens, grantis sche hes knawin the said Alexander carnale, and spetiale upon Sunday last wes in the place of Kinkell. The sessioun ordanit the said Alexander to advis, and to be re-examinat befoir he be mariit with Alesoun.

_Die Veneris, xv° Decembris, lxx.xvij°._

The quhilk day, conperit Issobell Sutherland, quha grantis sche hes born ane madin barne in fornicatioun to Alexander Bonkil, with quhom sche is delatit, and that sche hed to do with him quhen the barn wes Gottin about Alhallowmes wes ane yeir; and that he hed divers tymes to do with hir about the samyn tyme in Patrikis writing chalmer, and that sche hed nevir ado with him bot in that samyn chalmer, and in na uther place; and sayis that Alexander Bonkil geif hir ane pece of gold at midsymmer wes ane yeir, quhen he com first to St. Androus, under promis of mariage, and that he geif hir ane forty s. pece at the tyme quhen the barne wes Gottin. Baith the partieis being present grantis the promis of mariage, and that thai ar willing to performe the samyn be the advis of freindis. Thai ar ordanit to satisfe as fornicatouris for their offence conforme to the ordour.

_Die Mercurii, tertio Januarii, 1592._

The quhilk day, William Arthour of Carnis being accusit upon the dilatioun gevin in aganis him that he hes hed carnall daill with Jane Monipenny, dochter to the Laird of Kingkell, and if sche hes born ony barnis, or if sche be with barn to him, he present denysis the haill dilatioun. The sessioun ordanit Jane to be warnit heirto this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Thomas Carstaris smyth, Charlis Kay, and Dauid Kay his sone, being accusit befoir the sessioun for keping of Zuill day holy, and for nocht keping of the sermonis, and playing on the Sabbth day, confessit thair offences, and cravit

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1 Sir.
pardon at God and the sessioun for the samyn; and oblist thame nevir to keip Zuill day nor na uther superstitious day holy in tyme cuming, and to keip the sermonis and prayaris on the Sabbath day, and to keip the Sabbath day holy and nocht to play theiron in tymes cuming, under panis contenit in the Actis of Parliament maid theiranent.¹

Die decimo mensis Januarii, 1592.

The quhilk day, Jhone Wilsoun in Cassindonat grants that Bessy Quheit hes born ane barne to him in fornicatioun, and that he hes knawin hir carnalie sensyne. He hes payit iiij. in part of pament for his and Besseis impressement. Thai ar ordanit to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day, James Neilson grants he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun² with Margret Bell, quhilk wes gottin in Ladeddy. Margret is now duelling with Jonet Scott in Clarmonth. Thai ar ordanit to satisifie conforme to the ordour, and Margret to conpeir to that effect, quhen sche beis convalescit of hir present disais.

The quhilk day, Jhone Gray smyth obliissis him of his awin fre will to keip holy the Sabbath day, and to keip prayaris and sermonis, and nocht to work labour nor play thairon; and also obliissis him nevir to keip idoll dayis, sic as Zuill day, nor

¹ 'December 28, [1592]. The quhilk day, &c., compeirit M. Daud David Russell and Andro Ramsay balleis and gave in a complaint upon certane disobedient and inordinat persones, quho—aganis the law of God, admonitioun of their pastour, and thair command—superstitiouslie refrained fra labour on Zuile day, sum of tham adding also reprochefull language unto tham being magistrates. The most part of tham compeirand protested that thei did nocht aknewlege ony holines in that day, moir then ony uther day, nether yit that thei did haillely abstine from wark that day; but nocht having mikel ad thei past to their pastyme in the feildis and uther places, &c., for the quhilk if thei had faulted thei wald submitt tham selfis to the judgement of the Presbitrie. Utheris, and speciallie Jhonne Deas and William Deas his brother, being moir stubhurne and standing to the justifieing of it, was ordanit to compeir against this day aucht dayis, as also utheris quhois names suld be gevin up be the bailleis' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery). It does not appear that the Presbytery took further action in the matter. Johne Days smith was one of those dealt with by the session nineteen years before for a similar offence (supra, p. 390).

² The words grants he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun are repeated.
uther superstitious dayis holy, but only the Sabbath day, under pane of censouris of the kirk.

The quhilk day, Margret Symmer grantis hir with barn to Dauid Berclay in Cassindonat, quhilk wes gottin in Craigton, in Androw Feries hous at Witosday last wes. The said Dauid is ordanit to be warnit to anser to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar officiar verefit that he hed warnit Jane Monipenny at the place of Kingkell, to conpeir this day, to anser to the dilatioun gevin in aganis hir this day aucht dayis. The said Jane, being oftimes callit upon, laidfull tyme biddin, conperit nocht. The session thairfor ordanit hir to be summond agane this day aucht dayis, and that intimatioun be maid thairof to hir father and mother, under [pane of]\(^1\) publict admonitioun.

**Die Mercurii, xvij\(^{st}\) Januarii, 1592.**

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar verefit that he hed warnit Jane Monipenny for the secund tyme at the place of Kingkell, and that he maid intimatioun to hir father and mother thairof, conforme to the last Act, to haif conperit this day to haif anserit to the dilatioun, under [pane of]\(^1\) publict admonitioun. The said Jane, being oftimes callit, laidfull tyme biddin, conperit nocht. The session thairfor, being informit the said Jane wes nocht absent fra Kingkell, ordanit hir to be warnit agane to this day aucht dayis, under [pane of]\(^1\) publict admonitioun.

**Die Mercurii, xxiiij\(^{st}\) Januarii, 1592.**

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar officiar verefit that he hed warnit Jane Monipeny to this day, for the thrid tyme, under [pane of]\(^1\) publict admonition. Scheykywis conperit nocht: thairfor the session ordanit hir to be publicle summond Sunday nixttocum, to conpeir this day aucht dayis to anser to the dilatioun, under pane of censouris of the kirk.

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\(^1\) Omitted.
The quhilk day, conperit Alexander Nicholsoun and producit ane testimoniall, bering him and Alesoun Anstroyer to be thryis proclamit in Coupar be Mr. Adam Michell, and thairfor desyrit thair marage to be solemnizat conforme to the ordour. The sessioun ordanit thame the day of thair mariage, befuir the solemnizatioun thairof, in presens of the peippel convent for the tyme, to sitt doun on thair kneyis and ask God and the concregatioun for forgiveines, for carnall copulation confessit be the said Aleson, and for keepin cumpanic in hous to gidder in this citee sen thair contract sklandrosle eftir admonitioun.

The quhilk day, Issobell Laing grantis hir with barn to Patrik Wod in Craill, quhilk wes gottin in Niniane Woddis hous in Craill, xv dayis befoir Michaelmes last wes. The sessioun ordanit hir to depart this citee with all diligens, and report testimoniall that sche hes satisfeit the kirk of Craill for the said offence.

The quhilk day, Elspot Lyell grantis sche is with barn to James Broun, servitour and prenteis to Jhone Greg baxter, quhilk wes gottin in Jhonis hous xv dayis efter Michaelmes last wes; and that this is the secund barn sche hes gottin in fornicatioun. The sessioun ordanit James Bron to be warnit thairto this day aucht dayis. Elspot warnit heirto apud acta.

The quhilk day, Cristene Alane adultrice is ordanit to begin hir repentance on Sunday nixtto cum, in sec claith, at the kirk dur to stand fra the secund bell to sermon quhilk the thrid bell be cessit, and thaireftir to cum to the hichest gre of the penutent stull, and sitt quhilk the blessing be gevin efter sermon, and sa to continew quhilk the kirk be satisfeit, conforme to the ordour, and for adulterii with Mwngoe Fortoun manifestit be procreation of ane cheld.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanit Margret Mane to be publicle summond Sunday nixtto cum, becaus sche hes bein mony divers tymes warnit befoir and conperit nocht, to ansuer to the dilatioun of fornicatioun with Stevin Lawsoun.

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1 *Nicholsoun* in MS.  
2 *Sic.*  
3 *Quhilk* in MS.  
4 *Publiic* in MS.
The quhilke day, Mr. Robert Zuill, preceiver of the Evangell

1 In January 1591-2, the parishioners of Largo wished to have Zuill for their minister; and on the 17th of next month the Presbytery resolved to inform them that they found him 'indewit with guid quaeteis,' and on their 'making of provisoun to him thai will conclud his tryall'; while on the 17th of March they determined to chide the Largo folks, for 'not sending ane resolute anser to the Presbitrie anent the provisoun of the young man, Mr. Robert Zwill.' But these fickle sheep had already cast their longing eyes after another shepherd. On the 14th of May, 1592, the Presbytery ordered 'Mr. Jhon Authinleik to desist fra preching in the kirk of Largow for ony manis request, quhill Mr. Robert Zwill ather be admittit minister of the said kirk or ellis refusit for ane lauchfull caus, becaus[s] he is under tryall presentlie; and theairfoir ane writting to be directit t[o] the parochineris of Largow to compeir this day aucth dayis, to schaw if thai have ony reasoonable caus to reject the said Mr. Robert Zwill.' Two months later the Presbytery consented 'to proceid to try M. Jhonne Authinleek to be their minister;' and, on the 10th of August, appointed three of their number 'to travell with the parochineris of Largow that ane provisoun be maid to M. Johnne Authinleik.' On the 2d of November 1592, 'Comperit M. Robert Zuile, and producettwa presentaciones to the vicarage of Sanctandris, ane desyryng him to be tryed and admittit as reader, the uther as minister. The Presbitrie, efter lang reasoning, thowcht gud to be farder advisit twiching the forme of his admissioun; and in the mean tymordeanes ane edicit to be publisht on Sunday nixtocum opinie, in the presens of the congre-gatioun, befoir none, chargeing the parochineris of St. Androis all and sindrie, both in brugh and land, that hes ony thing to object aganis the said M. Robertis lyf or doctrine that may inhable him from beiring functioun in the Kirk of God, and quhy he suld noth be admittit to the vicarage and dewties thairof, to compeir befoir the Presbytre of St. Androis on Thursdyaixtocum.' The edict having been returned, duly executed and indorsed, and no one appearing to object, the Presbytery, on the 9th of November, ordained that he should teach next Sabbath afternoon in the presence of the whole congregation; and that in the forenoon they should be peremptorily charged to appear next Thursday, to give their allowance or disallowance. On the 16th, 'No man ether in brugh or land compeirand to object aganis M. Robert Zulas lyf or doctrine, the brithren, efter lang reasoning and deliberatioun concerning the forme of his admissioun, hes conclusit and ordanit that the said M. Robert be admittit reader, and to use the gift of exhortatioun: he promising to be farder employed in the ministrie as the Presbitrie sail think gud to employ him.' On the 23d of the same month, the Presbytery 'ordanes M. Robert Zuile reader to solemnize the bannes of mariage and to resave the buike thairof.' He desired the Presbytery, on the 22d of March 1592-3, to appoint some of the brethren to design a manse and glebe for him, but the matter was delayed until there should be a larger meeting. On the 5th of April 1593, the Presbytery 'ordanes Mrs. Dauid Mernis, Robert Buchanan, or any ane of thame, to give designation to Mr. Robert Zuile of the vicare of St. Andros mans and yaird, and that according to the Act of Parliament maid thairanent in all pointes' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery).
at St. Androus, product ane summondis dwelle execut be him
upoun Sunday last wes aganis Jane Monipenny, dochter to the
Laird of Kingkell, to haif conperit this day, to haif anserit to
the dilatioun gevin in aganis hir, to witt, that sche hes borne
ane barne alreddy to William Arthour of Carnis, and that sche
is presentle with ane uther barne to him or sum utheris.
Conperit the said Laird of Kingkell and excusit hir absens,
saying, that sche is presentle in cumpanie with the Comptes of
Crawfurd, and thairfor desyrit continewatioun of forder publict
summoning of hir quhill this day xv dayis, at the quhill day
he promist on honour and creideit to caus hir conpeir. To the
quhill desyre the [sessioun]\(^1\) consentit, with certificatioun, if
sche faiyleit, thai wald proceid aganis hir conforme to the ordour.
The quhill day, the sessioun ordanit Pa. Arthour and his
wyffe to be warnit to this day aucth dayis, to anser to the
contentis of the Act maid the xv of Januar 1591.
The quhill day, Cristene Hound is ordanit to pay xl s. in Hound.
part of pament of the Act, and to mak humilatioun Sunday
nixttocum.
The quhill day, James Broun grantis carnall copulation
with Elspot Lyell, and that Elspot intysit him and com to his
bed quhen he wes slepand. He is ordanit to pay xl s. in part
of pament of the Act and to mak humilatioun.

_Die Mercurii, septimo Februarii, 1592._

The quhill day, Robert Kynnynmonth, son to William
Kynnynmonth in Baldony, grantis he hes gottin ane barne in
fornicatioun with Jssobell Joly, quhill wes gottin in the said
William hous in Baldony, at Witsunday last wes. The sessioun
ordanit the woman to conpeir and confes lykewyis, and thair-
eftir thai baith to be ressavit to humiliation.
The quhill day, Margret Stevinsoun grantis sche is with
barn to Androw Greif marinell,\(^2\) quhill wes gottin at Lammes
last wes in Cathrin Zoungis hous, in hir bed in the nycht.
This is the secund barne sche hes gottin in fornicatioun.
Sche is ordanit to be xv dayis impressonit, and to be forder

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\(^1\) Omitted.
\(^2\) Mariner.
punisit at discretion of the majestratis and session. Androw Greif to be warnt, quhen God sendis him hame, to ansuer to the dilatioun.

**Die Mercurii, xiiij* Februarii, 1592.**

The quhilk day being appointit to Alexander Monipenny of Kingkell to cause Jane Monipenny his dochter conpeir and ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis hir, conforme to the Act maid thairupon the last of Januar last wes; becaus the said Jane conperit nocht, the sessiou ordanit [hir]¹ to be publicle summond Sunday nixttocum, to this day aucth dayis, for the secund publict admonitioun, under pane of excommuniacioun.

The quhilk day, Margret Watsoun grantis hir with barne to Samuall Boyart, student in the Auld College, quhilk wes gottin on the grein forgane the New Jnns in the Abbay, at latter Marie day last wes; and the nixt tyne sche hed to do with him wes at William Lowsonis croft xv dayis eftir Michaelmes last wes. [It is ordanit]¹ to warn the said Samuall to conpeir this day aucth dayis.

The quhilk day, Elspot Greif grantis hir with barne to Thomas Moreis, son to Jhone Moreis, quhilk wes gottin in Jhone Moreis hous about Lammes last wes, and that sche hes hedy four tymes to do with him. The sessiou ordanit him to be warnt heurto this day aucth dayis.

The quhilk day, the sessiou ordanit Mwngo Fortoun, adulterar with Cristene Alane, to be resavat to humiliatioun upon Sunday nixttocum, and he hes willinglie deliverit xx s. to the use of the puir; and Cristene to continew in humiliatioun quhill the kirk be satisfeid.²

**Die Mercurii, xxij* Februarii, 1592.**

The quhilk day, Jhone Creiche, dwellung in New Biging of

¹ 'Februarii 14, [1592-3]. . . Compeirit Mungo Fortown, adulterar dwelling within the town of St. Androis, and, having satisfeir for his adulterie according to the ordour, upoun his ernest sute and request wes resavit in the bosome of the Kirk' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery).

² Omitted.
Kynnauld, grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Jonet Wallace, at Witsunday last wes. The sessioun ordanit [him]¹ to conpeir this day auxt dayis, and to caus² the said Jonet conpeir with him, and ressaif their injunctionis.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanit George Gilerist at his humill suit to be ressavit to humiliatioun, for adulterie with Cristene Kynynmonth, becaus he hes sittin in sec claith upon the penitent still xiiij oukis ilk Sonday immediatle bigane, and hes frele deliverit to the box of the purr xx s. And David Gourlay is oblist caution to pay uther xx s. for him, betuix this and Lammes nixttocum, to the said box. And the sessioun ordanis him to be present ilk day heireftir at the prayaris and to heir the Word in signe of his humiliatioun.³

The quhilk day, Issobell Joly grantis hir to haif borne ane barne to Robert Kynynmonth in Kynynmonth in fornicatioun, quhilk Robert hes alreddy confessit. The sessioun ordanit thame to pay iiiij fl. for thair impressoment, in part off pament of the Act, and to satisfe publice ⁴ Sonday nixttocum.

The quhilk day, Beatriz Weland grantis hir with barne to William Staig baxter, quhilk wes gottin at Michaelmes in his fatheris hous in this citee. [It is ordanit]¹ to warn Staig to ansuer this day auxt dayis. Beatriz confessis this is the thrid falt sche hes committit.

The quhilk day, Thomas Morcis grantis he hes knawin Elspot Greif carnale tua sindry tymes, bat denyis the barn to be his barn. He is ordanit to satisfe for the samyn; and, becaus he is now thryis relapis in fornicatioun, to pay for his impressoment vj fl. money, in part of pament of the Act of Parliament, and sitt thre sindry dayis upon the penitent still.

The quhilk day, Samuall Boyer, Franscheman, grantis he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Margret Watsoun. He is ordanit to satisfe xls. and to mak publict humiliatioun.

¹ Omitted.
² To caus to in MS.
³ 'Februarii 21, 1592. ... Comperit George Gilchryst adulterair dwelling in St. Andros, and, having satisfet for his offence according to the ordour, wes resavit in the bosome of the Kirk' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery).
⁴ Publile in MS.
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The quhilk day Dauid Mwir and Cathrin Drummond confess thai haif knawin utheris carnalie befoir thair contract. Thai ar ordanit to satisfie thairfor as fornicatouris conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day, Jonet Wallace grantis that sche is with barn to Jhone Creiche in Newbiging of Kyn纳ldy, as Jhone hes alreiddy confessit. Thai [ar ordanit]¹ to pay xl s. in part of pament of the Act, and to mak humiliatioun, &c.

The quhilk day, Agnes Lawsoun grantis hir with barn to James Wilson, quhilk wes gottin in his barn viij dayis eftir Mertimes last wes, and that he hed oftimes to do with hir. James [is ordanit]¹ to be warnit to this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, conperit Jane Monipenny, quha, being accusit upon the dilatioun in the Act maid the last of Januar last wes, denyis the haill dilatioun; and als that sche never knew William Arthour carnale. The sessioun ordanit forder triall to be takin of the treuth herin, and Jane to be present this day aucht dayis to that effect.

Die Mercurii, viij Martii, 1592.

The quhilk day William Staig² grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatoun with Beatrix Weland. He [is ordanit]¹ to pay xxx s., and to be impressonit, &c.

The quhilk day James Wilson grantis carnall daill with Agnes Lawsoun. He hes payit xl s. in part of pament of the Act, [and is ordanit]¹ to mak humiliatioun. The first tyme that he knew hir wes thre dayis befoir St. Androus day last.

Die Mercurii, xiiij Martii, 1592.

The quhilk day, Elene Wilson grantis hir with barne to Jhone Monipenny, quhilk wes gottin in Jhone Monipenneis chalmer ³ in St. Androus, sex owkis befoir Lammes last wes; and this is the secund barne he hes gottin with hir. The

¹ Omitted. ² Sic. ³ Halmer in ms.
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session ordanit Jhone to be warnit heirto this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day Daud Berclay grants he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Margret Symmer in Craigton. [He is ordanit]¹ to satisfie conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day, Thomas, George, [and]¹ Jonet Mwffett, James Lowry, George Zoung, William Knowis, witenes, reessavit suorn and examinat upon the dilatioun betuix William Arthur [and]¹ Jane ² Monipeny, deponis thai knaw na thing bot be report, except James Lowry knawis that Pattrik Blyth convoyit Jane Monipeny fra Kingkell away to sum uther place tua sindry tymes, sen Candilmes last wes. And Pattrik Blyth, being callit, witenes, refusit to mak faith and to depone. The sessioun thairfor ordanit him to retornne and depone this day aucht dayis.

Die Mercurii, xxvii° Martii, 1593.

The quhilk day Androw Greif grants he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Margret Stevinsoun. Becaus he is relapis he is ordanit to pay iiiij s., in part of pament of the Act, and to mak humiliatioun tua sindry Sondais.

The quhilk day Jhone Monipenny grants he hes gottin ane barin in fornicatioun with Elene Wilsoun. Becaus he is relapis, and he grants he payit iij s. for the first falt, he is ordanit to pay vij s. for this fault and mak humiliatioun tua sindry Sondais.

The quhilk day, George Burn, accusit for hauing carnall daill with Cathrein Steill, denyis the samyn.—As also Cathrein purgis hir self thairof be hir denyall this day aucht dayis.

Die Mercurii, quarto Aprilis, anno lxxvii°.

The quhilk day, Cristene Sibbald grants sche hes born ane barne in fornicatioun to Androw Powstay, Blabo, quhilk wes gottin in Henry Sibbaldis hous in Ladeddy, the owk effir Fastronisevin last wes; and als that sche hes hed oftimes to do

¹ Omitted. ² James in ms.
with William Thomsoun in Laddedy sensyne, the first tyme wes at Sanct James day befoir Lammers last wes. The sessioun ordanit to warn Androw¹ Powstay and William Thomon to ansuer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

Die Mercurii, ix Aprilis, 1593.

The quhilk day Issobell Carstaris and Dauid Andersoun, being this day contractit, grantand carnall daill befoir, ar ordanit to satisfie as fornicatouris befoir thair marriage.

The quhilk day, Issobell Sutherland conperit, and is ordanit to pay xxx s. for hir impressoment in part of pament, &c., for hir fornicatioun with Alexander Bonkll.

The quhilk day Androw Powstay grants carnall daill with Cristene Sibald. He is ordanit to satisfie conforme to the ordu for the samyn.

The quhilk day Cristene Scott is ordanit to satisfie for fornicatioun betuix hir and Alexander Broun; as also Bessy Quheit and Jhone Wilsoun in Cassindonat for fornicatioun conforme to the ordu.

Die xvij mensis Aprilis, 1593.

The quhilk day, the sessioun of St. Androus, being convenit and eftir ernest incalling upon the holy name of God, hes, eftir dew consideratioun, nominat electit choisin Mr. Dauid Russell, balye, William Lermouth, Dane of Gild, Maister Robert Zuill, teacher of the Evangell, and Charls Watsoun, scribe of the sessioun, or ony ane tua or thrie of thame, commissioneris for the said citee; and Jhone Meluill of Raith, Patrik Dudington portioner of Kyncapill, Androw Wod of Straythwethy, George Ramsay of Langraw, and Mr. Jhone Aytoun of Kynnaldy, or ony ane tua thrie or four of thame, commissioneris for the parrocheneris upon laun;² to conpeir in the Generall Assemble, to be haldin at the burth of Dundee, the xxiiij of April instant; and thair to mak instance and suit for ordinar pastouris and ministeris, and for satling of ane

¹ Interlined over Thomas deleted.
² Sic.
soleit ministrie to the said kirk of St. Androus, conforme to
the Act of the last Synnodall Assemblie, haldin at St. Androus
in the lxxxij yeiris; and to voit resoun conclud and deter-
ming in all thingis with the said Assemblie, for outsetting of
the glorie of God, mentinance of the trew religioun, and
punishment of vice. 1

1 On the 28th of April the General Assembly ordained and appointed 'Mr.
David Black, minister of Sanct Androes, to discharge the dutie of a lauffull
ordinar pastour therin, in preaching the Word, ministration of the sacraments,
and exercise of discipline, so farre as he is able to doe, according to the measure
of his gifts that God hes bestowit on him: and to the intent that the said Mr.
David may, with fruit and confort, travel in the said ministrisie, the said
Assemblie ordaines the said Mr. David to give in to the Presbitrie ther such
things as he wald have furtherit and brocht to passe for the weill of the said
congregation and ministrie thereof: . . . unto the quhill Presbitrie this [present]
Assemblie grants and commits thair full power and authoritie for that effect.
And because the said Mr. David is not able to entir in that charge alone, the said
Assemblie hes nominat Mr. Robert Wallace, for the speciell meit qualities they
know to be in him, to be associat with the said Mr. David, as ane fellow
labourer in the ministrisie forsaid; givand full commissioon to the Presbytrie to
try the consent of the haill towne and Universitie of Sanct Androes, concerning
thair lyking of the said Mr. Robert to be associat in the ministrisie, as said is;
and finding no reasonable cause [alleged in and] verified againis the said Mr.
Robert, in lyfe or doctrine, quherfor they sould not give thair consent and
approbation to the said Mr. Robert, for the cause mentionat, bot the most part
of the towne and Universitie consenting to his resait, the Generall Assemblie
ordaines [the said Presbitrie] to associat and place the said Mr. Robert, fellow
labourer in the ministrisie of Sanct Androes, with the said Mr. David Black; and
the said towne of Sanct Androes to pay the said fellow labourer his stipend
thankfullie, according to the promise made in Synodall and Generall Assemblies.
And in cace the most part of the said towne and Universitie consent not to the
receiving of the said Mr. Robert, the Kirk gives libertie to the said Mr. David,
with the advye of the [said] towne, to choose ane brother of quhom they may
both have lyking. And to the intent this ordour takin with the ministrisie of
Sanct Androes as is above sett downe, may be the better performit and settlit,
the said Assemblie gives commission to Mrs. Robert Bruce [and] David
Lindsay, conjunctlie and severallie, as thair adois and occasioums may permitt,
to visite the said kirk of Sanct Androes in thair returning from the Assemblie,
and travel with the whole number of the said kirk, for putting of thair ministrisie
to ane peaceable stay and ordour; as also to see that quhill is decernit in this
Assemblie concerning the landwart, to be forderit and brocht to pas, and for
quyeting the estate of the towne. Mr. William Cock, commissioner, for the
Provest, bailyies and counsell of the towne, disassentit from the nominatnion
of Mr. Robert Wallace' (Bookes of the Universall Kirk, iii. 816, 817). The
magistrates appear to have had a grudge against Wallace. On the 17th of
February 1591-2, they had lodged a complaint against him with the Presbytery,
which, on the 24th of March, was referred to the Synod (Register of St. Andrews
The quhill day, William Zuill and William Watsoun, callit befoir the session, ar admonisit in the name of God not to hald their buith duriis oppin, nor to work on the Sabbth day.

The quhill day, Bessy Ramsay grantis hir to be with barn to Jhone Balzart, Frenscheman, quhill wes gottin in Dunde. Scie is ordanit to pas of the town within xlvij houris, and satisfic for hir offence quhair the samyn wes done.

Die secundo Maii, 1593.

The quhill day Jhone Blair saidler grantis he hes gottin ane barn in fornicamente in his fatheris hous with Elspott Kynneir. It is injoinit to Jhone to caus Elspot conpeir this day aucht dayis, to anser to the dilatoun.

Presbytery. The municipal management of St. Andrews was not in the best hands. On the 24th of March 1592-3, its 'miserable estait' was brought before the Privy Council by the Provost, James Lermont of Darsie, and his fellow-rulers. The bailies were—Mr. David Russell, Duncan Balfour, Mr. William Cok, and Andrew Ramsay; while William Lermont was Dean of Guild. The matter in dispute was remitted to certain referees; but, as they gave no verdict, the Provost, bailies, and council (4th April 1593) craved that some other order might be taken. Now, however, they were not the only complainers, for Thomas Lundy, John Hagy, and other five hundred of the inhabitants, stated that 'the commoun guidis, rentis and patrimonie' of St. Andrews 'ar and hes beine delapidat, applyt and convertit to the privat usis and commoditie of certane particulair personis, for the maist part magistrattis of the same cietie.' The list of grievances which they wished redressed is of great length. They craved that order might be taken:—'First, that ane godlie and zelous minister and helpere be providit to Maisteris David Blak and Robert Yulie to this cietie, conforme to the ordinance of the Sinodole Assemblie, that we may have the sacramentis ministrat. Item, ane soleid ordour to be taine for the paires help and support in this cietie, that the servandis of God have na forder occasioun to compleine of our negligence. Item, to the effect that thir thingis may be performat, that the gift quhill his Majesteis mother of guld memorie gaft to the toun of the Blak Freirs be product, to the effect that Mr. David Russell may instanticl restoir to the toun four bollis quheit, quhill he hes maist wrangustlie and injusticie tane furth of the samin gift to himself and his bairnis, and hes upliftit yeitlie sen the Reformacion of Religioun the saidis four bollis quheit.' As before, the whole business was remitted to referees (Register of Privy Council, v. 56, 57, 61-64). As will be seen there was a local revolution six months later.
Die Mercurii, ix Maii, 1593.

The quhilk day, Margret Geddy, dochter to umquhill Charlis Geddy, grantis sche hes borne ane barne in fornica-tioun to Mr. George Leslie, for the quhilk Mr. George hes ellis satisfeit. Margret is ordanit to satisfe conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day Issobell Gray and Alexander Wardlaw grantis they haif gottin ane barne in forniciation in Carnebe. Thai ar decernit to satisfe the kirk of Carnebe, and also this congregatioun, becaus the barne is born in this citie, and decessit heir without baptisme in thair default, noch makand satisfaction and requiring baptisme.

The quhilk day being convenit Mr. Androw Meluill, Rectour, Mr. Robert Wilkie, Principall of St. Leonardis College, Mr. Robert Zuill, William Muffett, Dauid Guidlaid, Dauid Dalgleis, Thomas Diksoun, Thomas Lundy, William Zuill, Thomas Blak, and Charlis Watsoun, elderis and deaconis of St. Androus, quha ar all content and aggreis with Mr. Robert Wallace to be follow helpar and minister in this citie with Mr. Dauid Blak, as he quha is recommendit to thame be the Generall Assemblie last haldin at Dundee, the xxiij of Aprile last wes. And thai haif all consentit to pas to morn to the Presbitrie, to verefe [to]¹ the samyn thair consent, and to deysyre the Presbitrie with all diligens to tak ordour heirin, and to esteablis the said ministrie, and this congregatioun na langer frustrat of the preching of the Word and ministriation of the sacramentis.²

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¹ Omitted.
² The Presbytery had already taken action. On the 3d of May:—'The brithren ordaines the said M. Robert Wallace to teach in the kirk of Sanctandros on Sunday nixtocom, in the efternone, and intimatious openlie to be made out of the pulpit befoir none, concerning the ordinance of the Generall Assemblie, recommending the said M. Robert to be fellow helper in ther ministrie; requiring all and sindrie the inhabitantis of the towne of St. Andros that hes any thing to object aganis the said M. Robert, in lyf or doctrin, to comper befoir the Presbitrie the nixt Thursday, being the tent of Maii, to schaw the samin and reasoun thairof, and to give ather thair allowance or disallowance to the said M. Robert in the wark of thair ministrie' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery). On the 10th of May, three different parties appeared before the Presbytery. Six of those named in the text as being present at the meeting of
The quhilk day, Elspot Kynneir grantis sche hes born ane barne in fornicatioun to Jhone Blair, in Dauid Blairis hous in this cite. Sche is ordanit to pay x l.s., in part of pament of the Act, and to mak humiliatioun.

The quhilk day, it is ordanit that Dauid Strang, the day of his mariage, mak publict humiliatioun for his inconstance, in nocth perfytng the promis of mariage first maid be him to Margret Scott.

session, viz., William Muffat, Charles Watsoun, Dauid Dalgleisch, Dauid Gudlat, Thomas Dicsoun and Thomas Lundie, with Johne Heggie, formed the first party. These appeared in name of the session 'and desyrt most ernestlie the Presbitrie to had hand to the establishing of their ministrie in the person[e[s of] Maisteris Dauid Black and Robert Wallace.' The second party comprised Johnne Martine, Mr. Thomas Brown, Alexander Schairpe, Arturhe Milne, Johnne Zoug, and divers others, who appeared 'in name of the town and communaltie of St. Andros, reporting to the Presbitrie the diligence of the said townn for obeying the ordinance of the Generall Assemblie according to the intimatioun of the Presbitri[e], and produceit for that effect a roll of the subscriptions of the most part of the inhabitantis for thair consent to Mr. Robert Wallace to be associat to M. Dauid Black in the ministrie.' The third party consisted of 'the Provost, baillies, Deane of Gild, Alexander Winstar, Thomas Lentroun, Patrik Guthrie, and sindrie utheris,' who disserted from Wallace's appointment; 'and culd give na uther resoun of thair dislyking of him except the weaknes of his voice; and being demandit, quhidder if thei thame selfs, having thair settie so commodiouslie situat towards the pulpit, hard his voice or nocht, thei ansuerit, that for them selfs thei hard him weil yneugh, but thei fesrit that utheris quho statt farther of hard him nocht. And thir same quhoom thei said hard nocht affirmed thame selfs thei hard him weil yneugh.' The magistrates, 'and ther complicis disassentaris,' then alleged 'that the subscriptions and consents of sic as agreit to him was onlie purchasiit and beggit be the sinistrous information of sic as delt privile in that matter.' On inquiring thoroughly into this allegation the Presbytery found that it was baseless. After summoning all the inhabitants they could not find above thirty-three persons who disserted, and their only reason was 'the imbecillitie and wakenes of his voice.' The next step which the magistrates and their party took was to protest, 'that thei suld on na wais be halden to be ansuerable for a stipend to M. Robert Wallace.' The Presbytery afterwards consulted the masters and students of the New and Auld Colleges and found them all satisfied. David Lindesay, Moderator of the General Assembly, took part in these proceedings. At length, on the 24th of May, 'The brithren, efter lang delay and dealing with the Provost and balles of St. Andros and thair adherentis without any profite, thocht gud to follow owt the Act of the Generall Assemblie, in appointing M. Robert Wallace to be fellow helper to Mr. Dauid Black; and thairfor, finding na reasonable caus allegit againis the said M. Robert, and the most part of the townn and haill Universiteit agreeing thairto, ordaned the said M. Robert, conforme to the said ordinance, to be fellow helpar to Mr. Dauid Black in the ministrie of St. Androis' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery).
Die penultimo mensis Maii, 1593.

The quhilk day, William Hay obliisit him of his awin fre Obligatio Hay, will to sustein [blank] Hay his sone, gottin be him on Malie Kengzow, and releif Malie of his sustentatioun, and hald him at the scolis, and bring him up in godlines and vertew, at his power, in all tymes cuming.

Die Mercurii, sexto Junii, 1593.

Quhilk day, Grissell Tueddell grantis hir with barn to Confessio Smyth, Nicholl Smyth mariner, quhilk Nichol present confessis. Thai ar ordanit to satisfe thairfor conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day Jhone Forester grantis he hes knawin Jonet Leis carnale befoir his contract with Margret Wilsoun. He hes payit xl s. and sall satisfe.¹

Die Mercurii, xiij° Junii, 1593.

The quhilk day, Mr. Robert Zuill, William Muffett, Dauid Guidlaid, and Charlis Watsoun, ar appointit to pas to morn to the Presbittrie, to desyre the Act of the last Generall Assemble prosecuted and followit furth, in satling of the ministrie of St. Androus in the personis of Mr. Dauid Blak and Robert Wallace; and to report the Presbittreis ansuer heirof this day aucht dayis; and my Lord Rectour, Robert Wilke, and uthers, that ar membris baith of the Presbittre and sessioun, to concur and assist in this mater with the commissionis.²

The samyn day xx s. deliverit to Androw Sellar in part of Sellar. pament of his fie.

Die xx° mensis Junii, anno Domini j° v° lxxxiiij°.

The quhilk day, Mr. Dauid Blak, minister of the citee of

¹ Satisfe in MS.
² On the 14th of June, the Presbytery, after hearing the commissioners from the session, 'thocht gud to continew' the matter for eight days; and in the meantime ordained the Act of the General Assembly to be inserted in the 'Presbittrie Buik.'
St. Androus, for him self and in name of Mr. Robert Wallace [and Robert Zuill—deleted] follow laborar with him in the said ministrie, proponit to the session, and to Maisteris Dauid Russell, William Cok, and Androw Ramsay, bailieis and majestris of the said citee, this petitioun and artikle following: forsamekil, as it heith plesit God of his mercy to offer to this our kirk of the citee of St. Androus teeacharis, ansorabill in number to the undertakin of the charge, we haif tocht it our part to craif your worshipes assistance, how the wark may baith be takin in hand and prosecut, how as it mich best serve to the glorie of our God and gude of his kirk; quhilk, eftir dew advisment and jugement of the bretherin, we can nocht understand that utherwyis it may be accomplisht then by devyding of the citee into severele partis, appointing unto every teeachar his awin congreagationi proportionabill, over the quhilk he may attend and witche upon all occasionis, that the Lordis pepill may grow in knawlege dalie, and lead a lyffe also aggreabill to the samyn in sum mesuire, as it sall pleis God to bles the labour takin upon [thame]. In the quhilk work we maist humlie craif your gude advisment and concurrance, that God amangis us may be glorifit, and his jugementis (quhilk be differring we haif procurit) may be turnit away from us, and his blessingis may be multipliit upon us, according to his manifald promisis in his Word, promisit and permutit towards all thame that haif socht the Lord unsanyetlie and zelouslie; nocht dowting of your gude acep-tation and favorabil answer to this our petitioun. We commit yow to the protection and direction of the Almychtie, our God, blessed for ever, amen. The saidis bailieis anseret, that this forsaid petitioun and article is ane mater of great consequens, and thai culd do na thing thairin be thame selfis without advis of the consall; thairfor desyrit the samyn to be sett down in wreit, and the extract thairof deliverit to thame; and thairefter thai suld conven the consall and gif gude answer thairto.  

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1 Mrs. in ms.  
2 Has been laboraris.  
3 Omitted.  
4 Quhilkis quhilk in ms.  
5 On the 21st of June—'Anent the following out of the Act of the Generall Assemblie for establisshing of the minister (sic) of Sanctandros, Mr. Dauid Blak
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The quhilk day, Androw Sellar officiar is decernit, with his Ordinance on Andro Sellar.

awin consent, to pay vj s. viij d. to the box of the puir, for ilk tymte that any persoun salbe fund heireftir dryand dichtand or flaikand woll in the kirk yaird, drying or dichtand cornis, sawand treis, or doing any usher wark and labour in the kirk yaird; or ells to lift ane point fra the transgressour

reported that he had spoken the magistrates; thei have tane forder to be advysit thairin' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery). At the next weekly meeting, 'Mr. Daid Blak reported that the Provost, balyies, and counsell of the town, had given no anuer; but that the session had tane some ordour amonges thameselfis for devydging of the towe; and continewis till this day aucht days forder to be advysit thairintill.' On the 5th of July—'Anent the establishing of the ministrie of St. Andros, Mr. Daid Blak reportit that the session had tane up the names of the holl town of Sanctandros, and had devydit the same in thrie equal partis; and, becaus that Mr. Robert Wallace was apoyntit already be the Generall Assemblie to be fallow helper in the said ministre, desyrit Mr. Robert Zuile suld be requyrit if he wald accept a part of the burden. The said Mr. Robert craveit advysment till that day aucht dayes concerning the acceptation thairof' (Ibid.). This expression of the desire to obtain Zuile as a minister of St. Andrews, shows that his name had not been accidentally inserted in the entry in the text. It was probably struck out again because the desire was not carried into effect. On the 26th of July—'Anent the establishin of the ministrie of Sanctandros, it is concludit that, this day aucht dayes without forder delay, according to the divisioun of the town tame alreadilie(?), everie minister be severallie apoyntit to thair awin folkes.' On the 9th of August, 'The Presbitrie gives commissioun and authorizes Mr. Daid Blak, Mr. Robert Wallace and Zuile, to convyne the parochineris of St. Andros, and propone to thame in sick things as salbe expedient for the satling of thair ministrie.' A fortnight later, 'M. Robert Zuile produces certane reasones quhy he suld nocht be burdinet with a speciell number of the parochin of Sanctandros; and, he desyring ane new declaratour of his sufficiencie, the Presbitrie declaris him sufficient.' Subsequently an edict was published, charging all the parishioners of St. Andrews who had ought to object against Zuile to do so; but no objection was lodged. His 'swithering' was at last brought to an end. On the 13th of September, 'The questioun being movit, quhider if Mr. Robert Zuile suld presentlie enter in the equal burden of the ministrie with Mr. Daid Blak and Robert Wallace or to continew in exhortatioun as befor, efter reason it was concludit be pluralitie of voteis that he suld nocht presentlie enter in the equal burde[n], bot to continew in exhortatioun and catchesing of the pepill, as the sessioun and ministrie sall think most expedient; and ordanes Mr. Daid Blak and Robert Wallace to exercis the office of the ministrie fullie, in teaching the Word and administratioun of the sacraments and discipline' (Ibid.). As will be seen (infra, p. 757) Black and Wallace formally accepted the ministry of St. Andrews upon them on the 19th of September. In Scott's Fasti, ii. 398, Robert Zuill appears as the first and last occupant of the third charge of St. Andrews, and the 13th of September 1593 is given as the date of his admission; but the above extracts show that then he was only an exhorter.
worth vj s. viij d. Unlaw to be deliverit to the box of the puir.

_Die x° Julii, 1593._

The quhilk day Thomas Studdart grantis he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Effe Gardner. This is tua barnis he hes gottin in fornicatioun with hir. He is ordanit to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour.

_Die xxv° Julii, 1593._

The quhilk day Thomas Zoung grantis he hes gottin ane barin in fornicatioun with Maly Moreis. [It is ordanit]¹ to warn Maly to anser this day aicht dayis.

The samyn day Bessy Kay is ordanit to bring testimoniall that sche hes satisfeito for hir offens this day aucht dayis.

_Die Primo Augusti, 1593._

The quhilk day, James Michell in Balelie grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Maly Austeane, quhilk wes gottin in the place of Straythvethy at Pasche last wes. Maly is ordanit to be warne to this day aucht dayis.

_Die xv° Augusti, anno nonagesimo tertio._

The quhilk day, Mariou Austeane grantis sche hes gottin [ane barne]¹ in fornicatioun with Jaimes Michell, James being also present. James oblishis him to pay four merkis this day aucht dayis for their impressoment, in part of pament of the Act of Parliament, and to satisfie² for their offence conforme to the ordour.

_Die xxij° Augusti, 1593._

The quhilk day, Elspott Scott grantis sche is with barn to Alexander Leiche, bastard sone to umquhill Dauid Leiche, in

¹ Omitted.  
² Satisfic in ms.
Newtoun Kyncapill. [She then enters into details as to the times and places of sinning. Reference is made to the harvest 'this tyme twelfmonth,' and also to the absence of 'Jhone Sowrdy hir maister' in Edinburgh 'aucht dayis befoir Peasche last wes.'] And all this wes under promis of mariag. Elspott is ordanit to satisfie presentle for hir said offence confessit be hir as ane fornicatrix, and nochtwrithstanding to makk forder satisfaction, if utherwyis the mater be tryt; and Alexander to be warnit to ansuer to the dilatioun at his hame cuming fra Zetland.

The quhilik day Issobell Spens is ordanit to bring testimoniall Spens.
of the Kirk of Craill that sche hes satisfet for hir offence thair.

Die penultimo mensis Augusti, 1593.

The quhilik day, Issobell Spens product the testimoniall, subscrivit be Dauid Maxwell redar and certane elders at Craill, that sche hes satisfet the kirk of Craill for getting of ane barn in fornicatioun with Jhone Cwningham of West Barnis, and that the barn procreat betuix thame is baptizit.

Die xii mensis Septembris, anno Domini jvo et nonagesimo tertio.

The quhilik day, eftir ernest incalling upon the holy name of God, and eftir lang advisment and mature deliberation hed, conperit Mr. Dauid Blak and Mr. Robert Wallace, quha willinglie acceptit the ministre of the citty of St. Androus in and upon thame, equalie and proportionalie, in precheing of the Word and ministration of the sacraments and exercis of discipline within this citty, conforme to the ordour and ressonabill conditionis to be sett down heireftir.¹

Mr. David Blak
Mr. Robert Wallace.

The quhilik day, conperit Jonet Scott and grants hir with barn to Jhone Smart, quhilik wes gottin under promis of

¹ Black produced his conditions on the 12th of December. They will be found under that date.
mariage, as sche allegis in the said Jhonis presens. The said Jhone, being requirit to anser thairto, grantis carnaill daill with Jonet Scott, bot denyis ony promis of mariage maid be him to hir. The sessioun ordanit thame to satisfie for thair offence conforme to the ordour. As to the promis of mariage the said Jonet referrit the samyn to the said Jhonis aith simpliciter; and [the sessioun]¹ ordanit him to conpeir this day aucht dayis to gif his aith thairupon.

Confessio
Duncansoun, Lentrón.

Die x° mensis Octobris, anno lxxxixi

The quhilk day, Jonet Duncansoun grantis hir with barn to Thomas Lentrón younger, quhilk wes gottin in Elene Jnglis hous, in the chalmer, in the niet; the first tyme wes sex owkis befoir Witsonday last wes, and that the barn wes [then]¹ gottin. The sessioun ordanit hir to satisfie, being now relapis; and to warn Thomas quhen he cummis hame, to anser to the dilatioun, [and]¹ to warn Elene Jnglis to this day aucht dayis. And Margret Doitt hes borne ane barne in forniciation to Jhone Lowden: to satisfie conform to the ordour.

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Smart as he that wes warnit to this day to gif his aith, conforme to the Act maid the xix day of September last wes, to witt, if he promist to marie Jonet Scott or nocht, and if the barn quhilk sche is presentlie with wes gottin be him under promis of mariage. The said Jhone, being requirit to gif his aith upon the premisiss, refusit expreslie to do the samyn; and thairfor the sessioun haldis him pro confessio, in presens of the said Jonet Scott, protesting that he haif na licence to marie ane uther woman, quhill he first purge him of his said promis be his aith as said is.

The quhilk day, Alexander Leiche grantis carnaill daill with Elspott Scott, and grantis the dilatioun gevin in be Elspot upon him the xxiiij of August last wes trew. He is ordanit to satisfie and hes payit xl s. in part of pament of the Act for his impressoment.

Protestatio
Scott.

Confessio
Leiche, Scott.

Die Mercurii, xxiiij° mensis Novembris, 1593.

The quhilk day, being appointit to all parteis haifand

¹ Omitted.
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interes, as that that wer laidfullie warnt upon Sunday last was, to conpeir this day to object aganis the nomination of elders and deacons, quha wer publiclie red Sunday last was in the kirk; and becaus nane conperit to object the sessioun ordanit the electioun to proced, but becaus the contentious is presentlie in Edinburgh for the magistrace, nocht yit decidit, the sessioun continewis the electioun to this day aucht dayis quhill the magistra[tis] be present with the sessioun. ¹

The quhilk day, Cathrin Mwrray, spous to Androw Piggett,

¹ The matter had been decided at Holyrood on the previous day, by the Convention of Estates, although the result had not yet reached St. Andrews. From the Act of Convention, it appears that Letters had been raised 'at the instance of the auld Provost baillies and counsale of the citie of Sanctandros, makkand mention:—That qhahir laitlie at the tyme of electioun of the magistratis of the said citie, the saidis complenaris, with certane of the maist honnest burgessis and inhabitantis thairof, havig convenit thame selfis in the tolbuth of the same, off intenition to have procedit to their ordinair forme of electioun of magistratis according to the Actis of Burrowsis and Parliament, appointing the auld Provost baillies and counsale to cheis the new, lippyning for na hinder nor impediment to have bene maid to thame thairin; nevirtheles it is of verite that a grire nowmer of the rascal multitude inhabitantis of the said citie, sterit up be sum seditious and unquiet personis, convenit thame selfis togidder, and not onlie debarrit and stoppit the saidis complenaris to proced in the said electioun, be boisting minausing dinging and misusing of sum of the honnest men assisting thame with thair vote, bot, in thair pretendit maner maist inordinarily aganis the accustomat forme, and expres contrair the tennour of the saidis Actis of Burrowsis and Act of Parliament, electit sic Provost baillies and counsale to beir office and charge within the said citie for the yeir tocum, as thay thocht meitast for maintenance and setting fordwart of thair seditious purposis; caryn thairwith a grite mutine toumult and diviison within the said citie, to the disturbing of the publict estate thairof, and appeirand genering of forder trouble and inconvenient without remeid be providit.' The following pursuers were present at Holyrood:—'James Lermont of Dersy auld Provost, Michael Balfour, Alexander Winsister, and Johnne Forrett of Fingask.' Of the defenders there were:—'Maister William Murray, Mr. Dauid Auchmowtie eldair, William Moffett, and Johnne Smith.' After hearing both parties, and receiving the advice of certain Commissioners of Burghs, the King and Lords approved the election of the new Provost, baillies, and council, 'becaus the same electioun wes maid and done according to the forme practique and consuetude observit within the same citie in tyme bigane past memoir of man'; and thorfors ordainit them 'to be reverenceit acknaulegeit and obeyit as lauchfull magistrattis of the same citie, be the hail communitie and inhabitantis thairof, and utheris his Hienes lieigs, during the said space.' The usual proclamation was to be made at the market cross of St. Andrews and other places needful, that none might pretend ignorance; and the inhabitants were to be charged to reverence acknowledge and obey the new magistrates, 'undir all hiest pane ctyme and offence.
in Montrois, declaris sche hes borne ane barne in adultrie to
Thomas Lentroun, sone to Thomas Lentroun, citiner in St.
Androus, quhilk wes gottin in hir awin hous in Montrois xv
dayis befoir Candilimes last wes; the barne is now sex owkis
auld, and wes borne in William Lowsounis hous in this citee.
The sessioun ordanit hir to conpeir agane this day aucht
dayis.

Die xxviiiæ mensis Novembris, 1593.

Electioun of eldaris and deaconis for this 1593 to
proced in this maner, to witt, the ane half removit
sall chuis the uther half thairof, quhilkis ar also
chosin and dividit as followis.

Maisteris Dauid Blak and Robert Wallace ministeris.

Elderis electit of the Universite.
Mr. Androw Meluill, Rectour of the Universite
Mr. Robert Wilkie, Mr. Principall of St. Leonardis College
Mr. Jhone Jhonestoun, maister in the New College
Mr. Homer Blair, maister in the Auld College
Mr. William Marche, maister in St. Leonardis College
Mr. James Ros, maister in the Auld College.

Elderis electit of the town.
Mr. William Mwrray of Pitcarleis, Provost of St. Androus
Schir George Dowglas of Elenehill, Knycht
George Halyburtoun, portioner of Kyncepill
Dauid Mwrray of Litill Ardeth
James Hay of Frwchie
Mr. Dauid Auchmowty, elder, Elderis upon land.
bailye Jhone Meluill of Raith
William Mwffett, bailye Dauid Kynnymonth fear of
Jhone Martine, bailye that ilk
Jhone Wod, Dane of Gild Patrik Dudingstoun portioner
Mr. George Mernis, thesawrar of Kyncepill

that they may committ and inrin aganis his Majestie in that behalfft (Acts of
the Parliaments of Scotland, iv. 45, 46). See also Register of Privy Council,
v. 107. It will yet be seen that peace and concord were not to be easily restored.
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Androw Welwod  Androw Wod of Straythwethy
Dauid Guidlaid  Mr. Jhone Aytoun of Kynmaldy
William Zuill  Jhone Inglis of Straythryrm
Charlis Watsoun, scribe  George Ramsay of Langraw
Mr. George Narne  Gavin Wemys of Vnthank
Mr. William Wemys  Jhone Smyth portioner of Balone
Dauid Dalgleis  Attour the sessioun hes tocht
to ad to upon land
James Scheves  James Wemys of Lathoker
Jhone Hagy  Mr. Martine Carstrophein in
James Lentroun, skipper  Byrhillis.
Thomas Lundy
Thomas Diksoun.

Deaconis electit in the town.

Jhone Adamsoun, skipper
Jhone Smyth, deakin of the  Deaconis upon land.
hammemen  Dauid Carstaris in Lambelethame
Jhone Blyth, skipper  Jhone Zoung in Byrehillis
William Cowper  Thomas Carstaris in New Grange
Robert Williamsoun  Jhone Dewar of Goikston Miln
Jhone Budge  Dauid Thomson portioner of
Thomas Craig  Balone
James Bryde, merccheinand  Alexander Rind in Kyncepill
James Leiche  Thomas Pattoun in Eister Ballymouth
Dauid Lentroun  James Scott in Ladeddy.
Robert Zuill
Walter Ramsay.

Die quintus mensis Decembris, 1593.

The quhilk day, the elderis and deaconis befoir writin ratifit and apprivit the actis and statutis maid in this buik the first of November lxxij yeiris, and all utheris actis and statutis maid theairin, promising to observe and keip the samyn.

The quhilk day, the haill town, with the advis and consall of the magistratis consall and sessioun, is dividit in twa partis, to witt, the haill Sowth Gait on baith the sydis, wyth Argyle Gait, the Kirk Wynd, Logcis Wynde, the Baikhouss Clois, with the Huikstar Wynd north on baith the sydis to the Merkat Gait.
and eist about the nuke to Schir George Dowglasis ludgeing, except samekle as belanis to St. Leonardis parroche, for the ane half of the town. And to the samyn half Mr. Robert Wallace, with advis forsaid, is appointit minister and pastour. And to the greator honour and service of God, and for help and releif of the said Mr. Robert Wallace, the said half of the town is dividit agane in maner following, and thir personis elderis and deaconis underwritin ar appointit wachemen visitouris and attendaris upon the maneris lyffe and conversatioun of the pepill, ilk ane haifand ane particular part appointit to thame, in maner following: viz., ftras the parroche kirk eist, including thairin the haill Kirk Wynd and Baikhouis Clois, to Patrik Guthereis ludgeing, Dauid Mwrray, Dauid Guidlaid and William Cowpar, ar appointit. And fra Patrik Guthereis houes eist—including thairin Scottis Clois, the Hukstar Wynd to the eist end of the Merkat Gait—on the north syde, eist to Schyr George Dowglas ludgeis, ar appointit the said Schir George Dowglas, George Haliburton, Thomas Diksoun and Jhone Adamsoun. And fra the Eist Burn Wynde, including thairin the west syde of the Eist Burn Wynde, the haill West Burn Wynd, and as west to umquhill Mr. Martine Geddeis ludgeing, ar appointit Mr. Dauid Auchmowty bailye, Mr. George Narne and Robert Zuill. And fra Logeis Wynde west, including thairin the said wynd, west to Jhone Hageis hous, ar appointit Jhone Martine baiyle and James Bryde. And fra Jhone Hageis houes west to Dauid Garncris hous, ar appointit Jhone Hagy and Thomas Craig. And fra Mr. Martine Geddeis houes west to the Port, ar appointit Dauid Dalgleis and Thomas Lundy. And fra the Port west to the west end of Argaill, ar appointit Mr. George Mernis and Jhone Smyth deakin.

To the seconed half of the town thair is the haill Merkat Gait with the New Clois; the haill North Gait with the College Wynde, Mottois Clois, Jaksonis Clois; the haill Fishear Gait, with the Hukstar Wynde on baith the sydis to the end of the Merkat Gait, and Fowill Waist. And Mr. Dauid Blak is appointit minister thairto with advis forsaid. And the samyn half is dividit in maner following, and the personis eftir specifit ar appointit wachemen visitouris and attendaris upon the maneris lyffe and conversatioun of the pepill, ilk ane haifand
ane particular part appointit to thame to that effect, as followis. That is to say, fra the Kirk Wynd and College Wynde west to the Merkat Gait Port on baith the sydis of the gait, ar appointit William Muffat baiyle and Charlis Watsoun scribe. And fra the College Wynde eist to the end of the Merkat Gait on the north syde thairof, ar appointit Mr. Robert Zuill and James Leiche. Fra the Kirk Wynd eist to the eist end of the Merkat Gait, including thairin the New Clois, ar appointit Jhone Wod, William Zuill, Androw Welwod. To the haill College Wynd, and west the North Gait on the sowth syde to the Port, ar appointit Mr. William Wemys and James Scheves. And fra the North Gait Port eist to James Lentronis hous ar appointit James Hay, Jhone Budge and Mr. James Ros. And fra James Lentronis hous eist to Jhone Blythis hous, including thairin the haill Fischer Gait, ar appointit James Lentroun and Jhone Blyth. And fra Michell Smythis hous west on the sowth syde of the gait to the College Wynde, including thairin the Fowill Waist and Jaksonis Clois, ar appointit Walter Ramsay, Robert Williamsoun and Dauid Lentroun.

Deaconis appointit in ilk quarter for distributioun of the pur folkis almois.

Jhone Adamsoun                       Thomas Craig
William Couper                        James Bryde
Robert Zuill,                       Jhone Smyth,
for the quarter be                   for the quarter be
eist the kirk.                       west the kirk.

Robert Williamsoun                   Jhone Budge
James Leiche                         Jhone Blyth
Walter Ramsay,                      Dauid Lentroun,
for the Merkat Gait.                for the North Gait.

The quhilk day, it is ordanit and divisit be the sessioun that Mr. Dauid Blak sall preche the Word of God owklié heireftir, God willing, ilk Fryday, and Mr. Robert Wallace ilk Weddens-

1 *Owklie* in ms.
day, and that thai preche upon Sunday befoir none and eftir none, the ane of thame befoir none, and the uther after none, as thai sall think maist expedient be thame selfis, and thai to minister the sacramentis as occasioun salbe offerrit.

Die Mercurii, duodecimo mensis Decembris, anno j"e\nonagesimo tertio.

The quhilk day, Mr. Dauid Blak minister, according to the Act maid in this bulk of his acceptatioun of the ministrie, the xix day of September last wes, producit thir conditionis follow-
ing, quhilk the sessioun ordanit to be insert in the buikis, quhairof the tenour followis. first, that his bruther and follow laborar, Mr. Robert Wallace, his ministrie be established and continewit with his ministrie, according to the Act of the Generall Assemblie, haldin at Dunde, the xxiiij day of Aprile last wes. Nixt, that the magistratis use faithfull diligens in thair callingis, that ane universall obedience may be obtenit to the Word and discipline throuthout the body of the peppill, be all meanis furthering quhatsoever may serve best for the advancement of the Gospel in this citem. And sua the Lord inabling the said Mr. Dauid, in strength of body and incre of his graces, to the forther assurance of his conscience, for the discharging of sa great a calling, he promissis be his assistance to use all fidelite and diligens in this holy function committit to him. Quhilkis conditionis being red the sessioun and magistratis acceptis and aggredis unto.

The quhilk day, Thomas Wilsoun grantis he hes gottin ane
barn in fornicationis with Issobell Huntar in Raderny, quhilk
wes gottin at Fastronisevin last wes; now sensyse Issobell is
marit with Dauid Wemys. Thomas is ordanit to satisfie
conforme to the ordour.

Die xix° mensis Decembris, anno nonagesimo tertio.

The quhilk day, conperit Patrik Lermonth and being accusit

1 Novembris in ms. evidently by mistake. December is written over it in a
modern hand.

2 The Assembly met on the 24th of April, but the Act concerning the ministry
of St. Andrews was adopted on the 28th of that month. See the bulk of it,
p. 749, n.
for cuming upon the secund\(^1\) day of October last wes, under silence of nicht, accompaniit with divers evill disposit personis to the houes of Jhone Smyth, deskin of the hammermen, citiner in this citee, and for the crewell wonding and hurtynge of the said Jhone Smyth, Jhone Gray, Jhone Cuthbart, and certane utheris, to the great effusion of their bluid, to the gryte dishonor of God, agenis the rewell of cherite, and sklander of this congregatioun; the said Pattrik ansuerit and allegit the sessioun to be na jugis compitent to him in this cais, be resoun the maist part of the ministeris of the sessioun, and utheris, elderis and deaconis of the samyn, ar at inamnite with him, and hes borne armour agenis him. The sessioun, being advisit with his allegeans, hes, nochtwithstanding, fund thame selfis jugis compitent to the said Pattrik in\(^2\) this cais; and thairfor desyrit him to ansuer to the accusatioun negativ or afirmativ. And the said Pattrik being sa requirit denyit the haill heidis of the said accusatioun. Thairfor the sessioun statut to preif the samyn be new warning, and the said Pattrik appalit fra the said sessioun to the Presbitrie of St. Androus, and promist to produce his appellantioun in wreit this day aucht dayis.\(^3\)

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\(^{1}\) Secund interlined over xxij deleted.

\(^{2}\) In is repeated in xx.

\(^{3}\) The outbreak, with which Patrick Learmonth was charged, resulted from the ill-feeling connected with the municipal election of 1593. The matter is thus referred to by James Melville:—'On the Michelmess that yeir, the crafts and burgesses of St. Androsie changing thair Provost, for the Laird of Darsie, choisit Capitan Wilieam Murray, quhilk maid Darsie's frinds to rage sa, that Burley cam under sylene of night, and tuk an honest man out of his houes and caried him away; at the quhilk brave exployt Burley was mutilat of a fingar to begin his wars withal. His man, Myleses, another night, with certein companiones, his complices, cam to an uther honest man's houes and reft away his douchter and last, the said Laird of Darsie maid a great convocation of his frinds, with the quhilk in armes he purposed to enter in the town, and abbus the certein citizenis thairof at his pleasour, and that indeid of the best sort' (Melville's *Diary*, p. 313). Melville goes on to relate how his uncle, 'then Rector of the Universitie, and sa a civil magistrat,' roused the University, and, assisted by Lord Lindsay, Sir George Douglas and others, took 'armes for helpe and defence of the town,' and so 'maid the invadder fean, for all his forces, to byd out, and tak reason in part of payment.' As the Patrick Learmonth mentioned in the text was probably the brother of the Laird of Darsie (*Register of Privy Council*, iv. 544), this explains his objection, that 'the maist part' of the session were at enmity with him, and had 'borne armour aganis him.'
The quhilk day, Walter Adamsoun and Margret Kilgour gratitis thai haif gottin ane barne in fornicatioun, and submitis thame selfis to discipline. Thae ar ordanit to pay x l's., in part of pament of the Act for thair impressment, and to satisfie conforme to the ordour; and ar content to marie in God his feir.

The quhilk day Cristene Reif gratitis sche hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with umquhill Patrik Clerk. Sche is ordanit to satisfie conforme to the ordour. This is the second tyme, thairfor sche is ordanit, with consent of the magistratis, to be jokit. As also Elene Donat, being ane that ressavit the puir folkis almos, convict in fornicatioun be gettning of ane barne with Malcome Kenlowy pyster; and siclyk Bosy Williamsoun for fornicatioun with Adame Duche sklaetar, and certane utheris filthelie, as wes delaitit to the session. Thae ar all ordanit to cum to the jokis upon Mononday nixectocum; and stand fra ten quhill xij hours at none, conforme to the Act of Parliament maid thairnent, or ellis to be huniisit this citee for evir.

The quhilk day, George Ros wobstar accusit for suppressing of his awin barne, in the bed with him and his wyffe in the nicht. The sessioun ordanit [blank] Blak his wyffe, quhen sche is rissin of hir chuild bed, to be warmit and lykewysy accusit, that thai may baith be punisit for thair confence conforme to equite.

 sessions however showed no animus for, as the following extracts prove, they only took action after the Presbytery ordered them to do so. 'October 4, 1593... Anent the most havie slander and offence givin be sum inordinat persones, be perseweing hurtynge and carreing away under silence of nicht certane inhabitantis of the citie of Sanctandros, the Presbyte ordes thir persones followynge, delaited and givin up to be doares of the said ungodlie fact and cryme, the ar to say, the Laird of [Balcose—deleted] Birlie, M. William Balfour his brother, Walter Chisholme his servand, the Laird of Balcose, M. Robert Lermont his brother german, Patrik Lermont, William Arthur of Cairnes, Nicol Maine, Patrik Brown, to be summond be thair own pastouris personalle, if thei can be apprehendit, utherways publickly owt of the pulpit be thair names respective, to compeir befor the Presbytre of St. Anders upon Thursday nixectocum, being the ellevint of October instant' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery). 'December 13, 1593... The Presbytre ordes the sessioun of Sanctandros to tak ordour with sa monie within thair paroche as ar delaited for trubling hurtynge and carreing away sum of the indwellers of the citie under the silence of nicht' (Ibid.).
The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanit, with consent of the magistratis, this Act underwritin, aggreaibill with the Act of Parliament,\(^1\) to be publisit and red oppinlie upon Sunday nixt-tocum, the xxij of December instant, that the samyn in all tymes cuming may be putt to full executioun aganis the transgressouris thairof: to witt, that fornicatouris ilk ane, for the first fault, pay fourty lib. to the box of the puir, or ellis the man and woman impressionit\(^2\) aucht dayis, thair fuide bread and small drink, and thaireftir to be presentit to thair糟 merkat croce, or merkat place of thair toon or parrochin, beirhedin, and thair to stand, festnit that thai may nocht remoif, for the space of tua houris, as fra ten qhull xij houris at none; ffor the secund falt, being convict, thai sall pay the sowme of ane hundreth merkis, or ellis the fornemmit dayis of impressoment dowblit, and thair fuide bread and watter alanderlie, and thaireftir to be presentit to thair糟 merkat croce or merkat place, and baith thair heidis, man and woman, to be sachavin; ffor the thrid fault, being convict, ilk transgressour sall pay ane hundreth lib., or ellis thair impressoment dowblit,\(^3\) thair fuide to be bread and watter alanderlie, and thaireftir to be tane to the dipes and fowlest puill or watter of the toon or parrochin, thair to be thrys dowkit, and thaireftir to be banisit the toon par-rochin for evir; and how oft, fra thyne furth, that evir thai be convict of the foraisd vice of fornicatioun, that sa oft the thrid penultie be execut upon the transgressouris. And that ilk transgressour sitt upon the penitent stuill, for ilk fault, Sunday Weddingsday and Friday, tyme of sermone, sa oft as thai transgres.

\textit{Die Mercurii, xxvij Decembri, anno Domini j\textsuperscript{m}v lxxxij.}

The quhilk day, Drumond Tranent, in name of Patrik Lermont, producis the said Patrikis appellatioun in wreit, conforme to his promis maid the xix of December instant.

The sessioun hes takin to advis with the Presbitre to morn anent the said appellatioun, and the ministeris to report the Presbitreis anssuer thairin this day aucht dayis, and to summond

\(^1\) See \textit{supra}, p. 451, n.  \(^2\) Impessonit in MS.  \(^3\) Dowlit in MS.
Patrik publicle Sunday nixttocum to heir the actoun provin aganis him to the said day.

The quhill day, conperit Thomas Lentroun younger, quha grantis that he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatiioun with Jonet Duncane. The seshioun ordainit him to be punisit conforme to the Actis sett down thair anent in this buik the xix of December instant.—Thomas Lentroun hes satisfe[it] and is ressavit.

The quhill day, Thomas Lentroun younger grantis he hes committit the filthy vice of adulterie with Cathrin Mwrray, conforme to hir dilatioun in begatting ane barne with hir in Montrois, sche being in the meanetyme mariit with Androw Pilggott. The seshioun ordanis him to be punisit thairfor, conforme to the actis and lawsis observit in sic casis; and becaus the fact was committit in Montrois, he is first ordanit to report testimoniall of his satisfaction fra the minister of Montrois, within xv dayis under [pane of]¹ censouris of the kirk.

The quhill day, being callit and conperand befoir the seshioun Mr. Daudi Russell, Mr. William Cok, Mr. Jhone Scott, Androw Ramsay, Patrik Gutherie, George Methven malmman, Patrik Playfeir, Robert Greg, George Greg, Alane Greg, Jhone Wylie baxter, Androw Wrycht, Jhone Wilsoun malmman, Walter Finlason, Jhone Ferry, being inquirit if thai wald insist in persuit of the actioun intentit befoir the Lordis of Seshioun—for qarrrelling of² the electioun of Mr. William Mwray, Provest, Mr. Daudi Auchmowty, William Mussfett, bailyes, and utheris, bailyes thesawrar Dane of Gild and consall of the citeit of St. Androus, agans his Majesteis decret de Secrete Consall, &c.—and if thai hed subcrivit ane letter of procuratore to that effect, ansueris that thai hed nocht subcrivit ane letter of procuratore, nor yit wald thai insist in persuit of the said actioun, nor yit wald thai cum in contrar the said decret, this yier in to cum. And siclyke conperit Mr. William Russell, Duncane Balfour, William Lermouth, elder and younger, Daudi Avery, Mr. Daudi Auchmowty younger, Alexander Wysister, Alexander Carstaris, Mr. Henry Russell, Androw Forrett, quha, being inquirit in maner

¹ Omitted. ² Rquisitis in ms. ³ Of of in ms.
foir said, grants that thai haif subscribit ane procuratorie to quarrell the electioun of saidis present magistratis before the Lordis, and that thai wald insist thairin conforme to the sum-mondis reasit to that effect.

The quhilk day, Nicholl Mane and Patrik Bron being warnit to this day to anser to the accusatioun for cuming to Jhone Smyth hous under silence of nicht, the secund of October last wes, accompanet with divers evill disposit personis, and for hurting of the said Jhone Smyth, Henry Smyth, Jhone Gray, Alane Wilson, Jhone Cuthbert, &c., to the dishonour of God and sklander of this congregatioun; conperit the said Nicholl and Patrik, quha deponit and ansererit to the said accusatioun as thair anseris in wret beris. The sessioun, for forder triall to be takin in this mater, statut to summond certane witnes to that effect, and ordanit Nicholl and Patrik to be warnit to heir the saidis witnes ressavit suorn and admittit the ix of Januar nixttocum.

_Die Mercurii, secundo Januarii, anno lxxxviij._

The quhilk day, in terme statut to Mr. Daud Blak minister _Lermouth_ to report the Presbitreis anser anent Patrik Lernmonthis appellatioun, the said Mr. Daud reportit the anser, quhilk is, that the Presbitrie findis the sessioun jugis compitent in the said caus nochtwithstanding of the appellatioun. And the said Patrik being publicie summond Sunday last wes to heir witnes ressavit suorn and admittit this day aganis him, conperit the said Patrik, befoir ressait of ony witnes, and abydis be his appellatioun producit the xxvj of December last wes, protesting the session do him na wrang, and for remed of law aganis thame if thai sa do. The sessioun upon sum gude respectis continewis the said actioun to new warning.

_Die nono Januarii, 1593._

The quhilk day, in terme statut to ressaif certane witnes to Nicholl Mane, Patrik Bron, be sworn and examinat in the actioun of sklander movit aganis Nicholl Mane and Patrik Broun, the said Nicholl and Patrik

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1 This contraction probably stands for _lité actio_.

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being personale warnit to that effect, as wes verefiit be Androw Sellar officiar, the session thatfor ressavit Alexander Cranstoun, Jhone Cwnighame, Jhone Lermouth, Dauid Dik, Dauid Gardner, Thomas Bowie, Thomas Smyth, Jhone Robertsnow, Thomas Craig, wtnes, sworn and examinat, as thair depositionis\textsuperscript{1} beris; and als ane writing and summondis execut aganis Androw Blyth, James Dik, Jhone Dik, William Couper, Androw Murray, Dauid Richeart, Robert Sowrde, Edmond Broun, Robert Geddy, James Bron, James Saige, and Robert Lumnisdane. The sessioun ordanit thame to be warnit agane, Sondai aftir none, the xij of Januar instant; and Patsirk Broun and Nicholl Mane to be warnit to heir thame ressavit sworn and admittit, and reservit place to thame to oppone relevant exceptionis aganis the wtnes ressavit this day.

The quhilk day, William Lermouth elder, Dauid Avary, Androw Forrett, Alexander Carstars, Dauid Watsoun, being warnit to this day to answer befoir the sessioun to sic thins as suld haif bein proponit aganis thame, and that at thair duelling places, as wes verefiit be Androw Sellar officiar, or ordanit to be warnit agane to Friday the x of Januar instant, becaus thai conperit nocht.

The quhilk day, thir personis underwrittin being callit and conperand befoir the sessioun, for absenting of thame selfs fra the sermone and playing on the Sabbath day tyme of sermone, viz., Dauid Carnis, Duncane Gullen, Jhone Carstaris maltman, Thomas Scott wobstar, Alane Dewar younger; thi all promis to keip the Sabbath in tyms cuming and the sermonis, and nocht to play on the Sabbath day tyme of sermon, under the panis contenit in the Act of Parliament.

The samyn day, being warnit Gelis Smyth, and accusit for non keipin of the kirk, and selling of aill upon Sunday and uthir dayis tyme of sermone, sche promisis to abstain and to keip the Sabbath holy in tyms cuming, under the panis contenit in the Actis.

The quhilk day, Thomas Lentroun producit testimoniall fra Jhone Dury\textsuperscript{2} minister of Montrouis, and is ordanit to pas to

\textsuperscript{1} Depositis in ms.
\textsuperscript{2} The father-in-law of James Melville and of George Gladstanes.
Montrois with all diligens and satisfie the kirk thair, and becaus the schip quhairin he sulde saillit into and maid his viage into is already salit away; and to report anser thairof and of his satisfaction, with sic expedition and diligens as is gudle.

The quhilk day, Alexander Wilsoun being accusit for playing on the Sabbath, extraordinar drinking, dinging of his wyff, and passing furth of the kirk befoir the blessing be gevin eftir sermone, he is admonisit to abstain fra the former vices under pane of censouris of the kirk.

The quhilk day, being warnit Cristene Forrett and [blank] hir madin, Jhone Dayis smyth, Androw Diplein, William Dayis smyth, Jhone Phenecoun elder and younger, and Thomas Carstaris smyth, to anser for nocht keping of the Sabbath holy, and for playing thairon tyme of sermone, thai nor none of thame conperit; thairfor thai ar ordanit to be warnit agane to Sunday nixttocum, under pane of censouris of the kirk.

Die xj Januarrii, 1593.

The quhilk day, it being declarit and delatit to the sesioun that Mr. Dauid Russell, Mr. William Russell, Duncane Balfour, William Lermont elder, Dauid Watsoun, Mr. Dauid Auchmowty younger, Andro Forrett, James Robertson younger, Alexander Carstaris, Alexander Wynchister, Pa. Gutherie, William Lermont younger, Andro Ramsay, Thomas Lentroun, Mr. William Cok, Stevin Philp, Jhone Wylie, and Jhone Ferry, upon the xj day of December last wes, conperit befoir Provest and bailyeis of St. Androus; and being requirit to gif thair athis that thai wald gif obedience to the saidis Provest and bailyeis this present yeir, according to his Majestis decrete pronuncit in thair favouris, thain anserit be ostention of thair rycht hand that thai wald obey the saidis Provest and bailyeis, as the Act subscrivit be Patrik Bonkill beris. Nochttheles Duncan Balfour, Mr. William Russell, William Ler[month] elder and younger, Dauid Watsoun, Alexander Wynstier, Alexander Carstaris, Thomas Lentroun, Jhone Ferry, Andro Forret, and Mr. Dauid Auchmote younger, upon the viij

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1  *is in ms.*  
2  *Collectarum in ms.*  
3  *Colleagues.*
day of Januar instant, purchest the Lordis lettres exeming thame fra the saidis Provost and bailyes jurisdiction, contrar to thair athis. Quhairfor the sessioun hes found thame perjuret, and ordanis thame to conpeir the 17 of Januar instant, to heir thame pronuncit perjuret, and to abyde the censouris of the kirk thairfor.¹

*Die [Jovis—deleted] Mercurii, xvij° Januarii, anno lxxixij°*

The quhilk day, Cristene Forrett and hir madin, Androw Diplein miller and Bessy Ramsay, being oft and diversis tymes warnit to conpeir befoir the sessioun, to anser to sic thingis as suld be proponit aganis thame, and speciale to this day, thai conpeir nocht; thairfor the sessioun ordanit thame to be publiclie summond Sunday nixttocum, to conper at Sunday eftir none, under pane of censouris of the kirk.

The quhilk day, Nicholl Mane, warnit personale to this day, conperit nocht, is ordanit to be warnit agane, under pane of publict admonition.

The quhilk day, Alexander Cranstoun witnes, being reexaminat in presens of Patrik Broun, and thai confrontit to gidder, Alexander Cranston is constant in his depositioun, and affermis all constante in the said Patrikis presens, and sayis that the tua foir hammeris wes Patrikis hammeris; and Patrik Broun causit him tak thame furth of his hous, and bring thame to Jhone Smythis hous; and that Patrik causit him bind ane auld crepe string about the said Patrikis face; and that Patrik maid the pynnis, to clois the lokkis of the kirk dur, of the schaft of ane ammer² with ane risp, &c. Quhilkis hall thingis the said Patrik denyis.

¹ This entry has been squeezed into a blank space left for it; but has been afterwards scored out, while there has been written partly over it and partly in the margin:—'This Act is orditit to be deleit be the magistratis and sessioun, viij° Octobris, 1613.' This note is doubly attested, namely, under the paragraph by the signature:—Davide Skinner scriba subscriptor, and in the margin by that of George Gladstanes, then Archbishop, whose initial may have been cut off by the binder, but the Sanctandrosiis stands bold and clear. Over the Archbishop's autograph some one has written—Nota.

² An *ammer* or *emmer tree* is a beam of wood or bar of iron, to which a chain is attached for hanging pots over the fire. Perhaps *ammer* in the text is a mistake for *hammer*. 
The sessioun ordanit Jhone Forrett at Forrett Miln to be publikk \[\text{Citation}\]
summond Sunday nixttocum to eftir none, to answer to the accusation of adultrie gevin in aganis him be Beatrix Broun, becaus he wes personale warnit to this day and diveris tymes befoir and conperit nocht, under pane of cessouris of the kirk.—Beatrix Broun maid satisfactioun and is ressavit.

\textit{Die xviij\textsuperscript{e} Januarii, 1593.}

The quhilk day, conperit Duncane Balfour, Alexander Wynchister, Mr. William Russell, Alexander Carstaris, James Robertsoun younger, Mr. Dauid Auchmowty younger, William Lermouth elder, and Dauid Watsoun, citineris in St. Androus, as in terme statut to thame, to gif anser quhider thai will abyde be persuit of the reductioun of the electioun of Mr. William Mwrray, Provost, Mr. Dauid Auchmowty, William Muffett, and Jhone Martine, bailyes, Jhone Wod, Dane of Gild, and Mr. George Mernis, thesawrar, of this citee; and in persuit of the exemptioun of thame fra the saidis Provost and bailyes jurisdictioun, intentit at thair instance befoir the Lordis; and if thai wald reverence and obey thame as\[\text{As in MS.}\] laidfull magistratis for this present yeir. The saidis personis, all in ane voce, passis be thir presentis fra the saidis tua actionis of reductioun and exemptioun and haiit lettres and executionis of the samyn, and all that hes followit or may follow thairupon, oblisig thame and ilk ane of thame to reverence and obey the saidis magistratis for this present yeir, conforme to thair electioun, and decreet of Secretie Consall past thairupon, authorising the samyn in all thingis.

\textit{Die xx\textsuperscript{e} Januarii, 1593.}

The quhilk day, conperit Gregorie Watsoun, George Methven maltman, Mr. Patrik Arthour, William Lentroun, Thomas Scott, Robert Hendersoun, Androw Diplein, Thomas Dudingston, citineris in St. Androus, quha willinglie and frelie past fra the action of reduction of the Provost and bailyes foirsaidis

\[\text{Footnote 1 in MS.}\]

\[\text{Footnote 2 in MS.}\]
their election, and fra the actioun of exemption of thame fra thair jurisdiction, and all lettres and executionis thairof, with all that hes followit or may follow thairupon, oblishing thame to reverence and obey the saidis magistratis for this present yeir, &c. A[s] also William Lermouth younger passis fra the lettres and proces of exemptioun of him fra the saidis Provost and bailycis juridictioun, and fra the actioun for extracting of the proces quhair he wes deprivit fra his fredome, &c.

The quhilk day, conperit also Duncan Balfour, Mr. William Russell, Alexander Carstaris, quha passis fra the actioun intentit be thame aganis the saidis Provost balyeis and Patrik Bonkle thair clerk of court, for extracting of the proces quhair thair wer deprivit of thair libertie and fredome of the said citee, and fra all lettres and executionis of the samyn simpliciter.

The samyn day, Jhone Ade past fra the persuit of all actionis he may haif aganis the present magistratis simpliciter; as also Androw Forrett, Patrik Broun, Alane Lentroun, Henry Fowlis, Androw Adesoun, Dauid Greg, Jhone Wyslie elder, Alexander Miller wrycht, passis fra all actioun of reductioun of the actioun of the Provost and bailycis of this present yeir, and fra all lettres and actioun of exemptioun simpliciter, and promissis to reverence and obey thame this present yeir, conforme to the decret of Secrete Consall.

Die xxiiij° Januarii, 1593.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis Jhone Ferry tailyeour to be publicle summond Sunday nixttocum, to conpeir Sunday eftir none, becaus it [is]1 verefit be Androw Sellar officiar that he wes warnit to this day and divers tymes befoir and conperit nocht.

The quhilk day, Jhone Alane and Gelis Smyth, being admonisit befoir to keip holy the Sabbath day, and nocht to sell all tyme of sermone, bot to be in the kirk to heir Godis Word, is now convict that thai wer baith fra sermone Sunday last wes eftir none, haifand cumpanie with thame in thair awin hous drinkand. Thairfor thair ar decernit in the pane contenit

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1 Omitted.
in Act of Parliament, to be upliftit be the magistratis, and to
mak publict humiliatioun for thair offence Sunday nixttocum.
—Thai maid publict humiliatioun.

The samyn day, Dauid Husband tailyeour, Beatrix Kay
browstir, Dauid Robertoun fleschour, Robert Zoung, Duncane
Kenlowy, Alexander Murray cordinir, Dauid Turubill, Dauid
Michell cadger, Androw Carnis, Patrik Broun, being all accusit
for breking of the Sabboith day and nocht cuming to the kirk,
&c., ar all admonisit to abstein fra breking thairof in tymes
 cuming, under pane of censuris of the kirk.

The quhilk day Bessy Naper grantis carnall daill with
Thomas Richie upon Sunday wes aucht dayis. Sche is ordanit
to satisfe; and Thomas to be warnit to Sunday nixttocum
eftir none.

Die penultimo Januarii, 1593.

The quhilk day, Thomas Lentroun younger is ordanit to Lentroun,
satisfie Friday nixttocum publiclie;¹ and to produce testimoniall
fra the ministre of Montrois of the beginning of his satisfac-
tioun within xv dayis with Cathrin Mwrray.

The quhilk day, Jonet Turubill grantis sche hes born ane
barne in fornicatioun to Walter Finlo, presentlie duelling with
Mr. Thomas Pobilis in Kynneill, quhilk wes gottin at the Sengze
day last wes, in hir awin hous in St. Leonardis Wynde. This
is tua barnis sche hes born to him, and ane uther barin befoir
to Alexander Paty. Sche is ordanit to be xx dayis impressonit,
and to satisfe on the stiull xv dayis, ilk precheing day, and
thaireftir banisit this citee.—Jonet hes satisfet conforme to
this decreet.

The quhilk day, Beatrix Dayis grantis hir with barne to
James Pait, quhilk wes gottin in Nicholl Manis hous. Sche is
ordanit to satisfe, and testimoniall to be send to the minister
of Bruntyland, to caus James Pait conpeir and satisfie.

Die ultimo mensis Januarii, 1593.

The quhilk day, Androw Thomsoun, Jhone Wylic, and

¹ Friday nixttocum is here repeated in MS.
Thomas Zoung, all admonisit to kep the Sabbath, and utheris
dayis tyme of precheing, holy.

The quhilk day Thomas Carstaris and Elene Dayis grantis
carnall copulation. Thai ar ordanit to satisfe publice, con-
forme to the ordour of fornicatouris, and to pay xls. to the
puir, &c.—Thai haif satisfisit.

The quhilk day, George Ros and [blank] Blak his wyffe ar
ordanit to begyn thair humiliatioun, for suppressing of thair
barne, and that in sic forme and maner as adulteraris, Sunday
nixttocum.

The quhilk day, Sara Stevin is ordanit to enter in pressoun
Sunday nixttocum, for gatting of ane barne in fornicatioun
with James Jak, and James to be also warnit at his hame
cuming fra saill.

The quhilk day, Mr. Dauid Russell, Mr. William Russell,
Mr. William Wemys, Mr. Jhone Scott, Mr. Magnus Arthour,
Jhone Lawsson, and Mr. William Thomsoun, notaris, ar all
requestit be the sessioun to remember the seik, tyme of making
of thair testamentis, to leif in thair legacy sum support to the
puir of this cittee, quhilkis notaris promist to do the samyn.

Die tertio Februaarii, 1593.

The quhilk day, Mr. Henry Russell and Jhone Ferry
tailyeour, be the tenour heirof, willingle and frelie passis fra
the persuit of the actioun of the reductioun of the electioun
of Provest and bailyeis, and also fra the actioun of exemptioun
fra thair jurisdictioun, and fra all proces and instance thairof,
and all that hes followit or may follow thairupon, and promissis
to reverence and obey the present magistratis of this cittee for
this present yeir.

The quhilk day Thomas Richie confessis fornicatioun with
Bessy Naper. He is ordanit to satisfe conforme to the
ordour.

The quhilk day, George Scott, gardner, Andrew Scott,
quarior, admonisit for extraordinar drinking and mispending
of thair geir, and commandit to spend thair geir at hame with
thair wyffe and barnis ressonabile.

The quhilk day, Androw Cuik admonisit to abstein fra
extraordinar drinking, and to keip the sermonis and the Sabbath day holy.

The quhilk day, Mirrabill Month confessit carnall copulation with Androw Roger, in Androw Suntaris hous, at Lames last wes. The [sessioun]¹ ordanit hir to satisfie conforme to the ordour, and to warne Androw Roger to Weddingsday nixttocum.

_Die vj° Februarii, 1593._

The quhilk day, conperit Cristene Jhonstoun, quha grantis sche hes born ane barn in fornicatioun to Dauid Andersoun, quhilk wes gottin in the over Abbay Miln. The said Dauid present grantis the samyn, and that this is the thrid barne that he hes gottin in fornicatioun. He is ordanit to pay xls. for his impressoment, and to satisfie the kirk, and all uther satisfactioum, conforme to the Act of Parliament, that ane man thryis relappis in fornicatioun aucht to do; and for doing thatrof Jhone Smart elder is becum cautioum.—Dauid and Cristene hes satisfiet this decreete.

The quhilk day Issobell Wod grantis hir with ane barn to Paule Congiltoun. Becaus the barn wes nocht gottin [in]¹ this citee, sche is ordanit to depart the boundis thatrof within xxiiiij horsis.

The quhilk day, Duncane Kelowy is admonisit the second tyme that na all be sauld in his hous Sunday, nor na uther dayis tyme of sermone; as also the said Duncane, Jhone Williamsoun flescheour, Alane Swyne, Henry Fowlis, ar admonisit to keip holy the Sabboith.

_Die viij° Februarii, 1598._

The quhilk day, Androw Selliar officiar verefiit that he warnit Dauid Watsoun personale to this day, to answer to sic thingis as salbe proponit aganis him, nochtheles he disobeyit and conperit nocht; thatfor he is ordanit to be summond to morn at tua horsis eftir none, under pane of contumacie.

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¹ Omitted. ² Has been _in part_, but _part_ is altered into _for_.

Die ix\textsuperscript{e} Februarii, 1593.

The quhilk day, conperit Dauid Watsoun, as he that was laidfulle warnit to this day, quha being accusit for doing of wrang, in taking of ane instrument in the handis of Charlis Watsoun, notar and clark of the sessioun, contrarius to his deid, and also in abusing the said instrument to the sklander of our sessioun and kirk of St. Androus, allegaeing him to be compellit be the said sessioun to leif the persuit of his honest civile actioun for fer of excommunicatioun, quhilk wes in deid for feir of perjurie quhairof he wes accusit; and thairfor wes desyrit to mak publict humiliationoun for the samyn. The said Dauid nochtwithstanding stubburnle refusit sa to do and mait certane frivall alleganeis, nocht worthie to be hard, and departit.

Die decimo tertio Februarii, 1593.

The quhilk day, it is ordanit that quhatsumevir thai be that hes ony barnis to be baptizit in tyme cuming, that thai first cum to Mr. Robert Zuill, and bring with thame the deacon or elder of that quarter quharin thai duell, to testifie that the parentis of the said barne frequentis the hering of the Word, and in thair famileis thair is na suering nor bannining.

The quhilk day, it is ordanit that the penultie injonit be Act of Parliament\textsuperscript{2} on thame that brekis the Sabbath day, and lykwis the penultie injonit be Provest and bailyeis and consall of this citee on thame that keipis nocht thair ordinar houris in the owk dayis to sermon, salbe upliftit be the civile magistratis, without ony exceptioun of persoun, pretendit excuis, or delay of tyme.

The quhilk day, Mr. Hew Mylis is ordanit ather to satisfie for being participant in taking away of Cathrine Lunnisdane under silence of nycht, or ellis to depart of the boundis of this citee, under pane of censouris of the kirk.\textsuperscript{3}

Die xv mensis Februarii, anno lxxxviii\textsuperscript{e}.

The quhilk day, it is fund that Dauid Watsoun hes done

\textsuperscript{1} Wed in ms. \quad \textsuperscript{2} See supra, p. 480, n. \quad \textsuperscript{3} See supra, p. 765, n. 3.
wrang in taking of ane instrument, quhilik wes contrarious to his
deid, and also in abusing the samyn instrument to the sklander
of our sessioun and kirk of St. Androus, allegeing him to be
compellit be the said sessioun to leave the persuit of his honest
civile actioun for feir of excommunication, quhilik wes in deid
for feir of perjurie, quhairof he wes accusit. Thairfor the
assioun ordanis the said Dauid to mak publict repentance on
Sunday, in the midis of the kirk, in presens of the con-
gregatioun, and also to pas to the sessioun of the kirk of
Edinburgh to witnes the samyn, quhilik he sall testifie,
pronouncing 1 thir wordis as eftir followis.—I, Dauid Watsoun,
presentis my self to humiliatioun for procuring and taking of
ane instrument to saif my self from the penultie of burrowis
onlie; yet nochthwithstanding this instrument reasit be me wes
usit be utheris throw my negligens, to the sklander of our
essioun and kirk of St. Androus; for in the instrument I allegit
me to be compellit to pas from my laidfull actionis for feir of
excommunicatioun, quhilik wes in deid for feir to be convict
of perjurie, quhairof I wes accusit; in doing quhairof I confes
my misbehaviour and falt, for the quhilik I ask God and the
congregatioun forgibnes.

Upon the xxiiiij day of Februar 1593, being Sunday, the
said Dauid Watson maid publict humiliatioun for the said
offence, in the parroche kirk befoir none, in presens of the pepill
convenit to sermone, conforme to the saidis ordinance; and to
report the session of Edinburgh answyer and his diligens this
day aucht dayis.

The quhilik day, 2 Dauid Kynneir, deakin of the baxteris,
George Greg, Jhone Hwniman, Alexander Scharp, Robert
Walker, baxteris, ar all admonisit nocht to occupie thair baik-
houssis upon the Sabboith day, qua he promisit to do the
samyn. 3

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1 Pronunce in in ms.
2 That is, the 15th of February.
3 In 1566 the baxters of St. Andrews had ordained that none of their craft
should presume to bake any 'saill breid' on Sabbath, under the pain of eight
shillings to be given to the poor; and in 1583 the penalty was increased to forty
shillings (Baxter's Books of St. Andrews, ms.).
Die xxviii° Februarri, 1593.

The quhilk day Jhone Lummisdane and Cristene Wan grants thai haif gottin ane barne in forniciation. Jhone Lummisdane hes payit x j g for him self and the said Cristenes impression, and thai ar ordanit to mak humiliatioun for their offence conforme to the ordour.—Quhilk thai haif done.

The quhilk day, Thomas Lentroun is ordanit to pas to Montrois, and satisifie for his adultere with Cathrin Mwray, and to produce testimoniall thairupon to this session with all diligence.

The quhilk day, Walter Scott and Androw Grub, servitouris to William Lermonth, and Robert Donaldsoun, ar ordanit to mak publict humiliatioun Sunday nixttoceum, for breking of the Sabboth.—Quhilk thai all did in deid.

The quhilk day, Androw Swyne and Agnes Lokkard ar admonisit te leif togider in God his feir, and nocht to flytt nor contend to giddar.

The quhilk day James Paitt grants he hes gottin ane barne in forniciation with Beatrix Dayis. He is ordanit to satisfi thairfor and to enter in presson conforme to the ordour.—Baith the parteis hes satisfie this decrete.

Die sexto Martii, 1593.

The quhilk day, Jhone Downy messinger, being accusit for speiking publice upon the he calsy to Mr. Robert Zuill, techeair in this congregatioun, on reverentle thir words, saying, that he suld swyffe in dispYTE of the minister quhen he plesit, and speir na tydingis at the minister; thairfor the sessioun ordanis him to cum publice upon Sunday nixttocum, and mak humiliatioun for the said wikked and ungodly speiking.

The quhilk day, Elspot Gudfallow is ordanit to conpeir to morn befoir the Presbitrie, and ressaif hir injunctionis for adultere, confessit be hir with Alane Lentroun.²

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¹ Sic.
² 'Martii 7, [1593] ... Compeirit Elspot Gudfallow in Sanctandros and confessit the cryme of adulterie committed with Alane Lentroun and desyrit to be resavit to repentance' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery).
The quhilk day, conperit James Ramsay and Bessy Anderson, quha grantis thai haif gottin ane barne in fornication. Thai ar ordanit to pay ilk ane xls. for thair impresment and relif of the croce, and to mak public humiliation, &c., as thai that ar baith relapis.—The parteis hes satisfeit this decreete.

The quhilk day, the communion is ordanit to be celebratit upon Sunday cum xv dayis, the xxiiiij day of Marche instant; and to be celebratit baith in the morning and at ten hauris, that [the] samyn, as use is of befoir, may be done in cumlie ordour.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar and Alane Robertson, officiaris in the kirk, ar continewit in thair service quhill foder ordour be takin with thame; and the haill proffit and commoditie of the haill offices that Androw Sellar hed befior to be equalie partit betuix the said Androw and Alane in tymecuming, quhill foder ordour be takin with thame be the town and sessioyn; and in the meanetyme Alane to be serviable and obedient to Androw Sellar in all things, as he wes befior, and rather better, for gude service to be done in thair offices.

Die x° Martii, 1593.

The quhilk day, Mr. Daud Black minister reportit the Presbitreis anser, that Issobell Guidfallow wes ordanit to haif conperit this Sonday, to begyn hir humiliation in sek claith for adulterie confessit be hir with Alane Lenton. And becaus sche conperit nocht the session ordanit hir to be publice summond thairto Wednisday nixttocum.

The quhilk day, it is divisat that the bailyes be requestit, ilk ane of thame, to put the actis to executioun upon transgressouris within his awin quarter.

The quhilk day, the haill gentillmen and parrochenaris up on land, being publiclie warnit be the minister Wednisdays last wes, as also be spetiall missivis send from this sessioun to thame, to haif conperit this day, to haif takin ordour for biging of ane kirk to thame selfis upon land, conforme to the Act of

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1 Omitted.  
2 Sic.
Parliament and Act of Generall Assemblie\(^1\) maid thairanent: of the quhilis personis conperit Androw Wod of Strayahvethy, James Wod of Lambelethame, Gavin Wemy of Vnthank, George Ramsay of Langraw, Martine Carstrophein portioner of Byrehillis, Mr. Martine Carstrophein his sone, Mr. Alexander Jarden of Smyddy Grein, Jhone Zoung and Thomas Scheveis in Byrehillis, quha all aggres to the biging of ane kirk. And Androw Wod of Strayahvethie allegis thair is\(^2\) na ma contenit in the Act of Parliament appointit to big the said kirk except Byrehillis, Smydyy Grein, Bonytoun, Strayahvethy, Bannofeld, Kynnaldy, Gilmerstoun, Lathoker and his grund, Priourlethame, Fedinsche, Vnthank, Langraw, Lambelethame, Carnegour. The sessioun ordainet the remenant contenit [in]\(^3\) the Act of Parliament, quha hes nocht conperit this day, to conpeir upon Weddinsday nixttocum, to tak forder ordour in this mater, and the conperantis warnit to the said day \textit{apud acta}.

\(^1\) From the Act of Parliament, of 5th June 1592, it appears that 'dyvers of the gentilmen, duelland to landwart of the parochin of Sanctandrois,' had pointed out to Parliament 'the large quantitie and boundis of the parrochin,' its 'populous congregatioun,' and 'greet distance of the saidis parrochinaris duellingis from the said parroche kirk;' and craved the division of the parish, 'and ane reasonabill boundis of the landwart of the same to be erectit in ane severall parroche, for thair better and mair commodious instructioun, offering to big ane kirk and mans thairto upoun thair awin expensis.' Parliament granted the desire of this petition, and divided the following 'tounes and landis' from St. Andrews, and erected them 'in ane severall and distint parrochin . . . to be callit in all tyme cuming the South Kirk of Sanctandrois':—'Thai ar to say Byrehillis, Smiddye-Greine, Balduf, Bonytoun, Walkmyline, Strathvey (sic), Bennefelde, Kynaldie, Kilmerstoun, Karingow, Lamalathen, Langraw, Fedinche, Vnthank, Prior Lethem, Lathoker, Hasildene, Eister and Wester Mortonis.' Parliament further gave them power to build a parish kirk and manse upon any part of these lands which they found to be most convenient, and granted 'to the said parroche kirk all liberties privileges and commodeties that ony uther parroche kirk within this realme hes' (\textit{Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland}, iii. 549). The landward gentlemen were rather slow in carrying their privileges into effect, for the General Assembly, on the 26th of April 1593, ordered them to build their church 'in sick ane part as the saidis parocharinirs and Presbytries aggrei upon, narrow the middis of the paroche, betuix and Lambes cum ane yeur, according to thair suite maid to Parliament, and sicklyk to the Assemblie; certifisce the same and they faiylye, thay salbe delarrit fra ony benefite of the kirk of Sanct Androis' (\textit{Booke of the Universall Kirk}, Ban. Club, iii. 801).

\(^2\) \textit{It is in MS.}

\(^3\) Omitted.
Die xiiij mensis Martii, 1593.

The quhilk day, becaus this day being appointit to the parrochenar is upon land to haif conperit to haif takin ordour anent the biging of thair kirk, and ane small number of thame conperit; thairfor the sessioun ordanit the said mater to be ressonit and decidit be the Presbitrie.¹

¹ Maii 22, [1594]. . . Comperit certane gentlemen of the landwart of the paroche of Sanctandros, quha, in respect the Generall Assemble haldin at Dundie the [blank] day of Aprill 1593 had dischargeth the ministrie of Sanctandros of the burden of the landwart of the foirsaid paroche efter Lambes nixtocum, maid ernest sute at the handis of the Presbitrie that the might haif thair consent for erecting of sufficent kirks within the said paroche; that is to say ane kirk in the east, and ane uther in the west end, to be situat and biggit in sic pairis of the paroche as the said Presbitrie suld think most expedient; and becaus the saidis kirks can nocht satisfie, in respect of the largenes of the bounds extending to sevin myles in lenth, sum of the gentlemen of the landwart paroche desyrith that sum of the landis and towns of the said landwart paroche micht be annexit to the kirks nixt adjacent, vidz., Dynninow, Sires and Kembock; and in special that the landis of Stravithie, Bannafell, Kynmadie, Gilmerstoun, and Bonitowin, suld be annexit to the kirk of Dynninow, as most ewist unto that part of the landwart; quhilk petition being hard considerit and fund most equitabile and godlie in everie respect, the said Presbitrie grantit unto thame thair consent and allowance, and ordanit ane Act to be mad thairupon' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery). Of the above-named lands Stravithie, Bannafell and part of Kinaldy, are now in Dunino, the rest of Kinaldy and Gilmerton are in Cameron, but Bonnytown is still in St. Andrews. The Presbytery do not seem to have taken any further action in the matter until the 1st of January 1595-6, when they ordained 'the gentillmen of the landwart of St. Andros to conpeir befor them the next day.' Accordingly, on the 8th, 'comperit Andro Wod of Stravithie (sic), George Ramsay and Alexander Wod, to qubome the brithering of the Presbytrie declarit the miserabill estait of thair nychtbouris, being in ignoranace without all knawlege of God. The brithering thairfoir ordenis the Rector, Mris. Dauid Black, Robert Wilkie, Dauid Monepennie, John Johnstoun, Robert Wallace, or ony thrie of them, to pas to the grund of Lambelethem, and also the haill gentillmen of landwart under the pains of censoring, that with mutuall assent and consent ane place commodiouse micht to (sic) schosing for the bilding of ane kirk to parochinaris nixt adjacent thairto.' On the 15th it was reported that a suitable site had been found on Priorlethem for those adjacent, and it was resolved to summon the other parishioners to give their concurrence. These do not seem to have complied, for, it was ordained, on the 9th of Februay, that they should be publicly cited from the pulpit; on the 4th of March, that it should be intimatit 'to the landwart of that boundis appointit for the new kirk to be present upon Moninday in the pariche kirk, for setting doum of ane stent;' and, on the 1st of April 1596, that the gentlemen of the landward parish should be charged from the pulpit 'to give in thair taxatioun for bigging of thair kirk.'
The quhilk day William Sayth for himself and Margret Watsoun his spous ar admonisit to keip the kirk.

The quhilk day, Jhone Downy messinger is ordanit to be summond upon Sunday nixttocum, to mak publict humiliatioun, conforme to the last ordinance the sext of Marche instant, and that for the second tyme, becaus he suld haif maid humiliatioun Sunday last wes and did nocht the samyn.—Jhone conperit upon Sunday, and maid publict humiliatioun conforme to the decret gevin the sext of Marche instant.

Die xviij° Martii, 1593.

The quhilk day, Cristene Curry is ordanit to be banisit the boundis of this citee instanctle, for harlotrie and utheris notabill vicces knawin to the session; as also Thomas Wilsoun burn-ledar for flying baning and swering and breking of the Sabboth.

Die xxvij° Martii, 1594.

The quhilk day, Alexander Wod grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Elspott Russell, and submittis him self to discipline. He promissis to caus Elspott Russell conpeir befoir the sessioun Sunday nixttocum.—Elspott conperit and hes satisfisit.

Die xxix° Martii, 1594.

The quhilk day, Arthour Wemys is ordanit upon Sunday nixttocum to sitt upon ane stull befoir the pulpeit in seck claith, hare futtit, tyme of sermone¹ befoir none, and eftir sermone ask God and the congregatioun forgifnes, the haill sessioun and Mr. James Ros, for blaspheme and wikked speik-

The Priorlethem site had to be given up, for, on the 6th of May, the Laird of Lathocker was ordained to convene the other gentlemen on Cameron Muir next Tuesday; and Andrew Melville, David Monipenny, and Robert Wilkie, were to be present with them, for 'the appointing of ane place for biggin of their landwart kirk' (Ibid.).

¹ Sermone in MS.
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ing aganis the law of God and sessioun.—Arthour Wemys hes maid humiliatioun conforme to this decrete.

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the haill sessioun that Alexander Wod pay to the box of the puir xl li. money, or ellis to sitt in pressoun aucth dayis and thaireftir be jokkit, conforme to the Act of Parliament, for fornicaition with Elspott Russell, manifestit be procreatioun of ane barn.

The quhilk day, conperit Dauid Thomsoun in Balgoif, quha grants he hes gottin ane barne in fornicaition with Jonet Schiphirt. He is ordanit to be impressonit and jokkit, or ellis to pay xl li. to the puir, conforme to the Act of Parlia-
ment.—Dauid hes maid humiliatioun, as also Jonet Schippart, bot he hes payit viij li. money alannerle.

Die 17o Aprilis, 1594.

The quhilk day, it was delatit to the sessioun that Dauid Leyis, son to Jhone Leys smyth, hed put hand and dung his said father, quhair for the sessioun requistit the magistratis to call him befoir thame, and to put him to ane condigne assis conforme to the lawis; quhilk requist the magistratis maist willinglie obeyit, and, upon Friday the xix of Aprile instant, the said Dauid Leis wes convict be ane condigne assys, and ordanit to conpeir in sek claith, beir heddit and beir puttit, upon the hiciest degre of the penitent stiull, with ane hammer in the ane hand and ane stane in the uther hand, as tua instrumentis quhairwith he manassit his father, within ane papir writin in great letteris about his heid thir wordis:—

Behald the on naturall sone punisit for putting hand in his father and dishonorin of God in him; and thaireftir to conpeir in the middis of the kirk Sunday the xxj of Aprile, and ask God forgifnes his father and the haill pepill; and thaireftir, upon Mononday the xxij of Aprile instant, to stand fra ten houris quhill xij houris at none, cled and adornit as said is, in the jokis at the merkat croce; and thaireftir to be cartit throw the haill town, and be oppin proclamatioun the pepill to be advertisit and informit of his falt, and thaireftir brocht agane to the croce and his dittay red and publicit, with thir wordis of decrete:—If he evir offend aganis his father or
mother heireftir, in word or deid, that member of his body quhairby he offendis salbe cuttit of from him, be it tung hand or futt, without mercy, in exampill to utheris to abstein fra the lyke. Qhilkis haiil decrete and ordinarne, with the haiil circumstancis forsaidis, wer all done with great solemnne as is befoir writin.

Die xxij° Aprilis, 1594.

The quhilk day, Thomas Lentroun younger is ordanit to satisfi viij dayis in sek claith, for his adulterie with Cathrin Mwrray, and thaireftir his barne to be baptizit.—Thomas hes satisfeit and the barne is baptizit.

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the sessioun that Alexander Pady and Margret Clapen conpeir upon Sunday or 1 sum preching day, and declar that thai ar ellis mariit laidfullie in Wark in Jngland; and that thai leif to gider in tyme cuming in the feir of God and honest behaveour as mariit personis.

Die quinto Maii, 1594.

The quhilk day, conperit Alexander Wod and submittis him self to discipline, for begatting of ane barne in fornica-"tion with Elspot Russell. He is ordanit to pay xl li. within xlviiij houris, for satisfaction of the Act of Parliament, and to mak publict humiliatioun conforme to the ordour; and James Wod his father to be warnit to pay xli s. for nocht reveling the falt of the said Alexander his sone.—Alexander hes maid humiliatioun and payit xxiiiij li.

Die xxij° Maii, 1594.

The quhilk day Jane Monipenny gratis sche hes borne tua barnis in fornicaition to William Arthour of Carnis. Sche is ordanit to satisfi thairfor, and as sche that is now thryis relapis in fornicaition, conforme to the ordour.—Jane 2 Moni- peny hes maid humiliatioun and is ressavit.

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1 Or is interlined over and deleted.  
2 Jane hes in ms.
Die xxvij\textdegree Maii, 1594.

The quhilk day, William Arthour of Carnis grantis he hes gottin tua barnis in fornicatioun with Jane Monipenny, and that he is now thris relappis in fornicatioun. The sessioun ordanit him to satisfie for the samyn, conforme to the Act of Parliament, and conforme to his awin obligatioun, within xx dayis, under the pane contenit in his obligatioun, and censouris of the kirk.—The said William hes satisfiet conforme to this decreet.

Die xxix\textdegree mensis Maii, 1594.

The quhilk day, Thomas Martine grantis he hes gottin tua barnis, to witt, ane las and ane laid, in fornicatioun with Margret Cragy. He is ordanit to pay tua crownis in part of pament of the Act for his civile punishment, and to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour.—Thomas Martine hes satisfiet this decreet.

Die xxvij\textdegree Julii, 1594.

The quhilk day, Mr. Patrik Arthour grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Agnes Cranstoun, in Elen Jnglis hous, conforme to the dilatioun. He is ordanit to pay ane rois nobill for his civile satisfaction, in part of pament of the Act of Parliament, and to mak publict humiliatioun conforme to the ordour.—The said Mr. Patrik hes satisfiet conforme to this decreet.

Die xxvij\textdegree Augusti, 1594.

The quhilk day, conperit James Martine of Lathonis, grantis and confessis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Jonet Paty, and ane uther barne in fornicatioun with Issobell Davidsoun; and upon his kneyis, in presens of session, sitting down cravis God mercy for thais his hieneus synnis and all utheris his synnis. The sessioun ordanis James to conpeir Sunday nixttocum befoir and eftir none, and utheris dayis in
the owk, to heir the Word of God, that he may learne the
doctrine of repentance, and to continew sa quhill the kirk be
fordey advisit.

Die xviij Octobris, 1594.

The quhilk day Davyd Thomsoun and Beatrix Rind grantis
thaif Gottin ane barne in fornicatioun. This is the secund
barn Davyd hes Gottin in fornicatioun. He is ordanit to pay
thre crownis of the soun for his civile satisfactioun, and to
satisfie conforme [to]¹ the Actis; and Beatrix to pay tua
crownis for hir civile satisfactioun, in part of pamet of the
Act of Parliament, and to mak publict humiliatioun conforme
to the ordour.—This decreit is satisfait be the transgressouris.

The quhilk day, it is statut and concludit be the sessioun
that all personis quhatsumevir, quha salbe appointit be the
sessioun heirefrit to mak publict humiliatioun, sall cum to the
kirk at ilk tyme of the exereis of the Catichisme,² during the
tyme appointit to thame of humiliatioun, to learne the doctrine
of trew repentance, befoir thai cum to the stueil of publict
humiliatioun, that, quhen thai cum to the stueil, thai may
ansuer to sic heidis of repentance, as the minister sall propone
to thame, befoir thai be ressavit.

Die primo mensis Novembris, 1594.

Electioun of elderis and deaconis of the citee of St.
Androus for this 1594, to witt, the ane half removit
sall chuis the uther half thairef, quhilkis ar also
chosin and dividit as followis.

Elderis.

ffor the sowth parroche, quhairof Mr. Robert Wallace is
minister.

Mr. Androw Meluill, Rectour
Mr. Jhone Jhonstoun, maister in the New College
Mr. Robert Wilke, Principall of St. Leonarids College

¹ Omitted. ² Sic.
Mr. William Marche, maister thair
Mr. William Murray, Provest thair
Schir George Dowglas of Elenehill, Knycht
Dauid Murray
Mr. Dauid Auchmowty, bailye
Mr. George Mernis, bailye
Jhone Martine, bailye

[William Muffett, bailye—deleted]
Stevin Philp, Dane of Gild
Thomas Lundy, the thesawrar
Mr. Williame Cok
Mr. Williame Russell

Duncane Balfour
Alexander Wynchister
Mr. George Narne
Dauid Dalgleis
Jhone Adamsoun
Thomas Diksoun
Jhone Hagy.

Deaconis for the said parrochins.

George Narne, chirurgane
Thomas Rekie
Williame Cowpar
Thomas Craig

Mr. Symone Greg
Peter Williamsoun
Dauid Myrtoun
James Thomson, baxter.

Elderis and deaconis for the north parroche of St. Androus 1594, quhairof Mr. Dauid Blak is minister.

Elderis.
Mr. Rober Mawill, commissar of St. Androus
Mr. Williame Welwod, maister in the Auld College
Mr. Homer Blair, maister thair
Mr. James Ros, regent thair
James Hay
William Muffett, bailye
Andrew Welwod

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[Andrew Welwod—deleted]
Charlis Watsoun, scribe
Mr. Williame Wemys, advocat

Williame Zuill
Jhone Wod
James Lentroun
Androw Forrett
James Schvees
Androw Ramsay.

Deaconis for the said parrochins.

Robert Williamsoun
Jhone Budge, wrycht

1 He was Provest of the City of St. Andrews, not of St. Leonards College.
2 Sic.
James Leiche, merchand
Charlis Watsoun, merchand
Martine Lunnisdane
Jhone Blyth, mariner
Dauid Kynneir, baxter
Dauid Wischart, mariner
Jhone Law, cultellar

The quhilck day, the elderis and deaconis, baith of the sowth and north parrochynnis of this citee of St. Androuis, ratisfeis and apprevis the actis and statutis maid in this buik the first of November lxxij yeiris, and all utheris actis and statutis maid in the samyn, promising to observe and keip the samyn.

The division of the elderis of the south parroch in quarteris, to oversie the maneris and conversation of the pepill, 1594.

ffra the Eist Burne Wynd to umquhull Mr. Martine Geddeis hous west: Mr. William Cok, Mr. George Narne.

Fra Mr. Martine Geddeis hous west to the Port: Thomas Lundy, Dauid Dalgleis.

ffra Agnes Weymisis hous, Argyle, on bath the sydis of the gait, to Jhone Hageis hous: Thomas Diksoun, Jhone Hagy.

ffra Jhone Hageis hous to Jhone Levingstonis hous, including thairin Logeis Wynd and Kirk Wynd; Stevin Philp, Jhone Adamsoun.

1 At this time there were two John Honymans—father and son—baxter in St. Andrews. The father had become an apprentice in 1564, was elected positour or boxmaster in 1587, 1589, 1593, and 1594, and at length became deacon of his craft in 1596. Four of his sons were admitted as freemen of the same trade, and his descendants continued to follow the calling for more than two centuries in St. Andrews. Thomas Honyman, his direct descendant in the seventh generation, was entered as a freeman to the baxter craft in 1773, and is mentioned in its records as a member in 1789 (Baxter's Books of St. Andrews, ms.). Andrew Honyman, Bishop of Orkney, seems to have belonged to this family. According to the anonymous Life of James Sharp, first printed in 1678, although Honyman's father was but a baxter to his trade, and of small means, yet living in a university town, he easily got his sons bred at schools and colleges, dedicating more than one scone of the baking unto the Muses, for he had made all his four sons scholars, who were afterwards all ministers, yet such as might have profited the commonwealth more in following their father's trade of baking, than they have done the Church in following the ministry; being themselves as cakes unturned, neither raw nor roasted’ (Miscellanea Scotia, ii. 68, 69).
Fra Jhone Levingstonis hous to Patrik Guthereis hous: Dauid Murray, Alexander Wynchister.
ffra Patrik Guthereis hous to Schir George Dowglasis hous, including thairin Scottis Clois, and the sowth end of the Hukstar Wynd¹ on baith the sydis: Mr. William Russell, Duncane Balfour.

Deaconis to collect the almous and distribut the samyn to the puir for the south parroche, 1594.

George Narne chirurgane, Dauid Myrtoun, for the first quarter.
Thomas Rekie for the secund.
William Couper, Peter Williamsoun, for the thrird.
Thomas Craig for the ferd.
James Thomsoun for the fyft.
Mr. Symone Greg for the sext.

The divisoun of elderis of the north parroche in quarters, to oversie the maneris and conversatioun of the pepill, 1594.

ffra the North Gait Port to Androw Carnis hous, including thairin the haill Fischer Gait: James Lentroun, James Scheves, with the help of Mr. Dauid Blak minister.
Fra Androw Carnis hous round about to Androw Ramsayis hous: Androw Forret, Androw Ramsay, Mr. James Ros.
ffra Androw Ramsayis hous to the Port, including thairin the College Wynde: Mr. Homer Blair, Mr. Williame Wemys.
ffra the Mercat Gait Port eist to the Fowill Weist, including thairin Jaksonis Clois: Mr. William Welwod, Charlis Watsoun scribe.
ffra the Fowill Waist eist and round about west to Alexander Patis hous: Androw Welwod, Jhone Wod.
ffra Alexander Paitis hous to the Mercat Gait Port: William Zuill, Mr. Robert Zuill, including thairin the New Clois.

¹ South end of the Narrow Mercat Gait in ms., which is certainly an error although repeated in October 1595. It is correctly given in October 1597. Hukstar Wynd is now known as South Castle Street.
Deaconis to collect the almois and distribute the sam[y]n to the pur in the north parroche, 1594.

William Dewar, William Geddy, Dauid Kynneir, for the first quarter.
Jhone Blyth, James Porterfeild, Jhone Law, for the secund.
Thomas Blak, Jhone Budge, for the thrid, with Jhone Huniman.
James Leiche, Charlis Watsoun mercheand, for the fourt.
Dauid Wischart, Androw Adesoun, for the fyft.
Martine Lummisdane, Robert Williamsoun, for the sext quarter.

Die xxvij° mensis Novembris, 1594.

The quhilk day, it [is]" cleirlie verefit and provin befoir the sessioun that Jhone Gray smyth hes spokin diversis and sindry blaspheamous and wikked wordis aganis God, Mris. Dauid Blak and Robert Wallace ministeris. And thairfor the sa[id] Jhone, being present, at decrete of the sessioun, satt down on his kneis and in presens of the hail sessioun askit God mercy and the saidis ministe[r]is forgifnes; and is decernit with his awin consent, if evir he at ony tyme heireftir beis offensive or offendis the ministeris or ony memberis of the sessioun in word or deid, that he sall mak publict satisfact[ion] as adulteraris usis in sec claiith, and pay ane pecuniall sowme to the box of the pur at discretion of the sessioun and magistrati[s].

Die viij° Decembris, 1594.

The quhilk day, Robert Wilsoun plew wricht is decernit to mak publict humiliatioun in sek claiith, to witt, to stand Sunday nixttocum fra the secund bell to sermone quhill the thrid bell be cessit at the kirk dur; and thaireftir to sitt on ane stueil befoir the pulpite, with ane papir about his heid, bering his falt writin thairin, to witt, that he hes kepit his barn xiiiij owkis on baptizit, quhill the samyn decessit without

1 Has been James.
2 Omitted.
3 At in ms.
baptisme.—The said Robert satisfeitt this decret in al[1] thingis.

The quhilk day, it is verefit and provin befoir the sessioun that James Keingzo officiar, being mariit with Jonet Hendersoun his laidfull spous, hes committit the vilthie vice of adulterie with Elspott Eviott spous to Thomas Wilsoun. And thairfor the said James, be decrete of the sessioun, wes jokit, cartit and that the haill streitis of the town, and carit to the North Hauche of this citee, the haill scolairs and utheris, ane gree[t] multitude of pepill, upon Mononday ane merkat day, being his convoy, casting rottin eggis filth and glar at him, wes at last dowkit ower the heid divers tymes. And this wes also done be vertew of ane decrete of ane con-digne assyis, ordourlie led aganis him, for the said vilthie vice of adulterie. He is also decern[it] to be banisit the boundis of this citee, in the will and optioun of the magistratis, conforme to the Actis of Parliament and utheris actis maid in this citee. The sessioun hes also ordanit the said James to stand at the kirk dur, beir heddit and beir futtit, ilk precheing da[y] tyme of sermone, fra the secund bell quhill the last bell to sermone, in seclaith; and thaireftir to enter on the hichest dege of the penitent stull, and sitt quhill the ser-mone and blessing be gevin, and to cum ilk tyme to the catichisme, and sa to cantinew quhill the kirk be satisfeitt.¹

The quhilk day, Thomas Lummisdane, son to Alexander Lummisdane, James Robertson masoun, William Nicholsoun, Thomas Dalgëis, Patrik Cuik fleschour, being callit and convict befoir the session for nicht walking and extraordinar drinking, ar decernit, with thair² awin consentis, and oblist, if evir thai or ony of thame salbe fund heireftir nicht walkaris or extraordinar drinkaris, to pay xls. for the first falt to the box of the pur; and sa oft as thai or ony of thame shall fall in the saidis vices heireftir to pay xx s. mair nor the xls. for ilk falt, to be extendit so oft as ony of thame faiyleis to the box of the pur unforgevin.

¹ The leaf, which ends here, has at one time been the outer cover of part of the book; and one or two leaves have been lost before the various fragments of the Register were bound together. The concluding portion is slightly wormed.
² Thair is interlined partly over and which is not deleted.
The quhilk day, the sessioun hes ordanit and decernit
Arthour Miln cooper deakin and Androw Cuik flescheour, for
their misbehaveour, and unreverend spichis and langege in
sessioun, to sitt upon ane stuill befoir the pulpits the haill
tyme of sermone Sunday nixttocum; and thaireftir thai to ask
God mercy, the haill sessioun and congregatioun forgifnes: and
if thai or ony of thame fallis in the lyke falt heireftir, he that
faiyleis to sitt half ane yeir upoun the penitent stuill in sek
claith, &c.—Thai had maid humiliatioun publict for thair
offence conforme [to]¹ this decret.

Die nono Martii, 1594.

The quhilk day, the sessioun with the advis of the magistratis
hes decernit Thomas Monipenny to² morne, quhilk is Monon-
day the tent of Marche instant, for his adulterie with Cathrin
Hucheoun, to be joggit, cartit, and dowkit, and thaireftir to
satisfie the kirk be publict humiliatioun conforme to the actis.
—Thomas wes joggit, cartit, and dowkit in the sey, conforme
to this decret.

The quhilk day, Jhone Crummy smyth, Thomas Kilgour
wobstar and Andro Mortoun, ar convict for being fra sermone
upon Sunday eftir none; and thairfor thair ordanit to be
poindit, conforme to the actis, be the magistrat[is].

Die sixe Martii, 1594.

The quhilk day, James Cristie is ordanit to mak publict
humiliatioun, for sklandering of the congregatioun in fechting
with James Philp.—Qhilk he did in deid.

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the sessioun that na per-
soun be contractit heireftir in mariagie, onles thai can say the
Lord his Prayar, Belef, and Ten Commandimentis; and if ony
persoun present thame selfis quha can nocht say the samyn,
the persoun failyeing to pay x1s. to the box of the puir.

Die penultimo Martii, 1595.

The quhilk day, Jhone Zoung wrycht is callit and accusit for

Omitted. ² To be to in MS.
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dinging of Margret Steill his spous, conperit and denyis the samyn. The session statut to preif the samyn Weddingsday nixttocum.

Die secundo mensis Aprilis, 1595.

The quhilk day, Jhone Smyth mercheand callit befoir the sessioun for dinging of Jonet Guidlaid his spous, and misbehaving of hir, to the dishonour of God and sklander of the congregatioun, he conperit and confessis the samyn. The sessioun ordanit him to pay thre llb. to the box of the puir, and [he] 1 is obleist of his awin consent, if evir he do the lyke offence to his wyffe heireftir, to pay to the box of the puir ten l. saoft as he transgressis, unforvein.—Jhone payit xx s. instantlie in part of pament of the thre l.

Die nono Aprilis, 1595.

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the sessioun that James Martine of Lathonis mak humiliatioun, for his tuois relapis in fornicatioun, conforme to the ordour, and to begyn Sonday nixttocum upon the penitent stuill, and also Sonday cum aucht dayis, to be than ressavit, providing that he first satisfie ² the civile magistrat for his offencis conforme to the Act of Parliament.—James Martin maid publict humiliatioun, and payit ane pecuniall sowme for his impressoment, conforme to the decrete.

Die xvj'o Aprilis, 1595.

The quhilk day, Agnes Smyth, spous to Alexander Scharpe, being fund gilte and convict for abstracting hir persoun fra the kirk and hering of God his Word, is decernit Sonday nixttocum, tyme of sermone or eftir, befoir none, quhen sche beis requirit be the minister, to ³ ask God forgifnes and the haill congregatioun; and if evir sche beis fund gilte in the lyke heireftir to pay xx s., saoft as sche transgressis, to the box

1 Omitted. ² Satisfie in MS. ³ And in MS.
of the puir, conforme to the Act of Parliament.—Agnes Smyth maid publict humiliatioun conforme to this decrete.

The samyn day, Alexander Scharpe baxter is decernit for blaspheme, spokin aganis God the ministeris and magistratis, and for making watter unreverende in the kirk, to cum Sunday nixtlocum upon the highest degré of the penitent stueil, cled in sek claiith, and sitt thair the hall tyme of sermone befoir none and prayaris, and thaireftir to cum down befoir the pulpleit,\(^1\) and ask God the ministrie magistratis and hall congreagatioun forgifnes.—The said Alexander Scharp satisfeir this decret in all thingis.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar, officiar to the sessioun, being callit accusit and convict for his ungodlie and unreverend behavoure and spiches in sessioun, is decernit to sitt Sunday nixtlocum, tyme of sermone, befoir none, cled in sek claiith, upon ane stueil befoir the pulpoit, and thaireftir ask God the hall sessioun and congreagatioun forgifnes.—Androw Sellar satisfeir this decret conforme to the tenour thairof.

The quhilk day, Androw Chaiplane is decernit to conpeir Sunday nixtlocum in the kirk, quhen he beis callit upon, and mak humiliatioun for dinging of James Cristie, and skorning of Jhone Wod ane agit elder of the sessioun.—The said Androw obeyit this decret and satisfeir the samyn.

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**Die quarto mensis Maii, 1595.**

The quhilk day, Alesoun Downy, Bessy Miller, Beigs Watson, and Cathrine Geddy, maidwyffis, being\(^2\) callit and conperand befoir the sessioun, ar commandet, quhen thai or ony of thame beis chargit to be maidwyffis to ony woman tyme of hir birth, that thai speir at the woman with barne diligente quha is the barnis father; and if the barne beis nocht gottin in laidfull marage, that thai incontinent signifie the samyn to the ministeris elderis and deaconis of the kirk, under pane of xl s., with thair awin consent, to the box of the puir.

The quhilk day, Robert Donalsoun and Margret Masoun ar decernit to pay xl s., for nocht reveling of the barne born in

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\(^{1}\) *Sir.* \(^{2}\) *Be in ms.*
their hous be Jonet Masoun, gottin in adulterie be Jhone Beatoun of Pitlochie, and als to mak publict humiliatioun.—Robert Donaldsoun and Margret Masoun maid publict humiliatioun, and payit xi s. conforme to this decrete.

The quhilk day, Jhone Smart, Alexander Zong, and Thomas Andersoun, milleris, ar ilk ane decernit to pay xx s. to the puiris box, for caring leidis on the Sabbath day, and to satisfe publicle, &c.—Thai haif maid humiliatioun, bot the money is nocht payit as yit.

Die xxv° Maii, 1595.

The quhilk day, Cathrin Gilruif is decernit upon Sunday nixttocum to ask God and the congregatioun forgifnes, for nocht cuming to the communioun and refusing to be reconceit with Margret Oliphant.—Quhilk Cathrin hes satisfed the decrete.

The samyn day, Androw Wrycht is admonisit to keip his hous clein from drunkattis and cumpanie in drinking, on the Sabbath day, and utheris dayis tyme of sermone.

Die decimo quinto Junii, 1595.

The quhilk day, conperit Elene Hamilton, dochter to umquhill Mr. Robert\(^1\) Hamilton,\(^2\) and eftir lang proces and oft denyall at last grantis sche\(^3\) hes borne ane madin barne in fornicatioun to umquhill Mr. Robert\(^4\) Hamilton,\(^4\) minister sum tyme of Kennowy, and that the barne wes born deid. The Decretum\(^5\) sessoun and magistratis ordanit hir to pay vj l., in part of pament of the Act for hir impressoment, and to mak publict humiliatioun conforme to the ordour.

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1 Robet in ms.
2 Presumably that Robert Hamilton who had been minister of St. Andrews, but see Lee's Lectures, i. 345. According to Scott:—\(^4\) He married Elspeth, daughter of John Traill, younger of Magask, and granddaughter of John Traill of Blebow, and had three sons and a daughter, Robert, James, Thomas, and Helen. His widow subsequently married Mr. Thomas Buchanan, minister of Ceres' (Fasti, ii. 388).
3 Sch in ms.
4 This Robert Hamilton took his degree at St. Andrews in 1586, and was minister of Kennoway in 1590 and 1591, being succeeded there by William Scott in 1593 (Fasti, ii. 540).
5 Has been decrete.
Die xvii\textsuperscript{a} mensis Junii, 1595.

The quhilck day, anent the bill of skander gevin in befoir the sessioun be Robert Narne tailyeour aganis Arthur Miln, bering the said Arthur\footnote{The words bereng the said Arthur are repeated in MS.} to haif callit the said Robert man-sworn and perjurit;\footnote{Perjur in MS.} the said bill being sufficienle verefiit and provin, the sessioun remittit the said Arthur to the civile magistratis, Provest and bailyeis of this citee, requesting thame to putt this mater to the knowleage of ane assyis, that Arthur may be punisit thairfor conforme to the lawis; and thaireftir he to satisfie the kirk and be censorit thairfor, conforme to the Word of God and act of the kirk.

The quhilck day, William Muffett bailye is electit commissioner to pas to the nixt Generall Assemblie, to be haldin at Montrois the xxiiiij of Junii instant.

Die secundo Julii, 1595.

The quhilck day, Cathrin Andersoun, dochter to Thomas Andersoun and Effe Broun, being accusit for banning of hir father and mother, grantis sche said to hir father, The devill tak yow away! and said to hir mother, The devill stik hir! and sche, being commandit be hir mother to do ane honest turn, ansuerit, The devill ane futt will I do it! The session ordanit the father and mother, with thair dochter, all togidder upon Sunday nixttocum, to sitt on ane stuill befoir the pulpeit,\footnote{Sonday nixttocum is here repeated in MS.} and ask God and the congregatioun forgifines; and, if thai tak nocht better ordour with thame selfis and thair barnis, to be banisit the boundis of this citee. — The father mother and dochter hes satisfie conforme to this decrete.

Die xij\textsuperscript{a} Julii, 1595.

The quhilck day, George Dog flescheour is decernit to sitt on the penitent stuill, cled in seek claiith, four Sabbath dayis tyme of sermonis, for sklander gevin to the congregatioun in fechte-
ing with Jhone Wobstar and schedding of his bluid, and to begyn Sunday nixttoecum.—The said George hes satisfeit conforme to this decree.

_Die xxiiij° Augusti, 1595._

The quhill day, William Geddy is callit and admonisit to behaif him self in all tymes cuming godly and honestlie, alsueill in his familie with his wyffe and barnis, as in uthers places, and to keip the kirk and sermonis, that he be nocht sklandrowis in the congregatioun, under pane of censouris of the kirk.

_Die secundo mensis Septembris, 1595._

The quhill day, it is decernit be the haill sessioun with ane voce that Stevin Philp, D[æ]ne of Gild, for his unrevereend speiking without licence in sessioun, and for his misbehaveour to Schir George Dowglas and to the Rectour and haill session; and it is fund that the said Stevin hes transgressit the Act maid in this buik the viij of Januar 1594, and thairfor ordanis him to pay the sowme of ten li., contenit in the said Act, to the box of the puri; and to ask God the said Schir George, Rector, and haill sessioun forgifnes; and if evir he be offensive agane to the sessioun in the lyke cais, to be removit fra the session, as ane nocht worthie to be ane membr thairof.—The said Stevin mad humiliatioun as said is.

The quhill day, it is concludit and aggreit upon be the haill sessioun, that na member of the sessioun heireftir sall oppone aganis [the] form of the discipline of the kirk ressavit and observit in this kirk, and quha dois in the contrar salbe removit from sessioun and deposit fra the samyn.

_Die decimo mensis Septembris, 1595._

The quhill day, Issobell Annell is decernit to mak publicit humiliatioun for fecheing of Agnes Meluill, ane condemnit wiche, to consult with hir to cuir umquhill Patrik Wyle hir

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1 Has been _and_.
2 _Removit_ in MS.
3 Omitted.
spous; as also Issobell Symson for seiking of the said umquhill Agnes Meluill, and consulting with hir to cuir umquhill Jhone Blak hir spous. And James Chaiplane is decrenit to mak publict humiliatioun for fecheing of umquhill Jonet Lochequoir, ane condemnit wiche, to cuir Jhone Richearthis wyffe in Straythkynnes. And Jhone Weddell younger is decrenit to mak publict humiliatioun for fecheing of umquhill Elspot Gilchrist, ane condemnit wiche, to cuir umquhill Jonet Horsburgh in Balmwngze.—The saidis personis maid publict humiliatioun as thai wer decrenit.1

1 There is a blank space after this entry. From the words 'condamnit wiche' and 'umquhill' being applied to Agnes Melvill, Jonet Lochequoir and Elspot Gilchrist, it may be safely inferred that all the three had suffered the extreme penalty for their supposed crime. Agnes Melvill had been accused of witchcraft before the session in 1588 (supra, pp. 620-623). Perhaps she may be identified as the second witch said to have been consulted by Patrick Adamson, and described by Sempill as—

'Ane devill dwelling in Anstruther,
Exceeding Circes in conceaitis,
For changene of Wliisses meatis:
Medusa's craftis scho culd declar,
In making eddars of her hair:
Medea's practiques scho had plane,
That could mak auld men young agane.'


By an Act of Parliament, of 4th June 1563, consulters of witches, as well as the witches themselves, were to be put to death (*Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland*, ii. 539); but the ecclesiastical discipline to which consulters were subjected was very much milder than might have been expected; for, in 1573, the General Assembly ordained 'all bishops, superintendents, and commissioners to plant kirkis, to call all sick persons as salbe suspect to consult with witches before them, at their awin particular visitations, or utherways; and if they be found to have consulted with the saids witches, that they cause them make publick repentance in sackcloth upon one Sunday in tympe of preaching, under the paine of excommunication; and if they be disobedient, to proceed to excommunication, dew admonition preceeding, (*Booke of the Universall Kirk*, i. 283). In the *Register of St. Andrews Preberty* there are three short but suggestive references to witchcraft within three consecutive months of 1597. The first, which occurs on the 7th of July, runs thus:—'Mr. Nicoll Dalgleischt proponit that the Crouner had cravit of him the extract of the depositionis of the witches brunt at St. Androis, quhilk he had granitt be the advye of his sessioni, and thairfoir cravit the judgment of the Presbytrie; quhilk thai allowe.' These unhappy witches had been examined before the kirk-session of Pittenweem, for Dalgleish was minister of that parish; but had apparently been brought to St. Andrews, and were condemned by the King, when he came to thrust Black and Wallace out of their ministry here; for, part of a letter,
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Die decimo quinto mensis Octobris, anno nonagesimo quinto.

The quhilk day being appointit to the election of elders and deacons in this citee for this yeir in to cum, all parteis haifand interes being, upon Sunday last wes, the xij of October instant, publiclie furth of the pulpit warnt be Mr. David Blak minister to conpeir this day to object; and becaus nane conperit to that effect the sessioun presentlie convent, etfir

written on the 13th of July by Bowes to Burghley, is thus summarised:—'The King's proceedings at St. Andrews against the preachers and witches. Many witches executed; their service to the devil' (Thorpe's Calendar of State Papers, Scotland, ii. 739). It was on the 12th of next month that the Privy Council discharged commissions of justiciary against witches—not because they had any dubiety as to the punishment merited by 'witchcraft, sorcerie, inchantment, or sic divilishe practizeis, quhairwith the haill land is defyllit,' nor because his Majesty now perceived that the alleged practices were only delusions, for it is expressly stated that 'his Heynes intendis to perseveir till that maist odious and abominable crime be tryit and punisheit with all extremitie,' but because such commissions were liable to be abused against innocent persons (Register of Privy Council, v. 409, 410). In referring to this Act of Privy Council, Dr. Robert Chambers has said:—'At this time, the enthusiastic section of the Church was in a state of discouragement; otherwise the King might not have been able to concede to the representations made to him against witch-commissions. It is too remarkable to be overlooked, that the heat of persecution against these unfortunates was generally in some proportion to the influence of the more zealous clergy, either through their direct agency or through the fear for their reproaches in others' (Domestic Annals of Scotland, 1874, i. 292).

But, as Black and Wallace were conspicuous even among 'the more zealous clergy,' the esteemed writer would probably have given his remarks another turn, if he had had the King's doings at St. Andrews in the previous month before him. On the 17th of August the Presbytery appointed a fast in these terms:—'Item, because of Goddis jugementis presentlie strykinge be pestillence and famine, as also of the discoverie of the gryt empyre of the deivil in this countrie be witchcraft, it is ordanit that ane publik fast and humilation be intimat this nixt Saboth, to be celebreit the twa Sabothis immediatlie followinge.' And on the 1st of September there is this other entry in the Register of the Presbytery:—'As also a supplication to be maid to his Majestie for repressing of the horrible abuse by carying a witch about; and Mr. Robert Willichie ordanit to request the magistratis of Sanctandrois to stay the same thair.' The witch here referred to was no doubt carried about to detect other witches (see Booke of the Universall Kirk, iii. 937, 938); in all likelihood she was none other than Margaret Aitken, 'the great witch of Balvery' (see Spottiswoode's History, Spot. Soc. iii. 66, 67; Chambers's Domestic Annals, i. 291; Register of Privy Council, v. 410, n.); and so it is plain that at least one Presbytery, despite its zeal against witchcraft, emphatically disapproved of such a method of discovering witches.
ernest incalling upon the holy name of God, ordanit the electiou to proced in this maner: to witt, Maister Androw Meluill, Rectour of the Universite, and remanent membris thairof, quha wer elderis this last yeir being removit, the hail remanent sessioun remaning be voting electit elderis of thame that wes removit, quhilk being done, thai enterit agane in sessioun; and eftir four or fyve utheris personis elderis being also removit, the remanent sessioun be voting electit of thame that wes removit elderis; and safurth successive, four or fyve brethreng elderis and deaconis being removit, the remanent sessioun remaning electit and chusit elderis and deaconis, quhill the hail number of the brethreng passit throche. And thair-eftir the hail brethreng of sessioun being to gider at ane tyme, the personis nominat of new to stand in electiou being red in presens of the hail sessioun, the sessioun be voting electit elderis and deaconis to be adjonit with the rest new electit, to stand for this yeir in to cum; and thai to be publiclie ressavit suorn and admittit Sunday nixttocum be the minister: quhais names new electit followis heireftir.

Mr. Androw Meluill, Rector of the Universite
Schir George Dowglas of Elenehill, knyght
James Lermont of Darsy, Provost of St. Androus
Mr. Williame Mwrray
Dauid Mwrray
Mr. Jhone Jhonstoun
Mr. Robert Mawll, commissar
Duncane Balfour, bailye
Mr. George Mernis, bailye
Mr. Dauid Auchmowty, elder Nota
Alexander Wynchister
Dauid Dalgleis
Mr. Henry Russell
Thomas Diksoun
Jhone Hagy.

Deaconis thair.
Mr. Symone Greg
Jhone Bryde
Thomas Craig
William Coupar
James Thomsoun
Jhone Scheves
Robert Narne
Thomas Rekie.

1 This Sir George Douglas, now elected an elder for the third time, was that George Douglas who enabled Queen Mary to escape from Lochleven Castle (Register of Great Seal, vol. v. No. 2023).
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Elderis for the north parroche.
Mr. Dauid Monipenny, Dane of Fauculte
Mr. William Welwod
Mr. Homer Blair
James Hay Deaconis thair.
Mr. William Wemys William Lentroun
Androw Welwod James Porterfeild
Mr. William Russell William Geddy, mariner
William Zuill Patrik Litiljhone
James Lentron Androw Adamson
Androw Ramsay Alexander Symson
Androw Forret Martine Lummisdane
Charlis Watsoun, scribe James Tailzeour
James Leiche Robert Williamsoun.

The divisioum of elderis and deaconis in the south parroche in quarter[s], to oversie the maneris of the pepill, and the deaconis to vesy the puir, collect and distribute thair almos. 1595.

ffra the Eist Burne Wynd west to Mr. Martine Geddeis hous, on the south syde of the South Gait: Mr. Robert Mawill commissar, Alexander Wynchister, elderis, and Robert Narne, deacon.

ffra Mr. Martine Geddeis hous to the West Port: Dauid Dalgleis elder, Thomas Rekie and Jhone Bryde deaconis.

ffra the Port west Airgaill, and eist to Jhone Hageis hous: Thomas Diksoun, Jhone Hagy, elderis, and William Coupar deacon.

ffra Jhone Hageis hous to Jhone Levingstonis hous, including thairin Logeis Wynde and Kirk Wynd: Mr. George Mernis elder, and Thomas Craig deacon.

ffra Jhone Levingstonis hous to Patrik Guthereis hous: Dauid Mwrray elder, and James Thomsoun deacone, including thairin the Baikhous Wynd and New Clois.

ffra Patrik Guthereis hous to Schir George Dowglasis hous, including thairin Scottis Clois and the south end of the Hukstar Wynd on baith the sydis of the gait: Duncane Balfour, Mr.

\* South end of the Narrow Marcat Gait in ms. as on p. 791.\*
Henry Russell, elderis, and Mr. Symone Greg and Jhone Scheves, deaconis.

The divisoun of elderis and deaconis in the north parroche in quarteris, to the effect aboif rehersit.

In the Mercat Gait.

ffra the Port on the south syde eist to Alexander Paitis hous: Mr. William Welwod, William Zuill, elderis, Robert Williamsoun, deacon.

ffra Alexander Paitis hous eist the Mercat Gait and west to the Foule Waist: Mr. William Russell elder, Androw Adeson and Alexander Symson, deacones.¹

ffra the Fowill Waist west to the Port: Androw Welwod, Charlis Watsoun scribe, and James Leiche, elderis, and Martine Lummisdane deacon.

In the North Gait.

ffra the Port on the north syde est to Androw Carnis hous, including thairin the Fischer Gait: Mr. Dauid Monipenny, Dane of Faculte, Mr. Homer Blair, and James Lentroun, elderis, and Patrik Litiljhone deacon.

ffra Androw Carnis hous eist, and west to Androw Ramsayis hous: Androw Forrett elder, William Lentroun, James Porterfeld, and William Geddy mariner, deaconis.

ffra Androw Ramsayis hous west to the Port, including thairin Jaksonis Clois, College Wynde, and Baikhous Wynde: Androw Ramsay, Mr. William Wemys, elderis, and James Tailzeour deacon.

Certane actis and statutis concerning the membiris of the sessioun, and ordour of the samyn.

Die Sabbati,² xxvij⁴ mensis Octobris, 1595.

The quhilk day, the bretherin of the sessioun being convenit, efter earnest incalling upon the holy name of God, the actis and

¹ Deacon in MS.
² Die Sabbati here stands, perhaps by mistake, for the Lord’s day.
statutis of the sessioun being red, thai nocht onlie ratifeit the samyn, bot also all utheris actis and statutis maid in this buik be thair predecessouris of befoir, to the glorie of God and weill of his kirk, promising to obey and keip the samyn to thair power; quhilkis actis and statutis followis in particular.

In the first, the brethering of the sessioun promissis to stay remoif and withstand, at thair power, all idolatrie blasphemie disordour, and all uther thingis contrar to the Word of God and forme of discipline ressavit conforme to the Word of God.

And quhen ony member of the sessioun sall understand ony thing worthie to be reportit to the saitt, that thai sall, without hetred favour or effectiou particular, declar the samyn to the ministeris, that ordour may be takin thairwith.

The quhilk day, the haill ministeris and brethering of sessioun with ane consent statutis and ordanis and promissis faithfullie to convene upon Weddingsday ouklie to the sessioun; and quha beis absent the haill day, tyme of sessioun, sall pay iij s. iiiij d., and quha cummis in eftir the prayar twenty penneis; and the ministeris to pay ilk ane of thame vj s. viij d. on forgevin to the box of the puir; and na excuisis to haif place, except seiknes and furth of the town; providing if ony bruther haif ane neidfull turn that man of necessite be done at that tyme, that he cum to the ministeris, Mr. Robert Zuill, or clerk, and signifie thair necessite, that thai may report the samyn to the brethrein, to considder thairupon quhidder the excuis be laidfull or nocht; and to that effect the bell to knell at halfe hour to tua houris, quhill tua houris be strukin.

The quhilk day, it is statut and ordanit that ilk elder and deacone sall conpeir with his awin quarter to catichisme, he being warnit particularlie thairto; and quha conperis nocht sall pay to the box of the puir iij s. iiiij d. for ilk falt, on forgevin, unles he be seik or furth of the town, or schaw his caus of absens befoir to the examinatour that the samyn may be considderit be the sessioun.

The quhilk day, it is statut and concludit be the sessioun that the eldersis and deaconis of ilk quarter sall tak tryall of all faultis and enormites within thair awin quarter, and sall adverteis the minister of the parroche of the fault that he may juge upon the fault and cryme, quhidder the eldersis and
deaconis may privalie tak triall thairin, or if the samyn aucht
to be jugit be the hail bretherein; and siclyke that the elderis
and deaconis tak triall of sic personis as ar seik, of strang and
vagabound idill personis and beggaris, and of wemen that keipis
houssis be thame selfis, nocht wedowis and on mariit; and that
thai report thair diligenz in the premisiss to the sessioun ilk
Weddinsday.

The quhilk day, it is statut and ordanit that all thingis
enterit in and ressonit amangis the bretherin in sessioun, to the
end and finall conclusion of the caus salbe kepit secrete, and
then being askit of ony person tuicheing the quite
thairof, and quhat wes thair part of ony mannis voit, we sall refer us
simple to the decreet without ony excuis of our awin persoun,
under pane of infamie and deprivioun from the saitt.

The quhilk day, it is statut and ordanit, that all thingis
may be done with gude ordour and discretiou, [that]
ane onlie sal speik as he salbe requerit with reverence his jugemest;
and if ony person sal speik in sessioun, without licence askit
and obtenit of the moderatour, [he]
sall pay to the box of the
puir on forgevin aucht penneis incontinent and immediatlie
eftir the offens.

The quhilk day, it is statut and concludit that na persoun
sall cum to the stueil of repentance armit with sowrd nor gun;
and siclyke that na persoun, callit befoir the sessioun for ony
cryme allegit and proponit aganis him, sall enter in befoir thame
armit with sowrd or gun heireftir.

The quhilk day, it is statut and concludit be the sessioun
that nan sal remane with us in sessioun, nather at voting
nor yit in cumpanie, bot sic as ar allowit of the maisteris
of the collegis, and ar sworn with us nocht to reveill ony thing
intreatit in this sessioun.

The quhilk day, it is ordanit be the sessioun that the elderis
and deaconis of ilk quarter, thair owk about, fra this furth,
begynand at the cist quarter on sowth syde of the Sowth Gait,
ilk day tyne of precheing and sermone, alsueill on Sunday
befoir and eftir none, as utheris dayis tyne of sermone, pas
furth throche town and boundis of this citee, and vesy the

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1 Equitie in Act of 5th November 1572. See supra, p. 369.  2 Omitted.

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absentis fra sermone in taveronis, aill-houssis, caichpellis, and utheris partis, and report the transgressouris to the sessioun; and about the end of the sermone that thai enter in the kirk, and remane at the eist and mekill kirk durris, that nane pas furth quhill the blessing be gevinn be the minister; and to noit and report the transgressouris to the sessioun that ordour may be takin thairwith.

It is statut be the sessioun that nane of the sessioun sall oppone aganis the forme of discipline of the kirk, ressavit and observit in this kirk and congregatioun, under pane of depriva-
tioun and deposing of thame self of the sessioun.

The quhilk day, it is divisit be the sessioun that nane erect saittis in the kirk, without leif of the magistratis and sessioun, under pane of dimolising of the samyn, and applying thairof to the use of the puir.\footnote{The next page is left blank.}

Actis and statutis appointit indifferentlie to all the 1595.

membris of this congregatioun, to the end that godlines may be mentenit and syn punisit, maid of auld, be advise of Provost bailyes counsell ministric and sessioun of St. Androus; now of new ratifit and approvit, and ordanit to be publisit for the better observing of the samyn, the tuelf day of November, the yeir of God j\textsuperscript{m}v\textsuperscript{c} fourscoir fyvetene yeiris.

In the first, that diligent triall be takin owklie of sic as abstrackis thame selfis from the sermonis, Sunday, and utheris dayis tyme of sermone, and from the catichismis; and that na persoun of laufull age be fund nor sein, tyme of sermone, vagand idill furth of the kirk, eftir the ringing of the thrid bell to sermone, nor exercesing ony busines temporall, nor at playis nor gammis; and that na barne without discretioun be brocht to the kirk tyme of sermone. Ilk transgressour upon the Sabbath day sall incur the penis contenit in the Act of Parliament saoft as thai transgres; and saoft as thai transgres utheris dayis tyme of sermone $v_j\text{s. viij}$ d., to the box of the puir, conforme to the actis of this citee, and nocht the les censorit be ecclesiasticall discipline.

\textit{Item}, that na buith durris, mercheand nor na uther craftis-

\footnote{See No. 16, p. 811.}
man, be opint upon Sunday, nor na uther dayis tyme of ser-
mone, eftir the ringing of the last bell to sermone; and that
all caichepells be than closit; and that na topparis of wyne
nor all prepair ony disjunnis, nor sell wyne nor all at that
tyme; and that nane be fund than drinkand in tavuron nor
all houssis; and that na mercheand dreipar fleshoeur fischeur
nor hukstar sell ony mercheandeis fische nor flesche; and that
nane leadis be carit on the Sabbath day. The transgressouris
on the Sabbath to incur the panis contenit in the Act of
Parliament, and on utheris dayis tyme of sermone to pay vj a.
viiij d. to the box of the puir, conforme to the auld actis
of this citee, and also censorit be ecclesiasticall discipline.
And siclyke quha keipis ony superstitious dayis, as Zuill day
Peace day or ony other holy dayis, or that hes ony uther face
of religioun nor that quhilk God of his mercy hes offerit to us,
salbe estemite Papistis, and salt underly the punishement of the
Act of Parliament, and also censorit be ecclesiasticall discipline.

Item, it is statut and ordanit that all bannaris and blas-
phemous sweraris, and quha taks the holy name of God in
vane, all flytaris flatteraris bykbytaris of thair nichbouris
drunkardis nicht walkaris and wikked sklanderaris, salt pay
for the first falt x s., the nixt xvij s., the thrid banisit the
boundis of this cite—and also censorit be ecclesiasticall dis-
pline; requesting all godly and faithfull personis to deleet
sic transgressouris to the eldersis and deaconis of the quarter,
that ordour may be put therito.

Item, it is statut that nane presume to flaik dicht dry nor
pak woll nor lint, saw treis, dicht malt corne, pak nor dry
skynnis, in the kirk yaird, nor fyle the samyn, nor do ony

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1 In those days the desiling of the church or church-yard was considered of
little moment. Archbishop Adamson's excommunication of the Melville in
1586, 'was as mickle thought of, even amang the peiple, as giff he had fylit
the kirk' (Melville's Diary, p. 247). In Cupar even greater liberty was taken
with the burying-ground than in St. Andrews.  'Aprilis 28, 1592. The quhilk
day, &c., the brethering requerit Davyd Phlip, in Couper of Fyfe, to produce his
rycht, the day aucht dayis, quhilk he hed to the Auld Kirk-yaird of Couper occu-
peit be him; and inhibitis him fra ony harder laboring thairof, and to lay doun
the feallis thairof quhilk ar alrady casin up, becaus it hes bene ane buriall place
of the saicctis of God; and in case he failye his minister to proceid aganis [him]
with the censuris of the kirk' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery).
uther labour nor handling thairin heireftir, and that nane bring thair doggis to the kirk, under the pane of vij s., to be upliftit of ilk transgressour, saoft as thai failye, to the box of the puir. And that every maister of hous, maister of scole and baikhoussis, tak diligent cuir of thair barnis and familie,¹ that thai transgres nocht in the premisis; and that nane play in the kirk yaird nor cast stonis upon the sklatis under the pane foirsaid.

Item, that the transgressouris of thir statutis may be knawin, it is statute that ilk day tyme of sermone, tua elders ana deakin, and one officiar at command of one bailye, pas and vesy the boundis of this ciete, and noit the transgressouris, that ordour may be takin theiranent.

Item, that all adulteraris incestuous personis and fornicatoris salbe punisit conforme to the Act of Parliament.

Item, if ony persoun salbe knawin to gif sklander be carnall copulation befoir solemnization of thair mariage, quhidder thai haif maid promis or nocht, [thai]² salbe haldin to mak publict humiliatioun befoir thai be mariit, sitting upon the penitent stueil, betuix the pulpeit and publict place of repentans; and if the copulation be befoir the contract, thai salbe punisit as fornicatoris conforme to the ordour.

Item, that nane be mariit in tyme cuming bot sic as can say the Lordis Prayar, Beleif and Ten Commandimentis, tyme of thair contracting. And if ony persoun present thame selfis to be contractit that can nocht say nor rehers the samyn, [thai]³ sall pay x l s. to the box of the puir unforgevin.

Item, it is statute that na persoun be admittit to the communioun, but sic as confessis the truth with us, and substantis nocht thame selfis frome precheing and catichising; and that can say the Lord his Prayar and Ten Commandimentis, and that can ansour to the questionis of the Litill Catichisme;³

¹ Familite in MS.
² Omitted.
³ The translation of Calvin's Catechism, first reprinted at Edinburgh in 1564, had subjoined to it:—The Maner to Examine Children, before they be admitted to the Supper of the Lord. This was known as The Little Catichism, and it has been reprinted by Laiing (Knox's Works, vi. 343-345), and by Bonar (Catechisms of the Scottish Reformation, pp. 93-95). It was 'thought needfull,' by the General Assembly, on the 30th of May 1592, 'that every pastour travell with his flock,' that they may buy Craig's Forme of Examination before the Com-
and that thai be xvij yeiris of aige; and this to be done at discretion of the ministeris and examinatouris. And thai quha refuisit to communicat with the bretherein, and wilfullie abstraklis thame thairfra, salbe estemit Papistis, and punisit thairfor conforme to the Act of Parliament, and also thoill ecclesiasticall discipline.

Item, becaus without concord cherite luif and amite be amangis the membris of Jesus Christ in ane congregatioun, unpossibill it is that godlines be mentenit or discipline execut; thairfor it is statut and ordanit that all sic personis as will nocht be reconcilit with thair bretherein, bot remainis still in hetred and discontentioun, being admonisit be the ministrie to reconcileioun eftir the forme of the Evangel, that sic personis haif na benefite of the kirk, and salbe censorit be ecclesiasticall discipline.

Item, for convoying of the deid to buriall, alsueill puir as riche, it is statut that all inhabitantis of this cite, specialie in that quarter quhair the persoun is departit, thai, with the elders and deaconis of that quarter, with thair wyffis, convoy the deid to buriall, under pane of vj d., to be uplifit of ilk persoun disobeyand; and that nane be burriit bot betuix the son rysing and down passing thairof; and that nane be burriit nather tyme of servome nor dennar.

Item, it is statut and ordanit that quha soevir beis warnit to pas with the puir folkis broddis, to collect the puir folkis almois, Sunday Wednisdai and Friday, and refuisis, sall pay alsmekill for that day as his nichbour that day collectis quha gangis with the uther brod, on forgevin, onles he haif sum ressonabill excuis verefeit and knawin to the sessioun.

Item, it is statut that all personis quhatsumevir, appointit be the sessioun to mak publict humiliatioun, sall cum to the kirk ilk tyme of catchesime, during the tyme appointit to thame of humiliatioun, to leerne the doctrine of trew repentance, befoir thai cum to the stuell of publict humiliatioun;

munion, 'and reid it in thair families, that they may be the better instructit; and that the samein be red and learnt in lecture schooles in the place of the Little Catechisms' (Book of the Universall Kirk, ii. 788). This small work of Craig's is also reprinted by Bonar (Catechisms of the Scottish Reformation, pp. 273-285).
that, quhen thai cum thair, thai may anser to sic hedis of repentance as the minister sall propone to thame befoir thai be ressavit; and that nane cum to the stueil of repentans armit with sowrd nor gun.

Item, it is statut and ordanit that all parteis to be contractit in mariaghe heireftir sall, tyme of their contracting, deliver ane plege worth ten l., that thai sall marie within x l. days nixt eftir thair contract, and that thai sall nocht haif carnall daill quhill thai be marit; and, quhidder thai marie or nocht, if thai haif carnall daill, thai sall pay the said x l. to the box of the puir.

Item, it is statut that all maisteris of houshaldis tak gude ordour within his awin hous and familie for correcting of all vices, and that he deleet to the ministrie elderis and deaconis of the quarter all incorrigeabill personis, that ordour may be takin with thame, and punisit conforme to the law of God actis of Parliament and Kirk. And in the meanetyme requestin all godliie men and bretherein, in the name of the eternall God and Christ Jesus his Sone, to deleet all sic as thai knaw or sall gait knawlege of heireftir, that sall tak the name of God in vane, ban swer flytt, speik vicious and filthie talk, drunkardis nicht walkaris murtheraris, committaris of incest adulterie and fornicatioun or of ony other notorious cryme, that thai may be callit accusit and punisit thairfor, conforme to the Word of God his Majesteis lawis and actis of the Kirk.

Die xij Novembris, 1595.

The quhilk day, Thomas Carstaris smyth, William Nichol- soun and Cathrin Orry his spous, Androw Scott, and William Staig baxter, being callit and accusit for nocht keping of the kirk and sermonis, Sunday Weddingsday and Friday, promisis to amend in tyme cuming, under [pane of]1 censsouris of the kirk.

The quhilk day, Margret Ogiluy is decernit to mak publict humiliatioun for saying to the visitouris, Lett thame gang to the kirk that wynnis thair mait in the kirk!—Sche hes satisfeit.

The quhilk day William Staig 2 and his wyffe ar decernit to Saig.3

1 Ommit.
2 Scir.
mak publict humiliatioun for flying to gidder. Quhilk day saisfeit.

The quhilk day William Ferry in Ladeddy and Margret Bell ar decernit to mak satisfactioun for fornication.—Thai haif saisfeit.

Die decimo Decembris, 1595.

The quhilk day, Mr. Robert Zuill accusit Robert Arthour for writing of ane fals testimoniall to Jhone Hering cordinar to be send to Mr. Henry Philp minister of Creiche, to marie the said Jhone Hering with Cathrin Baxter. The said Robert present grantis the writing thairof, and that he deliverit the samyn to the said Jhone Hering. The said Jhone Hering being also present grantis the samyn. The sessioun hes ordanit Robert Arthour to mak publict humiliatioun for his said offens, thre sindry Sondays in sech claiith, and thaireftir to cum down befoir the pulpeit and ask God and the haill peipill forgifnes, as also the said Jhone Hering for using of the samyn, remitting also Jhone Hering to the civile magistratis, &c.

Die xiiij° mensis Decembris, 1595.

The quhilk day Cristene Methven is decernit to adheir to Alexander Doby hir spous under pane of censoursis of the kirk.

Die viij° mensis Januarii, 1595.

The quhilk day, it is ordanit be the sessioun, with advys of Provost and bailieis present, that in all tymes cuming the bell sall ring thrys to the exercesis ilk Thursdays. The first bell to begin at half hour to nyne, the secund at nyne houris, and the

\[1\] The exercise on Thursday was conducted by the Presbytery, and the subjects for discussion were systematically arranged. ‘November 9, [1598]. . . . Ordesis that the maisteris of philosophie be present the nixt day, that order may be takin with them for being upon the exercesis’ (Register of St. Andrews Presbyteiry). On the 16th of November, ‘compeirit the maisteris of philosophie, and aggret to enter upon the exercesis againe’ (Ibid.).
thrid to dowbill and ring at sic tyme as the man that makis
the exercesis sall appoint.

**Die axj Januarii, 1595.**

The qhilk day Margret Lawmonth is decernit to adheir to George Ramsy hir spous under pane of censsouris of the kirk.

**Die xxviiij Januarii, 1595.**

The qhilk day, Elene Dayis, spous to Arthour Miln, is Decreet aganis Elene Dayis.
decernit to mak publict humiliatioun, for hir contempt in
nocht keping of the kirk and catichesing, and for hir dis-
obedience to the sessioun.

**Die 15 Februarii, 1595.**

The qhilk day, James Robertson masoun, William Staig and James Pittillo, ar decernit to mak publict humiliatioun,
for drinking on the Sabboth day tyme of sermone.

The qhilk day, Mwngo Fortoun is decernit to mak publict humiliatioun, for passing furth of this citee to Luicheris on the
Sabboth day, and for drinking thair tyme of sermone.

The qhilk day, Annabill Watsoun is decernit to mak publict humiliatioun befoir the pulpeit Sonday nixttocum, for pro-
phaning of God his name upon the hie streit in ane godles
maner.

The qhilk day, Alesoun Downy is decernit to mak publict humiliatioun, for blaspheming the holy name of God and for
hir wikked speking.

**Die 22 Februarii, 1595.**

The qhilk day, the sessioun decernis Androw Barclay and Dauid Michell to mak publict humiliatioun, for breking of the
Sabboth in passing to Luicheris.

**Die primo Martii, 1595.**

The qhilk day, Jhone Ros, maister of the sang scote, maist
humlie, with all reverence on his kneis befor the sessiou, askit God mercy and the kirk forgifnes for his negligens, and for his using and playing of ane part of the comode and play in St. Leonards College, tyme of the last bachelar act, by advys of the kirk; as also Mr. Jhone Heklein, regent to the bachtelar, and Mr. Jhone Dowglas, pedagog to my Lord Buchane, confessis, in presens of the sessiou, that it was aganis thair willis that the samyn play was playit; and promissis heireftir to stay and withstand all sic thingis at thair power, and nevir to do the lyke in tyme cuming. And thairfor the sessiou ordanis Jhone Rosis humliatioun, and thair declaratioun and promis, to be publisit to the pepill Sunday nixttocum.

Die tertio Marci, 1595.

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the sessiou, if ony persoun persewis ane uther befor the sessiou for ony actioun of sklander, if the mater be remittit to the civill magistrat, the persewar sall report the civill magistratis answier in that mater within fyfteyn dayis, under pane of s xx s. to the pur and publict satisfactioun, &c.; and this to be publicltie intimat.

Die xj mensis Aprilis, 1596.

William Vtein to mak publict humliatiione Sunday nixttocum, for breking of the Sabboth [be] extraordinair drinking, and for resche wickit speking.

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1 Revereice in MS.
2 This Mr. Jhone Heklein—or, as he is named on his tombstone in the Cathedral burying-ground of St. Andrews, M · IOHAN · ECHLIN · A · PITTEBROV —was an elder brother of that 'Robertus Echlyne' who was laureated at St. Andrews University in 1596—'pridie kalendas sextileis'—who became minister of Inverkeithing and afterwards Bishop of Down and Connor. Monteith gives the age of Mr. John at his death as 52 instead of 32 (Theater of Mortality, 1713, pp. 118, 119), and this has so far misled the Rev. John R. Echlin that he supposes him to be the uncle instead of the brother of the Bishop (Genealogical Memoirs of the Echlin Family, second ed., pp. 24, 32).
3 Pmis in MS.
4 The words be the sessioum are repeated in MS.
5 Of of in MS.
6 Omitted.
Die 27th Aprilis, 1596.

The quhilk day, the haill tikkitis to be writin and subscriyet be Charlis Watsoun clerk; and Mrs. Robert Zwie, William Russell, George Mernis and William Weimys, to stand at the litill kirk dure, to ressave and try the tikkitis, and nane to enter bot at that dur; and the ministeris to wrett our the tikkitis, and deliever to the clerk the haill persouns that ar admittit; and nane to be admittit both sic as ar contenit in the ministeris roll. Mr. William Wemys and George Mernis to speak the chalmerlane for bred and wyne. Robert Williamsoun, Jhone Hagy, Alexander Symsoun, Andrew Adisoun, Martyne Lumsdane, Thomas Reky, William Lentroun, Patrik Littiljohn and Thomas Craig, to servie the taball with bred and wyne. Mr. Robert Wallace, with the Provest and bailyes, to kepe the ile durris.

Die 2 mensis Maii, 1596.

The quhilk day—being appointit to try the lyfe and conversacione of the haill members of the sessioun alsueill ministeris as elders and deaconis—Mr. Dauid Blak minister being removit, thair is na thing objectit aganis him, but all the brethren praisis God of him, and that he may contenew in his seir. Mr.

1 Martii in Ms.
2 On the 9th of October 1595, ‘the Presbyterie ordanis ane universall tryell of ther haill memberis, and first to begin at St. Andros, quhairfoir Mr. Dauid Blak was removitt, and the judgement of the bredrene cravitt concerning him in doctrine lyf and conversacione.’ Three of the brethren had faults to lay against him; but, on his ‘ansueris being hard and considerat be the saids personis, they war fullie satisfiet and contentit theirwith.’ ‘Mr. Dauid being removit agane, and the judgement of the rest of the bredring cravitt concerning his doctrine lyf and conversacione, they all ansuerit in ane vos that they presid God in his behalf, and condemnit them selfis that they fand not sik fedeletie and cairfulnes in them selfis in discharging of their callingis: yit, being cravitt of new agane, gif be report of ony others they had hard ony thing quhairin they war offendit with the said Mr. Dauid, than the bredring ansuerit that they fand sum of the Provintiall Assemble haldin at Dysert to have bene offendit with the said Mr. Dauid, be ressome of dywers reportis quhilk had cum to their eiris, namelie, that Mr. Dauid in his sermentis suld invay aganis ministeris, in his sermentis calling sum of them Pynt-sall ministeris, bellie-fallowis, sycophantis, gentill-menis ministeris, leiders of the pepill to Hell; and that a gritt pert of them war
Robert Wallace being removit, the bretherein thankis\(^1\) God for him, bot it is desyrit of him that he may be mair diligent and cairfull over the maneris of the people, and in visiting of the seik. Mr. Robert Zwill being removit, thair is na thing opponit aganis him in lyfe doctrein nor conversatione, bot he is to be admonisit of multiplicatone\(^2\) of wordis in his doctrine, and that his notis be in few wordis, that the people may be maur edifit. Mr. Androw Melluill being removit, thair is na thing opponit aganis him, bot the hail bretherein thankis God for him. Mr. Dauid Monypenny being removit, thair is na thing opponit aganis him. Mr. William Weluod being removit, thair is na thing aganis him. The commissar removit, na thing opponit. Dauid Murray and Duncane\(^8\) Balfour, thair is na thing oppont, except Dauid Murray payis na thing to the contributione of the puir; and as to Duncan Balfour, falt is fund with him that he, being ane elder, sulde be in compainy with thame that brak up the tolbuth dur and electit the counsell tyme of sermone upon Weddnesday; forder the murther of Pareis being laid to his charge, becaus he wes in compainie in the Kingis service at that tyme, quharof the said Duncane purges him selfe in conscience, as also of cuming with the

\(^1\) Thakis in MS. \(^2\) Multiplicatone in MS. \(^3\) Ducane in MS.
Kingis commissioun to stay the doctrein in the New College. Mrs. William [and]\(^1\) Henry Russell, Androw Weluod, being removit, thair is falt fund with Mr. William becaus he\(^2\) suld pas to the Synodoll Assemblie without command of the sessioun, and that thair is ake sklander betuix Mr. Henry and his father; and that Androw Weluod mend his rasche speking in\(^3\) the sessioun. Mr. William Russell purgit him of the thing laid to his charge. Androw Weluod promist\(^4\) to amend. Mrs. William Russell and George Mernis, Mr. Robert Zuill to traiill\(^5\) betuix Mr. Daud and Mr. Henry Russellis. Mr. William Wemis, Androw Forret, James Leich and Thomas Reky, being removut, na thing opponit aganis thame. Mr. George Mernis, Patrik Littljhone, James Tailzour, William Lentroun, James Thomsoine, thair is na thing opponut aganis thame. Martyne\(^6\) Lumsdane, Thomas Diksoun, Mr. Symone Grige, William Zwle, Alexander Symson, thair is na thing opponit aganis thame. Daud Dalgless, Alexander Winchister, Thomas Craig, Ihone Hagy, Androw Ramsay, thair is na thing opponit aganis thame. Charlis Watsoun, James Lentroun, Androw Adesoun, also removit, thair is na thing opponit agans thame, except Charlis to be mair diligent in noting the penulties and faltis in the kirk.

*Die viij* Maii, 1596.

The quhilk day, Andro Weluod is electit commissionar to the Synodoll Assemblie, to be haldin at Dumfermeling the tent of Maii instant.

*Die 7 decimo nono Maii, 1596.*

The quhilk day, it is statut that ilk persone within this congregatione, howsone that ony persone be seik within ony familie, sall adverteis the elderis of the quarter of the persone seik within xxiiiij hours,\(^7\) that the ministeris may be adverteisit

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1 Omitted.  
2 Being in MS. for becaus he.  
3 In in in MS.  
4 Promst in MS.  
5 Travail.  
6 Martyne in MS.  
7 De in MS.  
8 Houris houris in MS.
to cum and confort thame with holy admonitioun, and that
under paine of publicit humiliatione; and if the elder be adver-
tesit and signeveis nocht the samyn to the minister he sall also
mak publicit humiliatione; and this to be also under pane of
ten s., to be upliftit upon ilk persone transgresand;¹ and this
to be publicit Sonday nixttocum.

Die 26 Maii, 1596.

The quhilk [day],² it is statut that na persone heireftir sall
wreit tikkitis to the communioun, nor³ yit present tikkitis heire-
eftr, bot sic as the sessioun sall ordane to that effect, under
pane⁴ of publicit admonitioun and repentans.

Die secundo Junii, anno 1596.

William Hwnyman and his spous Elene Hendersone, Alex-
ander and Charlis Dikis, Bessy Frislaw, to mak publicit humil-
tione, for being absent Sounday befoir none the xxiij of Mai
last wes. To remember the minister of the banishment of
Alexander Dik to be delatit.

Die decimo sexto Junii, 1596.

The quhilk day, Androw Seller and Alane Robertson ar
decernit to mak publicit humiliatione, for drinking in the
brousteris upon this present day tym of sermone, upon Sunday
nixttocum.—Alane hes satisfet.

Die octavo Augusti, 1596.

The quhilk day, the sessioun, all with ane voce, pronunci
Henry Moreis ane adulterer with Alesoun Anstruther, spous
to Alexander Nicolsoun, in respect of the proces and proba-
tions led and deducit aganis him, and specialie of the Act
maid in the kirk the vij of Julii last was; and thairfois ordant
[him]⁵ to be punisit thairfois, conforme to the actis⁶ of Par-
liament and kirk.

¹ Transgresand in ms.
² Nor is somewhat uncertain in ms.
³ Under pane repeated in ms.
⁴ Act in ms.
Die decimo Augusti, 1596.

The quhilk day, Arthour Millin, and Elspott Rowill spous to Androw Diplen, ar baith decernit to mak publicit humilatione upon the penitent stiull Sonday nixtrocum, for tulzeing and ongodlie behaviour betuix thame.

16 Augusti, 1596.

The quhilk day Bessy Byning is decernit to be jogit and banisit the bondis of this ctitie for adulteri.

The quhilk day, Androw Cuik is decernit to mak publicit humiliatione upon the penitent stiull, and Robert Phenysoun and Jhone Miller befoir the pulpit, quhen thei be requirit, for slaying flesche on the Sabbath day.

Die 26 Augusti, 1596.

The quhilk day, comperit William Geddy, and, being accusit for drinking extraordinarlie and wickit tak, confessit the samyn, and cravit God, and the kirk in name of the congregatione, forgivnes; and is of his awin proper consent and fre will bund 1 oblist and actitat, nocht onlie to abstien fra the lyke in tyme cuming, bot, in cais he be fund gilty in the lyk, to mak publicit humiliatione and pay ten flb.2 to the puir.

Die 3* Septembris, 1596.

The quhulk day, comperit James Smyth and Jhone Weluod, James Smyth, and declarit thei had na heted maleis nor invy aganis nane of the members of this sessioun nor counsell—quha, being for the maist3 part present, ros up—and with thair hartis foirgave all men, and tuik every persoun in the session be the hand in the feir of God and luif.4

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1 End in MS. 2 sit. in MS. 3 Maist in MS.
4 In Melville’s Diary (pp. 272-276) a long and interesting account will be found of the tumult raised by Henry Hamilton’s wanton attack on ‘Mr. Willyam Walwode, Professoour of the Lawes, a man bathe in blude and affinitie joyned neir to the maist honest in all the town,’ as he was proceeding to the College, with ‘his gown on, his book in the a hand, and sand-glass in the uther, meditating on his lessone.’ James Arthur, ‘called comounlie Jaques,’ was
The quhilk day, William Lermonth elder being callit and comperand to declair the trewth if he wes father to Elene Paits bairne, on his consciens the said William declarit befoir God in his aith that he never knew that woman was with bairne, nor yit that evir he knew hir to mak caus to gait ane bairne, as he suld ansuer to God; quhilk being votit be the sessioun, thei haif all votit that thei think his declaratione sufficient for his purgatione.

Die viij Octobris, 1596.

The quhilk day Thomas Christie is decernit to mak publict humiliatiione upon the penitent stull for blasphemy.

Die viij Octobris, 1596.

The quhilk day, the sessioun being all convenit contenevis the hail elderis and deaconis quhilk wes this last yeir befoir, and this to be publict to the pepill Sunday nixttocum in baith the kirkis; and all parteis that hes ony thing to object aganis ony of the elderis and deaconis, lett thame compeir Sunday nixttocum eftir none, to that effect, and thei salbe weill hard.

mortalis wounded; and by the craft of ‘the misraillars of the town,’ James Smith, ‘a man of singular qualities, graitle beloved of all godlie and guid men for his vertue and guid conditiones, and asmakle invyed and hated be the wicked,’ and John Walwo, a brother of the professor’s, were banished. ‘By this malitius craftie devys and convoy war these guid honest men thus wayes maist innocentlie and unjustlie vexed and banissed out of the realme from their wyffes and childring (sax yeires), and at thair retournin warse handlit.’ Melville afterwards relates (Ibid. pp. 317, 318), how he ‘purchasit, be the King’s awin speciall care and favour, ane act in favours of the honest men of St. Andros, James Smith and Jhone Walwode, for retournin of tham from exeill to thair awin countrey, citie, houes, wyff, and childring.’ A year after the declaration of good will recorded in the text, James Smith was cruelly murdered, in returning from Anstruther to St. Andrews, two hours after leaving James Melville’s house. Knowing ‘the innocencie and godines of the man sa weil, the vylnes of his maist wicked enemies, and the veritie of his cause,’ Melville was for several days almost drowned in a deadly and senseless despair. He relieved his feelings by indulging his ‘poeticall passion,’ and in preserving the thirty-six stanzas he then wrote, he characterises them as ‘bot a dawblabling countrey ryme, meittar to be swippet away with the mouse-wobbes, nor byd as a picture in the palace of Apollo’ (Ibid. pp. 421-433).

1 Ilium for his in MS.
The quhilk day, George Winchister comperit befoir the sessioun, and upon his kneis askit God the sessioun and Alexander Winchister his father forgifnes; and hes promisit nevir to hant agane in the hou of Kingkell, nor in the companie of Elspott Kingsow, and to leif godlie and honiestlie heireftir, and to use the advys and counsell of the sessioun and his father in all his doingis.

Die decimo Octobris, 1596.

The quhilk day, all parteis haifand enteres being this day befoir none warmit be baith the ministeris in baith the kirkis to haif comperit befoir the sessioun this eftir none, to object aganis the elderis and deconis present, thair comperit none to that effect, thei being oftyms callit, lawfull tyme of day bydin.

Die xij Octobris, 1596.

The quhilk [day], it is ordenit that supplicatione be dereect to the magistratis, that ilk elder and deacon haif power to noit all persouns that sueriis banis or takis Godis name in vane, that ilk ane of thame haif ane box to uplift ane penalty of ilk transgressour, and with power to pund thairfoir and to incarcerat the inobedient, and that the officiris be at thair command. Mr. William Russell bailylie present to declar this to the counsell and report ansuer Sundy.

Die 17 Octobris, 1596.

The quhilk day, Mr. William Russell reportis ansuer of the consell of the toun that thei aggree to the Act for to be sett down, anent banning and suering; and the sessioun with consent of the bailyeis appoint viij d. to be upliftit of ilk transgressour, and les at the discretiou of the elder.

The quhilk day, Robert Dik in Grange, Androw Jmry in Balrymonth, ar decernit to pay ilk ane xx s. to the pur, and to mak publict humiliations Sundy nixtlocum, for leading of thair cornis on the Sabbath day.

1 Omitted.
Die 20 Octobris, 1596.

The quhilk day, the haill memberis of sessioun ar censorit, and thair is na thing allegit aganis thame, except aganis James Thomsoun that he keipis nocht the houris and tymis appointit to his convening, and is inobedient to the magistratis, and ane evill payer of his dettis, thairfoir he is removit fra sessioun.

The quhilk day the brethren thocht ¹ gud to adjoyne to the number, in the south paroche—

Henry Smyth       Walter Gibsoun
George Christie    Daniel Miller.

In the north paroche—

Jhone Greg        Walter Todrik
Jhone Mylis.

This to be intymat to the people Sunday nixttocum in baith the kirks.

The quhilk day, Mr. William Russell reportis that William Vtein is decernit to pay xx s. to the pur, and to ask the magistratis foirgifnes, for his ongodlie lyfe with his wyfe, and to pay ten merkis in cais he be fund gilthie in the lyk heireftir. The sessioun also decernis the said William and Bessy Brog his spous to sit on the penitent stull and ask God foirgifnes, &c., Sunday nixttocum.

Die xxvij° Octobris, 1596.

The quhilk day, [the names of]² Henry Smyth, George Cristie, Walter Gibsoun and Daniel Miller, being this day oppinlie red in baith the kirks to see if ony persone wald object aganis thame in the south paroche, quhy thei may nocht be adjonit dekonis, as also Jhone Grig, Jhone Mylis, Walter Todrik, to be adjonit to the north paroche; and becaus nane comperit to object aganis thame, the sessioun ordanit thame to be ressavit and admittit, and thei [to]² be warnit Wednesdays nixttocum to be ressavit.

The quhilk day Mr. Dauid Blak and Mr. Robert Wallace

¹ Thocht in ms. ² Omitted.
ministeris\(^1\) pronunci\(t\) the sen\(c\)tence of\(^2\) excommunicati\(ou\)n aganis him\(^3\) for adulterie with Alison Anstruther.

**Die xxviij Octobris, 1596.**

The quhilk day, Walter Geddy, eftir he hed maid publict Walter Geddy humil\(i\)ati\(one\) conforme to the ordin\(ae\) of the Synodell Assemblie for the crewell slauch\(t\)er of umquhill Jams Cok-burne, wes ressavit to repentance public\(t\)lie, cled in sekle\(th\) upon the penitent still.

The quhilk day, Charlis Ramsay, being accusit for trav\(ill\)ing Decret aganis on the Sabbath day to Falkland mercat, is convict and decernit Charlis Ramsay. to pay xx s. to the puir, conforme to the Act of Parliament, and to mak publict humiliati\(ou\)n Sunday nx\(tt\)ocum.

**Die decimo Novembris, 1596.**

The quhilk day, the sessioun hes thocht expedient that ane Electi\(ou\)n of moderatour of the sessioun be chosin for ane quarter of ane Mr. Robert Zwlemoderator. yeir in to cum; and to that effect their wes in leittis Mrs. Dauid Blak, Robert Wallace, Dauid Monypenny and Robert Zwill. The sessioun all with ane voce nominat and electit the said Mr. Robert Zwle moderatour for ane quarter of ane yeir to cum.\(^4\)

**Die nono Januarii, 1596.**

The quhilk day, Mr. Robert Wallace, Mr. Dauid [Blak— [The tou\(n\) counsell to be dele\(t\)ed] Monypenny and Mr. Robert Zwlie, ar ordenit to pas to the counsell of the tou\(n\), and desyr ane supplicatione to his Majestie for rele\(i\)f of Mr. Dauid Blak our pastour, and als order to be takin for serving of Mr. Dauid Blakis cuir qh\(i\)ll he cum hame, and that ordour may be takin with the puir qh\(i\)ll he cum hame, qh\(i\)lks ar now all gane lous.\(^5\)

\(^1\) *Misteris* in MS.  \(^2\)*The* in MS.  \(^3\)*Henry Moreis.*  
\(^4\)*As will be seen, the session only met once during the ensuing quarter, and the only business transacted then related to the cause of their non-meeting, the enforced absence of David Black.*  
\(^5\)*In November, Black had been summoned to appear before the Privy Council, for the alleged fault of having spoken much too freely in some of his*
The sessione ordanis Walter Todrik, collector of the puris
almous, to pay ten lb. to Robert Mudy for his half yeiris
stipend, of the first and reddest he ressaifs thairof. The quhilk day, it is statut that the hall puir ordinar
within this citie sall convein ilk Salboth day, in the hospitall,
befor none and eftir none, and Robert to call all their names
and to catechisme thame; and thairrefir upon Monday thei
all to compeer in the paroche kirk to prayeris, and eftir the

sermons in the previous month. While expressing his readiness to defend,
either before the King or Council, anything that he had said, he was ‘movid,
with all humilitie and submissione of mynd, to use a Declinatour of this judg-
ment, at the least, in prima instantia.’ The hearty way in which he was
backed up by the other ministers, his being ordered on the 2d of December to
confine himself beyond the North Water, and the King’s inexorable determina-
tion that he should not return to St. Andrews, are all well known. See Melville’s *Diary*, Wod. Soc., pp. 419, 509-516; Spottiswoode’s *History*, Spot.
Soc., iii. 13-26; Calderwood’s *History*, Wod. Soc., v. 453-498; Petrie’s
*History*, 1662, ii. 520-524; M’Crie’s *Melville*, 1824, i. 395-400, ii. 452, 453;
Lee’s *Lectures*, ii. 130-137; *Register of Privy Council*, v. 326, 327, 334-336,
340-342, 345-348. The last-named volume, p. 674, reveals the loving regard
of some of Black’s flock for him in another way than petitioning. On the 26th
of January 1596-7, they had to become cautioners for one another, to the extent
of £100 each, to answer when required, ‘concerning their unlawfull convoca-
tion in their convoy of Mr. David Blak, agaitwart to his present waird, eftir
he wes convict of ane tressonable cryme.’ The following extracts do not appear
to have ever been printed before:——Januar 27 [1596-7] ... The quhilk day
compeir Mr. George Mearins, Alexander Winchister, Chairlis Watson, from
the sessoun and counsell of St. Androis, quha regratit that they wantit the
comfort of the Word at those tymes, quhilk Mr. Daud Blak usit to teache, and
desyrit their help. Qhahirunto it wes anserit that wordely they wer bereft of
that comfort, for it wes they them selfsis that wer the causaiss of it; and thairfuir
desyris them to send ther commissioneris to his Majestie for the restoring the
said Mr. Daud to his place agane’ (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*).

1 *De* in ms.

2 On the 4th of February, *It being proponit [to the Presbytery] be the
moderator of the session of St. Androis, quhiddar or noth ane compt soue
gevin in the tolbuilt to the magistratris of the almes bestowed upon the poore,
because of the taxatioun rasi be thame quhilk is ane mein part of the bestowing;
it wes anserit, Not’ (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*).

3 *Sic.*

4 Robert Mudy.
prayer the haill deaconis to be present and delyver the puir thair almouss, and this to begyn Sunday niixtocum.

Die xia Martii, 1596.

The quhilk day, the sessioun hes statut that the clerk wrett ane bill and missive in thair names to Mr. Dauid Blak thair minister, to gif him thankis for his last letter of recommenda-
tione send be him to thame, as also to shaw him that the Kingis Majestie is desyrous to confer with him, and that he send his awin supplicatione to his Ma., to obtein licens to cum to his Ma. to that effect; and to schaw to the said Mr. Dauid that quhat lys in thair power to further his hame cuming, thei sall do the samyn with his awin advys; and to schaw him the townis commissionaris, send to his Majestie for his delyverans, ressavit the samyn anser of his Majestie.

The quhilk day, the sessioun hes grantit licens to Mr. Robert Wallace to pas to visit his brither for xx daysis, with this con-
ditione that he provid men to occupie his rowme quhill his returning; and to that effect that is appointit Mr. Robert Zwle, Alexander Winchister, Mr. Henry Russell, Charlis Watsoun, Andro Ramsay, to speir Mr. Robert Wallas, and that he may nominat sic persons as will occupie the rowme quhill he cum agane; and thei also to gett the said persons promeis that thei will occupie his place, uther wayis the sessioun grantis na licens.¹

¹ Two days before, namely, on the 17th of March, 'Mr. Robert Wallace craving leience of the Presbytie to go to the West Countrie, to visit ane brother of his whos at the poynt of death, and assurit the brithering that his going thair wes nether to remane ony lang tym, or to stay the proces of accusation intendit againis him be Mr. John Lyndesay, secretar; but sould be reddie to answer to that and all utheris accordingly. Quhairunto the brithering yeildit, pro-vyding he had obteinit licence of his session' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery). The process referred to had been raised before the Presbytery, on the 26th of February, by 'Mr. James Weimes, appeird of Lathocker, in name of Mr. Johne Lyndesay, secretar.' The Presbytery, 'according to the canon of the Apostill,' declined to receive 'ane accusation againis ane elder without two or thrie witnessis.' On the roth of March two witnesses were produced; but—on their acknowledging 'that thair compeirance wes to give obedience to his Majestie's letteris and noth to assist the accusation,' and that they could not conscientiously depone that they believed that Lyndesay had just cause for his
The quhilk day, the sessioun of Sanctandrous hes ordanit ane supplicatione to be send to the Generall Assembleie, convent to morne at Dundie, requesting thair godlie wisdomis to interseid to his Majestie to grant licens to Mr. Dauid Blak thair [pastour]¹ to be restorit, and admittit to cum hame to this citie, to use his functioni of the ministe as he wes wont to do befor; and becaus the bailyeis and sum uthers of the elderis and deonis wes nocht present to consent heirto, the sessioun ordanit Alexander Winchister, Martyn Lumsdane, George Cristie, Robert Williamsoun, and Charlis Watsoun clerk, to pas with the said supplicatione to thame and uthers zelous men of this citie, to inquir of thame to subscryve the said supplicatione and request for thair pastur forsaid, and for his hame cuming agane.²

¹ Accusation—the Presbytery 'repellit them as not producit and usit tymously and orderly, and creavis the uther kynd of witnes quhilk the Apostill meins off.' On the 24th of March:—'Ther wes uther letter direct from his Majestie, finding fault and creaving of the Presbytrie to try sum speiches deliverit in pulpeit be Mr. Robert Wallace, and to report back againe thair diligence thairintill to him. At the quhilk tym Mr. Robert being in the Westland, the Presbytrie ordenit the moderatour, Mr. Nicoll [Dalgleisch], and Mr. James Meluill, to wrett an answer to his Majestie in thair name' (Ibid.). The obnoxious 'speiches' had been made in the 'Little Kirk of Edinburgh,' and had reference to Lyndessay's conduct in the case against Black.

² Two months before this, the General Assembly had petitioned the King, that, as Black had 'obeyit sick things as was joynit to him,' he would 'give him libertie to returne to his fock' (Books of the Universall Kirk, iii. 901). On the 7th of April, 'The Provost of St. Androis, Mrs. William Russell, George Mearnis, bailyeis, with Patrik Bonckill, commoun clark,' had appeared before the Presbytery, and 'producit ane letter direct fra his Majestie, ordaining the Presbytrie to provide for the pulpeit of St. Androis. Qhairunto it wes ansuerit, that thair wald request ony that war metit for the said place to occupe the samyn, as they had done in tymis bygane; bot as for to command ony, having ane ordinarie chaire of thair awin, to leave thair awin place and to occupie it, thai could not; bot for ony uther thair wald authorize him and allow weill of his travellis' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery). The General Assembly, to which the supplication mentioned in the text was to be sent, appointed, on the 16th of May, fourteen of the brethren, with power to them, or any seven of them, to convene with the King, before the end of that month, 'to take solid ordour anent the provisioun of ministers to the towneis of Edin­burgh, Dundie and Sanct Androes,' &c. (Books of the Universall Kirk, iii. 928).
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Die quinto mensis Junii, 1597.

The quhilk day, Jhone Duncane, for his filthie handling of Issobell Blak and causit hir cry, is ordanit to mak publict humiliatione Sunday nixttocum, quhen he beis requirit, befoir the pulpit.

Die xiv° Julii, 1597.

This is the first day that Mr. George Gledstanis minister enterit in the session, and maid prayer to God, and procedit to the office of the ministre in discipline, conforme to the ordour of the sessiouin.¹

Early in July apparently the King was in St. Andrews, and he not only commanded Lyndsay to come there, and prosecute his action against Wallace before him and the Commissioners of Assembly, but he himself interrupted Wallace publicly in the application of his sermon, for which Andrew Melville 'rebukit the King maist scharplie, threatning him with feirfull judgments gif he repentet nocht.' Wallace had declined the jurisdiction of the Commissioners, but they speedily suspended him from his ministry, and debarred Blak from St. Andrews without even citing him before them (Melville's Diary, 417-419; Calderwood's History, v. 648-659; Book of the Universall Kirk, iii. 940). On the 15th of July 'compeirit befor the Presbyterie the Provost of the citie of Sct. Andris, and compleaned upon Mr. Jhone Authinleck, wha spak that day in the seconde roune of the exercis, for compairing the toun of Sct. Andris to a galed hors, that flingeing and plounging cust the ryders, &c. The Presbyterie ordeanit the said Mr. Jhone to put in wryt the reasounes that moved him to use the said application, contrair to the Actes of the Generall Assemblies, and the groundes of text that he biggit upon; that the breithring might judge thairone the nixt day; ordeaning the said Provost to be present the said nixt day, for prosecuting his complent, gif sa it pleasit him' (Register of St. Andreas Presbytery). That day week 'compeirit Mr. Jhone Authinleck and gaiff in his answer, as was appointed the day befor, for warrandog of his application usit be him upon the toun of Sct. Andris. The quhilk the breithring allowit weill of; and calling for the Provost of Sct. Andris, or anie in his name, to heir what fordgar he haid against the said Mr. Jhone, nether the said Provost nor naine for him compeirit, sa that mater deserit' (ibid.).

¹ On the 15th of July, the same day on which the Provost had complained of Authinleck's simile, the Commissioners of Assembly 'cravit Mr. George Gladstanes to be accepted of be the Presbyterie minister of Sct. Andris and a sym-presbyter with thame; the quhilk the saidis Commissioneris did in wryt, and receavit answr from the Presbyterie in wraint in lyk maner' (Register of St. Andreas Presbytery). At length on the 8th of September, 'the whole brethren sigillatiun declared their gude mynd toward Mr. George Gledstonis, whom, according as they suld espaye his fidellite in his ministrie, and the blissing of God.
The samyn day, it is concludit be the sessioun that the haill inhabitantis of this citee be chargit be the balyeis to pay the haill contributioum of the puir of all byganis, and to begyn Tuisday nixxtocum; with certificatioum, quha faileyis, to pay the dowbill that thai ar awand; and to that effect the drum to pas throw the town Mononday nixxtocum, to conpeir on Tuisday in the kirk quhen the bell ringis, and bring the samyn with thame.

The quhilk day, the session hes ordanit ten li to be payit to Robert Mudy, for compleit pament of all bigane fie, and that of the first end of the box; and as concerning his catchising of the puir, the session hes tane to advys thairwith. And siclyke, thai haif ordant xl s. to be gevin to Alane Robertson belman, in compleit pament of all his bygane fie. Quhilkis sowmes ar also payit instauntle.

**Die xxv* Julii, 1597.**

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the session that the sermone in tyme cuming begyn at viij hours on Weddinsday thairupon, they wald confort with all kynd of assistance help and forderance in the samyn' *(Ibid.)*. In striking contrast with this cautious expression of goodwill towards the new minister, is the following hearty commendation of the old:—'The whilk day also the sayd whole brethren gaw testimonie to Mr. David Black off fidelite, honestie and all dewtie, in the discharge of his ministrie and utherwyse *(Ibid.)*. According to one account, before the arrival of the Commissioners, the 'great dissaistour fallin out amangis the clerige of St. Androis . . . had devydit that haill citty in factionis'; and Gladstanes, at the time of his appointment, was ' thocht weill of and lykit be his Majestie and Commis- sioneris of the kirk, . . . and the haill honest citizenis of the citty' *(Moyse's Memoirs, Ban. Club, p. 134).* His kindly welcome by the citizens seems to have been largely due to the King's policy in prevailing on James Melville to preach on the occasion of his reception. That divine had the greater pleasure of placing David Black in the charge of Arbirlot, which Gladstanes had just vacated *(Melville's Diary, pp. 422, 423).* Martine states that the future Archbishop was brought to St. Andrews at this time, 'of purpose to ballance and poize Mr. Andrew Melvill, and to guard the Universitie and students against his principles, and to fence them from being tinged with his seditious and turbulent way; and many a hote bickering there was betwixt them thereupon' *(Reliquiae Divi Andree, p. 251).* The King had no doubt taken the measure of the man, who was afterwards to address him as his 'earthly Creator,' and to describe himself and fellow-bishops as 'your Majesties creatures' *(M'Crie's Melville, ii. 132, n.)*.
and Friday, and to be endit be nyne houris, prayaris and all, or thairabout.

It is appointit that all comptis of the puir, that ar sen the last generall compt, salbe gevin in be the collectouris this day aucht dayis, and thair conscience thairpoun.

The quhilk day, it is concludit that na persoun speik nor rownd\(^1\) in the sessioun without licence, under paine of viij d. ilk falt on forgevin.

It is tocht gude that the first quarter of the contribution begyn the first day of August nixttocum, with ane oblivion of all bygans, alsweill payit as on payit, sen the first day of Junii last wes, providing that the bygans awand befoir the first of Junii be payit.

\[\textit{Die ultimo mensis Julii, 1597.}\]

The quhilk day, it is appointit be the sessioun that ilk bailye, his owke about, vesey the town on Sunday with the elderis and deaconis eftir specifit; to witt, Duncane Balfour bailye—Alexander Wynchister and Robert Narne; Mr. William Russell bailye—Martin Lumisdane, Robert Williamson, with him; James Robertson bailye—Mr. William Wemys, Thomas Craig, with him; Mr. George Mernis bailye—Andro Raysey and James Lentroun with him. Duncane Balfour to begyn Sunday nixttocum; and on the owk dayis ane elder and ane deacone, with ane town officiar, thair owk about, tyme of sermone, as thail salbe appointit be the sessioun ilk Weddinsday.

\[\textit{Die decimo quarto mensis Augusti, 1597.}\]

The quhilk day, conperit Mr. Dauid Russell and Dauid Watsoun, commissioneris from the counsell of the town, and desyrit of the sessioun that commoun prayaris may be publiclie red in the kirk ilk day mornyng and evinyng, fra this furth, as in uther townis of this realme; quhilk desyre the sessioun tocht ressonabill, and thairfor thai haif ordanit Mr. Robert Zuill to reid every day, morn and evin, except the dayis of publict

\(^1\) Whisper.
teaching, ane chapteour of the New Testament and ane uther of
the Auld befoir none, begynand at Genesis and Mathow, with
ane prayer befoir and eftir; and evyning, sum Psalms with
ane prayer befoir and eftir.

Die xviij* mensis Augusti, 1597.

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the sessioun, upon gude
causis and considerationis moving thame, that baptisme and
mariage be ministratit in tymes cuming upon Weddingsday and
Friday; to witt, mariage befoir sermone, and baptisme eftir
sermone; onles necessitie require, and than the minister to use
his discretioun thairin.

That the transgressouris of the Sabbith be warrit to the
Sabboith eftir none; and the absentis fra Fridayis sermone
and Weddingsdayis sermone to Weddingsday eftir none.

The quhilk day, Mr. Dauid Lindesay— with advys of
Patrik Murray, commissioner to the Kingis Ma., Mrs. Thomas
Buchannane and James Nicholsoun, ministeris and commission-
eris for the Generall Assemblie—is publiclie ressavit in the kirk,
immeiatle eftir sermone, and eftir ernest incalling upon the
holy name of God, to be fallow laborar in the ministrie of St.
Androus with Mr. George Gledstaniis minister thairat, be the
Provost bailyis counsell of the town, and be membriis of the
sessioun in name of the hoill congregatioun; quha hes promisit,
with the assistance of God his Holy Spirite, to support the said
Mr. George in the said ministrie, in precheing of the Word,
ministration of the sacraments, and exercisig of discipline,
and in all uther thingis concerning the said ministrie, at his
power, and as God sall gif him grace.¹

Die nono mensis Octobris, anno Domini jvmo nonagesimo
septimo.

Maister² George Gledstaniis and Mr. Dauid Lindesay ministeris.

¹ The next leaf is blank. Lindesay's entry is thus referred to in the Register
of the Presibtyerfy :— '22 Sept. ... The sam day Patrik Murray, his Majesties
servant, send in commissioun be his Majestie, to recommend unto the brethren
off the Presbitrie Mr. Dauid Lindsay, as ane follow helper with Mr. George
Gladstainis in the ministrie off Sanctandrous.'
² Maisteris in MS.
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Elderis electit for this yeir in to cum.

William Lermouth, of Clatto, Provest
Mr. Robert Mauld, commissar
Alexander Wynchister, bailye
Mr. William Russell, bailye
Mr. William Wemys, bailye
William Lermouth, bailye
Dauid Watsoun, Dane of Gild
Patrik Gutherie, thesawrar
Mr. Dauid Auchemowty
Mr. William Cok
Mr. Dauid Russell
Duncane Balfour
Jhone Martine
William Muffett
William Zuill
Alexander Carstaris

James Lentroun
James Leiche
[Charis Watsoun—deleted]¹
Androw Forrett
Mr. Henry Danskein
Thomas Diksoun
Jhone Scheves
Jhone Hagy
Thomas Craig
Androw Watsoun.

Deaconis electit for this yeir in to cum.

Mr. Symone Greg
Robert Narne
Walter Gibsoun
Robert Williamsoun
James Tailzeour
Jhone Carstaris, maltman, younger

Walter Todrik
Jhone Greg
Androw Diksoun
Nicholl Mane
Androw Carnewath.

The quhilk day, the bretherein of sessioun, cftir ernest Ratification of the actis and statutis.
incalling upon the holy name of God, the actis and statutis of session being red, thai ratifie and apprive the samyn in all thingis, except that Act concernyng the maisteris of the college nocht to haif voit in sessioun; promising to obey the samyn actis, and all utheris actis maid in this builk, to the glorie of God and weill of his kirk.

Divisioun of the town in twelf quarteris with the elderis and deaconis in ilk quarter.

ffirst, fra the Eist Burne Wynd west to umquhill Mr. 1

¹ Watson’s name was deleted because of his death, which took place before the 29th of March 1598.
Martine Geddeis hous on the south syde of the Sowth Gait: my Lord Provost, the commissar, Alexander Wynchister, elderis, Robert Narne deacone.

2 ffræ Mr. Martine Geddeis hous west to the Port: Thomas Diksoun, Thomas Craig, elderis, Jhone Carstaris, deacone.

3 ffræ the Port west Argyle, and eist to Jhone Hageis hous: William Lermouth, Jhone Hagy, elderis, Androw Diksoun, deacone.

4 ffræ Jhone Hageis hous to Jhone Levingstonis hous, including thairin Logeis Wynd and Kirk Wynde: Mr. Dauid Auchmowty, Alexander Carstaris, elderis, Walter Gibbsoun, deacone.

5 ffræ Jhone Levingstonis hous to Patrik Guthereis hous: Maister William Cok, Duncane Balfour, elderis, Mr. Symone Greg, deacone.

6 ffræ Patrik Guthereis hous eist to Sir George Dowglasis hous, including thairin the sowth end of the Hukstar Wynd: Mr. William Wemys, Patrik Gutherie, elderis, Nichol Mane, deacone.

7 ffræ the Mercat Gait Port, on the south syde of the gait, to Alexander Paitis hous, including thairin the New Clois: Jhone Martine, Androw Watsoun, elderis, Robert Williamsoun, deacone.

8 ffræ Alexander Paitis hous eist the Merkat Gait, and west to the Fowle Waist: Mris. Dauid and William Russellis, elderis, and James Tailzeour, deacone.

9 ffræ the Fowle Waist west to the Port: William Muffet, James Leiche and Charlis Watsoun, elderis.

10 ffræ the North Gait Port eist on the north syde of the gait to Androw Carnis hous, including thairin the Fischer Gait: James Lentroun, Mr. Henry Danskein, elderis, Androw Carnewath, deakin.


12 ffræ Androw Ramsayis hous west to the Port, including thairin Jaksonis Clois, College Wynd and Baikhous Wynde: William Zuill, James Scheves, elderis, Walter Todrik, deacone.

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1 My altered from Mr.  2 Mr. in ms.
The quhilk day, it is concludit be the sessioun that the Celebratioun of the communion, will God, salbe ministrated this day xx days, and intimation thairof to be maid in the pulpite to the peipill Sunday nixttoxicm.

That catechesing of the pepill be duly heireftir mornie and Catechesing.\(^1\) evin, tyme of prayaris, and the minister to begyn to morn, the xj of October instant.

That Mr. Robert Zuill and Jhone Ros be present in the kirk heireftir at the secund bell to sermone, ilk Sunday, befoir and eftir none, that chaptouris of the Word of God and Psalmes may be sung in the kirk continewalie, quhill the minister be in pulpite; and to this effect Mr. Robert Zuill and Jhone Ros to be desyrit to be present in sessioun Wed- dinsday nixttoxicm.\(^2\)

\(\textit{Die xij}\textasteriskcenter{\textdegree} \textit{Octobris, 1597.}\)

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the sessioun that the minister, the haild elderis and deaconis, collectouris of the puir folkis almous, upon Friday eftir none and Satterday befoir none, convein and pas throw the town, and collect the almous and contribuion of termes bigane.

Duncane Balfour and Mr. Dauid Auchmowty to pas to my Lord Secretar; Mr. William Russell and Dauid Watsoun to pas to Mr. Jhone Prestoun, James Hay and utheris strangeris.

The quhilk day, Jhone Diplein is decernit to ichtertine Jonet Diplein his naturall dochter, in God his feir, and sustein hir fra beging in all tymes cuming.

\(^1\) \textit{Chaichising} in MS.

\(^2\) 'These are the three exercises which are used in all our congregations, every Sabbath, one hour before the preacher come in: first prayer, then Psalms, then reading of holy Scripture; and by these, the hearts of the people are prepared the more reverently to heare the Word, and you see all is done with great quietnesse, devotion and reverence. . . You heare the third bell ringing, and in this space the reading ceaseth, and at the end of the bell ringing the preacher will come' (Bishop Cowper’s \textit{Works}, 1626, p. 680). 'Within the memory of many still living, both in the south and north, precentors and schoolmasters were in the habit of reading Psalms and chapters from the lectern while the people were assembling' (Sprott’s \textit{Worship and Offices of the Church of Scotland}, 1882, p. 14.)
James Lentroun to tak ordour with the sustentatioun of James Abbey, puir barne, and report ansuer this day aucht days.

Martine Lummisdane is decernit nocht to sett houis [to]¹ puir beggeris nor strangeris, without licience of the magistratis heireftir.

The quhilk day, James Fyffe marriner and Cristene Ferry adulteraris ar decernit to satisfie for their offence, conforme to the forme of adulteraris, and to be utherwyis punisit for their manifest denyell.

The quhilk day, Jhone Wobstar is decernit be the magistratis to pay xx s., for travelling on Sabboth day, conforme to the Act of Parliament; and siclyke to conpeir upon Sonday nixttocum, quhen the minister callis upon him, and mak publict humiliatioun.

To warn [Thomas and—deleted] Dauid Michell ² [and]¹ Androw Kay to Sonday nixttocum for travelleng on the Sabboth.

Becaum Beatrix Dikke wes warnit to this day and conperit nocht, to ansuer for selling of fishe on the Sabboth, sche is remittit to the magistratis, and to be warnit agane to Sonday.

Die xviœ Octobris, 1597.

The quhilk day Jhone Carstaris deakin is ordanit to be ressavir of the puir folkis almous for this moneth in to cum.

The magistratis ar requestit to mak arrestment upon the gudis and geir of unquhill Cristene Elder, and to caus the officiaris intromit thairwith, conforme to the instrumentis takin thairupon, bering all the puir that ressaisfs the townis almous to haif maid and constitut the remanent puir thair executouris, and legatouris to thair hall gudis eftir thair departuris fra this lyffe.

The quhilk day, anent the collecting of the puir folkis almous, it is statut that ylk elder and deakin, thair day and ouk about, begynand at the first in the catholog, quhill the end; and Alane Robertsoun belman to ressaif his direction fra

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¹ Omitted. ² Michellis in ms.
that elder and deakin, to pass to any other honest neighbour he
pleased with the other brood, as that elder and dakin shall direct,
to collect with him that day the purik folkis almous in tyme
cuming.

It is concluded that when any purik body cryis for almous at
any part of this citee, [that] be takin and apprehendit be
Thomas Wilson, and put in the thevis hoil, quhill triall be
takin of their estate.

The quhilk day, Androw Kay and Davud Michell, for travel-
ling on the Sabbath day, ar ilkane decernit to pay to the
magistratis xx s., to the use of the purik, and to mak publict
humiliatioun Sunday nixttocum.

*xx Octobris, 1597.*

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis James Fyffe and Cris-
tene Ferry adulteraris to conper to morn befoir the Presbitre,
and ressaif thair injunctionis for thair adultere.\(^2\)

The quhilk day, Margret Aytoun being callit and accusit
for causing lead corns on the Sabbath day, the samyn being
referrit to hir aith, sche purgis hirself thairof, thairfor absolute.

The quhilk day, Patrik Smyth baxter is decernit be the
magistratis \(^3\) to pay ten s. to the box of the purik, and to mak
publict humiliatioun for ressaying of ane leid of flower and
travelling on the Sabbath day.

To warn Patrik Arthour baxter to Sunday nixttocum, for Arthour. Sa.
hinging furth of his casar with breid and ressaying of ane leid
of flowr on the last Sabbath.

*xxij Octobris, 1597.*

To warn Androw Scott quarior to conper Weddingsday for Scott, rij.
having carnall daill befoir mariage.

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1 Omitted.
2 They duly appeared before the Presbytery on the following day, when James
confessed their guilt, admitting that he had, by her persuasion, previously
denied it. She, on the other hand, impudentlie denied the fact in his presence.
He was referred ‘to his cession, and she to deal with God and hits minister untill
the nixt Presbiteri day’ (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*).
3 The clause *be the magistratis* is interlined in the same hand.
To warn Margret Stevinson to conpier Weddinsday nixt-
tocum, to resaif hir injunction and to satisfe for hir civile
punishement, and thaireftir to be inunit for hir ecclesiasticall
discipline.

To warn James Fyffe and Cristene Ferry adulteraris to
conpier Weddinsday, to resaif thair injunctionis for thair
adulterere.

To warn Issobell Carstaris dochter to Issobell Wilson to
Weddinsday nixttocum, to answier to the dilatioun of fornica-
tioun gevvin in aganis hir.

To warn George Scottis dochter, for keping of hous\(^1\) and
drinking and nieth walking, to Weddinsday.

Patrik Arthour baxter, for halding furth his casar with
breid and resaving of flowir on the Sabbath day, sall payer
tens, and to mak publict humiliatioun.

That the minister adverteis the minister of St. Leonardis
that none of the milleris of thair parroche send in leidis to this
citee on the Sabbath.

Collectit be the Provest this owk xx. \(\text{II.}^{2}\)

\[ xxvij \text{ Octobris,}^{2} 1597.\]

The qhilk day, Androw Scott quarier becaus he wes warnit
to this day and conperit nocht, he is ordanit, in cais he be
nocht stayit be seknes, his body to be punisit be the magis-
tratis till he find caution to obey: the magistratis to report
thair diligens this day aught dayis.

The qhilk day, Margret Stevinsoun callit and conperit,
and being demandit quhat sche will gif for to relieif hir of the
civile punishement, sche being now thris relappis in fornica-
tioun, offerit iiij \(\text{II.}\), qhilk the magistratis acceptit. Sche is
ordanit be the session to mak publict humiliatioun thre owkis,

\(^1\) St. Andrews was by no means the only place where unmarried women were
forbidden to live alone. The kirk-session of Stirling were so suspicious of
'orray wemen,' as they termed them, that, in 1597, they 'concludit and ordeinit
that na eldar nor diacin subfir ane singill woman, that never hes bein marcit, to
dwell hir allane in ane hous undelaite to the sessioun of the kirk, under the
pane of vj s. viijd. for the first fault, and x s. for the secund fault' (Maitland
Miscellany, i. 129).

\(^2\) Octris in ms.
keipand the haille prechingis, tua owkis in hir awin habeit and the thrid in the adulteraris: and if sche faill agane in the lyke syn the magistratis ordanis hir to be banisit the boundis of this citee for evir.

The quhilk day, it is ordanit that quha soevir salhappin to be trelapis in fornicatioun sall mak sic publict repentance, and stand thre severall owkis the hail preching dayis, tua thairof in thair awin habeit and the thrid in adulteraris.

The quhilk day James Fyffe and Cristene Ferry present Fyffe, Ferry, chargit to confes thair adultere. James confessis, Cristene rij. denyis, as befoir. Being requirit if thai wald releif thame selfis fra civile punishement be pecuniall sowmes, denyis to pay ony. Thai ar referrit to the magistratis to tak orduir with thame.

The quhilk day, Jhone Buchannane, accusit for resaving of Buchannane, leadis on the Sabboth, excusis him self of ignorance of the law; thairfor admonisit.

The quhilk day, it is ordanit that in all tymes cuming na baxter nor tavernour hald furth juigis of wyne all nor bread on the Sabboth, under pane of ten s. for ilk falt, and of publict humiliatioun.

The quhilk day, it is ordanit that it be publicsit Sunday nixtto cum, that all personis quha hes barnis to be baptizit advertes the minister the nicht befoir.

The quhilk day, William Gilcrist, suspect of fornicatioun with Margret Reid, conperit and confessit the samyn. To warn Margeit Reid to this day aught dayis to answir, &c. The magistratis decernis William Gilcrist to pay xl s. for his civile punishment, and the sessoun ordanis him to mak publict humiliatioun conforme to the orduir.

\[\textit{Die penultimo Octobris, 1597.}\]

Mr. William Russell hes payit of his quarter vij h. vij s. Contributioun. ij d. Collectit this owk be the bailye, Alexander Wynchister, ten h. vij d.

The quhilk day, Agnes Jak grantis sche hes committit vice

\[\textit{Baptisme in ms.}\]
of fornication with James Otterschank, qua, also present, confessis the samyn. The session ordanis thame to satisfie for their offence; and the magistratis ordanis thame to pay xls. The magistratis ar ordanit to caus charge hir to Tuesdai to thoill ane assis, that sch be bannisit. To report ansuer of their dilgens Wednisdai nixt.

The quhilk day, conperit William Lermonth bailye and declarit to the session that he is summound to underly the law for the slaukther of umquhill James Smyth, albeit he, being desyrit be the session to purge him self thairof, on his conscience declaris he nevir knew the samyn quhill it wes done, nor yit wes he art or part thairof; nochtheles desyrt, in respect he is sa sklanderit, that the session wald remof him of the session quhill the treuth of that mater wer tryit. The session nochwithstanding concludit him nocht to be removit, bot he to bruk the place of ane elder ay and quhill he wer fund gilte of that cryme, in respect of his purgatioun of the samyn be his great aith.

The quhilk day, anent the bill of sklander gevin be Margret Tailzeour aganis Magdalene Motto, makand mentioun that the said Magdalene hed maist ungodly sklanderit hir, sayand thir wordis:—The devill ressaif the feit yow heir brocht last to my hous, for sen ye wes heir I haif nevir threvin! My brewing of aill and all my effaris hes gone bak with me! I am ane hundreth merkis wars sensyne nor I wes befoir! The session findis the said bill sklandrous; and Magdalene, being also this day callit befoir the sessioun, and desyrit hir if sche wald preif the said sklander, refusit. Thairfor thai decerne the said Magdalene to conpeir befor the session and confes hir offence, and ask God the session and Margret Tailzeour forgifnes, and their declar sche knawis na thing of hir bot honestie; and siclyke to pas to Magdanis hous, quhar the wordis wes spokin, and their also sitt down on hir kneis, and do the samyn in presens of the ministeris and magistratis and elderis.

Die secundo mensis Novembris, 1597.

The quhilk day, William Broun, in the parroche of Largo,

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1 See supra, p. 819, n. 4.  
2 Sic.  
3 Te in ms.
and Marioun Pryde, in Lathoker Miln, ar contractit in mariage. Contractus
William can nocht rehers the commandis. To rehers the samyn befoir marage. xxx s. payit becaus thai cudl nocht
rehers the commandmentis.

The magistratis to tak ordour with Agnes Jak and hir assyis, Jak, rij.
and to report ansuer of their diligence this day aucth dayis.

The quhilk day, William Brow and Issobell Carstaris William Bron,
forncatouris to pay xx s. for their impressement, and to begyn
their repentance Sunday nixttocum. Thai ar presente con-
tractit.

It is concludit be the session and magistratis that Cristene Ferry, Fyffe,
Ferry, for hir adulterie with James Fyffe, pay to the puir in
part of pament of hir civile amendment ten lib.; and to begyn
hir repentance as ane adulterar Sunday nixttocum. Jhone
Ferry is actit, in presens of Mr. William Wemys bailye, to pay
xx li., Friday cum aucth dayis, and if he payis ten lib. this
day aucth dayis, he salbe fre of the xx li.

*Die sexto Novembris, 1597.*

To warn Thomas Tailzeour and Jhone Pryde for violating Tailzeour,

Collectit of the puir folks broidis ix li. xv s.

*Item,* of penulteis for absens xiiij s.

*Die nono mensis Novembris, 1597.*

The quhilk day, the minister desyrit the magistratis to tak Lumiaisdane,
ordour with the invas[ion] and hurt done betuix George
Lummiisdane and Walter and William Gibsonis, and to report
ansuer this day aucth dayis of their diligence.

That the magistratis yit as befoir report ansuer of thair Agnes Jak,
diligence, of the banissing of Agnes Jak *forncatrix,* this day rij.
aucht dayis.

Mr. William Wemys promissis to caus James Otterschank Otterschank,
pay xls. for his civile punischement, and to report ansuer rij.
thairof this day aucth dayis.

Robert Narne hes takin the burding on him to caus William Wm. Gilrist,
Gilrist pay xls. for his civile punischement: to report
diligence and pament this day aucth dayis.
That the magistratis apprehend Jhone Pryde younger, and present him to justice, for violating of the Sabbath tua sindry tymes.

The quhilk day, Agnes Robertson, spous to Thomas Pringill, [is ordanit]¹ to mak publict humiliatioun, for sending of hir dochter to sell fishe on the Sabbath, this nixt² Sunday.

Androw Criste in Straythkynnes, for nocht saying of the Commandis befoir marage, hes payit xl s.

Becaus Jhone Ferry hes fainlycit to pay ten lb. this day, thairfor the magistratis to poind for xx lb., and report thair diligence this day aucht dayis.

That the maigistratis tak ordour with Thomas Tailzeour for his inobedience: to report anseru this day aucht dayis.

To warn Magdalene Motto to be warnt to this day aucht dayis, at the instance of the sessioun and party; and als to warn Margret Tailzeir to the said day.

Walter Todrig hes ressavit xij f. fra Jhone Carstaris to the puir.

Die xvij Novembris, 1597.

The quhilk day Androw Watsoun is appointit collectour of the puir folkis almos for one moneth nixtintocum.

The quhilk day Stevin Philp hes payit, for the anuell of the Mertimes terme 1597, sextene lb.

Item, Jhone Carstaris hes ressavit this day to be deliverit to Androw Watson, as new electit collectour, ten lb. xv s.

Remember that Charlis Watson produce the evidentis of Henry Fowlis hous at the instance of the puir.

That the magistratis report thair diligence of the putting to executioun of the decrete of the assyis aganis George Lummisdane and Gibsons, &c.; and pay iij lb. v.s. conclusit in the decrete. To report anser Weddinsday.

The magistratis desyrit to do forder diligens anent the banishment of Agnes Jak, Weddinsday.

Continewis Mr. William Wemyis, for James Otterschank, in pament of xl s., to this day aucht dayis.

¹ Omitted. ² Nix in ms.
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Robert Nare for William Gilcrist continewit quhill this [Name.] rij. day viij dayis.
Jhone Pryde also continewit, quhill the magistratis tak [Pryde.] rij. forder triall, to this day aucht dayis.
To tak ordour also this day aucht dayis anent the obedience [Tailzeour.] riij. of Thomas Tailzeour.¹
That the magistritis tak ordour with Magdalene Motto, and [Motto.] rij. to report anser this day aucht dayis.
The communio be the grace of God to be celebratit upon Celebratioou Sonday cum xv dayis, and examinatiou to begin Mononday of the communioou.

Die 20 Novembris, 1597.
The quhilk day, conperit Cristene Ferry and maist humle Cristene Ferry, requestit the session to be gentill to hir, in punising hir for Fyffe. Sa. offence commit be hir with James Fyffe, in respect that sche hes product certane witnes preveing hir husband to be mariit with ane uthre woman in Ingland, and su the offence is fornicatioun and nocht adultere. The sessioun hes ordanit Cristene Ferry to conpeir Thursday nixttocum befoir the Presbitre,² to gait thair deliverance thairintill.³ The minister to report anser to the session Sunday nixttocum.

Die xxij° mensis Novembris, 1597.
The quhilk day, Androw Clerk, in name of Alexander Wod Ressait of viij f. of Lambelethame, hes payit viij f. in compleit pament of his for Alexander Wod. penulte, [for]⁴ fornicatioun with Elspot Russell; and all former actis maid thairanent dischargit; quhilk viij f. is deliverit to Androw Watsoun collectour.

¹ This day aucht dayis repeated in MS. ² Presbitre in MS.
³ On the 24th of November, she ‘gave in a bill to the Presbyteri to be used in hir repentance,’ having confessed her guilt ‘nochwithstanding of hir formar pert and shames denyall.’ The Presbytery ordained ‘the cession of St. Andros to go forwart with her repentance in saccoath, tua or 3 Sabatoth dayes to ther discretion, and to the meassour of repentance to absolve hir; and ordins hir with expedition to sik [i.e. seek] devorsment, and the cession to urge hir therto’ (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery).
⁴ Omitted.
James Otterschank hes payit xxxvij s. vjd. for his penulte in fornication with Agnes Jak.

The quhilk day, William Lermont of Clatto, be his speciall missive and hand wreit, Martine Carstrophein in Byrehillis, Mr. Martine Carstrophein his sone thair, Robert Horsburch thair, Mr. Alexander Jarden in Poilduif, Thomas Horsburch in Byrehillis, Alexander Wynchister for his tenentis of Poilduif and Kynglassy, Dauid Thomsoun in Balgoif, James Month in Straythkynnes, Alexander Dudingstoun in Raderney, Jhone Dewar in Goikstoun Miln, Thomas Carstaris in Grange, Dauid Carstaris in Lambelethame, and William Donaldson in Polduif, Androw Jmry in Balrymonth, Alexander Scott in Straythkynnes, Jhone Richeart thair, Duncane Balfour for his tenentis in Kyncapill, George Ramsy¹ of Langraw, Thomas Horsburch in Byrehillis, be thame selfis in propir person conpert befor the sessioun; and maist humlie desyrit to remane parrochinaris of this parrochin of St. Androus, as thai and their predecessouris quha hes bein ancient parrochinaris thairof thir mony yeiris bigane; and declarit that thai nevir consentit to the biging of ane uther kirk, nor to separat thaim selfis ony wayis fra this parroche,² except Martine Carstrophein, quha consentit to the new kirk in respect he hedd ane peice land callit Cassindonat far distant fra this parrochie kirk, and George Ramsy of Langraw. And thairfor the personis forsaimisd desyris thai may haif thie commuionin ministrated to thame and thair familis³ and tenentis, being fund habill eftir triall, and the rest of the benefitis of the kirk; and [declaris]⁴ that thai haif nocht gottin the commuionion thir sex yeiris bigane; and thairfor maist humlie cravis to be continewit parrochinaris, as thai haif bein ancient parrochinaris befoir. And George Ramsy of Langraw desyris the samyn quhill the new kirk be bigit. The sessioun, eftir ernest incalling upon the holy name of God, ansering to the former petitioun, thinkis expedient—

¹ On the 10th of November, George Ramsay 'cravit the Presbyteiries opinion, if the vicar shuld deliver the silver given to him for the bigging of the landwart kirk. The Presbyteri ordins the ministers of St. Andris to convine the gentilmen to tak ordor with the silver collected for biggin of the forsaid kirk'  
² Roche in MS.  
³ Famiile in MS.  
⁴ Omitted.
that but prejudice of the actis civile or ecclesiasticall maid anent landwart kirkis, and but acceptationioun of the sutaris as parrochinaris, or debarring of thame in cais ony rycht thai hai—\[\text{that, to the feist of Michaelmes nixttocum, thai salhaif the hail benefite of the kirk in the kirk of this citive; providing thai beir commoun burding } \text{pro rata} \text{ induring the said space, as parochinaris usall ar bund;} \text{ providing}^1 \text{ also that every maister be oblist to pay the penultie of the Act of Parliament, for sic as brekis the Sabbeth day, workis thairon and cummis nocht \[\text{to}]^2 \text{ sermon;} \text{ and that sic as ar convict in adultere insext forniciatum or utheris vices be obedient to the voce of the kirk quhen thai salbe chargit.}

\[\text{Die 25 Novembris, 1597.}\]

\text{The quhilk day, Mris. George Gledstanis and Dauid Linde-}
\text{sy ministeris declaris that thai hai}^2 \text{ exponit \[\text{to}]^2 \text{ the Pres-}
\text{bitrie the parrochenaris to landward thair suit and petitioun,}
\text{with the quhilk thai aggre as it is conceavit.}

\text{The quhilk day, James Otterschank is ordanit to be punisit Otterschank.}
\text{for his forniciatum with Agnes Jak, and the magistratis to}
\text{apprehend him, and caus him obey how son he can be appre-
\text{ hendit.}

\text{The magistratis yit as befoir to do forder diligens anent the [Lummisdane, Gibsonis,] \text{rif.}
\text{offence of George Lummisdane and Gibsonis, and to produce}
\text{their penultieis, conforme to the assyis, Weddaysday nixttocum.}

\text{Jonet Eduart}^3 \text{ is reprovit for hir absens fra sermone \[\text{on}]^2 \text{ Admonition \&}
\text{Sunday, thairfor ordanit to kep the Sabbeth and sermon e}
\text{heirefir, under pane of publict humiliatioun; as also Cristene}
\text{Cuik reprovit and admonisit}^4 \text{ for the samyn caus; and siclyke}
\text{Elene Carnnow.}

\text{Mr. William Wemys to tak ordour with Thomas Tailzeour Thomas}
\text{Tailzeour.}
\text{that he obey the session.}

\text{The quhilk day, Magdalene Motto is decernit to mak publict}
\text{humiliatioun for hir great offence and sklander, done aganis God the magistratis session and party, and thairfor to conpeir}

\[\text{1 Proving in ms.}\]
\[\text{2 Omitted.}\]
\[\text{3 Interlined over Hardy deleted.}\]
\[\text{4 Admoni in ms.}\]
Sunday nixttocum, and ask God the session magistratis and
Margret Tailzeour forgifnes, &c.
That the magistratis tak ordour with the strangeris that ar
leaste cumm to the town to duell; and with the nichbouris that
hes sett houssis to strangeris, and [that]¹ thai caus punes
thame conforme to the actis of this citee.
That the magistratis travell with the chalmerlane for bread
and wyne to the communion, and report thair diligens Wed-
dinsday.²
Thomas Dun to mak publict humiliatioun, for being absent
fra sermone Friday befoir none, Sunday nixttocum.

¹ Omitted.
² The 'travell' of the magistrates was rewarded in 1604. In the kirk-session
box there is still preserved an original document, signed by Lennox in presence
of four witnesses, and indorsed, 'Locality granted by the Duk of Lenox to the
kirk session of St. Andrews.' The following is a copy:—
'Be it know all men, be thir present lettres, we, Ludouik, Duk of
Lennox, Erle of Darnlie, Lord Tarboltoun, Methuen and Obigny, &c., [and
Dame Jean Campbell our spouses—deleted] to have assignit, and be thir presentis
assignis, to the sessioni of the kirk of the citie of Sanctandrois, or ony uithris
haveyn thair power, the sowm of threescoir pundis money usall of this realm,
for furnising of the elementis of bread and wyne, yeirlie and ilk yeir heireitir, to
the commonion of the kirk [of] Sanctandrois; and, for mair sure payment to
thame, hes assignit and assignis to [th]ame be thir presentis that threescoir
pundis quhilks wes possessit befoir be Mr. Adam Mitchell, sumtyne minister at
Couper, to be upliftit furth of the toune and landis following, lyand within the
Priorie of Sanctandrois, viz., furth of the landis of Kilmuck ten pundis, furth of
the akeris of Couper threttie fyve pundis sex s. viij d., furth of the landis of
Cullerne aucht fib. xvj s. iiiij d., and furth of the new myln and walk myln of the
parochin of Dairsie four pundis aucht schillingis iiiij d.; with power to the
sessioni of the said kirk, or ony uithris haveand thair power and commission,
to call follow and perswe thairfoir befoir qhastsumerive juge or juges compitent,
decreetiss to obtain, and the samyn to daw executioun caus put, acquittance and
dischairsis upoun thair ressait to gif and deliver, quhillks salbe als valeid and
sufficient as if thai wer subscrivit be ourself or ony uithris haveing our power.
Thair entrie wes and began at the feist and term of Witsounday last wes, in this
instant yeir of God, jai sex hundreth four yeiris, and sua sall continew in all tyme
cuming as said is. In witnes quhairof, we have subscrivit thir presentis (writtin
be Gilbert Robertsone notar publict) with our handis, at Perth, the fourth day of
Julii, the yeir of God, jai sex hundreth four yeiris, befoir thir witnesse—Waltir
Murray, chalmerlan of Methven, James Cleyland, our servitour, and Mr. Dauud
Lindsay, minister at Sanctandrois, and the said Gilbert Robertsone, notar.

¹ Walter Murray, witnes
² M. D. Lindesay, witnes
³ J. Cleyland, witis.
Gilbert Robertsone, witnes.'
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Die xxvij Novembris, 1597.

Collectit be Patrik Guthere and Jhone Carstaris smyth this Collection.
last owk ix lb. xij s.

That it be intimeit to the pepill, Mononday and Weddingsday Intimiation of
nixtt, that nane ressaif tikkettis to the communion bot sic as
hes payit thair bigane contributioun, and sall pay the samyn
Thursiday nixttocum.

To warn Jhone Month and Jhone Miller cordinar for being [Month, Miller,
absent fra kirk, with Clarence Leiche, to Weddingsday.

Die ultimo mensis Novembris, 1597.

Jhone Month is ordanit to mak publicit humiliatioun, for [Jhone Month: 
being absent fra sermone, Sunday nixttocum.

The quhilk day, Issobell Pittillow, spous to Daviid Wilson
in Cassindonat, offerrit up ane compliant upon the said Daviid,
that sche is evill intertenyt be him, and that he dois nocht his
dewete to hir, as the compliant at mair lenth proportis. The
sessioun continewis the triall of this complant quhill this day
aucht dayis, and in the meanetyme Martine Carstrophein his
maister to be spokin.

Die viij Decembris, 1597.

The sklander betuix George Lummisdane and Jhone Gibson [Lummisdane,
&c. continewit to this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Cristene Ferry and Marioun Zuill, being Ferry, Zuill. Sa.
delatit for being absent fra the kirk Fryday last wes, ar ordanit
to mak publicit humiliatioun Sunday nixttocum, and now con-
tinew.

The quhilk day, anent the dilatioun of sklander gevin in Gordon, Fowils,
aganis Fynlo Gordoun his spous, and Henry Fowils wyffe,
the sessioun ordanis Duncan Balfour, David Watson and
Androw Ramsy to report thair triall of the sklander this day
aucht dayis, and thaireftir the kirk to tak ordoir with the
sklander.

To gif to Jhone Mwrry mariner x s. for the present. [Pure helpt.

And als to provide oukle to Agnes Lokkart and hir son, to
hald him at the scole, iij s.
To warn Andrew Scott and his harlott to Sunday nixttocum, for kepung cumpane on marit.
To warn James Duncane to Sunday nixttocum, for ressett of Henry Moreis excommunicat; as also Magdalene Motto for that samyn caus.¹

_Die xxix° Marcii, anno Domini j°°°° lxxxvii°._

The qhilk day, Dauid Gray pewderar and Thomas Saith tailyour being callit comperit, and, being accusit for prophaning of the Saboth day in playing at the gouf etir nune, confess the samin; and becaus thai war nocht apprehendit with the lyik fault of befoir, thai war admonished nocht to do the samin heireftir; and cravit the session forgivenes, and ar with thair awin consentis actit to pay fourtie s. ilk ane of thame, if evir thai be fund violating the Saboth day.

The qhilk day, James Fyif and Cristen Ferry being callit comperit, and being accusit of adultrie confess the samin of new since the first tyme thai war tryed of adultrie. In respect quhairof the magistratis ar desyrit to put thame to the knawlege of ane inquest, and ordinis Thomas Craig to await thairupoun; and in the menetyme the saidis adulteraris ar chargeit to compeir befoir the Presbiteric the morne to receave thair injunctiones.

The qhilk day Thomas Studwart alias Babei, being callit and accusit for resset in his hous of Agnes Jak a filthie fornicatoria, she being banisit thist citie of befoir, confess the samin; and thairfoir he is ordanit, be advys of the magistratis, to put hir fra his hous, undir the pane of banishment him self.

The qhilk day, the bretheren—in place of Charls Watson notar departed sen the last election of the elders, and Jhone Martyne elder nocht capabill of that office, and that James Shivez elder is also non resident in this citie—hès chosin in thair rowmes Thomas Lentroun elder, Stephan Philp and Dauid Averie; quha hes acceptit and suorn to discharge thair dewitieis thairin, as God gevis thame habilitie; and Martyne

¹ The remainder of this page is left blank. This is the last entry written in that hurried scroll hand which predominates through a large portion of the Register. The remainder is in a clear engrossing hand.
Lummisden is chosin deacon in that quarter designed to William Muffat and James Leiche.

**Die secundo Aprilis, 1598.**

The belman is ordinit to pas throught the towne and publishe that Act, maid the xij of November j\textsuperscript{m}v\textsuperscript{e} lxxxx v yeiris, anent the keiping of the kirk in tyme of preching on the Saboth and wark dayis.

To caus warn Geilis Smyth, servand to James Shivez, to [Smyth] rì. Wednesdai nixt.

**Die Mercurii, quinto Aprilis, anno j\textsuperscript{m}v\textsuperscript{e} lxxxxviii.**

The quhilk day, Helene Bowie, for prophaning of the Saboth day and contumacie, is imprisoned, and to remane thairin quhill aucht houris at nycht, and to mak humiliation befoir the pulpkeit upon Sunday nixt.

The quhilk day, anent the supplication gevin in be word be the craftismen of this citie anent thair keiping of the kirk be thame selfis and thair servandis, and halding thair buith durris fast tyme of sermone, they offer that the maisteris sall keip seronis on wark dayis, bot can nocht lok thair buith duris nor caus thair servandis and boyes keip that ordour. The session ordinis that Act maid the xv of November 1595\textsuperscript{1} to be keipit be the hail maisteris of houssis in this citie, and the mercheand buith durris to be closed tyme of preching; and the visitouris to note all maisteris of houssis absent fra the kirk, or utheris out of the kirk playing at games drinkand or vagand ydill; and the penaltie to be exactit of the transgressouris,\textsuperscript{2} conform to the said Act; and referris thair ansuer anent the closing of the craftismenis buith durris to ane mair frequent\textsuperscript{3} meitting of the bretheren.

The quhilk day, Katheren Yrland, being accusit of fornication with William Strang, confess the samin, and that it wes done about Zule last wes in the hous of William Middiltoun

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\textsuperscript{1} There is no entry recorded under this date, but see pp. 807, 808.

\textsuperscript{2} Trangressouris in ms.

\textsuperscript{3} Better attended.
in Lochend, in Carnbie parochin. Mr. Dauid Mernis minister their to be desyr to try his pairt of that proces.

The quhilk day, comperit Gelis Smyth, and, being accusit to declair quha wes father of the bairn in hir bellie, anserit Robert Shivez, son to hir maister James Shivez, wes the father thairof; and that he had to do with hir carnallie aucht dayis immediatlie befoir he salit to France, and sua be hir awin rekning it is xxix oukus sen the bairn wes gottin.

The quhilk day, Jhone Curour and Alyson Millar present- ing thame selفس to be contractit, she being ignorant is ordinit to pay xiiij s. iiiijd. to the pure, and to learn the Ten Commandements befoir mariaghe.

Sunday, the ix of Aprile, 1598.

The bretheren ordinis Mr. Dauid Lindesay minister to teache upon Maister Calvin's Catechise,1 and the bairnis to anser him conform to the Common Catechise.2

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1 Calvin’s Catechism, declared, in the First Book of Discipline, to be ‘the most perfite that ever yit was used in the Church,’ was usually adjoynted to the Book of Common Order. It was reprinted in the second volume of Dunlop’s Confessions, and in Dr. Bonar’s Catechisms of the Scottish Reformation.

2 I do not remember to have elsewhere observed any of the catechisms thens in use in Scotland distinguished as the ‘Common Catechism.’ It is not likely to have been the Palatine, but it may have been the Little Catechism (see supra, p. 809 and n.). That, judging from the numbers which the old Edinburgh printers and booksellers had on hand when they died, was certainly the commonest. It was then known as the Single Catechism; while Calvin’s was called the Double Catechism, because, perhaps, the Little Catechism was subjoined to it (Bannatyne Miscellany, ii. 199, 201, 205, 212-215, 224, 234, 236, 243, 259, 260, 264). It is quite possible that Craig’s ‘Shorte Summe of the whole Catechisme,’ wherein the Question is propounded and answered in few words, for the greater ease of the commoun people and children, may have been familiarly called the Common Catechism. It was reprinted by Dr. Bonar, in 1866; and by Mr. Law, in 1883, in facsimile, from the original edition of 1581. If the object of the Kirk-session was to make it easy for the ‘bairnis to anser,’ they could not have done better than prescribe Craig’s ‘Shorte Summe,’ or his briefer ‘Forme of Examination.’ The latter is not only included in Dr. Bonar’s collection, but will be found in the second volume of Dunlop’s Confessions, in a collection of Confessions of Faith, printed, by the Cameronians, in 1725, 1771, and 1785, and in Edward Irving’s Confessions of the Church of Scotland. Of all the old catechisms, Davidson’s gives the best idea of the homely methods of instruction then followed.
Wednesday, the xij of Aprile, 1598.

The bretheren requestis the magistratis and counsale of this citie to nominat and chuse ane kirk maister with all convenient diligence; and the elders to landwart [to]¹ be warnit to compeir, that their advyse may be had quhat ordour salbe taikin for repairing of this kirk.

Jhone Scott millar and Jonet Broun presenting thame selfis to be contractit, it wes fund she had nocht satisfeit the kirk for fornication with Dauid Guidfallo; and that the said Jhon and she hes had carnall copulation togidder, quhilk thai also confess. She is ordinat to satisfe for hir first fault, and therefit with the said John befoir the pulpeit, befoir thair bandis be proclaimed.

The quhilk day, Androw Philp being callit comperit, and being accusit confess fornication with Jonet Bell, and being fund very ignorant is ordinat to keip the cathechizing, that he may resave instruccion how to serve God, and in the mentyme hes offerit xx s. to the puir, and to mak his repentance.

The quhilk day, Alexander Broun, servand to William Ba- four, being callit comperit and confess fornication with Margaret Cutlar; and hes offerit for his civil penaltie xx s. to the puir, quhilk is aine half yeiris fie, being a puir boy. He is ordinat to mak his repentance.

Robert Narn as deacon warner ² is desyrit be the sesioun and magistratis to caus the hail deacones of craft compeir this day aucth dayis, to resave the bretherenis resolution of the Act maid on Weddinsday last.

The quhilk day, the baxteris of this citie ar dischargeit be the sesioun, with advyse of the magistratis, fra all furth putting of caseris, for selling of thair bread, at ony tyme upon the Saboth day; and that thair buith durris be nocht oppynnit the said day at any tyme, except betuix the preichingis, and fra fye houris efthir nune furth.

Jhon Downy cuik, in respect of his povertie and inhabilitie, Pure helpit is appointit to resave fourty d. oukly for his support.

¹ Omitted.
² That is deacon convener.
Wednesdays, the xix of Aprile, 1598.

The quhilk day, eftir incalling upon the name of God, Robert Nairn, with advyse of the magistratis counsale and sesioun, is appointit to be kirk maister.

The quhilk day, comperit James Wemis of Lathoker, and James Martyne of Lathonis, and crave the benifeitis of the kirk of this citie, as parochianeris therof, as their predicesсорis had of befoir. The sesioun gevis answer to thair petitioun as is mentionat in the Act maid the xxij of November last wes; provyding that thai and thair tenentis repair to thist kirk on the Saboth dayis.

The quhilk day, comperit Bessie Andersoun, and, being accusit, confess hir to be with bairn to Charlis Dik tailyour; and that she hes born tua bairnis in fornicatioun, ane to Jhone Dipplene youngar, and the uther to Walter Ramsay, son to Walter Ramsay lorymer. [The sesioun]

The quhilk day, it is concludit that intimatioun be maid publiklie the nixt Saboth day, that na brouster nor litister in this citie leid, nor caus be led nor brocht in, ony burn, to mask thair fattis, nor fill thair leadis upon the Saboth day at na tyme of the day.

The quhilk day, Adame Broun, son to Patrik Broun, [comperit], and, being accusit, confess that he had played in the feildis on the Saboth day. He is admoneist that he do nocht the lyik in tyme cuming, and that he be obedient to his parentis, undir pane of punishment in strait maner.

The quhilk day, Jonet Tod, as ane common harlot, is appointit to be put to ane assyse befoir the magistratis, and to be banished this citie, as ane nocht worthie of Christian society; and Mr. Dauid Lindesay minister to await upon the doing therof.

The bellman is ordinit to pas throught the towne with the bell, for advertiseisment to the neychbouris to bring in thair stent to the pur.

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1 Omitted.  
2 Carry.  
3 Be caus in ms.  
4 Water.
Sunday, the xxiiij of Aprile, 1598.

The quhilk day, thair wes choisn to be stentouris for the towe, to mak ane roll of contribution to the puri, Dauid Watson, Dene of Gild, Patrik Guthrie, James Leiche, Andro Forrett, Thomas Dikson and Robert Nairn; and for the landwart George Ramsay elder of Langraw, Gawin Wemis of Vnthank, Patrik Dudingstoun elder of Raderny, Mr. Alexander Jarden, Martyn Carstophine, Thomas Carstaris, Jhone Meluill of Raith, or Mr. John Hay of Priourlathem.

Mercurij, xxvi* Aprilis, 1598.

To war of Mr. George Sibbald and Marion Watson dilatit as (Sibbald. Watson, Rammay.) rij. fornicatouris, and Bessie Ramsay fornicatrix with Duncan Balfour, son to Stephan Balfour. The said Duncan hes now Balfour satisfie saitisfet for his fact.

The quhilk day, Charlis Dik tailyour and Bessie Andersoun, being callit and accusit of fornication, confess the samyn. She is ordinit to mak hir repentans as thryse relaps, and the last Saboth day in sek claiith, and he to pay xx s. to the puire.

The quhilk day, all simpill fornicatoris heireftir ar ordinitt to begin thair repentance on Wedsunday, and sa to continew [on]¹ Friday, and to be resavit and absolvit upon the nixt Saboth day.

The quhilk day, comperit William Lermonth, and desyrit Lermonth the sessioun to gif him justice in the action intendit be him aganis Bessie Welwod, Mr. William and Jhone Welwodis, and Jhone Smyth; quhilk desyrit is thocht ressonabill, and ordinis him to preive his allegeans according to the Act maid theran, and the partyis and witnessis to be warnit therto Wedsunday nixt.²

¹ Omitted.
² Although there is no previous reference to this action in the Register of the Kirk Session, there is at least one in the Register of the Presbytery. On the 2d of March 1597-8 the Presbytery 'ordanes that the moderatour and Mr. John [sic] Gladstanes to deal with William Lermonth, that he wald deisit fra the persute of the action of sclander intendit befuir the session of Sanctandros' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery). See supra, p. 838.
The qhilk day, Mr. Jhon Winrham beinging callit comperit, and, being accusit for cohabitation with Agnes Greg with quhome he had committit fornication, confess she wes his servand; and sua it is fund to be sclanderous to the kirk and cuntrie, and therfore he is ordinit to remove hir fra his society; with certification, if he failie therin, that thai salbe punished and haldin as relaps in fornication; and in the mentyme tryell to be taikin if thai be alreddie gilty therof, and the said Agnes to be warnit to this day aucht dayis.

Wednesdy, the thrid day of Maii, 1598.

The qhilk day, Mr. George Sibbald being callit comperit, and being accusit confess fornication with Marion Watsoun. He hes satisfait his penaltie, and to mak his repentance, and the said Marion to be warnit.

The qhilk day, being callit Bessie Ramsay comperit and confess fornication with Duncan Balfour younger, and is relaps on hir part; and is ordinit to mak hir repentance conform, and hes offerit xl s. to the pure.

The qhilk day, in the causs of sclander persewit be William Lermonth elder aganis Johne Welwod and his collegis, the defendaris being warnit to this day to heir probation led therin, comperit the said Jhon Welwod and adheris to the exception declinatour proponit be Mr. William Welwod his brother of before. The bretheren ordanit the said Jhon to preif his allegeans in the said declinatour, utherwaysis they will purge thame selfis of partialitie, and find thame selfis judges therin. To the qhilk the said Jhone anserit, that thai wald preife thair said allegeans befoir the Presbitery. In respect of the qhilk anser, the bretheren, and every ane of thame, being purget of parcialitie and inimity born aganis the saidis defendaris, findis [thame selfis] in respect of the said purgation judges in the said caus, and admittis the persewaris bill to his probation as of befoir; and ordinis him to preife the samin this day aucht dayis, and the defendaris to be warnit therto.¹

¹ Omitted.
² The Welwods carried the case to the Presbytery, for, on the 4th of May 1598:—'Mr. William Waluod, Johne Waluod, and John Smyth, declarit that
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Die Saboti,¹ vij* Maii, [16—deleted] 1598.

Robert Nairm, with consent of the bretheren, is chosin and admitt[i]t to be principall beddell and officiar to the kirk of this congregatio[n] and parochin, and Alane Robertsoun to be his substitut.

Decimo Maii, 1598.

The quhilck day, comperit Agnes Greg in Craigtoun, and being accusit confess carnall copulation with Mr. Johne Winrhame of Craigtoun, anes sen the barne wes born to him, for the quhilk she had nocht satisfe[it] the kirk as yit; and therefore the magistratis ar requestit to caus hir be wardit quhill she find caution to satisfe.

Decimo septimo Maii, 1598.

The quhilck day, comperit [Androw—deleted] Agnes Greg, and is wardit quhilk she find cation to satisfe disciplene, beth for the first fornication and secund with Mr. Jhone Winrhame.

Jonet Broun comperit, and being accusit confess the ressait of Jsobell ² Wod hir dochter, being banished this citie as ane vyle furnicatrix; and is admonist that she resave hir nocht heireftir, but that she advertise the magistratis of hir cuming.

nochwithstanding thai had appelled from the session of St. Androis, in ane action and cause intendit against thame be William Learmonth, yit the said session had procedit in the said action; thairfore thai desyrit that the proces before the session suld stay, and the accusation suld come before the Presbytrie as judges unsusspect.

Quhairfore the Presbytriere ordenis the said session to desist from all forder process to this day fortein dayis, at quhilk tym Mr. William with the rest ar ordenit to give in thair appellation in wrett' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery). Accordingly, on the 18th of May, 'Mr. William Waluod, compeirand befor the Presbytriere, presentit his appellation from the session of St. Androis, subschryvit with his awin hand and with the handis of Jhone his brother and Bessie his sister and Jhone Smyth.' The Presbytery 'differed the acceptation of the said appe'lation, whil Mr. George Gladstonis suld be present, and ordenis as of before the said session to desist from ony forder proceeding in the said action, and ordenis Mr. Dauld Lyndesay to intimat the samym to the said session' (Ibid.).

¹ This was the Lord's Day, not Saturday. ² Has been Jonet.
xxvij Maii, 1598.

The quhilk day, the caus persewit be William Lermont aganis Bennie Welwod and hir collegis is continewit to Sonday nixt, and in the mene tyme appointis the minister, David Watson and Mr. William Wemis, to speik the Presbiterie, to undirstand the resson of thair advocation, seing the Act producit be thame makis na mention therof.¹

The quhilk day, Mr. Robert Zule is appointed collectour of the contribution fra landwart for reparation of the kirk, and Patrik Guthrie to be collectour for the townes pait therof.

The quhilk day, it is ordinit that intimation be maid, out of pulpit Sunday nixt, to the elderis and deacones that thai be all present in the sessioun on Wedinsday nixt, for taking ordour with sic of that number as keipis nocht the ordinar tyme of sessioun; with certification that the absentis salbe particularlie callit upon in the pulpit.

Sunday, the xxvij of Maii, 1598.

The minister and utheris, quha war appointit to speik the Presbiterie anent the advocation usit in the caus persewit be Williami Lermont aganis Jhone Welwod and his collegis, reportis that the Presbiterie will nocht charge the session to decist fra giving proces in that mater, but only to sic if the samin actioun culd be tane up in presens of the said William Lermont desyriing process, to quhome thai assignit Wedinaday nixt for preving of his bill, and to warn the party and witnessis to that effect the said day.

The quhilk day, George Ramsay elder of Langraw, and Gawin Wemis of Vitnhanck, ar appointit to be oversearis for the landwart to the reparatioun of the kirk, and Mr. Robert Zule to be collectour of the stent thereto.

¹ Next dav, 'Mr. George Gladstanis reportit that, for obedience to the Act of the Presbytrrie, he had desistit from proceedin in the actioun intendit be William Learmonth aganis Mr. William Waluod and his collegis; craving that the said Presbytrrie wald trawill in the said actioun, that it mycht be peaceable takin away; for doin quhaireff, the brithering thinkis it gaid that the parteis be delt wi' halle, to submitt the mater to sex of the brithering of the Presbytrrie as the parteis sall choose' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery).
Wednesday, the last day of Maii, 1598.

The quhilk day, in the causs of scander persewit be William Lermouth aganis Jhone Welwood and his collegis, in terme Lambert contrar Welwoodis, &c. statut to prife the bill, the defendaris being therto lauthfullie war nit comperit nocht. The persewar produceit Mrs. Dauid Monipenny, John Jhonstoun, Homer Blair, James Ros, Patrik Meluill, and Mr. Robert Zule vicar, Jhone Fairfoule, Charlis Zule and Dauid Every, witnessis, resavit and suorn, quha all, except the saidis Mrs. Homer Blair and James Ros, being examinat, deponit as thair anseruis bearis; and [the session]\textsuperscript{1} ordanis the saidis Mrs. Homer and James Ros to be chargeit literallie to compeir this day aucht dayis and depone in the said causs, as thai that ar alreddie suorn to that effect; with certification, if thai refuse to compeir and depone, that the sessioun will proceid with publik censures aganis thame. To prife pro secundo\textsuperscript{2} this day xv dayis.\textsuperscript{3}

The quhilk day, Mr. Dauid Mathow and Thomas Moreis, Mathow and Moreis admonist. being callit and accusit for prophaning of the Sabothis day in nocht keiping of the kirk, they have confess the samyn, and hes promeist to amend that fault be the grace of God.

The quhilk day, Niniane Jhonstoun being callit comperit, Jhonstoun was accusit for shedding of Androw Mortoun his blude, and, being accusit for shedding of Androw Mortoun his blude, confess the samyn; and therfoir is ordinat to compeir befoir

\textsuperscript{1} Omitted.
\textsuperscript{2} Pro secundo in ms.
\textsuperscript{3} On the 1st of June, ‘Mr. George Gladstanis and Robert Durie reportit [to the Presbytery] that thai had travelt betuix William Learmonth and Mr. William Waluod, who had chosin, ether of thame, thrie of the Presbytrie to cognosce upon the slander: William Learmonth for him, Mr. Robert Wilkie, Mr. George Gladstanis and [blank]; Mr. William Waluod for him, Mrs. James Meluill, Robert Durie and Dauid Mearnis; who had travelt bot had come no speid. Therfore the Presbytrie ordenis the said session to be summond efter this manner. Forsamekill as thair is ane appellatioun givin in before us be Mr. William Waluod, Besy Waluod his sister, and thair collegdis, allledging wrang done to thame be the sessioun of St. Androis, in the actioun and causs persewit be William Learmonth befor thame aganis the saidis parteis; nochtwitstanding thai that declinat the said sessioun upon relevant causis, as thair declinatour producit befoir us at mair lenth proportis. Thairfoir the Presbytrie ordenis the said sessioun to compeir befoir us, the fiftie day of Junii instant, to produce thair proces, and to anser for them selfis with certificatoun, etc.’ (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery).
the pupeit on Sunday nixt, and humbly to crave God for mercy and the congregation.

The quhilk day, it is thocht gude be the bretheren that Mr. George Glaistanes minister proceid in preaching of the Secund Buik of Samuell, and the Buikis of the Kingis following, upon the Saboth day.

Sunday, the fourt day of Junii, 1598.

The quhilk day, eftir incalling upon the name of God, &c., Dauid Watsoun, Dene of Gild, wes nominat and chosin to be commissionar for the towne, to the Provinciall Assemblie to be haldin at Dumfiermling.

Wednesdays, the vij of Junii, [1608—deleted] 1598.

The quhilk day, Dauid Kay, cultellar servand, callit comperit, and being accusit confess his fault in prophanatioun of the Saboth day, nevir keiping the kirk, nather Saboth nor wark dayis, and in weisting of Godis blessingis utherwayis; comperit also James Ferry, Johne Smyth youngar smyth, and James Dawsoun officiar, and being accusit [confest]¹ thair playing at the kairdis in tyme of preching; and therfoir ordinis thame to mak repentance befoir the pulpeit Sunday nixt.

Wednesday, the xiiiij of Junii, [160—deleted]² 1598.

The quhilk day, William Vtene, Dauid Rickard and Thomas Oliphant, being callit and accusit of drunkinnes, comperit and confess the samyn, and hes promeist nocht to committ sic fault heireftir. They ar ordinit to mak humiliation Sunday nixt in exemptill of utheris [noch]¹ to committ the lyik.

The quhilk day, Elspot Brydie, spous to Robert Wilsoun wrycht, callit comperit, and being accusit confess the ressett of the curates sones and thair collegis in hir hous, to pley at the

¹ Omitted.
² The recurrence of these deleted figures leads one to suppose that this part of the Register was 'written up' from a scroll or from notes at a slightly subsequent period.
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kairdis at extraordinary tymes; and therfor she wes admonist
nocht to committ the lyik fault heirefter, undir the pane
of publict censures.

The quhilk day, anent the terme assignit to William Ler-
month to do diligens and to preife pro secundo,1 in the caus
aganis Bessie Welwod and hir collegis, Mr. James Ros, witnes,
resavit of befoir, comperit and refusit to depone, bot affirmit
that the party will confes all that is spokin and preve the samin
loco et tempore, and for mister him self culd declar mair
therenant nor the session w ald wish to heir. And Stephan
Philp witnes pro secundo 1 refusit to depon becaus he wes nocht
resolvit.2

Wednesday, the xxj of Junii, 1598.

Marioun Watsoun, fornicatrix with Mr. George Sibbald, wes
resavit the Saboth day last wes, and absolvit for that fact.

The quhilk day, Androw Cuik flesher being dilatit, be
Androw Forrett and James Leiche elderis, for his filthie
behaviour, in contempeous maner, in thair presens, upon the
calsay, werscland 3 and kissand of Elspot Watsoun, laufull

1 Secundo in MS.
2 Next day, the 15th of June, 'Compeirit [before the Presbytery] Mrs.
William Russell, William Weimys, and Alexander Winchister, with Andro
Forrett, for the session of St. Androis, who wer summond to compeir befoir the
Presbytrie in the action and caus persewit be William Lernoth aganis Mr.
William Waluod, Bessy Waluod, and thair collegis; who requysit that, seing
thair minister wes absent, thai wald delay to thair hame cuming in the said caus;
whairunto the Presbytrie yeildit, and ordenit tham to compeir the nixt day
bringand with tham thair proces, and in the meanetym to desist from ony forder
proceeding' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery). The session did not comply
with this request, for, on the 22d of June, the Presbytery 'Ordenis the sessionn
of St. Androis to compeir the nixt day and to bring with thame thair proces'
(Ibid.). On the 29th—'The sessionn of St. Androis being callit compeirr;
and, being requyrit to produce thair proces aganis William Waluod and thair
collegis, anseruir, It behovit thame to stand for the libertie of thair sessionn, and
thairfoir to alledge aganis liti ingressum, that thae awcht not to produce thair
proces nor desist from forder proceedeing in that cause, for the ressonis following
givin in be thame in wrett; befor the discussing whairoff gaiff thame admoni-
tiouin, and maid thair protestationn as followis' (Ibid.). Neither the reasons nor
the protestation are copied into the Register of the Presbytery; but there is a
note saying—'The producition of the foresaid ressonis diffairrit to the nixt day.'
3 Wrestling.
dochter of unquhile Charles Watsoun; and in geving of thame selfis evill langage, and therwith provokand the said Androw to the Port, to fight with him. He is ordinat to be warnit ther-foir to Friday nixt.

Jonet Andersoun, spous to Jhone Rioche fisher, callit comperit, and, being accusit for flyting with hir neychtbouris, confest the samin, and wes admonist nocht to do the lyik heir-efir.

Friday, the xxij of Junii, 1598.

The quhilk day, Androw Cuik flesher callit comperit, and, being accusit of his filthie and evill behaviour as is mentionat in the Act immediatie preceding, the bretheren, eftir lang dealing with the said Androw theranent, findis the said dilata- tioun sufficientlie verisfeit, pairtly be his awin confessioun and partlie be the testimony of honest witnessis; and therfor the said Andro is ordinat to stand upon Sunday nixt at the kirk dur, with sek claiith about him, fra the secund bell to preaching befoir nune, till the thrid bell be endit, and therefit to sit on the hiest degrie of the penitent stule, and thair to crave God mercy and the congregatioun, and in particular forgivenes of the saidis Androw Forrett and James Leiche, and forder as the sessioun will injoyne him.

Wednesdays, the xxvij of Junii, [16—deleted] 1598.

Androw Cuik maid repentance and wes resavit on Sunday last; and siclyk Jhone Braid, and Thomas Oliphant burnlader, wes resavit for thair drukynnes.

It is thocht expedient be the bretheren, that, in respect, throught the blessing of God, the victuall is becum of ane eaiar price nor it wes at laitlie, the pur folkis stent be diminished pro rato, according to thair habilitie or inhabilitie to wirk for thair leving.

Wednesdays, the fyift of Julii, 1598.

Item, it is thocht expedient that the visitouris note sic of
this parroch in as passis to the preaching to Sanctleonardis kirk, and will nocht resort to their awin ordinar kirk; and to await on sic as passis to the feilds, and keipis na preaching on the Saboth day; and to report their diligens in the sessioun ouklie.

The quhilk day, Mr. Dauid Mathow being callit comperit and confess his fault, in braking of the Saboth day and nocht resortand to the kirk in tyme of preaching nor prayeris; for the quhilk he wes sharple rebuikit, with certification, if he war apprehendit in that fault heireftir, he suld be punished with all rigor.

The quhilk day, it being concludit of befoir that ane stent suld be maid for helping of the puir yeirly, quhilk is now set doun, partlie be voluntar offer and partlie be stent upon the neychthbouris, conform to the roll thairof; the persones following ar appointit to collect the samuin, ilk ane within their awin boundis of this citie as the samuin is divydit to thame, viz., Robert Nairn for the first quarter, Jhon Carstaris for the 2, Johne Hagy for the 3, Walter Gibson for the 4, Thomas Craig for the fyift, Nicoll Mayne for the 6, Andro Watsoun for the vij, Mr. Dauid Russell for the 8, William Mwffatt for the nynt, Robert Williamsoun for the tent, Androw Forrett for the xj, and Walter Todrik for the tuelf² quarter, and to delyver the samuin to the thesaurar.

The quhilk day, the collectouris appointit for collecting of the taxatoun for repairin of the kirk, bayth of the landwart and citie, and personis part, ar ordinit to report ather horning or pament thairof to this day xv dayis.

The quhilk day, anent the charge gevin to the bretheren be the Presbiterie, for productioun befoir thame of the proces depending at the instance of William Lernmonth aganis Bessie Welwod and hir collegeis, or ellis to produce their ressones in the contrar, the bretheren hes gevin commission to Mr. William Russell, Mr. Walter Wemis, Mr. William Cok, Alexander Winchister, Patrik Guthrie, Mr. Henry Danskyne and William Mwffatt, to delyver thair ressonis to the Presbiterie quh thait aucht nocht to produce that proces befoir thame; and, if thair

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¹ Transgressouris in MS. ² The xij tueff in MS.
ressones be repellit, committis powar to thame to appeale to the nixt Synode, or visitouris appointit be the Generall Assemblie (if ony be).\(^1\)

The quhilk day, anent the petitioun product be Jhone Jnglis of Stratyhlim, desyng his dochteris mariage to be solemnizat upon Thursiday nixt, in respect it is ordinit that mariage and baptisme suld be only upon the Saboth day Wednesdy or Friday, it wes ansuerit thairto, that the minister suld try the necessitie thairof, and being fund be him, he to solemnizat the said mariage.

The quhilk day James Dik wobstar callit compert and confess the braking of the Saboth day. He wes sharply admonist to kep the kirk better in tyme cuming.

**Wednsday, the tuelf of Julii, 1598.**

The quhilk day, it is concludit that the communion salbe celebrat, God willing, upon the xiiij day of August nixt, to sa moy of the landwart parochin as salbe fund worthie thairof; and that none of the towne, that withdrawis thame selfis of purpois fra the tyme of the celebratioun of that haly sacrament appointit to that effect preceding, salbe sufferit to communicat with the landwart pepill; and that intimation be maid, Sunday nixt, that sic as abstractis thame selfis thairfra at this tyme approcheing salbe declarat excommunicat personis, as thai that wilfully debarris thame selfis fra that haly table.

The quhilk day, it is thocht expedient be the bretheren,

\(^1\) Contrary to what one would expect from the above determination, when the Presbytery met on the 13th of July, 'Mr. George Gladstanis product the proces of the session of St. Androis in the action and cause of William Learmonth againis Mr. William Waluod, etc., quhill bein rede and considderit wes delayit to deall in the said proces whill this day awcht days. In the mearnetym \(\textit{sic}\) the brithering ordenis that thir brithering following sall travill with the partis, that the mater may be frindly composit, to wit, Mrs. Andro Duncan, Nicoll Dalgleische, John Dickis and John Carmichell, with Mr. William Waluod; and Mrs. Robert Wilkie, Rector, and George Gladstanis with William Lermont' (\textit{Register of St. Andrews Presbytery}). The result was satisfactory, for, a week later, 'The brithering that wer appointit to travill with Mr. William Waluod, etc., report thair diligence; and inquirit giff they suld deall ony forder in the mater, Mr. George Gladstanis, that wes for the part of William Learmonth, ansuerit that that mater wes freindy composit and tane away' (\textit{Ibid.}).
upon gude considerationis moving thame, to appoint ane fast
to be thir tua nixt Saboth dayis, beginand on Sattirday at
aucht houris at nycht, and to continew on Sunday till four
houris efter nune.

The quhilk day, thair was appointit and nominat certane of
the bretheren, to travell for taking away of all eilestis and
feidis¹ amongis the neychtbouris of this citie, for the better
humiliation of the pepill and preparing of thame to the said
haly work.

The quhilk day, it was dilatit that Gelis Smyth, in tyme of
hir travelling with chyld, confess the same to have bene gottin
be James Shivez, nochtwithstanding she allegeit of befoir the
samin to have bene gottin be Robert Shives his sone; and for
the better tryell thairof, certane of the bretheren being directit
to pas to hir and try the verity thairof, she being bedfast in
Muttois Wynd; quha, being examinat, confess that the samin
bairn than born be hir wes gottin be the said James Shives
and be na uther person, and that he had carnall copulation
with hir thrie divers tymes, xiiiij dayis or thairby befoir
Michelmes last wes.

Decimo nono Julii, 1598.

The quhilk day, Thomas Moreis being callit comperit, and
being accusit confess the violating of the Saboth day. He is
admoveit that if he be tryit heireftir to be a brakar of the
Saboth day, a drunkard, a fechtar, or a nycht walkar, disobed-
ient to magistratis, or doing sic thingis as becummis nocht a
Christian, that he salbe declarit publiklie ane onworthie
member of this congregatioun, and punished thairfoir con-
dignely.

Mr. Robert Zule protestit, in case he gett nocht concurrence
be the thesaurar collectour of the tua part of the taxatioun for
repairing of the kirk, that he as collectour thairof to landwart
will repair that part of the kirk begun be him, and will omit
the rest.

The quhilk day, James Lermont, son to Patrik Lermont
in Nydie,² being callit comperit and confess fornication with

¹ Offences and feuds. ² Interlined over Drone deleted.
Margaret Scott in Nydie, be procreation of ane madin bairn. He is distill till she be warnit.

Friday, the xxij of Julii, 1598.

The quhilk day, eftir icalling upon the name of God, it was concludit the preparation and ordour of the fast and communion service to be as followis, viz., Maister George Glaidstanes to preache the morn eftir nune for preparatioun, and sall intimat the fast; and upon the nixt Saboth the morning preaching to begin at fyve hours, and sic as heirs that preaching sall then communicat only; and to that effect the durris to be lockit at the ending of the Psalme; and the second sermon to begin at nyne hours, and Mr. Daudy Lindsay to teache in the College Kirk befor nune, and eftir nune at thrie hours.

The quhilk day, William Mwffatt and Androw Watsoun ar appointit to collect the tiquotis, Mr. William Russell and Mr. William Wemis the almous, in the morning; Androw Forrett and James Leiche for the tiquotis befoir nune, Mr. Daudy Russell and Alexander Winchister the silver; Thomas Dikson and Johne Greg to await on the bread and wyne, and Walter gibson and Robert Nairn to beir the samyn to the taibillis.

Wednesday, the xxvj of Julii, 1598.

The quhilk day Mr. Jhone Winhame and Agnes Greg his harlot and Alexander Deir being callit comperit nocht. The baillies ar desyrit to caus ward thame, if thai can be apprehendit, quhill thai find cautioum to compeir befoir the session this day viij dayis.

Sunday, the penult of Julii, 1598.

The baptizing of the bairn procreat betuix James Fyiff and Cristen Ferry is remittit to the Presbiterie as thai will direct. ¹

¹ 'August 3, 1598. ... Ordens the ministrie of St. Andros to baptize James Fyffe his bairne, upon the satisfactioum and requyst of ather of the parteis, according to ordour' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery).
William Lermouth youngar being callit comprit, and, being accusit for ralling on the Provest and baillies, and sua gevand evill exempill of sclander to uthers, anserit he wald submitt him self to the bretheren, and for his fault wald obey any thing thai wald injoyne to him. The sessioun referrit him bak to the magistratis.¹

The quhilk day, it is thocht neidfull that the gentillmen to landwart be warrit to Wednisisday nixt, for taking ordour with the feudis or eilestis in the landwart parrochin, if ony be, for thair better preparatioun to the communicoun.

Wednisisday, the secund day of August, 1598.

The quhilk day, James Proude mariner and Jonet Cuik, bayth in this congregatioun, ar contractit in mariage togidder, and thair pand ordinit to be consignet.

The quhilk day, it is concludit that intimation be maid out of pulpet, on Sunday nixt, to all personis quha hes bene ignorant or abstractit thame selffis wilfullie fra the communionioun last celebrat, that thai compeir on Moninday nixt at nyne houris in the communion yle, and gif up thair names, that thai may be examinat and tymes appointit to that effect; and the remenant that wilfullie abstractit thame selffis to gif in thair ressonis thairenant, with certificatioun thai that comperis nocht salbe haldin and declarit excommuniciat personis.

The quhilk day, James Lermouth, son to Patrik Lermouth, and Margaret Scott his harlot, being callit, comprit and confest fornicatioun be procreatioun of ane bairn. He is

¹ This was not the first time that this excitable reckless fellow had given trouble. On the 16th of December 1596, William Russell and George Meuris, bailies of St. Andrews, complained to the Presbytery, 'that quhair upon Sunday last wes Mr. Robert Wallace their minister delivering his doctrein gravlie and sincerly, reproving the enormeties and sinnes of his peipill, yit, nochtwithstanding, after sermont he wes invadit be William Learmonth younger, ane of thair burgessis, maist unaverently and undewifullie with bosting and thretting behaviour in the face of all the peipill, immediatlie efter his furthcuming of the pulpet, to the gryt dishonour of God, contempt of his Majesties lawes inhibiting all sic undewifull dealling, and also to the evill exempill of the behaldoris; quhairby gryt skait thof bluid micht have fallin furth throw the tumult rasit be him, war nor that the Lord of his merece stait the samyn' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery).
ORDANIT TO MAK REPENTANCE AS RELAPS, AND SHE AS FOR THE FIRST FOKNATION, AND HES SATISFEIT FOR THAIR CIVILL PENALTIE.

THE QHILK DAY, BESSIE RAMSAY, FORNICATRIX WITH DUNCAN BALFOUR, [IS ORDANIT] TO MAK REPENTANCE ON FRIDAY AND TO BE RESAVIT ON SUNDAY NIXT, BECAUSE SHE SATT ON THE PENITENT STULE ANE DAY OF BEFOIR.

THE QHILK DAY, IT IS CONCLUDIT THAT THE HAIL WENMEN SAITTIS FIXIT WITHIN THE KIRK BE REMOVIT WITH EXPEDITION, FOR ESCHEWING OF TRUBILL AMONGIS WENMEN IN THE KIRK.

THE QHILK DAY, ANDREW LAWSOON AND JOHNE HUSBAND BEING CALLIT COMPERIT, AND CONFEST THAIR EVILL BEHAVIOUR IN PLAYING AND DRINKING EXTRAORDINARILY, AND THAIRFOIR AR ADMONIST NOCHT TO COMMITT THE LYIK FAULTIS IN TYME CUMING.

WEDNESDAY, THE IX DAY OF AUGUST, 1598.

THE QHILK DAY, ESSAME NORY BEING CALLIT COMPERIT, AND CONFEST FORNICATION WITH DUNCAN BALFOUR, SON TO STEPHAN BALFOUR, AND THAT THE BAIRN IN HER WOMB WES GOTTIN BE HIM XXIJ OR XXIJ OUKIS SENSYNE. SHE IS DISMISSIT TILL HIS RETURNING FROM THE SAILE.

THE QHILK DAY, JONET SMYTH, SPOUS TO GEORGE GARDNER, FOR THE INJURIOUS LANGAGE SPOKIN BE HIR TO MARGARET AUTHINLEK, IS ORDINIT TO CRAWE THE SAID MARGRET FORGIVENES UPON HIR KNEIS, AT THE BUITH DUR QUHAIR THE SAMIN WES UTERIT; AND, IF SHE BE FUND IN THE LYIK FAULT HEIREFTIR, TO BE PUNISHED IN THE HIEST MANER IN EXEMPIILL OF UTERIS.

THE QHILK DAY, MR. DAVID MATHOW, CALLIT, COMPERIT, AND BEING ACCUSIT OF NEW CONFEST HIS PLAYING AT THE KAIRDIS AND NYCHT WALKING, AND RASHE ANSIERIS GEVIN IN SEISSOUN. FOR THE QHILK HE MAKIS HUMILIATION PRESENTLE, AND PROMITIS NEVR [TO COMMIT] THE LYIK FAULTIS HEIREFTIR, BE GODIS HELP.

WEDNESDAY, THE XVJ DAY OF AUGUST, 1598.

THE QHILK DAY, JAMES SHIVES AND GELIS SMYTH CALLIT COMPERIT, AND THE SAID GELIS BEING ACCUSIT CONFEST THE BAIRN IN HIR

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1 Omitted.
armes and born be hir wes gottin be James Shives xiiiij dayis Shives denyall.

eftir Michilmes last wes, viz., the xiiiij day of October last or

thairby, eftir nune, in his leuch chalmer, within the hall; and

the said James being accusit denyit the samin simpliciter, as he

will anser to God.

The quhilk day, Mr. Johne Winhrame being callit comperit, Winhrame

and, being accusit for fornication committit be him with

Agnes Greg his harlot of auld, denyit the samin simpliciter;

albeit the said Agnes had confest the said fact to be done sen

his bairn wes borne. He is warnit apud acta to Wednsday

nixt, and she to be warnit.

Wednsday, the xxij of August, 1598.

The quhilk day, Gelis Smyth desyrit hir bairn, gottin be Shives, Smyth.

James Shives, to be baptizit, the samin being verie weik and

seiklie. The session ansuerit they will advyse thairanent with

the Presbiterie, quhillder the bairn of adultereris confest be

the mother may be baptist befoir hir repentance, and the said

James denyall of the fact, and report anser on Friday nixt.¹

The quhilk day, comperit Mr. Johne Winhrame and abydes Winhrame,

at his denyall as of befoir, that he had nevir carnall copulation

with Agnes Greg sen his bairn wes borne be hir. He is warnit

apud acta to this day aucht dayis and she to be warnit.

xxv° Augusti, 1598.

It is reportit be the minister that the Presbiterie thinkis Shives,

neidfull to delay the baptisme of Gelis Smyth hir bairn, quhill

forder tryell be had anent the said James Shives fact of

adultrie.

Wednsday, the penult of August, 1598.

The quhilk day, comperit Mr. Johne Winhrame, and declarit Winhrame,

that he wes nocht resolvit as yit to confes the fault he nevir

Greg.

¹ 'August 24. [1598]. . . . Differsis the question proponit be Mr.

George Glaidstans, concerning the baptizing of ane barne gottin in adulterie as

is alledgit be the mother bot denyit be the father, with all the rest of the circum-

stances thairoff, whil the nixt day, be resson that sundrie of the brithering wer

absent' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery).
did, allegeit be Agnes Greg. He is warnit to this day aucht dayis and she to be warnit.

The quhilck day, Joneit Thomson, servand to Ninian Johnesoun, being callit compert and confess hir evil lang age utterit aganis Katherene Wemis and Elspot Wemis hir dochter; and thairfuir is ordinit to crave thame forgivenes thairof upon hir kneis, and the session also, quhilck she did.

Thomas Rodger in Strakynnes and Barbara Wilsoun thair, being accusit, confess thair wirking on Sunday last, and thairfuir ar ordinit to mak humiliationoun Sunday nixt.

The quhilck day, James Shives and Gelis Smyth callit compert, and the said Gelis being accusit abydis constantlie at hir formar confessionis, that James Shives wes the father of that bairn born be hir and na uther, and that it wes gottin be him tyme and place befoir declarit be hir, in presens of the said James; quha, eftir lang denyall and mony circumstances, confess he had hir thryse in his bed, and wald have delt with hir carnalie, bot it wes nocht done in effect; and yit if the tyme of the getting of the bairn com to the xxv day of September last, he suld be the father of it, quhilck bairn wes born the tent day of Julii last wes. The bretheren haveing considderit the mater findis the said James gilty of the said fact of adultrie, Gelis Bennett his wyif beand on lyve; and ordinis him to satisfie disciplene thairfuir, and findis him na wayis worthie to bruik the office of eldership in this congregationou; quhilck being intimat to the said James, he than confess the said adultrie and wald satisfie thairfuir as he suld be injoynd, and findis his conscience relieved of ane gryt burding of syn, and beseikis God to grant him true repentance for it, and the bretheren to assist him with thair prayeris; quha is ordinit to mak repentance, and to begin the samuin upon Sunday the tent of September nixt, and to stand in the porch dur bare hedit and bair futtit with seck clothe, betuix the second and thrird bell, and than on the penitent stule, and to continew during the will of the session, and his bairn to be bapstisit the said day.¹

¹ 'August last, [1598]. . . Compeirit James Schewis, wricht in St. Androis, who confessit he had commitit adulterie with Geillis Smyth his awin servand. The brithering remititis him to his sessioun of St. Androis' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery).
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Wednesday, the xiiij of September, 1598.

The quhilk [day], James Duncan and Jonet Millar his spouse, for their common resset of Henry Moreis being excommunicat, and with him tua wemen, quhilkis war convoyed away at his bak yet, ar ordinat to mak repentance in sek claith Sunday nixt; and the magistratis also desyrit to putt thame to the knawlege of ane inquest.

The quhilk day, Androw Methven being callit comperit, and confest his fornicatcion with Margaret Dalgleishe. He is ordinat to mak repentance and to satisfy his civill penaltie.

Jonet Blak, relict of unquhile Johne Stewart, is ordinat to mak repentance upon Sunday nixt, for violating the Saboth day, in selling of aill in tyme of preching, befoir nune and eftir nune.

The quhilk day, Agnes Greg comperit and confest as of befoir that Mr. Jhone Winrham had to do with hir anes sen hir bairn wes born, for the quhilk she is ordinat to mak repentance as relaps in fornication; and the said Mr. Jhone denyit the samin as of befoir, as he will answer to God.

The quhilk day comperit Duncan Balfour younger and confest his fornication with Effame Norie. He is ordinat to mak repentance as relaps, and hes offerit four lib. to the puir.

Wednesday, the xx of September, 1598.

The quhilk day, Charlis Dik tailour, for violating the Sabath day in drinking the tyme of preching, is ordinat to mak humiliation, Sunday nixt.

The quhilk day, the session being informit be Esther Welwod that their wes sum shottis of pistollis or hagbuittis dischargeit at hir stair behund the kirk, and at hir sister stair in the College Wynd, upon Sunday wes aucht daysis, at nycht, and that be thair enemieis the Arthoures or thair complices; and for tryell thairof the session causit compeir befoir thame Mr. Dauid Ruthirfurde, Mr. Hew Lindesay, James and Patrik

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1 Omitted.
2 Initial letter of Norie has been altered.
Arthouris, and William S[tajig] baxter, quha all, be thair gryt aith sorn, purgeit thame selfis thairof, nither knaw thai quha did the samin.¹

¹ There seems to have been an old and well-known feud between the Welwods and Arthurs. On the 9th of October 1595, 'Mr. James Melvill, minister of Godis Word at the kirk of Kilrinie, reportid to the Presbytrie that [the] Kings Majestie had recomendit the reconciliatione of the Walwodis and Arthuris to the Proveist and counsell of St. Andros; quhairfoir the said Mr. James bravit the Presbytie to nominat sum of their number to trevall with the Proveit and counsell in the said mater. And lykwyse Mrs. Robert Wilkie and Androw Muncreif reportit to the said Presbytrie that thay war appoyntit, be the Provintiall Asemble at Fyfe haldin at Dysert, to trevall in the said mater. In respect of the saidis reportis, the Presbytie ordanis Mrs. Androw Melvill, James Melvill, Daud Blak, Robert Wallace and Robert Durie, with the uther tua appoyntit be the Provintiall Asemble, or ony thrie of them, to trevall in the said mater; and appoyntis Mr. Robert Wilkie to caus the Proveit sett a day of metting' (Register of St. Andrew's Presbytery). 'October 16. The quhilk day, Mr. Robert Wilkie reportit to the said that he had trevallit with the Provost of St. Andros for the uptaking of the variance betuix the Arthouris and Waluodis, and that the said Provost for that effect hath nominat and sett the sevintein day of October to metit. The Presbytie thairoir ordenis the said Mr. Robert, with the fornamit personis, to trevall and report thair diligence in the said mater' (Ibid.). 'October 23. The quhilk day, Mr. Robert Wilkie reportit that he had trevallit with the Provost of St. Andros for the uptaking of the variance betuix the Waluodis and Arthouris, and that the Provost hath nominat for that effect mois indifferent Mrs. Daud and William Russallis, Duncan Balfour, Daud Watson, Daud Auyer and Patrik Gutherie. So the Presbytie nominatis uther brethering then wer befoir nominat, noth that ther wer ony of them partail, or because they war noth mett for the samyn, but only to tak away quhatsoever suspition the partie of the Arthouris micht have had of the commoneris, quhairy they micht have bein stayit. The personis—Mrs. Nicoll Dalgieische, Robert Wilkie, Daud Monipenny, John Johnston, Robert Durie, Andro Moncreiffe—to conven with the fornamit personis of the consall in the parroche kirk at tuo efternoun' (Ibid.). At the three successive meetings of Presbytery, Wilkie and his colleagues were instructed to continue their labours in this affair, and it afterwards drops out of sight. That reconciliation in this case would be no easy task is shown by the behaviour of one of the Arthurs in the presence of the Presbytie at this very time. 'October 23, [1595]. . . The quhilk day, compeir William Arthur complaning upon Mr. Robert Wallace, alledging him to have mispersonit him in his doctring, calling him, Murdering knav, William Arthur! quhair art thow? Mr. Robert being cravit upon quhat occasioun he had spokin thair wordis, quha declaring in quhat respectis he had spokin the former wordis, the brethering judgit William nocht onlie worthie of that kynd of repriuisse bot of far gryter; and thairfoir the Presbytrie callit the said William to resave his rebuick in thair presens; and quhill the moderatour wes travelling greatly to bring him to the acnownleging of his sin, the said Mr. Robert spak in the hering of all the brethering, Moderatour, I spak those wordis quhairof William accuses me, and I will noth deny it! Then ansuerit William, in the
The quhilk day, Dauid Guidfallow and Thomas Halden ar admonist, that thai be nocht fund playand ower nycht at tables heireftir, as thai have confess, with William Lermonth youngar nor na uther.

The quhilk day comperit Margret Dalgleish and confess fornicatioun with Androw Methven be procreation of ane chylde. She is ordinit to mak hir repentance.

The quhilk day, Androw Zeman millar callit comperit, and being accusit confess the shedding of Jhone Fraser his blude, and thairfor he is ordinit to mak repentance upon Sunday nixt.

face of the Presbytrie and utheris brethreng send from the Synodoll, Thow leis falsy, and ether sall thow deny that word and set up, or it sall cost me my lyffe! Quhairat the brethreng, being maist heily offendit, send for the magistratis of the said citie and exponit the mater to them, deseryng them to tak ordour with sic ane godles atempte; quha, nochtwithstanding of thair presens, utterit the lyk wordis in gryter pryde and rage of hairt. The magistratis thair-efir patt the said William in ward, to remane ay and quhill he sould find sufficient caution, under the paine of fyve hundreth merkis, binding him, or quhomesoever he micht hender, from molesting of the said Mr. Robert, or ellis quhomesoever of the Presbytrie and sesioun; and also to pay ten poundis monie to thair commoun warkis; and last to come befoir the said Presbytrie to ask and crave God and them forgives’ (Ibid.). At next meeting, two of the bailies offered that Arthour should satisfy ‘according to the acknowlgment of the inquyst;’ but, as there was not a full attendance, the Presbytery continued the matter. On the 6th of November, ‘comperit Mrs. Dauid Russall and Duncan Balfour, bealysis, offering William Arthour to satisfi, as of befoir, for his offence committit agains Mr. Robert Wallace thair minister. The moderatour anseruit them, in name of the Presbytrie, that they wer justlie offendit with the assysye, in that they had nocht punischit the said William civillie according to the heines of his offence, yit thakin the said magistratis for thair obedience and panis in the said mater, deseryng the said balyeis to tak sum solide ordour, in case ony persoun sould presume to committ the lyk offence: quhilk the saidis magistratis promesit faithfully, and also that they wald crave the adysye and judgment of the said Presbytrie in settin doun of the said law.—The Presbytrie ordenis the said William Arthour, for his offence foirsaid, the space of ane quarter of ane yeire to mak his satisfactioun efter the maner of the adultereis; the first thir weikis sittin at the kirk dore in saucloch, betuix the secon and thrid bell, thairefter to pas to the penitent stoull; the rest of the weikis on the Sabboth to present [himself on] the penitent stueil in saucloch, and the last to conpeir befoir the Provinciall Assemble in saucloch, witnessing his trew and unffenyeyt repentance: quhairunto the said William promesit obedience, craving only owersicht for the space of fourteyn dayis, because he had to do with the Laird of Baluerie’ (Ibid.).

1 Confest in ms.
Sunday, the first of October, 1598.

Anent the supplication gevin in be James Shives, the ses-
sioun hes thocht gud that the minister sall try his humiliation
Sunday nixt, and thaireftir to mak report thairof to the
Presbiterie, that he may have thair answer.¹

The qhilk day, Alexander Winchister and William Lerm-
month, bailies, haweing complanit on Mr. Symeon Gregour²
mercheand, alledgeing that the said Mr. Symeon said thai had
done wrang, and if he had bene in Alexander Selkriegis place
they suld have gottin na uther cautionar bot ane on frieman,
qhilk the said Mr. Simeon confest; and this fell out upon
occasion o sum trubill betuix the said Alexander Selkriq and
William Wilsoun mariner yesterday. In respect of the qhilk
confession, the sesioun findis that Mr. Symeon Greg³ is nocht
capabill of ony office in the kirk for the yeir to cum.

The qhilk day, ane Inglishman haweing desyrit libertie of
the session to mak ane publik play in this citie, it wes voted
and concludit that he suld nocht be permitted to do the
samin.

It is ordinit that the elderis and deaconis be lited and chosin
this ouk following, that thai may accept thair offices on Sunday
nixt for the yeir to cum.

Sunday, the viij of October, 1598.

The qhilk day, the personis following being chosin elderis
and deaconis of this congregation for the yeir to cum, they
acceptit the samin, and promittit to discharge the samin
faithfullie according to thair habilitie, quhais names followes.

Maister George Gladstanis, Mr. Dauid Lindesay, ministeris.
William Lermouth, apperand of Dairsy, Provost
Mr. Robert Maule, commissar
Mr. William Russell, bailye  Gawin Wemis of Vnthank
Mr. William Wemis, baillie  James Traill of Balcaithlie

¹ 'October 12, [1598]. . . . The brithering ordenis James Scheweiss adulterer
to be receavit upon Sunday cum awcht dayis, and to compeir befoir the Presby-
trie this day fyfein dayis' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery).
² Sic.
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Duncan Balfour, bailie  James Hay of Kingask
Thomas Lentren, elder, bailie  Stephan Philp
Dauid Watson, Dene of Gild  Johne Brydie
James Leiche, Thesaurar  Androw Welwod
Alexander Winchister  Thomas Dikson
William Lermont, elder  Andro Forrett
Mr William Cok  Androw Watson
Patrik Guthrie  Alexander Carstaris
Dauid Everie  William Ramsay.

Deacones.

Jhone Knox  Andro Carnwath
Patrik Muffatt  George Nairn, younger
George Crystie  Androw Millar
James Tailzour  John Carstaris
John Mortoun  Thomas Dais
William Lentren  Walter Todrik
Andro Dikson  Johne Myles
Robert Williamson  Henry Wishart
Nicol Mayne  Daniell Millar.

The quhilck day, it wes thocht expedient, for the better tryell of vice and punishing thairof within the boundis of this citie, that the samin salbe dividit in auchtene quarteris, and ane elder and deacon appointit for ilk quarter thairof as followis, viz.

Fra the Eist Burn Wynd up to the West Burn Wynd: the 1 Provost and Dauid Everie, elderis, George Nairn, younger, deacon.

Fra the West Burn Wynd to the Blak Freiris: Johne 2 Brydie, elder, Andro Milla[r] deacon.

Fra the Blak Freiris to the Port: Thomas Dikson, elder, 3 John Carstaris, deacon.

Fra the Port out and in throught Argaill to Henry Smythes 4 hous: Mr. William Cok, elder, Androw Dikson, deacon.

Fra Henry Smythes hous to Logyis Wynd exclusive: Mr. 5 Robert Maule and Stephan Philp, elderis, Jhone Knox, deacon.

Fra Logyis Wynd eist, including the Kirk Wynd and New 6 Close, to Mr. William Wemis hous: Mr. William Wemis, elder, Thomas Deas, deacon.
Fra that to Paitrik Hammiltonis hous, including the Baickhous Close, exclusive: William Lermouth and Alexander Winchister, elderis, Paitrik Mofat, deacon.

Fra that to George Methvenis hous: Duncan Balfour, elder, George Crystie, deacon.

Fra George Methvenis up and doun the half of the Hukistar Wynd, and eist to Schir George Douglas hous: James Hay and Paitrik Guthrie, elderis, Daniell Millar, deacon.

Fra the Mercat Gait Port, on the north syid, to the College Wynd: James Leiche, elder, James Tailzour, deacon.

Fra the College Wynd to Andro Adesonis hous inclusive: Mr. William Russell, elder, Robert Williamsonsoun, deacon.


Fra the Kirk Wynd to the Port: Androw Welwod, elder, Johne Morton, deacon.

Fra the North Gait Port eist to James Lentrenis: James Traill, elder, Nicoll Mayn, deacon.

Fra James Lentrenis hous to the Shoirhead: Thomas Lentren, elder, John Myles, deacon.

Fra Schir George Douglas hous doun the Hukistar Wynd to Johne Lawis hous, and fra Androw Adesonis hous on the north syid up and west the North Gait to William Lyellis hous: David Watsoun, elder, William Lentren, deacon.

Fra that to the College Wynd including Jaksonis Clois: Andro Forret, elder, Andro Carnwath, deacon.

Fra the College Wynd, including Muttios Clois, inclusive to the Port: Androw Watsoun, elder, Walter Todrik, deacon.

Wednesday, the xj of October, [160—deleted] 1598.

The quhilk day, eftir incalling upon the name of God, the bretheren of the sessioun hes ordinit that the elderis and deaconis quhatsumevir being absent at the ringing of the bell sall pay xx d., and being absent the haill day fra the session to pay fourtie pennyis, on forgevin.

The quhilk day, Johne Zoung in Clatto for his ignorance is ordinit to pay xl s. to the puir, befoir he be proclamit.
Mr. Robert Zule to produce ane roll of the puir and thair almous upon Friday nixt, that conform thairto they may be payit, and in case of difficutie thairin to be reformit be visitation, and the collectouris of thair almous to compeir the morn at the ringing of the bell.

Wednesday, the xvij of October, 1598.

The quhilk day, Androw Anderson and Elizabeth Trumbill callit comperit, and being accusit confess fornication to gidd, and offerit xl s. to the puir, and ar ordinat to mak repentance thairfoir.

Robert Moreis taillyour callit comperit, and is admonist to interynne his wyff better heireftir nor in tyme bygane.

The quhilk day, Margaret Diplene callit comperit, and being accusit confess fornicationoun with James Small now in Kembak, quhilk is the thrid fornication for hir part. Thairfoir the bretheren requestis the magistratis to put hir to the knawlege of ane inquest, and to banishe hir this citie as ane vyle harlot.

The quhilk day, Effeame Nory being callit comperit, and confess fornication with Duncan Balfour. She is ordanit to begin hir repentance on Wednesday nixt.

James Shives is ordinat to be resavit and absolvit fra repen- tans, for the adultrie with Gelis Smyth, upon Sunday nixt, conform to the ordinance of the Presbytery.

Wednesday, the xxv of October, 1598.

The quhilk day, the magistratis declarit that Margaret Diplene banisit. Diplene, as ane person nocht worthic to remane in this citie, wes put to the knawlege of ane inquest, and conform to thair ordinance wes banisit the boundis of this citie.

Jonet Bell fornicatrix with Androw Philp wes absolvit Bell satisfeit. thairfoir upon Sunday last.

The quhilk day, Dauid Carstaris in Lambilathin, for violat- ing the Saboth day [by] his servandis leding corn thairupon, is ordanit to pay xx s., and to mak humiliation Sunday nixt.

\[1\] Being in MS.  
\[2\] Omitted.
Sunday, the xxix of October, 1598.

James shives fra\(^1\) his adultrie, Androw Andersoun and Elizabeth Trumbill for\(^1\) thair fornication, war resavit and absolvit.

Mr. Robert Zule is appointit to visie the seik this ouk.

The quhilk day, George Symson, and Bessie Cowstoun callit comperit, and being accusit confess carnall copulatioun sen thai war contractit; and thairfoir ar ordnit to mak thair repentance the nixt Sabath, and to satisfie the civil penaltie, as fornicatouris, befoir thai be mareit.

Wednesdiy, the first day of November, 1598.

The quhilk day, Duncan Gibsoun, for abusing of his wyiff and extraordinar drinking, James Gilpatrik, for blasphemous speiches utterit aganis God, and ungodlie behaviour usit to Thomas Duncan, ar ordanit to mak repentance, and the said James to pay vj s. viij d. to the puir; and William Dais wobstar, for blasphemie of Godis name, and refusing admonitioun thairfoir fra his deacon, is\(^2\) ordnit to mak humiliation Sunday nixt; and James Bruce wobstar admonist to keip the kirk,\(^3\) on the wark day in tymie of preching.

Wednesdiy, the viij of November, 1598.

The quhilk day, David Dury callit comperit and confess his drinking upon the Sabath day in tymie of preching, and thairfoir is ordnit to mak repentance Sunday nixt.

It is thocht meit that the magistratis be requestit to pas with the deaconis throught this citie the morn, for collecting of the contribution to the puir, fra sic neychtbouris as refuiissis to gif the samyn to the deacones, and to report thair diligence thairin upon Sunday nixt.

The quhilk day, it wes concludit that the preching be maid upon Friday nixt in the Auld College Kirk, in respect that the paroche kirk is nocht yit reparit; and, if the counsell con-

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\(^1\) *Sir.*

\(^2\) *Ar* interlined over *is* deleted in *Ms.*

\(^3\) *Kirk* in *Ms.*
cludes to repair the kirk befoir Sunday nixt, the preaching to be maid thairin the said day.

Wedinsday, the xv of November, 1598.

Effame Norie fornicatrix with Duncan Balfour younger wes Norrie absolvit. absolvit on Sunday.

The quhilk day, Ninian Jhonstoun and George Dog being [Jhonstoun and Dog] callit comperit, and confess their fault in nocht keepng the kirk the tyme of preaching on wark dayis, and hes promeist amendement.

Wedinsday, the xxij of November, 1598.

The quhilk day Jonet Husband fisher wyif for flyting with [Jonet Husband.] hir neychtbouris is ordinit to mak repentance Sunday nixt.

Wedinsday, the xxix of November, 1598.

The quhilk day Beatrix Methven comperit and being accusit confess fornication with James Jak tymmerman. She is Confessio Methven, Jak. ordinitt to be imprissoned and to mak repentance.

The quhilk day, William Lermouth, fear of Dairsy, Provost Acceptation of eldership. of this citie, hes acceptit the office of eldership upon him; and hes maid sayth for dew discharge of his office thairin, according to his habilitie.

Wedinsday, the sext of December, 1598.

The quhilk day Jonet Pait comperit and confess fornication Confessio Pait, Lentren. with Dauid Lentren son to Thomas Lentren. She is remittit till the said Dauid comperit.

The quhilk day, it being dilatit that Elspot Selkrig wes Confessio Selkrig. with bairn to ane man of Covpar, [the session]¹ ordinis hir to pas to Coupar quhair the bairn wes gottin.

The quhilk day, Mr. William Cok and Alexander Carstaris Anent ten merk or ordinitt to pas to the counsell of this citie, and to report of the clerk fie fra the toun.

¹ Omitted.
their answer anent the payment of the ten merkis to the clerk yeirly, quhill thai payit of befoir to unquhile Charlis Watson as clerk of the session.

The quhill day, Helene Carno, spous to Jhone Inglis, for hir gryt aithis suorn, and abusing of the magistratis in thair awin presens, confest be hir self, is ordinit to mak repentance upon Sunday nixt.

**Wednesday, the xx of December, 1598.**

The quhill day, Dauid Lentren, son to Thomas Lentren, being callit comperit, and being accusit confess his fornicatioun with Jonet Pait; and being fund nocht verie penitent for his sin, [the sessioun]¹ ordanis him to keip the catechising for his better instruction, to abstene fra the lyik occasion, and to conscigne ane pand that bayth sall satisfie discipline.

The quhill day, James Jak mariner and William Storour wricht callit comperit, and, being accusit for hanting of evill cumpany and drinking on tymouslie, confess the samien; and ar actitat, that if thai be fund in the lyik fault, to pay ilk man ten lb., and to mak publik repentance.

The quhill day William Freland callit comperit and confess fornicatioun with Margaret Law. He is ordinit to pay x1 s. to the puir and to mak repentance.

**Wednesday, the thrid day of Januar, 1598.**

The quhill day, Jhon and Henry Downeis, and Jhon Zoung wrycht, for thair fechting and flying to giddar, ar ordinit to mak repentance upon Sunday nixt.

**Wednesday, the tent of Januar, 1598.**

Robert Zule maltman and James Seage in Argaill, for fechting and sclander gevin be thame, ar ordinit to mak repentance Sunday nixt.

The quhill day James and Thomas Robertsonis and Thomas Reky haveing trublit the toun in fechting, thai ar referrit to the magistratis.

¹ Omitted.
Wednesday, the xvij of Januar, 1598.

The quhilk day, Thomas Monipenny, tailyour, and William Kay, son to Charlis Kay smyth, callit compert, and being accusit confest that thai had trublit the kirk the last Sabath day, in fechting togidder the tyme of preching; and thairfoir ar ordinat to mak repentance in sek claith, bear fûtit and bair heidit, thrie Sabath dayis in the porche dur, betuix the second and thrid bell, and thaireftir on the penitent stule; and remittis thame to be punist civilee be the magistratis.

The excommunication of the Arthouris and of Mr. Patrik Lindsay, for the slauchter of unquhile James Smyth, to be intimat of new upon Sunday nixt.¹

¹ For the murder of James Smith see supra, p. 820, n. On the 22d of September, 1597, 'Mr. Hew Lindsay, compiring befor the Presbitrie till excus the absence of the four crewell murthereris off Jamis Smithe, delyverit unto sum off the brethren, in faice off the haill Presbitrie, verey proud and bosting langage' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery). These murderers had already been excommunicated, for, on the 20th of October, it was ordainet 'that the moderator wryt to Dundie, to intimat to thame the excommunicacion of Mrs. Patric Arthour and Patrik Lindsay, Hendrie and William Arthors' (Ibid.). On the 2d of February, 1597-8, 'Mr. George Gladstainis with sum off his session' were 'ordeinit to try the repentance off the murthereri off Jamis Smithe, and to report again to the Presbitrie'; a week later, 'the bill givin in be the murderers of James Smyth' was 'fond to schew no takens of repentance'; and on the 16th Andrew Duncan, Robert Dury, John Carmichael, John Dykis, with the ministers of St. Andrews, and David Mernis and Robert Zuil, were appointed commissioners to confer with the excommunicated murderers of James Smith; while on the same day Gladstanes and Zuil were 'ordainit to extract the process of the excommunic murderers' (Ibid.). 'August 17 [1598] ... Mr. Hew Lyndesay producit ane bill in name of Mr. Patrik, William [and] Henrie Arthouris, and Mr. Patrik Lyndesay, quhilk wes subscribt by thair hands, desyring the brithering to recause them. The brithering ordenit the said Mr. Hew to qualefie thir poyntis of thair bill, viz., that ther (sic) wer his Majestis subjectis, that it is submittit to newtrallis, that the murtherous noth of forethocht fellion, with the truith of thair repentance and behaviour sence the said murtherour' (Ibid.). 'August last [1598] ... Compeirit Mr. Hew Lyndesay to qualefie his bill givin in be him for recaving of the Arthouris. The Presbytrie ordenis him to give in his qualefication in wrett, according to the ordinance of the Generall Assemble' (Ibid.). 'February 1, 1598 ... Mr. John Scharpe producit ane bill, desyring ane testimoniall fra the Presbytrie, testefeing that the Arthouris, murthereris of James Smyth, wes lying under the sentence of excommunication, and that they had noth approvin thair repentence to the Presbytrie; unto the quhilk petitionis the aggret and ordenit ane testimoniall to be givin' (Ibid.). On the roth of May 1599, 'concerning the bill givin in be the
Wednesday, the xxiiiij of Januar, 1598.

The quhilk day, Jonet Pait, *fornicatrix* with Dauud Lentren, is ordainit to be wardit till she pay hir penaltie, and to mak furth hir repentans on Sunday nixt.

The quhilk day, Cristen Greg, spous to Alexander Selkriq, comperit and confess hir offence done to Daniell Millar desacon; and, at direction of the session, cravit him pardoun thairof, and promeist nevir to offend any member of the session undir the pane of publik repentance.

Wednesday, the last of Januar, 1598.

The quhilk day, anent the complaintis *hinc inde* gevyn in be Marion Adie aganis Jonet Baird, and be the said Jonet aganis the said Marioun Adie, for the filthie and scanderous speiches utterit be ather of thame aganis utheris, the processis and probatioun deducit befoir the bretheren being be thame considdirit, and thai warnit to heir decreit pronuncit thairanent; the said Jonet Baird is ordinit to mak hir repentance upon Sunday nixt, sittand upon ane high stule befoir the pulptait, the tyme of preching, and to crave God mercie, the said Marion and the congregation forgivenis; and also ordinis the said Marion upon Sunday nixt to crave the said Jonet forgivenes, and the hail congregation, befoir the pupeit; and remittis thair civil punishment to the magistratis.

The quhilk day, Jhone Horsburgh and Esther Jarden presentit thame selfis to be contractit in mariage to gidder, comperit Jonet Carstorphine and allegit that thair is promeis Arthouris, the Presbyterie ordanis thame to qualify thir penyatis of thair bill, first, that thai ar his Majesties subjectis; a, that thai ar sorrowfull by offering satisfaccion to the pairtie: and that the uther pairtie be requirit to preve that the slaughter wes nocht of accident, bot of sett purpose and foirthocht fellony, gif thai can’ (*Ibid*.). A fortnight later, ‘the Presbyterie anueris to the bill of the Arthouris, that thai sie na repentance in the complenis, bot ane manifest token of the contrair in thair bill, in extenuating of thair fact and nocht making confessioun of that quhilke is notourlie knowin unto all, viz., that thair murther wes committit upon profes feld and lying in wayte with foirthocht fellony to that effect. Also it is verifie to the Presbyterie that nather magistrate nor pairtie ar satisfie, nor na reasonable satisfaccion offerit to the same’ (*Ibid*).
of mariage maid be the said Jhone to hir, quhairupon carnall copulatioun procedit betuix thame; quhairupon the said Jhone being accusit grantit the copulatioun, bot denyit ony sic promeis preceding. [The sessioun] ordinance thame bayth to mak repentance, and the said John to pay xl s. to the pur.

Wednesday, the vij of Februar, 1598.

The quhilk day, it is concludit, for keipig of guid ordour and pace in the kirkyard and streittis of this citie in tyme of preaching, bayth on Sabath and wark dayis, that the parentis and maisteris of the boyis and lassis (quha salbe fund sa doing in kirkyard or streittis) salbe ansuerabill for thair faultis, and sal pay thairfoir as everis, and this Act to be intimat on Sunday nixt.

It is concludit that intimation be maid Sunday nixt that teaching salbe maid in the Auld College Kirk upon the Sabath day befoir and aftir nune.

The quhilk day, it is concludit that Dauid Skinner, clerk to this sessioun, for his better recompanse of his service, sall have in tyme cuming tuelf d. of everie pund penaltie, togidder with the haill uther penalties of the absentis fra the sessioun, in tyme cuming; and if the said Dauid be fund and tryed to be remisse in his service and cairles thairfof, in that case he to amit all benefilt thaireftir grantit to him be this present Act; and Mr. Robert Yule to give him ten pund quhilk the clerk gat of before.

Wednesday, the xiiiij day of Februar, 1598.

The quhilk day, the deacones of craft in this citie being convenit, and being desyrrit to tak sum guid ordour for interynge of the eageit and decayed puri of craft in the hospital, they have nominat to confer thairrent thame seffis and thair positor for thair part, and Mr. George Glaidstanes, Mr. Robert Zule, Patrik Guthrie, James Traill,

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1 Omitted.
2 That is playing.
3 Aged.
4 The in MS.
4 Boxmaster or treasurer.
Thomas Dikson, James Leiche, and Jhone Myles, for the sessioun; and to report thair diligence thairin Friday nixt.

The qhillk day, Alexander Fairfoule cordaner is ordinit to pay vj s. viij d., and that for suffering his servandis wirk in his buith bayth on wark and Sabath dayis in tym of preching; and William Moreis to pay xij d., for nocht coming to the kirk at the hemnest bell. Alexander Orok wes admonist to keip the kirk better on the wark dayis nor he hes done of befoir.

Wednesday, the xxj of Februar, 1598.

The qhillk day, it wes ordinit, in respect of the confusion hes bene heritofoir in taking ordour with the decreittis of this session be the magistratis, ilk ane of thame being bund to thair awin particular quarteris, that ordour may be keipit heireftir, the Provest and baillies ar contentit fra this day furth ilk ane per vices, his weik about, to put in execution the ordinanceis of the sessioun, and put ordour to personis disobedient thairto, and for this first weik Mr. William Russell to begin that ordour.

William Kay, son to Charlis Kay, wes resavit upon Sunday last, for fechting in the kirk in tym of preching on the Saboth day; Jonet Pait and Beatrix Methuen also, for fornicatyon.

Thomas Wilsoun and Elspot Hagy ar ordinit be the magistratis to pay xl s. to the puir, for thair ignorance; and to learn the Commandementis befoir thai be mareit.

The qhillk day, the sessioun, for instructing the pure bairnis and remanent puir in the hospitall,¹ hes ordinit the instructar

¹ In Gordon's Plan of St. Andrews, drawn in 1642, 'the hospitall' is shown on the north side of what is known to have been the Grey Friars Garden, and outside of the North Street Port (Bannatyne Miscellany, iii. 324). On the 24th of July 1684, the kirk-session of St. Andrews, 'hearing by the convenor that the labourers of the Friers Yeard ar complaineing how they ar wronged by these who comes in throw the Hospitall laigh windows to their yaird spoyling their gear, did threfore allow the said windows to be filled with stone and lymb except so mucht light as may enlighten the hous' (Register of St. Andrews Kirk Session). There is further confirmation of the precise site of the Hospital. On the 5th of March, 1723, William Mair mason offered to build 'ane house at the North Gait Port wher the Hospitall stood, and pay some small yearly annuity and repair the North Gait Port' (Minutes of St. Andrews Town Council).
of thame to have yeirly for his panes fiftie tua merkis, viz., in the hospitall xij s. iiiij d. oukly; and for this quarter to cum hes chosin 52 [merkis.] John Sourdyke mercheand, quha sall begin on Moninday nixt, God willing, and hes maid soleinne aith to do his dewtie, safar as lyis in his habilitie, in the pointis following, viz.—he sall teache the yong anes to reid and writt; he sall teache thame and the hail remanent the Lordis Prayer, the Beleif, Ten Commandementis and Catechize; and sall daylie reid the prayeris to the hospitall, morning and evening; and finalie he salbe obedient to all thingis, quhilk Mr. Robert Zule, maister of the hospitall, sall command him to do.

The quhilk day, Patrick Dempstartoun, for violating the Saboth day in byding fra the kirk wilfullie, is ordinit to mak repentance Sunday nixt, and to pay vj s. to the puir. Jonet Carstorphone, fornicatrix with Jhone Horsburgh, and for flyting, to mak repentance tua oukis; and hes payit xl s. to the puir.

The quhilk day, Gelis Smyth, adulteres with James Shives, Smyth adulteres. to begin hir repentance in sek claith upon Sunday nixt; and fra thine furth to continew as she salbe injoinied.

The quhilk day, Androw Zeman in North Gale, callit, comperit, and being accusit confess he had to do with Effame Orknay in harvest last wes, in the wind miln anes only, she being cumand fra the burn, he haveand ane wyiff onlyve. He is remittiit to forder tryell.

The quhilk day, Patrik Cuik flesher, being callit and accusit Cuik admonist. for drinking and fechting extraordinarlie, confess the samin. He is admonist nocht to behave him self in that maner heireftir.

Wednesday, the last of Februar, 1598.

Mr. Robert Zule being directed to Jonet Baird, spous to James Alshonir, for sum support to the puir, in taikin of hir true repentance, quha gaif xxx s. to the puir; and James Traill and Mr. William Wemis ar ordinit to travell with Marion Adie, for hir support to the puir, in taikin of hir repentance.

The quhilk day, comperit James Wemis of Lathoker and Anent Lathoker presentit ane Act of the Presbiterie of St. Androis, quhairof his repentance for slaughter.
the tenour followes: At St. Androis, the sevint day of September,1 1598. The quhilk day eftir incalling upon the name of God, the bretherene referris the form of the Laird of Lathockker his repentance, for the slughter of unquhile Alexander Broun, to be injoynd to him be the sessioun of Sanctandrois, keipand alwayse the orduir and practise of the kirk in sik caissis. Sic subscribitur, Mr. Thomas Blak, at command of the Presbiterie.2

The quhilk day, James Leiche wes nominat and chosin commissiar to the Sinodall Assemblig, to be haldin at Covpar, Tyisday nixt.

The quhilk day, Elene Hay and Bessie Brog, for flyting on the calsay, ar ordinat to mak repentance Sunday nixt.

Item, Robert Zule, as thesaurar to the pure, is ordinit to gif his brother Charles Zule ten merkis, for healing of Margaret Lasonis leg; and to Thomas Richardson thrice lib., in compleit pament of his cure done in healing of Thomas Wilsonis head.

And to pay to Margret Blak, relict of unquhile Charlis Watson, fyve lib., as rest of his clerk fee the yeir preceding his deceis.

1 Should be December. See next note.
2 1 August 10, [1598]. . . Thair wes aue bill product in the name of the Laird of Lathockker, schawing that he wes penitent and sorrowfull for the slughter he had committ within the boundis of the Presbytrie of Cuper, desyryng he mircht be recevait agane in the bosome of the Kirk and mircht be admittit to the communon. The Presbytrie anserit they culd give no anser, seing the Presbytrie of Cuper had enterit in that mater, and thairfore remittis him to said Presbytrie (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery). On the 23d of November the Laird of Lathockker product ane ordainanze of the Presbytrie of Cuper, refairing the satisfactioun for the slughter of Alexander Broun . . . to be maid in the kirk of S. Androis, for sindrie caussis; on the 30th of November "the brithering acceptis the refairance of the Presbytrie of Cuper concerning James Wemys of Lathockker his repentance, bot desyris Cuper Presbytrie to sett down the forme thairoff"; while on the 7th of December "the Presbytrie refairis the forme of the Laird of Lathockkeris repentance to be sett down be the sessioun of S. Androis" (Ibid.). At this time Wemys figures in other cases, for, on the same 30th of November, 'compeerit the Laird of Lathockher, craving the Presbytrie judgement of the depositiou of Alesoun Peirce and what name they wald give it. Thair anser is that, give the depositiou be provin in all pointis, it is consulting and practising.' And on the 22d of the following February, 'Mr. Androw Duncan [minister of Crail] reportit that, according to the ordinance of the Presbytrie, he had tane Geillis Gray suspect of witchcraft, whom the Laird of Lathockher tuick from him and carreit hir to his place of Lathockher and thair torturit hir, whairby now scho is become impotent and may not labour for hir living as scho wes wont' (Ibid.).
Wednsday, the vij of Marche, 1598.

It is ordinit, that publict intimatioun be maid Sunday nixt The puir help out of pulpeit, that none of the pure of this citie be sufferit to the pairof dis- beg on the streittis, or resave almous at the yetts or durris of the inhabitantis thairof, in respect thai ar utherways suffi- cientlie provydit, partlie to the hospital and partlie with ouklie almous furth of the session, for their sustentatioun.

The quhilk day, it is ordinit that na almous be gevin or dis- tributit heireftir, be na person nor personis, kynnisfolk or bairnis of defunct personis, the tyme of thair burialis, to the puir of this citie; bot the samyn salbe gevin to the thesaurar of the pure for the tyme, that the samyn almous may be distributit, at the sicht of the elders and deacons, to the pure of this citie with the rest of the pure almous.

James Wemis of Lathoker began his repentance upon Son- day last wes, and is to be absolvit fra repentance Sunday nixt, for the slauchter of unquhile Alexander Broun committit be him.

Wednsday, the xiiiij of Marche, 1598.

The quhilk day, eftir incalling upon the name of God, com- perit Henry Moreis in Strakynnes being excommunicat, and gave in ane bill, confessing thairin he had committit adultrie with Jonet Campbell, and wes of purpos to have done the lyik with Alyson Anstruthir; desyrring for God sake to be relaxt and releuit of that havy burding, justic layed upon him for his vyle lyf and conversatioun. They have referrit thair ansuer to be gevin him this day aucth dayis.

James Wemis of Lathoker wes resavit and absolvit Sunday last.

Wednsday, the xxj of Marche, 1598.

The quhilk day, Mr. George Glaidstanes and Mr. Daviid Lindesay ministeris, with the remanent bretheren, elders and deacons of this sessioun, being all particularie tried and censurit anent thair discharge of thair callingis in lyfe and conversatioun, thair wes na fault nor eilest fund in nane of
thame thairant, in generall nor in particular. Praisit be God.

The quhilk day, the bretheren, for better preparing of the peipill to the communioun to be celebrat the nixt Saboth, God willing, hes ordinat all the feidis and eilestis amongst the neyghtbouris of this citie to be tane away and aggreit, be the personis nominat to that effect;¹ and to report thair diligence thairin upon Friday nixt; and the refusaris to be reconciled to be warnit to the said day; and quhasoevir refusis and absentis thame selfis fra that holy tabill to be punist thairfoir conform to the actis; and thai that ar debarrit thairfra for laufull causiss to be punished accordingly; and to mak intimation Friday nixt that wilfull refusaris to communicat salbe excommunicat, conform to the actis of the Generall Assemble.

Item, that na tiquotis be gevin to sic personis as hes nocht payit thair pairt of the contribution to the puir, and to intimat the samin upon Friday.

Friday, the xxiiij of Marche, 1598.

The quhilk day, the bretheren, upon guid motives and consideratios, thinkis guid that the Lordis Suppar be celebrat on tua severales Saboth dayis, and that it begin this nixt Saboth; and, for guid ordour to be keipit thairin, that thair be a just divisioun of the geving of the tiquotis to the pepill; and that intimation be maid out of pulpeit the morn eftir nune, that nane resort to the paroche kirk the nixt Saboth, but sic as communicatis, bot to the Auld College Kirk; and that the half of the elderis and deaconis serve the tabill the first Saboth, and the remanent the nixt Saboth.

To intimat the fast appointit to be the nixt tua Saboth dayis, and to begin on Sattiday nixt eftir suppar.

Wednesday, the xxvij of Marche, 1599.

The quhilk day, the baillies ar requestit to caus thair officiaris per vices await on the visitouris ilk preching day,

¹ See Calderwood’s History, 1678, pp. 803, 804.
for the better trying and punishing of refusaris to heir the Word.

Mercurii, quarto Aprilis, 1599.

The quhilk day, Elspot Mortoun, for causing hir servand thrash corn on the Saboth day, is ordinit to mak repentance Sonday nixt.

The quhilk day, Henry Moreis in Strakynnes comperit and confess his adultrie with Jonet Campbell, as of befoir, and his disobedience to the sessioun and discipline, for the quhilk he wes excommunicat be Mr. Dauid Blak, sumtyme minister of this congregation; and humbly craves mercie of God, and submittis him self in the will of the session; quhome thai ordane to compeir to resave his injunctiones to repentans this day aucht dayis.

The vicar as thesaurar is ordinit to gif Robert Mvdy four Nb., in compleit pament of his fee bygne, for instructing of the puir bairnis in the hospitall.

Mercurii, xj Aprilis, 1599.

The quhilk day, James Month, portionar of Strakynnes, being accusit for stubborn ansueris gevin to the magistratis on the communion day, wes admonist to behave him self better in tyme cuming.

The quhilk day, William Norie, for trubling the towne on the Saboth day, is ordinit to mak repentance. Patrik Arthour, for playing and casting the hammer on the Saboth day, to mak repentans Sunday nixt.

The quhilk day, Elspott Wallis being callit comperit, and being accusit confess hir to be with bairn to William Storor wricht, quhilk the said William also confess. And thai ar ordinit to be imprissoned, and thaireftir to mak thair repentance; and ilk ane of thame to pay xls. to the puir.

The quhilk day, Jhone Kay and Jonet Blak callit comperit, and being accusit confess fornication to gidder. They ar committit [to]\(^1\) prisoun, and thaireftir to mak thair repentance.

\(^1\) Omitted.
The quhilk day, Beatrix Wod, servand to Mr. Dauid Methuen, callit comperit, and being accusit confess fornication with Gilbert Robertson notar, and that the bairn in hir womb wes gottin be him in the clerkis chalmer. She is committit to pressoun, and he to be warnit, and also the said Beatrix to pay xls. to the pure.

The quhilk day, Henry Moreis, adulterar with Jonet Campbell, is ordinit to enter to his repentance Sunday nixt, and to stand in the porche dur with sackclothe, bear futtit and baire heiddit, betuix the secund bell till the text be red, and then to sit on the penitent stule; and as furth ilk Saboth till the kirk be satisfeit: quhill\(^1\) he willinglie promittis to do, beseiking God to grant him mercy for his heynous and filthie lyiff.

*Mercurii, xviij\(^{o}\) Aprilis, 1599.*

The quhilk day, Archibald Russell, presenting him self to be contractit, and being ignorant of the Ten Commandis, is ordanit to pay xls. to the pure, and to learn thame befoir he be mareit.

The quhilk day, Gilbert Robertsoun notar publicit, servand to Johne Arnott commissar clerk, being callit comperit, and confess fornication with Beatrix Wod; and offeris him reddie to obey the will of the sessiou. He is ordanit to begin his repentance this day aucth dayis, and to pay iiiij. to the pure, quhill he willinglie did.

The quhilk day, comperit Mr. Johne Winham, and, being accusit for intertyneing and halding of Agnes Greg in his hous with him self, sche haveing laitlie procreat ane bairn to him in fornicatioun, quhill is maist sclanderous and suspitious, and thairby hes contravenit the Act maid aganis him thairament of befoir, he confest the said Act, but deniyt the sclander. The sessiou ordanis him to compeir to heir the samin provin aganis him, quhen he salbe warnit thairto.

The quhilk day, Androw Bartane and Elspot Watsoun being callit and accusit for carnall copulatioun togidder, as thai had confest of befoir to Stephan Philp and Androw Diksoun, [the

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\(^1\) *Quhill* in ms.
sessioun] ordanis thame to mak humiliatioun befoir thair mairiage, and to pay x l. s. to the pure.

Sunday, the xxij of Aprile, 1599.

The quhilk day the bretheren hes nominat and chosin Robert Williamsoun collectour to the puir contributioun for ane yeir to cum.

The quhilk day, the bretheren, finding the syn of fornication and huredum grytlie to ineres in this citie and congregeation, ordanit the haill sessioun to be warnit, that sum gude ordour may be takin and sett doun for remeid thairof, to eftir the preching eftir nune; and being convenit they all requestit the magistratis to put the Act of Parliament maid aganis fornicatouris to executioun; and that ilk fornicatour suld pay at leist iiiij lb. in part of pament thaiof, utherwayis nocht to be relevit of imprissonment, and sa proporitionalie to multiplie the samin according to thair factis.

Wednesdays, the xxv of Aprile, 1599.

The quhilk day, Mr. John Winhame, being summond to comeir and to heir witnes resavit for preving of the sclander dilatit aganis him, as relaps in fornication with Agnes Greg, compleit nocht. The bretheren resavit Jhone Wemis of Craigtoun, James Thomsoun tailyour, Thomas Diksoun and Andrew Ferry, witnes, suorn and admittit; quha being examinat deponit as the proces bears; and ordinit the said Mr. John to be warnit to this day viij dayis, to heir decreit pronunciit aganis him.

The quhilk day, Ninian Mauchane, Malcolm Millar, Thomas Andersoun, Androw Chaplane kard, and Adame Broun, for vagand in tyme of sermone on the Sabath day, ar ordinit be the magistratis to be wardit thrie hours; and, if thai be fund in that faut heireftir, to be censurit and punished with all rigour.

1 Omitted.
2 At leist is repeated after thaiof.
3 A gipsy, travelling tinker, or sturdy beggar.
Dauid Peblis, pur and onhabill to wirk, to get xxx d. oukly for his support.

The quhilk day, Jonet Smyth being callit comperit, and confess fornication, and to be with bairn to Jhone Dewar in Denheid. She is committit to pressoun, and to begin hir repentance this day viij dayis; and the said Johne to be warnit to the said day.

Gilbert Robertson, fornicatour with Beatrix Wod, and Elspot Wallis, fornicatrix with William Storour, wer resavit on Sunday last.

Secundo Maii, 1599.

The quhilk [day],\textsuperscript{1} Jhone Dewar\textsuperscript{2} in Denheid callit comperit, and being accusit confess fornication with Jonet Smyth. He is committit to pressoun.

The quhilk day, Mr. Robert Zule, as present thesaurar to the pure, is ordinitt to pay viij li. vj s. viij d. to Androw Watsoun mercheand, deburrit be him to the pur of befoir.

The quhilk day, the brethren, eftir tryell of the sclander dilatit aganis Mr. Johne Winrham be the proces led thair- anent, finds the samyn provin; and that he hes contravenit the Act maid with his awin consent, in hanting and keiping of Agnes Greg in his houes in suspitious maner, she being his harlot, and nocht sensyne removit fra his societie; and thairfoir ordinis him to be heir this day aucht dayis, to resave his injunctiones to that effect, for making of repentance; quhilk Act wes maid the xxvj of April 1598. The said Mr. Johne comperand appealit fra thair decreit to the Presbiterie, befoir quhome he wes chargeit to compeir the nixt ordinar Presbiterie day.\textsuperscript{3}

\textsuperscript{1} Omitted.
\textsuperscript{2} Interlined over Smyth deleted.
\textsuperscript{3} \textsuperscript{1} Mai 17, [1599.] . . . Ordanis the sessioun of St. Androis to produce thair proces aganis Mr. Johne Vynrane the nixt Thursdays (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery). \textsuperscript{2} Mai 24, . . . the proces of the sessioun of St. Androis aganis Mr. Johne Vynram being producit and found laufull, the Presbiterie ordanis the said Mr. Johne to satise the sessioun (ibid.). This culprit was the second son of Mr. Robert Wynrham of Ratho (Register of Great Seal, vol. v. Nos. 462, 1159, 3073).
Sunday, the vj of Maii, 1599.

The quhilk day, Jonet Smyth, fornicatrix with Johne Smyth and Cuik Dewar, and Androw Cuik, war resavit and absolvit. The quhilk day, James Broun coupar and Alexander Zoungis Decret Broun. wyff, he for being vagand on the Saboth in tyme of preching, and she for selling of aill on Sunday the tyme of preching, [are ordanit]¹ to mak humiliatioune Sunday nixt.

The quhilk day, Mr. George Sibbald, being callit to answar to the complaint of Marion Watsoun aganis him, for upbring- ing of his bairn born be hir in fornication to him, comperit, and allegeit the session nocht to be judges competent in that mater, bot aucht to be remittit to the civile magistrat. The bretheren, haveing considderit the said complant, and that the said Marion socht na pecuniall sowme nor dett, bot that he suld be urgeit to perform the vow maid be him in presenting his bairn to baptizme, for upbringing of the samin in the feir of God, findis thame selfis judges thairanent; and ordinit the said Mr. George to tak his said bairn, and to bring up the samin as he hes alredie vowed and promist; and that primo quoque tempore, under the pane of publik censures.

Wednesdai, the ix of Maii, [160—deleted] 1599.

The quhilk day, it is ordinit that na inhabitant of this citie sall resave any cariage nor leidis, inbrootch upon the Saboth day, quhill the baillie of thair quarter be advertesit be the resaver thairof, that the inbringar may be punish civile and be the kirk also; and if the baillie of the quarter be nocht advertesit be the resaver, as said is, he to be punished as is said of the inbringar; and this to intimat Sunday nixt.

Friday, the xj of Maii, 1599.

The quhilk day, Dauid Esplene being callit comperit, and being accusit confess the injurious wordis gevin be him to Johne Welwod; and for his fault submititis him self to disciplene, and hes cravit the said Jhone forgivenes.

Omitted.
The quhilk day, comperit William Staig baxter and his wyiff, and being accusit confess their ungodlie behaviour to utheris; and thairfoir ar becum actitat that if thai be fund in the lyik fault heireftir, or trubilsum to thair neychtbouris, that thai salbe punished thairfoir in hiest measure.

The quhilk day, Johne Smyth elder being accusit for striking of his wyiff and bairnis in sclanderous maner, it being verifeit aganis [him, the session]^{1} ordanis the formar actis maid aganis him thairanent to be luikit out, and put to executioun aganis him.

The quhilk day, Jonet Kenlowie, spous to William Duncanson baxter, is ordinit to crave God and hir spous and the session forgivenes, for hir evill tung, and flytting with hir neychtbouris; and to pay xx s. to the pure; and is becum actit, that if she be fund in the lyik fault heireftir, to mak publik repentence with civill amendement as efferis.

Sunday, the xiiij of Maii, 1599.

Wod absolvit. Beatrix Wod, fornicatrix with Gilbert Robertsoun, and Alexander Yonges wyif, for selling of all on the Saboth day in tyme of sermones, war resavit and absolvit.

Wedinsday, the xvij of Maii, 1599.

Jhone Balfour in Ladedie, presenting him self to be contractit and being fund ignorant of the Ten Commandis, is ordinit to pay xx s. to the pure, and to learn thame befoir his marriage.

The quhilk day, Margaret Tailzour comperit and being accusit confess hir to be with bairn to William [Smyth], quhilk he also confess. They ar baith committit to pressoun.

Helene Read, in John Carstaris quarter, being pure and seik, is ordinit to resave iiiij s. ouklie for hir support.

Wedinsday, the xxijij of Maii, 1599.

The quhilk day, comperit Dauid Guidlaid and Jsobell

^{1} Omitted.
Dangzell, and being accusit confess fornicatioun to giddar, and submitit thame selfis in the will of the session ; he satisfie their penalitie, and to begin their repentance this day viij dayis.

The quhilk day, Margaret Murray and Elspot Millar blechearis comperit, and, being accusit for wirkirg thair claiith on the Saboth day, confess the samin, and ar admonist to desist in tyme cuming.

Sunday, the xxvij of Maii, [16—deleted] 1599.

The quhilk day, Henrie Moreis in Strakynnes, in respect of Moreis absolvit, his repentance and satisfeing disciplene, wes resavit and absolvit fra the proces of excommunication intendit aganis him.\(^1\)

The magistratis ar desyrit to execute the Act of Parliament Aset Margret Tailzour, formicatrix with William Smyth.

The quhilk day, comperit Archibald Wemis and Elspot Lowson, and being accusit confess fornication to giddar. They ar ordinit to satisfie the civil penaltie, viz., ilk ane of thame four lth. in compositioun thairof, and to begin their repentance on Wednesday.

The quhilk day, Alexander Winchister, son to David Murray, comperit and confess fornication with Katherene Murray. He is ordanit to satisfie iiij lth. for his penaltie, and to begin his repentance Wednesdays nixt. Comperit the said Katheren and confess the samin, and is committit to pressoun.

Wednesday, the penult of Maii, 1599.

The quhilk day, anent the appellation maid be Mr. John Winhrame to the Presbiterie, quha haveing considirit the samin, the said Mr. John wes remittit to the session ; quha, as of befoir, ordinis him as relaps in fornicatioun to mak repentance, and to separat him fra the societie of Agnes Greg his

\(^1\) On the 17th of May 1599, the Presbytery ‘ordanis the ministeris of St. Androis to absolve Henrie Moreis fra the sentence of excommunication, and thairefter [he] to satisfie for his adulterie’ (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery).
harlot, undir the pane of excommunicatioun, within xxiiiij houres. The said Mr. John present allegeit he suld nocht obey the said sentence, seing he is bot anes convict for fornication in deid. Seing this question is rair, the samin to be advysit with the Presbitery, and the said Mr. Johne ressonis to purge him self of relaps, the harlot abyding in his hous and hanting his cumpanye. He is ordanit to compeir on Friday, and resave ane answer.\(^1\)

The quhilk day, the bretheren being informit that thair hes bene yeirly upon Trinitie Sondae, in Raderny, ane evill custome of pyping dancing drinking and misordour, for repressing quhairoef it is ordanit that Robert Nairn pas upon the samin day to Raderny, and command the fewaris thairoef, in the name of God and sessiou, that thai suffer nocht the lyik ryot and prophanation of the Saboth to be usit, bot that thai stay the samin, with certification if thai do in the contrar they salbe punished thairfoir.

\[\text{Sunday, the 3 of Junii, 1599.}\]

The quhilk day Johne Dewar and William Smyth war resavit and absolvit this day fra the penitent stule as fornicatouris.

The quhilk day, comperit Dauid Guidlaed and confess his misbehaviour towards Mr. William Russell baillie, and thairfoir submittit him self in the will of the sessiou; quha ordinit him to crave the said Mr. William forgivenes, quhilk he presentlie did, and is to be absolvit fra his fornication upon Sunday nixt.

\[\text{Wednesdai, the sext of Junii, 1599.}\]

Comperit Mr. Dauid Ruthirfurde, quha, being accusit for

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\(^1\) "\text{Maii ultimo [1599]. . . Anent ane questioun proponit be the ministerie of Sanctandrois, in quhat maneir Mr. Johne Vynrame—convict for breking of ane Act of the sessiou maid against him, forbidding him to haif suspicios company with Agnes Greig, with certificatioun, gif he did, it suld be haldin as relapse fornicatioun (quhairin he is convict as the proces product be the said sessiou beiris)—suld satisfie ; viz., gif all the dayis that uther relapse dois, quha ar convict aut per confessionem aut probationem facti: the Presbyterie answeris that the said Mr. Johne sall satisfie ane Sabboth day in the commoun place of repentance, for disobedience to God and the kirk, and giving just occasioun of sclander and offence}" (\text{Register of St. Andrews Presbytery}).
hanting the company of Mr. Patrik Lindeay, Mr. Patrik and William Arthures, excommunicat personis, confess the same; but he had liberty granit to that effect be the session, for doing his lesum bissines. He is ordit to abstene thairfra heirefter, and to hant with none of thame in ony publik place, quhill thai be relaxt, and that undir the pane contenit in the Act of the Generall Assemblie maid thairanent.

Comperit Margaret Carstaris and Bessie Cristell, and being accusit confess thair dansing and ryot on the last Saboth; and thairfoir [the session] ordanis thame to mak repentance Son-
day nixt before the pulpeit.

Jhone Kincaid and Marion Jarves in Raderny being accusit for dansing on the Saboth day, they promittit to abstene thairfra heirefit, and specialie on Trinity Sonday.

The quhill day, Dauid Wemis in Raderny, being callit and accusit for braking the Act of sessioun in allowing the dansing drinking and ryot usit in the towne of Raderny on Trinitie Sunday last, assuirit that custoume wes keipit in Raderny or ony in the session wes borne, and albeit the session had send sum of thair number for staying thairof to Raderny, yit had he and his companye bene als mony and als habill, they suld have gottin a meettine, and that he wes nocht in the kirk that day, rather saw that dansing evir stayit befoir. He is ordit to be imprissoned in the stipul, till he find cautious to com-
peir on Sunday and mak repentance for his fault.

The haill fowaris of Raderny to be warnit to Wednsday nixt, and that nane in the boundis of Raderny get ony benefit in this kirk, except the offendaris satisfie the kirk.

The session ordinis the minister and vicar to pas to James Hay and the Laird of Nauchten, and admoineis thame that thai and thair famileeis resort to this kirk as thair ordinar kirk.

Sonday, the tent of Junii, 1599.

Dauid Guildlaid, for his fornicatioun, and Mr. John Win-
hame, as relaps in fornicatioun, Margaret Carstaris and Bessie absolvit.

Cristell, for prophaning of the Saboth day, war all resavit and absolvit.

\[1\] Jarves in ms. \[2\] Omitted.
Wednesdays, the xiiij of Junii, 1599.

The qhillik day, Dauid Wemis, colyear in Raderny, being callit comperit, and confess his fault in dansing and profana\-tion of the Saboth day and his allowing thairof; and submittis him self in the will of the session. He is ordanit to mak repentance Sunday nixt befoir the pulpeit; and is becum bund with his awin consent, that if he be fund with the lyik fault heireftir, to pay ten lib. to the pur.

Bessie Lundy, spous to Androw Beverige, upon hir supplicatioun is ordinit to gett xx s. for hir support.

The qhillik day comperit Jhone Kay and confess fornication with Jone Blak. He is committit to pressoun and she to bewarnit.

The qhillik day, Mr. James Wemis, fear of Lathoker, and Helene Wod, lauchfull dochter of unquhile James Wod of Lambelathem, ar contractit in mariage to gidder.

Sunday, the xvj of Junii, 1599.

The qhillik day, William Storie, Elspot Lowsoun, and Jsobell Dangzell, fornicatouris, and Dauid Wemis in Raderny, for prophanatioun of the Saboth day, war resavit and absolvit.

Wednesdays, the xx of Junii, 1599.

The qhillik day, Jhon Lermouth smyth callit comperit, and being accusit confess he wrocht in his buith this day in tyme of preaching, and submittis him self thairfoir to the will of the session, and promittis nevir to do the lyik heirefter, bot sall keip the kirk better heirefter, bayth on the wark and Saboth dayis. He wes admonist sa to do with certificatiouin.

The qhillik day, James Craig, servand to Alexander Ferry tailyour, being callit confess his wirkint this day in tyme of preaching, bot at his maisteris command. And the said Alexander present confess the samin, and that upon necessitie; and the said Alexander becumis bund of his awin consent to pay xl s. to the pure, if he or ony of his servandis be fund with the lyik fault heireftir, ather on the wark or Saboth dayis. And
the said James Craig for his fault is ordinit to mak humiliation Sunday nixt.

Comperit George Wilsoun in Raderny, and is bund to anser Wilson actit. for him self and his familie and cottaris, for keiping the kirk on the Saboth day.

William Dais smyth being callit comperit, and confest his Dais smyth actit. wairking this day the tyme of preching, and is becum bund to pay xls. to the pure, if evir he or his servandis be fund in the lyik fault heireftir.

Jhone Carstaris maltman is nominat and choisn thesaurar to Thesaurar choisn. the puir for ane quarter of a yeir nixttocum.

Helene Fairfoyle comperit, and confest she keipit cumpany with James Ottershank and sauld aill to him, upon Sunday was auccht dayis in tyme of preaching, and thairfoir is ordinit to mak humiliation upon Sunday nixt.

Wednesday, the xxvij of Junii, 1599.

The quhilk day, Jhon Kar comperit, and confest his trave- ling on the Saboth day with his pak, and thairfoir is ordanit to pay xld. to the puir, and to mak humiliation Sunday nixt, and if he be fund in the lyik fault to be punished to the rigour.

The quhilk day, William Saith tailyour being callit com- perit, and confest his fault in wairking on the wark days in tymes of preching, and submitts him self thairfoir to the bretheren, with promeis that he sall nevir committ the lyik fault. He is admonist that if he be sa fund to pay xls. to the pure.

The quhilk day, comperit Johne Kendlowye, and being accusit confest fornicatioun with Helene Jamesoun, and hes offerit iiiij h. for his penalty. He is ordanit to begin his re- pentance Wednadsay nixt.

The quhilk day, James Ottirshank being callit comperit, and confest that he had brokin the Saboth day, in drinking with Helene Fairfoyle the hail tyne of preaching; and thairfoir is decernit to mak humiliation upon Sunday nixt, and to pay vjs. viij d. to the pure; and that it be intimat to him that this punishment salbe without prejudice of grytter to be inflictit
upon thame, if fornication be triyit betuix thame; and is
admonist to desist fra hir cumpany; and if he resort to hir
heirefter, the samyn fornication salbe haldin pro confesso.

The quhilk day, the bretheren, upon certane gude considera-
tions, hes appointit ane fast to be celebrat during the haill
Saboth dayis, in the monethis of Julii and August nixt, and
the samyn to begin upon Sattirday nixt with preaching and
fasting eftir nune.

Comperit John Balfour in Ladeddie, and being accusit con-
fest fornicatioun with his wyff befoir thair mariage, and thair-
foir is ordanit to mak humiliation Sonday nixt, and to pay xx s.
to the pur.

William Ednam, being hurt in his bodie, is appointit to re-
save support according to his present necessitie, be the tryell
of the vicar, John Myles and Walter Todrik; and William
Watson is desyr to continew in curing of him, for the quhilk
he salbe satisfeight.

Wednesaday, the fourt of Julii, 1599.

The quhilk day, Besse Perth, for prophaning of the Saboth
day, is ordinit to mak humiliation Sunday nixt, and to be
admonist thairfoir, &c.

The quhilk day, Jhone Bouy cuik, for his oft violating of
the Saboth day, and uther enormiteis committit be him, is
ordinit to be declarit, out of pulpeit Sunday nixt, ane person
nocht worthie of Christian societie.

Margaret Fowillis to receave i j s. ouklie, and Margret
Williamson to have tua s. ouklie of augmentatioun during hir
seiknes.

James Ottershank and Jhone Kar chepman war resavit on
Sunday last wes ¹ for fornication committit be the said James
with Helene Jak.

Sunday, the viij of Julii, 1599.

The quhilk day, Helene Fairfoule and Bessie Perthe, for

¹ The remainder has been added. Kar’s offence was travelling on Sabbath.
violating the Saboth day, and Jhone Kay, for fornicatioun, war resavit and absolvit upon Sunday last wes.

Wednesday, the xj day of Julii, 1599.

The quhilk day, Henry Jafra, Jhone Blak, and Henry Scott, in Raderny, present, ar admonist that thai and their famileis keip the kirk better on the Saboth day, nor thai war wont to do, and specialie the Trinitie Sonday, quhilk day they war in use to abuse in dansing and drinking; quha hes promeist nevir to suffer the lyik abuse to be committit be thame selfis, nor na utheris quhome thai may lat.1

Item, becaus thair is ane gryt number of the inhabitantis of this citie, quha hes willingly offerit contribution to the pur, and ane great number quha hes nocht offerit the samuin, thair-foir it is thocht expedient that Mr. George Gladstanes, the vicar, and Mr. William Cok, or ony tua of thame, desyre the magistrattis in judgement to nominat and chuse stentouris upon thame quha hes nocht offerit; and that intimation be maid this nixt Saboth day, that thai quha hes offerit and nocht payit may cum on Moninday, at the ringing of the bell, and delvery the samuin to the thesaurar.

The quhilk day, the bretheren appointis and commandis Robert Nairn to hauuld the bairnes and utheris fra the kirk durris and kirk yard, upon the Saboth dayis, in tyme of divyne service.

Wednesday, the xviiij of Julii, 1599.

The quhilk day, the sessioun appointis Mr. Dauid Lindesay, Mr. William Cok and George Nairn, or ony tua of thame, to pas upon Friday to the magistratis, and desyir thame to sett stentouris upon thame quha hes nocht offerit willingly to the pure thair contributioun.

Wednesday, the xxv of Julii, 1599.

The quhilk day Gelis Smyth, adultrix with James Shivez, is Smyth adultrix.

1 Hinder.
ordinit to begin hir repentance in sackcloth upon Sunday nixt, and to continew thairin quhill the kirk be satisfet.

**Wednesday, the first day of August, 1599.**

The quhilk day, Dauid Broun in Coupar being chargeit to compeir this day be Mr. Adame Michell minister, to answere for his sclander in shedding of William Ednam his blude, comperit James Philp; and declarit that the said Dauid wald compeir this day aucth dayis, if the sessioun wald request the magistratis that he mycht return without trubill or warding. The magistratis being present promittit that he sall have *tutum accessum et recessum.*

**Wednesday, the viij of August, 1599.**

The quhilk day, Jhon Gray Smyth, Patrik Arthur baxter, and William Geddie, being accusit for hanting and drinking with William Arthur, being excommunicat; the said Jhon denyit the samin, and the rest confest the samin, and hes promeel nocht to do the lyik heireftir, without licence grantit to that effect be minister or sessioun.

The quhilk day, comperit Dauid Gilruith, and confest the shedding of Jhon Readis blude, in braking of his face. He is ordanit thairfoir to mak repentance upon Sunday nixt, and to sit upon ane stule befoir the pulpeit in tyne of preaching befoir nune, and to crave God and the congregation forgive-nes.

**Wednesday, the xv of August, 1599.**

The quhilk day, Robert Hammiltoun, son to Patrik Hammiltoun, callit comperit, and being accusit for minassing and hosting of Walter Todrik, being ane deacon of this kirk, confest the samin, and submittis him self to the will of the session, quha ordinit him to crave the said Walter in speciall and the haill sessioun forgivenes, quhilk he humblie presentely did.

The quhilk day, comperit Jonet Shiphird in Raderny and confest adultrie with Johne Coupar in Lalhalland ¹ haveand

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¹ *Sir.*  
² *Bruce in ms.*
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Jonet Bruce his wyiff onlyve, be procreatioun of ane bairn. She is ordinat to compeir befoir the Presbytery the morn to resave hir injunctiones to repentance.¹

Wednesday, the xxij of August, 1599.

The quhilck day—in the caus of injures persewit be Jhone Citiatio
Kinkell, Anstruthir.
spos, aganis Alexander Monipenny of Kinkell, in terme statut
to preif thair bill producit—befoir forder proces Jhon Roule,
procurator for the persewaris, desyrit the defendaris declaration
to be tane thairintill; and, becaus he allegis him noct habill
to travell, [the sessioun]² ordinis the vicar, Mr. William Wemis,
and Patrik Mwffatt, to resave his declaration thairupon.

The quhilck day, the officiar of this sessioun is ordinat to pas Act anent the
ilk Thursiday eftir the sessioun to the clerk, and require fra
him ane minut of all thingis referrit to the nixt sessioun day,
bayth to the magistratis, and citatioun, that the samin may
be execute in dew tyme; with certification, to the officiar if he
omit the samin, and to the clerk if he refuis to obey being sua
requyrit, that the disobeyar sall be deposit fra his office.

Wednesday, the xxix of August, 1599.

The quhilck day comperit Dauid Winchister son to Alex-

¹ 'August 16, 1599. . . . Comperit Jonet Schippard and confessit adulterie
with Johne Cowper, servand to the Laird of Lathalland, within the parroche of
kilconquhar, offering hir self in the will of the Kirk for hir offence, and desyriyng
baptisme to hir bairn in respect of his weaknesses. The Presbytery ordainis the minis-
teris of Sanctandrois, upon hir offer and interes [i.e. entry] to repentance with
cautious fund for continevance thairin, to baptize the bairn; and Mr. Alexander
Forsyth to adverteis Mr. Johne Ruthifruird to summon the said Johne Couper
to compeir befoir the session of St. Androis thair first ordinair day' (Register of
St. Andrews Presbytery). 'August 30, 1599. . . . Maister Johne Ruthifruird
reportis Johne Cowper, servand to the Laird of Lathalland, refuisis to obey
him in reparis to the session of St. Androis, according to the ordinance of the
Presbyterie. He is ordainit to proced againis him with publik admonition pro
primo' (Ibid.). 'September vj. 1599. . . . The quhilck day comperit Johne
Cowper, servand to the Laird of Lathalland, and confessit adultrie committit be
him with Jonet Schippird, quha, being hevelie rebuikit for his formar disobedi-
ence, wes chargeit apud acta be the moderatour to compeir befoir the sessioun of
St. Androis thair nixt ordinair day, quhilck he promeist to obey' (Ibid.).

² Omitted.
ander Winchester and confess fornicatioun with Marioun Stevinsoun. He warnit *apud acta*, and she to be warnit to be heir this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Patrik Guthrie, George Nairn and Johne Carstaris, ar nominat to aggrie with William Watsoun chirurgian, for curing of William Ednam of the hurt he hes resavit of Dauid Broun in Coupar, and to report their diligence thairin.

Sunday, the secund of September, 1599.

The quhilk day, Jhon Shives, sumtyme portionar of Byrehillis, callit comperit and being accusit of scelander with Jonet Moreis, spouse to Robert Allane, dilatit be brut of thair neychbours in the Burn Wynd, and partly knawin to the said Robert, quha saw him kis his said spouse and reprehendit thame thairfoir, quhilk the said Jonet confess; and thairfoir thai war admonist nocht to commit the lyik heirefirt, and to abstene fra utheris societie; with certificatioun, thair hanting to gidder being tryed they salbe haldin as adulteraris, and punished accordinglie.

Wednesdy, the fyft of September, 1599.

The bretheren, being advysit with the proces perswit be the Laird of Anstruthir and his Lady aganis the Laird of Kinkell, [finds him]¹ worthie of censuring; and thairfoir ordinis him to be warnit to hier deceit pronuncit thairin upon Wednesdy nixt, with certificatioun, &c.

The quhilk day, the haill difficulteis resultand aganis the mariage of James Carstaris with Cristen Zule being resolvit, they ar contractit togidder; and all thingis betuix Alexander Carstaris his uncle and him is summittit to freindis *hinc inde*.

Comperit Marioun Stevinsoun and confess fornication with Dauid Winchester. They ar bayth committit to pressoun quhill thai satisfie conform to the ordour.

Wednesday, the xij of September, 1599.

The quhilk day, Jhone Kendlowy callit comperit and confess

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¹ Omitted.
fornicatioun with Helene Jamesoun, and hes payit iiiij fl. for
his civil penaltie, and is ordinit to begin his repentance this
day aucht dayis, and the said Helene to be warnit literallie.
The qhilk day Alexander Monipenny of Kinkell being
callit comperit nocht. It is fund manifest be his awin con-
fession, subs cryvit with his hand, that he hes offendit the
Laird of Anstruther and his Lady as thair bill beares; and
thairfoir ordinis the said Alexander to crave God mercie
upon Sunday nixt befoir the pulpeit, and to crave the pairty
forgivenes in that place quhair thai war offendit, viz., on the
hie streit of St. Androis.
Comperit Alexander Winchister and payit four fl. for his
sones penaltie, desyryng the magistratis to punishe him accor-
ding to the ordour of fornicatouris.
The qhilk day, comperit Bessie Watsoun and confess hir
fornicatioun with Mr. Johne Elphingistoun, and that thair is
promise of marriag maid be thame hinc inde.

Sunday, the xvj of September, 1599.
The qhilk day, comperit Jso bell Davidsoun, fornicatrix with
unquhile James Martyne of Lathones, and as she hes nocht
maid repentance thairfoir, as she confess, she is ordinit to
begin hir repentance upon Wednsday nixt, and hes offerit v fl.
vj s. viij d. to the pur.
The qhilk day, comperit Jhone Coupar in Lathalland and
confest his adultrie with Jonet Shipird, and becaus of the
harvest he is remittit for the space of ane moneth, and hes
offerit ten merk to the pure; Mr. William Wemis is caution
for pament thairof, and for his returning to repentance.

Wedinsday, the xix of September, 1599.
The qhilk day, anent the supplication producit be Mr.
Dauid Ruthirfurde, in name of his kynnismen the Arthouris
and Mr. Patrik Lindesay, excommunicat personis, desyryng
that thai may have acces to the heiring of Godis Word

1 That in ms.
preachit, the sessioun adheris thairto provyding that the party and towne may be kepit skaithles in thair resorting to the kirk. To advyse thairwith in the Presbitery the morn. ¹

The quhilk day Mr. William Russell and Mr. William Wemis ar nominat and chosin commissionaris to the Synodall Assemblie now approcheing.

Sunday, the xxij of September, 1599.

The quhilk day, Jsobell Davidsoun, fornicatrix with unwhile James Martyne of Lathones, [and]² Jhone Kenlowie, fornicatorour, resavit and absolvit this day.

The quhilk day, the sessioun haveing lited ane number of honest men of this citie to be chosin elderis and deacones in this congregatioun for the yeir to cum, thair names ar ordinit to be red out of pulpeit upon Wednesday nixt, that the electioun may proced upon Friday nixt; and all person or personis that hes any thing to object aganis ather of thame to be summond to compeir the said day of electioun to that effect; with certification, if nane compeir, that na objectioun will be resavit eftir the election.

The bretheren upon guid considerationis hes ordinit ane fast to be celebrat this day aucth dayis, and the samyn to be intimat upon Wednesdy nixt out of pulpeit in tym of preaching.

¹ 'September 20, 1599... Ane supplication gevin in be Mr. Hew Lindesay, in name of William, Henry, and Mr. Patrik Arthuris, and Mr. Patrik Lindesay his brother, desyryng the Presbiterie, in respect the hail mther betui thame and thair adversaris wes submitit to freindis and thair tuitieh in conscience for thair synne, that thair micht have acces to the hering of the Word, that sua thai micht cum to ane forder sicht of thair syn and repentance for the same, till it suld pleis God move the Presbiterie to relax thame fra the sentence of excommunicatioun undir the quhilke they lye. The Presbiterie anseruir, first, it is na ways expedient that thae cum to the hering of the Word, and nixt, that thair bill declaris as yit thair ar noch tuitieh in conscience for thair syn, bot rather travellis to extenuat the same, and thairfor ordanis Mrs. Robert Wilky, George Gladstanis, William Marche, Dauid Mernis and George Nairn, to travell with the saidis personis excommunicat that thai may be driven to repentance' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery).

² Omitted.
Friday, the xxiij of September, 1599.

The quhilk day, eftir incalling upon the name of God, all persons, having interest to object any thing againis any of the brethren lited to be elders and deacons, being thrise callit at the kirk dur to compeer, as thai war chargeit to this day upon Wednesday last, and lauffull tyme of day biddin, nane comperit to the effect foirsaid; and thairfoir the personis following war choosein.

Mr. George Gladstanis minister, Mr. Davuid Lindesay minister.¹

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¹ On the preceding 3d of May, 'Mr. Andro Melwill, Provost of the New College, gave in ane complaint, tuiching ane calumnie rasit be sum of the citizens of St. Androis againis him, that he, in the absence of Mr. George Gladstones, did haik convcnticles with Mr. Davuid Lyndesay, deiling with him to mak disvoir in the said cite of St. Androis. The said Mr. Davuid, being demandit thairof, ansuerit, befoir God and in presence of the haill Presbytery, that he knew never of sic thing' *(Register of St. Andrews Presbytery).*

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The saidis personis being electit, they war all chargeit to compair upon Sunday nixt, and to sit to giddar in their accustumat places tyme of preaching befoir nune, that thai may solemnly accept the saidis offices upon thame, and mak promises of faithfull discharge thairof according to their habilitie.

The quhilk day, it is thocht expedient be the brethren, for their better discharge of their offices, alseuell in ower seing the maneris of the pepill and visiting of the seik, as in distributing of the almois to the puir, that thair be a divisionoun set down of this citie in nyntene severall quarteris, that ilk elder and deacon may have thair particular quarter alloted to thame, quhilk is divydit as followes.

1. Beginand at the port of the Eist Burn Wynd on the west syid, and up to the West Burn Wynd: elder Dauid Every, deacon George Nairn youngar.
2. Fra the West Burn Wynd to the Blak Freiris exclusive: elder Stephan Philp, deacon Androw Millar.
3. Fra the Blak Freiris to the Port: elder Thomas Dikson, deacon John Carstaris.
4. Fra the Port out and in throught Northgall to Henry Smithis hous: elder Mr. William Cok, deacon Dauid Dickson.
6. Fra Logyis Wynd including the Kirk Wynd and New Clois to Mr. William Wemis hous: elder Mr. William Wemis, deacon John Levingstoun.
7. Fra that to Dauid Winchisteris hous including the Baikhous Wynd: elder Dauid Winchister, deacon Walter Gibsoun.
10. Fra the Mercatgait Port on the north syid to the College Wynd: elder James Leiche, deacon Dauid Tailzour.
11. Fra the College Wynd to the Hukstar Wynd: elder Mr. William Russell, deacon George Lummisden.
12. Fra the Hukstar Wynd on the south syid west to the
Kirk Wynd: elder Mr. Dauid Russell, deacon Martine Lum-misdene.

Fra the Kirk Wynd to the Port: elder Andro Watson, 13 deacon John Myrtoun.

Fra the North Gait Port on the north syid to Pilrigis hous 14 inclusive: elder Jhone Arnott, deacon Jhone Greg.

Fra Pilrigis hous to Dauid Lentonis hous: elder Thomas 15 Lenton elder, deacon Jhone Myles.

Fra Dauid Lentonis hous doun and up the Fishergait to 16 Dauid Watsonis hous: elder Androw Forrett, deacon Andro Carnwath.

Fra Alexander Davidsonis doun the Hukistar Wynd to 17 Thomas Balfoures, and up the uther syid to James Porterfeildis: elder Dauid Watsoun, deacon Nicoll Mayne.

Fra James Porterfeildis to the College Wynd exclusive: 18 elder George Nairn elder, deacon Robert Williamsoun.

Fra the College Wynd inclusive to the Port: elder Androw 19 Welwod, deacon Androw Gulen.

Sunday, the last of September, 1599.

The quhilk day, the elderis and deacones foirsaidis, being Elderis and deaconis resavit. solemnly convenit in the kirk and place appointed, war all admonished and informit of the burding of their offices, quha all, being resavit, maid promeis be uphalding of their handis to discharge the samin according to their habilitie.

Tertio Octobris, 1599.

The quhilk day, Mr. Jhone Elphingistoun, son naturall to Confessio Elphingistoun, James Elphingistoun of Jnuerdovat, and Besse Watsoun, relict of unquhile Jhone Lummisden flesher, being callit comperit, and being accusit of fornication confess the samin; and the said Bessie havezeng alleget he hes maid hir promeis of mariage, and he, being accusit thairof, denyi the samin simpliciter. They ar ordinit to mak their repentance. He hes offerit ten merkis, and the said Besse sex merkis to the puri.

The quhilk day, Dauid Gilcryst tailyour, being convict be Decret contrar Gilcryst. ane assyis for striking of Thomas Monipenny tailyour, is
ordinit for the satisfaction of the kirk to mak repentance Son-
day nixt.

The quhilk day, compert Bessie Gilcryst and being accusit
confest adultrie with Jhone Qhiittet in Dundie, he haveand
Isobell Blak to wyf. He to be warnit and she is warnit apud
acta to the nixt Wednesday.

The quhilk day George Lummisden is electit thesaurar to
the pure for ane quarter yeir space to cum.

To mak intimation upon Sunday nixt that nane sall resave
the communioun approcheing bot sic as payis thair contribu-
tion to the puir.

It is ordanit that Androw and Jhone Dauidsones, sones to
unquhile George Dauidson, William Furde, son to Margret
Wentoun, Thomas Moreis, son to Jonet Read, Dauid Carno
and Agnes Murray, auld and pure, to be putt in the hospitall
to resave thair sustentation.

Sunday, the viij of October, 1599.

Mr. Johne Elphingistoun, fornicatour with Bessie Watsoun,
Gelis Smyth, adultrix with James Shives, war resavit and
absolvit.

The quhilk day, the auld actis and statutis maid in this
sessioun, being oppinlie red and published be the minister, ar
all fund guid and ratifeit, and ar ordinit to be precisely observit
and keipit.

Wednesday, the xvij of October, 1599.

The quhilk day, Elspot Andersoun and Robert Hammiltoun
callit compert, and being accusit she confess he com to hir
[in]1 Mr. Johne Methvenis hous, undir scilence of nycht, and
that hir maister fand hir in the said Robert his okstar undir
his clok, and reprovit him. The said Robert denyit any
injurie done be him, and na forder being verifeit, he wes
ordinit to crave God mercie; and bayth war admonist nocht
to committ the lyik heireftir; and if be fund doand the
contrar it salbe haladin as confess fornication aganis thame.

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1 Omitted.
The qhillk day, Bessie Gilcryst being accusit confess adultrie with Jhone Quhittet, mercheand in Dundie—and that she is with bairn to him, gottin in unquhile Henry Fowellis hous upon Sunday nixt eftir the last Sengzie day, in hir nakit bed—in his presens, denyand the samin, nochtwithstading of his confession to divers of the sessioun that he wes in nakit bed with hir. She to be imprissoned, and he to be wardit qhill he find caution to compeir qhill the mater be tred.

The qhillk day, Jhone Millar in New Grange callit com- perit and being accusit confess adultrie with Beatrix Lyell he haveing Bessie Blak to his wyiff. He is ordanit to be in the Presbiterie to resave his injunctiones to repentance, and she to be warnit.

Sondy, the xxj of October, 1599.

Jonet Shiphird adultrix with Jhone Coupair in Lathalland was resavit and absolvit fra the penitent stule this day.

Wednisday, the xxiiij of October, 1599.

Jonet Murray pure and seiklie to resave tua s. ouklie; Peter Pure helpit. Fairsoyle xvij d. ouklie, provyding he crave the samin him self ilk Sattirday; Jhone Dysart to have ij s. ouklie, if he remane in the towne.

Sondy, the xxviiij of October, 1599.

The qhillk day, comperit Isobell Forsyth, dochter to unquhile Jhon Forsyth of Nydie, with aye young bairn in hir armes procreat betuix hir and James Drummond, thai being contractit in mariagie to gidder. [The sessioun] ordanis the bairn to be baptizit, and she to mak repentance as fornica- trix and hes offerit liij ll. to the puir.

Wednisday, the last of October, 1599.

The qhillk day, Jhon Sourd, as maister of the hospitall, is

1 Omitted.
Anent the keeping of preaching and paceable hearing thatof.

Ordinat that the auld pepill and bairnis thairintill sall repair to the preaching on the Saboth dayis, and sitt at the west end of the kirk; and Jhon Roull, as maister of the sang schole, to caus the best of his scholaris sitt besyid him self, about the pulpeit, to help to sing the Psalmes on the Saboth dayis; and the parentis and maisteris of sic bairnis and utheris as trubillis the kirk and kirkyard in tyme of divyne service, or vaiges in this citie tyme of preaching, salbe cited and censurit for thair faultis.

The quhilk day, Beatrix Dickie, for hurting and injureing of Agnes Orok, is ordanit to mak repentance on Sunday nixt, and for selling fishe on the Saboth day.

The quhilk day, William Ednam is ordanit to resave x l.s., and to be careit to Carreill quhais his wyff remanes, and the sessioun hes satisfet William Watsoun chirurgian for curing of his hurt.

Daudi Lentron, son to Thomas Lentren, and Jonet Pait ar contractit in mairiage; he, ignorant, to pay x l.s. to the pur, and the difficultis resultane thair aganis discussit and fund frivolus.

Wednesday, the vij of November, 1599.

Alexander Winchister and Jsobell,¹ fornicateuris, and Beatrix Dicky, for abusi[ng]² the Saboth day, war resavit and absolvit Sunday last wes.

Comperit Mr. George Sibbald, and, eftir lang and oft citation of him, hes now promittit to satisfie the byrunes of his bairnes burde, and to intertyne the samin sufficientlie in tyme cuming, sua that the session salbe na forder burdenit thairwith.

The quhilk day, the brethern understanding that thair is gryt deformitie and abuse in the seattis of this kirk, and fault fund thairwith be the Commissioneris of the Kirk at thair visitation heir; thairfoir it is ordinat that the ministeris, with sex of the sessioun and sex of the counsell, sall convene and

1 Surname omitted, probably Forsyth.
2 Worn off. The outer edges of the remaining leaves are all more or less frayed.
devyse for new forme of seattis to the decorioun of this kirk, being ane ancient and famous congregatioun.\textsuperscript{1}

Bessie Gilcryst, adultrix with Jhonne Quhittet, according to the determinatioun of the Presbiterie,\textsuperscript{2} is ordinit to enter to hir repentance upon Sunday next in seck claith, and to continew quhill the kirk be satisfeit thairanent.

The quhilk day, Androw Beverage callit comperit, and being accusit for onbesetting of Mr. William Thomsoun, and fechting undir scilence of nycht, tryit befoir the magistratis, he is thairfoir ordinit to mak humilation Sunday.

\textbf{Wednesday, the xiiiij of November, 1599.}

Bessie Watsoun, fornicatrix with Mr. Johne Elphingistoun,\textsuperscript{3} was absolvit upon Sunday last fra hir repentance.

The quhilk day, Margaret Bett and Katheren Cuik, in the North Gait, comperit and confess flyting to gidder undir scilence of nycht, and thairfoir ar ordinit to ask God and utheris forgivenes; and the said Margaret is dischargeit fra ressett of ungodlie cunpany, to drink on tymously in hir hous, and specialie Thomas Zoung nocht to ludge in hir hous, as he hes done of befoir, to the sclander of this congregation; with certification thai salbe haldin as fornicatouris.

\textbf{Wednesday, the xxij of November, 1599.}

Androw Philp wes resavit this day as relaps in fornicatioun.\textsuperscript{4} The quhilk day, Jonet Nory and Robert Dalgleishe, for violating the Saboth day, ar ordinit to mak humilation Son-

day nixt.

\textsuperscript{1} 'August 23, 1599... Ordanis the Kirk of Sanctandrois to be visitit upon Friday cum aucth dayis be Mris. Robert Wilky, Androw Duncan, James Meluill, Dauid Mernis and George Nairn' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery). 'September vj, 1599... The visitatioun of Sanctandrois trytit and allowit. The ministeris ar ordinit to posses thame selfis with ane mans, and to request thair towne to mak the pavement of thair kirk levell, and to adorne the same with daskis' (Ibid.).

\textsuperscript{2} 'Novembris 1, 1599... Bessy Gilchrist in St. Androis compeirit and confessit the fact of adulterie commitit be hir with Jhone Quhittet, spous to [blank] Blak, in Dundy, quha wes ordanit to enter to hir repentance the nixt Sabboth' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery).

\textsuperscript{3} Methuen in MS.
The quhilk day, in consideration that divers personis in this parochin and citie, in making repentance befor the pulpeit for thair evill lyiff and conversation, uteris proud and querell- ing speiches, testifying thairby the pryid of thair hartis and the litill regard of God and disciplene; it is thairfoir ordnit that quhatsumevir person or personis, in making of repentance befor the pulpeit, uteris proud and querellous speiches, and behaves nocht thame selffis humble, sall be repellit for that tyme, and put and keipit in pressoun, till thai finn cautioum to satisfie on the penitent stule of repentance the nixt Saboth following.

Sunday, the xxv of November, 1599.

The mater anent the tymes of the celebratioun of the com- munionioun being proponit, it is thocht expedient that the samin be done upon the first tua Sabothis of Februar nixt, and thair- eftir at Lambes nixt or thairby.

Wednesdays, the xxvij of November, 1599.

The quhilk day, Henry Read and Marion Liddisdell, pre- senting thame selffis to be contractit, and being accusit, confess fornication and she to be with bairn to him. They ar ordanit to mak publik repentance upon Sunday nixt, and to be con- tractit thaireftir.

The quhilk day, anent the delatioun gevin in aganis Marioun Adie, spous to William Lermouth younger—for abusing of Margaret Parke hir servand upon the tent day of November instant, in cutting hir heir by the plattis out of hir heid with ane knyiff, and in striking of hir, and burning of hir fleshe with ane hot irn tayngis, and specialie betuix hir leggis—in presens of the said Marioun, denyand the samin, and thairfoir [the sessioun]¹ ordanis the same to be provin literallie.

Sunday, the secund of December, 1599.

The quhilk day, Henry Read and Marioun Liddisddeill

¹ Omitted.
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having maid repentance, the said Marioun sensyne being· Confessio adulterii
trublit in conscience hes confess hir to have Patrik Peage to
hir mareit husband, with quhome she wes mareit in Kilcon-
quhar kirk, and sen syne hes born ane bairn in adultrie to ane
uther man, and is presentlie with bairn to the said Henry
Read, and sua is ane filthie adulterix, and submittis hir self to
the will of the kirk. She is chargeit to compeir befoir the
Presbitery upon Thursiday nixt.

Wedinsday, the fyft of December, 1599.

The qhilk day, in the caus of sclander depending aganis Decret contrar
Jhon Sheves, sumtyme portioner of Byrehillis, and Jonet Shives.
Moreis, spous to Robert Allane in this citie, they being
chargeit to this day to heir sentence pronuncit thairin, and the
proces deducit thairupon being advysit, the session finds the
said Jhone hes gevin just occasion of sclander be hanting in hir
hous in suspicous maner; and thairfoir he is ordanit to mak
humiliation on the penitent stule Sunday nixt, with admoin-
tion to be gevin to him be the minister out of pulpeit, that, if
he hant with hir heireftir in ony suspitious maner, they salbe
haldin as actuall adulteraris and punisth thairfoir condignel.

The qhilk day, Jhone Quhitted in Dundie being callit com-
perit, and, being accusit of adultrie with Bessie Gilcrist, confess
the sami, nochtwithstanding of his denyall thairof of befoir;
and that it wes committit be him about the Sengze day last wes,
in the hous of the relict of unquhile Henry Fowells. The
magistratis ar desyrit to ward him qhill he find caution to
compeir befoir the Presbiterie upon Thursiday nixt, and obey
the injunctiones to be inflictit for his repentance, being ane
very ignorant and unrewlie man.1

Wedinsday, the xij of December, 1599.

William Balfour maltman, Hew Thomsoun, Jhone Lermount

1 'Decembris 14, 1599. . . . Compeirit Johne Quhittet in Dundie befoir
wrettin and confessit the horrible fact of adulterie committit be him with Agnes
Gilchrist in Sanctandrois, and thairfoir the Presbyterie ordanit him to mak his
repentance in the kirk of Sanctandrois according to the ordour' (Register of
St. Andrews Presbytery).
gunnar, and Jhone Leis smyth, being accusit for travelling on the Sabath d[ay] and nocht keiping of the kirk, thai confess the samin and hes promeis nocht to do the lyik in tyme cuming.

Friday, the xiiiij day of December, 1599.

The quhilk day, at directiou of the Presbitery, Mr. Patrik, William and Henry Arthouris, and Mr. Patrik Lindesay, comperand for geiving declaratoun of their humiliatioun for the slaughter of unquhile James Smyth, for the quhilk thai war excommunicat, according to his Majestis directiou and decreit arbitrall, pronuncit anent the removing of all enimity betuix the saidis personis and their assistaris on the ane pairt, and the freindis of the said unquhile James Smyth and their assistaris on the uther part; the saidis personis excommunicat gave testimony of their humiliatioun, quha war ordinit to mak foder humiliation upon the Saboth and uther ordinar dayis approcheing, ay and quhilk the sessioun war satisfie thairanent.

Sunday, the xvij of December, 1599.

The quhilk day, Jhone Blythe, son to Patrik Blythe in Brounhillis, comperit and being accusit confess adultrie with Jsobell Lowrie, spous to Robert Couttes in Balmungie, and that he wes persuadit thairto be hir.

1 "Norwembris 29, 1599 . . . The quhilk day, anent the supplication gevin in be William, Henrie and Mr. Patrik Arthouris and Mr. Patrik Lindesay, shewing thai wer grevit for the haynous slauchter committit be them, and desyring to be relaxt of the sentence of excommunicatioun, the Presbyterie ordainis Mrs. Robert Wilkie, George Glaidstenis, David Lyndesay, William Marche, Andro Duncane, George Narne and William Murra, to confer with the saidis personis and to try gther wer ony tokens of repentance in them, and to reporte the samyne to the Presbyterie the nixt day appoyntit for discipline" (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery). "Decembris 14, 1599. . . . The same day, the maist part of the brethren above specifeit, quha wer appoyntit to try the repentance of William, Henrie and Mr. Patrik Arthouris, and Mr. Patrik Lyndesay, reportit that, sa far as thai culd try and perceave, thei fond tokens of repentance in them (leaving the tryall of the hert to God the onlie searcher thairof); quharupoun the Presbyterie ordainis the ministerie of Sanctandrois to enter the foirsaidis personis to publict repentance the nixt Sabbothe; and thereafter as thei fonde them penitent or nocht to reporte to the Presbyterie" (Ibid.).
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Wednesday, the xix of December, 1599.

The quhilk day, the bretheren undirstanding perffytie that divers personis of thair number the tyme of sessioun passis to the feildis, to the goufe and uthir exercise, and hes no regard for keiping of the sessioun conform to the actis maid thairanent, for remeid quhaireof it is ordinat that quhatsumevir person or personis of the session that heireftir beis fund playand, or passis to play at the goufe or uthir pastymes the tyme of sessioun, sall pay ten s. for the first fault, for the secund fault xx s., for the thrid fault publik repentance, and the fouth fault deprivation fra thair offices; and this to be payit to the clerk, without prejudice of the formar actis maid for keipin of the sessioun.1

The quhilk day, comperit Isobell Lowry, and being accusit confess adultrie with Jhon Blyithe in Brownhillis, she haveing Robert Coutte[s] to hir husband; and the said Jhone present

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1 The Presbytery had difficulty as well as the session in getting members to attend; but it does not appear whether it was the national pastime, with its irresistible attractions, which thinned the meetings of the superior court. 'Marche 18, [1595-6.] . . . The brithering of the Presbytrie considering the slaknes of thair discipline to arrase upon the absence of the brithering in noth making conscience of keipin the ordinar day appointit for execution of discipline, therfor the haill memberis of the said Presbytrie hes ordenit, and be thir presentia ordenis, that quhaseover of thair number salbe absent the saidis ordinarie hour sall pay for the first tym vi s. viij d., the secund 13s. 4d., the thrid 26 s. 8d., hes absence following ane after ane uther; and the absent to give his excuse upon his conscience, and ne excuse to be acceptit but that quhilk the Presbytrie alloit off. And this to stand as ane perpetuall law and ordainance to be observit; to have the beginging (sic) thairof at the alevint of Marche, unto Michalmes day; and ane uther ouldur to be appointit for the keipin of the saud Presbytrie in the winter sessoun. It is ordenit that quhaseover ever bein present and sall depart befor tueill houris, without leacescence askeit and givin, sall pay xi d.; and the brithering of the Presbytrie to sit na langer in doing thair ordinarie turnis, except they be urgit be sum extraordinar; and quhaseover sall speak, noth being demandit of the Moderatour or obtening licence to that effect, sall pay xij d. Giff he that sould mak the exercis be absent, and throcch his defualt the place be destitut, he sall pay xx s.; giff throcch the secundis speak[er]s negligence xij s. iiiij d. Giff ony be leait in cuming in to the hearing of the doctrein sall pay xi d.' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery). There was another danger to be avoided after the brethren had met. 'November 29, 1599 . . . Item, that the sall appoyntit to the disputis be nocht schortnit, the Presbytrie ordanis that he quha passis the glas, in the explication of his theses publictie, sall pay vi s. viij d.' (Ibid.).
confess the samin, and that thai have keipit bed togidder commonlie betuix Pasche and quhill the moneth of November last wes. The magistratis ar desyrit to put thame in pressoun, quhill thai find caution to compeir befoir the Presbiterie on Thursiday nixt, and obey thair injunctiones.¹

Andrew Kay and Daviit Mitchell cadgeris comperit, and being accusit confess thair travelling on the Saboth day, and that the storme of wether stayit thame ower lang in Dundie upon Sattirday. They ar becum obleist nevir to commit the lyik fault heireftir.

Friday, the xxj of December, 1599.

The quhilk day, comperit William Lermouth yongar, and confess his misbebehaviour done in the sessioun upon Wednesdai last for the quhilk he is ordanit to mak humiliation Sunday nixt, and to pay fyve fl. to the puir, and is content to obey the samin, with promis that be Godis help he sall nevir commit the lyik fault in tyme cuming.

Sunday, the xxiiij of December, 1599.

The quhilk day, in the caus persewit be Margaret Parky aganis Marion Adie, thai bayth being present and confrontit upon the dilatioun, the said Margaret affirmit the samin and the said Marioun denyit the samin as of befoir. The sessioun ordinis the said Margret to persew hir befoir the baillies for tryell thairof civilie upon Tyisdai, and ar bayth wanrit to return to heir the session gif thair ansuer thairanent on Wednesdai nixt.

Wednesdai, the xxvj of December, 1599.

The quhilk day, Agnes Skeddoie callit comperit, and being accusit confess hir to be with bairn to William Orme, servitour to Arthur Wod. She and he to be wanrit to compeir this day aucht dayis.

¹ "Decembris 20, 1599 . . . Compeirit John Blyth, qua confessit the fact of adulterie committed be him with Isabell Lowrie, spouse to Robert Cultis, all in the parochyne of Sanctandrois; and thairfoir wer ordanit to enter to thair repentance" (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery).
The quhilk day, anent the caus aganis Marion Adie for the allegeit abusing of Margaret Parkie, this day being sett to report the magistrattis tryell of their civill part thairof, and to the sessioun to gif their anser thairin, conform to the Act maid thairon upon Sunday last; the magistratis for their report producet the proces led befoir thame in the said mater, quhilk being considerit be the bretheren, with the haill proces led in this sessioun thairanent, they find na pairt of the dilation veriteit, bot onlie that the said Marioun hes cuttit the heir out of the said Margretis heid, confest be the said Marioun, and that she is elengeit fra the remanent of the said dilatioun; and thairfoir ordinis the said Marioun to be sharplie rebuiket for his pryid and misbehaviour, and to be reconeclit with the said Margret, quhilk wes presentlie done; and the said Margret Parky glaidlie acceptit of the said Marion, and hartlie forgave hir all injureis resavit be hir fra the said Marion of befoir; and the said Marion upon hir kneis cravit God the bretheren and hir forgivenes; and, for purgeing of the sessioun, it is ordinit that it salbe declarit out of pulpeit upon Sunday nixt befoir nune, that albeit gryt diligence hes bene usit befoir the session and magistratis for trying of the injureis done be the said Marion to the said Margret, and yit nathing thairof verifeit that merites censuring be publik repentance.

The quhilk day, anent the supplication gevin in be Mr. Patri[k], Henry and William Arthouris, and Mr. Patrik Lindesay, excommunica[t] personis for the murthering of unquhile James Smyth, humblie lam[en]ting thair grevous offence and craving pardon and forgivenes for the same, as the said supplication at lenth proportis, desy[ring] the sessionis anser thairin; the bretheren being advysit thairwith, and haveing tryit and fund the practise of the sessioun of this citie in receaving of murdereris repentance, and how many dayis they have bene in use to mak humiliation publiklie, efter tryell it hes bene tua Saboth dayis only, and in speciall maid be unquhile Capitane Robert Meluill, Walter Geddy, James Wemis of Lathoker, and Androw Hagy; and seing the suetars forissaidis hes satisfeit alreddie tua Saboth dayis and the ouk dayis interjectit, quhilk in all with Friday and Sunday nixt will mak sevin dayis, and seing in thembe signes of repentance
(referring always the judgement of thair hartis to God), declaris that thai ar satisfeit, and willis and desyres that thai be absolvit fra the sentence of excommunication upon Sunday nixt. ¹

Sunday, the penult of December, 1599.

The quhilk day, Mr. George Glaidstanes and Mr. Dauid Lindsay ministeris exponit to the brethern that thai had declarit the will of the sessioum to the Presbiterie, anent the absolution of Mr. Patrik Lindsay, William, Henry and Mr. Patrik Arthouris, from the sentence of excommunication; the Presbitery haying also consentit to the said absolution of befoir, with provision that the sessioum suld tak ane obligation of the saidis personis that they suld obey the Kingis decret anent thair banishment, and keip thame sellis af the streittis of this citie in the menetyme, undir the pane of excommunicatioun, and willit the sessioum to tak the said band. To the quhilk the sessioum all in ane voce anserit thai wald nocht tak any sink band of thame, the mater beand civile, and his Majestie haveand sufficient powar to execute his awin decret, speciall panes being set doun thairintill, viz., the sowm of thrie thousand meriks in case of contraventioun; and remembering that thai micht be querellit for usurpation upon the Kingis auctoritie, they wald na ways consent that in this judicatorie sic ane obligation suld be takin. Always the saidis ministeris, for the discharge of thair dewitie, callit the saidis excommunicat personis befoir the said session, and thair

¹ 'Decembris 27, 1599 . . . The quhilk day, anent the declaration of the ministeris and sessioum of Sanctandrois, that thei wer satisfeit with the signes of repentance thai saw in William, Henrie [and] Mr. Patrik Arthouris, and Mr. Patrik Lyndesay, and that the tyme appoyntit be his Majesties decret for thair banishment approchiet; quherupoun, the Presbyterie ordanis to absolve the saidis personis fra the sentence of excommunicatioun the nixt Sabbothe; provyding that ther obligation be first tane be the said sessioum, that the saidis personis suld obey his Majesties decret in all poynes, specially anent thair banishment; and siclyk that to the day of ther departure thai suld keip them of the streitis, and ther behaviour to be sic as may expres the signes of repentance, under the payne of excommunicatioun agane, becaus therby thei schaw ther repentance to be null and a mockinge of God and his kirk, &c.' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery).
demandit of thame if in taikin of their repentance they wald promeis to depairst af the cuntrie, and indure their banishment according to the Kingis determination, and if thai wald keip thame selfis quiet fra publik hanting on the streittis of this citie (to the provocation of the pairtes till the day of their departour fra this citie) or nocht, [quha]¹ ansuerit affirmative, and promeis to obey the saidis tua conditiones faithfullie. Quhilk promeis being maid, the saidis ministeris chargeit thame to obey and keip the samin promeis in signification of their repentance undir the pane of excommunicatioun, and gave thame admonition to that effect presentlie.

_Eodem die sessione 2ᵃ post meridiem._

Maister George Glaidstanes minister—haveing hard the foir-nammit excommunicat personis, ilk ane seveiralie, from the place of publik repentance, anent their sorow and greiff in sustening the said hevy sentence of excommunicatioun justlie merited be thame for the murthering of unquhile James Smyth—pronuncit the sentence of absoliution to thame fra the said excommunication, with consent of the eldership and haill kirk, upon condition that the saidis Mr. Patrik, William and Henry Arthures, and Mr. Patrik Lindesay, absolvit as said is, observit and keipit thair promeissis anent the obedi-ence of the Kingis decreit [made]¹ be thame in the session, and now publiklie in presens of the haill congregation convenit for the present, anent thair banishment and anent thair quyet behaviour in the menetyme: lyikas the said condition wes exprest in the wordis of the said sentence, and thai admonished publiklie undir the pane of excommunication to that effect _pro primo_; lyikas Mr. Dauid Lindesay minister, at the tyme of the receaving of thame be the hand, as the costume of the kirk is, ressavit the saidis personis in the bosome of the kirk upon that condition of obedience, as said is, in presens of the pepill.²

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¹ Omitted.
² “Januarie 3, anno Domini 1600 . . . It wes reportit to the Presbyterie that the Arthouris contrair to ther obligation misbehavit them selfis in resorting on the streitis to the provocation of the partie offendit; therfoil the Presbyterie
Wednesday, the nynt of Januar, 1600.

The quhilk day, eftir incalling upon the name of God, comperit Agnes Quiytlaw, and confess she had borne ane bairn to Jhone Richardson [in] Hakill, quhilk wes gottin in Lathoker within this parochin. She hes fund caution to compeir this day xv dayis, and he to be warnt in to the samin day.

The quhilk day, Alexander Winchester, son to Dauid Winchester, being callit comperit, and being accusit confess fornication with Katharine Murray, relaps on his pairt. He is

ordanis Mrs. Robert Wilky and William Marche to concure with the sessiou of Sanctandrois the morne, the 4 of Januare instant, and caus call the saidis personis befor them and intamit to them the Act of the Presbyterie maid anent ther excommunicacion of new agane, gif thei obey not the Kingis Majesties decreit anent ther banisment, and kept them secret of the streits, with sic behaviour as may expres the signes of repentance till the tyyme of ther departing; with certification, gif thai insist to contraveine, ther repentance salbe haldin null [and thai ex]communicat of new agane, etc.' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery). 'Januare 24, 1600 . . . The Presbyterie ordanis the ministeris of Sanctandrois to sie it tryit, quhat warrand the Arthouris hes to returne to Sanctandrois, seing thai oblieat them selfis to obey his Majesties decreit specially anent ther banisment; and to reporte the same to the Presbyterie' (Ibid.). 'Februare 21, 1600 . . . Anent the questioun proposit be the ministeris of St. Androis, quhether gif the freindis of umquhile James Smyth refusing to schak handis with the murthereris suld be admittit to the Lordis Table, the Presbyterie ansueris that, gif thei profes reconciliacion in ther hertis to all men and that thei beir malice to none, and yit refuis that [form] of schaking of handis, it may not stay them to be admittit' (Ibid.). 'Aprilis 24, [1600] . . . It wes askit be Mr. Johne Scharpe, kinsman, and in name of the rest of the freindis of umquhile James Smyth, anent the relaxacion of the murthereris of the said umquhile James fra ther excommunicacion, that seing the said relaxacion did nocht proceid upoun ony sene repentance in tyyme bypsect to ony contentment; but only conceavit and permitted be the Presbyterie upon a hope of the said murthereris verie passing in a durant banisment injynit be his Majestie, as thai wer informit, and of the giving of ther obligation for the performance thereof, with ther maist quyet behaviour untill ther enterie to the said banisment, as signes of ther repentance; quhilk expectacion of the Presbyterie anent the said banisment and utheris conditionis allutterlie faylyeand, in sic sort that evin continuale sensyne, instead of a repentance to God and satisfaccion to the pairty offendit, ther behaviour hes bene publiclie maist scanderous to the people and grevous to the partie: Queritur therfor gif the saidd murthereris suld nocht, according to the provision of the Act of the Presbyterie, be excommunicat de novo, or rather declariat to ly still excommunicat as thai haid never bene relaxt? The Presbyterie referis the anser of this questioun to the Provinciall Assemblie, and forder quhat suld be done in that mater' (Ibid.).
ordanit to remane in presson xv dayis, and thaireftir to satisfie 
sex dayis on the penitent stule.

Jhon Levingiston to gif v.s. to Thomas Methven, Bessie Pure helpit.
Read v.s. ouklie, George Small xx s., and v.s. to tua puri
wemen in the North Gait.

Wednesday, the xvj of Januar, 1600.

The quhilck day, Jonet Cluny, now in this citie fugitive fra
the discipline of the kirk of Forgund in Fyiff, being callit
comperit, and being accusit confest fornication with Alexander
Bruce, son to Robert Bruce of Pitlethy; and confest carnall
copulatiaun with Dauid Dury hir maister, quhilk wes adultrie;
and thairfoir is remittit to the discipline of Forgund kirk, the
adulterie being committit in that parrochin.

Comperit Helene Jamesoun, fornicatrix with Johne Kend-
lowye, Helene Moreis fornicatrix with Johne Millar, quha ar
committ to presson, till thai have satisfiet discipline for thair
faultis.

Wednesday, the penult of Januar, 1600.

The quhilck day, William Orme, servitour to Arthur Wod, Confessio
callit c[omperit], and confest adultrie with Agnes Skeddowny,
he haveand ane mareit [wyiff]¹ on lyve. He is warnit to
compeir befoir the Presbitery on Thursiday [? nixt].

The quhilck day Dauid Braid in Kyninmonth comperit and Confessio Braid.
confest fornicatio[un] with Margaret Pryde. He is ordinit to
begin his repentance [this] day aucth dayis, and the magistrat
to punish him civilie.

The quhilck day comperit Johne Millar at Badynne Miln, Confessio Millar.
and confest fornication with Helene Moreis. He is ordanit to
begin his repentance upon Wednesday nixt, and hes payit
vjit. for his penaltie.

Friday, the xv of Februar, 1600.

The quhilck day, eftir incalling upon the name of God, it is

¹ From the Register of the Presbytery it appears that his wife's name was
Margaret Merlin.
thocht expedient anent the geving of tiquotis to the com-
munion, to be celebrat the tua nixt Saboth dayis, that everi-
tiquot [bear] 1 the personis name, the examinatouris name
with ane mark thairon to designt the first Sundays tiquotis
fra the secund, that the ordour appointit may be keipit.

Wednesday, the xx of Februar, 1600.

The quhilk day, George Andersoun, servand to Stephan
Philp, for drinking on the Saboth day in tym of preaching
and for gevin of evill langage to the magistratis, confess to
him, he is ordanit to mak publik repentance on Sunday nixt
on the penitent stule; and William Robertsoun and Andro
Myre, for drinking than with him, to mak humiliatioun before
the pulpit upon Sunday nixt.

Wednesday, the xxvij of Februar, 1600.

The quhilk day, it is concludit that the ministeris an
baillies of thi[s] citie sall pass to gidder and visite the same
citie, and to tak sic ordour that na evill disposed nor ydi-
personis have libertie to duell in sic ane reformit congregatioun.

The quhilk day, the bretheren all in ane voce hes grantit
libertie to David Watsoun, Dene of Gild, and his bretheren on
the mercheandis, and sic as the said David sall gif up in roli
to repair and big and sett up their seattis in this kirk, for
decoratioun thairof, in the place as wes befoir designit, on th
eist syd of the pulpit, thair hand ane passage omittit betw
the pulpit and the samen seatt.2

Wednesday, the fyft of Marche, 1600.

The quhilk day, Jhone Quhittit, burges of Dundie, bein

1 Omitted.
2 The parish church was extensively repaired, or rather almost entirely re
built, in 1798. A 'plan of the seats,' drawn by David Malcolm, S.T.S.,
1786, and engraved 'in obedience to an interlocutor of Lord Hailes, dated 7
August 1787,' shows eight seats belonging to 'the Guildry' on the east side
the pulpit; and the passage mentioned in the text, as between these seats an
the pulpit, is shown as part of the pew of Dr. Adamson, then minister of the
first charge.
oft tymes cited now comperit, and is ordinit to begin humili-
ation on Friday nixt, in seck claith, bear futit and bare heidit, betuix the second and hemnest bellis to stand in the porche dur, and thaireftir on the penitent stule; and safurth everie Saboth and uther preaching dayis interjectit, quhill he have satisfait the kirk for his adultrie with Bessie Gilcryst; and the bairn procreat betuix thame to be baptist on Sunday nixt.

Friday, the sevint of Marche, 1600.

The quhilk day, Jhone Carstaris mercheand, Jhone Fairfoule, Dauid Gilcryst, Charles Ramsay, and Jhone Vennesoun, being calit comperit, and being accusit confest thair travelling with thair pakkis from the cost syid on the Saboth day. They ar thairfoir ordinit to mak humiliation Sunday nixt, and to pay xx s. to the puir ilk persoun.

The quhilk day, Dauid Lentoun, son to James Lentoun, delyverit to the thesaurar of the puir the sowm of threttie tua lib., as ane pairt of the vow silver gadderit in his ship this last voyage, desyryng the samyn, with the remanent sowmes gevyn be mariniers of this citie and thair equipages, to be bestowit upon rent to the puir, that the stok may be furthcumand to the use of the puir to quhame it is grantit.

Wednesday, the xij of Marche, 1600.

The quhilk day, eftir incalling upon the name of God, the bretheren hes nominat and chosin Mr. William Russell advocat, thair commissionar to pas to the Generall Assemblie, to be haldin at Montoirs the xvij day of Marche, 1600.

Wednesday, the xxvj of Marche, 1600.

The quhilk day, Jhone Cuik flesheour and James Thomson taillyour, for fechting to gidder ar ordinit to mak humiliation upon Sunday nixt.

The quhilk day, the sessioun of this kirk, with advyse of the magistratis of this citie, hes grantit libertie to the bretheren of the cordaner craft to big and sett up ane seat in the kirk.
at the bak of that seat quhairin Sir George Douglas usis to sitt into.\(^1\)

Wednesdays, the secund of Aprile, 1600.

The quhilk day, Josbell Dawsoun callit comperit, and being accusit confess that she played woiert\(^2\) on the Saboth day upon necessitie, it being on perrell and danger of tinsell; and submittit hir self to the sessioun, quba ordinit [hir]\(^3\) to crave God forgivenesse, quhilk she presentlie did, and hes promeist nocht to committ the lyik agane.

Wednesdays, the ix day of Aprile, 1600.

The quhilk day, Patrik Cuik and William Broun fleshersis, for [thair] fechtng to gidder, ar ordinit to mak humiliation Sunday nixt.

Sunday, the xiij of Aprile, 1600.

It was thocht guid be the bretheren that Jhon Carstaris merchand s[all] sit in the gild brother seat nerest the pulpeit for his humiliatioun, seing that the braking of the Saboth day wes nocht be him self in persoun, but onlie be his servand at his command, and sa to be published b[e the] minister, and sua he and his neychtbouris to be resavit this day for tha[ir] offence.

The quhilk day, Robert Williamsoun is chosin to be maister

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\(^1\) In an Act already quoted (supra, p. 634 n.), the deacon and council of the cordiners not only ordained that the bretheren of the craft should attend the services on preaching days, but that they should 'sit in thair awin seat.' On the 23rd of February 1609, it was ordained by the same trade 'that the officar of the craft be present within the kirk at the secund bell ringing to the preching or prayers, and have the seat dur reddie oppin and patent to the bretheren immediatlie eifir the rying of the said bell, and that he suffir na extraneous to sit in thair sett, and if he failie heintill to pay toties quoties sex s. viij d.' (The Cordinaris Buke of St. Androis, Ms.). These worthies soon became even more exclusive, for, on the 6th of April 1613, they ordained 'that na unfreman, sirvand, or brothir sone nocht freman, sit or prease to sit in the kirk seat of the cordinaris undir the pane of vi s. viij d.' (Ibid.).

\(^2\) Set yeast or wort in brewing a-working.

\(^3\) Omitted.
of the hospitall for ane quarter yeir to cum, and Jhone Coupair maltman ischosin collectour of the puir contribution for ane yeir to cum, and the bretheren to heir the comptis of Robert Williamson last collectour and of Jhone Knox last thesaurar.

Wednesday, the xvij of Aprile, 1600.

The quhilk day, Jonet Smyth, in Northgail, for flyting and filthie spe[i]ches uterit be hir aganis Effame Murray hir neycht-bour, is ordinitt to crave God mercy, and hir forgivenes, upon hir kneis in that place quhair the samin war uterit, quhilk wes presentlie done.

Bessie Miln comperit and being accusit confess hir braking of the Saboth day, and crave mercie of God, and the sessiouen forgivenes, and with hir awin consent salbe baneiest this citie if she be fund in the lyik fault.

Wednesday, the xxij of Aprile, 1600.

Comperit Margaret Wod and being accusit for abusing of hir body in shamefull maner with Mark Wilsoun confess the samin. The magistratis ar desyrit to sie hir jokit, and that she be on the penitent stule on Friday nixt, that hir sin may be layed to hir charge, that she may be movit to the gryttar humiliatioun, and that she find caution to satisfie the kirk as she salbe injoynit.

The quhilk day, Archibald Thomson tailloir callit comperit, and, being accusit for hanting suspitious cumpayni with Jcobell Michell, denyit the samin; and oblisss him nevir to hant in suspitious maner with hir nor na uth[e]r woman, undir the pane of banishment.

Wednesday, the last of Aprile, 1600.

The quhilk day, Jhone Lessells and Bessie Wishank com-perit and being accusit for carnall copuatioun confess the samin, and that undir prom[e]is of mariage. They ar ordinitt to mak humiliation Sunday nixt befoir the pulpet, and thair-eftir to be mareit.
Wednesday, the vij of Maii, 1600.

The quhilk day, comperit Jssobell Michell in the Grange, and being accusit confess she hes procreat ane bairn to Jhone Bowar, to quhom she hes born tua bairnis of befoir, the last being born within this xiiiij days last bypast. The session, in respect of hir present inhabilitie, remittis hir punishment till she be habill to travell.

The quhilk day, Mr. George Glaidstanes minister declarit that the allegeit insolent behaviour of the four men that war the slayaris of unquhile James Smyth wes motioned at the last Synodall Assemblie in Dysart, and in speciall the evil behaviour and exempill gevin be William Arthur in drawing of ane sourd to Dauid Dalgleishe; and thairfor desyrit the bretheren to concur with him for suppressing of that insolence if ony war; and [the sessioun]\(^1\) ordinis Mr. John Sharp, delater thairof to the said Assemblie, to be warnit to compeir and verifie his dilatioun upon Wednesday nixt, and the said William Arthour and Dauid Dalgleishe to be warnit to the said day.\(^2\)

Wednesday, the xiiiij of Maii, 1600.

The quhilk day, James Lermouth, son to Patrik Lermouth in Nydie, callit comperit, and being accusit confess fornication with Margaret Scott, and that be procreation of ane bairn to him. It being relaps on his part, he is ordanit to sitt tua Saboth days, and the ouk dayis interjectit, on the penitent stule, and hes offerit viij lb. to the puir in composition of his penaltie conform to the Act of Parliament; and the said Margaret to be warnit to this day viij dayis.

\(^1\) Omitted.

\(^2\) The session had to be spurred on in this case; for, on the 17th of July, 'the Presbyterie ordanis the sessioun of Sanctandrois, as thei will answer to God and to the Presbyterie, to tak ordour with the murthereris of unquhile James Smyth, and to follow furth the discipline of the Kirk aganis them, according to the Actis of the Generall Assemblie and practcis of the Kirk, primo quoque tempore; with certification that gif thei faillye heirin the Presbyterie will tak ordour with them' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery).
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Wednesday, the xxj of Maii, 1600.

The quhilk day, Alexander Craighall, John Bowell, and James Craighall, cadgeris, for braking of the Saboth day, are ordinit to mak humiliation Sonday nixt. Alexander Robertsoun flesheour, for striking of Androw Scott, to mak repentance Sonday nixt; and is becum actit, that if he be fund to committ the lyik fault heireftir, that he sall mak publik repentance in seek claiith, or utherways fund culpabill that he sall incur the lyik punishment.

Wednesday, the xxviiij of Maii, 1600.

James Robertsoun merceand callit comperit, and, being desyrit to pay the tuentie li. left be unquhile Thomas Reky to the puir, he beand his executor, ansercit he wes superexspendit be his intromissioun, and thairfoir his air suilk pay the said legacie.

The tenentis of Kincapill being callit comperit, and, being accusit for abusing of the Saboth day upon Trinitie Sonday last, confest that thair wes sum strangeris com that day thair, and sum prophanation wes usit in that towne, bot thai nather did it nor allowit thairof; and thairfoir war admonist to stay the lyik in tyme cuming, quhilk thai promeist to do to thair powar.

Wednesday, the fourt of Junii, 1600.

The quhilk day, Robert Hammiltoun and Margaret Thom[son being] callit comperit, and being accusit confess fornicationoun to g[adder]. He hes offerit iiiij lib. for his penaltie, and she to be imp[ressioned], and bayth to mak thair repentance.

The quhilk day, the bretheren finding that upon the Saboth d[ay] eftir nune, in this somer season, the peopill convenis sua frequentlie to preaching that the kirk may nocht con[ven]-entlie contene thame, speciallie na preaching being in S[anct] Leonardis College; thairfoir thai desyrit Mr. George Glaid-stanes to teache ilk Saboth day eftir nune, in the Auld College Kir[k], and the haill North Gait and Mercat Gait to resort
thairto; and the elderis and deaconis of the samin tua gaittis
to keip the samin tymes of divyne service, and to adverteis
thair quarteris thairof; as also cathecizing to be betuix fyve
and sex hours at [yacht] upon the Saboth day, to witt, be Mr.
George Glaidstanes [or Mr. Robert Zule—deleted] in the Auld
College Kirk, and be Mr. Dauid Linde[ay] in the paroche kirk;
and everie elder and deacon, as it fall[iis to] thame per vices, to
keip the said hour with thair quarter, as they salbe warnit to
that effect; and this Act to be intimat upon Sunday nixt.

The quhl k day, Androw Month, in Kincapill, Jhon Froster,
Thoma[s] Watsoun and Archibald Wan thair, callit comperit
and being accusit confess thair violatioun of the Saboth day
callit Trinitie Sunday last wes, in playing at the futball and
uther pastyme; and thairfoir ar ordinit to mak humiliation
upon Sunday nixt, and the rest of that toun and uther townes
thairabout, that committit the lyik fault the said day, to be
tryit and chargeit literallie.

Wednesdays, the xj of Junii, 1600.

William Blythe, pyper in Leucharis, callit comperit, and
being accusit confess he violat the Saboth day in playing upon
Trinitie Sunday last wes in Kincapill; and thairfoir is ordinit
to mak humil[li]ation Sunday nixt.

The bretheren hes appointit the communioon to be celebrat
th[e] last Sunday of Julii, and the first Sunday of August nixt,
an[d] the examinationis to begin on Moninday nixt, and to
toinew mo[ning] and evening the haill ouk dayis except in
tyne of preachin[g]. The South Gait pepill to be examinat
in the parroche kirk, an[d] the North Gait and Mercat Gait in
the College Kirk, and ne[w] rollis to be maid be the deacones
to that effect.

Elspot Drummond to get tua s. oukly; James Moreis, sum-
tyme malm[an], to resave xl d. ouklie during the will of the
session, for support of him and his bairnis.

Wednesdays, the xvij of Junii, 1600.

Jhone Blyithe, adulterar with Jsobell Lowrie, and Margaret
Thomsoun, fornicatrix with Robert Hammilton, war absolvit [B]ythie and Thomson absolvit.

Androw Month, Jhone Forester, Thomas Watson, and Archibald Wann, in Kincapill, for braking of the Saboth day; Alexander Robertson and John Cuke flesheris, for fechting to gider, maid repentance upon Sunday last.

Mr. Hew Lindesay and Jeane Auchmowtie contractit in Contractis pa mariage, Jhon Ramsay maltman and Helene Geddie contractit also togider, and pandis consignit be thame conform to the ordour.

The quhilk day, it is thocht expedient that the ministeris travell with the possessouris of the alterageis to dimit the sam in favour of the kirk and puir of this citie; and Patrik Guthrie, possessour of ane alterage worth sex h. yeirly, hes dimittit the sam in favouris of the kirk and puir presentlie.

Wednesday, the xxv of Junii, 1600.

The quhilk day, Jhon Gardner, now in Langraw, callit comperit and being accusit confess fornication with Jsobell Hagy in Fedinshe, quhair he than duelt. He hes offerit four lb. to the puir, and is ordinit to begin his repentance this day viij dayis.

The quhilk day, Charlis Dik tailyour, for prophaning of the Saboth day, quhilk wes Trinitie Sunday last wes, in the town of Kincapill, in dancing and ryiotus usage thair, and for abusing of ane woman in Balgove on the feildis thair, all denit be him be ane suorn aith frelie gevin, the contrar being verifeit, he is ordinit to mak repentance in sek claieth Friday and Sunday nixt, on the penitent stule, and to pay xx s. to the puir.

The quhilk day, the parochianeris of this parochin to landwart being summond to this day, the comperantis of that number being frequent, they all for thame selfis thair famileis servan[dis] and tenents desyrit thame to be resavit and usit in this parrochin as they and thair predessouris hes bene of auld, and that the minis[teris] of Sanctandrois as thair ministeris and pastouris celebrat to thame the communioun baptisme and mariage, and that thai may be holdin undir disciple to that effect, and that ane number of thame may be chosin as elderis
to owersie the maneris of the rest. To the quhilk desyir Mr. [George Gladstanes—deleted] present minister consentit for a tyme, quhill better ordour be takin be the kirk thairainent; and nominat and elect Martine Carstorphene, Thomas Carstaris, Alexander Wod of Lamlathem, George Ramsay of Langraw, Alexander Dudinginston, John Jnglis of Strathyrim, Jhon Dewar, Alexander Scott, and Andro Michell, as

1 The following extracts show that the Presbytery had not yet overlooked this matter. 'September vjth 1599. . . To be advysit with the Synod quhat ordour salbe takin with the landwart parocho of Sanctandrois, in respect sum townes thairof ar adjacent to kirks of uthir parrochins; and that ordour to be followit furth be the Presbyterie immediatlie eftir harvest' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery). 'Aprilis 29, [1602.] . . . Ordanis Mr. Dauid Lyndessay to charge the gentlemen of the landwart parocho of St. Androis to compeir befoir the Presbyterie for satisfeig of the Act of the Synodall' (Ibid.). 'Maii 6, [1602.] . . . Ordanis the ministeris of St. Androis to charge the gentlemen of the landwart parocho publictlye out of pulpit to compeir the nixt day' (Ibid.). 'Maii 13, [1602.] . . . Compeirit sum of the gentlemen of the landwart of St. Androis, qua declarit thair guid lyking to haue a kirk in the landwart. The rest to be wanrit to compeir the nixt day, and the contract maid of befoir concerning that purpose to be socht and produceit' (Ibid.). 'Maii 20, [1602.] . . . Ordanis the ministeris of St. Androis to warne the gentlemen of the landwart parocho of St. Androis to meit on Wednesday nixt, upoun the ground callit Waterles, with certane of the brether of the Presbyterie nominat to that effect, viz., Mrs. Robert Wilkie, Robert Durie, William Marche, Da. Mernis, William Erskyne, Jhon Dykis, with the ministeris of St. Androis, that thei may aggree upoun the situatcion of the kirk to be biggit' (Ibid.). 'Junii 17, [1602.] . . . Ordanis to weriet to the gentlemen of the landwart parocho of St. Androis to convene this day aucth dayis, to aggree upon the situatcion of the kirk, be reason thai wer stayit the last day be the rayne' (Ibid.). 'Junii 24, [1602.] . . . Ordanis Mr. Dauid Lyndssay to summond the gentlemen of the landwart parochyn of St. Androis publictlye out of pulpit, to be present this day aucth dayis or xv dayis at the fardest, that thei may aggree upon the situatcion of the kirk; with certificatcion, if thei fail, the Presbyterie will designe the place' (Ibid.). Even this threat of the Presbytery did little to hasten the erection of the proposed new church. The landward gentlemen, the kirk-session and the Presbytery were to be still exercised concerning it; for—hindered by 'the iniquity of tymes'—the building was not begun until the General Assembly of 1642 moved in the matter. On the 20th of February 1645, by which time the new kirk was almost finished and a glebe mortified, Parliament ratified the Act of 1592, (see supra, p. 782 n.), 'in the bounds and landes herefter specifit . . . Kinnadie, Gillmerston, Carrn (? Carngour), Over and Nether Gregestoun, Wilkistoun, Drumcarro, Dunorke, Fedinosche, Wthanke, Langraw, Pryerlethane, Lambielethane, Craigtoun, Cassindonat, and Camroun: quhilkes townes and landes the Estates of Parliament divides and disjoynes from the old parische kirke, and ordeanes the said new kirke to be called the kirke of Camroun' (Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland, vol. vi. part i. p. 332).
elderis, and ordanis thame to compeir Sunday nixt to accept
the samin office on thame.

Soliday, the xxix of Junii, 1600.

The qhilk day, Charlis Dik tailyour, haveing maid humilia-
tioun] upon Fryday last, and at his resaving this day Mr.
George G[laid]stanes minister demanding of him if he had
repented him [of] his faultis and offence aganis God, for the
qhilk he was c[om]pellit be decreit to mak repentance, ansuerit
that part of his wordis and the decreit wes trew and partly
utherwayis; for the qhilk he wes dimittit bot noch absolvit,
and the magistrattis requestit to punishe him condignely.
The landwart elderis chosin comperit this day and acceptit Elderis resawi
their offices upon thame.

Wednsday, the secund of Julii, 1600.

The bretheren ar ordinit to produce their pursis (appointed Anent baning
for uplifting of the penalteis of thais quha bannis or suearis in
their audience) aganis Wednsday nixt.

Dauid Pentlen and his wyiff, being eageit unhabill and puir, Pure to the
ar appointed to be intertyneit in the hospitall of this citie.

Wednsday, the ix of Julii, 1600.

The qhilk day, William Wilson and Jhone Meluill in Decret contr
Ardet being callit comperit, and being accusit confest thai
prophanit the Saboth day callit Trinitie Sunday last, being in
the town of Kincapill at their pastyme. They ar ordinit to
mak repentance Sunday nixt, and ilk ane of thame to pay xx s.
to the puir.

The qhilk day, Duncan Lindesay, servitour to Mr. James Confessio
Wemis of Lathoker, callit comperit, and confess fornication
withEffame Stanes be proceation of ane chyld. He hes
offerit four lb. to the pure, and is ordinit to begin his repent-
ance upon Sunday nixt.

Soliday, the xiiij of Julii, 1600.

The qhilk day, the minister maid intimation out of pulpeit
to the landwart parrochin, that thai compeir and heir the
preaching upon this day aucht dayis, in the Auld College Kirk
befoir nune, for their better preparation to the communiooun.

Robert Hammiltoun, fornicatour with Margaret Thomsoun,
William Wilson mariner, Jhon Meluill in Ardett, Jhon Hen-
derson in Erlishall, and Andro Macky in Leucharis, for violat-
ing the Saboth callit Trinitie Sunday last in Kincaipill, maid
humiliation and war absolvit.

Wedinsday, the xvj of Julii, 1600.

The quhill day, Alexander Winchister, son to David
Winchister, George Winchister, son to Alexander Winchister,
James Kenlowy, William Staig, Andro Lawson, and Duncan
Gibson, callit comperit, and being accusit for nycht walking
and playing at kaiittis and dyce;\(^2\) and uther uncumlie exercises,
they confest the samin, and ar becumb bund that, if thai be
fund with the lyik fault, [thai ar]\(^3\) to mak repentance publiklie.

Wedinsday, the xxijj of Julii, 1600.

The quhill day, in respect of divers occasioones offerit, and
spi[eciallie] seing the landwart parochin is imponit latlie upon
th[air] ministeris of this kirk, and the landwart pepill nocht
being yit examinant be thame, nor thair names tane up in roll,
nather is the pepill of this citie all examinant nor utherways
prepared as thai aucht to be; it is thairfor orditin that the com-
munion be celebrat the first and secund Sondaysis of August.

The quhill day, Alexander Ferrie tailyour callit comperit,
and, being accusit for nycht walking playing at kaiittis and
dyce in evill cumpany, confest the samin; and being admonished
he is becumb bund of his awin frie will and consent, that if he be
fund culpabill in the lyik fault, or utherways is sclandrous

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1 *Admoneit* in MS.
2 Dr. Ames, in preaching in St. Mary's, Cambridge, in or about 1610, con-
demned 'all playing at cards and dice, affirming that the latter in all ages was
accounted the device of the devil; that as God invented the one-and-twenty
letters whereof he made the Bible, the devil, saith an author [Antonius], found
out the one-and-twenty pricks of the die (Fuller's *University of Cambridge*, 1840,
p. 301).
3 Omitted.
offensive or disobedient to the kirk or magistratis, that he sall pay tuentie merkis to the puir, and suffer sic uther punishment as salbe injoynit to him.

Wednesday, the penult of August, 1600.

The quhilk day, Robert Dryburgh in Raderny and Margaret Bruce callit comperit, and being accusit confess fornication and relaps on hir pairt. He hes offerit four lib. to the puir, and to begin his repentance Wednsday nixt; and she is committit to pressoun, and ordinit to satisfie as ane relaps of fornicatioun.

The quhilk day, William Arthur callit comperit, and being accusit for geving scander to this congregatioun through his evil behaviour mony ways, and for geving occasion to the party offendit be him, viz., Jhone and Henry Smythis, and the Welwodis, and their complices, to be instigat aganis him, and for trubling of this citie and certane neychtbouris thairin, be fechting divers tymes, and for hanting of prophan and evil cumpanys sen his relaxatioun from the fearfull sentence of excommunicatioun; the said William confessit the foirsaid accusatioun haillielie, and thairfoir submittit him self in the will of the session, quha decernit as followis: In the first they think him on worthie to participat the communioun approcheing, requesting the baillies be thair decreit aganis him to satisfie the commoun greif of this congregatioun for his inordinat behaviour, and continewis all foder punishment to be inflictit upon him till thai be advysit thairanent; ordaining him in the menetyme undir all hiest pane to resort to the preaching and cathechizing for his better instruction in godlines, and for information to his conscience, quhilk thai think to be verie hard and ignorant; quhilk he hes promeist to obey in all thingis as God will grant him habilitie. And Mr. Patrik Arthur accusit for careing of his sword with him, and han[ten]jing of sic places as may move his party, the Welwodis, &c., aganis him; and demanding of him if he continewit in that repentance uterit be him at his relaxation from excommunicatioun,1 anserit he careit his sword only to defend him.

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1 *The communion in ms.*
self fra injurie, and that he hantit na place quhilk he mycht eschew as he suld ansuer to God; and that he remanet\(^1\) peni-
tent for his fault, and wald wish to be reconcilite with his party.
They continie thair ansuer till the party be travellit with.

The names of theelderis and deacon[es, quha ar] appointed
to serve the communion ta[ibillis], to be celebrat
the nixt tua Saboth dayis.

Mr. Dauid Russell, Patrik Guthrie, Mr. William Russell,
Thomas Lentren elder, Mr. William Wemis, Mr. Henry Russell,
Dauid Winchister, Androw Welwod, Androo Watson and
George Nairn, elderis; Martine Lummisden, George Lum-
misden, Dauid Tailzour, Robert Williamsoun, Johnie Myles,
Johnie Greg, Nicoll Mayne, Daniell Millar, Androw Gulen and
Androw Carnwhath, deaconis; and of the landwart elderis,
Martine Carstorphine, portionar of Byrehillis, George Ram-
say, of Langraw, Alexander Wod, of Lambelathem, Thomas
Carstaris, portionar of New Grange, and Alexander Dudingis-
toun, in Raderny; and to collect the tiquotis, Dauid Every and
Patrik Guthrie; and for collecting of the almous, Mr. William
and Mr. Henry Russellis; and for the keiping of the breid and
wyne, Thomas Dikson and Nicoll Mayne; and for collecting
of the almous at the College Kirk dur, Dauid Tailzour: and
this for the first Saboth. And the haill remanent elderis and
deacones, alsweill of this citie as of the landwart parochin, to
serve the taibillis the second day of the communioun; and Mr.
William Cok and Stephane Philip to collect the almous, and
Androw Welwod and Dauid Skinner clerk to collect the tiquotis,
the said day.

The quhilk day, George Nairn youngar is appointed to resave
tyttie s., for the cure done be him at desyir of the session to ane
pure scholaris finger.

Friday, the aucht of August, 1600.

contrar The quhilk day, Johne Smyth alias Wobstar is ordinit to
pay xx s. for the fault maid be his servand, in laying out skynnis

\(^1\) Remanent in MS.
to dry the last Saboth day on the calsay, to the sclander of this congregatioun.

Wednesdays, the xiiij of August, 1600.

The quhillk day, James Forbes and Effame Pattoun in Rad- erny comperit and confest fornicatioun to gidder, and ar com- mittit to pressoun, quhill thai find caution to satisfie the discipline of this kirk.

The quhillk day, Robert Vennesoun flescheour callit comperit, and, being accusit for laying furth of skynnis upon the calsay on the Saboth day, confess the fault wes done be his servand by 1 his knowlege, and thairfoir he promeist to gif that servand his leve, and that none of his servandis soll do the lyik heir- eftir, uther wayis he sall pay for thair fault.

Comperit Margaret Scott in Litill Drone, and being accusit confest hir to be relaps in fornicatioun be procreation of tua bairnis to James Lermont, son to Patrik Lermont portioner of Drone. She is committit to pressoun till she find caution to satisfie conform to the ordour of this sessiou.

Friday, the xv of August, 1600.

The quhillk day, Margaret Scott being brocht furth of pressoun to [ansuer] for fornicatioun confess be hir of befoir with James Lermont, [she] now declarit that the tua bairnis quhillkis she hes borne war [gottin] upon hir be Patrik Ler- month, father to the said James, and that [she] had nevir car- nall copulation with the said James, as she suld ansuer to God; and thairfoir [the sessiou] 2 ordinis the saidis Patrik and James Leirmonthis to be warnit to Wednsday nixt.

Sattirday, the xviij day of August, 1600.

The quhillk day, Alexander Millar wrycht callit comperit, Decretit contrar Millar. and, being accusit for braking the Act maid with his consent the 26 of December last wes, in reparing to St. Lenardis kirk on the Saboth dayis, and refusing to repair to his ordin- paroche kirk, confess the samin. He is thairfoir ordinit to

1 That is, without. 2 Omitted.
mak repentance the morne, and promittis nevir to contravene the said Act heirefter.

The quhilk day, the bretheren finding that the communion aucth only to be ministrat [in] the paroche kirk of Sanctandrois to the inhabitantis of the towe and Abbay, lyikas it hes bene done thairin only, sen the reformation of religion and of befoir, and nevir as yit in St. Leonardis kirk, thairfoir ordinis ane number of the session to pas to Mr. Robert Wilkie, and inhibite him that he ministrat [nocht] the communieutioun to any of the induefillis of the towe, at the leist to any duelling within the Abay, haveinge na pretext of culour to accept of thame; and if the said Mr. Robert refusit to protest in the contrar for remeind, as lyik [wyis] desyres Mr. William Cok, David Every and Andrew Forrett, baillies, and with thame David Watsoun and the thesuarar, to await [on] and command all sic personis as is undir thair auctoritie nocht to communicat in St. Leonardis kirk Sunday nixt.2

1 Omitted.

2 In 1591 the Presbytery had appointed Wilkie to teach the Word, minister the sacraments, and exercise discipline, within the bounds of his parish (supra, p. 683, n.); in September 1592 a witness, before the kirk-session of St. Andrews, alleged that 'Mr. Robert Wilkie baptisit hir bern in St. Leonardis kirk' (supra, p. 728); and in the 25th of November 1596, 'Robert Kay and Jonett Methuen, adulteresis in the parochin of St. Leonardis,' appeared before the Presbytery, 'confessit the fault, and wer ordinarit to satisifie according to Act of the Generall Assemblie in the said kirk' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery).

The following entry shows that St. Leonard had a kirk session as well as a minister of its own. 'Apryll 14, [1597] . . . Compeir Robert Kay, who had committed adulterie with Jonett Methuen, duelling in St. Leonardis parochie. Mr. Robert Wilkie thair minister reportit that the said Robert had satisfiet in thair kirk according to the ordour, and thairfoir cravit that heould be receavit in the bosome of the Kirk agane; quhairefoir the thebrering refarris him to his particular sessioni' (Ibid.). That there was some uncertainty, however, as to the bounds of St. Leonardis parish is apparent. 'Octobris 21, [1596] . . . The question being proponit be Mr. David Blak quhat wes the bounds of the parichun of St. Leonardis, the dissiusiou quhairoff wes refarrit till Mr. Nicoll Daiglesche wer present' (Ibid.). The trouble in which Black was speedily involved (see supra, p. 823, n.) doubtless prevented the 'redding of the marches' at that time. Wilkie seems to have felt the combined duties of Principal and minister to be rather hard on him; and therefore, on the 8th of February 1598-9, 'desyrit of the Presbytrie that it micht be leisoum to Mrs. William Marche, Daniel Wilkie, and the rest of the maisteris of philosophie in that colledge that ar upon the exercisses, to helpe him upon Soundayis efter none: quhilk desyre the thebrering grantit' (Ibid.).
Sunday, the xvij of August, 1600.

The quhilk day, Margaret Scott, being of new brocht fra presson to the session, and demandit quha wes father of the tua bairnis she had borne, ansuerit, as of befoir, that Pattrick Lermouth wes only their father, and that he nevir intysed hir to say uthirwayis, and that she nevir tauld quha wes father of the bairnis befoir Wedensday last, and that becaus it wes nevir demandit of hir. The said James comperit and abaid constante in his formar confession, that he wes the father of the saids bairnis, and that he had to do with hir divers tymes in the place of Nydie. And the said Pattrick Lermouth, being demandit if evir he had to d[o] with the said Margaret, and if he wes the father of hir tua bairnis, ansuerit, he wald wish God to sinck his saule in hell if he evir had to do with Margaret Scott, or knawis quhidde[r] she be man or woman bot be sicht. Thairefter the said Margret and James being confrontit, he affirmit that he had gottin the bairnis with hir, and eftir lang disputacion she said gif James wald do his dewtie she wald declar the veritie, and he promittand to do the samyn, she than said the bairnis war his; and that the said Pattrick his father had nevir to do with hir, quhilk wes of treuth; and that ane Beatric Blak in Carslogy had suborned hir to father the bairnis on the said Pattrick. Upon the quhilk declarat[i]on the sessioun absolvit the said Pattrick of the said scander, and or[danit] the samyn to be published out of pulpett.

Wednesday, the xx of August, 1600.

The quhilk day, Agnes Lawsoun, dochter to unquhile Walt[er Lawsoun], comperit, and being accusit confest to have procreat an[e bairn to] Thomas Scott, citiner of this citie, he haweand ane mareit wy[ffe] on lyve. Comperit the said Thomas, and denyit the samyn simp[liciter]. They ar warnit apud acta to the nixt day.

Sunday, the xxiiij of August, 1600.

The quhilk day, Mr. George Glaidstanes minister intimat out of pulpeit to the pepill ane ordinance sett doun be his
Majestie, Commissionaris of the Kirk, and Secret Counsale, that, in respect of his Majestie lait delyverie fra the gryt and eminent treason intend[t] aganis his Majestie upon ane Tyisdaly, it wes thocht meit that in [all] tyme cuming the preaching on the weik dayis sould be upone Twisday and Thursiday, and nocht upon Wedinsday and Friday as of befoir, and that the pepill to keip the saidis dayis orderly; and als that the session is appointit to be halde ilk Twisday at tua houris, at the ringing of the gryt bell, as wes of befoir upon ilk Wedinsday.¹

The quhilk day, it is thocht meit that the elderis of landwart adverit that nane of the landwart brak the Saboth in shearing leding or labouring of thair cornes in this harvest season approchinge, requesting the maisteris of tenentis to lat thame have tyme to sheir thair cornes on the wark dayis, and that the saidis elderis report and delait the contravenaris of this Act.

Tyisdaly, the xxvij of August, 1600.

The quhilk day, it is ordinit that intimation be maid, Sunday nixt, that these quha hes bairnis to be baptizit heir-efir sall nocht on[y] cum to the minister quha sould baptize thame, bot also to M[r.] Robert Zule [blank],² quha hes the

¹ Besides this mode of commemorating the King's delivery from the 'Gowrie Conspiracy,' Parliament ordained, 'that in all tymes and ages to cum the fyft day of August sall yeirle be appointit and keipit, in all the presbiteries and parochienis within this realme and boundis of his haill dominions, for publicit preachingis, prayeris and solempne thankis geving to God, for his great mercie and favour grantit to this realme and everie member thairof, be his Majesties gracious and miraculaus preservatioun as said is upoun the said day' (Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland, iv. 214). The Privy Council took care that this Act should be known, by specially directing that it should be proclaimed (Register of Privy Council, vi. 256-258).

² Probably reader or vicar has been scraped out. As to his standing see supra, p. 742, n. On the 20th of May 1602, 'Mr. Robert Zuill, oft chargit now compairand, wes fund falt with for nocht frequenting the Presbyterie, and exercising as it fell him; and for urging him heirto ordanis that the Presbyterie Buik be produceit the nixt day, that it may be knawin qhat calling he hes to the ministerie.' At the next weekly meeting, 'the Presbyterie Buik being produceit according to the ordinance, and the Actis tuiching Mr. Robert Zuillis calling enterie and function in the ministerie being red and considerit, the
Register of the Baptizme, th[at] he may have the parentis names, and that he gif ane tiquot thairof to the minister, that thai may be callit befoir baptizme, and nane uthirwayis to be resavit.

The quhilk day, comperit Thomas Scott and Agnes Law- soun, and being accusit of adultrie, the said Agnes constantlie Presbyterie findis that the said Mr. Robert wes presentit to the ministerie, tryt and found sufficiantlie qualifief, edictis lauchtfullie servit for his admissioun to the ministerie, and na oppositioun, and that he hes bene exercising the same in teiching and exhortatioun; therfoir ordanis him to awaft on the Presbytery as the rest of the brether. 1 On the same day 'certane of the consell and session of St. Androis gawne in ane protestatioun in wreit aganis the admission of Mr. Robert Zuill to be thair minister, to quhom wes anseruirit, The Presbytery wes making no new admissioun of him but trying his former admissioun' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery). Next year the question of his standing came again before the Presbytery, for, on the 9th of October 1603, they had to choose a moderator. 'Upoun the winter leitis wer Mrs. Daud Lyndesay, Robert Zuill, George Narne, quha being removit, in the voting the question wes moved be Mr. George Gladstanes quhether Mr. Robert Zuill wes capable of that office; quhilk being speirit about at the brethren (for satisfactioun of the said Mr. George), it wes concludit be all that the said Mr. Robert Zuill wes capable of the office of moderatioun, be reasoun he wes ane presbyter. Lykwis the said Mr. Robert wes chosen moderator be pluralitie of votes. Mr. George Gladstanes protestit aganis the chosing of Mr. Robert Zuill moderatour, alleging he wes nather pastour nor doctour; and reuirit his protestatioun to be noted. Mr. Robert Zuill, being requirit to accept the said office being chosen be consent of all, understanding of Mr. Georges contradictioun, takis to be advisiit till this day xv dayis, quhilk wes granitt to him be the Presbytery.' On the 20th of October, 'Mr. Robert Zuill be absenting him self fra the Presbytery appeirding to refuis the office of moderatioun, therfoir the Presbytery ordanis Mr. Daud Lyndesay to charge him to be present the nixt day that he my shew his resolutions.' Being present on the 27th, he answered—'That as for him self he haid the warrand of his calling fra God, his Kirk, and the Kingis Majestie, comparable and beyond ony that wald challenge his calling, to be a teacher of the people of Sanctandrois; alwayis desyris the Presbytery to satisfie Mr. George his doubt. The quhilk wes continewit to a fullar Presbytery.' On the 3d of November, 'Mr. Robert Zuill, chargit as of befoir according as he wes chosen to accept, cravit as befoir the Presbytery to satisfie Mr. George, albeit he him self wes fullie satisfiit and haid the approbatioun of the Presbytery, utherwyis refuissit. Upon quhilk answer the Presbytery for the present thocht guid that ane new leit be maidd, and ane new moderatour to be chosen until the said questioun be decydit' (Ibid.). There is no later reference to his fitness for the moderatorship in the early volume of the Register of the Presbytery; but, on the 30th of August 1604, 'Mr. Robert Zuill cravit the Presbyteries adveys and warrand, tuiching ane request of Mr. George Gladstans to him to occupie his place upon the Saboth after none and Fryday. The Presbytie givis thair approbatioun and allowance thairto' (Ibid.).
affirmit that he gat the bairn with hir betuix St. Androis and the Grange, immediatlie bef[foir] Lambes in anno 1599, upon ane Sunday befoir nune, at the Grange Cro[ss], thai haveing appointed that metting the Sattirday preceding—in presens of the said Thomas, denyand the samin and everie point thairof; in resp[ect] quhairof the mater is referrit to forder tryell.

It is thocht expedient that in tyme cuming the small bell ring first to the preaching; the great bell to the secund; and the small and gryt bellis to ring in the thrid bell to preaching to gid[der].

Sunday, the last day of August, 160[0].

The quhilk day, comperit ane michtie lord, Ludouik S[tewart, Duik] of Lenox, &c., Commandatar of the Priorie of St. Androis, [and], in presens of the bretheren in sessioun, declarit that his [lordship] as superiour of the Abbay wald keip the paroche kirk of Sanctandrois as his ordinrar paroche kirk, as his predicessouris had done; and that his lordship acknowledgeit the haill inhabitantis within the presinct of the Abbay to be subject to the discipline of Sanctandrois paroche kirk only; and that his lordship wald nevir consent to any separation, bot that his lordshipis houshauld and remenant personis within the Abbay sould repair to the kirk of Sanctandrois as to thair ordinar kirk, and to na uthir kirk; and thairfor his lordship requestit the sessioun to charge the saidis personis within the presinct of the Abbay to cum befoir thame, and that his lordship suld assist the sessioun in case of disobedien[c,e] as his lordship hes presentlie proumest to charge thame with his awin mouthe to repair to this kirk, on the Saboth dayis befoir and eftir nune and uthir ordinar dayis, as to thair ordinar and only paroche kirk.1

1 This was evidently intended to prevent those residing within the precincts of the Abbey from attending worship in St. Leonards. As previously mentioned (supra, p. 934 n.) there was some dubiety as to the bounds of that small parish, and there appears to have been some friction, if not jealousy, between the ministers of St. Andrews and St. Leonards. *November 6, [1600] . . . The quhilk day, complainit Mr. Robert Wilky, Rectour, and minister of St. Leonardis paroche, upoun Mr. Dauid Lyndesay, ane of the ministeris of St. Androis, that
Tyisdai, the xv of September, 1600.

The quhilke day, it is concludit and inactit that the kirk Officier his fee for warning. beddeil and officiar sall warn all partyis complainit upon, as he salbe desyrit, to the sessioun, with thair witnessis, and sall exact aucth penny[is] for warning of ilk pairt, and four d. for ilk witnes, and na forder to be exactit.

Twisday, the xxiiij of September, 1600.

Jhone Arnott, commissar clerk, and Annas Wod, dochter to Arthour Wod, contractit in marriage, and pand to be consignit. Commissar clerk contractit.

The quhilke day, Alexander Winchister, son to Dauid Winchister, callit commerit, and being accusit of fornication with Jsobell Foular denyit the samyn be a gryt aith sworn, and thaireftir confess the samyn, be procreacion of ane chyld to him, and is trelaps on his part. They have ordinit him to be imprisoned till he find caution to satisfie the kirk.

The quhilke day, commerit Johne Thomson in Stratyrim, Confessio Winchister, Foular.

and being accusit confess fornication with Cristen Downe in Balcaithlie. He is committit to pressoun, and ordinit to begin his repentence Twisday nixt.

he haid marcit ane of his congregatioun without his testimoniall or advys: qihilke the Presbyterie referrit to certane of thair brother to be advisit, to wit, Mrs. Andro Meluill, James Meluill, William Walwod, and Johne Carmichael; quha reportit that thei did repute it ane greit owersicht and uncharitale deilh; and their advys wes that herefter the ministeris of St. Androis deill in charity tuching the parochie, and the congregatioun of St. Leonardis to have thair libertie as of befoir until the boundsis of the said parochyne be defynit. And the remanent of the Presbyterie, being demandit concerning the premissis, allowit and ratifieit both the censure and advys. And notwithstanding heirof, the Presbyterie aggreit that this suld ly ower till sum charitable forme of aggrement wer maid betuix the saaties pairteis; and this movit be the said Mr. Daudis sute, and faithfull promeis that nothing suld be done be him, or his colleg, in prejudice of the congregatioun of St. Leonardis, till intimation be first maid be him to the Presbyterie (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery). On the 11th of August 1603, 'Mr. Robert Wilkie, Rectour, compleinis that the ministeris and sessioun of St. Androis ingryit them sel on thair discipline, in melling with offensis [nocht] committit in thair boundsis. The Presbyterie ordnis the said sessioun to desist thairfra till thie tak tryell thairof' (Ibid.). A fortnight afterwards, 'Anent the compleint givin in be Mr. Robert Wilkie, Rectour, aganis the sessioun of St. Androis melling with thair discipline, the ministeris of St. Androis being present, the Presbyterie exhortis them both to keip them within thair swin boundsis' (Ibid.).
The quhil day, William Arthour callit comperit, and, being demandit if he wes present in the kirk of Logy, the viij or nyn day of Julii last, quhen Robert Arthour mareit Patrik Abircombie and Agnes Forsyth, confess he wes present thatrat with Mr. Johnes Inglis, Alexander Forsyth, and the Laird of Lochmalony, witnessis; and that the said Robert proclaimed the bandis of the mariag[e] thryse, and syne procedit with the form of mariag[e] contenit in the Psalme Buik;\(^1\) and that he reprovit the said Robert in the menetyme, quha allegeit he had ane warrand of Mr. Robert Wilky and of the Bishop of Glasgw; and knew that the said Robert gat sextene lb. for his panes fra the said Patrik Abircomby.\(^2\)

Sunday, the xxvij of September, 16[00].

The quhil day, the sessiou[n], having listit of befoir [ane] number of this congregatio[n] to beare office in the eldership and d[eacon]ship of this kirk for the yeir to cum, hes ordinit that thair names be red in pulpite; and all persons, having interes to object a[ganis] thame or ather of thame quhy thais suil drocht bear the said off[ices], to be summoned to compair in this kirk upon Twisday nixt, to object aganis the samin

\(^1\) That is in the Book of Common Order bound up with the Psalm Book.

\(^2\) The attention of the Presbytery of St. Andrews had been directed to this case, on the 4th of September, by a commissioner sent from the Presbytery of Cupar. In his statement Agnes Forsyth is described as 'sumtyme spous to Hercules Myreto[n], and dauther to Margaret Bruce, Lady Bammulo;' and the marriage is said to have been performed by 'Robert Arthour in St. Androis and Mr. Andre Allane vicar of Leucheris.' The Presbytery ordered the ministers of the parishes in which the parties and witnesses resided to call them before their respective sessions, and to give in their reports next week, as also to summon them all to that meeting of Presbytery. Neither parties nor witnesses appeared on the 11th; but on the 18th of September, Gladstanes reported that Robert Arthour had promised to come, 'and in cais he faylit wes content that the Presbyterie suld hald that mater quhairof he wes accusit pro confesso.' Witnesses were also examined and he was found guilty. The Presbytery therefore ordained 'the ministeris of Sanctandrois to charge him publiclie out of pulpit to compeir befoir the Synodall Assemblie at Dunfermling, thair to heir the sentence of the Kirk pronuncit aganis him; and the saidis ministeris to charge the said William Arthour befoir thame and report thair diligence to the Synode' (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery). It was in accordance with the latter part of this charge that William Arthour gave the evidence in the text.
and thai salbe hard; with certification, if nane compeer [the] said day to that effect, the election will proceed.

Twisday, the last day of September, 1600.

The qhillk day, etir incalling upon the name of God, all person o[ ] personis, haveing any thing to object aganis the personis lited to b[e] elders and deacons in this kirk for the yeir to cum, being lauchtfullie callit, as thai quha war lauchtfullie summond to that effect upon Sunday last, and intimation maid thairof this day, and nane comperand, lauchfull tyme of day bidden, the said electioun procedit ordourlie, quhais names followis.

Maisteris George Glaidstanes and Dauid Lindesay ministeris.

Elders.
Arthour Wod of Grenesyid
Jhone Wemis of Craigtoun
Dauid Every
Alexander Winchister
Mr. William Cok, baillie
Mr. Dauid Russell, baillie
Patrik Guthrie, baillie
Dauid Watson, Dene of Gild
Mr. Robert Mauill
Dauid Mauill of Both, commissar
Jhone Arnott, clerk
Mr William Russell
Mr. Henry Russell
Mr George Mernis
Mr William Wemis
Androw Forrett
James Leiche
Androw Watsoun
Dauid Winchister
Thomas Dikson
Androw Welwod
George Nairne, elder.

Deacons.
Gregorie Watsoun
George Nairne, younger
Androw Millar
Jhone Carstaris, younger
Androw Diksoun
Jhone Coupar
Dauid Tailzour
Walter Gibsoun
Jhone Maire
William Gudefallo
Androw Adamsoun
Jhone Huniman
Jhone Myrtoun
James Tailzour
Jhone Myles
Walter Todrik
Robert Williamson
Henry Wisheart
Nicoll Mayne
Androw Carnwath.
And to landwart:

George Ramsay of Langraw
Alexander Wod of Lambe-latham
Patrik Dudingistoun of Rar-derny
Mr. James Wemis of Lathoker.

Jhon Jnglis of Stratyr[him]
Mr. Alexander Jarden
Thomas Carstaris
James Month in Strak-yn(es).

The quhilk day, the saidis elderis and deacones electit a[r warnit to] compeir upon Sunday nixt in their place accus-tuma[t, in tyme of] preaching befoir nune, and accept their offices solemnly.

Sunday, the fyft of October, 1600.

The quhilk day, eftir incalling upon the name² of God, he saidis elderis and deacones being convenit in this kirk in their ordinar seatt besyid the pulpeit, they all acceptit their offices upon thame, and promittit to deuly discharge their dewiteis thairin, in safar as God sall grant thame grace and habilitie.

Robert Arthour is summond publiklie to compeir befoir the session upon Twisday nixt, to resave his injunctiones to repentance, conform to the Act of the kirk maid aganis him at Dumfermling, and th[at] for the first admonitioun, undir the pane of excommunicatioun.

Twisday, the vij of October, 1600.

Duncan Balfour youngar callit comperit, and confess his trelaps in fornication, and last with Jonet Hird, servand to the commissar, and hes offerit xx li. for his penaltie, with four lib. to the puir, and sall pay the xx merkis left be his unquhile spous to the puir, and is ordinit to satisfie the discipline as trelaps in fornication, and in end is contractit in mariidge with Martha Kyninmonth.

The quhilk day, the haill elderis and deacones ar ordinit to provyid and have purses, for collecting of the penalties fra all

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¹ Sir.

² None in ms.
personis of this congregatioun that uses to blaspheme God, ban or swear, in thair audience, and to present the sam in sessio[n] Twisday nixt, undir the pane of xij d. to ilk person faiyeand.

The quhilk day, Robert Arthur, callit, comperit nocht to resave his injunctiones to repentance, conform to the Act maid aganis him thairanent at Dumfermling; and thairfoir he is ordinit to be summond Sunday nixt, for the secund admoni- tioun, undir the pane of excommunication.¹

The quhilk day, the haill actis and statutes, maid in this sessioun and contenit in this buik, being red and notifieit to the brethren, concerning guid ordour to be keipit be thame, and for executioun of disciplene and keiping of guid ordour and mancer[s] be the pepill, they have allowit the samin and ratifieit the saidis actis, and promittis to obey and observe the samin, and all uther actis tending to the glorie of God and weill of his Kirk.

¹ On the 20th of November, the Presbytery ordained ‘Mr. George Gled- stanes to summond Robert Arthur to compair befoir the Presbyterie the nixt day;’ and on the 27th of that month, ‘Robert Arthur confest befoir the Presbyterie that he haid marriet Patrik Abercrumbie and Agnes Forsyth, as also baptisit ane bairne, in the kirk of Logie, in presence of Mr. Johne Inglis, Alexander Forsythe, the Laird of Lochmelowny, and his servand’ (Register of St. Andrews Presbytery). Robert Arthour was an old offender, having, in 1595, written a false certificate for marriage (supra, p. 812).
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ABBAY, James, 834.
Abbottshall (Abbottshall, Abottishall), 28 n., 54 n., 152 and n., 603.
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