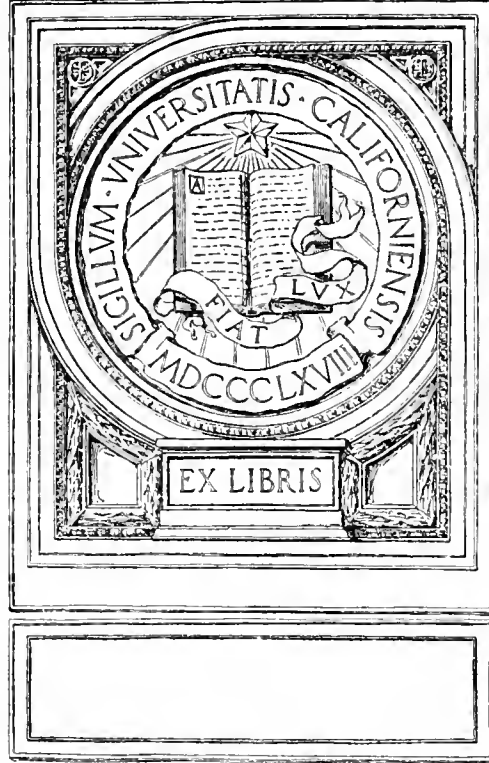


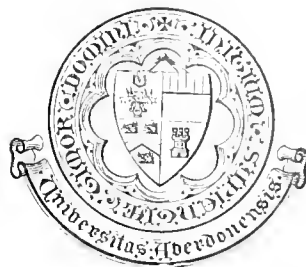


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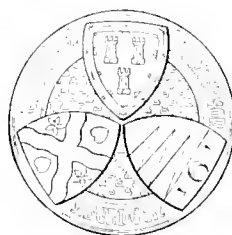
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INTRODUCTION.

THE extracts printed in this volume have been taken mainly from records dealing with the ecclesiastical side of affairs in Old Aberdeen, as those in the first volume were taken from records dealing with the civic life.

It was the original intention to preface this volume with a history of Old Aberdeen based on Orem, and supplemented by the additional information made available by those records. The scheme, however, presented considerable difficulties in carrying it into execution, and in the circumstances it has been thought best to let the extracts speak for themselves.

The records from which the extracts have been taken are:—

I. The Minutes of the Kirk Session. The minutes of the kirk session of Old Machar are complete from 1621 to 1763, and are in a good state of preservation. In the earlier volumes the entries are sometimes detailed very fully, especially in discipline cases, when the session sat as a court and took evidence often at considerable length. Many of these cases it is needless to say are far from edifying. It has been the endeavour in making the selection to extract those entries which tend to throw light on the habits of the people, their mode of living, the survival of ancient customs and superstitions, and the events of national history as they affected the community of the Aulton. Many notable local events, it is curious to observe, are not referred to at all, although in some instances the session minutes, if anywhere, would naturally be looked to as the place of record. Such an example is found in the fall of the great central tower of the Cathedral in May, 1688, of which event no

direct mention is to be found in the minutes. Indirect references are only to be obtained in the charge made against the sexton for sifting the ashes of the dead for rings and valuables in the graves that had been disturbed by the falling tower. Other minutes from time to time deal with the accumulation of dressed stones lying in the churchyard which were given for the repair of Powis bridge, the building of the new Council house, and for the repair of the buildings of King's College. The stirring incidents of 1715 are only incidentally referred to by the intrusion of the Cathedral by a mob, and the subsequent deposition of several Episcopal incumbents; while the events of 1745 are mentioned in a little more detail by reference to the interruption of a service, the indemnifying of the kirk treasurer for money taken by the rebels, and the thanksgiving for the victory of the Duke of Cumberland at Culloden.

The pulpit in early days, as one gathers from the entries in the minute books, took the place of the modern newspaper, for by the proclamations of Parliament and the Privy Council, and by the holding of numerous fasts and days of thanksgiving the people were kept in touch with the great outstanding events that took place both at home and abroad. Some of these occurrences seem to take undue prominence over others, such as when we learn that a day of thanksgiving was ordered in 1682 for the discovery of the Gunpowder Plot some seventy-seven years after the event had become a historical fact.

Local environment was responsible for many offences not found in similar records, as for example the persistent breaking of the Sabbath by the fishers on Dec and Don. Members of the session were for long regularly appointed as "watchers" to visit the rivers and report those found fishing, and many times and often the prospect of a successful fishing overcame all dread of ecclesiastical censure and fine. The kirk session of St. Nicholas, Aberdeen, had the same difficulty to deal with, some

of the fishers, as they remark, "preferring, as apperis, their greid and avarice to the glorie and worschip of God, have contineuit and persistit hitherto in working and fisching of thair watteris on the Saboth day, to the heich dishonour of God, the manifest contempt of his law, and sclander of the gospell." Sunday golfing also troubled the worthy elders now and again, while the games of bowls, pennystone, and playing of "kits" were offences dealt with by the session.

Unseemly gatherings at baptisms, marriages, and the contracting of parties with a view to marriage, were also the occasion of many admonitions from the pulpit, the disregard of which was the means often of supplying the church treasurer with needed funds.

A large number of the entries deal with the difficulty experienced by the session in obtaining regular attendance at public worship, and in particular with those who are described as "common outlyers" from public ordinances. The elder taking the collection at the church door was often commissioned to keep a strict outlook and note the attendance or non-attendance of particular parties and report to the session. But if non-attendance was a fault, there were other offences of as heinous a character in the eyes of the session committed by those who did attend. An early minute deals with those who left the church before the blessing was pronounced, and this custom seems to have continued, as intimation is made against the practice more than once. Having passed the watchful elder at the door, some when the service was commenced came out and lay about the churchyard or "vaiged" the streets, while a threat of being summoned before the session was made in 1650 against those who "mack a custome of sleeping and does not amend." Among those who remained in church the best behaviour was not sometimes maintained, for more than one minute deals with the presence of dogs, walking about during

service, and many other acts which the session in one minute designs as conduct neither christian nor sober in the house of God.

The punishments invoked by the session, in addition to imposing fines, were imprisonment by calling in the civil power, the branks, the stocks, the goves, the garment of sackcloth, and the penitential stool. Sometimes the ordinary forms of punishment were not considered sufficient to purge the defaulter of his sin, and reference may be made to the dreadful oath of purgation required in some cases before the innocence of the suspected person could be said to be fully established. A form of this oath of purgation is given in the case of Andrew Bartlat in 1700.

The minutes contain numerous references to the varying forms of conducting public worship both on Sabbath and week days. At one time, while the congregation were assembling the precentor read certain portions of scripture, while at another time the scholars of the public school, under the guidance of the master, would repeat the catechism for the instruction of the older people. The old method of reading each line of the psalm before it was sung was abolished in 1757, and the former usage of having week-day services was discontinued in 1753.

After the Restoration the session was much exercised in the suppression of popery, and as there were a goodly number of that persuasion in the parish, there are numerous minutes dealing with them. From time to time their names were publicly read from the pulpit, and the congregation suitably warned against dealings with them as excommunicated persons. As a preliminary to a person settling in the parish, it was necessary to produce a satisfactory certificate from the minister of the parish in which they had previously resided, and the following testimonial, although not in the usual form, betokens a

relaxation of the strict measures at one time extended to papists :—

“ Sir

The Bearer James Nicoll periwigmaker sometime in the toun of Old Meldrum desiring ane Testificate from our Session, and seeing wee cannot give him ane formall testificate subscribed under the Sessions hands, because he is not of our communion, being a Roman Catholicke, att his desire, I have wrote this line to you, to shew you, that he has satisfied our session, as to anything wee had to say to him, and has done, what is usually required of any of his profession, in these circumstances he has been under, and which I believe you know, I have spoke often with him my selfe anent this matter, and he has scemed to take in very good part, what advice and counsell I offered him, so that I know of noe other thing here to say against him, or that our session have to say, and for my oune part, I must say, that he has carried towards mee alwise with very much discretion, civility, and respect, so that I have noe more to say, but my humble service and respects to your bedfellow, your Minister, and yo^r honest neighbour Baillie Thomson, and my very good friend Alex^r Molyson, and all my old acquaintances and kinde friends with you, and continues

Sir

Your most affectionate, most humble
and much obliged servant
Jo: Mulligine”

“ Old Meldrum
February 25th
1702

One of the important duties of the session was the provision of education within the parish, and in carrying this out they seem to have been very zealous, both in the appointment of suitable teachers, and in seeing that the schools were well attended by the children. Considerable trouble was experienced in suppressing private schools which were taken up in various places throughout the parish, as being detrimental to the English and music schools under the care of the session. The large extent of the parish may have had something to do with the starting of these schools, and also for the toleration extended to Bodie in 1673, when it was agreed to allow him to continue

so long as he confined himself to teaching the young children to spell and read the psalm book.

Many other interesting side lights on the old life might be referred to, but sufficient has been said to show the nature of the entries extracted from the minutes.

2. Session Accounts. The extracts from these accounts from 1639 onwards, although far from complete, are a natural complement to the extracts from the minutes, as they in many cases supplement the information given in them.

Kirk sessions, as is well known, were the guardians of the poor within their own bounds, and they also exercised an unbounded charity within the means at their disposal towards all in trouble and distress. The expenditure, as exhibited by these accounts, shows most clearly that the session of Old Machar was not behind others in their liberal dealings.

In the earlier accounts considerable payments were made to distressed persons from Ireland, who, it seems, were recommended by the General Assembly, and went from parish to parish soliciting relief. A class who seem to have received the bounty of the session in overflowing measure were shipwrecked and distressed seamen, without distinction of nationality, as the frequency of the entries testify. Thus John Middleton, "ane sie man" cast away at "Saltcotts" gets £2 13s. 4d. for his relief, while "two frenshe men ship brokin" get £1 6s. 8d. On other occasions help is extended to "sex men ship brokin," and again to twenty-three English seamen. Sometimes special circumstances appealed to the session, as in the case of three shipbroken men belonging to Shetland who had been robbed by pirates, and to nine Frenchmen robbed by pirates at sea. Towards the close of the seventeenth century considerable sums were raised for the ransom money of seamen who had fallen into the hands of pirates in Algiers and elsewhere.

The kindness of the session is further evinced by the help they extended to persons outside the parish in cases of distress or unexpected calamity. Some of the cases relieved are quaintly narrated in the accounts as the following instances will illustrate; to a poor woman with twins on her back; to a cripple lad with a swelled leg, and to a poor man in a barrow. In former days fire seems to have been the cause of much suffering and loss, and the session were not backward in giving a helping hand as the following payments, taken at random, prove; to David Frieman at Nigg who had four horses burned with fire; to a man whose house was burned; to Forbes whose house, stacks and corn were burned at Echt; and to Leask whose house was burned with fire. Events of local importance are also dealt with in the accounts. We learn that the session contributed towards the losses sustained at the hands of the Irish regiments of Montrose in 1644 when they sacked both Aberdeens, and the relief given in respect of being "herryit be the Irishes" occurs more than once. The plague of 1646-47 caused great distress, and the ordinary services were discontinued at the Cathedral and special diets for worship were held throughout the parish, at the Corshill (Scotstown Moor), the cairn of Dilspro (Grandholm), Sc lattie, Carn gullie, cairn of Scotstown, &c., while relief was granted to the inmates of the huts, erected for persons attacked by the disease, at Ferryhill and Scotstown. It is interesting also to note that some of the fine old trees that still stand in the churchyard may be the remnants of the planting that took place in 1701 of trees purchased from Monymusk. The accounts also indicate that after the fall of the steeple in 1688 the open east end of the nave of the Cathedral was at first only temporarily closed, and that it was not till 1705 that a stone partition was erected. Although the church treasurer had so many pressing claims upon his resources, he must have regretted time and again the quantity of "evil money" which found its way into the collections, and which

repeated exhortations from the pulpit did not succeed in putting down.

3. Minutes of the Heritors and Kirk Session dealing with the poor. The care of the poor under statute was committed to the session from 1597 to 1692, and they alone during this period intronitted with the funds set aside for the poor, and framed regulations for their relief, besides taking measures for the repression of stranger beggars. By proclamation of William and Mary in 1692, afterwards confirmed by the Act of 1695, the duty devolved on the session and the heritors jointly. No great change appears to have taken place in the parish of Old Machar as the result of the new order of things, except that a minute of 28th August, 1687, foreshadows the change by a recommendation that the town, college bounds, and the heritors, should maintain the poor and indigent persons within their several precincts with the help of the quarterly collections at the church, and these proposals seem to have received the assent of the parties concerned. This arrangement was confirmed in 1693 and appears to have worked without much trouble till 1751, when it was deemed necessary to put the Act in force, and levy a rate for the maintenance of the poor in place of the voluntary contributions hitherto made by the heritors. A stent roll was prepared, and by order of a meeting of heritors and the session, a tax was, in terms of the statute, imposed for the first time. This proceeding was strongly opposed by a considerable number of the heritors on various grounds as unnecessary, and actions were raised before the Sheriff, to compel payment of the assessment, who granted decree in favour of the collector. The memorial and proposals given in by the objecting heritors to the meeting of 4th February, 1752, is a very interesting document, and clearly sets forth the abuses that had crept into the administration of relief to the poor, and the proposals for remedying these in the future.

One of the complaints made by the heritors was that the laws and regulations against stranger beggars had not been vigorously pressed in the past, and that the position of market and populous towns had drawn many undesirables to obtain a settlement in the parish to the detriment of the native poor and the pockets of the heritors. The objections seem to have been in a measure well founded, and the ultimate result was that the former method of voluntary contributions by the heritors in supplement of the church funds was resorted to, and apparently proved sufficient till the provisions of the Poor Law Act of 1845 superseded the old order of things.

4. Bishops of Aberdeen. Under this heading a continuation of Boece's list of bishops has been given down to the abolition of Episcopacy at the Revolution. Nothing new has been attempted in the account given of the various bishops, but an endeavour has been made to collect together the scattered items of interest relating to those who during this period occupied the See of Aberdeen. Little or nothing regarding the personality of those men can be gathered from the session records, which continue to deal with the regular business of the session with scarcely a reference to those who held the highest position in the diocese. This is not a little strange, in view of the fact that evidences are not wanting to show that the bishop was often regarded by the authorities with considerable favour, and that in cases of need he was willing to exert his influence in high places for the good of the city. These remarks may be better illustrated by two letters received by the Town Council. The first is a letter from Bishop David Mitchell prior to his taking up residence in Old Aberdeen :—

“ Leeth 26 May 1662

“Gentle-men Baillies and Counsellers of Old Aberdeene, my verie goode friends, I received at my first arrivall here, from your Comissioner James Gordon your Baillie, your kinde and

courteous letter, whereby yee do expresse your contentment and satisfaction with his Ma^{ties} election and designation of me for that office and charge among you: for which your good opinion of me, and good affection to me, I render you most hertie thanks, and shall endeavour by the grace of God, to give you such a meeting and correspondence, as you shall not think your kinde affection lost or misplaced. I thank you also for your care for my accomodation for Lodging. And you may assure yo^rselves, if I can be any wise conveniently accomodate with you, I will seeke no where else nor be perswaded by any, who-soever, to leave or desert you. I am a stranger to the place, and can not name to you any particular house, which I could desire, and therefore must remitt it to your own wisdom and discretion to take for me that which you shall think most convenient, till God and time provide better. Concerning the time of my coming I can say nothing, not being as yet consecrated, nor knowing how long I shall be detained here to waite vpon the parliament: but thus much I can say, yee cannot more long for my presence with you, then I do to see you. Thus with the tender of my best respects to you all, and my best wishes for a comfortable meeting, I rest

Your affectionate friend
to serve you Da. Michell"

The second letter is from Bishop Patrick Scougal, and relates to a dispute, as to the right of market, which had arisen between the merchants of Old Aberdeen and the magistrates of Aberdeen:—

"Edr Novebr 13 1672

"Beloved freindes

I receaved youres wheirin ye acquaint me that your towne is still molested by the magistrates of Abd. in apprehending imprisoning and fining your freemen merchantes as forestallers and that they had of late apprehendit and incarcerate one of your merchantes lately incorporate untill he payed a piece of money threatening to doe the lyke wth the rest and heerwpon you desyre my concurrence that advice may be takin and a petition given in to the lords of Councel for your protectione and redresse.

"Ye may assure yourselves I shall not be wanting so farre as I am able according to my place to concurre for your protection in the enjoyment of your priviledges, onely I could have wisht that the late case ye hinte at had been particularly circumstantiate as to the person wronged and the name of the

Magistrate by whom he was incarcerate and what his fyne was also what was the fault wherwith he was chaarged and by what proofes thes particulares can be maide out when I shall have advertisement of thes I shall take advice whither it will sustaine as a riot before the Councel, and if it will, after I have fairly dischaarged w^t the toun of Abd. in case they refuse to give reparation I shall sie that a complaint be raised against them and presented to the lords of Council thus comending you to the grace of God I rest

Your loving freind
Pat. B^c of Aberdeen "

5. Ministers of Old Machar. In this section there is gathered together, as in the case of the bishops, a concise account of the various incumbents of the Cathedral, both in the first and second charges, without claim to any great addition of original matter. The session minutes undoubtedly add to our knowledge of the various ministers, and from this and other sources the information has been compiled. In view of proposals to discontinue the collegiate status of the Cathedral, it is of interest to note from the minutes the reasons which induced the heritors, the college, and the session to appoint Mr. John Seaton to the second charge in 1650.

6. Epitaphs and Inscriptions. All the inscriptions so far as legible and visible in the Cathedral and transepts have been given, but only a selection has of necessity been made from those in the churchyard. It is hoped that these particular records of Old Aberdeen will prove of interest as without exception they are the most difficult to recover. Every endeavour has been made to render the inscriptions as accurately as possible, but the finger of time has in very many cases rendered the task somewhat difficult. Many of the older tombstones have been sadly neglected and in some instances it has been found impossible to recover the inscription, or at least only partially.

7. The Chanonry. By the descriptions of the several manses of the prebends attached to the Cathedral, and the aid of the plan, it has been the endeavour to depict how the Chanonry looked prior to the date of the Reformation. Enclosed within its four ports or gates, the dwellers in the Chanonry formed a community by themselves, outside the bounds of the burgh of barony of Old Aberdeen. Several of the prebends of the Cathedral appear to have had no manse within the Chanonry, or at least no trace of them can now be found. Latterly these manses were either disposed of by the holders shortly after 1560, or were held by their representatives, in some cases, for a considerable period. In time the manse buildings fell into decay, and the sites of two or more were conjoined into one property, so that to-day it is not possible to exactly define the ancient boundaries. The Chaplains' Court, in part, alone remains as the only existing relic of the Chanonry buildings of the sixteenth century.

8. St. Peter's Hospital. This hospital founded by Bishop Matthew Kininmond (1163-1197) was the most ancient of the institutions connected with the Cathedral, and it was endowed with most of the lands in the hands of the bishop, extending northwards towards Hilton, and bounded in that direction by the limits of the King's forest of Stocket. Bishop Leighton about 1427 altered the constitution of the hospital, and attached most of its revenues to the upkeep of his own table, while in 1527 the foundation was annexed to the Cathedral and its revenues appropriated to the common purposes of the church. The master was at the same time made a prebend of the Cathedral Chapter under the title of sub-chantor. The last chapter in the history of the hospital was its annexation to King's College, by virtue of a charter granted by James VI., dated 10th September, 1574, in which the sub-chantory of Aberdeen, comprehending the rectory and vicarage of Spital, was confirmed to the members

of the College. The patrimony of the hospital transferred by this gift, it is believed, consisted merely of the site of the hospital, the churchyard surrounding the hospital, and the right to uplift some small feu-duties payable in respect of the lands feued out a few years earlier. The Session on more than one occasion had to call the attention of the College authorities to the interments made in the Spital churchyard as an infringement of the rights of the parish burying ground.

9. Boundaries of the Snow Parish. The church of St. Mary ad Nives, or Snow Church, was founded by Bishop Elphinstone, in virtue of a bull from Pope Alexander VI. in 1497, and, in respect that the Cathedral was almost completed, it was considered desirable that the newly established foundation should form the parish church of the city of Old Aberdeen. It was under such circumstances that on 10th December, 1498, the new parish was delimited, and the deed is a most interesting document detailing as it does in the fullest terms the boundaries of the new parish, including the whole town and burgh of Old Aberdeen, but excluding the Chanonry, Seaton, and the Spital. The history of St. Mary's can be told in a few words, for in 1499 the bishop annexed the church and vicarage to King's College, and in May, 1503, with consent of the rector of St. Peter's Hospital, a manse and glebe were designed for the vicar out of the hospital lands. The Reader of Canon Law in the College was appointed prebend of St. Mary's, and the revenues were part of his emoluments. After the Reformation the church and its revenues were granted to King's College, and the gift was confirmed by Act of Parliament in 1617. In 1583 the college obtained sanction, with advice of the taxmasters of St. Machar parish, to demolish and take down the ruinous walls and timber of the present kirks of Snow and Spital, now abused to superstition and idolatry, and to employ the same for the reparation of the kirk of Machar. Spalding informs us that among the

first works undertaken by Dr. William Guild, when elected principal of King's College in 1640, was that "he yokit George Ronald, mesoun, to the Snaw Kirk and kest down the wallis thair of, sic as wes standing, and causit transport the stanes to big up the colledge yaird dykis, and to imploy the hewin wark to the decayit chalmer windois within the said hous; whairat many old town people murmurit the same being the parochie kirk sumtyme of Old Abirdein, within the qubilk thair freindis and foirfatheris war bureit." It was doubtless this veneration for old associations which led the session on 4th March, 1649, to give intimation forbidding that "non goe to the snawe kirkyard as ther wontit custome hes bene to say ther prayers vpon ther husbands or freinds graves which is playne superstitione vnder the payne of church censure." The area of the old church is still used by certain Roman Catholic families as a place of interment.

10. Bishop Dunbar's Hospital. The history of this benefaction of Bishop Dunbar is fully treated of in the text.

11. Description of Old Aberdeen. In "A Description of both Touns of Aberdeen" published by the Spalding Club in 1842, a description of Old Aberdeen is given from a translation preserved in the Advocates' Library, Edinburgh. Cosmo Innes in his preface to the 1842 publication says, "The translator is not known. His work is everywhere rude, and with the idiom and constrained air of a version of an imperfectly understood original; while, in some places, he has plainly mistaken the meaning of the homely but vigorous Latin of James Gordon." Under these circumstances it was thought no apology was needed to give in this volume, dealing with Old Aberdeen, the Latin of Gordon accompanied by a new translation which might give a better interpretation of the author's meaning.

12. Description of the Cathedral. This manuscript by James Logan, the author of "*The Scottish Gael*" and other works, is

the property of the Society of Advocates in Aberdeen. It was written probably about 1825, and gives a minute and interesting description of the interior of the Cathedral as it then was, with its lofts or galleries, and quaint pews belonging to the trade and other societies in the old town. In the course of his narrative he has preserved several inscriptions in the church and churchyard which are not now to be seen. Even in his day some of the inscriptions were so far decayed as to render them undecipherable.

The translation of the Latin deeds and description of Old Aberdeen is the work of the Rev. John Milne, LL.D., to whom my best thanks are also due for the valuable help and advice on many obscure points he has always ungrudgingly given. I beg to express my obligations to the Kirk Session of Old Machar, the University, and the Society of Advocates for placing their records at my disposal for the purposes of this work. The admirable and comprehensive index to the two volumes has been prepared by Miss Jean E. Kennedy, whose similar labours in other works issued by the Club is a sufficient guarantee that an ample and exhaustive reference is given in the index to the matter contained in both volumes. I have likewise to express my indebtedness to the printers, Messrs. Taylor & Henderson, for the care and attention they have given to the work while passing through the press.

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17 JUNE 1621

The said day depursit be Alex^r Lillie at the Sessiounes comand to Patk Kay sklaitter his serwandis of drink siluer for wirking at the kirk wark threttie tua s. I 11

1 JULY 1621

The said day It is appoyntit that the names of the poorall baithe within this citie and paroche be takin vpe and inrollit and that the landward poor gait taikuns and that all strangers be debarit and removit furthe of the toun and paroche and that the poor within the toun remane within the toun and the poorall landward be sustenit be landuard.¹ I 13

5 AUGUST 1621

The said day comperit Geillis Gray and pntit ane barne of half ane yeir auld on baptisit alledging the samyn to be to James Gordon younger of Crabstoun and in respect the barne is at the poynt of deathe and that the woman gave her ay^t that the barne wes begottin be the said James the Session willit the minister to baptise the barne. I 16

23 MARCH 1622

The said day comperit Williame Linton James Gibson Jon Forbes Barbara Steinson, Patk Forbes Williame Moir, Patk Hovme Wm. Settone Alex^r Findlater, Ro^t and James Proctors brousteris quhome the minister admonishit for that they nor naine of thame their wyffes barnes nor serwandis taik vpon thame in tyme coming to sell any meat or drink on the sabbot day in tyme of devyne service certifeing thame q^a happins to failzie that they sall be callit aceusit and conveyct according to the actis of parliament for their transgresion. I 38

¹ The number of poor within the town was 11 and in the landward part of the parish 9. I 21.

3 NOVEMBER 1622

The said day Patrk. Henderson absolut be wertew of his ay^t anent the delatioun gevin in agains him for alledgeit leiding of Walter Troups come on the Lords day. 1 48

23 MARCH 1623

The said day it is statut and ordanit be the session that no person nor personis tak vpon thame in tyme cuming to opin the earthe in the Snow kirk or kirk yeard by the advys of the Mr. of the kirk wark, and the Reider to be satisfeit and the bedell to caus mak the gravis and no other and this act to be publishit dewlie as efferis and sic as beis bureit within the said kirk aboune xv yeiris auld to pay fourtie s. and betuixt xv and ten xxvj s viij d. and within xx s. 1 53

8 JUNE 1623

The said day compeirit Isobell Quhytcors and offerit hir redy to mak satisfaction to the kirk in public repentance as the session wante injoine for her fall in adultrie w^t Wm. Sangster who is fugative and as abefoir declairit on her saull and conscience she had nayther guidis geir nor penaltie to pay anent the qlk the session ordainit the said Isobell to enter to the goiffis at the kirk styll on sonday nixt and there to remane betuixt the first and thrid bells and thereafter to enter to the publict stoole in seek claithe bair fut and bair lege, and to continow there till the teaching and pryers be endit and siclyk everie sabbothe thereafter till the session be satisfeit qlk she willingly becum actit to do.¹ 1 57

21 JULY 1623

The said Jonat Waan confest hir fall in adultrie w^t Androw Small within this toun within the dwelling house of Alex^r Wobster and in respect she wes bot ane wagabond banishit loone frome vther congrega-tune and not of this congregation Johne Chene baillie w^t advys of the session ordainit hir to be takin to the Cross and put in the jogs hir heid clippit and put of the toun as ane vnfamous person. 1 60

¹ She appeared during the next four Sabbaths, after which "the Session finds thameself satisfeit."

27 JULY 1623

The said day James Proctor becom actit that ther salbe no pyping fiddling dansing truble bancatting nor na vther kyne of ryot this day at James Leslyis brydell vnder the paine of fourtie pounds. I 61

10 AUGUST 1623

The said day comperit personallie Andro Small and being accusit for to haif fallin in adultrie w^t Jonat Waan within this congregatioun, denyit the fact, notwithstanding of the said Jonatts confessioun made abefoir Anent the qlk the session ordaines the said Androw To compeir befor the pupeit on Sondag nixt within this kirk and ther immediatlie efter the ending of the sermone befor the pupeit be wertewe of his ay^t (q^rvnto he sall be suorne that day) ather confess or purge him self befor the congregatioun and people sic as salbe convenit for the tyme, qlk the said Andro plainelie refusit to do Bot offerit to give his ay^t and declaration befor the session vtherwayis not and in respect off the said Androw his refusall to give his ay^t and declaration befor the pupeit as he is injoynt and of the said Jonatts confession and declaration maid abefoir the session wills the minister to proceed agains him w^t the censures of the kirk.¹ I 62

4 JULY 1624

The said day the session appoyntis the persounes following to travill through the paroche to tak in sic voluntarie contributions as may be had to the support of Dumfermling viz^t—Gilbert Johnstoun and Androw Burnet for the fredome of Abd. Ferrihill, Petmveckston Rutherstoun and ther pertinents.

William Gordon of Cottoun and Johne Fraser portiouner of Sklattie for the Gordouns Mylne, Cottoun Sklattie Crufts Crabston Watterton and haill barony of Stanywood.

Patrick Gordoun of Gordounsmyln and George Merser for the barrony of Balgovny Berrihillok Mandurno, Scotiston and Grandon his lands.

Mr. Thomas Gordon James Cassie and Daud Bartlet for Dilspro Govlis Swailend Kynmynedes Boighoill and bishopes haill lands therabout.

¹ Excommunicated on 28th December 1623 "for his disobedience."

Petcaple for Elrick and barony of Monycabuk.
 Mr. Ro^t Gordon for the barony of Strabtha.
 Patrick Gordon of Birsmoir for the watter.
 The baillies of Auld Abd. for the Toun and Spittell and Colledge.

I 77

3 OCTOBER 1624

The said day comperit James Myln Myllar at Watterton and confest that he set on the myln vpon the lords day and grund ane boll malt to Alex^r Hervie his maister qlk he did at the said Alex^r's comand as also confest his absence from the kirk the last twa Sabbothes and the qlk the session.[†]

I 83

13 AUGUST 1626

The said day it is ordeined that Patrik Walter chorister and kirk officiar get only twentie markis yeirlie for his said service viz: ten marks at Martimes and ten at Witsonday, and becaus he hes put away the boordclothes of the communion tables through his negligence, that the pryce thair of be keiped back of the first part of his Martimes fee, and that he be continowed till Martimes next only in service vpon his good behaviour and no other wayes And siclyk in respect of ane scandall bred in the hearts of dyvers becaus of his speaking and meitting and scandalous conversation w^t Margrat Mercer in Auld Abd. It is ordeined that ther be no communing betuixt him and the said Margrat nor keiping of any societie with hir, As lykwys not to resate the eldest daughter in his hous being banished out of this toune, Under the paine of loosing his office if he faill in any of the premissis

I 102

20 AUGUST 1626

Wm. Lintowne summondit to this day Quha was convict abefoir lawfullie for the sclandering of George Chalmer and his daughter and for his dyvers absence and contemptuous misregairding of the saids citationes of the Sessioun against him be his awin consent band himself for his saids offences to satesfie to the collector the sowme of sex pounds aucht schillings and to mak his publict repentance the next saboth.

I 102

[†] Minute incomplete and no fine imposed in subsequent minutes.

19 NOVEMBER 1626

The said day Mr William Watson student and bursar of divinitie is admitted to be chorister in this church and hes given his oath de fideli administratione.

I 104

6 DECEMBER 1626

Compeired Patrek Walter sacrister and kirk officiar of the Cathedrall kirk of Auld Abd. befor the minister and elders conveyined for the tyme And having advysed and considered with himself that the casualities commodities and fees belonging to the said office, wer not able to interteine himself wyfe and bairnes, and being of intention and purpose to remove heirfra and seeke some other place quhairby he may be moir commodiouslie interteined, Thairfor of ane deliberat mynd and free will dimitted and overgave as be thir pntis. dimittis and overgives the said office in the hands of the minister and elders To the effect thei might provyd ane to serve in the said place.

I 105

17 DECEMBER 1626

It is delaitit that the Smithes at the hardgets and Wm. Milne at the half penny hous playeth at the bouls contenually on the Saboth and spewallie this day aucht dayes, thairfor the officiar is ordeined to charge them again the next Saboth.

I 106

7 JANUARY 1627

The said day compeired James Proctor accusit for schooting with ane gun [at fowls in the water] this day fyftein days being the lords day and confessed the same, he is decernit to mak his repentance publictly befor the pulpit and pay twenty schillings penalty for the said offence.

I 106

22 APRIL 1627

The said day compeired Mr. William Barelay elder advocat in Auld Abd. accusit for not heiring the word ordinarlie nor communicating w^t the Sacrament of the lords supper, anserit that he heirs and hes communicat this yeir in Gemrie, he hes gottin a tyme to the first day of Junii

next to produce a testimoniall from the minister at Gemrie of his communicating ther.¹

Compeirit Alex^r Hervie in Wattertowne accusit for not heiring of the word and the reason of it, anserit that it was against his conscience so to doe, and that becaus he thinks our doctrine not the trew doctrine and thairfoir beleeves it not, he desyiring conference for instruction and resolution. The minister anseris that if he will come and heir the word publictlie preached befoir, that thairefter he sall instruct him privatlie at quhat tyme he will and in quhat poyntis he doubts of and will propon, quhilk he refused to doe.

Compeired Wm Ogilvie in Dilspro accusit for not communicating w^t the Sacrament of the lords supper, anserit that he was at variance with his neighbour and thairfoir beeing now reconcilled is willing to communicat, he is ordeined to pay two marks penaltie for his neglect and mak his repentance.

I 111

29 APRIL 1627

Compeirit Metie Kempt in Grandon and refused communion w^t us ather in heiring or communicating w^t the Sacrament of the supper. It is ordeined that Grandon be admoneshit to remove hir out of his service.

I 112

30 SEPTEMBER 1627

The said day compeirit the indwellers in Clintertie following viz Alexander Steven Johne Stephane William Knows Patrik Norie Alex^r Andersone Alex^r Paull, Catharine Lesly spous to Alex^r Jamesone being accusit of thair absence often and dyvers tymes, They are ordeined to compeir on Sondag next and depone be thair great oath sworne how often thei have been in any church vpon the saboth day in tyme of divyn service, quhither in this or any other kirk next adjacent to them since the celebration of the holie communion at pash last.

I 120

7 OCTOBER 1627

The said day compeired Robert Law deacon of the wobisteris and delyverit to the collector four marks in name of the rest of that croft for upholding the fabrick of the churche.

I 121

¹ Certificate produced on 3rd June.

13 JANUARY 1628

The said day compeirit Janet Smith in Auld Abd. confessit hir disguysing of hir self in mens habite in Yoole day last, and sporting and dancing throug the toune, schoe is discernit to mak hir repentance befor the pulpit and to pay fourtie shillings penaltie for the said offence.

Sicklyk compeirit Johne Horne servitour to Alexander Lillie confessit his disguysing himself in womens apparell for the quhilk he is ordeinit to mak his repentance befor the pulpit on Sondag next. I 126

29 JUNE 1628

The said day the Bischop Minister and Elders haveing takin tryall of the qualificatiouns and good behaviour of Mr. Gilbert Ross and finding him hable and meitt to dischaarge thir offices of ane reidar, chorister and clerk to the sessioun w'in the said kirk, As also to teach ane Englisch and Musick scoole within the toun, did admitt and receawe the said Mr. Gilbert to the saids offices, by taking his aith de fideli administratione and delyvering vnto him the book of the Sacred Byble psalms and comon prayers and the book of the Sessioun Register of the said kirk, and lykvys be ther pnts. gaue ryt and title, be vertew of the saids offices unto all emoluments and casualities that his predecessors wer in pnt. vse of wptaking, or at any tyme befor did therto belong.¹ I 135

6 JULY 1628

The said day Alex Cruikshank book binder in old Abd. being sumoundit compeiring wes ordained to redeem his ring givin in pledge to the session and that precislie at bartl day or newer. I 135

5 JULY 1629

The said day Johne Kilgour kirk offcar was appointed to attend and bring back all persons that sall undertak to goe out of the kirk befor the blessing be endit and if thei returne not willinglie the said Johne to delate thair names to the sessioun to be punished for thair contumacie accordinglie. I 142

¹ The minute follows on the demission of Mr. Alex. Gairoche, student of divinity, of the office of Reader and Clerk.

27 SEPTEMBER 1629

Mr. Thomas Davidsons commisser clerk Mr Thomas Gordoun at Keythoksmilne, Samuell Middiltoun of Berrihill, Alex^r Hervie in Watter-toun, Duncan Blackhall at Justice Mills, Alex^r Blak in Petmukstoun, Lawrence Mar in Rubslaw elders added and sworne. I 145

26 SEPTEMBER 1630

The said day it was ordained be the sessioun that Johne Kilgour yo^r sould undertak to reule the knock for the qlk by and attour all uther casualities he sould haue ten merks yeirlye and the said Johne presentlie to enter thereon as he did and obleiged himself to be cairfull therabout and to hold the same in good ordour as also he was enjoyned to ring the gryitt bell at nyne houris at night and to receawe frome the toun collector uther ten merks therfor, and promised fidelitie therabout. I 153

10 FEBRUARY 1633

Compeired Alex^r Wright in Old Abd. and being accused for calling Alexander Moultry ane warlock and that he raised the wind that blew doun the colledge croun was absolvit be virtew of his oath haveing no uther probatioun. I 172

21 APRIL 1633

Ordeind be the Sessioun that all absents frome the examinatioun and communicants without tokens sould be summonded and commissioun granted be the Sessioun to the Minister George Middiltone and Mr. Thomas Gordoun to examine the absents according to the minister his roll of examination and to report thair diligence and censure to the sessioun thair discretioun. I 173

1 SEPTEMBER 1633

The said day delyverit to Alexander Johnstone Glasinwright be the Minister 58s. for ane new window to the Mr. of the Musick Scoole his house in the chaplens. I 176

9 SEPTEMBER 1633

Be It Kend till all men Be thir pnts. Me Mr. Alexander Scrogie Doctor of Divinitie and Minister of the Cathredall kirk of old Abd. Forsamekill as Alex^r Anten^r in Old Aberdeen for the love and zeall qlk he caries to the furtherance of God's publict worschip in the said Cathedrall Kirk of Old Abd., and for the upholding and maintenance of the Edifice of the said kirk and support of the poor within the said parochin, hes pntlie. mortified dyvers sowmes of money, extending to the gryttest pairt and means of his estate, to the effect and for the caussis aboue written Thairfoir witt ye me the said Mr Alexander Scrogie with consent and assent of the whole Elders of the said Kirk To be band and obleist, and be thir pnts. binds and obleiges us Minister Elders and oure successors and Thesaurers of the said Kirk, To thankfullie content pey and delyver to the said Alexander Antene yeirlye duiring all the dayes of his lyfytyme All and haille the sowme of fourtie merks money of this Realme furthe of the common good of the said Kirk to be peyit to the said Alexander be us and our successors and thesaurers of the said kirk be two equall portions at Mertimes and Whitsonday, the first terms peyment to be and begin at the feast and terme of Martimes next in this instant yeir of God M. six hundreth thrittie thrie yeirs . . . Be thir pnts. writtin be William Burnet in old Abd. and sub^e w^t or hands at Machar Kirk the 9 day of September M. vj^e thritie and thrie yeirs Befoir thir witnesses Alex^r Moutray in old Abd. Wm Watt notter publick ther Johne Kilgour ther and Wm. Burnet writter heirop et sic subscribitur—Mr Al. Scrogie ; Alex^r Moutray, elder ; Geo. Middiltone, elder ; Al. Ross clerk ; Mr Thomas Gordone, elder ; Samuell Middiltone ; David Bartlet ; Androw Burnet ; Johne Fraser ; Patrick Gordone, elder.

I 177

8 NOVEMBER 1635

The said day Johne Kilgour yor and kirk officer willinglie actit himself cautioner and anserable for the good service of Archbald Bischope for his faithfull attendance morning and evening aboutt the ringing of the prayer bell, keiping the kirk cleane, the dogs out of the kirk and goods frome the kirkyaird under the pain of tuentie schillings toties

¹ Anten's gift was made "to declare and testifie the sinceritie of his grief and remors towards God" for an act of incest with his niece referred to in a previous minute of Session.

quoties to be payit be the said Johne q'upone the said Archbald got
oversight to ane ductifull tryall. 1 186

22 NOVEMBER 1635

The said day it is ordained be the laird of Cluny Justice of peace the moderator and haill sessione convenied for the tyme, that the toun fra this day furth sall sustain thair oun poor and everie heritor within the paroch within thair bounds thair oun poor upone thair owne chairges conforme to the act maid theranent and the roll of the haill poor giwin wp be the elders to the minister and the toun and paroch poor ordained to receawe dyvers tokens of lead to be worne about thame q'by they may be distinguished heirafter for the qlk effect Archibald Bischop in Old Abd. willinglie undertook to purge the toun of all stranger and countrie beggars to begin the morne and to receawe every Sondag after session according to the roll drawin up thairanent twelf schillings for his diligent performing and no utherwyes so long as the session think expedient. 1 186

27 MARCH 1636

The said day it is ordained and inacted (ad perpetuam rei memoriam) That the haill yeirs offrings hencefurth be devyided and absolutelie imployit as efter followes viz All the Sondages offrings ar designed and ordained to be imployit to the vse and benefitt (allanerlie) of the toun, paroch, and uther of o' distrest and indigent fellow members of o' blissit Savior Jesus Chryst, otherwise the haill thrie dayes holie communione offrings at Pasch yeirlie to be collected designed and ordained to be bestowit (allanerlie) both at table and door, duiring the thrie dayes forsaid upone the mantainance supporting and wpholding of the Edifice and fabrick of the kirk, in all yeirs following. 1 191

8 JANUARY 1637

The said day be commoun voyce of the session Androw Burnet of Shethoksley is chosen and entered collector to the kirk mortified moneyes.

George Middiltone be commoun consent elected and entered collector to the penalties and buriall silver w'in Machar kirk.

Lyikwyse Mr John Lundie continewed collector to the Sondages Collections. 1 196

5 FEBRUARY 1637

The said day anent the petitioun givein in be the websters for building ane comelie deask upon the south wall against the pulpitt the same is willinglie granted and the bounds to be maid be the minister and some speciall of the elderis. I 196

10 SEPTEMBER 1637

The said day Isobell Nicoll was putt in the branks and maid hir publict repentance and admonished be the minister. I 200

22 OCTOBER 1637

The said day anent the petitions giwin up be the deacons of the hammermen and taylzeors in name of the rest of thair crofts for building of tuo comelie and sufficient seats w'in this kirk It is granted and the place designed in favors of the hammermen provydine alwayes that the same be compleited to the contentment and approbation of the moderator and four elders to be nominat to that effect befor Martimes even next. Satisfied. I 200

28 JANUARY 1638

The said day Johne Kilgour officer convict in 6s. 8d. for goeing out of the kirk in tyme of the foirnoone sermon and exhorted to better attendance in all tyme comeing under the pain of scharpe censure, the same giwen presentlie to David Donald ane poor man. I 202

4 FEBRUARY 1638

The said day it is ordained be the sessioun that the hail poor q'sumever salbe dischairged and removed frome the kirk door streets and styill hinc inde, and that because of thair misbehavior and perturbatione in tyme of divyne worschip thair alms to be givin thame be ane elder after the afternoone sermone. I 202

2 APRIL 1638

The said day anent the supplicatioun giwin in be the hammermen in old Abd. for the doun taking of the crown aboue the cordinars dask it

is ordained to stand and that na man presume directly nor indirectly to touch the same untill Sondag next at q^t tyme the hammermen sall receive the sessions anser thairanent under the paine of the sessionn thair deservud censur.

I 203

6 JULY 1638

I Robert Crystie merchant burges in Ed grants me to haue resawit frome Doctor Alex Scrogie minister in old Abd. collected be the toun of Old Abd. and paroch of Sainct Machar the soume of tuentie tuo pundis 15s. 4d.¹ to help to pey the ransome of my sone George Crystie who is heavilie crosit in Karcheir, be this my ticket sub^t w^t my hand at Old Abd. the sixt day of Jullij 1638. Robert Chrystie.

I 205

12 AUGUST 1638

The said day in pns. of Doctor Alex^r Scrogie moderator of the Sessionn and Elders conveyned for the tyme Anent the petitioun given in be the Laird of Cluny for that commoun desk betuixt the pulpitt and the hammermens scatt the Sessionn in one voyce have granted that he sall have the use of the said desk with his cusing Alexander Gordoun of Birmoir and thair families and that allanerlie duiring the tyme of my lord Marquess of Huntlie his residence within the Citie of old Abd.

I 206

24 JULY 1639

The said day being appoynted for the Electione off Comissioners to the Presbytrie of Abd. conveyned for chuisseing of commissioners to the next generall assemblie to be holdin Edg^r wpon the tuelt day of August next 1639 yeirs And they being now mett for that office The haill Elders did in one voyce nominat and elect Mr Thomas Gordone in Kethoksmilne thair comissioner to meitt w^t the Presbytrie of Abd. in the Colledge Kirk of Old Abd. wpon the tuentie fyft day of July next and ther in thair name to reasone voyce and conclude, and finallie with thair full power to haunt doe and exercise all other things neidfull belonging to ane lay elder in this kirk Be thir pnts. writtin and sub^c be Mr. Gilbert Ross clerk to the session for^d.

II 2

¹ In the list of collections at the end of the volume, this collection is entered "contribut for ane distresed scotisch prisoner amongst the turks."

22 SEPTEMBER 1639

The said day compeird Elspet Kempt in new Abd. personallie and gave in hir complaint against Wm Robertsons in Spittall for break of promise of marriage haveing no probatioun she refers the same to his oath of veritie q^a haveing deponed he is absolvit therfra be vertue of his oath.

II 3

23 FEBRUARY 1640

The said day anent the petitioun givein in to the Sessioun Be David Abill prin^{ll} visitor of the Crofts of Old Abd. and that in name and with full consent of the remanent deacons and Mrs therof Concerning the Ratifying and preserveing of thair late rectifyed and wpbuildit deasks and seats wⁱⁿ the said kirk for thair moir decent and orderlie frequenting and repairing to devyine service and comfortable profitting in hearing of the word The qlk petitione, the haill Members of the Sessione thocht most just and lau^{ll} In respect they did build and erect the said dasks be the speciall comand and advyse and did designe the Rowmes and places of the samin to the saids Crofts viz the duple desk buildit be the Websters standing at the south wall of the kirk just against the pulpitt of length tuentie foots The duple deask buildit be the hamermen befor the pillar next unto the pulpitt in the north of length fyifteen foots And the duple desk buildit be the Taylzeors contigue to the former desk, of length 15 foots Lastly the desk of thrie degrees buildit be the Schoo-makers standing south and north be west the Taylzeors deask of length thrithen foots Thairfoir the Sessione in one voyce and in name of thair successors did inact and ordain that the forsaid seats sall remain and continue in the present integritie, without removeing defaceing or wronging in haill or in pairt be any persone or persones q^sumewer bot that they be construed and imployit allanerlie to the vse and benefitt of the Crofts forsd. their deacons Mrs. and successors in all tyme comeing.

II 7

25 OCTOBER 1640

The said day anent the petitione giwen up be Robert Keith of Grandhame for building of the desk betuixt the pulpitt, and the hamermens seatt The haill heritors and Elders for the most p^t being conveyned It was answered that they could not grant the timber of the old desk,

bot according to the worth and pryce therof be the sight of skilfull craftsmen, to be nominat to that effect and that the forme of pewes building could not be so decent heir for the tyme as deasks Bot that he sould have the vse therof for himself wyfe and bairns. II 9

10 NOVEMBER

The said day the most pⁱ of the speciall Elders conveyned for the tyme hes ordained and ordains that the one half of the scool maill viz six punds salbe peyit to the kirk treasurer and the uthir half viz six punds to be peyit be the toun thesaurer presentlie to Johne Cassie from Whitsunday 1640 to Whitsunday 1641 seing the day of pey^t being hallowday is already expired. II 9

14 FEBRUARY 1641

The sd. day Mr Jon. Lundie and Androw Burnet of Schitekslye ordainit to goe [to] Doctor Scrogie and get the Marquesis right concerning the north ysle.

The sd. day Patrick Forbes that goes vpon his knees is received to be ane of the number of the puirall in the kirks roll and to receive as the rest of the puirall getis at the tymes apoynted and if he be faund at any tyme drinking by order in the towne to be put out of the number of the puiralls roll and banisht out of the toun and parosh. II 13

28 FEBRUARY 1641

The sd. day Jon Kilgowre sacrafter product vpon the sessione table ane great Goblet of siluer ouergilt with gold and the cower therof ourgilt w^t ane wther great cup of siluer haucing no couer w^t four long table clothes and ane short clothe, all of linen and delyverit the same to Jon Forbes in Old Abd. at the minister and eldres directione to be keipit be him dureing ther pleasure.¹ II 14

4 APRIL 1641

The sd. day the Marqueis of Huntlie his right of the north yle now delyverit to Mr Joⁿ Lundie to be keipit be him during the sessiones pleasure. II 17

¹ MARGINAL NOTE—"this is not kirk geir but only Johne Fraser in Wattertoun his woluntar contribution."

11 APRIL 1641

The sd. day Thomas Orim in old Abd. Wm Watstone ther Patrick Moire ther George Gordone ther compeired immediatly after sermone in presence of the haill congregation before the pulpitt and humbled themselves vpon there knees and asked God and the congregatioun forgiueness for the offence in prophaning of the Lords day be drinking and tulzeing thereon and the minister absoluit them according to ther repentance.

II 18

18 APRIL 1641

The sd. day Mr Thomas Gordone of Keythoksmill was ordainit be the consent of the haill sessione of Sanct Machar to be ruleing elder for the kirk of Sanct Machar before the assemblie and presbetries.

II 19

25 APRIL 1641

The said day Jon Jonstoune in Frosterhill and Jon Fraser in Watertoun Wm. Blackhall at Justicemilnes was receauit be the minister and elderis of the sessione of Sanct Machar be ther oath sworne and admittit to be elderis in the sd. sessione.

II 19

30 MAY 1641

The sd day it is staitit and ordainit be the minister and elderis of the sd. sessione but ony contradicioun for reparatione of the kirk that euerie pleugh w'in this parosh sall send too frendracht for carying of sklattes to the sd kirk vpon there awin horses chaiges and expenses And that als many horses sall be sent afif of euerie pleugh as sall be condiscended vpoun be swa many eldreis as sall be ordainit for ane stent row for that effect.

II 23

30 MAY 1641

The said day Alex Wilguis in Campbell Sher of Abd. wes admittit to be reader and Maister of Muisik within the kirk of Machar and Auld Abd. and being admittit the said Alex^r Wilguis oblegit him to obtemper and fulfill the haill claussis and conditiones efter following They ar to say the said Alex^r sall reid be himselfe alon (helthe of body serving) the morning prayers on the Sabothe day fra Witsonday 1641 to Whitsonday 1642 yeres As lykwyes the said Alex^t to begin his reading preceisslie at the end of the second bell and thane to read ane chapter and thairefter

to sing Tua wersedes of ane psalme and imdly thairefter the caticheis to be said and quhowe soon the said caticheis is endit The said Alex^r to read quhill the Minister cum to the pulpeit, And quhane the Minister is enterit in the said pulpeit thane to procleame the bands of mereaige, The samen service to be done lykwyes efternoone except catachise and procleratioun of bands: Lykwayis the said Alex^r to say the prayers with ane psalme efter the efternoone service As lykwayes the said Alex^r to do the lyk service on the weik day quhane ever occaseine of preiching salbe As alsa the said Alex^r to say the prayers tuis evri day the wholl weik except Saturday bot anes at neicht within the said kirk and the said prayers to begin at the heindmest chape of the bell. Sicklyk the said Alex^r is admittit Clerk to the Sessioune Lykwyes the said Alex^r Wilguis oblessis him newer to vse no pairt of the service bot only in ane decent maner with ane gowne Item the said Alex^r to teache ane musik and ane Inglishe scoll within the toune of Auld Abd. or bounds of the Universitie of the Kings College of Abd. And the said scooll to be wistat four tymes in the year be the minister college members and Toune forsaid And quhat defects beis fund therin the said Alex^r to be anserable thairfor Lykwyes the said Alex^r to haif for his seruice and teaching of scolls above wrⁱⁿ by and attor the contract past betuixt the said minister college members and toune forsaid on the ane pairt, and the said Alex^r Wilguis on the uther pairt the day and dait of ther pnts. as efter followes viz for evri Baptisme four s. for evri mereage and procleratioun of the samen xiiij s. 4 d. for evri buriall in the kirk sex s. 8 d. and in the kirk yeard 4 s.: for evri bairne that the said Alex^r sall teache to read only sex s. 8 d. for evri [bairn] that reads and w^{tes} xiiij s. 4 d. for evri bairne that reads w^{tes} and singes xx s. and for evri bairne that reads w^{tes} singis and playes xxvj s. viij d. And the samen to be peyit quarterlie, Quhilk haill conditionis abowe spec^t the said Alex^r Wilguis oblessis him as said is to obtemper and fulfill And to attend dilligentlie and carfullie on the said scoll duiring his remaining therwith in all tymes cuning as he sall ansuer to God, A. Wilguis.

H 24

11 JUNE 1641

The sd. day Mr Johne Lundie made mentioun of vmq^{ll} Mr. Alex^r Gordone his buiks left be him to the hospitall of Auld Aberdene quhilk was referrit to the presbitery.

H 27

17 OCTOBER 1641

The said day it was ordainit that quha ever did bring any doggs to the kirk w^t thame sould pay sex s. 8 d.

II 35

27 MARCH 1642

The said day compeirit Margrat Walls spous to Willcame Gray in Spittill being accusit for banning swearing blaspheming of the lords name and scolding against the nightboris she could not deny the samen for the quhilk caus she became actit w^t her awin consent if she was ever founde in any sick faut againe to be punished in sackcloth barefoote & bare leggit before the pulpit and thereafter to be put in the goweis or joggs, and to pay sick penaltie as the Judges sall injoyne her in example of vtheris.

II 50

24 APRIL 1642

The said day it is votit and concludit be the haill sessioun that quhatsumever persone sall crave or requyre ane seat within ane desk in the kirk made of the kirk timber that ilk persone hereafter to quhome the same is granted but feir or favor or modificatione sall pay the soume of four merks money to be payit to the kirk collector appoynted for that effect and to be employed vpon the vse of the kirk.

II 53

22 MAY 1642

The said day it is ordainit be the haill sessioun that Doctor Guild sall have power to remove the litle desk before the passage that gois to the reid loft q^rby the said passage may be more eassie in tyme coming.

II 53

5 JUNE 1642

The said day Alexander Mar in Robislaw became cautioner inactit wⁱⁿ this our buiks that thair suld be no trouble prophanity nor mollestation at James Couper in Ferryhill and Elspet Mar his future spous the day of their mariage and on the morrow vnder the paine of 40 lib money to be payit be the said Alex^r in cace of break forsaid.

II 55

17 JULY 1642

The said day the haill sessioun ordainit Mr Thomas Gordone Collector to pay to the Commissioner appoynted out of this presbitery for going to the generall assemblie holdin at St Androes the soume of aucht merks money qlk is this kirks pairt for his expenssis to the effect forsaid.

H 64

16 OCTOBER 1642

The said day compeired Daid Craig in Clintertie and confessit charming for the qlk he is ordainit to make his repentance in sackcloth.

H 69

14 MAY 1643

The said day it is ordainit be the minister and elders that Johne and Herie Kilgouris sall not suffer any persones quhatsumever to goe vp to the bells of the kirk steiple vpon the Saboth day or than in cace of failzeing heirop the saids Johne and Herie inacted thame to pay viz Johne 13s 4d. and Herie 6s 8d. toties quoties.

H 75

28 MAY 1643

The said day it is ordainit be the minister and elders that George Key^t Williame More Williame Blakhall and Alexander Findlater vpon the saboath dayis atend and take notice of the fishers of Die.

H 76

16 JUNE 1644

The said day according to the ordinance of the commissione or commissioners of the gⁿall assemblie the intimatione of the excommunicatioune of the erle of Craford the erle of Montrois the erle of Niddisdail the vicount of Aboyne the lords Heres and Ogilvie was dewlie execute efter divyne seruice lyke as the excommunicatioun of the M. of Huntlie, Haddo, Gicht, Drum younger w^t there associatts partakers of the late north land rebellione, with intimate fourtene dayis befor the dait hereof.

H 85

7 JULY 1644

The said day ane generall fast and humiliatione throw the haill kingdome of Scotland for ane prosperous sucesse to o^r armie.

H 87

28 JULY 1644

The said day it is ordainit that Doctor Williame Guild Principall, Mr. Williame Douglas Professor of Theologie, Mr. James Sandilands, Mr. Alex. Middiltoune, David Williamsone Thomas Smithe, Thomas Bisset salbe admittit to the nvmer of the elders in tyme comeing. II 88

11 AUGUST 1644

The said day the salmond fishers of both the cavels of Don compeired and payit to the collector for fishing on the lords day ilk man 10 lib. II 89

8 SEPTEMBER 1644

The said day it is ordainit be the minister and elders that he who is collector vpon the lords day sall ryse and goe to the kirk door remarking these who sall remove and goe away before the last prayer after the sermone or before the blessing pronunceit. II 90

11 MAY 1645

The said day compeired Doctor Williame Guild who was apoyntit collector to the sessioun for receaveing and ingathering of the anvells mortified to the kirk of Machar be vinq^{ll} Walter Robertstone Toune clerk of Abd. off the qlks anvells the said Doctor Wm. Guild delyuerit to Wm Gordone of Gordonsmill collector of the commoun goode of the said kirk the sum of thrie score sextene lib. sexteine schillings four pennies qlk is ane pairte of the said mortified anvells. II 98

20 JUNE 1645

The said day it is ordainit that all persones whatsumever within this congregatioun but exceptioun of persones sall come to the examinatioun and receive there tokenes, and they who hes not there tokenes sall be debarred and raised from the table. II 101

27 JULY 1645

The sd. day it was ordyned that two tasses sould be holden at the kirk doore the an for the kirk fabrick the other for the poore. II 106

5 OCTOBER 1645

Joⁿ Joⁿstone compeared and being accused, affirmed that his wometing preceeded frome wyknes and ane payne off the wondie grawell and not frome drunkennes q'upon Alex Sandesones wiff in whos hous he drank is ordyned to be sommed and be charged apud acta to compeare the next day.

II 110

12 OCTOBER 1645

Joⁿ Jonstone ordyned to pay 20s. & to mack his repentance on the stoll for wometing in the kirk.

II 111

2 NOVEMBER 1645

It was ordyned be consent off the wholl sessione wpone the nyntine day of Octo^r 1645 that ther sould be no drinking in tawerne houssis with in the paroch on the Sabbath day in aney tyme theroff futher in the tyme off divyne seruice or not and that under the payne off 40s. to the seller and 20s. to the byer toties quoties and iff the byer be the master of ane familie he to pay equalie as the seller.

II 112

9 NOVEMBER 1645

James Sutherland student compeiring confessed his fornicatione with Crestaine More and is ordyned to satisfie in penaltie qlk was pntlie. payed & in repentance, q'in wpon his humble desyre being ane student, and loth to be with holden frome his studies for ane 20 dayes together the sessione was content to pas him for ane day providing his repentance ware maid in ane most humble mayner.

II 112

14 DECEMBER 1645

The sd. day W^{am} Forbes one off the balzies off Abd., for the pnt. dualing in Cotton gawe in free gift to o^r kirk sessione ane faire morte cloath with sune draughtes on ewerie end off it and ane larg silk fringie rund about it to be employed for the benifite off the kirk, the pryce to be payed be the borrowers theroff tuo mks. be ewerie on within the towne and 40s. be thos that duald w'out the towne in the bounds off the paroch, qlk was concluded be the commone sufrages off all the elders, the mortifier himselffe being present giwing his advyce & consent, and the

custodie theroff committed to him that sould be collector off the penalties who for the pnt. was Joⁿ Farq^r off Noram, and he ordyned to caus maik ane laddering wallet for the keeping off it. II 115

18 JANUARY 1646

Joⁿ Cuttes sone to Andro Cuttes hawing beine delaited for drinkine on the lords day befor sermon compeired and being accused aledged he onlie went in with sune wark to James La his wiff and drank ane chappen off ayile the session takin it to ther concideration that it was his first falt pardoned him for the present and hee was inacted to pay 13s. 4d. and to mack his repentance in publict iff ewer hee sould fall in the lyke by and attour aney new punishment to be inflicted be the session for the same falt iff he sould happen to fall in the same.

W^{am} Touche in Old Abd. hawing beine delaited for drinking befor sermon and preisung to tack ane kis frome ane married woman perforce vpon ane wadfye was convict and ordyned to pay 26s. 8d. bot being found to be ane poor printis boy the exacting of the same is continowed till he giwe pruike off his behawiour in tyme coming and it is not thought convenient to bring him in publict.

Elspet Mitchell spous to James La being convined and accused for selling drink to the two boyes forsd. ansered that scho hed onlie sold a pynt ayile too them and hir husbands owen printeses and that they cam all to the kirk and promised that scho sould newer fall in such guiltines againe q^rwpone scho was dismist hawing first inacted herselffe wnder the payne off 20s. toties quoties. II 117

5 FEBRUARY 1646

This was on thursday a fasting day on q^lk was worshipec according to the order off the kirk and the exigencie off the tyme bot no dissiplen. II 118

26 APRIL 1646

Janet Minzies hawing brockene presone and violentlie being tacken out be suldiers who being drinken with her bfoir scho hed perswaded thertoo was ordyned to be proclaimed a benished persone that non sould recept hir wnder the payne off 5 lbs. toties quoties. II 127

3 MAY 1646

The sd. day Joⁿ Forbes balzie being required to giue in his compts to be examined be the sessione that it might be knowne how he hed acquat himself in receawing and giwing out the penalties and the other commone guid q^roff he was collector ansered as hee had done severall tymes befor that his papers with others off his wrytes ware cast asyd in tyme of the troubles that be na meines he cowld find them agayne so that he was not able to giue ane compt in perticulare bot he protestet solemlie that hee hed delt faythfulie in the office q^rwpon hee was remowed and the elders ware sewarlie q^r they thowght off his anser to qlk they replied all in on voyce that they thought the man honest that hee wold not have wronged his trust howbeit they regrated his negligence in losing his papers yet ware they content hee sowld be discharged and by this pnt. acta did dischairge him as iff he hed giuen up his acompts and the samen hed beine examined sewerallie and alowit.

II 128

10 MAY 1646

The sd. day James Clark sclater gawe in ane supplicatione to the Session that forsaemikell that hed finished the whole wark about the kirk they wold be pleased to giue him some concideratione beyond his conditione q^{lk} the session taking to ther concideratione granted to him 20 libs. beyond his conditione and gawe to his boyes 3 libs. in wages for ther last wark in sclating the south lile.

II 130

24 MAY 1646

The sd. day the sessione tacking it to ther concideratione the gryte burding off debt that lay on them by reasone off the extraordinarie chargs wared on theeking and sarking off the wholl kirk lles and toofales find it expedient that the mariadge silwer baptisme buriall and all such casualities q^{lk} vsed befor to be payed to the Scoolm^r and clark sould be frome this tyme furth so long as the forsd. sessione thought gud wplifted by ane in name off the sessione to be imployed for the publict behoof and for defraying for the forsd. debt and that a certaine modiefied stipend sould be condescendit wpon to be giuen to the scoolm^r and clark at two termes in eakwall halffis proportionalie.

The sd. day maney regrates haweing beine formerlie giuen in agaynst Alex^r Wilguis present scolm^r and clark that by his negligence the scole was lost and maney thinges belonging to or discepline neglected, forgotton, or doine wnformerlie it was fownd by the vnaninus consent off the wholl session that the forsd^d. Alex^r could be nawayes fit for the former imployments, partlie by reasone off the forsd. morall defectes q^roff being often admonished he did schune amendment as also the caus off his neturall inabilitie and bodilie wyknes Therfor discharges the sd. Alex^r off the sd. placesis (Hee hawing beine maney dayes befor assured that the matter wold come to this pynt and desyred tymouslie to prowid for himselffe^t) and ordyes ane new election off some other man to be maid for wndergoeing the forsd. charge.

II 133

The sd. day sume off the elders hawing recommended Wm. Logan far the present scolem^r and clark at the kirk off Ellon as ane able man and welie fit for the sd. wacant place who also hed beine in suit off the samen befor the sessione thought gud he sould be send for w^t all convenient diligence as being on whos education and abilities ware weill know[n].

II 134

27 MAY 1646

The qlk day efter the lector was ended the minister & elders being conveined in the sessione hows efter incaling off God's name Inquirie was maid whether Wm Logan ware come or not accordinglie as he was ordyned to be send for, and it was fownd that the sd. Wm. was present q^rwpone hee was ordyned to be called in and hawing compeared the minister in nam off the sessione sigiefied to him ther former election and desyred to know if he mynded to imbres the sd. charge or not to the qlk he replied hee was willing prouyeding they accorded in condition Q^rwpon efter some comuning betuixt the sessione and the sd. Wm. it was finalie agreed and concluded betuixt the forsd. p^{ts}. according to the conditiones following viz The sd Wm. tackes wpon him the charge off being scolm^r for the musick arithmetick and teaching off Inglesh & wryting as also the charge off being clark to the sessione with all the sewerall employments belonging thertoo as also the tacking wp off the psalme in priching & lectoring dayes both ordinarie and extraordinarie in the qlk

^t The Session however "being loth to dismiss him emptie" gave him a sum of £100 Scots to be paid by the Kirk, College and Town proportionately.

forsd. charges the sd. Wm bindes himselffe to be faythfull and diligent for the space of ane yeire efter his entres and longer as the sessione sall think gud to continowe him As also the fors. session consisting off some members off the Coledge haweing power frome the rest viz Principall Doctor Wm. Guild subprincipall Mr Alex Middelton humanest Mr John Lundie & Thomas Merser balzie for himselff and in name off the remnant balzies and townshipe off Old Abd. to gether w^t the minister and ordinalie elders besydes to wit Joⁿ Farq off Noram Wm Gordon off gordoness mill Mr Thomas Gordon in Kethicksmill George Middelton in Old Abd. &c. doe bind and oblige them to giue to the fors. W^m for discharge off the forsds. sewerall imployments all and haill the sowme off tuo hundreth mk^s. vsuall scots money for his ordinarie yeirlye Stipend to be payed in eakwall halfes at Martimes and Whitsunday by the forsds. persones proportionallie viz for the College the sowme off fourtie pundis money for the Kirk Session the sowme off ane hundreth mk^s. for the townshipe the sowme off fowrtie marks qlk all and haill aryseth to the fors. sowme off tuo hundreth marks and that by and attour all the causalities and commodities may be ryed be the sd. William by teaching off the scoole whither by ordinarie stipends (and that conforme to the modificatione agreid upon betuixt the sd. sessione & Alex^r Wilguis former scolem^r as is extant in the samen sessione book q^{lk} proportione the sd. W^m declaired himselffe to be content w^t) or benevolence off aney as also by and attour ane hous mortified for the vse of the scolem^r and musician by the Laird off Corse the vse off the q^{lk} hous is giuen to the fors. W^m during the tyme of his fors. service the forsds. persones also promises to maill a scolhowis off all eases to the scolers together w^t a chalmer to the Mr. proportionallie as befor to be payed and ordynes the presents to be subscrywed be the forsds. parties.

11 135

28 JUNE 1646

Margaret Barnet in Newhills hawing compeared befor the prisbetrie according to the former ordinance and be them being remited back to the sessione this day compeared and efter debayting of the mayter was ordayned to pay ane hundreth markes for hir penaltie and to satisfie for the speace of ane yeir in seekcloath ewerie Lords day.¹

11 140

¹ Her crime was incest.

The said day the minister did intimat the excommunicatione of George Earle of Seaforthie becaus of his seditions and treacherous remonstrance qlk has also red out off the pulpit. II 142

2 AUGUST 1646

The sd. day it is ordyned be voyce of sessione that intimatione be mayd that all joyne together in the singing off the psalme and thos that cannot sing to giue gud attentione and followe thos that cane sing. II 149

4 OCTOBER 1646

Intimatione was mayd the sd. day of the excommunication of Alex^r McDoniel James Ogliue sumtyme of Ayrlic Patrick Grahame sumtyme Laird of Inshbracco David Grahame sumtyme of Chorthie, Donald R'sone tutor of Struen Jon Stewart of Scheirglassie Collevell W^{am} Steuart exceiding acteive in the rebellion. II 160

25 OCTOBER 1646

It was fond that Joⁿ Kilgower officer hed transgresed gud order in ringing of the last bell to the sermone and that he hed holden back the knock was discharged from bearing aney office in church effaire the space of 15 days till the sessione sould advise theron. II 162

8 NOVEMBER 1646

Joⁿ Kilgower hawing most humblie acknowledged his offence and lykwaye declairing that he did not see the sone q^rby he might hawe obseruit the tyme better and also haweing promised more faythfull and dew service in tyme coming was admittid to his charge agayne. II 163

15 NOVEMBER 1646

Andro Hendersone dualing in Longcairne hawing beine delayt for horrible cursing and being summoned to this day send word w^t ane elder that by reasone of the schortnes of the day he could not stay the afternonnes sessione bot qⁿ the day became longer he sould giue full satisfaction as he sould be enjoyned be the sessione the sessione thought guid to continowe him till the day sould be longer. II 164

13 DECEMBER 1646

Intimatione of the overturs following—

First that neane have the libertie of penny brydels bot thes persones following viz seruants, hyrmen, and hyrwomen 2^{lie} craftesmen 3^{lie} cotters and grasemen and others of that rank, husbandmen and such as are superiors to the forsd. restrayned altogether from the forsd. liberty.

The cauits for tacking away ther abuises,—

First parties to be maried at ther Inbooking most consigne moneyes according to ther abilitie and only moneyes viz the poorest sort ane dollor the hand the other sort 2 dollors the hand or more according to the discretion of the minister and session qlk consignatione if ther sal fal out ayther pyping dancing (qlk is declaired to be altogether wnlawfull at such meitings) also excessiue drinking, tulzeing, suering scolling or such lyk abuises in that caice the forsd. consignatione to be confiscat to pius vses.

Lastlie it is thought most expedient that the Mr. of the hous q^r the mariage feist holds sal consigne conforme 2 dollors befor the mariage If he admit into his house above the number of sex on the syd w^t the maried parties or If he sall admit aney not invited guists or vaging contray peple for the space of fourtie aucht hors the forsd. moneyes to be employed to the forsd. vses.

II 167

31 JANUARY 1647

Intimatione of the relaxing of the Earle of Seaforth frome excommunicatione for goeing on in the rebellione.

II 174

Joh Andersone talzior hawing bene absent frome the church confesit the samen the reasone was that gentelmen cam to his hous not being advertesit of ther coming mait not being readie they would not let him com away till he did dyne with them and then did think schime to come becaus that the sermone was neare doine was past at this tyme bot did inact himselfe that if he sould be absent in tyme coming he to pay 26s. 8d. toties quoties.

II 174

4 APRIL 1647

Intimatione that non upon the Lords day efter divyne worshipe vage from ther owen housis wpon q^tsoeuer pretext saife it be ane work of

cheritie or necessitie bot stay at hombe in ther owen housis and pray confere and sing psalmes and meditat and so santifie the sabbath. Elders to be choysen for this effect that who ewer they find giltie to mack ther repentance and pay such penaltie as the sessione sall find meit. This is ordyned be the presbetrie.

Intimatione that all begine agayne ther famelie worship and the paroch to be visitit and all on ther oathes to be examinitt if they have ther morning and evning prayers who hes tham not ther names to be red out of pulpit and mack ther repentance. II 181

25 APRIL 1647¹

The sd. day Alexander Walker & Johne Wolsone two printessis for playing at the pennystone in tyme of the eftenones sermone ordayned to pay ilk one of them 6s. 8d and mack ther repentance befor the pulpit. II 280

16 MAY 1647

Andro Able and James Andersone David Ables printessis for playing at the kype on the lords day ordyned to pay 6s. 8d. II 282

23 MAY 1647

It is ordyned that ther be intimatioun maid the nixt day that now in thes dangerous tymes of the plague that ther be neane recept wⁱⁿ toune or paroch w^{out} ane testificat wnder the hand of the minister q^r they receid as also that neane who remowes frome this toune or paroch to aney other p^t be recept agayne w^t out ane testificat wnder the payne of 5 libs. II 283

20 JUNE 1647

Intimatione that ther be no fyres set on wⁱⁿ the paroche at mid-somer and the elders to delait such persones to the sessione that does the samen to be punished as they sall think expedient. II 285

¹ A new book was begun on this date but it has been bound into one volume with the preceding book, and the pagination carried right on.

18 JULY 1647

The sd. day being the first day that sermones ware giwen ower for feare of the Infectione ther was lectors sumetymes in the morning and at night on the lords day in the kirk, heir and ther throughe the paroch and at the huts as the book of collectiones will declaire till the 26 of Dec^r.
1647. II 288

30 JANUARY 1648

Wm. Watt pyper compearit and being accuisit for playing on the lords day deponit that that day he was in Wm Smithes hous he was at the lector qlk was at the Carne of Scotston and q^r he returnit goeing in to the forsd. hous ther was bot ane Joⁿ Hendersone a suldier w^t sune young bairnes and the sd. Joⁿ causit him play ane spruig qlk he did the sessione thinking it werie wnfit to carie his pypes on the sabbath ordynes him to mack his repentance befor the pulpit. II 294

9 APRIL 1648

The sd. day the minister regraitit to the sessione of the wastnes of the paroch and the multitude of people therintill which was too gryte ane burding to ane man and also desyrit ther oppiniones If they thought it expedient the paroch to be devydit or ane other minister to be qlk they thought guid to demonstrat to the presbetric and ane act wnder the clarks hand to be drauine out for that effect the names of the elders ware thes Mr. Wm Douglas Mr Joⁿ Lundie, Mr Tho. Gordone, Joⁿ Forbes, Birmore, Thomas Merser, Wm More, Mr Wm Rait, Thomas Smith, Wm Hay, Pat Leyth. II 305

16 APRIL 1648

It was intimat out of pulpit that neane sould have commers w^t thes excommunicat papists viz. Mr Adame Straqⁿ Isoble Hay his wife Georg Hay sone to Murifold Elizabeth and Anna Heyes Mare Cuming, Jannet Darg for incest Laird of Schiwas and his ladie Susan Haitley the guidwife of Arthrachie Setone of Blair elder and Yo^r Jeane Mawer, the ladie Delgatie Sophia Hey James Gordone Janet Knowes Jannet Malcome Minzies of Balgownie Mr. Alex^r Irving of Hiltone and his wife, Alex^r Colisone Alex^r Hervie Mr. Wm Lumsden Helene Barclay Ro^t Irving

Jeane Minzeis Joⁿ Gordone of Secchel, Margaret Wynton Isoble Irving wife to Alex^r Irving of Beltie Joⁿ Leythes 2 daughters Isoble Blackhall relict of Mr Thomas Blackhall Mr W^{am} Blackhall, James lord Gordon Mr W^{am} Maitland Mr Alex^r Innes, Aradoule Yo^r Pat. Gordone Steilhand Arthor Forbes, under all highest payne that efter may follow. II 306

7 MAY 1648

The sd. day intimatione was made of excommunicat persons viz George Gardyne feire of Telifroskie Alex^r Paip laird of Schythine, laird of Typertie Alex^r Irving of Drume Pat. Ro'sone rayler not to be recept, James Seatone, W^{am} Rob and Christaine Farq^r Alex^r Leslie of Petcapell Mr James Gordone Coclarichies brother James Grame Lodwick Lindsay. II 309

Its ordynit that the efternones sermone begin at on a klok in the summer tyme. II 310

22 MAY 1648

Compeirit W^{am} Gordone student sone to Mr Thomas Gordone Cathecksmill and confessit his whoredome w^t Janet Fyte and schew himsele werie penitent the sessione tacking it too heart and feiring that the youth would be too sore dejactit ordynt him to pay 5^{mks} and sitt on day on the stool and thereafter be absolut. II 312

29 MAY 1648

The sd. day being Monday no conventione of elders nor delinquinys by reasone of anc gryt envnidatione of rayne continowit to Saturday nixt. II 313

18 JUNE 1648

The sd. day efter invocatione It was ordynit be voyce of sessione that euery elder sould tack heid in ther owen bounds that ther sould be no midsummer fyres and if any sould be to be delait to the sessione to be teine order w^t accordinglie. II 314

6 AUGUST 1648

The sd. day the sermon begune at 7 ho^{rs} in the morning for feare of the new townes peoples coming in which towne the infectione is broken out agayne. II 317

22 OCTOBER 1648

Isoble Ro'sone in Ferrihill hauing beine long auay w^t Joⁿ Baine ther leiuing in adulterie compeirit confessit the samen and because scho had no penaltie to pay ordynit to enter the nixt day beir foot and beir lege in seckcloth w^t the branks in her mouth the nixt day at the kirk dore at the secound bell and in tyme of the lector to goe to the stool. II 324

26 NOVEMBER 1648

Its ordynit be the wholl voyce of the sessione that the beddell heirefter begine at the southwast styll of the kirkyard and mack the graives fordert to the north wast and not to brack the earth heir and ther through the yard. II 326

10 DECEMBER 1648

The sd. day the solemn league and covenant was red and appoyntit to be subscriuit the nixt Lords day and ane fast appoyntit to be Thursday nixt for that effect and lykwayes the Sabbath following. II 328

7 JANUARY 1649

The sd day the sojors within the paroch that hed bein in the unlau-full ingagment maid ther repentance and did subscribe the covenant viz Joⁿ Rob, James Kellie George Wrq^{rt} Tho. Hendersone Joⁿ Austeine Wm Browne Joⁿ Scot James Chalmer Wm Reith Joⁿ Keyne Andro Watsone Joⁿ Yowle Wm Jos Joⁿ Murray Wm Blaklawes Joⁿ Walker Alex^r. Low. II 330

4 FEBRUARY 1649

Mr Alex^r Mideltone sub-principall reports that Mr Wm Lumsden's 2 daughters has promisit to be ordinare heirers in tyme cuming and also his guid sister called Jeane Barclay. II 333

18 FEBRUARY 1649

The sd. day compeirit Joⁿ Roust in seckcloath befor the sessione humblie supplicating to be absoluit frome his repentance the sessione was

content that he sould pas on Tysday to the Prisbetrie and thereafter to
returne and be absolut the nixt lord's day.¹ II 334

4 MARCH 1649

Intimatione of ane fast to be on Thursday nixt for ane happie
agrement betuixt o' yong king and the parliament.

Intimatione that non goe to the snawe kirkyard as ther wontit
custome hes beine to say ther prayes [prayers] upon ther husbands or
freinds graves which is playne superstitione vnder the payne of church
censure. II 335

11 MARCH 1649

Mr Joⁿ Lundie declares that Alex^r Gordone² hes humblie desyrit him
to schowe the sessione that he is werie penitent for his sinne both becaus
he has offend God highlie and schowen ewell example to the paroch by
resone of his relaps in whordome humblie desyreth that the sessione will
tack his case to heart and let him be absolut the nixt day. Which the
sessione considering granted that if he did schowe himselffe penitent the
nixt lords day he sould be absolut. II 336

18 MARCH 1649

Intimatione that Thomas Minzies brother sone to the Laird of Bal-
gounie was excommunicat for poperie Bessie Minzies for incest Alex^r
Irving sumtyme off Bealtie for malignancie ware excommunicat therfor
neane to haunt ther company under the payne of Church censures.
II 336

1 APRIL 1649

The sd. day Thomas Merser balzie in Old Abd gat ane warrand
subscriuit be the sessione giueing him full pouer to uplift the wholl
mortificationes mortified be Walter Ro'sone sumtyme tounes clark of Abd.
and to giue discharges theron and to mak ane accompt to the sessione
theroff. II 336

¹ Rust who was tenant in Sheddocksley had already sat for twenty-one Sabbaths on the stool
of repentance, his offence being adultery.

² A son of Mr. Thomas Gordon in Kethocksmill.

The sd. day Docter Wm Guild principall of the Kings College of Old Abd. mortified to the poore of the paroch of Old Machar and the Hospitall thereof the rigg and bairne lying on the east syd of the old toune w^t ane hous and yard in the Spittall pertaining sumtyme to unq^{ll} George Bruice sadler burges of Abd. as the evidents therof does beare.

II 337

15 APRIL 1649

The minister haweing schowen the sessione what gryt interest he hed for the want of the grass that lay to his glibe which Mr Alex^r Scroggie did possess w^t the two rigges belonging therto they thought guid to by the samen and the hundreth mks. that the laird of Eycht was resting to the sessione to be giuen for the samen the College to pay the rest being of all tuo hundreth mks.

II 337

29 APRIL 1649

The sd. day the principall condiscendit to the bying of the 2 rigges to the minister w^t the grass and that it sould be proper to the present minister and all succceeding thereafter.

II 338

20 MAY 1649

The sd. day the elders of the citie of Old Abd. in name of the induallers therof askit the college and the kirk if thay ware willing to give als much mo^e of stock as they payed of anuell of maill for the scoole and did Schowe themselves willing to doe according to ther proportionne which was grantit for the erecting of ane new scoollhous at the cross.

II 339

22 JUNE 1649

Its ordynit neane keep company w^t Setone laird of Blaire excommunicat papist giuing gryt ofence to all the professors of the trueth being employed as ane phisiciane throughe all parts of the countray the Assemblie as befoire for staying his scandalous conversing ordynes ilk minister within the province to tack notice of the parts wherin he hants and the imployers recepters of him and hanter of his company and discharge the samen and proceed in discipline agaynst the transgresors of the sd. act as they will be ansuerable at the nixt assemblie.

Intimation that non receipt nor keep company wth the persones following wnder the payne of censuring viz Isoble Hay spous to Captene Straqⁿ Davidsonsone excommunicat murthereremie to the caus of Chryst and work of reformation Gilbert Simsone murtherer a smith a littell black buirded man fugitive frome Slaynes Mr Joⁿ Gordone lait minister at Elgen excommunicat for blasphime and other vicious facts Isoble Rait furnicatrix and fugitive from Nether Banchorie George Hay sone to James Hay of Murifold and Elisabeth Hay his spous, Pat Robertsonsone rayling wagabond excommunicat at Lonmay Barbra Hay relique of umq^{ll} Mr Adame Straqⁿ excommunicat be the presbetrie of Deare for poperie Mr Wm Lumsden and Helene Barklay his spous Jeane and Agnes Lumsden his daughters excommunicat for poperie in the presbetrie of Abd. Ladie Delgatie Sophia and Anna Hayes hir daughters James Knowes and Mariorie Mapltoune excommunicat for poperie in the presbetrie of Turref Mr. Wm Maitland excommunicat for rebelione Alex^r Irving of Beltie for the tyme excommunicat for his rebellione Thomas Minzies brother sone to Balgounie excommunicat for poperie Bessie Minzies excommunicat for incest.

II 342

30 JUNE 1649

Daniel Robsone at the wakmill compeirit and being accusit for puting one ane midsummer fyre confessit the samen bot did say that he did it ignorantlie not vnderstanding the ground therof ordynit to mak his repentance befor the pulpit and did inact himself to pay ane dollore of his meanes if he sould be found gyltie of the lyk in tyme cuming.

II 344

5 AUGUST 1649

That non sall burie in the chappell of Stiniwood under the payne of Church censure.

II 350

12 AUGUST 1649

The minister maid intimatione of the ordinances of the presbetrie at the visitatione viz 1. Thes that goe out immediatlie efter the last prayer and stayes not the psalmes, baptisme and the blising to be censured as dispisers of the worships and the particulare censure referred to

the sessione 2. Thes that crake behinde pillars ore elsqr in tyme of sermone to be censured as contemners of God's word 3. Commone sleepers to be once and againe admonished and if they amend not to be summounded befor sessione and presbetric as effeires 4. the landward pariochin to keepe the afternonnes sermone as weill as the fornones all the summer ouer frome Marche to October and they that ly neare hand, the wholl yeire throw els to be punished as absents. 5. That the magestrats and deacons of croftes tak sume course for conveining a congregatiōe to the weeke lecture and account heiroy is to be craued at the nixt visitatiōe, in the nixt summer Intreats that they may meet among themselffes and tak cours for it. 6. They that come not in till efter the lecture or in the midst therof to be punished as absents 7. They that goe out of the church in tyme of vorship not being necessitat as sume doe and lye in the kirkzaird to haue the double punishment of absents 8. Drunkards suearers, tuiliers, scolders, filthie speakers al thos on weeke dayes to be observed and delated as weill as if it ware on the lords day and especially of thes of aney qualitie be thus guiltie that they be delated and punished examplarlie. 9. If any elder or deacon bees found giuen to drunkennes [or] sweiring efter admonitiōe rebuke and no amendment to be depryued and ther deprivatione to be intimate and if thereafter no amendment to be proclaimed vnvorthie of the holie table and if that ther be no amendment to be processed with excommunicatione and so of vther drunkards 10. They that vaige on the streets, or goes about the feelds on the sabbath dayes or trauels frome toun to toun save it be in a necessitie or thes that must attend on cornes and cattell to be punished as sabbathe brakers 11. No discourse to be on the lords day bot of spirituall matters and people to be exhorted to it, and admonished and rebuked and qⁿ after paines taken thus vay no amendment follows, such to be esteemed as prophaine persones and delt w^t accordinglee see Isaia 58. 12. That ther be a commissiōe erected for restraining of vyce according to the act of parliament and accordinglee I make intimatiōe that if heritors doe not convene betuixt this and the day of Sept^r. that in that caice the presbetric will neame on or more, and quho ar named and refuses ther is a strik cours to be taken w^t them according to the act of parliament as also w^t them who receaves the office and discharges it not faythfullie, qlk act is to be read to them 13. That the sessione is to hold on Weddensday efter the lecture and as

the elders and deacones ar to condescend to lay a penaltie upone themselves if they be absent w^t out a laifull excuse so quhoever bees summoned to that day and compeires not are to be censured as despyers of church discipline. 14 Quho ever vants morning and evening prayers to be summoned if they amend not and censured as prophaine persones and to be debarred from the holie table and elders and deacons to make delationes accordingle as themselves will be all examined on ther oath at the nixt visitation. 15. That each elder and deacon visit ther quarter ance in the month at least and try who uses not familie vorshipe who are suearers filthie speakers, mockers of pietie, sabbath brakers, or q^tevere desertes to be censured, and that first they admonishe and rebuke and then delaite if no amendement follow, and that elders and deacons wthin the toune doe the samen everie lords day or once in the 14 dayes 16. All thes to be insert in the sessione booke that account maybe craved quhow all is observed. 17 That thes of new Abd., be vertue of the act of parliament are to sease on the fishes taken on the lords day brake the oares rent the netts and imprisone the persones since littell consience is maid of keeping the sabbath day.

11 351

22 AUGUST 1649

The sd. day the heritours conveyed for choysing of ane majestrat or more as sould seime neidfull. Wheirpone the sessione continoued ther effaires giueing place to the forsd. meiting and all that ware charged to the sessione called and continoued till this day 8 dayes and the sessione thought also expedient that q^t sould be concluded at that meating sould be insert in the sessione book ad futuram rei memoriam At old Machor the 22 of August 1649 compeired the heritors of the paroch efter specified viz. Mr Wm More of Scotstone Alex^r Jaffray of Kingswalls Mr Alex^r Skeine of Alex^r Gordon of Birsmoir Wm Gordone of Gordonsmill Andro Burnet of Schetockly, Andro Cassie of Fytstrypes Ro^t Forbes of Robslaw Wm More in Ferrihill in name of Doctor Dune heritor of the sd. land Joⁿ Fraser of Sclatie Johne Joⁿstone of Frosterhill Joⁿ Forbes Mr Joⁿ Lundie Tho. Merser balzies and heritors w^t in the citie of old Abd., and efter invocatione of God's name be the minister of the place the forsd. heritors ware desyred be the minister to elect a majestrat one or more according to the act of parliament for punishing of scandalous persones The sd. day the forsd. heritors choysed Alex^r

Jafray balzie in Abd. to be ther moderator and Wm Logane clark to the sessione of Old Abd. to be clark to ther meiting. Efter consultatione it was found to be most convenient that ther sould be 3 choysen for magistrats for the effect forsd. Therefter divers being put vpon leet, the moderator hauing asked the voices about ware choysen Alex^r. Gordone of Birmore Wm. Gordone of Gordonsmill Mr Joⁿ Lundie. The former 3 persones being called in intimation was maid to them of ther electione. They did except them the sd. charge being gravlie exhorted to mak conscience therof all 3 gave ther oath publicklie. II 358

16 SEPTEMBER 1649

It was intimat out of pulpit as was ordyned befor in the sessione that all parents and maisters sould haue ane caire to caus ther bairnes and printessis carie soberlie and reverentlie in the church otherwayes they to be ansuerable for them and censured accordinglie becaus of sume regrates given in vpone sume disorderlie boyes. II 362

26 SEPTEMBER 1649

The sd. day efter invocatione the members of the sessione being askit q^t they hed learned concerning the report of witchcraft alledgit wpone Isoble Kelman it was ansuered be the most part of all that they did know no thing bot oppen voyce and commone fame and be sune it was reported that Christane Simsone Hendrie Adames wife did say that scho did take one calfe in hir armes and the calf thereafter did wannishe till it died Mr Joⁿ Lundie Mr. Wm Rait Thomas Angus ordyned to trye the sd. Christian aganist the next day and to report ther diligence. II 364

3 OCTOBER 1649

The sd. day Mr Joⁿ Lundie reports that he hed tryed Christiane Simsone anent the calf which was sd. to have wanished away till it died efter the handling of Isoble Kelman who declared to him that ther came ane man to the toune w^t ane cow and calfe to sell and scho was at the bying of hir and the sd. Isoble comes in by and would haue bought the cow and took the calfe in hir armes and claped the calfe and maid meikell of it bot the sd. Christaines husband would not tume w^t the cow

bot coft hir against the sd. Christianes will and everie day efter the calfe did duyne away till it died.¹ II 365

24 OCTOBER 1649

It was ceriouslie recommended to the elders and in speciall to the deacons who hold the tasse at the kirk dore to tack hed and remarke howe Elspet Gordone in Carnfeild keepeth the kirk and to report to the sessione. II 368

31 OCTOBER 1649

The sd. day the minister reported to the session that it was appoynted by the provinciall assemblie eache minister sould cause the subject of his lectures week day and lords dayes, As also as severall texts ordinarie and extraordinarie as occasitone offered to be wrytine up be the clark of the session in the sessione book everie sessione day efter the deat heiroyf That qⁿ the sessione books are visited it may be found q^t prograce is maid by everie minister in handling the scriptures befoire the people. II 370

7 NOVEMBER 1649

Alex^r Nowell and Archbald Thomsone 2 of the poore for strywing at the kirk dore the lords day in pairting of the peoples cheritie ware ordyned to mak ther repentance the next day befoire the pulpit. II 372

21 NOVEMBER 1649

The sd. day the sessione declaires that they did knowe of neane suspect of charming or witchcraft bot Isoble Kelman against whom ther was no prooffe.

The elders and deacones did declare that they knew of no idolatrous monument ayther in toun or paroche.

The minister did signifie to the sessione that he was ordyned be the prisbetric to goe the next Lords day to New Machar and teache and to intimat Mr James Hervies deposing from the said kirk.

¹Kelman was likewise to be charged with having "come over the watter of Don w^out ane boat" but the witness died before the Session could hear his evidence.

It was recommended to Mr Joⁿ Lundie to put the principall in mynd that ane day may be appoynted for the students who haue not as yet subscryued the solemn league and covenant and thes who ware not heir the last yeire.

The sd. day it was recommended to the sessione to see q^t families ther will be in ther severall presincts that can read that copies of the new catechisme may be coft accordingle that everie familie at least may haue one.

II 376-7

5 DECEMBER 1649

It was ordyned the sd. day that all the ordinarie poore of the toune and paroch sould come to ther severall quarter^{rs}. and give up ther names and they to bring the sd. names to the sessione that it might be knoun who ware not able to worke that they might have tokenes q^rby they might pass throughe the towne and paroch and be helped til ane other convenient cours sould be teine w^t them according to the act of parliament maid ther anent.

II 382

19 DECEMBER 1649

Jeane Kilgowre daughter to Herie Kilgouer for perturbing the worshipe in puling one ane seat out under Margaret Trupe and for cursing and bauing and for disobedience to parents was ordyned to mak her repentance on the public place during the worshipe and thereafter to come doune and humble hirsselfe before the pulpit and be absolut.

II 386

Its ordyned that the Musick and Inglish Scooles be visited this day 8 days the elders and deacones required to be present and advertisement be giuen to the parents of the bairnes that they be lykwayes present to see q^t the chyldren hes profited this bygone quarter.

II 387

23 DECEMBER 1649

Intimatione was maid of the ordinance of the sessione that no taverne in toune or paroch sell drink till people be drunk ayther Sabbath day or week day vnder the payne of church censure.

II 387

13 JANUARY 1650

The sd. day intimatione was maid that the Principall w^t the rest of the members of the colledge sould tak up ane list of the students names that ane day might be appoynted that they might subscriye the solemn league and covenant who had not subscriyed it formerlie. II 391

20 JANUARY 1650

The sd. day the minister required all parents of chyldren both wⁱⁿ the towne and paroch to put ther chyldren to scooles that they might bee instructed to read that the familie worshipec might be promowed bot in towne and paroch and that everie familie might have one at least wⁱⁿ it that might read. II 392

6 FEBRUARY 1650

It was ordyned be the sessione the sd. day that the 5 and 9 hour bell be rung als weill on the Lords day as on other dayes in the weik and that intimatione therof be maid the nixt Lord's day that non think it strange qⁿ they heir the samen. II 395

10 FEBRUARY 1650

The sd. day intimatione was maid that all heritors elders and deacones induallers wⁱⁿ the paroch and aney other of judgment and knowledge conveyne the morne Munday at 2 hours efternone to the sd. kirk qⁱ ther is ane lecture to bee maid be Mr Joⁿ Seatone student of theologie. And ther to consulte upon the choysing of ane conjunct minister w^t the former by reasone of the wyghtieness of the charge. II 396

17 FEBRUARY 1650

Intimatione was maid that the nominatione of Mr Joⁿ Seatone student of theologie was allowed be the presbetrie (as the colledge and paroch hed supplicated) to be conjunct minister w^t the former. II 399

20 FEBRUARY 1650

Wm Gordon of Gordonsmill and Patrick Gellie at the mill of Ferriehill appoynted captors for the saids watters (Don & Dee) the next lord's day. II 399

27 FEBRUARY 1650

Jon Kilgoure reports that he could not apprehend the Lard of Dilspro^t to give him ane personall summons for his absence from the kirk who did keep himselfe obscure for feare of taking him by reasone of captione vpon him.

H 401

6 MARCH 1650

All who hed to doe w^t the sessione this day called and continowed to the next day by reasone the elders and deacones ware to goe to Abd. to convoy the corps of wmq^{ll} Sir Paull Minzies his wife to the buriall.

H 403

13 MARCH 1650

It was recommended to the elders and deacones to think upon the outstricking of ane dore in the south ile and devyding the wast p^t of the kirk that is not commodious for heiring to be ane buriall p^t and also to give in their oppoynione anent the dasks that are not proper to aney of the paroch bot belonging to the kirk good that cours may be tacken to sell them that moey may be hed for vpholding the kirk fabrick and to give in ther diligence the next sessione day.

H 405

24 MARCH 1650

The students who ware come this yeire to the colledge who hed not beine heir abefore did present themselves and did wow and subscriye to the solemn league and covenant efter exhortatione giuen be the minister to adhere therto and to doe and say for the samen.

H 408

3 APRIL 1650

The sessione thought it expedient that Mr Jon Seatone sould be provyded of ane hous and ane cours to be tacken for the paying the maill therof till ane house and glybe be provyded to him.

H 413

10 APRIL 1650

Alex^r. Simmer and Alex^r Watsone in Denstone ordyned to mak ther repentance the next lords day befor the pulpit for not helping to convoy the dead to the earth to be buried.

^t Thomas Gordon.

The sd. day w^t the consent of the wholl sessione Mr Joⁿ Lundie w^t the minister, Mr Wm Rait, Wm Gordon of Gordonsmill, Joⁿ Mutroy Thomas Angus Wm Lind Wm Hay w^t divers other members therof past to the Light Ile of the kirk and finding old timber work w^t the for p^{ts} of daskes, thought it expedient that the samen should be teine doune and ane partitione wall to be builded betuixt the kirk and the sd. Ile and ane dore to be stricken out in to the Ile that it might be maid ane p^t for burials.

Sicklyk the forsd. members past to the wastmest end of the kirk and finding ane spacious rounge ther not commodious for heiring thought it expedient to devyd the samen be ane revell qlk they fand ther, qlk p^t they ordyned for the vse of burials.

II 417

23 APRIL 1650

Thomas Browe in Denstone compeired and being accused for tacking vpon him to interpret dreams refused the samen, bot granted that qⁿ his wife did leiue scho could reed, and hauing ane dreame book sumtymes scho would reed vpon the samen and he heiring (having ane memorie) qⁿ people would tell him q^t they hed dreamed as he hed heard it red he would tell accordingle. Q^rfor he was ordyned to mak his repentance and if it be found herefter that he presume to doe the lyk to be censured accordingle.

II 422

28 APRIL 1650

James Gordone zounge laird of Newtone for his combating w^t Captane Patrick Murray maid his repentance in seckcloath as he was injoynd be the presbetry pro¹

II 424

1 MAY 1650

Intimatione appoynted to be maid the nixt lords day that ther is ane collectione to be the Sabbathe thereafter to be giuen to the Irishe boyes that are at the scooles therfor every on to inlarg ther cherety.

II 424

¹Captain Murray made his repentance on the 12th May following.

5 MAY 1650

The sd. day Alex^r Benerman laird of Elsieck maid his publick repentance for his long cohabeting w^t. Marione Leslie daughter to the laird of Wardhouse, the scandell q^r of being also in Ald Abd. this being injoyned him be the prisbetric. II 425

12 MAY 1650

Intimatione was maid of the excommunicatione of Mr. Samuel Walker lait minister at Monkegie Mr Alex^r. Quhyte sumtyme student of divinitie in Abd. James Rose sone to Mr Joⁿ Rose sumtyme minister at Birse James Ray borne in Abd. and that all carry towards them as excommunicat persones. II 427

19 MAY 1650

Richard Huchon in Fytstypes for saying that he wisid ther ware not a fast truth in ther heads that visid James Grame eyell and in speaking agaynst the covenant maid his publick repentance in seekcloath and was absolut.

Intimatione maid that q^tsoever fisher ayther or Dee or Done shall be found fishing on ayther of the sd. waters efter 12 houris on Saturday at night and befor 12 houris on the lords day at night shall mack ther repentance in seekcloath and if thai relaps to be summerlie excommunicat.

Intimatione maid that q^tsoever elder or deacone shall be found ignorant and tackes not paynes to learne shall be put out of his office and his name to be intimat out of pulpit that it may be knowen to the congregatiōe q^rfor he was discharged.

Intimatione that neane quha are sitting at the table goe to ther kneyes qⁿ the prayer of consecratione is saying bot that they sit still and vse ane table jesture. II 429.

Intimatione that this day 8 dayes ane daye of thanks giving for the overthrow of James Graham and his confederats.

Intimat that the bread be divyded from hand to hand and that all keepe decency and schow readines and that non tak the elements bot thes who divyd the samen and that ther tokens be in readines to delyver to the elders that w^t the greater caire the exhortatione be guien head too w^t maney other exhortationes agreeing to the work in hand. II 430

26 MAY 1650

Intimatione that the poore of the paroch conveyne the morne Monday and receawe ther Ruddayes wages qlk order hes bene niglected thes severall quarters bygone by reasone that it was distrebutted as it was collected the necessitie being so great. II 431

2 JUNE 1650

The sd. day being the second and last day of communione intimatione was maid that the nixt lords day was to be ane day of fast before the admisionne of Mr Joⁿ Seatone, who was to be admitted the nixt Waddensday thereafter conjunct minister w^t the former for serving w^t him at the sd. cuire by reasone of the greatnes of the charge and wastnes of the paroch. Lykewayes ane edict is to be read at the kirk dore efter the blising for that effect. Lykewayes that the Prisbetrie was to meat at the sd. kirk for that effect.

The new psalme book was maid vse of and so much as is to be song at everie tyme the samen first red and maid playne and thereafter entred to be song.

No lecture to be this Waddensday be reasone of the ministers admitting of Mr James Chalmer minister at New Machor. II 433

12 JUNE 1650

The sd. day being Weddensday and the day of Mr. Joⁿ Seatones admisionne Mr. Wm Douglas Professore of Divinity tauch, his text was the and efter sermone the sd. Mr Joⁿ Seatone was caused stand vp and did giue his oath to adhaire to the wholl heads preponit to him be the sd. Mr. Wm. Douglas and thereafter did come doune and w^t the rest of the brethreine w^t ther right hand on the head of the sd. Mr Joⁿ did say ane prayer that God would blise the sd. Mr Joⁿ in the sd. charge and haueing receaued the right hand of fellowshipe both of the brethreine and elders and deacones of the paroch did pas forward to the presbetrie. II 435

16 JUNE 1650

The sd. day intimatione was maid that Cornall George Forbes was to be admitted elder the nixt lords day and his oath to be tacken de fideli administratione all required that if they knowe any thing q^rby the

sd. Cornall George may not be installed in the sd. functione; Let them repaire to the sessione on Weddensday q^t they shall be hard.

The sd. day Mr. Patriek Sandelands regent of the Kynges Colledge of Old Abd. for sune thinge scandalous viz. for ane act of sveiring (I to God) for conversing w^t ane excommunicat papist Mr Joⁿ Paipc; for playing at Cards for being at ane randevous of the engagment maid his publick repentance be vertue of ane referre from the visitors of the colledge of Abd. to vs for that effect, and promised amendement in tyme cuming and was absolut.

Intimatione maid that the parioch is to be equally devyded betuixt the tuo ministers Mr Wm. Straqⁿ and Mr Joⁿ Seatone that every on may know q^m to ask for visiting the sick or for baptisme or mariage and that every on of them are to moderat ther munth about. H 436

23 JUNE 1650

Intimatione that all elders heritors lyfrenters convene on Tysday at 11 hours in the sessione house for designing of ane glyb and mans to Mr Joⁿ Seatone otherwayes the Prisbetry will tack cours therant.

The sex poyntes agaynst D: Wm Guild in sileneeing him from preaching rede publickly be the minister Mr. Wm. Straqⁿ as he hed receaved order from the Prisbetry. H 437

10 JULY 1650

Its appoynted that ther shall be tuo lectures in the week¹ viz. Monday and Weddensday; the Mondayes lecture to be maid be Mr. William Strachan and the Weddensdayes lecture to be maid be Mr Joⁿ Seatone. H 442

14 JULY 1650

Intimatione maid that q^tsoever thai be that vses to sleep in the kirk and ther nightbours wacken them and they think evell w^t it, or if aney be found to mack a custome of sleeping and does not amend shall be summoned to the Sessione and be censured as it shall seeme expedient to the sessione.

¹The hour of the lectures was fixed at 10 a.m.

Intimatione maid that all benorth Done, w^t the Seatone, the east sd. of Old Abd. Spittall and Colledge Bounds belongeth to Mr Wm Strag^{ns} devisione and all betuixt Done and Dee w^t the wast syd of the old toune, belongth to Mr. Joⁿ Seatone, and the sds. devisiones to be examined catechised, haue the benefite of baptisme mariage, and the sick to be visited be the respectiue ministers. II 443

29 JULY 1650

Mettie Mathowsone and Isoble Gray both in Old Abd. for ther cursing and bauing and scoulding the one w^t the other ordyned to mack ther repentance the nixt Lords day in ther owen habet being the first of this kynd noterlie known. II 446

8 AUGUST 1650

The sd. day compeired Joⁿ Cantlay David Joⁿstone Andro Coutis Joⁿ Mutray Wm Knowes Wm Cuming and being askit if they did drink w^t Mr Wm Lumsden confessed all vna voice that at the desyre of Wm Lumsden sone to the said Mr Wm they past to his house (Thomas Lumsden brother to the sd. Mr Wm being departed) and did stay till 10 or 11 hours at night qⁿ they ware cuming away the sd. Mr Wm. incountred them in the halldoore and would not permitt them to pass forth till that they should drink and haueing tacken ane coup did drink to them all and did thank them for ther kyndnes and they all did drink of the said coup Quheron the Sessione finding them guiltie of 2 falts, first that thai should haue gone to ane lyke 2nd that they should haue exceptit of ane drink from ane excommunicat papist ordyned them all to mack ther repentance the nixt Lordsday before the pulpit. II 450

12 AUGUST 1650

Joⁿ Thomsone in Pervinnes for goeing out in tyme of the sermone and lying doune in the kirk yard and staying forth the whole space ther-of, haueing beine summoned compeired and could not refuse the samen and alledging that he hed ane sore wombe it being found otherwayes, was ordyned to mack his repentance publicklie the nixt lords day. II 451

1 SEPTEMBER 1650

The sd. day the minister did intimat out of pulpit that Thomas Gordone of Dilspro hed compeired before the prisbetrie and hed promised to keepe the kirk frequentlie everie lords day and that Sabbath which he sould be absent he sould produce ane testificat to the minister under the hand of the minister in whos kirk he sould be in that Sabbath he should be absent.

II 458

6 NOVEMBER 1650

The sd. day compeired Alex^r Duncan in Carnie in the paroch of Skeyne, being summoned to this day, for dryuing away sheep on ane lordes day out of this paroch to the paroch of Skeyne and could not refuse the samen, was ordyned to mack his repentance the nixt lords day befor the pulpit.

II 468

10 NOVEMBER 1650

Intimatione was maid from pulpit that all Mrs. of families with thes that perteine to the familie be present at hombe the dayes of this week incoming, becaus the pastors are to visit ther quarters, And also that they haue ther charity in readines to send for the releife of o^r Scots prisoners teine be Cromvell, now kepted in England in great nead and necessitie.

II 469

17 NOVEMBER 1650

Intimatione was maid, as it was ordyned be the sessione that the Catechisme is to be said be the scoolers every lords day following betuixt the 2 and 3 bell therfor all to conveine the more tymous for the hearing and learning of the samen that they may be the perfyter qⁿ they are examined.

II 470

15 DECEMBER 1650

Wm Gordone yo^r sone to Wm Gordone of Gordonsmill haweing bein in Holand thes divers yeires bygone did sueire to the nationall covenant and solemn league and covenant in face of the congregation and was to subscriye the samen the nixt sessione day.

II 473

22 DECEMBER 1650

Intimatione was maid that whosoever, ayther in burgh or land sould be found to observe thes supersitious dayes viz the 25 of this instant Dec^r and the dayes thereafter following should be censured in ane highe degree, and elders and deacones admonished to goe throue ther quarters on the sds. dayes and to tacke notice of any of that kyne, (if any should be found) and to delait that they may be censured accordinglie.

II 475

6 APRIL 1651

Christiane Mackie spous to Alex^r Messone in Newhills for wound-owing come on the day of fast for the king's saiff araywing maid hir publick repentance and ware absolut.

II 484

4 JUNE 1651

It is found that Mettie Minzies in Carnfeild hes beine absent thes severall sabbathes bypast and hes no lawfull excuse is ordyned to be admonished out of pulpit that if scho frequent not the church better scho will be holden as ane apostat and delt with accordinglie.

II 489

22 JUNE 1650

The sd. day intimatione maid that ther be no mid-summer fyres put on at night ayther in toune or paroche wnder the payne of church censure. Elders and deacones ordyned to take head therunto.

The sd. day intimatione maid that no new toune people come ower to this towne on the Lords day bot that they frequent ther owen kirks the wholl day through out and iff they be found any of this kynd ther names to be taken up and send to the sessione of Aberdeine and to be censured accordinglie.

II 491

31 AUGUST 1651

This day the fast was to be observed and the causes therof red and exponed Mr. Wm. Douglas maid the lecture bot by ane report that came into the kirk that the Englishe forses was advanced the lenth of the Bridg of Dea all the people remoweing out of the church ther was no sermon befornone bot Mr Johne Seatone taught afternone upon the 12 cap. Zachariah beging at the 10 verse.¹

II 498

¹The English forces entered the city on Sabbath, 7th September.

12 OCTOBER 1651

Frances Irving sone to Mr. Alex^r Irving of Hiltone was ordyned out of pulpit to compeare befor the prisbetrie on tysday the 14 of this instant in the sessione hous in Abd. at ten hours before non and ther to anser for his poperie Lykwayes to subscrye the covenant. II 501

23 JUNE 1652

This day compeared Alex^r Gordone of Birmore and Geo. Forbes for the toune Joⁿ Joⁿston and Wm Thomsone in Pitmukston for the paroch being commisioners and being fully conveyened declared that they would not heir Mr Joⁿ Seaton any more vnles that he would agree in doctrin w^t his coligg Mr Wm Strachan q^{ron} the sesione did choyse Docter Androw Mure and Patt Gellie to declare the same the morn thursday to the presbetry and to report their dilligence the nixt session day. II 520

4 JULY 1652

The Sesion hes declared themselves to continwe acording to the former constitutione of the kirk of Scotland to the q^{lk} Mr Joⁿ Seaton did not adheare and did remove himself from the Sesione. II 521

22 AUGUST 1652

Intimation made the said day of the reposeing of Mr. Wiliam Guild Principall to the ministrie of the word.

25 AUGUST 1652

The said day it is reported that the fishingis upon the waters is given over theirfor non need of captors. II 523

13 OCTOBER 1652

The said day Wiliam Logon clerke did petitionat for the buying of the pew or dask nixt unto the pulpit on the north syde the pew or dask of Dotor Moor being at the west, beedmens seats at the south which dask the moderator and elders wer pleased with he paycing for the samin tucntie pounds which was to be allowed in the first end of his stipend. II 525

23 MARCH 1653

Mr. William Douglas appoynted to tacke up the forenoon both in lecturing and teaching because Mr. John Seaton will not acknowledge the samyne.

It is farder ordained that no more lectures nor texts be wrytten and in speccall of Mr John Seaton because he acknowledges no power that the session hath neither will he countenance the samin. II 531

15 APRIL 1653

This day Mr Wiliam Douglas moderator did aske the elders deacons and others conveind within the Session hous of Old Machar if they have as yet thought upon ane minister to supplie the vacant rowme be the death of Mr Wiliam Strachan. The principal in name of the college declaired that they had a meeting for that effect and the said college and congregation did nominat Mr Thomas Gordon, Doctor Moire and Patrick Gellie to speak to Mr. Andro Strachan and to try if he will be pleased to come and supplie the vacant place. II 531

26 OCTOBER 1653

The said day the members of the session for the present conveined thought it expedient (seeing that Mr. Gilbert Anderson was not to be their minister) to give Mr Wiliam Scrogie minister at Raffin ane call to be minister in the place of Mr Wiliam Strachan and the samyne thought it good to call ane meeting upon tuesday the first of Novr. and to giv al heritors elders and others having interest advertisiment and intimation to be made the nixt Lords day that non pretend ignorance. II 535

27 FEBRUARY 1654

The moderator and elders and deacons conveined, all in one voyce desyred John and Heire Kilgour to goe and desyre the paroch to meet that they may see if they will acknowledge Mr John Seaton their minister by reason he will not give the ordinances. II 536

3 APRIL 1654

This day appoynted be the meeting that the professor [of Divinity] should keep the church cloaths, coups session book, viz tuo cups the on

gilt the other ungilt three cloathes for the tables, the session book with the scrolles that were not booked qlk cups and cloaths received from John Kilgour and the cover of the gilt coup the Bason for baptizing with the cloath belonging therto in the hands of John Kilgour, and discharges the said Johne of the former things that the said professor hes received. Mair received be the sd. professor the acts of the generall assemblie, the directorie, the league and covenant. II 536

11 JUNE 1655

This day ane regrait given in anent the fisheing on the Lords day in tyme of divyne service, it is ordered that at the first fall in this guiltines they be summerly excommunicat with excommunication the greater. The names of these that were found guiltie at this tyme viz Robert Proctor and all that cawell. II 543

12 NOVEMBER 1655

The sd. day the sessione being conveyaned and being interrogat be the moderator iff they were content to accept off William Hay to be maister of the musick scholl: precentar in the church and clerk to the Sessione according as the visitors of the musick scholl had formerlie vnanimouslie condescended: (Wm Logane his predecessour hauing demitit himself befor) quhilk the sessione vpon the hearing of the sd. William his testificats hes most willinglie acceptit of the sd. Wm. to the former offices and is to haue for his encouragment as his predecessour had befor him sauing onlie that for the first zeir he is content to tack the casualitis of the kirk in payt of ane 100 merks qch is due to be payed him be the sessione as a pt of his stipend vpon the qlk conditiones the sd. Wm. hes giuen his oath to be faithfull in all his vndertaikingis so far as God, give him strenthe and abilitie. III 2

19 NOVEMBER 1655

The sd. day ordeanis that publict intimatione be made out of pulpit that all put ther children to the musick and englisch schooll vpon Moonday nixt q^t they shall find a Mr. dilligentlie to attend them. III 3

3 DECEMBER 1655

The sd. day ther vas ane motione made concerning ane minister to fill the vacand roume q'for ordeanis the officer to charg the wholl elders and deacones for that effect againes the sessione and that all to be publictlic chargit out of pulpit the nixt sabbath. III 7

14 JANUARY 1656

The former motione anent ane minister being agitat it is refert to voiting Mr Heugh Andersone being the mane nominat.

Mr Thomas Gordoune voyces that he is not to voyce agains Mr Heughe Andersone Bot till he be farther advyced and sie the parisch and Sessione more fordvard then yit they ar he is to be silent. Patrick Gellie voyces he knowis nothing against the sd. Mr Heugh bot he vold rather haue ane experimentit mane to be minister heir.

David Still voyces vt supra: Joⁿ Cuper vt supra: Wm. Moir vt supra; Thomas Gray vt supra, Wm Bartlet vt supra, Tho. Angus vt supra, Wm. Line vt supra, and Wm Gray vt supra Thomas Orum voyces vt supra After the forsd. woycing Mr Joⁿ Seatoune minister protestet that ther vas non had any thing to say against Mr Heughe Andersone why he might not be fit to fill vp the place as minister qch was not condescended too be the sessione who thought he was a good and qualified young mane yit he vas not fit nor qualified for such place as this is. III 10, 11

28 JANUARY 1656

The forsd. gamsters being cited compeired only Jon Grige Androw Nicoll George Grige, Alex^r Nicoll George Leith and Wm Ramsay qho being all accusit if they ver guiltie of brack of sabbath by ther gaming at the boullis and in drinking could not deny q'for Jon Grig and Georg Grige Alex^r Nuckell and George Leith ver ordeanit every on of them to pay 20s. to the collector the vther tuo admonished not to fall in the lyk and so ver passed. III 12

9 JUNE 1656

The sd. day George Cruikshank of Berriehill compeirit and desyred that the sessione might think wpone a place q^r he might have a dask in

the church for accommodatiōne of himselff and his familie The qlk desyre the sessione tho^t reasonable and hes giuen consent that he haue his vse of that dask vnder the vest end of the Marqueis loft w^t its forseat and that he should agree w^t the collector vpon the perticuller maill therof. III 20

15 SEPTEMBER 1656

James Gordoune keard in the Hardgate and his vyff Margrat Dune being chargit and cited to report ane testimoniall of his cariage he reports he came out of Irland in the tyme of the trubles and could not haue ane q^rfor since he hes liued these fyve yeares civillic amonge vs he is desyret to frequent the ordinances and is past. III 25

1 NOVEMBER 1656

Mr Tho. Gordoune reportis he and Tho: Angus hes spoken the colledge and the colledge was glaid content to haue a second Mir^r bot they were not cleirlic convinced if they vere lyable for pay^t. of a second stipend q^rvpon the Comishire bailzie Mortimer Mr Tho. Gordoune and Pat. Gellie ar to meit among themselues and thereafter repaire to the colldg anent the sd. matter. III 31

9 FEBRUARY 1657

The Com^{rs} hes spoken the Justice of peace and the Justice hes promised the one halff off the penalties to the church vse provyding it be imployed with the Justice there advyce. III 35

16 FEBRUARY 1657

The sd day the wholl elders being conveaned as was ordeaned anent the filling of the place and the Sessione hes lited Mr. Alex^t. Scrogie Mr George Burnet and Mr. James Midltoune and the severall members of the Sessione being interrogat qch. of the forsd. thre they vold voyce too, and they being ryply advyced anent the thing the wholl session [with] ane vnanimous consent hes given ther voyces to Mr James Midltoune. III 36

2 MARCH 1657

The sd. day it is fund that the officer hes charged the wholl heretours at least so many as he could find pnt. who compeired and did elect and

choose Mr James Midlton for ther minister lyk as the elders had formerli done.

The sd. day Mr Joⁿ Row prin^l being seik in bed did send a paper caring his protesting against the forsd. electione as lykvss Mr Joⁿ Seatone did publictli protest for the same reasones contained in the prin^{ls} paper.

III 37

2 NOVEMBER 1657

The sd. day Mr Joⁿ Seatone demittit his charge of his ministrie and gave in ane demissione sub^t vnder his hand qlk demissione was put in the box.

III 47

23 NOVEMBER 1657

The sd. day the principall reportit that the colledge was vnanimuse w^t the Sessione and the parisch to goe on cordiallie for giuing of a call to ane holic able minister of the gospel for the suppling of the vacant roome heir And as to the devisione of the parisch on south Donsyd that vther being done and setleed they mynd in due tyme to tack it to ther consideratione.

III 48

9 DECEMBER 1657

The former tuo ordinances ar published and the elders and heretors ar fond to haue met the sext of this instant and ane formal call giuen vnanimouslie of both to Maister Alex^r Scrogie to be minister heire qch is to be gone about w^t all possible dilligence The sd. day some qⁿ they were voycing for Mr. Alex^r Scroggie did voyce lykwyse for Mr. Jeames Midletoune to be second min^r q^r at the prin^l did protest that the naming of Mr. James Midlton should not prejudge the colledg.

III 49

15 JANUARY 1658

The sd. day it is ordeanit that a fast be intimat the nixt lords day to be solemnly kept the Sabbath thereafter and among more, one maine reasone is that the Lord wold giue a blessing to the endeavours qch going about for planting this place w^t a godlie and able minister of the gospell.

III 52

20 JANUARY 1658

The sd. day Do^r Muir & Mr. Patrick Sandilands comiss^{rs} from the colledge did desyre the Sessione to graunt them libertie to tack away

some hewin stoncs qch did belong to the Mr of musicks house in the chaplans qrypon the sessione finding they had no power to grant ther sute but they did consent not to hinder the way tacking of them provyding always the colledge should put als many stons in ther place qn ever they should be requyred therto qlk they did accord to obey.

III 52

Item it is to be remembred that by reasone of the stormie winter and the want of ane minister ther hes been no sessione holdin this long tyme bygone.¹

18 APRIL 1659

The sd. day it is found the prbr. hes kept the dyit as was appoyntit and the admissiōe of Mr. Alex^r Scrogie finished and he inogured into his ministeriall functione here.

III 60

7 JULY 1659

The said day the min^r did intimat tuo acts of the prsbr. one was, that all who had not familie worship should be debard of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and in perticuller that elders who had not familie worship in their families should be debard from their eldership, these acts to be published the next Lords day.

Ane vther act was, that the maisters of the salmond fishers vpon every Saturday at night should take the oares and nets from the fishers and keep them till Moonday in the morninge.

III 71

19 OCTOBER 1659

Patrick Gordone being cited compeired who was accused for ane common outlyer from the publict ordinances as also for taking of salmond fish on the Lord's day of qch challenges he could not altogether cleare himself. Nevertheles the sessione vpon good hope of his amendement hes w^t his owne consent enacted him vnder paine of excommunicatione that he transgres not in the lyke heirefter, he was sharplie rebuiked and so is past.

III 90

¹No minute is recorded from 23rd May 1658 till 16 March 1659.

2 NOVEMBER 1659

The sd. day it is ordeanit that two horse of every pleugh w^{thin} the parisch be conveyid for loading stons from the bishops to the kirkyard dyks—to be published.

It is lykwyse ordeaned that the names of the parents be publictlic read before there children be baptized. III 92

4 JANUARY 1660

The said day it was motioned by the colledge to have the breast of the common loft for accomodatione of there students in respect the colledge loft could not containe them all. The qch desyre is granted for this yeare only, vpon conditione they cause put vp ane raveling at thers baks wth ane doore at the entrie of the same. III 100

9 MAY 1660

Thomas Milne having ane warrant from the assemblie and prb^{ie} gaue in ane supplicatione for a collectione to help to mantaine his son (being ane poor boy) at the colledge, qch is granted and is to be intimat the next Lord's day. III 114

24 OCTOBER 1660

The sd. day compeirit Captaine Arthur Forbes in Old Abd. desyring the sessione to authorize his ry^t as he alledgit qch he had to a pt. of a dask standing in the east end of the church, standing betuixt the comiss^{is} dask and provest Grays dask, sumtyme belonging to vinq^{ll} George and Thomas Mersers. The qlk desyre the sessione taking it to ther consideratione would not acknowledge him to haue any proper ry^t to the sd. dask but allows him and his wyffe to be accommodat in ane third pt. of the sd. dask and ordeanes that non impd him in his macking vse of the same. III 136

21 APRIL 1661

There hes bein no sessione since the second of Jany, 1661 by reasone the mi^r. went south and after his returne took seiknes and continued sick vntill it pleased the Lord to remove him from hence to eternitie. III 140

9 JUNE 1661

The sd. day ane old act was ordeaned to be republished the nixt Lords day concerning the brewers viz that non shall sell any drink on the Lords day but at denner and supper, vnder paine of censur (except it be to sick persons). III 147

30 JUNE 1661

The sd. day concerning the filling of the vacand place Doctor Muire and Mr Wm. Jonstoune com^{rs} from the colledge compeired desyring the sessions concursens w^t the colledge in the calling of Mr Alex^r Middleton to be mi^r here, q^m they have chosine q^{vnto} the elders vnanimouslie returned this answeire that they desyred the members of the colledge to continue the sending of any com^r to him theranent till the nixt Sabbath day that the heritors and parishioners be advertised to crave ther advyce theranent, qch being reported to the sd. Com^r of the colledge, They replyed that they resolved to send Comⁿ to morrow altho the session should not send.

Thomas Angus appoyntit to represent the same befor the prb^{ic} Tuisday nixt. III 149

4 AUGUST 1661

The sd. day Mr Joⁿ Forbes Com^r from the colledge compeired and did nominat Mr. Alex^r Middleton, now mi^r at the kirk of Raine to be mi^r here, q^{lk} the sessione hes accepted of, and hes commissionat James Gordone of Seatone to attend the prb^{ic} on tuisday nixt for that effect and thereafter to repaire to the prbⁿ of the Gearioch for the sd. Mr Alex^r his lousing ther. III 155

17 NOVEMBER 1661

The admisionc of Mr Alex^r Middleton to his ministeriall function here is solemnized as effeires. III 169

22 DECEMBER 1661

The sd. day it is appoyntit that intimatione be made the nixt Lords day that all that sits in dasks not belonging properlie to them, and hes ane mynd ether for buying or for mealing of the samene that they conveane

vpon tuysday the last of this instant Dec^r for that effect in the kirk be 10 hours in the foornoone.

III 172

5 JANUARY 1662

The forsd. visitors of the dasks are found to have keepit that George Allane cordoner in the Spittall and his nz'boris ther right to ther dask is relewant enouch and approues the same They approve David Still and the Gipsons of Murcur ther right to their dask, they approue Andrew Cassies right in q'stryps Captaine Forbes former act is ratified and approve with consent of Christopher Scaff and vthers interessd anent ther dask vnder the colledg loft.

They approue Wm Logans right, he hes promiseist if he haue no heir, to leaue his dask to the session qⁿ he dies.

The sd. day compeired Alex^r Meassone Alex^r. Hervie, Thomas Wat, Wm Hervie Ro^t Proctur yo^r Alex^r Craig in Clerkseat James Andersone all watter men on Done and Arthur Craig in Sunnisyd, desyring the Sessione to authorize ther right qch they had to a dask standing in the east end of the church, Betuixt the dask belonging to the Gipsons in Murcur and the cordoners dask in the Spittall. The quhilk desyre being taikene to consideratione finds that the forsd. persons had giuen content to the sessione long agoe by paying ane certaine sowme of moe. q^rvpon the visitors in ane vnanimous voyce giues power to the forsd. persons to possese the sd. dask during their lyftymes queitlie and in peace w^tout any stop or impedement q^tsoever.

III 174

The sd. day it is ordeanit that no boys nor vthers of the common sort have libertie to sit in the pulpit staire and the samene to be intimat.

III 175

22 JUNE 1662

Johne Cheine and Issobell Gib, being chargit and cited compeired and after they were accused both of them confest a relapse in fornicatione And they having buried ane vntymouse borne chyld in the feilds privatlie w^tout the knowledge of any, the man is ordeaned to enter his publict repentance in sackcloath and the woman to stand in the Jogs betuixt the 2d and 3d bell and thereafter to goe to the publict place of repentance, and so to continue till they satisiffie.

III 179

13 JULY 1662

The sd. day George Boduell in [blank] was decerned to pay 10 merks to the sessione, because he becam caution that his daughter should marie Wm Hill in the parish of Kemnay qⁿ she is found wilfullie to have failzied the sd. George is to pay the forsd. sowme at bartholday nixt vnder the paine of doubling w^t his own consent. III 182

15 FEBRUARY 1663

The sd. day the moderator and the elders of the sessione having heard Mr Patrick Sandilands and Mr. Andrew Massie ther commission from the colledge anent the nominatione of Mr James Muire etc to be mi^r here did vnanimouslie declare ther disassent from the sd. nominatione.

The sd. day the sessione did commissionat James Gordon of Seaton and Georg Cruikshank of Berrihill to repaire to the first meiting of the colledge and to desyre them to forbear the calling of Mr. James Muir to be mi^r here till the place be first filled w^t a bishope. III 214

15 MARCH 1663

The sd. day Kethoksmilne was commissionat to repaire to the first meiting of the colledge to desyre them to bestow sumthing vpon a young theologue to help to catechise the parish, 2^{lie} that there was many compleaning that the grammer schule was neglectit desyring them to plant it w^t ane able M^r to attend it 3^{lie} he to desyre them that they would restraine their students from playing at the bullets because it was dangerous and there had bein skaith gottin that way and to report his dilligence to the next sessione. III 219

22 MARCH 1663

The sd. day its found that there could be no conveniencie of meiting on wednsday last as was formerlie appoynted anent the setlment of the Morning and evening prayers and of thinking vpon a way how the clerk shall be satisfied for that imployment And therfore the sessione hes ordeaned and by thir pntis. ordeanes that the baptizmes, buriels, and mariag silver shal be hightened viz the baptizme 10 s. q^of 6 s. to the clerk, the buriell in the kirkyard 10 s. q^of 6 s. to him, the buriels wⁱⁿ the kirk 20 s q^of ane merk to the clerk, the Mariag silver 24 s. q^of 20 s.

to the clerk, and if the paroch shall happine to be devydit then and in that cace the clerks stipend to be made up another way, and it is hereby ordeaned that the morning and evening prayers shall begine immediatlie after the publict intimatione therof and continue as formerlie they did in that selffe same order viz the morning prayers to begine at 7 hours in the morning, and the evening prayers to begine at 5 hours at night, all qch is to be publictlie intimate the nixt lords day. III 221

26 APRIL 1663

Concerning papists names such as are not excommunicate alreadie are ordained to be chargit to the nixt sessione viz Elspet Gordon, [in Buckie] Jeane Hunter, Wm Menzies, Alex^r Menzies, Issobell Ord, Jeane Barclay, Margaret Lumsden, Marg^t Wat, Mariorie Collisone, Marg^t Oliphant Ladi Balgoni and Helen Andersone as we are informed are excommunicat alreadie. III 227

3 MAY 1663

It is to be representit to the pbry. that Mr. Arthur Gordon hes been married by a preist w^t a papist womane and take ther advyce theranent the nixt pbrill. meiting. III 228

25 OCTOBER 1663

The sd. day the professor, and James Gordon of Seaton were nominat and chosine Com^r. to repaire to the first meiting of the members of the colledge and ther to desyre them to fill the vacant place w^t ane pious and ane able minister of the gospell and in case they get not ane ansuer satisfactorie, they are hereby impowered, to have their nixt recourse to the bishope and the assemblie for the effect foresd. and are ordeaned to report their diligence to the nixt sessione. III 257

8 NOVEMBER 1663

The sd. day James Gordone and George Cruikshank elders were appointit w^t vnanimous voyce of the sessione to repaire to the Bishope and declare to him that both the prin^l and professor being now to attend their own proper calings are to preach no more to the congregation here, And thairfor desyre his Lo: to plant the place w^t ane able m^{ir} before he remove and to report their diligence to the nixt sessione. III 260

The sd. day in presence of the Comiss^r prin^{ll} sub prin^{ll} and the remanent members of the Sessione conveyaned for the tyme James Gordon of Seatoune was chosine Maister of Hospitall and is to continue in the sd. charge till the first of Jany 1665 and the Comiss^r prin^{ll} sub prin^{ll} Georg Cruikshank and Thomas Angus to visit Mr Thomas Gordon late Mr of Hospitall his compts (he having now dimitted the place) vpon thursday nixt at ane efternoone.

III 260

21 MARCH 1664

The sd. day the visitors of Thomas Angus his compts did think fit that the pbry. should be acquainted, that by reasone ther hath beene no Communione heire this 15 yeares bygone and the bursar of theologie hath gotten 15 libs yearlie qch hath brought the kirk in debt, (it being payable out of the Communione silver) Therfor they resolue to pay no more to the sd. burser till the Communone if the pbry. will assist them.

III 265

12 JUNE 1664

The sd. day Patrick Kilgour being cited compeired and after he was accused for the kirk lead and posed severall things qch the forenamed witnesses had declaired he confest that he went up to the steiple sundrie tymes w^t ane chissell and ane mell but pretendit it was to dresse the knock ; he confest he did sie sundrie times students of the Colledge tak away lead ; he confest also that what lead fell from the kirk windows he made vse of it for himselffe.

Thomas Hall being cited and caled compeired and being examined he declaired he saw Patrick Kilgour come downe from the steiple and ane pairt of the Kirk lead in his hand and that he both gaue and sold of it to John Robson at Gordons Milne. John Robson he also compeired and confest he took away a piece of lead from the sd. Patrick Kilgour. Thomas Hectur did not compeir. It was thought fitt by the Mr of Kirkwark and by the rest of the Sessione that this bussines should be remitted to the Shirreff and ordeained the officer to summond them all before him.

III 271

13 NOVEMBER 1664

The sd. day it was ordained that ther should be a collectione intimat the nixt Lords day for the repairing of the bulwark of Petterhead having warrand both by act of Parliament and also of the provinciall assemblie.

III 291

27 NOVEMBER 1664

The sd. day it was recommended to Wm Lind and Thomas Angus to represent the sessiones mynd to the counsell concerning badges to the toune and parishe beggers qrbv they may be discerned from strangers.

III 293

23 APRIL 1665

The sd. day John Stewart in Kincardyne who was spoyled by the highlanders being recommended by the Synod is to have ane collectione, qch is to be intimate the next Lords day.

III 312

30 APRIL 1665

The sd. day the Prin^l declared that the Bishop & Colledge had nominat Mr Robert Reynold Min^r at St. Vigensse in Angus to be Min^r here & therfor willed the sessione to joyne & to choose their Com^r that he might goe w^t the Colledge Com^r to the sd. Mr Robert & give him ane call, to qch all the Members of the sessione did vnanimouslie aggrie, and did nominat & choose Mr Patrick Gordon Mr of Kirkwarke to goe for that effect ther vpon Tuysday next ensuing.

III 314

18 JUNE 1665

The sd. day it is ordained that publick intimatione be made from pulpit that non be standing or walking about the kirke or in the kirk-yard in tyme of the reading of the word vnder paine of censure & that captors will be appointed to waitt vpon them.

III 326

25 AUGUST 1665

The sd. day the professor reported that Baillie Burnet in Abd. had requested that Marg^t Barclay might be spaired from appearing in publict on the stoole till she had fostered his chyld & he had promised that therafter he should cause hir satisfie the qlk desyre is granted w^t this proviso that the baillie giue a lyne vnder his hand to cause hir satisfie in penaltie and repentance qⁿ the chyld is fostered.

III 344

The sd. day there was a regrait giuen in, that there was severall persons wthin the toune & parish who had taken vpon them to teach schooles wthout any libertie of the sessione or baillies of the toune viz

Marg^r Hay, Christan Barelay and hir daughter Marie Leaske, and Barbra Smout all wⁱⁿ the toune & Patrick Smith in Colledge bounds, all qch persons would prove verie preiudiciell to the Mr. of the Musick & English Scholl, vnles they were restrained tymouslie, it was seriouslie recommended to the Baillies to tacke course w^t these wⁱⁿ the toune & Patrick Smith wⁱⁿ the Colledge bounds ordayned to be charged to the next sessione. III 346

29 OCTOBER 1665

The sd. day after in calling of the name of God it is found that Mr. Ro^t Reynold late Minister of the Gospell at St. Vigens in Angus having returned a four-night agoe or therby to his place, his admission to the ministeirall functione here in Old Abd was intimate from pulpit the last Lords day, to be the next Sabbath thereafter. And this day the Lord Bp. having preached in the forenoone did admitt the sd. Mr Robert Reynold to the Ministeriall functione here in Old Abd. was intimate from pulpit the last Lords day, to be the next Sabbath thereafter. And this day the Lord Bp. having preached in the forenoone did admitt the sd. Mr. Robert Reynold to the Ministeriall functione here, who was most Graciouslie accepted by all persons interested, viz. Members of the Colledge, elders of Sessione, and the wholl congregacione. III 356

13 MAY 1666

Marg^t Low relapser in fornicacione w^t. Mathew Gordone being cited and called compeared and is ordained to remove the scandell according to the order of the church and in regaird of severall agravating circumstances of her vncleannesse it is ordered that the last day of her appearance before the congregacione shall be in sackcloath. III 407

15 JULY 1666

The sd. day there was a fast intimat to be kept vpon Wedsnday the 18 of this instant for a prosperous successe to the Kings Royall Navie. III 424

The sd. day it is found that the Min^r and the forenamed elders did meet anent the ordering of the publicke punishment of Marg^t. Milne Barbara Dune and Alex^r Sangster but did not determine therein but laid it over vpon the sessione, and now this day it is ordained that the saids

Margt. Milne and Barbara Dune shall be put in the Goves and stand therein betwixt the 2d and 3d. bell and the sd. Alex^r Sangster to be put in the stocks at the kirk styllie that same tyme and after the 3d bell they are to goe to the pillar and after sermon they are to appeare before the pulpit in sackcloath and be publicklye rebuiked for all their forsd. scandalous carages. III 426

29 JULY 1666

The sd. day there was a regrait giuen in by those who searched the toune on the Sabbath efternoone in tyme of sermone that some houses in the toune did hold their doores fast and would not giue them libertie to searche there houses; Qrypon it is ordained that intimatione be made the next Lords day that these who closes their doors against these elders that searcheth for the tyme shall be holden as guiltie persones and shall be punished accordinglie. III 429

26 AUGUST 1666

This day there was a day of thanksgiuing intimate to be kept vpon Wednesday the 30 of this instant for the late victorie against the Dutch. III 431

2 SEPTEMBER 1666

The sd. day it was ordered that John Kilgour shall have all the collectiones that shalbe collected for the futur at all the Mariages & Baptismes and that for his ringing the nyn hour bell at night.

The sd. day Janet Orum who formerlie did alledge that she had a promise of Mariag of Andrew Craighead appeared before the sessione and passed from any right she had of him and gave him libertie to marie q^m he pleased. III 434

17 MARCH 1667

The sd. day the Act anent the veauers daske is found to be drawn vp, it was read and sub^t q^{ro}f the tenor follows—The said day the Min^r elders and Deacones of the Sessione of St Machar in Old Abd., taking to their consideratione ane supplicatione of the veavers in the sd. towne desyring their daske to be enlarged w^t ane third pew be reasone of the number of the honest men of their trade being increased, and for sundrie vther reasones contained in their sd. supplicatione have granted their

desyre vpon the conditiones following viz—first that their former pew shall only come forth so far in the floore in the sd. kirk that there be left eight full free foot betwixt the sd. daske and the nearest pillar besyd Birmors daske to the effect the passage be not too narrow, And secondlie that the veauers in all tyme comeing vphold vpon their expenssis the glasse window wⁱⁿ their daske that q^usoever the samen happens to be broken w^{it} wind or weather or vtherways that they repaire the samen wecll and sufficientlie be the oversight of the Min^r. and M^r. of the Kirkworke w^{it} all conveinencie, Thirdlie that the formost pew be joynd to the rest w^{it} cleikes or some vtherway so that it may be taken off and set by if need beis found by the sessione for ane certaine space for enlarging the passage at Burialls going in that way at the tymes of the celebratione of the Lord's Supper and vther such lyke occasiones as the Sessione shall judge needfull and 4ly that they put no foot gang or fore stent to the formost pew and if in any of these they shall happen to faill, this pnt. favour and act to be voyd and null and of no effect in after tymes and their dask to be reduced to the present extent and wydnes consisting of ells and the veauers does accept of the sd. conditiones, in witenesse q^rof their deakene and the rest of the Maisters of that trade have sub^t thir pnts. at Old Abd. the 17th. day of March 1667 yeirs.

John Hervie, deaken

Mr Robert Reynold Min^r

W^m Angus

Mr Pat. Gordon M^r of Kirkwark

Thomas Angus

Geo. Gordon elder.

III 491-2

17 NOVEMBER 1667

The sd. day it is ordeaned w^{it} comon consent that the next meeting of the sessione shall be vpon Moonday come 8 days at nyne hours in the forenoone and so to continue vpone everie Moonday at that hour till the day grow longer, and this to be intimat the next Sabbath.¹

III 541

12 APRIL 1668

The sd. day vpon ane supplicatione from Jonnet Georg desyring that the sessione would indolge her with that favour not to appeare in publick before the congregacione but that she may have libertie to acknowledge hir miscarriage before the session in regaird it was her first

¹ Within two months the "sessions having been ill kept" it was resolved to hold them on Sabbath afternoons.

fault, and next that she was verie bigg w^t chyld promising w^t all that she was willing to referre herselfe whollie to the sessione and was readie to obey what penaltie they should be pleased to put vpon her, q^rvpon the sessione taking her case to consideratione ordained her to appeare the next day before the sessione and acknowledge her trespasse and to pay 40 shilling scots of penaltie the sd. day. III 592

21 JUNE 1668

Moonday come 8 days being appoynted for visiting of the Musieke schoole at 2 hours in the afternoone it is recomended to the Min^r George Gordon Wm Logan and Thomas Angus to attend the sd. meeting as Com^r. from the sessione. III 628

18 OCTOBER 1668

Ther being a greivance given in concerning the perturbatione of the kirk by boyes it is ordained that Joⁿ Kilgour and Henry Kilgour w^t Patrick Stewart shall per vices wait about the dasks and give accompt off the delinquents to the session and Joⁿ Kilgour is ordained to begin.

It is recomended to the elders to think on som convenient way of restraining the tumultuarie number off peopl qeh is ordinarily at Baptisms and Marriages and vther publict meetings off that nature, qeh is many tymes the occasion off not a little ryot and to report to the nixt dyet.

III 659

17 JANUARY 1669

Anent the burieing of dead persones in the Spittall kirkyaird the former acts theranent are ratefied and Georg Allan is ordained to tak notice efterwards iff ther be any such things comitted and report. III 672

14 FEBRUARY 1669

The sd. day compeared personally George Cruikshank off Berrihill merchant burgess of Abd. in pnce. of the minister and elders of the sd. kirk sessione of Old Maehar and produced ane decreit obtained at his instance before the Lords of Counsell and Session of the daít the aught day of Jar. Mvje threescoir nyne yeares against Thomas Gordone Shreff deput of Aberdeen be vertue q^rof the sd. Thomas Gordone has decerned and ordained conforme to the dispositione granted to the sd. George of

ane dask situat in St Machars church of Old Aberdeen be Alexander Gordone of Birmoir dated twentie one day of Sep^r. My^je feitie seaven yeares to enter and restore the said persewar to the possessione of the sd. dask and to desist and ceas from all forther troubleing or molesting of him his family servants and others in his name in the peaceable brookeing joyseing and possessing therof in tyme comeing conforme to the tenor of the sd. dispositione in all poynts in maner contained in the forsd. decreit above wr^t. as in the samen of the dait forsd. at length is conteined. Quhilk decreit with the dispositione above wr^{me} the sd. George Cruikshank caused be publictly read in pnce. of the sds. min^r and elders of the sd. kirk sessiōe of Old Machar To the effect non should pretend ignorance of his right theroff to which the Min^r and elders consented and were ordained to be insert in the register. III 680^a

4 APRIL 1669

The sd. day it is enacted and ordained to be intimat that non remove off the penitentiall seat untill the blessing be pronounced by the min^r vyerwayes that it shall not serve them for a dayes appearance. III 686

7 NOVEMBER 1670

This day in regaird it had pleased the Lord to remove the min^r off the place by death, the Prin^{ll} being pnt. did declair that upon the Bp^s. and sessions earnest desyre he was content to moderat in the session and to perform vther duties incumbent to ane actual min^r for a time, till the place was ready to be planted. III 755

26 FEBRUARY 1671

The sd. day it being found that ther was on Marg^t Watson who did teach a school wⁱⁿ this toun w^tout ony order, and therby prejudged the publict school, and contraveened former acts off session made theranent ordaining that no schools should be taught w^tout order from the session therfor it was recomended to the bailzies to send offiariis to her to make her desist and give up the same, qch they promised to doe. III 768

30 JULY 1671

The sd. day was grantit a charter to Patrick Gordon son to the last Birmoir his father upon the house called the parson of Kinkells Mans groff the Session is superior. III 775

10 MARCH 1672

This day Mr. Patrick Sibbald Min^r at Abd. did preach in the forenoon on Thess. 5. 12. 13 and immediatly after divyn service the Lord Bp. being pnt. did according to the former intimat proceed to the ordination of Mr George Stragⁿ, q^o after the action, being ordained Min^r off the Gospell was admitted to be Min^r off this place, and most graciously and unanimously received by all persons interested and the eldership particularly in name off the congregation. III 781

23 FEBRUARY 1673

Jo. Body in Seaton being sumoned to this day compeared and in regaird it was found that he taught only young children to spell and read the psalm book was inhibited to goe any further and dismissed. III 820

7 SEPTEMBER 1673

James Tux in Old Abd. Marg^t Mathison and Will: Orem ther, being all sum: to this day, compeared and Will: Orem being requyrd by the min^r to declair qther he was willing to giv his oath off cleernes w^t. Marg^t Mathison with q^m he was bruted to be guilty affirmd he was eyr willing to referr it to the woman's oath, allenarlie, or else to purg himselff by oath, provyding he should gett satisfaction off the man, who first had delated it befor them, they were all 3 continued till the next day and sum: apud acta therto.¹ IV 16

22 SEPTEMBER 1673

Anent Isb. Lason and Janet Watson ther casting off the fivve and shier compeird Janet Lyall (the other woman being at hir harvest) and declaird that her mistress and Janet Watson having lost a pair off sheets and some money, Jan: Watson as it wer out off jest would try some conceit to fly hir neighbor and so taking up a fivv and pair off shiers sd. by St. Peter and St. Paul such and such a woman hath the sheets all qch the sd. Janet did confess, bot because it was found to be done, mor through imprudenc than any other way the Session tho^t fitt to fyn her in 40s., and the goodwyff off the house in als much, and wer order to pay it the next sabbath day. IV 21

¹ Action was afterwards departed from as regards Orem "seeing ther cannot be any scandalous carriag be proven against him."

19 OCTOBER 1673

This day it was intimat from pulpit that the next Lords day was to be set apairt for fasting and humiliatione, the cause being the abounding off sin through out this diocesse, and the latness off the harvest through the intemperancie off the weather. IV 26

The sd. day compeird Arche: Ralph and being convict off seall: miscarriages, off raising strife and debate twixt Capt. Dalgarno and Sachen off speaking contemptuously to the min^r. in publict, and off breaking the prison house, was enjoynd to remov the scandall by appearing befor pulpit in Sackcloath. IV 24

14 DECEMBER 1673

The sd. day Arch: Ralph was enjoynd to mend all smithwork about the church and then the Mr off kirkwork hes promised to compt. w^t him. IV 30

28 MARCH 1675

Reported this day that men and boyes usually playit kits in the snow kirkyard and Dowglas wind in tyme of sermon the officer ordered to goe their the next sabbath. IV 78

8 AUGUST 1675

Reported this day that ther is a young man in Carnfeild who teacheth a school and is enclyned to Poperie the minister is to speake to him at the first conveniencie about the sam matter. IV 101

6 AUGUST 1676

The said day comp: William Watstone who had contracted himselfe in mariage with ane Agnes Coutts and hath resiled from his purpose, and for his mocking of the kirk the session did fyn him in ten pounds of the qch 10 libs there is an leg dollar in the clarks hands (being his consig.) and he is not to gett a certificat from this till he satisfie the Master of Kirkwork. IV 153

25 FEBRUARY 1677

Anent Elspet Mitchell being sumoned called & compeared and was enquired anent that scandal w^t Wills Chrystel, she obstinitlie denyed

gultinesse with the sd. Will: ore ever had so much as a kisse of his mouth she being impudent obstinat in denyal was imprisoned till she should be more free to declaire the truth. IV 180

18 MARCH 1677

Anent ane dumb woman (having born a chyld in Scotstone) Comp: and did by signe and the reading of writt sygnifie that the chyld was to William Riccart brother to the laird of Arnetch being begotten in Buchan at the metting of meal. IV 192

21 MAY 1677

I Alex^r Couper Master of the Musick school in Old Abd. grants me to have receaved from John Pedder Master of the kirkwork of the sd. toune the soume of ten pounds Scots money as my sallarie from Martimase Mvj^e seventie six years to Whytsunday seventie seven years. Discharging the sd. John Pedder and Kirk Session of Old Abd. of the sd. ten pounds as my sallarie forsd. and of all other years and termes preciding the dait of thir pnts. written and subscraved with my hand at Old Abd. the tuentie first of May Mvj^e seventie seven years. Al. Couper. IV 210

21 OCTOBER 1677

This day the Minister did intimate from pulpit the next Sabbath to be a day of thanksgiving for the gracious and plentiful harvest wherewith the Lord of his enfnit goodnesse hath been pleased to blesse this land.

Also a publick contribution intimate to be the next day for the helping to build ane haven (called haymouth¹) lying betuixt Dumbar and Humbar their being a print order for a pub^l coll: for the same throughout the whol kingdom. IV 235

23 DECEMBER 1677

Anent And: Jafray his wyfe it was reported that she should have said at the interrering of Rob^t. Irving his corpse now I have gotten my wish of him, who being sum^d. comp. and was examined by the Minister upon this; qch she denyed and sd. if their was any that could make it

¹ Probably Eyemouth.

out agst. her she should be content to suffer for her fault. It is to be searched more particullarlie after. IV 247

20 JANUARY 1678

This day the Minister did intimate ane voluntar contribution to be collected the next Sabbath for one Rob^t Williamsone skipper in Montrose and his marinears, being all taken by a turkish man of warre and detained by them in prison at Algiers till their whol ransome should be payed. IV 254

28 APRIL 1678

The sd. Georg [Kilgour] being suspendit from his place for his first fall in forn: and yet never again reponed and now scandaled a second time, and bad reports going abroad upon him, he is una voce of the Minister and members of the Session deposed from his place as sacrist and kirk officer. IV 299

8 DECEMBER 1678

Also it was intimate this day that all persones that hath children to be baptised, ore persones that is to be maried they would attend every tuesday for that effect, and not to expect the sd. ordinances upon any other day except in cases of necessitie. IV 333

15 DECEMBER 1678

This day there was ane publick order read ordaining a fast to be kept throughout the whol kingdome of Scotland upon Wednesday next being the 18 of this Instant for Gods wonderfull discoverie of ane helish plott intendit by the papists for cuting of the Kings royal persone and destruction of the protestant religion. IV 335

29 JUNE 1679

This day Mr. Patrick Sibbald parson of S. Nicolas in Abd. preached in the fornoon upon Zeakiel 3 and 27 and immeadiatl^y after sermon did admit Mr. Georg Garden Minister at Fairge to the service of the cure at this place who was most graciouslie and unanimuslie receaved by all persones interested viz by the Bishop, Members of the Colledge and Elders of the Session as the representatives of the Congregation. Afternoon preached the sd. Mr. Georg Garden upon Romans 6 and 13 midle pl. IV 360

10 AUGUST 1679

The sd. day Patrick Kilgour watchmaker was elected a member of the session una voce and it was recommended to him to be faithfull qch he promised. IV 377

5 OCTOBER 1679

This day ane act was made in the session that no person within the toune or spittel shall have ther children baptised at no tyme of the day but at the morning or evening prayers (except in cases of necessitie) without they pay a merk to the poor. Also it was appointed that non neither in toune nor parish shall have ther children baptised upon Saturday (being the Ministers book day) except they pay the merk forsd.

It is to be intimate the next Sabbath that non give in any doits at the kirk door in respect they are not current and the poor is prejudiced therby also the Minister is to exhort the people to be more charitable in ther offering to the poor because ther is many to serve and the collections are become small. IV 392

12 OCTOBER 1679

Ane act for a voluntar contribution was read this day for some prisoners in Saly taken by the turkish pirrots the collection the next sabbath to be set apairt for that effect and the people desyred to extend ther charitie the more liberal for that cause. V 1

30 NOVEMBER 1679

Also it was proposed that the Masters of the Colledge had spoken to the Minister anent the building of a round seat befor bailzie Scougal's dask for the convenience of some gentlemens sons in the Colledge who take up other seats in the church, and either the Colledge should pay in the slump so much yearly for it, or 20s.¹ scots for every one that possesseth it in the year, it is to be considlered upon the next week, and the Master of Kirkwork and a wright appointed to goe to the place and see how it can be conveyently be built. V 8

11 JANUARY 1680

The Minister reports that they are not to buy the hearse because it is holden so dear.

¹ Agreed to and the College to pay 20 merks yearly p. 11.

Some new pewes erected bysydes the new dask by the session, also the body of the church is to be pewed (in place of the chears) & every woman that possesseth them to pay so much yearly to the session. V 17

28 MARCH 1680

This day compeared Arthur Knight deacon conveyiner John Brans & Georg Allan in name of the shoemakers of Old Abd. & gave in ane supplication to the Ministers and session desyring libertie to add a fore pew to their dask for ther more conveniencie the qlk desyre (being considered upon, and the session not being frequent) they thought fitt to delay it till the next day, qch accordingly was don, and they appointed to attend.

The sd. day the Taylour trade of Old Abd. gave in ane supplication for a libertie to put on a head upon ther dask & for a back pew to be added to ther seat for ther better accomodation qch supplication (the session considdering to be reasonable and no way prejudicial to the church) granted. Some of the elders appointed to goe thorow the toun in tyme of the afternoons sermon to see ther be no persons vaging upon the street nor drinking in houses & to report ther diligence also others appointed to goe to the b. of Don for the forsd. effect. V 28

27 JUNE 1680

The officer reports he can get no sumds. fixt on Patrick Ross, reported he staves for the most part night & day upon the fredom hill casting fuel, he is ordered to goe ther & cite him to the next session, also to be intimate that non receit the sd. Patrick. V 47

4 JULY 1680

The Minister reports the Psbtry. hath written a letter to the Minister of St. Vigills [Vigeans] in Angus being Moderator of that Psbtry. anent young Boniton declaring that they cannot take his declaration neither by word or writte it being inconsistant with the discipline of the church but he must either satisfie if guilty, or purge himselfe by his oath if innocent either here or ther as he shall think most convenient provyding alwayes the woman get notice of the dyet that she may be present. V 49

10 OCTOBER 1680

This day Gorg Patton of Grandhome (being to reside in the parish the next Spring) did give in a supplication to the Session for a dask in a convenient place of the Church for the accommodation of himselfe, familie & servants ther being at the present no proper seat belonging to his lands, the Minister & Session returned him this ans^r. if ther ware any dask belonging to the Session, or any that is not possessed by persons at the present, that could accommodate him and his familie they were content he should have his choice of any of them. V 69

7 NOVEMBER 1680

This day there was seen some servant men & boys belonging to Wm. Gray & others about the b. of Don playing at the golfe in the links beyond the bridge in tyme of the afternoons sermon the officer ordered to try for account of ther names & to cite them and ther masters to the next session. V 77

28 NOVEMBER 1680

Anent Elspet Able reported she appeared befor the psbtry. and they considdering that she was excommunicate with the lesser sentence of excommunication for falling in a second fault q^{ll} she was satisfying for the first, so that this being a third they enjoyned her to stand in sackcloath at the church door every Sabbath for a quarter of ane year betuixt the second & third bell & beg the prayers of the people as they went in to church, and then if after the quarters expyryng she be found to be trulie humbled under the sense of her guilt & heartily sorrowfull for her sinnes that then & in that case she shall be admitted to the public place of repentance to make profession of the same unto the whole congregation & to continue & goe on in it untill she give full satisfaction to the discipline. V 80

30 JANUARY 1681

Anent John Bodie in Seatoun being cited called compeared and was unanimuslie by the Minister & Session ordered from henceforth not to keep a school ther or any other way else within the parish in respect the private schools are so prejudicial to the publick the sd. John would not engage to dissolve his school q^upon the Minister sum^d. him apud acta to the next psbtry. to receave ther orders for it. V 97

13 FEBRUARY 1681

Anent James Wood yor of Boniton the Minister reported the Moderator of the psbtry. hath receaved a letter from the Minister of St. Vigills anent the sd. James Wood declairing that he alwayes stands to a denyal and offers his oath befor ther session, but will not admitt that the woman who gives him as the father of her chyld shall be present qⁿ he depones & also he wreits that he hath advysed it with ther psbtry. & they haue ordered him to take his oath q^upon the psbtry. here thinks fitt not to insist any more in it, for seeing they have discharged themselves if the psbtry. ther will not take the right methodes of discipline the blame lyes upon themselves.

V 99

20 FEBRUARY 1681

It was intimate this day that from this tyme forth non should bring along dogs w^t them to the Church by reason the publick worship was so much disturbed by the noise occasioned by them every sabbath day.

The sd. day it was ordered by the Minister and Session that to prevent any noise by dogs Georg Donald in this toune should haue ane groat out of the Collection every Sabbath for to hold them out of the Church.

V 101

24 APRIL 1681

Wm Mitchel to be cited for not keeping the kirk it was complained of this day that ther are many people that walks in the church in tyme of the reading and many that lyes in the church yeard in tyme of sermon, ordered that it be intimate the next day from pulpit that if ther be any found either walking in the church in tyme of the reading or lying in the church yeard in tyme of sermon they will be condignly punished.

V 117

29 MAY 1681

The Minister reported that ther is on Jean Nimbrie who uses to cure several deseases by charming qch is particularlie forbidden by the word of God, and the way he came to be enformed that she was a charmer was, being visiting a sick person in Sunysyd they told him ther was on Helen Collie a servant in ther familie sick latlie of the fevers and the sd. Jean Nimbrie cured her by charming and he having represented it to the

psbtry. they desyred he might call both the sd. Jean and Helen Collie and examen them qch is to be don the next Session q^rto they are to be cited.

V 125

5 JUNE 1681

Anent Jean Nimbrie and Helen Collie being both cited to this day called comp: and the sd. Jean confessed that she cured the sd. Helen Collie by a charm qch the sd. Helen did not deny being also posed to declaire the maner how she charmed her, she sd. it was by taking a hose and tying a threed about it, then putting the hose about the sd. Helen she used these words, the Lord Jesus Chryst, by the sea rode, and the fevers on his syde and buried them in a grave, in the name of the Father, Sone and Holy Ghost.

The Minister and Session would not do anything with them but referred them both to the psbtry.

V 127

17 JULY 1681

It was complained upon this day that the faultors does not behaue themselves decently as they ought to do, q^rupon it is appointed that the officer take the plaids from the women as they goe up to the pillar, & that non of them sit ther with any thing about them except those that weares the habite, also that they be ordered to kneel in tyme of prayer, & to sit with ther faces to the Minister.

V 146

18 SEPTEMBER 1681

Anent Elspet Able app: not this day in respect ther was not a habit, they being both in use.

V 167

28 NOVEMBER 1681

Whereas Alex^r. Cooper Master of the Musick School of the sd. toune and precentor & reader of the sd. Church having given in ane petition shewing that his Salarie as Master and reader forsaid hath been deminished considerablie besides that qch was payed formerlie to his predecessors in the sd. place (not withstanding his pains is now greater) and that the hous belonging to him as Master & precentor forsd. (he not having occasion to dwell therin himselfe) hath been untennanted and waste divers yeares so he hath gott litle or no benefitt therby since his entrie, Which premises above written the Minister and Elders forsd.

having taken to ther serious consideration and finding the same to be true Therefor and for the sd. Alex^r Cooper his better encouragment as Master & reader forsd. they do hereby add and conjoyn to the soume of twentie pound (formerlie payed out of the session) the soume of other twentie pound yearlie during the sessions pleasure Makeand the sovme of fourtie pound yearlie qch soume of fourtie pound the sds. Minister and elders appoints the Master of the sd. kirkwork to pay yearlie out of the dask & pew Mails to the sd. Alex^r. Cooper as Master and precentor forsd. at two termes in the year by equal portions begining the first termes payment theroff at Martemase My^js. & eightie one yeares being for the half year immediatlie preceeding and sua forth yearlie as sd. is Geo. Garden. Alex^r Fraser. Wi. Hamilton. Jo. Pedder. Thomas Logie. Tho. Angus.

V 187

23 FEBRUARY 1682

Mr John Burnet Minister at Monimusk preached a funeral upon Patrick Bishop of Abd. text the 144 psal: & 4 v.

V 193

19 MARCH 1682

The Minister did this day after sermon read ane act by the Lords of Counsel and Session ordering a publick contribution throughout the Northern Dioces for the ransome of two Inverness Merchants prisoners with the turk and did intimate that the next Sabbaths Collection was to be given for that effect upon qch account he exhorted the people to extend ther charitie.

V 194

30 APRIL 1682

Anent William Anderson the Minister reports he came to him this week bygone and desyred he would not call or cite him to appear untill the Colledge ware dissolved because if he should appear they would mock and deride him, the sessun considering the desyre to be relevant and reasonable ware satisfied he should not be sum^d or called to appear befor the end of May.

V 208

7 MAY 1682

This day there was a complaint given in by the Minister that there are several Masters and Mistressis of families in this toune and parish

that doth not frequent ore come at all with ther servants to the catechising, q'upon it was acted that all those who usually stay away and come not with ther servants to be good examples to others shall be processed, the officer ordered to goe to the Minister this week and get a list of ther names that they may be sum'd.

Also ther was a complaint given in this day of the great abuse at Marriages and bookings occasioned by the frequent conventiones at both (ther being one late act of parliament strictly forbidding a greater number at any of these solemnities than eight persones) q'upon the Minister and session unanimslye condescend and act the contraviners of the sd. Act of parliament either at Marriages or bookings within this parish shall forfitt the tuo dollars qch they ordinarlye consigne when they are contracted and this to be intimate from pulpit the next Sabbath that non pretend ignorance. V 214

14 MAY 1682

The Minister reports ther are tuo dornick tables cloathes for covering the litle tables at the Communion given to the Church for the use forsd. by the Bishops Relict at her removal from this place on of them two eles breadth and tuo eles of lenth and the other two ells of breadth and six quarteris in lenth. V 218

28 MAY 1682

John Reid being sum'd to this day called but did not comp: Mr. Patrick Gordon told he had spoken with him anent his giving libertie to persons to bury ther dead in the spittel kirkyeard and that his answeare was he never gave warrant to any person to make a grave ther. V 224

11 JUNE 1682

John Chalmer in the hospital gave in a bill this day complaining upon David Craighead beidman in the sd. hospital that neither he nor the rest of ther neighbours can live in peace with him, but particularlye on tyme ther hauing past some words betuixt the sd. John Chalmer and David Craighead the sd. David went into his chamber and brought forth his spade and swear he should ding downe the syd of the sd. John Chambers head and also that the sd. David uses in his ordinarie discourse obschen and filthie speeches qch is not pertinent to expresse, the sd.

David not being present nor witnesses for proving the bill the matter is delayed till the next day that he and the witnesses be present. V 232

17 SEPTEMBER 1682

Reported Alex^r Ferguson was ready to have appeared this day but ther was not a spare habite the Master of Kirkwork ordered to cause make a new one against this day 8 dayes. V 273

22 OCTOBER 1682

Anent Jean Nimbrie and Helen Collic the Minister reports he spok to the Bishop anent them and his Lo: thinks fitt that the sd. Jean being ane ordinarie charmer shall satisfie in the habite but the sd. Helin who was charmed having done it ignorintlie shall appear before the pulpit without it. V. 278

James Walker in Colledg bounds and his father Alex^r Walker in Abd. sund. to this day the sd. James for resiling from his purposse of Marriage with Isobel Johnston and his father as ca^r. for him both of them being caled comp: and the sd. James in face of the Session refused ab-solutlie to marry the sd. Isobel Johnston with q^m. he was contracted q^r upon his father as ca^r. for him was enjoyned to pay twentie pound of failzie to the Master of Kirkwork. V 279

29 OCTOBER 1682

This day 8 dayes being the 5 of Nov^r the Minister desyred the people to attend the publick worship frequentlie and exhorted them to come with hearts full of love and thankfullnes to Almighty God for the great deliver-ance of our late King James the 6th. of blessed memorie and his estates of parliament from the Gunpowder plott. V 280

12 NOVEMBER 1682

Anent David Nairn the Minister and Session did unanimouslie con-dischend that he should pay ten pound scots of fyne for laying on a stone upon his children in the Church yeard without desyring the Sessions libertie but this not to be exacted till the Bishop return that his Lo: advyse may be taken give he shall think fit that the stone ly upon the grave or be altogether taken away out of the Church yeard. V 285

19 NOVEMBER 1682

The Master of the Musick school gave in a complaint to the Session of some private schools both in toun and parish q^rby the publick school is very much prejudged and lest they might think he neglected his duty in the school desyred the Minister and Session with the Members of the Colledge and Magistrates of the tounne to appoint a visitation qch accordingly was granted. V 289

26 NOVEMBER 1682

The shoemakers in this tounne having latlie given in a bill to the session desyring libertie to take away the common loft stair in respect it damnifies ther light & to build ane other in alse convenient a place upon ther oun expence they did renew ther desyre again this day qch was granted by the Minister and Session but with this proviso that they take down the stone work of the window in the north syd of the Kirk against the end of ther dask fill it with glasse & mantain the sd. window upon ther oun expence qch ther Deacon in name of the trade promised to do. V 292

10 DECEMBER 1682

The Musick school is found to be visited & approven by the visitors.

The complaint against those who keep private schools was renewed again this day and the session having taken it to their consideration did look upon it as a great prejudice to the publick school and a thing contrarie to the laws of the land q^rupon the Minister and Session thought it expedient that some course should be taken for preventing the lyk in tyme coming & for that cause appointed the officer to cite those persons that teach them viz John Boddie in Seaton Isobel Johnston in Spittel that they may be discharged.

There was a complaint latlie given in to the session against the officers for taking the pavement stones out of the Kirk and cutting them as they ware imployed to lay upon graves in the Churchyard for qch they ware sharplie rebuiked and prohibited to do the lyke afterward, yet notwithstanding of the prohibition ther was found this week in the steeple chamber of the Kirk three or four pavement stones with a mell and irons to cut them for laying upon graves in the C. yeard & it is suspected that on of the officers cuts them, to be tryed against the next day qch of them it is. V 296

17 DECEMBER 1682

The Master of the Musick School complained to the Minister & Session that the people both in toune & parish are very careless & negligent in puting ther children to the school & desyred that the Minister would make a publick intimation of it & exhort the people to be more carefull of the education of ther children qch accordingly was granted.

V 300

25 FEBRUARY 1683

This day ther was a great complaint given in to the Session against the officers for makeing the graves so high in the K. yeard above the level ground, because the relationes of those persones that are buried in the sds. graves do therby pretend a right to that place and would appropriat that ground to themselves, so that in a short tyme the church yeard shall be so full of those high graves that no stranger nor any other shall have a place to burie ther dead into, therfor to prevent the like in tyme coming it was acted and ordained that for every grave that is higher above the level ground then the thiknes of ane ordinarie faile the Master of K. work shall keep a sixpence of the officers fie that shall be found to have highted the grave.

V 324

15 APRIL 1683

It was enacted this day that (in respect the Session is alwayes at the trouble to borrow cups for serving at the sacrament) the money gotten at the Communion at this tyme (qch is two hundreth merkes) shall be imployed for casting the two goblets into three cups and buying two new ones qch shall be kept for the use of the Church in all tyme coming.

V 338

29 APRIL 1683

The Minister reports he spoke to the Bishop anent those that burie ther dead in the spittel Kirkyard and his Lo. desyred that the Minister should speak to the Colledg and desyre the members theroff to cause them to whom they set the grasse of it be lyable to pay so much to the Kirk for every grave that is opened in it.

V 342

6 MAY 1683

Mr Patrick Gordon reports that he hath spoken to the Colledge anent the Bishops desyre concerning the Spittel Kirkyard & they gave promise to do ther endeavour to restrain persons from burying ther for the future and for this effect that non may pretend ignorance it is appointed that it be intimate from pulpit that non presume under the pain of censuring to open ground ther without acquainting the Minister also it was thought fitt that the Ministers of Abd. be desyred to intimate this same to ther people that non of them bring ther dead to burrie ther.

V 346

2 SEPTEMBER 1683

The sd. day ther was a proclamation read from pulpit given out by the Privie Counsel (by order from his Majestie) appointing the 9 of this instant being this day 8 dayes to be a day of thanksgiving for the happy and timous discovery of a horrid and wicked conspiracy of taking away the life of his Sacred Majestie and Royal Brother the Duke of York and of Massacring the Lord Mare and Magistrates of the Citie of London with others that have been most eminent for their loyaltie. The people ware exhorted to repair to church more frequentlie than ordinarie to give God heartie thanks for his goodnes towards his Majestie and these lands in this happy discoverie.

VI 17

28 OCTOBER 1683

Isobel Bruce appeared this day befor the Congregation and being seriouslie exhorted to be ingenuous who was trulie the father of her chyld stood still to a denyal, and the oath being read unto her after she was desyred she sat down upon her knees and holding up her hand was ready to swear that she knew no other father to her chyld but William Webster in Old Deer but ther being ground to suspect that she was gultie of adulterie and she being ane hard hearted stupid creature her oath was not taken but got the 1st. admonition in order to excommunication.

VI 25

11 NOVEMBER 1683

Seaton and the rest that ware commissionat to the Bishop anent the supplying of the place reports that his Lo : is to leave his chaplane to preach the one halfe of the day & catechise the people, & that he is to

put him in orders to Baptise and Marry and for supplying the other halfe of the day his Lo : hes spoken to young men to do it till he return and also he hath spoken to the Professor of Divinitie to moderat in the session. VI 29

18 NOVEMBER 1683

The Minister did intimate to the people that the next days collection is to be given (by a recommendation from the Bishop) to Gilbert Anderson Merchant in this toune having been latlie robbed at Brichen and they exhorted upon his account to extend ther charitie more than ordinarie. VI 30

13 JANUARY 1684

Anent John Sangster it was complained off to the Session that the sd. John his name & several others have been so long kept in retentis to no other end but the filling up of the book to no purpose & a trouble to the clerke in writing it so often q'upon its thought fit by the session that neither the sd. John his name nor any other delinquents name (long kept in the book & not with standing that tryal have been made for them & no account can be had of them) be written in a scroll & keep'd in the session book & to be read over every session to know if any of the elders cane give information of any of them. VI 36

23 MARCH 1684

The holy Sacrament being to be celebrated this day 8 days it was intimate to the people that ther ar tuo sermons to be here on Friday next in order therto and they exhorted to prepare themselves aright and to attend both sermons frequentlie.

The people of the south and north sydes of the parish that have a mind to communicate at this tyme (notwithstanding they are not catechised) ware desyred to come in to morrow with the elders of ther severall quarters to testify for them that they are not under any scandal or at variance with ther neighbours and they shall receive tokens. VI 44

27 APRIL 1684

A proclamation was read this day issued out by his Majestic with consent of the Counsel appointing a solemne fast throwghout the whol Kingdome of Scotland for the long continued storme in winter & the

coldnes of the seedtyme whereby the season was almost lost & also for the abounding of sine & impietic in the land : the day of humiliation to be observed in this place for the reasons forsd. is appointed on Wednesday come 8 dayes being the 7 of May, the people ware exhorted to attend frequentlie the worship & to cease from the works of ther ordinarie callings & imployments that therby they might be the more enabled to keep a holy and religious fast unto the Lord.

VI 49

12 OCTOBER 1684.

Fornoon Lo. Bishop preached upon 1 Cor: 3 & 6. After sermon Mr John Keith parson of Birse having been called to serve the cure at this place upon the removal of Dr. Georg Garden to Abd. & being presented by the Members of the Colledge with consent of the Bishop having accepted the presentation was this day solemnlie receaved and admitted to be Minister here by the Lo. Bishop Members of the Colledge Heritores of the parish Magistrates of the Citie and Elders and Deaconis of the Session. Afternoon the sd. Mr John preached upon 1 Cor. 1 & 3.

VI 64

23 NOVEMBER 1684

The Master of the Musick school reported to the Session that he had been latlie speaking to the Bishop anent ane augmentation to his salarie and that his Lo: was forward for his encouragment & spoke to the heritores of the parish for so much to him from every pleugh qch they condischendit unto so that the Colledge (according as they formerlie used) would concurre. Since that tyme he having gotten a call to Montrose (the school ther being vacant) he acquainted the Masters of the Colledge and others with and told if they would give him any suitable encouragment qrby he might make a livliehood he would not goe from the place grupon the sds. Masters held a meitting in the Colledge and returned him anser that they ware about the clearing of the procurator his accompts so that they could not condischend upon any thing at the present but desyred him in the mean tyme to secure the heritores with the kirk toune and trades for ther proportion and before that tyme ther accomptis would be clear so that they would know what method to fall upon for ther proportion.

The Minister and Session having considered what he had sd. ware very willing for ther pairt to encourage him and seeing the heritores ware

willing they hoped neither toun nor trades would be any wayes unwilling and recommended it to the trades (some of them being present) to consider of it against the next day also the Minister and some others promised to speak to the bailzies anent the toun and to the Masters of the Colledge seeing it mostly lay at ther door. VI 66

25 JANUARY 1685

John Rob being sum^d compeared and sharplie reproved for his drunkennes and abusing his neighbours and enjoyned under pain of censuring to carrie and behave himselfe more christianlie in tyme coming and it being found that he keeps a school in the toun being prejudicial to the publick school was discharged from teaching any after the end of this quarter otherwayes he would be proceeded against with the censures of the church and severlie fyned. VI 75

7 JUNE 1685

Compeared Georg Fyffe and was severlie rebuiked for presuming to make graves in the Spittel kirkyeard and told that if he shall be found to do so afterwards he shall make his publick repentance for the same and severly fyned. VI 85

26 JULY 1685

Reported Thomas Innes factor to my Lord Panmoore for his lands of Belhelvie is desyring to have a seat in the church for the accomodation of the sd. L. Panmoore his tennents in this parish, q^upon the Minister and Session appoints them to have the seat next to the pulpit at the west syd and those persons that possesse that seat (being most of them but servants) are to be accomodate in ane other place of the church.

The sds. persons being desyred to come to the session compeared and the Minister told them the Session had thought fitt to give that seat q^uch. they possessed for accomodation of my Lo. Panmoore his tennents and seing they had payed the mail of the seat for a year they should either have ther money refundit to them or be accomodate another way q^uch. they accorded to. VI 90

9 AUGUST 1685

A proclamation emitted by order of his Majestie's privie Counsel for a publick thanksgiving for the late defeat of the Rebells both in

England and Scotland was read from pulpit this day and that people might perform ther thanksgiving to God more religiouslie they were desyred to attend sermon in this place about 10 hours in the forenoon on Thursday next being the 13th. of this instant. VI 91

22 NOVEMBER 1685

At the Meetting it was appointed that the Com^r. Principall Professor Seaton Mr Patrick Gordon the Minister and Mr Seaton should be visitors of John Pedder his accompts of the License money anent the bonds delivered to him by the late Bishop conform to the inventor therof and what license money was received preceeding the decease of the sd. Bishop qch was the 16 of Febr^y. 1682 yeares and to see how the same is stated and given out and also to take inspection of the money received during the incumbencie of the present Bishop and how it is secured and imployed. VI 97

17 JANUARY 1686

Anent Isobel Johnstone the Clerk reports he hath three dollars of consignation money in his hand belonging to her qch money the Session appoints him to keep for the use of the Church as her fyne for resyling from her purpose of marriage with Wm. Montgomrie. VI 103

27 JUNE 1686

Ther being ane Act issued out by the Lords of Majesties Privie Counsel for a voluntar contribution throughout the Kingdome of Scotland for repair the harbour of Roshartie and the said contribution not being collected here as yet its appointed to be intimate the next day that Sunday come 8 dayes Collection is to be given upon the forsd. account.¹

VI 115

31 OCTOBER 1686

The Minister and Session desyred the following protestation taken against Balgonies desk might be insert in the book :—

Att Saint Machar Church the day of August Jaj vje eightie six yeares The said day Compeared Mr John Keith Minister of Old Abd. ane of the Commissioners after mentioned and past to the personal

¹ The Act was read a second time on 12th September and the people exhorted to contribute.

presence of Mr. James Gray of Balgonie who was then within the said church and causing erect without order ane dask upon the forpart of the northmost sids therof where the hamermens seats were formerlie builded being exactly under the first seat of the sds. trades loft, and declaired to the said Mr James that my Lo. Bp. of Abd. had granted and direct ane commission to Mr James Scougall Coms^r. of Abd. Doctor George Middleton principall of the Kings Colledge of Abd. Dr. James Garden P.D there Mr George Fraser sub principall there and the sd. Mr John Keith there by commissionating and appointing them to be overseers of any thing relating to the decorement of the sd. Kirk and particulary ordering that no dasks might be built therin without there consent and allowance And therfor the sd. Mr John Keith as Minister forsd. and ane of the Commissioners, the rest of the Commissioners being present and consenting required the sd. Mr James Gray and his wrights and servants to desist from any farder procedur in building of the sd. dask till the samen were considdered and full cognition taken theranent be the persons concerned qch the sd. Mr. James refused to doe and caused his tradesmen proceed and goe forward therintill in order to the perfecting of the samen. In respect qroff the said Mr. John Keith protested against the sd. Mr James Gray . . . and therupon took instrument in the hands of George Kilgour notar publick. VI 122

30 JANUARY 1687

John Jamesone and Alex^r Donald being sum^d. to this day called compeared and being interrogate anent ther struggling for precedencie at the baptising of ther children in face of the Congregation could not deny the samen (it being befor so many witnesses) the Minister and Session considrring the thing had given so great scandal it behoved to be publickly punished qrupon the sd. John Jameson and Alex^r Donald ware appointed to come in befor the pulpit the next Lords day and give satisfaction for ther miscarriage and promise to behave more Christianlie for the future all which the sds. persons promised to doe. VI 126

28 AUGUST 1687

Anent the meeting appointed for taking order concerning beggars particularly vagabonds and sorners it is found in respect the day was

stormy the meeting was not frequent only the Minister with some heritors and others in the toun mett and drew up some articles viz that it should be intimate from pulpit next Lordsday that all the poor within the parish should convene on Munday thereafter at the church that after inspection taken ther may be ane exact list of those that are esteemed trulie indigent and poor who are to have tokens given them for distinguishing them from Stranger beggers in all tyme coming. Also it is thought fit that in respect ther are many in the number of beggers who have come in to the toun and parioch and after ther abode for some few yeares give out themselves to be of the number of our own, therfor it is declaired that such beggers as have not made three or fyve yeares service in the place and thereafter turned weak and decreept are to be looked upon as strangers and not to be recept by any within toun or parioch under the pains contained in the forsd. act.

Item ther being ane Motion made that the old toun, Colledg bounds and heritors of the parisch may maintaine the poor and indigent persons within ther several precincts with the help of the quarterlie pentions of the church it is to be further advysed against the next meeting of the heritors.¹

VI 137

22 APRIL 1688

Ane great complcant was given in this day against Alex^r Crystel wright for fastening the door of the trades loft with garron nails and double trees so that non of the trades men could have access to sit in it to hear the Word of God in the fornoon qch was taken very ill by the Minister and Session and for which fault and abuse (the sd. Alex^r being both a member of the session and kirkwright) he was suspendit from working any work belonging to the church and also putt off as a member of the session and that this might be orderly done he was personally cited but refused to come qrupon the session as sd. is put him actually out of both the sds. places.

VI 148

27 MAY 1688

Wm. Gald bellman being conveyened befor the Session for a barbarous and inhumane act of sifting the ashes of the dead out of a covetous designe of searching for rings qch he supposed might have been amongst

¹ The proposals were adopted at a meeting held on 11th September following.

the ashes the sd. William makinge ane judicial confession of the premises the Session considering the great scandal and offence it had given did enjoyne the sd. Wm Gald to appear befor the Congregation and make ane acknowledgment of his fault and also at the Bishop his order was suspendit from his office dureing his Lo. pleasure. VI 150

14 OCTOBER 1688

Some proclamations intimate this day anent the randevouzing the heritors for his Majesties special service against the invasion of the dutch. VI 155

13 JANUARY 1689

This day ane proclamation was read from the Counsell warning all the heritors in this shyre to meet at the head burgh theroff for falling upon rational methods for putting themselves and ther tenents in ane posture of defence against papists that are in arms in Ireland least they may come over and joyn the papists in this Kingdome. VI 160

2 MARCH 1689

This day by the unanimous consent of the Minister and Session ane list of qualified persons both in toune and parish ware nominat out of qch number ane new session may be chosen—
Nominat for the citie of Old Abd.

Mr James Scougal Comst of Abd. Dr. George Middleton principal of Kings Colledge of Abd. Dr. James Garden P.D. in the said Colledge Mr. George Fraser Subprincipal of the sd. Colledge Mr. Patrick Gordon, Humanist.

Mr John Gordon yor. of Seaton, Mr Patrick Walker of torie Leith, William Baxter prof. Alexr. Fraser prof. John Pedder writter in Abd. William Orem, John Cooper, James Thomsone, James Knight, Duncan Cassie, Andrew Robtson, James Fiddes, George Ronald, Robt Milne, Robt Low, merchants in old Abd. Patrick Wallace, Mr. James Keith bailzie. Northsyd of the parish

Mr. James Gray of Balgonie, Mr Patrick Sandilands of Cotton, Georg Patton of Grandhome, Georg Gordon in Tarbathill, W^m. Bartlet in Arriburn, Robt Gibsone in Murker, Alexr Howstone in Kethoksmilne Southsyd of the parish

James Moire in Ferrihill, Rob^t Meinzie at Gilcomstone, W^m Cat-
 anaugh ther, Rob^t Forbes in Rudristone, Alex^r. Murray at bow bridge,
 Cap^t Ross in Forosterhill, Andrew Abd. in Sunisyd John Reid in Spittel
 John Rob^tson ther

For the Seaton

James Gordon of Seaton, John Smith, John Creavy. VI 164

10 MARCH 1689

This day ane edict from the Bishop was served in this place after
 divyne service for ane orderlie devisioun of this Church of St. Machar
 according to law for the accommodation of the heritors of the parish mer-
 chants of the toune and others not accomodate and reserving alwayes
 that the pulpit shall stand in the place q^r. (by the advyce of the Drs. of
 Divinitie) it was placed, the edict bearing full power to the Moderator
 and the psbtrie. of Abd. to meet at the sd. Cathedral Church of Abd. and
 to call befor them the heritors of the parish Members of the Colledge and
 Merchants of the toune and others concerned and to take such effectual
 course according to law for the accommodation of the sds. persons as is
 usual in such cases and to report ane account of what they determine in
 that matter to the sd. Lo. Bishop of Abd. VI 165

12 MAY 1689

This day two proclamations from the estates of this kingdome was
 read from pulpitt on appointing a publick thanksgiving for deliverance
 from poperie and arbitrary power by King William and Queen Mary
 and the other ordering the praying for the sd K. William and Q. Mary
 now proclaimed K. and Q. of this Realme. VI 168

23 JUNE 1689

The Master of Kirkwork desyred a meetting of the Minister and
 Elders this week in order to the visiting his accompt and also for aggreing
 with Patrick Kilgour for casting the bell that was latlie riven qch desyre
 the Session agreed. VI 171

14 JULY 1689

Anent Isobel Rob^tsone and Marg^t Jacksone upon several consid-
 erationes that this is the first fault and her Master the Laird of Balgonie

and her mother having interceded with some of the session they are satisfied to take her acknowledgement befor the session but with all they ware both desyred to bring ther fynes along with them.¹ VI 174

26 JANUARY 1690

James Sandison in Old Abd. being suspecting for shaking money out of the Kirk box ther being found wanting at the last destribution to ballance the accompt of collections and destributions threitein pound scots was summonded called and compeared but after he was interrogate anent the taking out of money as sd. is simply denyed the same notwithstanding that he had brought the box every sabbath day in tyme of the afternoons sermon from the Ministers house to the Church but ther being witnesses summoned anent the sd. affair they ware called . . . viz John Johnston deponed that upon tuo severâl Lords days in tyme of the afternoons sermon he saw the sd. James Sandison shaking the Kirk box at the back of the Ministers gate within the close but could not tell what he gott out of it. Alex^r Birny deponed he saw the sd. James Sandison on sabbath day about the end of the afternoons sermon standing at the back of the Ministers styl and the box standing in the styl but denyed he saw him shaking it. The Session considdering the witnesses depositions hath deferred to do any thing anent the sd. James Sandison till the next day. VI 185

2 FEBRUARY 1690

Reported James Sandison is fled from this place q^rby it appears he hath taken the guilt upon him of shaking money out of the kirk box. VI 186

8 FEBRUARY 1691

The Session considdering that ane vacancie of the reader and precentors place was like to be at Whytsunday next by the removal of Alex^r Cooper present incumbent thought fitt ane intimation should be made next Lords day from pulpit to heritors of the parish masters of the Colledge Magistrates of the toun and elders of the Session to be present upon thursday thereafter at the church in the afternoon in order for falling

¹ On the same date a husband states that unless his wife is allowed to come before the Session, instead of making public repentance, he will disown her, and the Session consent.

upon a method of choosing ane qualified person to succeed to the sd. Alex^r Cooper after his removal withall it was declared that in case the said Alex^r was to stay after Whytsunday ther election or nomination should be without prejudice to him. VI 203

22 NOVEMBER 1691

The qch day Master Wm Cuming having undergone a Tryall by reading and precenting both fornoone and afternoon befor the congregation as he was enjoyned and being found sufficiently qualified The Minister did put it to the vott whither or not he should be elected Reader Precentor and Session Clerk qch carried in his favors (nemine contradicente) and therfor by the unanimous consent of the Minister and Elders undersubscribing he was admitted Reader Precentor and Session Clerk of St. Machar Church Who compeiring accepted of the sd. offices (having given his oath de fide administratione, and askit and took instrument in the hands of mee Session Clerk undersubscribing protesting for the emoluments therto belonging befor witness George Kilgour & Wm Gald Beddals witness speciallic required thertoo.¹ VI 214

6 MARCH 1692

It was reported upon thursday last in morning there was a new born child found at James Fiddies his gate & could not know to whom it belonged which the Session takeing to their consideration thought fitt to make speedy search for the mother of the child wherefor the Minister apointed that they should meet to morrow together with some of the Bailies and goe thorow both toun and parisch & try each womans breast. VI 223

29 MAY 1692

The sd day ane act of Councill was read for a voluntar contribution for building a bridge on the water of Bervie wherfor the Min^r. exhorted that upon the nixt Sunday they should contribut largely for so good a worke. VI 226

¹ This election was the cause of considerable trouble in the parish. In the first place, Mr. William Smith, Schoolmaster, claimed to have been legally elected, and secondly James Gordon of Seaton and William Baxter, late baillie, protested for various reasons that the appointment was invalid in respect Cuming was sent for to Morayshire, and then the section of the Council and Session in his favour "caused examine him privatlie the next day in ane ailhouse and the next morning by ane arbitrarie and despotick power established him schoolmaster in the Oldtounne."

3 JULY 1692

Compeired John Laurenstone & being interrogate anent his misbehaviour in the house of God, he confessed he hade broke up the lock but that the seat was his own & he wanted the key of it so that he hade no other means to get in; he was passed with a Sessional rebuke and exhorted to carry and behave himself more Christianly and soberly in the house of God.

VI 227

27 OCTOBER 1692

The Minr. reported that the place where at present they mett was not fitt or proper the Church being a more fitt and convenient place to meet and conferr upon affairs of this nature they did therefore agree and appoint that their nixt meeting should be at the Church of St. Machar upon the first tuesday of Februarie nixt to come in the year Mvj. and nintie three be ten aclock in the forenoon¹

VI 233

22 JANUARY 1693

It is found that the Register of baptisms and burialls belonging to this Church is deficient and many blanks in it ther being severall persons calling for extracts of the date of their bapt. and of their friends burialls which could not be found in the registers, the reason hereof being enquired was found that none or very few of the people did ever come to the Clerk to have their children or friends names registred but always went to the bedall who collected the dues both of the Clerk and himself and it may be supposed that the officer or bedall forsd. might conceale from the Clerk some of thos burialls or baptisms for his own advantage upon which consideration the Minr with unanimous consent of the whole Session did pass it into ane act, and it is hereby enacted that no child be baptised until first they goe to the Clerk and registrat the childs name and that no ground for burialls either in Church or Churchyard be opened without speciall order from the Clerk so that the Register may be no more found defective on this account, the officers likewise specially ordered to give obedience to this act as they should be answerable and inhibit from collecting any more of the dues for the sd. bap. and burialls.

VI 236

¹ The place of meeting for the heritors was at this time in a house at the Bridge of Don.

24 SEPTEMBER 1693

At the Church of St. Machar in Old Abd. the twentie fourth day of September Mvj. nintie and three years Conveined Min^r. and elders in the Session house thereof who taking to their consideration the present vacancie of the office of preacher and catechist of St. Machar by the removall of Mr. Alex^r Thomsone late Catechist there, to the Church of Fintray. They did all unanimously consent to the nomination and election of Mr Thomas Jaffrey student in Divinitie and Schoolmaster at Inverness given and made by the Prill. and Masters of the Kings Colledge to the sd. Mr Thomas to serve in the said office as preacher and catechist

VI 247

24 OCTOBER 1693

Conveined in the Church of St. Machar Mr James Gray of Balgounie George Paton of Grandholme David Edie bailzie and William Gelley Dean of Gild of Abd. for Abd. James Gordon of Seaton Mr Patrick Sandilands of Cotton Mr George Middleton Prin^l of the K. Colledge Dr. James Gordon Pr. of D. James Thomsone bailie in Old Abd. Dr. John Keith Min^r with Robert Gibsone Wm Cattanaeh John Robertsons elders haveing mett for ordering a maintenance for the poor conforme to the methode set doune formerly to wit that everie [one] should maintaine their own poor and that the town of Abd. as ane Heritor should maintain the poor in that part of the parioch belonging to them and the town of Old Abd. for themselves within their bounds. It is also appointed that evrie Heritor at the next meeting give ane account of the method they have taken for their maintainance. Anent the weekly collections it is also thought fitt that a third part of what is collected may be distribute to the poor and the other tuo parts remain for the Church use since the poor are provided otherwayes.

VI 249

APRIL-JULY 1694

From April 22 to July first 1694 there was no sermon prayer or reading in the church the doors being shut, the reasone was The Privie Councill did order the keyes of the church to be delivered to the Provost of Aberdeen by the Principall and members of the Colledge that the sd. Provost the kirk might be made patent and open to any that were legally authorised to preach, but the Heritors of the Parioch finding

themselves (according to the present government) more interested in the Kirk than the colledge did lock up the doores and possess the keyes untill there came another order from the Councill to the Heritors to deliver up the keyes to Mr Alex^r Fraser Bailie in Old Abd. that by him the church might be made patent and open to any who should be legally authorized to preach, in obedience to which order the Heritors did deliver the keyes to the sd. Mr Alex^r Fraser who did cause the doores to be opened.

VI 258

8 JULY 1694

The sd. day Mr Longlands being ordered by a Committee of the Generall Assemblie of the Church of Scotland now sitting at Abd. did read a paper shewing that Whereas Mr. Francis Ross late Min^r at Renfrew haveing got a call to be Min^r. at Old Abd. and the sd. Mr Francis being called befor the Committee compeired they asked whither he was willing to apply to them and to conforme to the Church government now established by law the Committee hearing him answer in the negative and finding that he was not qualified by law, did declare his call null and void and gave order to the sd. Mr. Longlands to declare the Kirk vacant which he did; and withall did intimat to the Magistrats of the town Heritors Masters of families and others concerned to give in a list of such persons as they thought fitt and qualified to be Elders and Deacons to the Committee upon thursday nixt that the sds. Committee might choose out of that list such as constitute in order to call a Min^r.

VI 258

19 MAY 1695

The sd. day compeired Mr. Alex^r Fraser Regent in the Kings Colledge of Abd. desireing the Session might allow him some room in the kirk where to build a seat for the accomodation of himself and family The Session takeing to their consideration that there was a vacant room in the south side of the Kirk, to which there was non known to claim any interest, bounded on the foreside with the Laird of Gordonsmill his seat, and the publick passage on the backside the marriage seat on the west and a room designed for the Erle of Kintore upon the east: did unanimously consent to pass it into ane act and it is hereby enacted that the sd Mr Alex^r Fraser shall possess that room bounded as sd. is, giving and granting full libertie to him to repair and build the same for his accomodation as he shall think fitt and convenient.

VII 3

26 JUNE 1695

The Session nominats thes persons whom they think fitt to be received in to their number as Elders and Deacons viz—Wm. Jeans George Ronald, David Grier merch^{ts} in Old Abd. George Bartlet Alex^r Gibson in Murcur John Robertson John Dolas in Spittill.

In the meantime it is appointed that each Elder take care of such places of the toun and parioch as is now agreed upon mutually by them.

Alex^r Howstone is to take care of the south side of the parioch from Barkmill to the Bridge of Dee.

Alex^r Taylor is to take the west side betuixt Barkmill and the water of Done.

James Drum to oversee the north side beyond the br. of Done.

George Taylor for the bridge of Done and Seaton.

Duncan Cassie from the Cross within this town that part of the town northward.

James Thomsone from the Cross the east side of the toun Colledge bounds and Spittill to John Seatons dwelling.

William Smith for the west side from the Cross, Colledge bounds Sunnieside and Spittill.

This order is to continue untill more be added to their number and then they may alter as shall be agreed upon and in the meantime each elder to be concerned for the whole parioch as he hath access by advice, information, dilation or oversight, that so disorderly persons may be brought under Church disciplin and censured according to the demerit of their fall.

VII 6

7 JULY 1695

The sd. day Mr. Mathew Selkrig Mod^r pro tempore reported that the Presbetry gave order (which he did read in presence of the members of Session) that Mr William Cuming pnt. Clerk to this Session should from hence forth desist from saying any liturgie, reading, singing the doxologie in this Kirk morning and evening as befor and he required to give obedience to this order as he should be answerable.

VII 8

10 DECEMBER 1695

According to appointment of the last Session (Dec^r 8) Conveined James Thomson Duncan Cassie Alex^r Taylor Wm Smith Elders with

Alex^r Fraser Bailie in Old Abd. where thos articles wer agreed upon unamouslie.

1^o Imp. The Bedalls are hereby inhibite (under pain of deposition) to receive any money or to open the ground in Church or churchyard without speciall order from the Sess. Clerke who is hereby appointed to receive for each buriall of such as lived in the town or parioch fourtein shill. Scots of which six shill. is appointed for the clerk and eight shill. to the bedalls: and for every buriall of strangers in the Ch. yeard two merks for the use of the church besides the fourtein shill. forsd.

2^{ls} Item it is appointed that all Burialls wⁱⁿ the Kirk or Isles pay to the Master of K. work for the use of the Church twentie lib. scots money and that for the ground right and bells besides the ordinarie dues for the Clerk and officers which is halfe a dollar to the Clerke and fourtie shill. to the officers for making the grave and ringing the bells.

3^{to} Item the lair stones in the K. yeard that are ordinarie large ar to be appriced at ten merks the peice and the Mr of K. work appointed to exact pay^t. for such stones as are laid in the Kirk yeard of those who cannot instruct the pay^t alreadie otherwise to remove them for the K. use. Item all lesser stones in the K. yeard being lettered shall pay three lb. scots.

4^{to} It is likewise appointed that none of the officers under pain forsd. presume to take up the names of children to be baptised or receive money upon that pretext w^{out} speciall order from the Clerk and that each who have children to bapt. shall pay ten shill. scots, of which six shill. to the Clerk and four shill. to the officers.

5^{to} It is thought fitt that Mr. Wm Cumyng pnt. Clerk to the Sess: be appointed Mr of K. work and Coll^r of the annuall revenues of the Church and casualities penalties &c. and that he pay himself out of the first and readiest both of what is oweing to him for bygone termes and likewise for the future and he is to pay the officers out of that which remains after he is cleared for himself and that he keep a true and faithfull accompt both of his receipts and depursements, and be accountable to the Session.

6^{to} Item it is thought fitt there be payed for the use of the Kirk four libs. for the ringing of the bells to such who are buried in the Church yeard.

Finallie the Bedalls are appointed to wait in the Church to prevent any disorders by children and noising dogs in time of Divine service.

VII 16¹

8 JANUARY 1696

The sd. day the Clerke produced a letter from Tho. Hay Sheriff Clerk in Abd. requiring the money that was collected by order of ane act of Parliat for helping to build a harbour at Cullen, the sd. Thomas being appointed Collector therof and there being eight lib. Scots collected and designed for that use the Clerk in whose hand it was at that time did deliver it by order of the Sess. to Tho. Hay Coll^r. forsd. VII 16²

2 JULY 1696

The Clerk being interrogat whether he was to remove from this place, he answered he hade received a call from Elgin his native place and hade imbraced the same and therefor thought fitt to give them timous advertisment that they might provide for one against Lambes next, at which time he was to remove. VII 26

8 AUGUST 1696

The whilk day the moderator signyified to the Session that Mr. William Crystie had produced his Testificats from the Presbtry of Perth Wednesday last bypast to the prebtry. of Aberdeen sitting then in the Session house within the new Church theroff which haveing been read and considered, the Reverend Presbetry of Aberdeen did approve of them and furthwith appoynted Mr. Arthur Shepherd there Clerk to give to the said Mr. William ane extract thereanent which being read this day according to the Moderator and Sessions desyre was by them admitted and received to be Precentor in the Church of Old Machar and ther Session Clerk, to all the emoluments of the said charge they gave him a right and title as Alex^r Cooper Mr. of musick at Abd. and Mr. Wm. Cumming his two immediat predecessors had, and appoynted his Salary which being fourtie pundis Scotts yearly from the Session, should commence to him from Lambas . . . and the said Mr Wm was exhorted by the Moderator to be faithfull and diligent in all the duties of his place and charge who promised so to be and accordingly gave his oath de fideli. VII 33

18 JULY 1697

There was read from the pulpit ane Act issued out by the Privy Council for a voluntary collection to help foreward the fabrick of a Church qch those of the Scots nation residing in Conigsberg in Prussia have obtained liberty to build by the favour of the Prince Elector of Brandeburgh.

VII 68

28 NOVEMBER 1697

John Barron [at the wake mill of Balgouny] cited to this day called and compeared and acknowledged his fault in drying cloath upon the Lords day and promised befor the Modr and Session not to be guilty of the lyke for the future was rebuiked and dismissed.

VII 80

26 DECEMBER 1697

Baillie Fraser petitioned the Session that they would allow alse many of stons of the Kirk which were fallen and now lying in the kirk-yard as would serve for reparing Powes bridge to which the Session condescended knowing the usefullness of that bridge and the same lyk to go ruine unless speedily repaired, the petition was in name of the Colledge members.

VII 82

29 MAY 1698

The said day James Watt Conveiner of the Trads in Old Abd. with severall of the said Trades and other Inhabitants of the said Toun did address the moderator and members of the session in name of the whole Trad's and Inhabitants of the place that they would allow the precentor and session clerk to read to them the Scriptures befor sermons both befor and in the afternoon conforme as his predecessors were wont to do seeing the same is allowable in the City of New Aberdeen and other adjacent paroches and for appoynting him lykewyse to order two of his schollars by course each Lords day to say the Catechisme publickly in the Church, that the people may be edyfied therby, rather than they to be walking about the fields and lying in the Churchyard and going about uther unnecessary recreations and when reproved for the same they alwayes did object it was to no purpose to go to Church till the last bell seeing they were not edyfied by reading of the scriptures or hearing of the Catechisme said, the Modr haveing enquired the members of the session if the

Scriptures were read in new Abdl. according to ther declaration and uther places about and it being found that they were Read ther and elsewhere to prevent any disorderly rambling and walking about the fields in this place and to silence ther objections upon that head The Clerk was allowed to read the scriptures and cause the Schollars say the Assembly Shorter Catechisme each Lords day as they do in new Aberdeen and uther places about.

VII 103

11 SEPTEMBER 1699

According to appoyntment yesterday anent receaveing of Jean Johnston's judicial confession of her guilt of fornication Mr Thomas Gordon did not personally compear though acquainted by the officer of the dyet but his brother Mr. George Gordon Professor of Languages and Baillie Baxter compeared in his behalf, and the said Baillie Baxter produceing a letter impowring him to crave a delay in takeing that womans judicall confession, if not granted to protest as ane illegal and unwarrantable procedour The min^r. put it to a vote whither they would grant any further delay or pntly. take the woman's judicall declaration it was carried that her judicial confession should be delayed till the next Lord's day without any further delay and Mr. Thomas Gordon to be cited thertoo Baillie Thomson would have it recorded he gave his vote for delaying the takeing her confession pntly. because he found that the min^r was inclineable thertoo, but the min^r would have it recorded that albeit he thought that favour might be granted yet was farr from im-posing upon the session but allowed them to give ther votts freely.

VII 153

15 NOVEMBER 1699

The said day the Presbtry of Aberdeen haveing met at the church of Old Aberdeen in order to the admission of Mr Thomas Thomson to be min^r at Old Machar and the said Reverend Presbtry haveing caused Mr. Alex^r Mitchell min^r at Belhelvy Clerk to the sd. presbtry read and cause call the said Mr Thomas edict at the most patent door of the Church of Old Aberdeen and to do all uther things necessary in the lyke caice to be done and non haveing appeared to object against the said Mr Thomas his admission to be min^r at Old Machar The Reverend Mr James Osburne Professor of Divinity and Mod^r of the presbtry forsd.

did preach this day at Old Machar Church being at the said Mr. Thomas admission upon Zechariah 3 Chap: 6 and 7 verses and The said Mr Thomas Thomson was orderly admitted by the Reu^d Mr. James Osburne forsaide and got very favourable and gracious acceptance from the Heritors of the paroch Masters of the Colledge Magistrats in Old Aberdeen Elders of the Session and uthers who had any title aither of nomination or election of a min^r all which was done in presence of the presbtry forsaide to each member then pnt. who gave the said Mr. Thomas the right hand of fellowship. VII 169

21 JANUARY 1700

The Session representing it to the min^r that the fyve and nyn hour bells have been neglected to have been rung by the officers and that the toun were dissatisfied upon that account the min^r and Session furthwith appoynted Geo. Kilgour and Gilbert Anderson to ring the said bells according to former practice of this place viz at fyve a cloke in the morning and nyn a cloke at night and they being called upon were enjoyned to give all due obedience under any censure and penalty the Session should think fitt to enjoyn and lay upon them. VII 180

22 JANUARY 1700

The said day the Min^r and Session takeing to there consideration how that some of the Students of the Colledge keep occasionally some of there meetings in the Church of Old Machar contraire to the custome and practise of former tymes as also to the knowledge and allowance of the masters of the University and how that last week they did committ sune abuses in the said church by ther disorderly meetings particularly in breakeing a part of one of the Isle doors in the east end of the church upon which the min^r and elders Do and hereby Do's make ane act that if George Kilgour or Gilbert Anderson present beddalls or there underlins give the keys of the church doors hence to any of the students for said purpose they shall ipso facto be deposed from ther office Besyde what reparation of damag shall be done be the said students and they being called upon were severely rebuiked and the act being read unto them they promised all due obedience under penalty of the highest censure. VII 181

8 SEPTEMBER 1700

Andrew Bartlat and Christian Moir being cited to the Presbtry the min^r reports they compeared both of them Wednesday last and being confronted befor the presbtry, the said Christian did adhere to her former confession of the said Andrew Bartlats committing uncleanness with her, but he confidently denyed as hitherto, upon which the presbtry takeing to ther consideration that the said scandal hath lyen so long over for the space of fyve or six years or therby did appoint the following oath to be given him and a double theroff to be drawn by the Session Clk. and given to the said Andrew to deliberat and consider thereon.

Follows the Tenor of the oath.—I Andrew Bartlat being charged by the Kirk Session of Old Machar and Presbetry of Aberdeen as a person under the scandal of fornication with Christian More knowing that I am bound to Gloryfy God by a humble confession of the said sin, if I were guilty, or being conscious of my own innocency to purge myself by my solemne oath befor this christian Congregation I do therefor in the presence of the Great and Dreadful Majesty of the Eternall Everliving and Everblessed God the searcher of hearts, In the presence of his holly Angells and of you his people assembled in his Sanctuary, Humbly upon my knes with my Hand lifted up to Heav'n protest and swear by the holly and dreadful name of the Lord Jehovah the only true God, and as I shall be answerable unto his Majestic in that Great and terrible day wherein he shall Judge the world by Jesus Christ the Mediatour, whom he hath appoynted the Judge of Quick and Dead, that I never committed the said abominable sin of Fornication with the said Christian More that I never uncovered her nakedness, nor ever was in naked bed with her, nor did ly with her casually as man doth with woman, And this oath I make in the presence of the all seeing Sin revenging God as said is, with a clear and innocent Conscience, In Righteousness Truth and Judgement, without all equivocation or mentall Reservation, That is to say, without all deceitfull meaning, concealing of, or dissembling in any part of the truth of the matter, And I take God to record upon my Soule of my truth and sincerity herein, whom I know to be a swift wittness against him that swareth falsly by his name and who hath threatned that his curse shall enter into the House of such ane one and consume it with the timber theroff and the stones theroff and who hath brought on very Terrible and Dreadful Judgements ev'n in this lyfe upon

such makeing there Hands qch they had lifted up to swear falsly by his name to Rott and the lyke and who will bring furth his Everlasting Curse upon me if I be guilty in this matter wishing the Lord may no otherwyse help me in my greatest need nor prosper me in anything I have to doe, but examplarily punish me in this life and pursue me with the everlasting fyre of his wrath here and hereafter If I be not free and innocent in this matter Amen.¹

VII 222

8 DECEMBER 1700

Mr. John Robertson M^r. of the Kirkwork did represent to the min^r and Session that he had got from the heirs of Janet Moir a green cloath consisting of four elns in length, seven quarters broad with a fringe of worset conforme which they (if the session were pleased therewith) would allow for the pryce of the ringing of the church bells (being ten merks conform to acts of Session) at the said Janet Moirs interment qch cloath being instanter produced and the Session considering the usefullness therof for the Communion tables were pleased therewith and accepted therof and appointed Gilbert Anderson officer to carry it to the min^rs house that it might be put among the cloaths belonging to the church.

VII 241

15 DECEMBER 1700

The said day Mr John Robertson Baillie in Old Aberdeen and pnt. Mr of the Kirkwork presented befor the min^r and Session forsaied ane written address from Mr. James Sandilands of Craibstoun Craveing that the Session would be pleased to allow him a convenient place within the Church for building a box seat for the accommodation of himself and family seeing the said Mr James and his predecessors have (for a considerable number of years) hade a seat as heritors in this town for ther accommodation till the fall of the Church, and now the said Mr James being destitute of one in regard of ther non residence upon the place since that tyme, and the address beareing that they are inclined to come and reside upon the place in there own lodging in the Chanonry The Min^r and Session takeing the same to ther consideration have enacted and hereby enacts that the said Mr James shall have liberty for building a box seat in that roome of the church in which the three small pewes (immediatly befor the box

¹Bartlat took this oath on his bended knees before the congregation and in the presence of Christian More at the close of the forenoon service, 20th. November, 1700.

VII 238

seat of the Colledge are fixed which last box seat is appoynted for accom-
modating those students of philosophy who will not sitt in the Loft). . . .

VII 242

Baillie Robertson Mr. of the Kirkwork was this day appoynted by
the min^r and Session to give James Thomson watchmaker in Old Abd.
ten merks salary yearly, for keeping the Church Knock in order, and
fourtie shillings scotts for oyl to the said Knock and Bells of the Church.

VII 243

5 JANUARY 1701

There was read from the Latron ane Act from the Privy Council in
favours of Katherin Grig spouse to James Simson Skiper of the Margaret
of Dysert and his crew viz Thomas Heaggy John Brown Andrew Galt
John Mcky John Stewart mariners captivated by ane Algerian pirate in
the voyage to France the Act was for a voluntary contribution over the
kingdome for ther redemption they being under extreme hardships and
barbarities the collection appoynted to be nixt Lords day and to be trans-
mitted and lodged in the hands of the Mod^r of the prebtry. of Kirkaldy.

VII 247

8 JUNE 1701

Mr Thomas Gordons two following days appearances are appoynted
to be on Sabbath dayes befor the Congregation by appoyntment of the
presbtry, qch is as followeth,—

At Aberdeen Jun 9th 1701 years The which day Mr Thomas
Thomson reports that Mr. Thomas Gordon compeared befor the Congre-
gation of Old Machar upon a week day being a day publickly appoynted
for week dayes sermon in tyme comeing Which practise the presbytry
finding not conforme to the Acts of the General Assemblie and to there
own act last presbytry day Do therfor appoynt Mr Thomas Gordon for
the two following dayes of his publick appearance, to appear only upon
Sabbath dayes befor the Congregation and to prevent the lyke in tyme
coming they appoynt that all publick appearances of scandalous persons
be alwayes upon Sabbath dayes before the Congregation under pain of
censure to the Min^r. that allowes the Contrair.

VII 272

6 AUGUST 1701

Compeared Thomas Kilgour watchmaker in Inverness and earnestly petitioned the min^r and session by write that they would be pleased to allow the proclamation of his marriage Banns' with Katherin Low daughter to Rob^t Low merchant in Old Abd. to be gone about twice nixt Lords day in regard that he had very pressing business at Inverness which did speedily requyr his being upon that place Which petition being considered the Clerk was allowed to proclaim him once in the fornoon and again in the afternoon the nixt Lords day ensuing. VII 291

2 NOVEMBER 1701

The Session unanimously takeing to ther consideration the great necessity of haveing a Catechist or ane assistant to the min^r in regard ther is a great clamour through both toun and paroch that the sick are not visited nor families, nor the sacrament of the Lords Supper celebrat and the people not catechised in order therto therfor appoynted a representation to be made theranent Wednesday nixt to the presbtry, being then to sitt that they may give ther advice what is most proper to be don in order to filling the place w^t a Catechist or ane assistant and report to be made to the nixt Session. VII 309

23 NOVEMBER 1701

The following Edict was Read from the Latron befor the dismissing of the Congregation in the fornoon by Presbtrys appointment :—

At Aberdeen the fifth day of November Javij and on years The which day the presbtry takeing into consideration a Representation made of the condition of the paroch of Old Machar within there bounds that the same being very large and numerous doth necessarily requyre two Min^rs and that formerly the said paroch had two Min^rs or at least a Min^r and a Catechist and that the manse of the said paroch is become ruinous and unfitt to accommodat the Min^r and his family as also that there were sca^{ll} other things requyring the advyce or determination of the presbytry for the good of that Congregation Did therefore and hereby do appoynt a presbterial visitation at the Church of Old Machar on Wednesday the third day of December next ensuing at ten a cloke in the fornoon for remedeing the present Min^r there his grievances consulting and determining what may be the most effectual way and means of provyding the

said paroch with ane other min^r. or assistant and to visit the said manse and to do all and everything proper for them in order to the necessary reparation thereof and generally to do all things which are competent to a presbytry in such cases and appoynts the min^r of the said paroch to make tymeous intimation hereoff requyring the Heritors of the said paroch M^{rs}. of the Kings Colledg Magistrats of the Burgh of Old Aberdeen and all others concerned to be present with the presbtry the said third day of Decr. next . . . VIII 4

30 NOVEMBER 1701

As also the Min^r made intimation to the Congregation that if any children or prenteces should breake any of the glass Windows of the Church (now being mended) the parents and M^{rs}. of such guilty should account for the damage. VIII 9

21 DECEMBER 1701

The said day ther being a Representation made that the inhabitants both in Town and paroch take it very ill that there should be any money exacted for the use of the Church from persons who are contracted in order to marriage in the Min^{rs}. house being a thing whereunto this place was never in custome of paying for it is represented that it is one and the same thing to the persons to be contracted aither to come to the Church or the Min^{rs} house and they can also easily do the on as the other Whereupon the Min^r. and Session takeing to ther serious consideration the relevancy of the said representation as grievous to the whole Congregation and for preventing any such like grievances for the future have unanimously enacted and hereby do enact that it shall be leisome for all persons who inclyns to contract in order to marriage to do the same upon any day of the week (except the Lords day) in the Min^{rs}. house without paying any money for the use of the church only the Clerk of the Sessions dues qch is half a crown But is enacted if the persons to be contracted will oblige the Min^r or Session Clerk to come to them and Contract the parties in there own houses then and in that caice (besyds the half crown which the Session Clerk gets for his dues) the parties contracted shall pay half a dollar for the use of the Church But this half dollar not to be payed unless the min^r or session clerk in his absence come to the house where

the parties to be contracted are But as for marriages the former act theranent is renewed that is that all persons without exception not married in the church shall pay for the use of the church half a dollar. VIII 16

25 JANUARY 1702

Said day Mr Andrew Aberdeen pnt. thesaurer in Old Aberdeen represented to the session that he was desyred by the Baillies to crave from them also many of the stons lying in the Churchyard as would help the steps of the Council house stair it being broken which the Baillies would take as a favour done to them qch desyre being considered to be for a publick work the Min^r. and Session did grant. VIII 28

1 MARCH 1702

The said day Mr Alexander Fraser William Baxter James Knight and Mr John Robertson present Magistrats in Old Aberdeen being all present at this whole Sed^t of the session did judicially and unanimously renounce for themselves and in name and behalf of there successors in office viz Baillies in Old Aberdeen All or any Right whatsoever they or there successors as said is have or can pretend to have as to the hand Bell which right or title the said Baillies did renounce in favours of the Church and that not only in ther own name and successors in office but lykewyse in name of the Town and whole Community of Old Aberdeen and did recommend it to the Min^r and session to dispose theroff as they thought fitt and convenient for the benefit of the Church And the forsaid Magistrats did judicially declare that at there nixt Council they should make ane act theranent that the hand bell which goeth befor interments doth intirely belong to the Church and that they shall rescind and cancell all former acts as to the hand bell in prejudice of the Church of Old Machar seeing it is abundantly known that the Church and non else have been alwayes in use theroff and that since any of this age do remember.¹

29 MARCH 1702

The which day after prayer the Commission of the Generall Assembly in conjunction with the Presbytry of Aberdeen [and the heritors] attended the forsaid Commission and Presbytry with ane unanimous

¹ The bell was subsequently let to one of the church officers at £4 Scots of annual rent.

consent and assent of all parties and also of James Gordon of Seatoun being present they all agreed that the pulpet be removed to the south side of the church to that pillar which is nearest the Colledge loft and that the west loft be advanced ane arch and ane half nearer the pulpet from the place it now stands and that the merchants there loft shall be betwixt the tuo pillars nixt the west loft upon the north syde and that the nixt arch upon the north syde adjacent to the Colledge loft shall be for heritors and the Trades they shall have the one half of them their Seats fixed upon the south wall of the said church toofalls and the other half of the said Trades ther seats fixed upon the north wall of the said church toofall as they judge most convenient themself's and if they think it proper to remove there whole seats to the north wall they shall have it in ther option.

The Earle of Kintoirs Seat to be fixed where the pulpet now stands or it shall be in the said Earls option to have it fixed where the marriage seat shall stand.

The rest of the Heritors who have fixed seats in the South syde shall be posted in the North syde with the same conveniency as formerly in the south syde.

Those heritors who have their fixed seats in the north syde shall have the same roome vice versa in the south syde.

The meeting agreed that the students who sitt in the Box seat each student shall pay yearly fourtein shillings Scotts but those who sitt in the loft pay nothing.

VIII 40

19 APRIL 1702

The which day it was represented to the Presbtry by the Session of Old Machar that Mr Robert Calder ane abdicat Episcopall incumbent hath set up a meeting house in the old town and hath given the sacrament of the Lords Supper the last Sabbath day to the great scandall of the people of that Congregation The Presbtry having heard and considered of how dangerous consequence the behaviour of the said Mr Calder might be if he or others lyke him were tollerated in such practises within ther bounds Do therfor appoynt the minister of Old Machar to

apply to the Magistrats of the old town that they may put the laws in execution against the said Mr. Robert Calder for the forsd. irregular practices.¹

VIII 48

20 MAY 1702

The which day the Meeting taking to ther consideration that the old work of the Kings Colledge is turned ruinous and that the Masters of the said Colledge were purposeing to reparaire the same and in order thertoo were desirous to buy the wholl stones in the Churchyard for that effect The meeting appoynted Seatoun Grandhom and Cotton forsaid Mr. George Fraser sub prin^{ll} of the said Colledge Baillie Fraser Baillie Baxter Baillie Robertson Baillie Thomson Alex^r. Molyson Duncan and Thomas Cassies and on from the town of Aberdeen to meet together Munday nixt at ten a cloke in the fornoon and seven of them to be a Quorum for considering the said stones and setting a pryce upon them and what they should agree upon the meeting would homologat and acquiesce in.²

VIII 53

25 MAY 1702

The Meeting allowes ane other of the church yeard trees to be sold to Cotton for the use of the manufactory he haveing bought three formerly for the said work.

VIII 59

15 JUNE 1702

Dr. George Middleton prin^{ll} of the Kings Colledge did make in offer to the formentioned sederunt in name of the said Colledge that for the stones lying in the Church yeard (reserving alwayes also many of them as should repair that part of the Church betuixt the two prickets in the west end of the said Church with this provision that they should have all the timber lyme and lead that the church hath at present and that they would put up nyn new couples good and sufficient

Whereupon it was unanimously appoynted that a contract should be

¹ The Magistrats replied that being a burgh of Regality they had no power to interfere and refused to proceed.

² The Aberdeen representative at subsequent meetings contended that the stones should not be disposed of except by public auction, and that before that is done the churchyard walls be repaired.

drawn and that and betwixt and Munday nixt and then presented to the Committee or sent about among them to be signed and that non of the said stones be removed till the said contract be drawn and sign being found satisfyeing.

VIII 69

5 JULY 1702

Reported that Mr Robert Calder is gon to Edr. and is to satisfie the Queens Advocat anent his ineroachment upon this Congregation as to his preaching and celebrating the holly sacrament of the Lords super.

VIII 77

16 AUGUST 1702

The said day the Min^r and session takeing to ther serious consideration that ther are several persons who had a great confluence of people at ther Contracts and marriages and piping and fidling therat contrair to the Acts of Parliament and Acts of the General Assembly qch were publickly read from the Latron on a Lords day before the dismissing of the Congregation in the fornoon.

The names of those persons who had the said confluence and fidling at ther Contracts and marriages are John Aiken and Elizabeth Piry who had a confluence of people at ther marriage John Miln and Marjory Forsyth who had a confluence of people at ther Contract Alex^r Mason and Margaret Kilgour who had a great confluence of people at ther marriag as also David Nicol and Christian Chalmer who had a great confluence of people at ther Contract and all of these had fidling and promiscuous danceing at ther said contracts and marriages Wherupon the Min^r haveing represented to the Session that the presbtry at several tymes did particularly challenge him for not takeing notice of such abuses within this congregation seeing the lyke are not allowed within the bounds of this presbtry save only here Upon all which the Min^r and Session unanimously appoynted that the consignation pledges of all the for mentioned persons should be kept for the use and behove of the Church . . . Further it is enacted by ane unanimous consent of the Min^r and Session that all persons whatsoever without execption who shall have such confluences of people aither at ther contracts or marriages or piping or fidling non of them shall get up ther consignation pledges besyds what pecunial fynes they are lyable too by the Law.

VIII 84

29 AUGUST 1702

Compeared George Smith and Margaret Harrow and the said Marjory did judicially free the said George Smith of any promise of marriage she alledges and confessed that he made to her and allows him to make choice of any woman he pleases to marry and the said George did for the forsaied freedom promise judically to the said Marjory if she should prove with child that instantly after the birth he should take the burden of the said child and aither allow herself to nurse it (he paying her as others in such circumstances uses to get) or if she were not pleased to nurse the same herself, he should put it to ane nurse allenerly on his own proper charge further engaged that she should never be burdened any maner of way with the said child And if she should not prove with child than and in that caice the said George promises to free her of the penaltys of the church which is appoynted to be ten merks to be payed within this fourtnight, and he obliges himself to give bond to her for fulfilling of the premisses and that befor his marriage being to be contracted very shortly w^t ane other woman at Abd. VIII 91

23 SEPTEMBER 1702

The said day the Min^r and Session takeing to ther serious consideration that Mr. John Robertson M^r of the Hospitall in Old Aberdeen had caused take away a great number of the best and fynest of the hewen stone lying in the Church yeard (besyds rock stones) for reparing and rebuilding a great part of the back wall of the said Hospitall and back stair theroff and that without consent or advyce from the session of Old Machar . . . Wherefor the Min^r and Session forsaied appoynted Thomas Cassie present M^r of the church work to pursue the said Mr John Robertson befor the Magistrats in Old Abd. for the forsaied cryme. VIII 96

27 SEPTEMBER 1702

The said day Mr Alexander Fraser Wm. Baxter and James Knight Baillies in Old Aberdeen haveing represented to the min^r. and Session that they had addressed the whole Inhabitants within the Toun of Old Aberdeen and others for a voluntary contribution for building of a new Tolbooth and prison house and that non had declined for contributing for building of the forsaied work and therfor petitioned that the min^r and

Session would allow somewhat of the penalties for helping forward the forsaid work The min^r and session takeing to ther serious consideration the great need ther was for such a work and particularly for a prison house in regard where persons guilty of whatsomever crimes whither theeving scolding curseing sweareing sabbath breakeing &c. or the lyke ther was no prison for ther incarcerating but they were alwayes secured in the church till they had given satisfaction according to ther crimes and that the house appoynted for the publick worship and service of God might no longer be a receptacle for such persons The min^r and Session in compliance with so good a designe have hereby enacted that twenty pounds scotts money be payed out of the penalties by the M^r of the church Worke or any other of the members of the session in his absence and that to the Collector of the money for the forsaid Work. VIII 99

15 NOVEMBER 1702

The said day Mr. William Crysty session clerk represented to the min^r and Session that Mr Thomas Orem indweller in Old Aberdeen had got from Dr. John Keiths relick late min^r at this place the old church Bible which through inadvertency she had caused carry away among the deceast husbands bookes qch Bible was delivered to the said Mr Wm by the said Mr. Thomas Orem to be by him returned back again to the min^r and Session . . . and appoynted further that the said Bible should be taken into the min^{rs} house and carefully be put up in the press which is ther belonging to the church among the papers and other utensills of the church of Old Machar which according was instantly carried in to the min^{rs} house by Gilbert Anderson church beddall for the said effect. VIII 111

29 NOVEMBER 1702

Thomas Cassie M^r of the Kirk Work reports that Mr Alex^r Thomson of Portlethen hath entered in contract with him for consulting the affaires of the church and that he had payed him eight pounds Scotts as his salary from Martimass Javij and tuo years to martimass Javij and three years. Followeth the exact double of the Contract—

At Old Aberdeen the sixteith day of November seventeith hundredth and tuo years It is finally ended and agreed betwixt Mr Alexander Thomson of Portlethen on the one part and Thomas Cassie present

master of the Kirkwork of Old Machar for himself and his successors in office with consent of the min^r and Members of the Kirk Session of Old Aberdeen on the other part in maner following That is to say the said Mr. Alex^r Thomson hes undertaken and hereby undertakes to consult the good of the said Kirk Session and to assist it with his aid advce and concurrence upon all occasions in all actiones pro or contra that relates to the publick good of the said Kirk Session so farr as he is capable upon application made to him for that effect. For which cause the said Thomas Cassie binds and obliges him and his successors in office with consent of the present Min^r and remanent members of the said Kirk Session and there successors in office to pay and deliver to the said Mr. Alexander Thomson or his order the summe of eight pounds Scotts money of Sallary for his paines and advyce as said is yearly at Martinmas beginning the first years payment at the subscyveing of thir pnts. (and whereoff the said Mr. Alexander Thomson grants the receipt for the current year) and swa furth yearly at Martimass in all tyme coming dureing his lyfetye at least dureing all the tyme he continues Consulter to the said Kirk Session and this by and attour any expensses that he may be put to in negotiating the affaires of the said Kirk Session which expensses is alwayes to be payed him in ready money upon production of his accompt Consenting thir pnts. be regrat. in the bookes of Counsell and Session or in the bookes of any Judicatory within the Kingdom that Letters may be directed hereon in forme as effeirs.

VIII 115

14 FEBRUARY 1703

Compeared James Lillie and having been interrogat by the Mod^r if he carried packs on the Lords day confessed that about four a cloke in the morning lately on a Lords day he layd on his packs at Kingsfoord and carried them to Stark bridge in the paroch of Fyvy and professed his sorrow for the same and being removed the mod^r inquiryed anent his former carriage and it was answered that nothing was formerly known to his dissadvantage and it was resolved that he should be severely rebuked befor the Session and pay fourty shilling scotts . . .

VIII 142

21 FEBRUARY 1703

Samuel Larivir having spoken with the min^r app. pro 3^{uo} and was absolved from church censure for his fall in fornication with Jean Shiras

But the said Samuel notwithstanding of the profession of his repentance in the fornoon yet had the impudence to come back the said day to the publick place of repentance in the afternoon and in mockery and contempt set himself down ther to the great dishonour of God disturbance of his publick worship and scandal of the whole congregation for qch bold and daring presumption the Min^r and Session did refer the said Samuel Larivir simpliciter to the determination of the presbtry.

VIII 143

7 MARCH 1703

The clerk reported that yesterday Samuel Larivier [silversmith] was conveyed befor the Magistrats and Town Council of Old Aberdeen and was by them interrogat anent the maner of his appearance on the publick place of repentance in the afternoon after his absolution in the fornoon on a Lords day who told them that it was upon a small wager betwixt him and William Penny merchant in Old Aberdeen but signyfyed that he was not in the least apprehensive of giving offence that way. The Magistrats in compliance with the presbetrys advice to the min^r and Session of Old Aberdeen did fyne the said Samuel Larivir in fyfty pundis Scotts money and appoynted him to be imprisoned and ordered that forsd. Wm. Penny should be cited before nixt Court day.

VIII 147

30 MAY 1703

The Min^r and session have enacted that the elders per vices every Lords day, viz each elder who gathereth the offering for the poor go through the town and about the bridge of Don and Seatoun w^t ane other of those honest Inhabitants of the Toun who are listed for that effect and observe who are staying needlessly at home in tyme of Divyne worship and who are vageing through the streets or about the feilds aither in tyme or after divyne worship and make report as they see cause As also it is enacted that those who gather the offering come punctually at the beginning of the second bell.

VIII 170

29 AUGUST 1703

The Clerk appoynted to write a petition to be given by Mr. David Corse to the nixt prebtry. being to sitt Wed: nixt at Aberdeen for a voluntary offering out of each Kirk Session within the bounds for helping

to maintain the found child that was layd down at the Laird of Seatouns gate as this Kirk Session by appoyntment of the prebtry. doth give (viz by appoyntment of the said prebtry. of Abd.) ther proportion for maintenance of the found child in Newhills paroch. VIII 186

7 NOVEMBER 1703

Andrew Smith mercht. in Old Abd. delat for praying imprecations to Baillie Thomsons family and saying that his wyfe had drunken the substance of his house in the said family as also for mocking in tyme of prayer this day when his wyfes name was read among the sick albeit he himself caused her name to be given up and prayed for as a distracted person he is appoynted to be cited to the next session. VIII 203

5 DECEMBER 1703

Contribution for the Inhabitants of Leith who suffered great loss by the blowing up of powder the people were exhorted to extend ther charity for them next Lords day. VIII 207

26 MARCH 1704

Alexander Molyson reported that he with the rest of the elders according to appoyntment waited upon the Reverend Presbetry of Aberdeen on Wednesday last the twentie second instant and there heard and saw the edict of Mr. David Corse duly called and legally returned to the said Reverend presbetry and all being heard who had any thing to oppone against the ordination and admission of the said Mr. David Corse to be colleague min^r with our reverend and now greatly infirme present min^r Mr. Thomas Thomson in this paroch of old Machar the presbetry haveing first asked the desyre of the heritors and elders present ther-
anent found it both legall and expedient to appoynt the said ordination and admission to be proceeded to . . . After prayer to that effect the said Mr David Corse was by the imposition of the hands of the presbetry ordained min^r of the Gospell and admitted to be colleague min^r as said is they haveing given him the right hand of fellowship and the heritors elders and other inhabitants of the said paroch their present testyfyed their receiving of him by taking him by the hand. VIII 251

7 APRIL 1704

The whilk day the Session takeing to there consideration the desyre of Baillie Gordon and Baillie Baxter requyreing the use of the Communion cupps and linnings for celebrating the Sacrament of the Lords Supper nixt Lords day in the Colledge Kirk they find the said desyre unreasonable and such as they cannot grant because Mr David Hederwick hath unlawfully intruded himself into the said Kirk and the Session cannot approve of the said intrusion nor of the sinfull schisme he hath made in a planted Congregation nor can they do anything which may homologate or encourage the said intrusion or schisme As they would not act contrary to their own Light and Conscience and dissown the established Government of the Church qch they have as Minrs. and office bearers therein solemnly engaged themselves to own and mantain in ther places and stations and because the said Mr Hederwick being summoned to appear befor the Lords of her Majesties Privy Council for his said intrusion and to be punished therefor according to law The Session conceivs that if they should grant the encouragement desyred that would be a counteracting ther authority and would argue a sinfull unconcernedness in the said rent and division caused by the said meeting which is and ought to be very afflicting to them and to all that sincerely love the peace and weelfare of the Church.

VIII 264

20 MAY 1705

The said day ane edict relating to appretiation of the minr^s manse of old Machar was read—

Att Old Aberdeen May seventeinth 1705 The which day Mr. David Corse being admitted fixed pastor of this paroch of Old Machar did represent to the presbetry that he had present use for the manse and therefor desyred that the presbetry would appoint ane edict to be served for appretiating the said manse The presbetry judgeing the said desyre reasonable did and hereby do appoynt ane edict to be served at the church of Old Machar . . .

VIII 434

The said day its appoynted that intimation be made from pulpit nixt Lords day to the congregation that they may extend ther charity to the poor and give current coyn seeing that there are several persons who give unpassing coyn.

VIII 435

24 MAY 1705

The said day James Gaa in Seatoun compearcing befor the session and craveing to have his child baptized the session considering that the child was brought furth about six weeks befor the tyme the Modr did interrogat the said James if he was guilty of antenuptial fornication who did deny any such thing . . . Thomas Cassie and William Thomson were appoynted to go to the house of the said James Gaa being two of the elders of the Session and inspect the child if there be any defect and make report to the nixt session.

VIII 436

27 MAY 1705

Thomas Cassie and William Thomson declared that they went to the Seatoun to James Gaas house and David Grier ane other of the elders went also along with them and inspect his child who all declared as followeth Thomas Cassie declared that the child had nails though very thin, David Grier declared that he saw only on nail on the thumb of the child and Wm Thomson declared that he did not look whither the child had or wanted naills, the affair is referred to the presbetry for advyce.

VIII 438

13 JANUARY 1706

The said day befor dismissing of the Congregation in the fornoon there was ane Act of Privy Council read from the Latron in favours of Sr. Robt. Forbes of Auchinhove Advocat for a voluntary contribution to build a bridge upon the water of Dee at a place called Pittarch the congregation were exhorted to extend there charity nixt Lords day for the said work.¹

VIII 517

16 JUNE 1706

The said day there was a representation made to the Session that many of the inhabitants in the toun of Old Aberdeen and paroch of Old Machar did look on there children to be in hazard and danger of there lives, and that by the negligence of the officers allowing them Sabbath days and week days to go up to the bells of the steeple and ceiling of the kirk as also ther being uther abuses done through ther negligence as beasts coming into the church yard when they do not take care to keep

¹ The sum contributed was £10 Scots.

the stylls close when they should be and many tymes do not open some of them which are convenient upon such occasions as burials. Upon the whole the Session after due consideration did and hereby doe appoynt the beddalls in tyme coming to prevent the lyke for the future under penalty of being suspended from ther office.

The Session appoynts the M^r of the kirkwork viz Thomas Cassie to agree w^t William Hamilton cloke-maker in Aberdeen to keep the cloke in order for a year and that in respect James Thomson who formerly kept the kirk cloke in order is now removed from this place to Montrose.

VIII 561

29 DECEMBER 1706

Anent Mr. George Gordon [Professor of Oriental Languages] the Session did resume the consideration of his affair and he himself being present was desyred by the Mod^r to give the reasons of his absence from Church when the rest of the elders were admitted, to which he replied that his going out of town was nowayes on designe but peremptor bussiness that would not admit of delay without very great loss to himself, however he added that he stood the same way inclyned as formerly and presumed non would doubt his inclinations to the present establishment. Upon which the Session reasoned with themselves whither he should be admitted sessionally or not after which the Mod^r informed the Session that he had consulted the matter with some of the members of the presbetry particularly with the two professors of Divinity who advised that he might be admitted sessionally and the sabbath ensuing to intimat so much from the pulpet to the Congregation With which advyce the Session rested satisfied.

VIII 606

8 JANUARY 1707

The Mod^r proposed to the Session that each member would represent what abuses they observed within there respective precincts on the Lords day and it was represented by the whole Session that several persons went to taverns after divyne worship and many persons in the summer tyme did on the Lords day vaig in the fields ther was drying of cloath wakers on that day and several servants went on the Lords day home to there services and extraordinary abuses was committed by ther excessive drinking and it was further represented that several papists did meet in this toun about there publick worship and idolatrous saying of

Mass and for a remedy to the forsaid abuses the Session hath delayed to do any thing till acts of assembly Council and Parliament be got and consulted theranent and in the mean tyme it was recommended to the Mod^r Professor Anderson and professor Gordon to use ther endeavours to procure the said acts against nixt Lords day. VIII 609

19 MAY 1707

The said day the Session according to appoyntment of there last Meeting did this morning view the iron stenchills and stone worke of the windows in the Light Isle and do now give it as ther opinion that it is dangerous in the least to medle w^t the iron work and that in respect it would inevitably shake and loose the whole gavil and the burial place in the said Isles would be rendered infenceable and therefor inhibits Professor Gordon M^r. of the Kirk work and all others to medle therwith in futur as they would be answerable. VIII 634

1 JUNE 1707

The said day Mr. James Gray of Balgouny according to appoyntment of the presbetry was by Mr George Anderson professor of Divinity excommunicate out of the Church in the usual forme this day after divyne worship in the fornoon, all the former steps in order to that Sentence being performed. VIII 638

23 JUNE 1707

The said day the Session takeing into there consideration that William Hamilton watchmaker in Abdn. who waited formerly on the kirk cloke and bells is now at Leith and that there is none to wait upon them and keep the said clock and bells in order the session appoynted Professor Gordon M^r of the kirkwork to enter in contract w^t James Brown watchmaker in Abdn. and that in terms of the former contract the session had made with the forsaid William Hamilton being thirteen merks yearly for his pains in keeping the said clock and bells in order and his Salary to commence from Whitsunday last. VIII 647

28 SEPTEMBER 1707

Compeared Thomas Forsyth and Alex Troup haveing been both of them cited to this day and the Mod^r. haveing represented to them that

they were delate for giving ther assistance some weeks ago on the Lords day to the takeing out of a selch out of the flood mark both of them judicially acknowledged the same and confessed that it was about six a cloke in the morning that Lords day they did it, and did carry the said selch some few paces from the flood mark where it lay till Moonday morning therafter till about six a cloke in the morning and then it was carried to the Links, and the Mod^r. haveing represented to them ther sin of ther breach of the Lords day exhorted them to repentance and cited them apud acta to compear before the Session this day fortnight.

VIII 665

3 DECEMBER 1707

This Register being revised by appointment of the presbyterie And the presbyterie having heard the remarks thereon, and answears thereto, did approve of the sd. register, except in so farr as the Kirk Session of Old Machar have mett converted and voted about matters relative to money vpon the lords day. Which practise of thers the presbytry hereby disallows, and recommends unto and enjoyns the sd. Session to have their meetings for concerting sexcular affairs upon the week dayes and appoints their clerk to attest the premiss.

Jo: Maillan Cl. Pr.

VIII 620

7 JANUARY 1708

Said day was read from pulpit a proclamation [for a fast] to be kept throughout all brittain on Wednesday nixt being 14th January current and that for the abounding sins of the land and for a blessing of her Maties. forces at home and abroad. The Congregation were exhorted to attend on the publick ordinances that day and to abstain from servile worke.

VIII 685

7 MARCH 1708

The minuts being over the Mod^r brought in the following overture for repeating the Assembly Catechisme by some of the schollars in the musick school in face of the Congregation betwixt the second and third bell in the fornoon. The tenor wheroff followeth,—That whereas it may be of great use to have the lively principles of the christian religion earely and deeply impressed upon the hearts of these of younger years and that

the repeating of the Assembly Catechisme in face of the Congregation (and wherein these principells are shortly and significantly summ'd up) may serve as a proper mean heretoo, as weel as for the edyfying such of the Congregation as cannot read or are of weaker understanding. Therefor the Session appoynts the Clerk to bring in a list of such of his Schollars as can performe this that the prinlls. of Christianity may every sabbath day be so repeated by them in parts. Which overture being considered by the Session was approven.

VIII 692

30 MAY 1708

The said day ther was read from pulpet befor the dismissing of the congregation in the fornoon ane act of the General Assembly for a Thanksgiving to be kept on Thursday nixt being the 3rd day of June and ane act of Privy Council authorizing the same and that for the Lords deliverance of this nation from ane Invasion intended by the French King &c.

VIII 708

28 NOVEMBER 1708

The said day the Session Lykewyse considering the scandalous consequences that too frequently do and are still lyke to follow upon peoples being contracted, sessioned, or booked on Saturndays, such as there caballing in Taverns and ale houses untill unseasonable hours which is a stain to Religion at all tymes, but more especially then being a most unsuteable preparation for the Sabbath approaching Do therefor recommend to the Minr to make intimation of the premisses from pulpit nixt Lords Day that non may pretend ignorance and therby the end of the Session may be compast.

IX 15

13 FEBRUARY 1709

The sd. day befor dismissing of the Congregation in the fornoon ther was a proclamation by the Queen read for a thanksgiving to be kept on thursday nixt being the seventeinth current for the Victory that the Confederatts had got over the french under the conduct of the Duke of Marleborough and for takeing of Lylle as the same in it self more fully bears.

IX 23

28 AUGUST 1709

The sd. day ther was ane act of the prebtry. read from pulpit befor the dissolution of the Congregation in the afternoon founded on the holly scriptures Dischargeing all protestants to marry with papists or Quakers as the said act in it self more fully bears and such who have already married that way to be intercommun'd and debarred from sealling ordinances ay and till such tyme they evidence ther repentance 1X 51

2 SEPTEMBER 1711

Inventor of the Daskes and Pewes within the Church of Old Machar with the yearly pryces theroff and number of persons they contain is as followeth

North syde of the Church

Three pewes at the back of Collonell Buchans daske being of the Church timber each of which contains three persons at halfe a merke per poll is	£3	0	0
Collonell Buchans daske or box seat of his own timber contains sixtein persons at fyve shillings scotts money per poll is	4	0	0
Tuo pewes betwixt the said daske and the Laird of Seatouns of the Church timber each of which contains six persons at half merke per poll is	4	0	0
Earle of Panmuires pew for his tennants being of his own timber, contains six persons, at fyve shillings money forsaid per poll is half a crown	1	10	0
The Laird of Seatouns daske or box seat, of his own timber, contains twelve persons at fyve shill : scotts money per poll is	3	0	0
Baillie Baxters daske or box seat of his own timber, contains twelve persons at fyve shill : scotts money p. poll is	3	0	0
Alexr Coopers daske of his own timber contains six persons at fyve shill : scots per poll is half a crown	1	10	0
George Adams pew of his own timber contains six persons at fyve shilling scotts money p. poll is half a crown	1	10	0
Widow Knights pew of her own timber contains six persons at fyve shilling scotts money p. poll is half a crown	1	10	0

Baillie Thomson and Duncan Cassies daske or box seat being of the church timber contains eight persons at half a merke per poll is four merks	2	13	4
Tuo pewes behind the sd. box seat of the church timber contains each of them four persons at half merke per poll is four merks	2	13	4
Eight pewes within the body of the church upon the North-side of the Church being of the church timber each pew contains fyve persons at halfe merke p. poll is in all twentie merks scotts money	13	6	8
The Bedmens pewes are gratis.			

South syde of the Church

On pew behind Mr. Patrick Walkers of Torrielieth church timber contains four persons at half merke p. poll.	1	6	8
The sd. Mr. Patrick Walker his pew of his own timber contains four persons at fyve shill: scotts money p. poll is	1	0	0
A pew befor the said Mr Patrick Walkers pew church timber contains four persons at half merke per poll is tuo merks	1	6	8
Mr. Alex ^r Gordon Humanist in the Kings College of Abdn. his daske or box seat, of his own timber contains eight persons at fyve shilling scotts money p. poll is	2	0	0
John Pedders pew of his own timber contains six persons at fyve shilling scotts money per poll is half a crown	1	10	0
On pew betwixt John Pedders and the Laird of Balgownies daske or box seat being Church timber contains six persons at halfmerke p. poll is tuo pounds	2	0	0
The Laird of Balgounie and Mr. George Fraser sub prin ^{ll} in the Kings College of Abdn. there daske or box seat of ther oun timber contains twelve persons at fyve shilling scotts p. poll is	3	0	0
George Patton of Grandhom his daske or box seat being of his oun timber contains twelve persons at fyve shilling scotts p. poll is	3	0	0
Mr. Alexander Fraser of Powes his daske or box seat of his own timber contains eight persons at fyve shilling scotts money p. poll is	4	0	0

Mr. Patrick Sandilands of Cotton his daske or box seat of his his oun timber contains twelve persons at fyve shilling scotts p. poll is	3	0	0
The Earle of Kintoire or marriage daske or box seat being church timber contains twelve persons at half merk p. poll is	4	0	0
The Minr and Lady Craiges daske or box seat now the Laird of Leslys vice Lady Craige being of the church timber contains twelve persons at half merk per poll is	4	0	0
Dr. Patrick Urquharts pew church timber contains six persons at half merke per poll is	2	0	0
Katharin Ross pew her oun timber contains six persons at fyve shilling scotts p. poll is half a crown	1	10	0
Nota that the forsd. tuo pewes viz Dr. Urquharts and Katharin Ross's are now made in a box seat for the accomodating both ther families.			
Tuo litle pewes at the west syde of the pillar next to Katharin Ross pew being church timber each whereoff contains three persons at half merke p. poll is	2	0	0
The pew betwixt Bailie Molysons and the two litle pewes being Church timber contains six persons at half merke per poll is	2	0	0
Bailie Molysons pew of his own timber contains six persons at fyve shilling scotts per poll is half a crown	1	10	0
Nyne pewes in the Body of the Church on the south Syde being Church timber, each pew containing fyve persons at half merk per poll in all is	14	6	8
Twelve pewes in the Body of the Church opposite to the pulpet, Church timber each whereoff contains fyve persons at half a merke p. poll is	20	0	0
Three pewes within the body of the Church, befor the College box seat, Church timber each whereoff contains seven persons at half merke p. poll in all is	7	0	0
The College boxseat being of ther own timber contains twenty four persons at fyve shilling scotts p. poll is† . .	6	0	0

† This sum is not extended out or included in the total of the pew rents.

Dr. George Middleton prin ^l of the Kings College in Abdn. his daske or box seat, being his own timber contains ten persons at fyve shilling scotts p. poll is	2	10	0
Thomas Cassies pew being his oun timber contains six persons at fyve shill: scotts p. poll is	1	10	0
Tuo pewes at the backe of Thomas Cassies pew, of the Church timber each whereoff contains six persons at half merke p. poll is	4	0	0
Four daskes of the Trades being of ther oun timber at three punds scotts money p. daske in all is	12	0	0
Tuo pewes under the south end of the Common loft, each pew contains fyve persons being Church timber at four shill: p. poll being at a distance is	2	0	0
Tuo pewes under the north end of the said Common loft of the proprietors oun timber each pew contains four persons at three shilling scotts p. poll is	1	4	0
Seven new pewes within the body of the Church, each whereoff contains four persons, being of the Church timber, and bounded betwixt the College box seat on the south syde of the Church, and Seatouns and Collonell Buchans on the north syde theroff, in all is	9	6	8
On litle pew befor the said seven being Church timber con- taining two persons at halfe merke per poll is on merk .	0	13	4
Six litle pewes in the east entry, church timber, each theroff contains on person at half merk p. pew is	2	0	0
Summa totalis of the whole daskes box seats and pewes within the church extends in all to	£155	7	4

Nota that the reason why the Heritors or proprietors pay only
fyve shilling scotts money per poll conforme to the number of
persons these daskes or pewes do contain, is in regard, they
themselves are obliged to uphold the same, and the daskes and
pewes which belong to the Church, being of the Church timber,
the possessors of them pay half a merke per poll, conforme to
the number of persons they contain is in regard the church doth
uphold the same.

19 OCTOBER 1712

The said day the Session taking into there serious consideration that seeing it hath pleased the Almighty God, in his holly providence, to remove by death, the Reverend Mr David Corse late Min^r. of the Gospell, in this town and paroch, and that upon the sixtein day of October in this instant year of God on thousand seven hundred and twelve years being Thursday betwixt the hours of nyne and ten a cloke in the forenoon or therby Therefor the session being affectionatly weighted with the loss, the place would sustain by the death of there pastor did seriouslie recommend it to the very Reverend the Modr., and to Baillie Molyson and Alexander Taylour, two of the members of the Session, that they would be pleased to represent the circumstances of the Congregation to the next meeting of the Prebtry. that they would be pleased to take such effectuall measures as they thought proper for the supplyeing of the vacancy with actuall Minrs. till it should please the Lord the place be filled in a due and regular maner with a fixed pastor. IX 184

15 NOVEMBER 1713

The said day There was a Representation made by the Modr. that the Masters of the Kings College of Abdn. had given a call for the Transportation of the Reverend Mr Alex^r. Mitchell Min^r. of the Gospel at Belhelvie his being transported to be Minr. at Old Machar which the Session haveing considered did unanimously signyfie ther affections in a chearefull compliance w^t the Masters of the College there designe by subscriyveing with there hands there willingness and chearfull acceptance of the said Mr. Mitchell to be there Min^r. and promising all due obedience to him dureing his Ministry amongst them. IX 215

11 APRIL 1714

The Session takeing into there serious consideration there haveing been yesterday a report that in order to favour the design of Dr. John Sharp upon this Church of Old Machar, the keyes of the Church door were to be called for, and taken up from the Church beddalls or officers by some who promoted the forsd. intrustion Whereupon a competent number of the elders did meet and did take up the keyes from the officers to prevent there falling into the hands of the said Dr. Sharp or any who

appeared for that interest. Which being this day reported to the session they unanimously approved of the sd. action.

The said day the Kirk Session forsaid appointed on of ther officers with four or fyve other honest people to watch the Church this night least any vagrant or loose people should attempt to breake open the Church doors or violently enter the same through the windowes or otherwyse.

The Session lykewyse appoynted two of ther own number to watch about and near to the Church this night and in caice of any such violent attempt be made upon the Church this night they are appoynted to have a nottar publick alongst with them and are hereby impowred and authorized to take instruments in his hands in name of the said Kirk Session against such riotous and violent procedour especiallie in the silence of the night and to have two or more of the forsaid honest men who are to watch to be witnesses to these said protestation.

IX 235

24 APRIL 1714

Att the Miln of Gilcomston within the parochine of Old Machar. . .

The Mod^r haveing desyred some of the members present to give some account of those desyreing the Session to meet this day in this place, Professor Gordon replyed that in regard the Church of Old Machar, and the session house there, was illegallie intruded into last Lords day and in a most tumultuary maner, the said intrusion is still kept up in favour of on Dr John Sharp, who sett up the English service last Lords day in the said church, the mobb haveing broke open the church doors on Saturday night befor, about ten or eleven a Cloke at night, in order to his entry thertoo which was accomplis^d on the Lords day followeing And in regard that by the means of a considerable mobb they still violently keep possession of the Church and churchyard, that therefor they had not access to there ordinary place of meeting, but when they were attempting last Lords day, according to the appoyntment of the last session whercoff Mr Shank was Mod^r they were insulted and violently beate backe by the mobb.

IX 237

4 AUGUST 1714

The said day Professor Gordon and Baillie Molyson are appt^d. to attend the nixt prebtry. when it sitts at Abdn. and plead for a speedy planting of the place w^t the Reverend Mr. Alex^r Mitchell late Min^r

of the Gospell at Belhelvie conforme to the decision of the Venerable Commission of the General [Assembly] who hath declared him to be Minr of the Gospell in this toun of Old Abdn. and parochin of Old Machar.

IX 310

24 OCTOBER 1714

The said day the Clk. reports to the Session that Wm. Beverly souldier came to him and delivered up the utensills of the Church which were taken away when Dr. John Sharpe did make ane intrusion on the Church viz he received from the sd. Beverly who was then on of his pretended officers the Church bible pulpit and latron green cloathes with there silk fringes bason and bason cloath and sand glass . . . IX 322

30 OCTOBER 1715

The said day Mr. Alexr Barcklay sometyme incumbent at Peterhead did by order of Patrick Sandilands Shiriff depute of Abdn. did intrude and take possession of the church and no access thertoo being allowed to the Minr albeit he came at the ordinary tyme at the ringing in of the third and last bell to have preached to the Congregation yet was not allowed access by Patrick Sandilands yor. of Cottoun Shiriff depute of Abd. to the Church unless he would go in upon such terms as he proposed which being altogether unreasonable he refused to do and the Minr told the said Patrick Sandilands that what he did in this affair in stopping him from haveing access to preach to his Congregation should be on his perill and immediatly the Minr with the Congregation went from the Church door to the Minrs. own house and the Minr. preached there to the people in the forenoon . . . IX 369

27 NOVEMBER 1715

The said day Isabel Mercer Quaker . . . appeared pro 9^{no} and was dismissed from church scandall for her sin, and the Modr haveing represented to the Congregation that the sd. Isabel Mercer had been educated and brought up from her infancy a Quaker and was now convinced by the frequent conferences that she had with the Minrs. of the Gospell, conforme to apptt. of the prebtry. of that dangerous principle of Quakerisme and that she craved to be received into the Christian Reformed Religion as by the blessing of God is presently professed in

this National church, and accordingly the Modr. in face of the Congregation haveing interrogate her upon the principles and tennets which the Quakers do maintain (as the said interratories in themselves at more lenth do's bear) she the said Isabel Mercer did renunce and disown the whole of them and did embrace the Protestant Reformed Religion as is above exprest and promised to adhere thertoo all her lyfetye all the essential tennetts of the Protestant Religion haveing been distinctly represented to her by the Mod^r. in face of the Congregation and the said Isabel Mercer interrogat by him upon each of them particularly and accordingly as said is she did embrace and promised to adhere to them, After which the Mod^r. did baptize her in face of the Congregation and named her Isabel.

IX 372

8 JULY 1716

The said day befor dismissing of the Congregation in the forenoon there was read from pulpet by apptt. of the Prebtry. of Abdn. two papers intimating the deposition of the followeing Episcopall Min^{rs} from the office of the holy Ministry viz Mr Gilbert Ramsay incumbent at Dyce, Mr. Alex^r Gray incumbent at Foottie, Mr Richard Maitlan incumbent at Nigg, Dr. Andrew Burnet Mr. Rob^t Blair and Mr. Patrick Dunbreek late intruders into the churches of Abdn. the ground and reasons of ther depositions are fully and faithfully recorded in the Presbtrie bookes of Abdn. and no occasion for these being recorded here.

IX 399

18 DECEMBER 1718

The said day the Session takeing into their serious consideration that the representatives of the deceast Mr. William Blake late Sub-prin^l of the Kings Colledge of Abdn. had obtained a liberty from the Minrs and remanent members of the Kirk Session of this parioch of Old Machar to erect a Tomb or Monument over opposite to his grave in the Light or South Isle of the Church of Old Machar for which priveledge it was agred upon by the said representatives that two guineas of gold should be payed to James Hatt present Master of the Kirke worke of Old Machar and that in hand for the use and behove of the said Church Session And withall is was particularly precautionate befor the said Tomb should be erected that no inscription should be put on the said Tomb or monument that any wayes might reflect on the present

Established Church Government or one any partie or persons whatsoever, But after the Minrs and Session of this placed had viewied the the said Tomb they found that (notwithstanding they were precautionat to the contrary as is above exprest) their was found inscriptions on the said Tomb which were both dissobligeing and reflecting and therefor the Session do's and hereby do enact that the workemen be stopt from the said worke ay and till such tyme as the said inscription be altered or removed and till the Session be fully and compleitly satisfied . . .

IX 519

8 JULY 1722

The said [day] the Minister Mr Alex^r Mitchell haveing represented to the Session the earnest desyre of Dr. George Middleton late Principall of the King's College to have some small peice of ground in the Church Yeard allowed him to be a burial place to him and his descendents, and the Session judgeing it to be just and reasonable in several accounts to grant the same did unanimously and with one accord grant and appropriat to the said Dr. George Middleton and his descendents all and hail that peece of wast ground on the east syde of the South Isle commonly called the light Isle befor the falling of the Church extending from the South east butress of the said Isle all along the hewen work of the east wall thereof containing about twenty foot of length together with ten foot of widness allowing the said Dr Middleton to enclose the said ground if he think fitt . . .

X 210

17 APRIL 1726

The said day Baillie Hatt represented to the Session that the two rooms or chambers within the chaplains unto which John Knight had a right for a debt oweing by this Kirk Session to James Knight sometyme baillie in Old Abdn. his deceast father . . . were exposed to a publick roup conforme to appoyntment of the Session upon the Nyne-teenth day of March last bypast and that within the Councilhous of Old Aberdeen . . . Which forsaid roup being proceeded with into accordingly John Robertson Baillie in Old Aberdeen as highest offerer carried the same at the rate of sixtie pounds Scotts money Whereupon the Baillie forsaid appoynted and ordained the old walls and others above mentioned to be dispoed to him conform to the above article he paying therefore the pryce above mentioned . . .

XI 10

15 JANUARY 1727

Isabel Craffurd being cited to this day was called and compearing, the Modr. represented to her that she was delate to the Session as being a woman guiltie of charmes and a teller of fortunes, such as telling what a man any woman will be married with, and what a woman a man will be married with as also that she could give an account that if any person had any thing stolen from them she could tell them if it could be got back again, and that if any persons who went abroad she would give an account if they were dead or alive and the lyke, The Modr. did interrogat the said Isabel anent all the said particulars, whither or not she was guiltie aither of all or any of them, she only confessed that as to telling of fortunes, she understood no more but only what she had read in a book, by considering some lynes on the right hand, and that some persons had come to her and she told them what she knew that way, with whom they were to be married. The Modr. haveing seriously dealt with her conscience and lay'd her sin and danger befor her by her wicked practise in that or the lyke kind and haveing exhorted her to repentance she was cited apud acta to the next Session.

XI 51

21 AUGUST 1727

The said day there was a representation made to the Session be James Hatt Mr of the Kirk worke that there are a great number both of old and young people buried in the Spittel by reason whereoff the burial lares which ought to come in to the Kirk Treasr. as a part of the found for upholding the fabrick of the church are abstract and are not payed in to him for that effect, As also the ordinary dues upon such occasions to the publick servants of the Church both as to the Session Clk. for registration of the names of the defuncts and church beddals are lykewyse not payed. Which representation haveing been duely considered by the Session They did and do hereby appoint the Clk. to draw a Memorial of the same and give in to the Reverend Mr Alex^r Mitchell Min^r. of the Gospell in Old Abdn. that he would be pleased to deliver it to the Reverend Mr. George Chalmers Prin^l of the Kings College of Aberdeen that he the said R^d. Mr. George Chalmers with the remnant Masters and Members of the said College may do therein as they see cause. And that in regard the said Spittel kirk yeard doth properly belong to the said College.

XI 83

27 OCTOBER 1728

The said day Prin^l. Chalmers made his first appearance in the Session since his admission to be Min^r. here, and got a kind reception from all the Members present by giving him the right-hand of fellowship. XI 134

1 JUNE 1729

The said day an Act of the General Assembly rescinding Principal Chalmers admission to be Min^r. at Old Machar, was read from pulpit immediately after Divine Worship in the forenoon. XI 154

18 JANUARY 1730

The said day John Ferguson was delate for having a great number of naked swine belonging to him lying on Boards this day in the open street within the College Bounds. The Session having duly considered this great profanation of the Lords Day, did recommend it to the Mod^r. to represent the said affair to the Magistrates, that they may punish the said Ferguson as they see cause. XI 177

22 JULY 1731

The Presbytry of Aberdeen mett here and being constitute caused their Edict to be called three severall times at the most patent door of the Church and no objection being offered in the least they proceeded directly to the admission of the Reverend Mr James Mitchell Minister of the Gospell at Futtie to be one of the Ministers of this Congregation. Principall Chalmers preached. XI 228

27 JANUARY 1732

The Session met at the Manse and taking into consideration the ruinous condition of the houses belonging formerly to the Precenter and Reader of this church, did agree to sell the same to Collonell Jo: Middleton for fifteen pounds sterling to be secured and lent out upon interest for the use of Mr Mollyson present Precenter and his successors in office . . . The Session also agreed to allow the building of the washing house on the foreside of the churchyard. XI 238

22 DECEMBER 1745

There was no sermon this afternoon because of the troublesome times and the great disturbance given in the Forenoon by some of the Rebels, who came running into the Church and calling aloud for their Associates.

XII 59

29 DECEMBER 1745

Principal Chalmers represented to the Session that Alexander Joiner Church Treasurer had been very much harrassed by the Rebels, who had quartered upon him and oblig'd him on pain of military execution to give them ten pounds sterling of the poors money. The Session taking said Representation in their consideration did unanimously agree to indemnify the said Alex^r Joiner for said sum, and any other necessary expences he may have been put to.

XII 59

20 APRIL 1746

Intimation was made from pulpit, that the Synod of Aberdeen at their last Meeting appointed Wednesday next to be observed as a Fast Day but (in regard of the Victory obtain'd since that time by his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland over the Rebels,) it was thought proper, that the said day be observed as a Day of Thanksgiving, and the Congregation were exhorted to abstain from their ordinary employments and spend the day in a religious Manner, and to attend publick worship at the ordinary time both Fore and Afternoon.¹

XII 64

24 NOVEMBER 1751

Said day the minister reported, that understanding from the Collector, that several Heritors had refus'd to pay their respective Quotas of the Poors Rate laid on by the authority of the conjunct meeting of date the third day of June last. They had apply'd to the Sheriff Substitute for advice anent the method they should take in order to make the said payments effectual, and that he advis'd to prepare a list of the deficients to be laid before him attested by the tuo Ministers and tuo Elders. Accordingly a list was given in this day by the Collector and attested as above directed. Whereupon the Session appointed a Committee the Ministers or any two of the Elders to give in the list, and

¹ A second Thanksgiving was held by appointment of the General Assembly on 26th June.

answer such observations as may be proposed by the recusants, and take all proper advise and assistance necessary for said purpose. XII 189

29 AUGUST 1753

Intimation was made that there is to be no more week day sermon this year. XII 247

25 JUNE 1755

Said day the Session being met and constitute there was laid before them the representation and petition of the King's College for a legal school in the Parish, which being read, and unanimously agreed to, the Session appointed the Clerk to attest the same. XII 292

16 JULY 1755

Compear'd Agnes Milne indweller in Old Aberdeen and represented to the Meeting, that by the Ministers advice and persuasion, and from a principle of charity and compassion she had received within her house and family, and taken upon her care, entertainment and education Jean Daniel an orphan deserted by both her parents and entirely destitute, and that she was willing to educate the said Jean Daniel and maintain her in meat and cloth and instruct her in the necessary principles of religion, and teach her to read and train her up to work as a servant ; and therefore craved, that the Session with consent of the heritors of the Parish might in terms of the tenth Act of the twenty second Parliament of King James the sixth, and of the Proclamation of King William and Queen Mary dated the 11th of August 1692 ratified by subsequent Acts of Parliament Bind the said Jean Daniel to be her servant. And whereas the foresaid Act and Proclamation allow poor children to be bound till they be thirty years of age, to their masters, their heirs and assigns, the said Agnes Milne declared that she freely and voluntarily dispensed with the service of the last fourteen years and craved only that the said Jean Daniel be bound to serve her till she be sixteen years of age compleat. The Meeting being in the certain knowledge that the said Jean Daniel is a poor and indigent child deserted by both her parents, left without any means for her entertainment and being willing to encourage so good and pious a design which they apprehend tends greatly to the benefit of said orphan, and to the ease of this parish from a very considerable burden.

Therefore according to the powers contained in the Act and Proclamation above mentioned they did and hereby do deliver the said Jean Daniel to the said Agnes Milne, to the effect that she may be bound and obliged to serve her according to the said Act and Proclamation untill she be sixteen years of age compleat. And that whatever the said servant gains or wins by her travel during the said space may appertain properly to her said mistress, and that if she disobey her when reasonably employed, she may correct her as she shall judge expedient, Life and Fortun excepted, And that if any person harbour or receipt the said during the space aforesaid, they may be obliged to return her upon demand to the said Agnes Milne under the pain of one hundred merks toties quoties as oft as they shall be required so to do: And farther to the effect that the said Agnes Milne be bound and obliged, as by her acceptance of the said Jean Daniel she binds and obliges herself to maintain the said servant in meat and cloth during the space aforesaid, to educate her either to a trade or to work, to instruct her in the principles of the Christian Religion and teach her to read when she is capable, and not to exact any inhuman or too rigid service from her. And for the more verification of this Act and Deed the said Agnes Milne hath subscribed the same in the Session Register and an extract thereof subscribed by the Ministers and Session Clerk is appointed to be delivered unto her.

XII 293

11 JULY 1756

Said day by appointment of the Session the Clerk was order'd to insert the following inscription in the Register which was upon the Bell that was lately taken down from the Steeple,—

Soli Deo Gloria Michael Burgerhoys Me Fecit AD Sacros Cœtus convocandos. In Summa Arce Ædis Divi Macarij Locandam curarunt D. Pat. Forbesiris Episcopus Aberdonensis Senatusque Ecclesiasticus Veteris Aberdonæ Calend. Januar. 1622. XII 328

6 NOVEMBER 1757

The Kirk Session taking under their serious consideration that the singing of Psalms by the Congregation is a most necessary and edifying part of publick worship tending when duly performed to enlarge the

heart and elevate the soul towards God and heavenly things ; and likewise considering that the most comely decent and edifying manner of performing this part of Divine Worship, according to the opinion of all reformed Divine's and particularly the learned and pious Reformers of this church, is that after the Minister or Precentor hath read the first line and the singing is begun, it should not be interrupted by reading each subsequent line, but that the Melody and Harmony should go on without any interruption to the end, every person in the Congregation for that end having his Psalm book before him : And considering that this was the ancient practice of this Church and is still the practice of Reformed Churches abroad, and that, after the reading each line before it was sung, had become customary in most congregations in Scotland. The General Assembly A^o 1746 did again recommend the revival of the ancient practice of Singing without reading the line ; And that in obedience to this recommendation the reading of the line is now laid aside in these Congregations in Scotland, where the singing of Psalms is performed to the greatest advantage particularly in the churches of Edinburgh, Glasgow and Perth : And considering further that many persons of this Congregation, who have taken pains to learn to sing the Church tunes in the most melodious and harmonious manner, are desirous to comply with the foresaid recommendation of the General Assembly, and have applied to the Kirk Session for that purpose ; Therefore the Kirk Session did and hereby do unanimously resolve that the singing of Psalms be performed in this Congregation without reading the line after Sabbath next, after the ancient and regular manner recommended by the foresaid Act of Assembly : And do recommend it to all in the Congregation to provide themselves in Psalm books for this purpose and to get by heart these Psalms that are most frequently sung. The Session do likewise recommend to Masters of families the singing of Psalms in this manner in their families, and that they be at pains to cause their children and servants learn to sing the Church tunes in a regular manner, that they may be able to join more skilfully in this part of the publick worship.

XII 360

24 DECEMBER 1758

The Kirk Session of Old Machar taking into their serious consideration, that most Country parishes in this part of the Nation are served

by Midwives not qualified for their profession either by reading and instruction, or by having seen the practice of those truly skilled in this Art, and for the most part no wise distinguished from their ignorant neighbours, who make no profession of it, but by a superior degree of temerity and self conceit.

That many mothers, as well as infants, are known to have lost their lives, or been rendered miserable and incapable of being useful to the publick by such unskilful hands.

That there is great reason to apprehend much more mischief is done this way than is commonly known : the unhappy sufferers often concealing the hurt they have received from modesty or an apprehension of its being incurable : or perhaps being ignorant of the real cause of it, the witnesses at operations of this kind being commonly as ignorant as the Midwife : And even when anything is done so far amiss as that it cannot escape their notice, yet being only whispered among their female friends it must be less known than what can be brought into publick conversation.

That Physicians and skilful Midwives and other persons of judgement, who have best access to know the truth in these matters, are unanimously of opinion, that the mischief and misery, that is either caused by bad midwives or might be prevented by good ones, well deserves the consideration of the publick and claims its attention to what may be proposed as a remedy.

And the Session farther considering that there is now an opportunity offered of publick instruction in this profession for training up women that may be thought fit in the knowledge and practice of so important an art ; and that severals who may be judged proper to be trained thereto may not be able to afford the necessary expence of their education this way, And that several kirk sessions have already thought proper to encourage and assist young women in their bounds to apply to this profession. The Session did therefore unanimously resolve to give all the countenance and encouragement in their power to so necessary and laudable an undertaking. And therefore do appoint copies of this their Act to be given to the several Elders of this parish, and hereby recommend to each of them to represent to the people within their several districts the benefit and usefulness of this design, which we hope may in time by the blessing of God prevent many calamities to particular

persons and families and bring much benefit to the publick, and to receive the voluntary contributions of those who are inclined to promote it and deliver in the same to the Kirk Session. And they hereby further recommend to the several Elders to inform themselves of such young women in the parish of good character and capacity, who incline to take the opportunity now offered to study the profession of midwifery in a regular way, with a view to practice the same within the bounds of the parish, that they may receive such encouragement and assistance in the prosecution of that art, as the Kirk Session shall be in condition to give them. And the Session further appoint this their Act to be read from pulpit next Lord's day.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE SESSION ACCOUNTS OF OLD MACHAR

1639.	July 14.	Receauit be Mr Johne Lundie after the fitting of his compt.	£1 14 8
	Oct. 13.	Collectit givin to Wm. Bartlet for his wyffs winding scheitt.	1 14 0
	Dec. 1.	Collectit being the first communion day	27 10 0
		8. Collectit being the 2 ^d and last communion day	80 merks 9/-
1640.	Aug. 23.	Collectit—fasting day	1 8 10
	27.	Collectit—last fasting day	1 2 0
1641.	Nov. 14.	To Cristiane Blakburne	1 0 0
1642.	Feb. 6.	Delyuerit to Herie Kilgor for ringin of the bell	0 3 4
		Delyuerit to Johne Kilgor to by paper	0 4 0
		Delyuerit to George More for the tokines	10 13 4
	13.	Delyuerit to Willeame Gordone of Tilliangus Delyuerit to Johne Gordone ane brokin leggit man	5 6 8 2 0 4
	Mar. 27.	Collectit be George Middiltoun Olk was presentlie givin to Daud Frieman in the paroche of Nig to supplie his present necessitie in respect his four hors was burnt with fyre.	2 13 4
	April 3.	Delyuerit to Helene Watsons in Kingswells	0 10 0
	10.	Collectit be Wm Hay at the kirk Delyuerit to Isobell Widowsone crepill in hands and feit borne on ane barrow	4 merks 4/- 0 6 0
	17.	Delyuerit to Johne Guild borne in north bervick come from Ireland	8 merks.
	24.	Delyuerit to Mr Johne Keith burso ^r of divinitie	10 0 0

COLLECTIONS OF THE LAYRE SILVER AND BURYALLIS BURVED
WITHIN THE KIRK.¹

1641.	Nov. 18.	Vmq ^{ll} George Gibsone in Murcar	£6	13	4
	Dec. 5.	Vmq ^{ll} Willeame Gray in Shetoksley	6	13	4
	12.	Vmq ^{ll} Margaret Meassone	6	13	4
	29.	Vmq ^{ll} Thomas Gordone sone to Mr Thomas Gordone of Kethokismilne	2	0	0
1642.	Jan. 16.	Vmq ^{ll} Mr Willeame Barclay	6	13	4
	Feb. 3.	Vmq ^{ll} Elspet Merseir ane bairne daughter to Thomas Merseir, balzie	2	0	0
	Mar. 13.	Vmq ^{ll} Alexander Gardyne of Banquhorie	6	13	4
	June 5.	Vmq ^{ll} Elspet Gardyne spous to Alexander Gordone of Brasmore was buryed with ane deid borne bairne	8	13	4
	14.	Vmq ^{ll} Isobell Forbes daughter to Jon Forbes bailzie			
	July 26.	Vmq ^{ll} Janet Clerk in Old Aberdene	6	13	4
	13.	Vmq ^{ll} Williame Lintone at the bridge of Don . .	6	13	4
	31.	Vmq ^{ll} Frances Fraser sone to Johne Fraser in Wattertoun	6	13	4
	12.	Vmq ^{ll} Jeane Merseir daughter to Thomas Merseir bailzie			
	Feb. 19.	Vmq ^{ll} Helene Gordone daughter to Mr Thomas Gordone	2	0	0
	26.	Vmq ^{ll} Daud Fettes in Croves	6	13	4
	23.	Vmq ^{ll} Isobell Lintone spous to Thomas Gibsone	6	13	4
	April 25.	Vmq ^{ll} Robert Keyths bairne	2	0	0

SESSION ACCOUNTS.²

1642.	May 8.	Collectit at the kirk doore and communione tables the third sonday be Johne John- stone of Frosterhill and Johne Fraser of Sclaittie	30	13	4
	11.	Collectit be Johne Forbes bailzie at the colledge kirk	0	10	6

¹ Session Minutes, Vol. II. 209. ² Ibid. 184. Collections.

1642.	May 22.	Delyverit to Johne Middiltoun ane sic man cast away at Saltcotts to help him in his present distres	£2	13	4
	July 24.	Delyverit to Duguell Fergusson ane blind man and ane sailer was in the Towne of Air	0	6	0
		Delyverit to ane poore disseasit man in the face and ane creple lad with ane swellit legg	0	4	0
		Delyverit to Johne Wallace come from Irland	0	12	0
	Aug. 7.	Delyverit to Jeane Gardyne ane woman come from Ireland	0	4	0
	14.	Delyverit to Mr George Innes striken in poplasie	2	13	4
	Sep. 4.	Delyverit to Andro Arbuthnot his hand shot off	1	6	8
	25.	Delyverit to Mr Nicoll Blak come from Irland	8	0	0
	Oct. 23.	Delyverit to James Gray reider going for Rothemey	0	13	4
1643.	Jan. 1.	Givin to the Clerks of the Presbitery and Assembly	1	10	8
	Feb. 26.	Collectit be Williame Troupt on the fast day	3	0	0
	Mar. 2.	Collectit be Williame Hay the vther fast day	2	15	0
	5.	Collectit be Birsmore and Mr Thomas Gordone at the kirk doore and the com- munione tables	47	16	4
	10.	Collectit be Johne Chalmer on friddey the preparatione day	2	3	2
	12.	Collectit be Johne Forbes and James Innes bailzeis at the kirk doore and com- munione tables	73	6	8
	26.	Given to two frenshe men ship brokin	1	6	8
	April 2.	Givin to ane Irishe gentleman Johne Mack- lenan	4	0	0
	16.	Givin to ane poore woman with twines on her back	0	6	0
		Givin to ane man of the palsie	0	9	0

1643.	April 23.	Givin to sex men ship brokin	£1	6	8
	May 7.	Givin to ane minister came from Ireland Mr Patrik Glass	2	13	4
	June 11.	Collectit be George King vpon the fasting day	2	18	0
	14.	Collectit be Williame Barnet on Wedins- day fasting	2	17	4
	25.	Givin to sindrie ship broken men taken be the dunkirks belonging to the toune of Borroustouneness	1	7	0
	July 16.	Collectit be Johne Chalmer	3	8	0
		Givin to George Crawford sone in law to Mr Robert Gardyne	1	6	8
		Givin to ane poore man borne on ane barrow	0	2	0
	Nov. 12.	Givin to foure Irishes recommendit be the generall assemblie	3	4	4
		Givin to ane blind man with a dogge	0	12	0
1644.	Jan. 28.	Givin to ane man whose house was burned	0	13	4
	Feb. 11.	Givin to Johne Gordone ane of the kings beidmen	0	6	0
	Mar. 10.	Collectit be Johne Fraser of Sklettie	3	7	0
		Givin to Janet Andersone ane sicke woman wt ane confirmit stane	0	12	0
		Givin to Mr James Grahame ane Irishe minister	2	0	0
		Givin to ane dumbe Irishe man	0	6	0
		Givin to ane poore gentle woman come from Ireland	0	4	0
		Givin to Agnes Thomsone in Forquhar who lay in trance	2	0	0
	July 7.	Collectit be Patrik Gellie on sondey fasting	4	4	0
	28.	Givin to Tuentie thrie english sea men	2	13	4
	Sept. 1.	Givein to Johne Kilgo to by ane winding sheit to ane poore woman	1	10	0
	Oct. 20.	Givein to ane louthiane sojourns wyff	0	6	0
	27.	Givein to Johne Gilmer a hurt sojeor of the fyfe regiment	0	4	0

1644.	Dec. 8.	Gevin to Johne Gordone ane poor man with ane blew gounne	£0 12 0
		Givein to Williame Forbes whose hous staks and corne burnt in Echt	0 13 4
1645.	Jan. 5.	Gevin to Janet Bosill ane poore woman robbed be the Irishes	0 12 0
	26.	Givein to Alexander Wilguis for ane book to wreit	1 7 0
	Mar. 29.	Givein to Isobell Forbes wyff to Captane Douglas	0 6 0
	April 13.	Collectit be Mr Thomas Gordone and Thomas Merser	9 16 8
		All distributed to Johne Leask whose hous burnt with fyre.	
	July 20.	Givein to Jeane Tullo ane poore woman ministers daughter of Forres	0 6 0
	27.	Givein to Jealls Scrogie ane poore woman herryit be the Irishes	0 4 0
	Sept. 7.	Collectit be Mr John Lundie and Thomas Merser ane offering at the kirk doore	11 6 8
		All delyverit to George Volum to help to by him ane hors.	
	Oct. 19.	Givein to Johne Kilgor for binding ane old sessioun booke	0 12 0
		Givein to Johne and Herie Kilgors for travelling throw the pareoshe to bring in stra and cornes to horsis	0 12 0
1646.	Jan. 25.	Givein to Herie Kilgoure for redding and taking away the sklaitts out of the kirk floore	0 2 0
	Mar. 29.	Givein to Sara Blak goeing for Holland	1 7 6
	April 5.	Collectit be Johne Johnestoun of Frosterhill for the poore	1 8 6
		Lykewayis collectit of evill moneyis 3 tuentie peices qlk the collector receaveit.	
	May 17.	Collected be Alex ^r Gordon off Bersmore and Wm Rait	4 2 4

1646.	May 17.	Qroff giuen to the collector for the poore .	£2	2	4
		And to the collector for the kirk wark .	2	0	0
	Sept. 28.	Giuen to the collector for nayles to the stoole	0	12	0
	Oct. 18.	For nayles to the dore of the north Ile .	0	8	0
	28.	To George Wolume for lyme and slate carcing to the scoolm ^{rs} hous	0	14	0
		To Wm Fyffe for stricking out the holls in the kirk wall to hold up the stool	0	6	0
		To James Clark and Jo ⁿ Kilgower for ane hundreth nayles to the scoolm ^{rs} hous . .	0	12	8
		For scats to the forsd. hous	1	16	0
	Nov. 15.	To Mr John Middeltone burser of theologie	10	0	0
	22.	To the poore of S. Jo ⁿ stone q ^r the plage was at that tyme by the wolentar contri- butione collected throughe the towne . .	10	merks	
	Dec. 13.	To Georg Ramsay for mending the clock .	2	0	0
1647.	Jan.	Item to Alex ^r Schand for Scoolmaill . . .	4	10	0
	17.	Receaved be Mr John Lundie 8 lbs weight of littell turnors sold to Farq ^r	3	8	0
		To George More for gles bands to the scolem ^{rs} hous	1	0	0
	Mar. 7.	Given to Jo ⁿ Kilgour for ringing the 5 and 9 houre bell of the sessiones motiue will	2	0	0
		Giuen to the collector for the coppie of sume letteris declairing the way of the Kinges wyegoeing to Ingland	0	4	0
	June 6.	Collectit be Mr. Alex ^r Middeltone be the derectione of the Sessione the day pre- ceding and giuen to George Glennie distrest webster in the Spittall hawing 4 paire of hewed playdes stouen out of his loome	9	merks	7s
	27.	All collectiones following to be recept in ane bassine ane elder to attend thereon for feare of infectione.			
	July 8.	Collectit throughe the kirk be Jo ⁿ Farq ^r non let come in bot thes that ware within the towne	0	12	0

1647.	Aug. 15.	Sermones in the kirk being giuen ower for the vehemencie of the infectione ther was ane lector at the Corshill at 6 hours, collectit to the poore qlk Jo ⁿ Kilgouer hes to compt for	£4	8	0
		The forsd. day at 9 hours ane lector at the Carne of Dilspro collectit to the poore	2	5	8
		The sd. day at 12 hours ane lector at Sclatie collectit	4	6	0
		The sd. day at 3 hours efternoone ane lector at Carne Gullie collectit	1	9	6
	22.	Ane lector in the kirky[ard] ane bairne baptized—no collection.			
	Aug. 29.	At 7 hours in the morning ane lector at the Gooksteine fold ^t collectit			
		At Karngullie collectit			
		At 3 hours efternoone at Carne of Scotstone ane lector collectit these 3 severall tymes	6	15	8
		For to helpe Jo ⁿ Elmslies sone in the huts	0	13	4
	Oct. 31.	Being the Lord's day ane lector at the huts at 10 hours—no collection.			
	Nov. 4.	Thursday ane lector at the karne of perslay collectit	0	7	6
	Dec. 26.	Collectit at the kirk dore be Mr Wm Rait ane lector and sermone w ⁱⁿ the kirk	3	9	0
		qlk was giuen to M. J. L. ² being his entrie efter the infection.			
	Nov. 17.	To bread and drink to David Watsone his wife and chyltren in Abds huts	0	13	4
		To by meat and drink to Hendrie Chalmer in the huts at Ferrihill	0	10	0
	Dec. 4.	For aquavite to Hendrie Kellies wife in ane hut at Scotstone	0	8	0
	17.	Given for ane lock and key to the dore at the heid of the turnpyke that goes up to the knok	0	8	0

^t At Pitmuston. Mr. John Lundie, Collector

1648.	Feb. 10.	For 3 laid of clay to the trees of the kirk-yard that was tutit to the huts . . .	£0	2	0
	13.	To Marjorie Carle for ane wynding schit to the pypers wife	1	10	0
	28.	To Thomas Young yo ^r instructor of the young bairnes within the toune . . .	1	10	0
Mar.	26.	Collectit be Mr Jo ⁿ Lundie	8	0	0
		w ^t some od turnors put in Wm Gordons purs to be giuen to Wm Pael chirurgian for couring of Alex ^r Sangsters cayes.			
June	18.	Collectit at the kirk dore being the last day of communione	8	0	0
		and at the tablis	29	0	0
Mar.	6.	In primis to Mariorie Hog for susteining of the parentles chyld at 2 tymes which chyld came throughe the infectione . .	3	0	0
	15.	To Isoble Ro'sone spous to wmq ^{ll} Hendrie Kellie who died in the plague . . .	0	12	0
June	18.	To Tho. Moire stranger w ^t ane famous testimoniall of his former lyfe hauing his hous brunt	2	14	8
Aug.	13.	To Mariorie Hog for manteining the scharger chyld	2	15	0
Sept.	17.	To 3 Shipbrocken men belonging to Schitland robbit be pirrots	1	7	0
Oct.	1.	To Laurence Gray sone to Liutenent Richart Gray slaine be the natives in Irland w ^t 7 in companie whos losses is 1700 libs—650 E lands a yeire . . .	3	0	0
		To 3 gentill wimen and 6 chyldren longdels ther husbands slayne be the Irishes . .	2	14	0
		Giuen in be the principall D. Wm Guild to Mr Jo ⁿ Lundies purs for the chaplen ruides in Kintor payable be the Ladie Marshell for thrie yeires termes . . .	15	0	0
Dec.	24.	To Isoble Thomsone sumetyme guidwife of the correction hous of Abd.	1	10	0

1649.	Jan. 28.	To 9 frenchmen robbit be pirrots on the sea	£2	0	0
	April 22.	Collectit be Jo ⁿ Jo ⁿ stone and Wm Moire to giue the tuo beddells viz Jo ⁿ Browe in Denstone and Jeane Talziore in Old Abd.	12	1	8
		To ane poore boy borne on ane barrow	0	4	0
	29.	To Tho. Mersers mother werie sick in the flux	2	15	0
	May 13.	To Janet Signore who hed her hous brount dualing betuixt Kintor and Invervrie and hir husband slayne	0	12	0
	June 17.	To the Argyle boyes that are at the scooles To Mr Georg Meluill burser of theologie which compleits this yeire 1649	2	0	0
		To Andro Benerman in the paroch of Dyce to helpe to heil his wifes eayes	7	10	0
			1	0	0
	25.	Destribuit to the poore (becaus of the hard stres and famine in the Land) all that which was collectit the day of com- munione and day of fast w ^t £12 giuen in be Doctor Wm. Guild principall	38	0	0

COMPT OF THE KIRK RECEIPT.¹

1651.	Item about Whytsonday 1651 for the dask nixt the Ile from Wiliam Smith in Scots- tounne and his tuo sones for the back dask	8	0	0
	Item from Robert Andersone in Vaglie with on of his sones from Gilbert Ronaldsone in Newhills and James Clarke ther for the fore dask	10	13	4
	Item from Georg Gordon in Grandhome and his wyfe ane yeeirs seit in the pew nixt the hammermens seat	2	13	4
	Item from the Subprin ^{ll} wyffe	1	6	4
	Item from Janet Gordon	1	6	4
1652.	Item from David Johnston after Whitsonday 1652 for his chylds grave in the queeir	1	10	0

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1652.	Item from Mr John Lundie for his son William his grave besyde the session house doore	£2 0 0
	Item for Mr William Rait his doaughter in the Cluynes Ill	nothing
	Item for ane other chylde of Mr John Lundies	nothing
	Item for Mr William Rait's grave	6 13 4
	Item for Mr John Lundies payed to Andrew Coutts	
	Item from Andrew Smyth for an great bryddell	4 merks
	Item to Mr William Strachan for his charges to the Assemblie 1651 and 1652	22 merks
	Item to Wm Jonston for mending of the knock	10 merks
	To the Professor for goeing to the Comission of the kirk in June 1653	2 15 0
	Item from David Johnston for his chylds grave in the queir	1 10 0
	For on of Patrick Gordons childrens grav in the queir	1 10 0
	For Thomas Messers buriall anent the pulpit	6 13 4
	From Andrew Gray for his daughters bryd- dell	2 13 4
	To Mr Thomas Gordon that he lent to furnish Mr William Strachan to the Generall Assemblie 1652	6 13 4
	Item waird for laying on the ston on wmq ^{ll} Mr William Strachan, for drink to the men that laid it on the horse hyre to bring the tumblers out of Aberdeen	2 5 0
	To John Kilgoure for calling the paroch to an fast in Sept 1653	2 0 0
	Item for an key to Patrick Alex ^{rs} pew Georg Gordon haveing lost the former	0 4 0
	For drink to them that helped to lay the pavment of the south Ill	0 13 4

1654.	Feb. 6.	To Mr George Meldrum Burser of Divinitie for Mertimisse 1653 years	£7 10 0
		Mair to William Scot for coming over to see Mr Wiliam Strachans ston	0 14 8

PENALTIES

1641.	Nov. 14.	Wm. More in Ferrihill peyit as caut. for Wm. Auld in Ruthrestoun	2 13 4
	Dec. 5.	Receavit from Robert Forbes in Berrihilloke in pairt of payment of the penalties of Alexander Sangster and Isobell Dun servetors to the said Robert quhilk was arrestit in his hands for satisfioun of the fornicatioun committed be thame	3 0 8
1642.	Feb. 6.	Receavit from Andro Nicoll and Hendrie Lumsden for breaking of the saboth	0 12 0
	Mar. 20.	Receaved from Magnus Knolls in Old Aber- dene as Cau ^r for Elspett Andersone his daughter in lawe for not performance of her mariage with Patrik More	13 6 8
	April 22.	Delyuerit to Andro Coutis for mending of the Communione table	2 13 4
	18.	Delyuerit to David Tailzeor painter	2 8 0
	June 5.	Alexander Stevinsone Andro Smith Johne Chalmer Williame Thomsone George Chalmer and Thomas Gray delyuerit ilk ane of the saids persone for tuo desks	16 0 0
	26.	Delyverit to Johne Kilgo ^r for seiking hors throw the pareoshe	1 0 0
	July 17.	Delyverit be the collector for the com- missioner to go to the generall assemblie	5 6 8
	Aug. 28.	Givin to Williame Forbes Doctor of the scoole	20 merks
	Sept. 4.	Robert Ortun James and Johne Andersones George Chalmer and Willeame Meassone payit ilk ane of thame for fishing on the lords day 20s inde	5 0 0

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1642.	Dec. 4.	Robert Tailzeor meassone receaved	£5	6	8
1643.	April 2.	Delyverit to Johne Kilgo ^r for washing of the table clothis	0	4	0
		Williame Rany peyit for not accomplishing his mariage	6	13	4
	30.	Robert Keythe payit for his bairnes buryall in the Kirk	2	0	0
		Thomas Gibsones wyff her buryall peyit	6	13	4
May 14.		Givin to Williame Lintone in Stanehyve for rigging stane	27	0	0
		Givin to the men that broght hame the sklaitis in the ship for drinksilver	1	6	8
	21.	Receavit from James Ramsey for recepting of Isobell Wells	0	19	10
June 4.		Givin to Mr Johne Keyth bursor of divinitie	10	0	0
	18.	Receavit from Helen Norie for selling aill on the lords day	1	0	0
July 2.		Receavit from Isobell Hendersone for bying salmond fishe	0	15	0
		Givin to Johne Kilgo ^r for ane lass did rin about the sklaiter	0	0	8
	9.	Givin to Johne Spalding for wreitting 9 sheits of paper	5	6	8
	16.	Givin be Mr Thomas Gordone for fyve hundreth sklaitts to the Marqueis Ile	15	0	0
	23.	Receavit from Janet Stewart for her vn- seemly behavior w ^t Williame Gilruith	1	13	4
Aug. 13.		Givin to Patrik Innes in the colledge	0	8	0
		Givin to George Volum for carrying of sand	1	0	0
		Givin for ane hundreth daills to the kirk	5	0	0
		Givin to Williame Fyff for dressing the ragling	1	10	0
		Givin to James Clerk, Sklaitter	8	0	0
		Givin to Herie Kilgo ^r for mixing lyme	1	0	0
	20.	Givin to Johne Davidsone for helping vp the wyndhous	0	6	0

1643.	Sept. 3.	Givin to the smith of Dyce for four hundreth naills	£4 0 0
		Givin to Johne Kilgo ^t for naills	8 19 0
	10.	Receavit at the Communione tables	53 6 8
	24.	Receavit for Johne Fraser of Sklaittie his buryall	6 13 4
		Givin to Robert Meingzeis for ane bag to hold the tokenes	0 4 0
	Oct. 29.	Receavit from Alexander Meassone for tulzeing	3 6 8
		Receavit from James Clerk for tulyeing	1 0 0
	Dec. 24.	Receavit from James Innes for his wyffs buryall	6 13 4
1644.	Feb. 11.	Givin to Alexander Stewart and Gilbert Hervie for fourtene hundreth sklaitts	45 13 4
	April 7.	James Innes bailzie receaveit Johne Godsman his penaltie	13 6 8
		Item the said James receaveit his mothers buryall	6 13 4
	14.	Receaveit from Edvard Gibsone for pro- phaneing the lords day	0 10 0
	May 26.	Givein to Mr. Williame Purdie minister robed be sie	3 6 8
	June 16.	Receavit for Mr James Sandilands comiss ^r his buryall	6 13 4
		Receavit for Margrat Cushnyis buryall	6 13 4
		Receavit for Williame Smithe in Gilquhom- stone his wyffs buryall	6 13 4
	23.	Collectit be Johne Fraser of Waterton and Andro Burnet of Shetokisley at the kirk doore and communione tables	18 9 2
	July 14.	Givin to Mr Andro Cant minister	6 0 0
		Givin for putting vp the wyndhouis at the kirk	0 6 0
	28.	Receaved from Andro Meassone for fishing on the lord's day	20 0 0
	Aug. 11.	Givein to Mr James Sandilands of base moneyis to interchange	6 10 0

1644.	Aug. 25.	Givein for Rigging stanes to the rigging of the steiple	£1	10	0
	Sept. 1.	Givein to Mr Johne Lundie for to by naillis w ^t Alex ^r Meassone his penaltie for fishing on the lords day	10	0	0
	Nov. 17.	Receavit for vmq ^{ll} Lady Banquhories buryall Receavit from Mr James Sandilands his bairnes buryall	6	13	4
	Dec. 22.	Receaveit frome Jeane Rob for her scandal- ous behavioure	2	0	0
1645.	Jan. 5.	Receaveit from Mr. Alex ^r Middiltoun sub- principall for Gideone Keyths buryall . .	1	0	0
	26.	Receaveit from Elspet Greig for baining and swearing	6	13	4
	Mar. 2.	Receaveit from Captane Forbes wyffs buryall Receaveit from Johne Fraser of Clintertie his buryall	0	6	8
	23.	Givein to Alex ^r Wilguis for his Martimes fie Receaveit from Dilspro for his oyes buryall .	6	13	4
	April 20.	Receaveit from John Cassie for his wyffes buryall	6	13	0
		Received from Samuell Middiltoun for his bairnes buryall	40	0	0
	27.	Givein to Andro Coutts for puting on the knops on the loft	2	0	0
	May 4.	Receaved from Birsmore for his bairnes buryall	0	13	4
	11.	Givein to the Clerk of the generall assemblie for two assemblies	2	0	0
	June 13.	Receaveit from Robert Blinshell his penaltie for his fornicatioun	0	13	4
	27.	Receaveit from Daudid Abill cau ^r for Agnes Moresone for selling aill on the lords day .	3	6	8
	July 6.	Givein to Wm Johnestoun for goeing to Aberdene	2	0	0
	Sept. 28.	Receaveit be Johne Kilgour in absence of the collectour from Mr Williame Forbes for his bairnes buryall	0	4	0
			2	0	0

1645.	Nov. 9.	Receaveit from Johne Johnestoun for his misbehaviour in the kirk on the lords day	£0 19 8
	Dec. 21.	Receivit at the Kirk dore for the kirk work	1 3 0
1646.	Jan. 4.	Collectit be Williame Gordone for the kirk work	1 10 0
	11.	Collectit be George Keyth do.	0 18 8
	18.	Collectit be Johne Farq ^r do.	1 2 0
	25.	Collectit be Mr Johne Lundie do.	2 13 4
	April 2.	Item receaveit from Mr James Sandilands for exchange of money	1 8 0
		Item receaveit for Lievtennant Mackadome his buryall	13 15 0
	May 6.	Receaveit from Thomas Merser for his bairnes buryall	2 0 0
		Item receaveit from Mr John Lundie for his bairnes buryall	2 0 0
	Jan. 18.	Delyverit to by ane half ho ^t glase	0 16 0
	Feb. 15.	Delyverit for the directorie	0 12 0
		Item for the act of the last assemblie	0 13 4
		Item for the declaratioun	0 3 4
		Delyverit to Mr Williame Wallace burser of divinity	10 0 0
	22.	Delyverit to Williame Wilsone sclaitter in arles of ane ledder to be boght	0 13 4
	Mar. 1.	Delyverit to Williame Wilsone for ane ledder Item for carrying home of the ledder	7 6 8 0 13 4
	15.	Delyverit to Thomas Mowat for ane seasing	20 0 0
	April 26.	Item deburseit for ane wynding sheit to ane poore woman callit Helene Johnestoun . .	1 18 6
		Item delyuerit to Andro Coutts for makeing of her kist	0 12 0
	May 10.	Item debursit to Mr Andro Cant as ane of the commissioners of the assemblie	3 0 0
		To Wm. Logane for the wrytting of the sessioun book	2 18 0
		To David Andersone for wptacking of the psalme betuixt the out goeing of Alex ^r Wilguis and the entrie of Wm. Logane . .	1 6 8

1646.	June 14.	Giewen to the cherurgiane for cuiring James Selbie	£4 0 0
		Giwen to ane poore woman called Cristaine Grame ane ministers wiff who dwaied in Irland who being dead	2 mks 10 0
		Jon Farquhar receawed frome Alex ^r Steuinsones wiffe for long absence from the church	1 6 8
		Frome Thomas Merse for ane bairne's buriall	2 0 0
		Item from Jon Fraser of Sclatie for ane bairnes burial	2 0 0
	Dec. 27.	Item frome the persones following for prophayning the Sabbath day in goeing to the gofe in tyme of sermone	
		Frome Jo ⁿ Arthures sone called [Andro] Arthure	0 6 8
		Frome Wm Ayles printeis	0 13 4
		Frome Ro ^t Blinshall	0 13 4
	29.	Item for Jeane Irvings laire	10 merks
1647.	Jan. 26.	Item for Patrick More his lair and mort cloath	13 "
	Feb. 5.	Item Patrick Gordone of Gordonsmill payed to the Collector Jon Farq ^r for ane bairnes buriall	2 0 0
	Mar. 14.	Receawed be the collector for Williame Burnets buriall	10 merks
1647-49.		Jo ⁿ Still for hawing more people then the number allowit at his brydell payd	2 15 0
		Pat Moire in Hesalheid for hawing ane pyper at his daughters brydell payd	2 15 0
		James Cantlay and his wife for brack of Sabbath payd	1 1 0
		Alex ^r Ronalsone and his wife for faling befoire ther mariage and transgresing the order at ther mariage pay	4 dollors
		For ane burial of ane bairne of Birsmores	1 10 0
		For Georg Middeltones buriall	5 merks

1647-49.	For tuo burials of Mr Thomas Gordones daughters	10 merks
1649.	Jan. 7. For Thomas Lumsdens buriall	5 "
	From Cornel James King for brack of Jeane Cruickshanks mariage	£8 2 0
	For Wm. Watsones buriell in the quire	5 merks

The accompt of Money receaved be John Pedder collector of the kirk sessione of St. Machar Church of Abd. and Mr. of the kirkwork therof for licences granted be Patrick by the mercie of God Bishop of Abd. to the persones afternamed to marrie without proclamatiōne of Banes, conforme to ane gift grantit therof be the sd. Bishop to Mr. George Gardyne minister at the said kirk . . . and that from the 11 August 1679 to the 16 Febry. 1682 yeires (which day the sd. Bishop departit this lyff) . . .

CHARGE 1679-1682

1679.	Nov. 11. Robert Cumeing of Alathine and Eliz th Irvine daughter to the Laird of Fedderit four leg dolors and ane rex doller . . .	£14 2 0
1680.	Jan. 16. Gilbert Skene and Elizabeth Reid widow in Abd.	13 6 8
	David Ross and Margaret Farquhar widow in Abd.	17 2 0
	17. Patrick Duguid brother to the Laird of Auchenhoove and Jeane Forbes Laird Corss' daughter	20 0 0
	19. Mr. George Meldrum of Crombie and Jeane Duff daughter to Alex ^r . Duff	20 0 0
	Feb. 4. John Ramsay and Elizabeth Fraser, by Mr. William Gray parsoune of Crimond . . .	20 0 0
	Mar. 18. John Pirie skipper and Issobell Andersone daughter to John Andersone of Bourtie . . .	13 6 8
	22. James Geddes in Aberdeine and Elspet Leask	13 6 8

1680.	April 28.	Mr Alexander Robertsons fiscull and Catharine Rae widow in Abd.	£13	6	8
	22.	John Scougall in Edr. and Margaret Gordone daughter to James Gordone of Seatoune	13	6	8
May		Laird of Pittrichie and ane daughter of the Laird of Monymusk	20	0	0
July 16.		Laird of Boyndlie and Helen Gordone daughter to the Laird of Edinglassie	20	0	0
	26.	Patrick Gordone skipper in Abd. and Anna Leith daughter to John Leith of Newlands	13	6	8
		Laird Kilquhilliedrum and Dame Catharine Scougall relict of the Bishop of Caithnes	20	0	0
Sept. 15.		George Gordone of Badinscooth and Helen Keith daughter to Kirkloimhill	20	0	0
Nov. 6.		Andro Arnot and Janet Gordone servitors to my Lord Airlie	20	0	0
Dec. 6.		Ar ^d . Campbell merchand in Edr. and Jean Moir daughter to Baillie Moir	13	6	8
	10.	Alex ^r . Donaldsone of Drumquhindle and Jean Gray Schives daughter	20	0	0
		Patrick Innes sone to Blairtoune and Margaret Pitindrich	13	6	8
		Mr Yokney and Margaret Watsone	13	6	8
	13.	Mr James Burnet apothecarie and Jean Mill daughter to the minister of Premnay	13	6	8
	18.	James Thomsons clerk to Earle Marr and Marione Gordone	13	6	8
1681.	Jan. 17.	John Reid mariner with Sara Robertsons daughter to Mr. Wm Robertsons in Piterheid	13	6	8
Mar. 9		Patrick Leslie mert in Abd. and Christine Law relict of Skipper Harper	13	6	8
	12.	John Gordone of Rothiemay and Elizabeth Barcklay heretrix of Towie	20	0	0

1681. April 21.	Laird Tyrie and Agnes Foullertoune daughter to Collonell John Foulartoune of Dudwick	£20	0	0
	William Robertsons agent in Ed ^l . and Christine Robertsons daughter to Mr. Alex ^r . Rob ^t sons fiscall	13	6	8
27.	Mr. Adam Sutherland min ^r . at New Macher and Eliz th . Dune daughter to Doctor Dune	20	0	0
June 7.	Laird of Pitcaple with ane daughter of the Laird of Balquhyns	20	0	0
23.	Thomas Leslie in Kirktoone of Clunie and Helen Simsons relict of James Coutts in Milbin	13	6	8
July 5.	Wm. Davidsons of Balnacraige and Issobell Gordons daughter to Alex ^r . Gordons of Kingudie	13	6	8
	Lauchlane McIntosh and the Ladie Mounie relict of Pat ^k . Farq ^r	20	0	0
	— and Collonell John Foulertoune his last daughter	20	0	0
20.	Mr. George Scott in Inverurie and Jean Kerr attendant on the Ladie Skene	13	6	8
22.	Charles Brag of Neither Aforsk and Janet Forbes sister in law to Thomas Forbes of Echt	13	6	8
Sept. 12.	George Keith Advocat in Abd. and Jeane Leslie daughter to John Leslie bailzie in Abd.	13	6	8
23.	Mr. Robert Alex ^r . min ^r . at Tounkland and Christine Patons sister to George Paton of Grandhome	13	6	8
Oct. 31.	Thomas Ogilvie in Dalachie and Eliz th . Ritchie servitrix to Mr. George Nicolson of Clunie	13	6	8
Nov. 29.	Mr. Richard Irvine of Cairnfeild and Margaret Aedie relict of Charles Dune mer ^t in Abd.	20	0	0

1681.	Dec. 21. Wm. Jamiesone of Balmuire and Issobell Meldrum sevine leg dollers	£19	12	0
1682.	Jan. 9. Mr. Robert Patrie of Portlethine and --- Moir daughter to Doctor Moir	20	0	0
	14. Alex ^r . Keith in Milnetoune and Helen Leith sister to Thrieield	13	0	8
	28. Mr. Alex ^r . Davidstone you ^r of Newtoune and Issobell Leslie Ladie Berrichill	20	0	0
	30. John Watsone merchand in Montrose and Issobell Baxter relict of Wm. Boswell	13	6	8
	Feb. 2. James Nairne glover in Abd. and Marie Norie daughter to John Norie tailzior in Abd.	13	6	8

DISCHARGE 1679-1683.

Imprimis to Mr. Alex ^r . Clerk Catechist in compleit peyment of half ane years sallarie fra Candlmass 1679 to Lambas 1679	11	6	0
Item lent to Mr. George Gairdyne Min ^r . conforme to his band	66	13	4
Item to Vidast Kellie Mess ^r . in Abd. the soume of fiftie pundis scots monie and that in full satisfacione to him of the pryce and value of the ground right and old walls and pertinents lyand in the Chaplands in Old Abd. sold be him to Mr. George Gardyne for the use of the said church conforme to ane disposition granted daited 7 May 1683	50	0	0
Item expended anent advysing the said right and comuning and clearing with the sd. Vidast Kellie	3	8	0
Item for perchment	1	6	0
Item for taking three seasines of the sd. land and hous	10	0	0
Item to Thomas Forbes servitor to George Pattoune advocat in Abd. for wreiting the securities of the sd. Land the sd. George Pattoune having past his own pains	5	16	0

ACCOUNTS OF THOMAS CASSIE, MR. OF KIRK WORK

CHARGE 1701-2

Item Wm. Wat in Old Aberdeen a child buried under arms in church yeard	0	6	8
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William Paul in Hardgate, a bairn in kirkyard under arms .	£0	6	8
Mr. Alex ^r . Fraser, Bailie in Old Abd. a bairn under arms .	3	6	8
A child of — Garden of Troup above arms	10	0	0
Janet Jaffray spouse to James Mason at Tillidron	1	6	8
David Murray Mason a bairn in kirkyard	0	6	8
Imprimis Alex ^r Sangster and Elspet Volum his wyfe for ther antenuptiall fornication paid being ther consignation pledges	5	16	0
John Cadel for the scandal of fornication with Agnes Mcky The said Agnes declared to be intirely miserable.	6	13	4
William Walker and Anna Rait for there scandalous carriag each of them paid four pundis which makes	8	0	0
Elizabeth Crystall for her scandall in fornication with George Umphra payed	4	0	0
Said George being gone to the military and no account about him.			
Sold to Mr. Patrick Sandilands of Cotten by appoyntment of the Session four trees out of the churchyard at fyve punds Scotts per pece for the encouragement of the manufactory and a gret jest out of the Church at six punds Scotts	26	0	0
Imprimis from Mr Wm. Ramsay for his privat contract with Janet Baxter	1	9	0
Alexander Strang for his privat contract and marriage with Margaret Fordyce	2	18	0
James Conquergood with — Ellis	2	18	0
George Shand with Margaret Gordon	1	9	0
Mr. James Dalgarno with Mrs. Rachel Sandilands	2	18	0
Received for John Aiken and Elizabeth Piery ther consign- ation pledges being in the hands of Mr Wm. Crysty . . . and that for ther haveing a confluence of people and fiddling at ther marriag contrair to the acts of parlia ^t and Gen: Assembly.	5	16	0
Received from James Conquergood for a quarters lare stone on his wyfe grave	2	13	4
James Touch for the Handbell for a year preceeding Whit- sunday last bypast being 1702 years	4	0	0

For dask and pew maills commencing from Martimass 1701
to Martimass 1702 years £153 4 4

DISCHARGE 1701-2

James Thomson clockmaker for a tow to hing the klok pace	2	1	6
Robt. Burnet glassier for glassieing a great part of the south and north windowes of the church	26	0	0
More to his son for lyming the whole windows (excepting the tuo gaval ones)	2	4	0
Payed for nyne quair of paper for a Register to the church .	3	0	0
Payed to Robt. Miln for binding the same	1	9	0
Payed to George Crystall for mending of sea ^{ll} daskes within the church and fixing the forbreast of the common loft	0	18	0
For ten fathom of towes for ringing of the bells at 2/- per fathom	1	0	0
Payed to John Marnoch for hinging the pulpet and latron with Blacks at King Williams death	12	0	0
Spent with him about the agreement for the saids blacks— when he and his servants were putting them up in all .	1	6	8
Payed to the officers and uthers at that tym for the ringing of the bells	1	14	6
Payed to James Jaffray for threety young plantin bought at Monimusk at 3 ¹ / ₄ per peece and for express for bringing them home 24 ⁶	6	4	6
Payed for setting of the saids trees in the church yeard .	5	18	0
Payed to Wm. Walker and James Touch by order of the session for beating of the drum through the Toun anent the Rouping of the stones in the church yeard	0	4	0
Payed to James Thomson yor. clockmaker for his salary for keeping the cloke of the church in order	8	13	4
Given to Mr Alexander Thomson of Portlethen and Mr. Alex ^r Lesly fiscall in Aberdeen for there conjunct consultation and advyce about the yearly annuities belonging to the church	11	12	0
Payed to the masons viz Peter Johnston and Wm Miln for building of three roods of the kirk yeard dykes at fourteen punds scotts per rood	42	0	0

James Touch for fixing stones at the roots of the trees newly set in the church yeard and hurling lyme out of the church for building the church yeard dykes . . .	£2	1	6
To the officers for ringing the bells upon the report of the great victory at Argo	0	16	0

CILARGE 1702-3

James Knight baillie in Old Abd.—bells rung	8	0	0
Burials—John Hay sacrist in the K. C. a bairn	0	6	8
Mr. Thomas Gordon late professor of philosophy in the Colledge of Glasgow, Gordons Isle and the bells rung	20	0	0
George Touch blacksmith in Meikle Gilcamston	1	6	8
Elizabeth Moore spouse to Dr. Patrick Urquhart professor of Medicine in Kings Colledge of Abd—Cheins Isle and bells rung	20	0	0
Received from Alex ^r . Lesly of Littlewartle the few dewtie of his lands on year	2	0	0
Mr. Patrick Walker of Torrieleith for his lands—two years	3	9	0
Mr. Patrick Sandilands of Cotton for all the trees of the church yeard being ten at four merk per tree	26	13	4

DISCHARGE 1702-3

Expended wt. some of the elders and others when ther was a warrant procured for apprehending Margaret Donaldson for keeping company wt. Wm. Forbes of Disblair	0	10	6
Payed to George Wilson in part of payment on Wm Johnstons account for wearing the east gavill window of the church	33	0	0
Payed for mason worke timber and trees with workmanship and ironwork for three stylls in the church yeard all being new viz the styll towards the chaplains the styll against the Minr ^s gate and the back style towards Seatoun	35	6	6
Mending on of the couple legs of the church when the nyn new couples were put up in the west end of it and for wages to the said workmen or wrights	2	18	0

CHARGE 1703-5

Alexander Still at Whythous of Robslaw a bairn in kirk yard	£0	6	8
Wm. Gordon of Goval a son named John buried in the Light Isle	6	13	4
Isabel Mercer spouse to Mr. Thomas Thomson of Cocklaw min ^r . in Old Abd. buried in the porch bells rung . . .	20	0	0
George Laing late thes ^r . in Old Abd. a bairn buried . . .	0	6	8
Mary Hamilton spouse to Thomas Shand writer in Abd. buried in the Church and upon certain considerations her lair was passed for	8	0	0
Margaret Paul in Abd. buried in kirkyard	1	6	8
Wm. Paul fermer in Hardgate a bairn under arms . . .	0	6	8
John Sandilands late provost in Aberdeen bairn buried in Light Isle above arms	6	13	4
Elsbet Rey spouse to Wm. Paul in Hardgate	1	6	8
Alex ^r . Barclay son to the deceast Mr. Adam Barclay dyeing in Old Abd. buried above arms	0	13	4
Mr. Alex ^r . Fraser Regent in the Kings Colledge bairn in the kirk	3	6	8
Anne Urqt. relick of Mr. William Smith in Old Abd. buried in Cheins Isle	13	6	8
Mr. Patrick Strachan in Abd. a bairn under arms . . .	0	8	10
Andrew Chalmer in Umkinbra in Newhills	1	15	6
Mr. Thomas Thomson of Cocklaw min ^r . at Old Abd. buried in the porch and bells rung	20	0	0
James Turriff late Conveener of the trades in Old Abd. .	1	6	8
Received from John Strachan for his privat contract with Marjory Ellis	1	9	0
Received from Alex ^r . Mitchel late clerk to the trades of Abd. for the heirs of John Irving for Philorths Manse 13/4 per annum for ten year	6	13	4

DISCHARGE 1703-5

For postage of a letter to the min ^r . of St. Ciras anent David Campbell	0	2	0
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Given George Patton for Redding that part of the church yard dykes betwixt Seatouns styll and George Kilgours house	£1 10 0
Given to John Ross for keeping the pews in the East end of the church viz from Martimass 1703 to Candlemass 1704	1 0 0
Item for a pynt ale to him to go through the owners theroff to come and take them	0 2 8
Given to George Wilson merch ^t in Aberdeen on Wm. Johnston glassier there his accompt in compleit pay- ment for weirine the east window in the church above the Colledge Loft	27 0 0
To John Swap merch ^t in Old Aberdeen for four ells harden for sackcloath for adulterers to appear in	0 18 0
To Robert Cook taylor for making the same in a garb	0 6 0
Spent in bespeakeing Conveener Douglas to have the com- munion bread in due tyme in readiness and to bring it over	0 2 8

ACCOUNTS OF MR. WILLIAM CRYSTIE

CHARGE 1705

Peter Skeen merchant in Old Aberdeen a bairn in the kirkyard	0 6 8
David Rickart of Arnage residing in the Chanory a child named Hellen buried Marquess isle	3 6 8
Christian Booth spouse to Mr. Andrew Aberdeen Thes ^t . in Old Abdl.	1 6 8
William Malcome shoemaker in Hardgate a bairn	0 6 8
Margaret Coutts lawfull daughter to the deceast Mr. Alex ^r . Coutts Min ^r . sometyne at Stracathro aged 19 years	0 17 10
Mr. Andrew Aberdeen thes ^t . in Old Abdl. a bairn under arms named George	0 6 8
Thomas Stead in Milnhill in Newhills paroch a bairn above arms named Thomas	0 17 10
Peter Kilgour at Wakemiln of Kethocksmiln a bairn under arms	0 6 8

Mr. James Sandilands of Craibston had a son named Thomas buried betwixt the two Isles above arms and aged about 13 years for whose lare John Sandilands yor. of Craibston paid	£6 13 4
John Dey subjanitor in the K. Colledge of Abd. a bairn under arms	0 6 8
Mr. Andrew Aberdeen thes ^r in Old Abd. a bairn named Andrew	0 13 4
David Forbes of Lesly had a son named John buried in the light Isle	6 13 4
Janet Marr relick of Patrick Norall sometyme Conveener of the trades in Old Abd.	1 6 8
Alexander Paul in Murcar a bairn under arms	0 6 8
Received from Arthur Forbes factor sometyme of Corsendae for his privat contract for the use of the Church	1 9 0

DISCHARGE 1705

Imprimis given to Wm Jeans mercht in Old Aberdeen for the hyre of his horse to Mr. Corse when he went through the paroche to visite the families and sick . . .	5 18 0
Given to John Smith yor. blacksmith in Old Abd. for three keys to the churchyard doors and helping the locks w th naills	0 15 4
Payed to George Adan one of the beddalls his half years Salary	6 13 4
Payed at appoyntment of the Session to James Piery in Grandholm two rex dollars being the consignation pledges of John Aiken and Elizabeth Piery his wyfe, and sister to the forsd. James which were once kept afor the Church use upon information that the sds. persons had a publick marriage but upon more certain information it was found otherwyse	5 16 0
Spent with the workemen employed at appoyntment of the prebty. for appreciating the Min ^{rs} . manse	0 15 6

ACCOUNTS OF THOMAS CASSIE

CHARGE 1705-7

Arthur Forbes let factor of Corsendae a bairn in light isle .	£6	13	4
Mr Archibald Forbes of Putachy a bairn in light isle under arms	5	16	0
Marjory Burnet relick of the deceast Mr. James Sandilands sometyms civilist in the Kinges Colledge of Abdl. buried in light isle	13	6	8
David Rickart of Arnage a bairn in Marquis isle under arms	3	6	8
James Moir Stonywood a bairn in Bishop Scougalls isle .	3	6	8
Wm. Blenchell in Robslaw	1	6	8
John Cruickshank Conviner in Old Abdl. a bairn under arms	0	6	8
Adam Urqrt lawfull son to Dr. Urqrt in Old Abdl. buried in the Chins isell	6	13	4
Alexr. Gray of Balgouny buried in the Chens isle and bells rung	20	0	0
Alexr. Gordon sometyne in Sanston buried in Mar: isle .	13	6	8
John Sandilands leat provist of Abdl. a bairn in the Light isle under arms	3	6	8
Alexr. Barrack in Old Abdl. a bairn under arms	0	6	8
Received from the Session Clk. on the account of Pat. Jackson reseling some years ago from his purpose of marriage wt Jean Still	2	18	0
Received from Mr. William Gordon baillie in Old Abdl. for a leair ston bought by him and which belongs to the Church no person pretending right therto	10	0	0
Received from Mr. David Cross a rix dolor for the privat contract and marriage of Thomas Lisly of Colpna Shiels	2	18	0
Received from Mr. Andrew Aberdeen leatt Thesr. in Old Abdl. a rix dolar for his private contract and marriage	2	18	0

DISCHARGE 1705-7

<p> Paid to John Smith yor. blacksmith in Old Abdl. and Alexr. Crystall wright ther for tacking down and putting up the bells in the Church and for iron work for hinging them and for fixing a scaffold to put them up </p>	9	5	0
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Pay ^t to the workemen for down tacking of the old orlage w ^t necessary expenses	£1 3 4
Pay ^t to Mr Lavier silver smith for mending and boyling the silver dish wherein the offering for the poor is gathred	1 16 0
Pay ^t to John Simson panter in Old Aberdeen for panting the orlage and illuminating the dayell of the Church	20 0 0
Pay ^t to Keneth Fraser masin worke above the bartison and at the back of the orlage w ^t a days wages for his pains in considering w ^t James Dugood wright what expenses would scafold point the prickeits	13 0 0
Payed to James Dugiod wright for facing of the orlage w ^t neue wanscot and fixing of the Scafold	17 9 0
Item for bringing from the Colledge ther hassartowe w ^t blocks conforme and the cradell these being nesserary meaterialls when the orlage was put up and for doun- tak of them agane to the Colledge	0 10 0
Payed Wm Hamilton clockmaicker for new worke about the church cloak	4 10 0
Payed to James Marnoch mason for building of the wall of the east end of the Church and macking the same highir for decency a fence being extrinsick from the Church and alongest the two isle theroff and consisting of three roods of mason worke	42 0 0
Payed for redding of the found of the forsd. wall	3 0 0
Item for tuo hundreth and fourseore loads of mortar	9 6 8
Item for earnest money to James Marnoch mason att agree- ment for bulding the forsd. wall	0 14 6
Pay ^t . Wm. Anderson and James Wilson for cleansing of Bishop Gaven Dumbars vault	1 2 0
Item pay ^t to James Duncan Dr. of the musick schooll his quarterly salary	2 0 0
Payed to Mr Wm. Crystie measter of the musick schooll his half years salary	26 13 4
Payed to Gilbert Anderson and George Adan church beddalls for there ringing of the sex houre bell in the morning and eight hour bell att night pr. quarterly salary	2 13 4

Payed to Alex ^r . Hendrie qrtly. salary for ringing of the Tolbooth bells at the weeklie sermons	£0 13 4
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ACCOUNTS OF WILLIAM TAYLOR

CHARGE 1709-10

Receaved from James Panton for his private marriage and contract	2 18 0
Receaved as the private contract and marriage of the Laird of Stoniewood	2 18 0
Receaved for the privat marriage of All. Shepherd and Elisabeth Davidson	1 9 0
Receaved for James Milnes privat marriage and contract . .	2 18 0
Item for on Gordon sone to Alex ^r . Gordon at the milne of Straloach his lair	1 6 8
Item for the lair of John Forbes in Dubcastell	1 6 8
Item for a bairn under arms of Alex ^r . Lesly in Buxburn in Newhills	0 8 10
Item for the lair of Alex ^r . Forbes in Rodrestoun buried in the church	13 6 8
Item for George Forsyth in Justice mills his burial lair . .	1 6 8
Item for the lair of the Min ^r . of Tyries mother being from Abd.	1 15 6
Item for the lair of Hugh Sudderland buried in the Church	13 6 8
Item for the ground right of George Taylors moyrs lair stone	6 0 0
Item for the lair of Alex ^r . Forbes relict in Rodrestoun . .	13 6 8

DISCHARGE 1709-10

Item payed Patrick Cruikshank for goeing thoro the toun on Sabbath since hallowday last	0 13 4
Item payed the Beddells for ringing the bells on the Queens Birthday this year	0 13 4
Item to drink money to the wrights for takeing and putting out the forms and pewes at the sacrament	0 3 0
Item for drink money att putting in the pewes after the sacrament	0 3 0
Item to making a new door to the Beidlhouse aisle payed Alexander Cristall	0 12 0

Payed George Hadden for goeing to Newkirk for Mr Mitchell to preach in the oldtoun	£0	9	0
Payed for the mantainence of Jean Walker seall. dayes in prison	0	10	8
Item payed John Gray for mending the Proffessors style	0	14	0
Payed (15 Sept 1709) the Beddalls for ringing the bells for a victory	0	16	0
Payed (Oct) the Beddalls for ringing the bells for surrendering Mens	0	16	0
Item for oyl to the cloack for a year payed Gilbert Anderson	0	13	0
Payed (6 Feb. 1710), the Beddells for ringing the bells for a rejoyceing	0	16	0
Item payed Wm. Walker for proclaiming wt the drum the justice of peace order anent Sabbath breaking	0	6	0
Payed (June 1710) the Beddalls for ringing the bells for Dowie surrendering	0	16	0
Item payed James Brown Watchmaker of his bygone sallarie and reparation of the Kirk Cloack	37	0	0

ACCOUNTS OF JOHN GLASSE

CHARGE 1710-12

1710	Dec. 20	James Johnston merchant in old abd. buried in the kirk yeard	1	6	8
1711	Feb. 1.	James Massie son to Andrew Massie buried in the keerk yeard	0	13	0
	10.	Georg Farqerson fermer in Sheatchslay in the keerk yeard	1	15	10
	17.	George Paton of Grandom buried in the Church	13	6	8
	Mar. 7.	A child of Alex ^r . Cristalls, wright in Abd. in kirkyard	0	6	8
		do. do. do.	0	6	8
	14.	Barbra Skeen releck of Georg Blenchel in Old Abd. in kirk yard	1	6	8
	April	Jeane Gillgowr spous to Georg Baran at Old Creeves in kirk yard	1	6	8

1711.	May 4.	Cristan Davidson relect of Jams Jeans in Delspro in kirkyard	£1 15 6
	19.	Jams Watt capmaker in kirk yard	1 6 8
	June 20.	John Sandelands son to Crabston buried in the leaght Islle	3 6 8
	July	— Gordon son to James Gordon of Barns in Gordons Islle	6 13 4
	Aug. 2	Jams Gordon do. do.	3 6 8
	Oct. 4.	Elspat Sime relict of John Challmer in kirk yard	1 6 8
	29.	Professer Gordon had a child buried in Gordons Isll	3 0 0
	Nov. 2.	Janet Macky spous to Georg Challmer in kirk yard	1 6 8
1712.	Feb. 18.	Willam Chapland student in the Collage	1 0 6

DISCHARGE 1710-12

Payed	John Chalmer	for keeping nolt and hors out of the kirk yeard in tim of sermon	0 3 0
Payed	John Stuart	for citting the inhabitance of Abd. befor the Comisser of Abd.	5 0 0
Payed	William Strachen	to give the mad wife and offechers for going through his parish	0 12 0
Payed	the workmen	for drink monie at the ministers advice	1 15 0

ACCOUNTS OF MR. WILLIAM CRYSTIE

CHARGE 1712-15

1712.	April 6.	Coll: John Midleton a daughter buried in the Light Isle, named Mary	3 6 8
	July 28.	Provost Sandelands a daughter named Jean in the Light Isle	6 13 4
	Sept. 25.	Alex ^r . Barcklay, blakesmith in Abdn.	1 5 6
	Oct. 18.	Mr. David Corse, Min ^r . at Old Abdn. buried in the Light Isle and bells rung	20 0 0

1712.	Dec. 19.	Barbara Pantoun rel: Georg. Laing Thesur. old Abdn.	£1 6 8
1713.	Jan. 9.	Mrs. Eliz: Morison rel: of the Lord Whyte- hill, buried in Scougall's Isle	13 6 8
	Feb. 1.	Elspet Lind, rel: of And. Cassie in old Abdn.	1 6 8
	April 1.	Elizabeth Cunningham, rel: of James Crystie, mercht. in old Abdn. buried in the Quire	1 6 8
	25.	John Orem son to the deceast Wm. Orem in old Abdn.	0 13 4
	29.	Mr. And. Abdn. Thesr. in old Abdn. a child of	0 13 4
	May 15.	Eliz. Knight daught. of the decast Baillie Knight, Old Abdn.	1 6 8
	Sept. 27.	Margaret Orem rel of Mr. And. Abdn. . .	4 6 8
	Dec. 26.	Mary Irving spouse to Mr. Wm. Gordon, late baillie in old Abdn. buried in Gordons Isle	13 6 8
1714.	Jan. 1.	Keneth Forbes, silversmith in Coll. Bounds, a child	0 6 8
	Feb. 18.	Captain Alexr. Middleton in Abdn. a son named John, buried in Light Isle . . .	3 6 8
	23.	Lues Gordon son to Alexr. Gordon of Kin- mundy, in the Quire	1 6 8
	April 28.	Mr. John Dunlap, sometyme Minr. at Sken	1 15 6
	June 20.	Jo: Sandilands yor. of Craibstoun a son in the Light Isle named Thomas	3 6 8
	July 13.	John Sandilands yor. of Craibston a child buried in the Isle, named Jean . . .	3 6 8
	15.	Captain Alexr. Middleton in Abdn. a child buried in the Isle, named	3 6 8
	Aug. 28.	Eliz. Johnston in Abdn. daughter of the deceast Baillie Johnston in Old Abdn. .	1 10 6
	Oct. 20.	Janet Gray rel. David Chalmer, gardiner Old Abdn.	1 6 8
	Nov. 2.	Ja: Gordon of Seaton buried wthin the Light Isle	13 6 8

1714.	Nov. 7.	Mr. Alex ^r . Mitchel, Min ^r . in Old Abdn. a child Anna	£0 7 0
	25.	John Pedder, Commis ^r clk. deput in Abd. in the Church	13 6 8
1715.	Jan. 17.	Sr. Wm. Forbes of Monimusk buried wtin the Isle of Old Machar Church ^t	13 6 8
	Feb. 19.	Mr. Wm. Blake sub-prin ^{ll} in the Kings Colledge buried in the Light Isle, bells rung	20 0 0
	Mar. 10.	Mrs. Margaret Garden, Lady Grandhom, buried in the Church	13 6 8
	23.	Keneth Forbes, silversmith in Coll. Bounds	1 6 8
	June 16.	Mr. James Sandilands of Craibstoun, buried betwixt the tuo Isles of Old Machar Church	13 6 8
	17.	John Sandilands sometyme provost of Abdn. buried betwixt the forsd. tuo Isles	13 6 8
1713.	Sept. 26.	Received for the privat contract and mar- riage of Mr. John Angus, Min ^r . at Kinneller w ^t Marjorie Sibbald	3 0 0
1714.	July 6.	Received for the privat contract and mar- riage of James Pencock and Margaret Forbes	3 0 0
	29.	Received from Pat. Stewart of Tombea for his privat contract and marriage with Mrs. Eliz. Cruickshank	3 0 0
	Oct. 23.	The Laird of Inverrey for his privat contract and marriage w ^t Mrs. Eliz: Blake	3 0 0

DISCHARGE 1712-15

To each of the Beddalls for ringing the bells at six aeloke in the morning and eight at night and on the Wednes- days to sermon, tuo merks q ^r ly	10 13 4
To James Duncan, Dr. of the Musick School, a years salary	8 0 0

^t In the Accounts for 1715-18 the Comptar notes that this sum was paid by the now deceased John Forbes, brother to Sir William before he went abroad.

To George Hadden for going with Margaret Brown a dilin- quent to the Magistrates of Abd. at app ^t . of the Session	£0 8 10
To Alex ^r . Hendry for waiting on her in prison in this town and for a bottle of ale to her and a loaf	0 5 4
To the Drummer for going w ^t the drum to discover the mother of a foundling	0 4 8
To Wm. Smith elder, blakesmith for tuo crampets and sixteen bigg nails qrof tuo of them garron for the Min ^r s. Style	0 10 0
To Alex ^r . Crystall and John Ritchy for helping the Bed- house style and Coll: box seat	0 4 0
For four quare of paper for a Register for recording the dead	1 12 0
To Rob ^t . Milne for binding of it	0 16 0
To Alex ^r . Gordon for representing against the proclamation banns of John Meinzie's mercht. in Abdn. being protest- ant and — Duguid a popish gentlewoman in this town	0 6 0
To the Beddalls (27 Sept. 1714) for ringing the bells for King George his arrival at London	0 16 0
To the sd. Beddalls (16 Octr) for ringing the bells when the King was proclaimed	0 16 0
To the sd. Beddalls (5 Nov) for ringing the bells for deliver- ance from the Gunpowder treason	0 16 0
To Christian Hutcheon for ale spent in her house at the tyme when the Church door was broken up	1 15 8
To Baillie Fordyce for a bigg Lock to the church door	2 8 0

ACCOUNTS OF MR. WILLIAM CRYSTIE

CHARGE 1715-18

1715. Dec. 29. Alex ^r . Forbes of Craigie being in mean circumstances buried in the Isle	12 0 0
1716. Feb. 3. Alex ^r . Burnet in Old Abdn. sometye chamberland to the Laird of Meldrum buried in the Isle	13 6 8
28. Wm. Rob ^t son in Westhall alias Tillidron a child named William	0 13 4

1716.	Mar. 7.	And. Dyce post in Abdn.	£1 15 6
	15.	Charles Kinninmount Ensigne in my L ^d . Shannans Reg ^t , buried in the South Isle	13 6 8
	April 12.	Margaret Adamson in Old Abdn. rel: of Alex ^r Burnet sometyme chamberlaind to the Laird of Meldrum, in the south isle	13 6 8
	19.	Christian Smith daughter to Wm. Smith, Conveener in Old Abdn.	1 6 8
	May 8.	Janet Orem daughter to the deceased Wm. Orem writter in Old Abdn.	1 6 8
	June 20.	Mathew Lorrance, Leiu ^t in my L ^d . Shan- nans Reg ^t	1 6 8
	July 12.	William Bayerly, Deacon of the Taylor Trade in Abdn.	1 15 6
	31.	Elspet Anderson daughter to the deceast Mr. George Anderson min ^r . at Cruden	1 6 8
	Oct. 30.	Isabel Burnet in Old Abdn. rel: of James Stephen, merchant in Stonehyve, in the south isle	13 6 8
	Dec. 4.	Henretta Hay daughter to Alexander Hay of Ranystoun	1 6 8
	7.	Margaret Anderson in Old Abdn. who was married to Wm. Forbes taylour ther who went of the countrey and no certain account if he be dead or alive	1 6 8
1717.	Feb. 24.	Peter Skeen mercht. in Old Abdn.	1 6 8
	Mar. 12.	George Gordon professor of the Oriental languages in Kings Colledge a child named Francis	- - -
	June 17.	Alex ^r Farq ^r son sometyme mercht. in Edr. a child named Alex ^r . dying here	0 6 8
	21.	Wm. Wilson, Schoolm ^r . in Abdn.	1 15 6
	Nov. 28.	James Duguid late Conveener in Old Abdn.	1 6 8
1718.	Jan. 20.	James Gordon of Barns a son in the Gordons Isle named Alex ^r	5 0 0
	29.	Rob ^t . Dyce son to And ^r . Dyce, thesu ^r . in Old Abdn.	1 6 8

1718. April 27. Janet Walker daughter to the deceast Mr. Patrick Walker of Torrieleith	£1 6 8
Received from Baillie Troup for the kirk bells being rung at the transportation of Captain Guthries Ladys corps from his lodgeing in Abdu. to the kirk of — place of interment	6 13 4

DISCHARGE 1715-18

Andrew Shepherd for ten fathom of whyte ropes for the stricking pace of the kirke clocke	2 0 0
Gilbert Anderson for his paines in going to Futtie for the sd. ropes and to take a drink wt the said Shepherd	0 3 0
Wm. Walker for ten birne fogg for the sclaitters	2 0 0
Gilbert Anderson and George Hadden church beddalls for ringing the church bells upon the Solemnities following —primo when the Duke of Argyle came into the Town in the beginning of February: 2do. upon the twenty eight day of May being the King's birth day; 3tio. upon the seventh day of June being a thanksgiving day for his Maties. success in his arms in the late rebellion; 4to. August first in commemoration of his Maties. happy accession to the throne; 5to. October twentieth in commemoration of his Maties. coronation; 6to. October thretieth and first in commemoration of the Prince of Wales birth day; 7mo. November fyfth being the Gunepowder treason all in the year 1716	5 12 0
John Smith for ane iron candle stick to the Latron	0 9 0
For candle to the church at singing the psalms after sermon afternoon on the Lords days	0 2 0
James Hill for some papers of pinns of various sizes for fixing the Communion linnings to the green cloaths wherewith the Communion tables were covered	0 5 9

ACCOUNTS OF JAMES HATT

CHARGE 1725-27

1725. Dec. 23. Doctor Urquhart buried in Bishops Ayle . .	13 6 8
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1725.	Dec. 23.	Mr William Smith minr. in Old Abdn a child	£0	6	8
1726.	Jan. 25.	Do. do.	0	6	8
	Feb. 20.	Adam Thomson clk. in Old Abdn. a child .	0	6	8
	Mar. 21.	Will: Webster, student in the Kings College	1	6	8
	April 11.	Dr. James Garden in Old Abdn. . . .	1	6	8
	May 28.	Dr. Middleton in Old Abdn.	1	6	8
	Sept. 16.	Alex ^r . Calder, Aswanly a dau ^r . in the south ayle	13	6	8
	Dec. 29.	Gil: Minzies in Abdn. a child	0	8	10
1727.	Jan. 1.	Marg ^t . Webster rel: of John Menzies at Silverburne	1	6	8
	April 6.	Fraserfeild buried in the Kirk haveing the bells	20	0	0
		Mr. Will: Murray and Mrs. Irvin twice proclaimed in one day	3	0	0
		Dask and pew mails at Whitsunday 1727	60	8	0

DISCHARGE 1725-27

Payed John Murray, Dr. of the Musick school one year and ane halfs saalry	21	0	0
Andr. Haddon Dr of the Musick School half ane years sallery	7	0	0
Spent with the Civelist and Geo: Chalmers goeing south .	2	9	6
James Haddon takeing down the session house bell and putting up again	0	12	0
Wm. Walker acct. of dyeing and dressing the green cloth for the communion tables	20	0	0
For 32 trees to plant in the room of some gone back . .	1	10	0
Will: Molyson planting the same and pruncing the rest .	1	0	6
Joh: Mowat for work at the Kirk Cloak	2	2	0

ACCOUNTS OF ALEXR. TAYLOR

CHARGE 1727-30

1728.	Jan. 6.	Susanna Garden relict of Jo. Pedder clk. dep. in Abd.	1	6	8
	10.	Baillie James Hatt in Old Abd.	1	6	8

1728.	Jan. 22.	Mr. Alex ^r Mitchell, Minister of the Gospel in Old Abd.	£1 6 8
		Elsbet White rel: of John Deans, Trades clk. in Abd.	1 15 6
	Feb. 4.	John Sandilands of Craibston a child in the Isle	3 6 8
	June 10.	Allex ^r . Cooper Thes ^r of Old Abd.	1 6 8
	Sept. 22.	Andrew Massie, brassier in Old Abd.	1 6 8
	Dec. 15.	John Mowat in Coll: Bounds a child	0 13 4
1729.	Jan. 19.	Ann Garden rel: of Mr. Clerk some time Minister at Methlick who dyed in Old Abdn.	1 6 8
	Feb. 7.	— Campbell spous to Pr. Chalmers	1 6 8
	10.	Mary Fraser daughter to Subprincipal Fraser, in church and bells rung	20 0 0
	May 9.	Mrs. Fraser spouse to Subprincipal Fraser, in the kirk and bells rung	20 0 0
	July 7.	James Shirres, Quechmaker in Coll: Bounds, a child	0 6 8
	18.	John Sandilands of Craibston in the Isle	13 6 8
	Aug. 31.	Margaret Angus spous to Geo. Menzie at Greenburn	1 15 6
	Sept. 5.	Rodk. McKulloch, glover in Abd. a child	0 8 10
	Oct. 1.	Mr. Geo: Gordon Pr. of Languages in K's Coll: a daughter in the Isle	6 13 4
	15.	All: Sinclair Conveener in Old Abd. a child	0 13 4
	Nov. 18.	Mr. Arch. Seaton, Epis. Preacher, resider in Old Abd.	1 6 8
	Dec. 21.	Ja. Duncan, Apothecary in Old Abd. a child	0 13 4
1730.	Mar. 26.	Dan. Whyte hook maker in Abd. a child	0 8 10
	May 5.	John Murray, scull maker in Scottstown	1 6 8
1729.	Mar.	Received for the private marriage of All: Farquharson and Janet Cruikshank par- ishioners	1 10 0
		Retained from Rob. Nicol and Janet Moir, parishioners for not implimenting their contract of marriage	6 0 0

DISCHARGE 1727-30

Rob. Cruikshank, silversmith for mending the lug of the silver tass	£0 8 0
Spent wt. Civilist Fraser and Will: Molyson at drawing up a list of the persons decreit had passed agt for annuities to the Kirk of Old Machar and the terms they are liable from	1 4 0
John Mowat as per acct. for work about the bell	16 12 0
John Miln, book binder for mending the binding of kirk bible	0 10 0

ACCOUNTS OF GEORGE GORDON

CHARGE 1730-32

1730. July 11. Baillie Orem in Old Aberdeen buried in the Gordons Isle	13 6 8
Nov. 20. Hellen Gordon daughter to the Laird of Kynoch, buried in Gordons Isle	13 6 8
1731. Mar. 31. Alexander Davidson of Newtoun in church Bell rung	20 0 0
April 27. Andrew Dyce, merchant in Old Abdn.	1 6 8
Oct. 31. Kathrain Dyce daughter to Mr. William Dyce late minister of the Gospell at Bellhelvie	0 13 4

ACCOUNTS OF MR. JAMES MOLLYSON

CHARGE 1732-34

Received from the Town Thesaurer of Aberdeen one years annuitie of the Water and Burrow Mails	6 0 0
Received from Mr. Patrick Thomson, late usher in the Grammar School of Aberdeen on the Laird of Wartles account three years annuities for the town and lands of Little Wartle	6 0 0
1733. April 27. William Anderson merchant in Old Aberdeen for forwarding his proclamations	3 0 0
Nov. 24. Mrs. Margaret Garden for a lair stone to Dr. George Garden's grave	6 13 4

1733.	Jan. 19.	John Gordon son to Mr. Geo. Gordon late Professor of O. Languages in K. Coll: b. Gordons Isle	£6 13 4
	25.	Doctor James Gaderer, residenter in Old Abdn. b. in Scougals Isle	13 6 8
		Katharine Fraser spouse to Mr. Ja. Molly- son Mr. of the Musick School O. Abdn.	1 6 8
	28.	George Hadden Church Officer in Old Abdn.	1 6 8
	Feb. 3.	Dr. George Garden in Abdn.	1 15 6
	16.	Mr. David Anderson Professor of Divinity in Kings College	1 6 8
	Mar. 8.	Lady Katharine Fraser buried in the church and bells rung	20 0 0
	June 8.	Robt. Gordon, Janitor in Kings College	1 6 8
	Aug. 17.	Eliz. Wilkie Relict of Robert Gordon, Janitor, a son	0 13 0
	Oct. 10.	Mary Murray spouse to Mr. John Ker, Regent in K. College in the South isle	13 6 8
	29.	Mr. Richard Gordon, Advocate in Abdn. a child in Gordons isle	1 6 8
	Nov. 7.	Eliz. Wilkie, relict of Robert Gordon, Janitor in Kings College	1 6 6
	10.	Mr. William Gordon of Govil in Gordons Isle and bells rung	20 0 0
1734.	Jan. 15.	Mrs. Betty Urquhart daur. to the Deceast Dr. Urquhart, buried Bishops Isle and bells rung	20 0 0
		Adam Thomson, Town Clerk in Old Abdn.	1 6 8
	Mar. 5.	John Fraser, tobacconist in Old Abdn.	1 6 8
	April 17.	Mrs. Elizabeth Cuninghame Coll. Midletons Lady	1 6 8
	May 15.	James Duncan, surgeon in Old Abdn a son	0 13 0
	Aug. 9.	Mr. Lewis Gordon of Kinmundy, bells rung	8 0 0

DISCHARGE 1732-34

To money spent with the Subprin ^l Mr. Bradfutt Conveeners Macky and Michie att making contract with the sclatter for poynting the roof of the church and for dead arles to the sclater	£1	1	0
Duncan Riach for a new big lock to the Gordons Isle door and a key	1	4	0
John Lumsden for mending the warrand of the clock and for putting in the tongue in the little Bell	1	10	0
Conveener Michies servants for drink att mending the church windows	0	4	6

CHARGE 1734-36

1734. Nov. 11. Barbara Cobler spouse to James Michie square wright in Old Abdn.	1	6	8
1735. Feb. 2. Alex ^r Gray Schoolmaster in Aberdeen, but being free burgher here pay ^d	1	6	6
16. — spouse to Alex ^r Paul in Murcur	1	6	8
May 13 — relict of Robert Wilson Oeconomist in K. Coll.	1	6	8
Sept. 23. Leiut. Robert Hart in the Earl of Effingham's Reg ^t . a son in the church	3	6	8

DISCHARGE 1734-36

John Mowat for iron hingers to the two bells and for rowing and sadding the two tongues w ^t . iron hooks rings and forclocks	5	12	0
George Macky for the Poors Box	6	0	0
James Meason for locks bands and crampets to the new box for holding the poors money	3	10	0
James Fawns for mending a great gulph among the graves and for mending other things in the churchyard and floor of the church	0	18	0

CHARGE 1736-44

Annuity out of Monaltries house called Kinkells Manse payd by the said Laird of Monaltrie, 15 years and a half at 10 merks per annum is	103	6	8
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Annuity out of Alex ^r . Irvine of Pitmukston his house in Old Abdn. sometime called the Manse of Philorth payd by Alex ^r . Ross merchant in Old Aberdeen, 15 years at 13/4 per annum is		£10	0	0
William Swaps pledges for not implimenting marriage with Janet Lendrum		6	0	0
1736.	Jan. 31. — spouse to Mr. Alex ^r . Gordon late Humanist in Gordons isle	13	6	8
	Feb. 1. Julian Dalgarno relict of Captain Gordon, Gordon isle	13	6	8
	June 12. Alex ^r . Molyson merch ^t and late bailie in Old Aberdeen b. Gordons isle, bells rung	20	0	0
	July 3. — Irvine relict of Doctor James Garden	1	6	8
	4. Beatrice Aiken spouse to John Deuchar of Fornet	1	6	8
	Sept. 24. The Laird of Meldrum a child in Gordons isle	5	0	0
	Oct. 8. John Sandilands of Countesswells aged about 12 years b. in Gordons isle	10	0	0
1737.	Jan. 17. John Mowat, smith in old Abdn. a child	0	13	4
	Feb. 10. Archibald Campbell, Janitor in Kings Coll. a son	0	13	4
	April 19. James Gordon of Barns b. in Gordons isle	13	6	8
	Oct. 18. William Baird silk dyer in Abdn. a child	0	8	6
	Nov. 14. Alex ^r . Gordon of Edintore two children in Gordons isle	3	6	8
	Dec. 13. John Moir of Stonywood b. in Bishop Scugals isle bells rung	20	0	0
1738.	Feb. 18. Mrs. Mary Gordon, late Humanists sister b. Gordons isle	13	6	8
	Mar. 8. James Walker Comiss ^r . clerk depute in the church	13	6	8
	28. Will: Ross, student son to the Laird of Kin-dease b. in Gordons isle	6	13	4
	July 17. William Gordon of Govil a son in Gordons isle	6	13	4

1738.	Aug. 8.	— Gordon brother to Govil, in Gordons isle	£13	6	8
1739.	Jan. 1.	Mr. Alex ^r . Gordon Humanist in Kings College b. in Gordons isle.	13	6	8
	14.	— Gregory spouse to John Cuthbert of Rosehall b. in Gordons isle	13	6	8
	Feb. 7.	Katharin Sharp spous to Gilb ^t . Menzies in Abdn.	1	15	6
	20.	Mrs. Betty Farq ^r . sister to Mr. Farq ^r . Min ^r . at Nigg	1	15	6
	April 16.	Mary Gordon spouse to James Day Janitor in K. Coll.	1	6	8
	Aug. 8.	John Paton of Grandom in the Church and bells rung	20	0	0
1740.	Feb. 26.	Christian Knight relict of Bailie Troup b. in Bp. Scougals isle	13	6	8
	April 2.	Marg ^t . Cooper relict of Will. Orem in old Abdn.	1	6	8
	June 3.	James Mowat son to John Mowat Smith	0	13	4
	Aug. 22.	John Day, subjanitor in Kings College	1	6	6
	Nov. 10.	Mr. Middleton of Seaton a son	0	6	8
	Dec. 20.	Mrs. Mary Law dau ^r . to Mr. Law, min ^r	0	13	4
1741.	Jan. 24.	— Dunlop relict of — Forbes of Craigie	1	15	6
	31.	Mr. Alex ^r . Fraser Civilist in Kings Coll. b. in the Church and bells rung	20	0	0
	Feb. 16.	Mr. Will: Meason son to John Meason sometime Schoolm ^r . at Fintray.	0	13	4
	Sept. 28.	Mr. John Gordon sometime Civilist b. in Gordons isle	13	6	8
	Aug. 14.	Alex ^r . Fraser son to the lait Civilist in the Church	6	13	4
	Nov. 25.	Mr. Pat. Bradfut	1	6	8
1742.	Jan. 18.	Mr. Alex. Fraser Powies in the Church, bells rung	20	0	0
	Mar. 16.	Lady Colpna	1	6	8

1742.	April 24.	Andrew Dyce son to Mr. Dyce Minr. some- time at Bellhelvie	£1	6	8
		Professor Lumsdens sister called May	1	6	8
	Sept. 6.	Lady Clova in the Bishops isle, bells rung	20	0	0
1743.	Feb. 5.	William Gordon student at the College	0	13	4
	Mar. 1.	George Gordon student at Kings Coll. b. Gordons isle	6	13	4
		4. Lady Tillery b. in Bishops isle, bells rung	20	0	0
	June 16.	John Deuchors of Fornet	1	6	6
		22. John Leith post in Aberdeen	1	6	8
	Nov. 1.	Mr. Tho. Gordon Humanist a child in Gordons isle	3	6	8
1744.	Jan. 29.	Mrs. Margt. Paton, Grandoms aunt in the Church	13	6	8

DISCHARGE 1736-44

To Material and workmanship at the Manse of old Machar pay ^d at the desire of the Heretors	59	11	8
To lead for fixing the irons in the globs at the kirk style	0	10	0
To Patrick Matthew sclater for poynting all the back wall of the Church and the butreies	28	0	0
To the use of black cloath for covering the pulpit and latron at the Queens death	6	6	0
To an english spade for the graves	1	19	6
Expence of process agt Edintore before the Commissary about his seat and extracting the Decreet and postage to Edr.	4	16	0
To 30 bolls of lime at 15d. per boll to be sowrd and prepared for poynting the tuo spires on the Church	22	10	0
To carrying over sd. lime from the shore and to the man that took care of it at the ship when it was met sacked	6	12	0
To riddling and watering sd. lime having got no sand	1	10	0
To Deacon Reith for taking off the black cloth from the pulpit and latron and carring them over to Aberdeen	1	0	0
To drink to the men at taking down the old and putting up the new dial of the clock in the Church	0	15	0

To William Sangster mason for going up an viewing the spyres and directing how to prepare the lime for them	£0 18 0
To John Mowat for mending and cleaning the Kirk Clock	30 0 0
To James Meason for 12 score of new tokens and other work in the Church	10 17 0
To snedding the trees in the Churchyard	0 12 0
To Peter Matthew sclater for sclating a great breach in the main roof of the Church and some of the fore toofall	28 10 0
To spent at two meetings with the wrights and meason and at signing the contract anent poynting the steeples .	1 11 6
To them for drink money and dead earnest	1 16 0
To George Macky and James Jeffry wrights for new glass and frames to the upper part of the west window and to other windows an accot. of £58 8 6 wherof paid .	37 3 0
To poynting the two steeples of the Church as per discharged . contract	276 0 0

ACCOUNTS OF MR. JAMES PATERSON

CHARGE 1746-48

Cash sent by the Laird of Invercald for the use of the poor	25 4 0
Cash borrowed from Geo. Mitchell, officer of excise in O. Abd.	840 0 0

DISCHARGE 1746-48

By Cash to a Register for the Kirk Treasurers accompts .	1 18 0
By Cash given for 6 bags to hold the collections	0 6 4
By Cash given to Isabel Watt for keeping Sarah Tyle the Foundling from Feb. 25 th 1747 to Feb. 29 th 1748 .	10 4 0
By Cash given for cloaths to said Foundling	3 8 6
By Cash paid Mr. Jo. Maxwell, Pby. burser for year 1747 .	11 0 0
By Cash paid for House and Garden possess'd by Geo. Paul	2520 0 0
By Cash given Margt. Becket, midwife for going thro' the Town	0 18 0

CHARGE 1751-52

The Accomptant charges himself Dr. to rent of George Paul's House and Garden from Mart. 1750 to Mart. 1751	126 0 0
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To cash receiv'd from Captain Thomson as an acknowledgement for allowing him to be thrice proclaimed on one Sabbath £1 10 0

CHARGE 1752-53

To cash received from James Elder, Post at Banff for hastening his proclamation 3 0 0
 To cash receiv'd from Arthur Glenmy do. 3 0 0
 To cash receiv'd from John Innes, silversmith at Strathbogie do. 3 0 0

DISCHARGE 1752-53

By annuity to the Session Clerk 9 0 0
 By cash paid widows on Messieurs Greig and Fraser their Mortification p. List 21 13 4
 By two thirds of the balance of Geo. Paul's rent after the necessary deductions given to the Poor in Town and College Bounds 14 17 8

CHARGE 1753-54

To one half of weekly collections for last quarter . . . 16 0 9
 To acknowledgement from Mr. James Smith for accelerating his proclamations 3 0 0
 To acknowledgement from John Thomson, mariner for accelerating his proclamations 3 0 0

DISCHARGE 1753-54

By cash paid Mr. French for writing a bond for money lent to the Church Session by George Paul 1 10 0
 By cash paid for entertainment at writing said Bond . . . 3 9 0
 By cash paid Mr. Arthur Mitchell Presbytery clerk . . . 6 0 0
 By cash paid Mr. Gavin Mitchell Presbytery bursar . . . 11 0 0

MINUTES OF THE KIRK SESSION
DEALING WITH THE
MAINTENANCE OF THE POOR¹

3 JUNE 1751

At the Session House of Old Machar the Church Session met and constitute Mr. James Mitchell, Moderator. A good number of the Heritors of said Parish being met with the Church Session to consult about the maintenance of the Poor, they agreed unanimously to the following Resolutions :—

1. That every Heritor take a list of the Poor residing within his own Estate, and examine into their condition and make a report thereaunt.
2. That a Committee be named to make up a Stent of such sum as shall be found necessary for maintaining the Poor during the present quarter, and they nam'd the following persons for that effect viz, Provost Moorison, Mr. Skene of Robslaw, Mr. Thomson of Banchory, Mr. Moir of Scotstoun, Dr. James Burnet, Messrs Andrew Thomson, and Walter Cochran, Bailie Swap and Mr. Thomas Gordon, Humanist, or any three of them. As also to meet with the Church Session during this quarter to review the Poor and to consider which of them are fit to work in the manufactories and to get them forthwith employ'd therein according to Law, or to procure for them flax or other materials for working at home upon the Parish's being bound for their duely manufacturing and returning the same.
3. That all the children of the Poor be brought before them and such of them as are of age be bound apprentices or some way employ'd in the factories.
4. That the Magistrates of Old Aberdeen take an account of the house rents in the Town, and that the members of the Session endeavour

¹ Extracts from a volume inscribed, “ Register of the Conjunct Meeting of the Heritors and Church Session of the Parish of Old Machar appointed by order of the Sheriff Substitute of Aberdeen for the Assessment of the Parish foresaid in order to the Maintenance of the Poor.”

to get an account of the rents of all such houses in the parish as are inhabited by such persons as have no farm and therefore cannot be taxed legally for maintaining the Poor, other ways than according to valued rent of their houses, and further recommend to them to make up a stent upon the valued rent of said houses in the same manner as the houses within the Freedom Lands of Aberdeen as stented for taxation.

5. As 'tis impossible to make out the stent upon the Town or Country part of the parish, or to raise money upon it so soon as will be necessary for the first distribution to the Poor, they recommended to the Magistrates of Old Aberdeen to raise a voluntary collection upon the Inhabitants, and to the Church Session to give in what money is at present in the Poor's Box towards defraying the first monthly payment.

6. That the stent will be made out for this quarter according to the present roll given in to this Meeting, and injoin all Heritors who may think themselves lesed by said roll of valuation to give in their complaints to said Committee before the beginning of next quarter that they may obtain redress.

7. That all Heritors in the country and the Magistrates in the Town take the greatest care not to receive into their bounds or suffer houses to be set to stranger poor, or such as cannot give a reasonable account of their way of living.

8. That a General Disposition be drawn for all such as shall be enter'd in the Charity Roll to be totally maintain'd by the Parish, of their whole effects that shall belong to them at the time of their death in favour of the Collector of the Church Session as their executor, and this Disposition to be sign'd by such as can write and by a Notary publick for such as cannot write before they receive their first quota.

Lastly they hereby nominate and appoint James Bradfut, Merchant in Old Aberdeen, Overseer or Collector for one whole year to collect and distribute the said maintenance to the Poor within this Parish, and also recommend him to the Sheriff as a proper person to be high constable within this district.

8 JULY 1751

Mr. James Mitchell, moderator, present a considerable number of the Committee foresaid, after reading the minutes of the former meeting the Collector gave in his stent roll and an account of the money he had

received from the several heritors who had paid him amounting to £108 : 3 : 8 scots, and the printer's discharge for £4. 10/ scots paid for printing receipts, so that he is only to account for the balance. The meeting appointed him to prosecute the deficients, and to take the advice of Messieurs Alexander & Andrew Thomsons, the Laird of Scotstoun and Dr. Catanach anent the proper method of doing it. They further appoint the Ministers to take the opinion of the Sheriff anent an easier method of collecting the Poors rates because of the difficulty of calling for payment at every one of the Heritors and Householdors of such a large parish. The allowance for the present month of July was distributed to the poor according to the roll marked in the last sederunt¹

5 AUGUST 1751

The session met and constitute Mr George Bartlett, moderator, present a considerable number of Heritors. There was a report given in to the meeting by the Collector of a great number of Heritors deficient in payment of the Poors rates for this quarter whom they order'd him to report to the Sheriff, that he may call them before him and proceed against them as accords of law. They appointed the method of collecting the tax for the Poor in time coming to be altered by reason of the impossibility of the Collector calling at every individual person in Town and Country due in payment of the same, and that there be intimation made from pulpit ten days before the time for payment for every Heritor and Householder to come or send their several proportions to the Collector's house on the day of payment, with certification that the deficients will be proceeded against as accords of law. They further appointed a meeting of the Heritors and Church Session to be held on Tuesday the thirteenth current within this place at three o'clock afternoon for making up a new list of the poor and providing a maintenance for them for the next half year, and that the poor attend said meeting and the same to be intimate from pulpit next Lord's day.

13 AUGUST 1751

The meeting proceeded to take the roll of the Poor into their consideration, and found the sum of £542. 3. 0 scots necessary for supporting the poor of the parish for the ensuing half year (being to the

¹ The number of persons on the roll given in was 117 and the amount distributed, £82. 10. 6 scots.

first Tuesday of February next), which sum is to be made up from the following funds,—

Imprimis the balance of last quarter's assessment in the Collector's hands suppos'd to be about £33 scots: Item one half of the Collections at the Church door during said half year supposed to amount to £39 scots: Item the produce of the funds belonging to the poor being the free part of the rent of George Paul's house and garden for croft 1751, supposed to amount to £36 after deducting repairs: Item seeing the above funds amount only to £108, the meeting resolve that £434. 3. 0 be raised from the parish by assessment in order to compleat the said sum of £542. 3. 0

The meeting directed the Humanist and Bailie Swap to proportion the said sum of £434. 3. 0 upon the Heritors and Parishioners, and to take as their rate in said assessment the former valuation of the parish according to which Kirk and Manse were repair'd, and to add to this an additional valuation of the houses in the Town of Old Aberdeen given in to this meeting by the said Humanist and Bailie Swap.

2 SEPTEMBER 1751

The meeting recommended to the elders to take lists of the children of the several poor upon the roll, marking their several ages in their said lists in order that the meeting may direct proper employment for these children or get them put in to the manufactories, that they may be no longer a burthen on their parents and the parish.

5 NOVEMBER 1751

Compear'd Peter Murray in Forresterhill being recommended by the Lady Bracco as an object of great charity and who has resided a long time in this parish always behaving himself honestly and discreetly, the Session agreed to receive him upon the roll. As also Alexander Stephen, who was recommended by the Sheriff, but, in regard he has resided for several years in the parish of Newhills, the Modr. was appointed by the meeting to write to the Minister of Newhills, that his session should bear an equal share of this poor man's maintenance for the reason already assign'd.

2 DECEMBER 1751

The said day the Session did appoint both the Ministers to write a joint letter to Mr French, Advocate in Aberdeen earnestly intreating

him, to contribute his best endeavours, that the process depending before the Sheriff with respect to the recusant Heritors may be brought to an issue with all expedition, in regard the Collector has no money for paying the poor after this day, and the Ministers in name of the Session are to assure the said Mr French that he is to be gratified for his pains and trouble.

4 FEBRUARY 1752.

T'was represented to the meeting that the Sheriff had passed decret against such of the Heritors as had refus'd to make payment of their proportions of the Poors Rates since Lambmass last, and several of these gentlemen being present agreed to make payment to the Collector on demand, and thereafter was given in A Memorial and Proposals offered to the consideration of the Ministers Heritors and Elders of Old Machar anent the maintenance of the Poor of that Parish, which the Heritors requir'd might be enter'd into the minutes of the Church Session. The tenor whereof is as follows,—

It is well known that the Law subjects every Parish to the maintenance of its own poor, and very many Acts of Parliament and privy Council have been issued on that subject and for suppressing idle beggars and vagabonds. But whatever has been the cause, 'tis certain that none of these Laws and Regulations did ever take effect in this part of the Country, and accordingly the practice of begging has been universally tolerated; An immediate consequence whereof has been, that all the begging poor in the Country have resorted to the places where they found themselves most in the road of business and passengers, that is to the neighbourhood of market and populous towns, where these swarms have gained such a residence as entitles them to maintenance of those particular Parishes, when the Law, that restrains them from begging comes to take effect.

This was notoriously the case of the Parish of Old Machar, when the Freeholders of the County at their meeting 5 June 1751, made and published vigorous Resolutions for suppressing vagrants or strolling beggars, and maintaining the poor within the respective parishes of their residence; and officers and constables were named by the Sheriff in each parish with proper instructions for putting these resolutions and the laws in execution.

And however burdensome these Regulations must have been in this parish, infested with so great a number of poor, the Ministers, Heritors and Elders, that they might not obstruct so good a design, set about raising a fund for maintaining them, in the same manner as they believ'd the rest of the Country would do, And accordingly assess'd the Parish in such a sum as was reckoned sufficient for their maintenance to be used and applied in quarterly payments. But if the number of the begging poor was burthensome to the Parish before, the burthen has been render'd yet greater by the unequal method the Parish has taken to levy this tax, for instead of laying the Poors Subsistence upon the whole Parish in an equal manner proportioned to every persons circumstance, which ought to be the rule of giving to the poor, and is agreeable to several Acts of Parlt. thereanent, the whole of this Subsistence has been imposed upon one part of the Parish, viz: the Heritors with relief of a half from their tenants, as if rich Householders or those possessed of offices or other large personal estates within this Parish were under less obligation of giving to the poor; The consequence of this has been, that the Heritors have refus'd to submitt to the burthen or to pay their quotas till compell'd by processes, some of which have been raised and are yet depending, whereby the Regulations have in no shape answered the end proposed by them, and the poor have been reduced to a starving condition.

This being the case, it is plain the design of maintaining the poor cannot take effect, unless some equitable method can be devised for raising the money requisite for their subsistence, and the following is humbly suggested as being not only equitable but also consistent with the Laws and Regulations made in that behalf,—

1. That the list of the poor that are now upon the Parish be strictly examined into, and such of them struck off as are able to gain their bread by labour.
2. That the aged and infirm poor, who are neither able to gain their bread nor go about to seek it, have so much weekly paid them out of the Collections at the Kirk door or other Kirk Session funds, without diminishing the Stock thereof.
3. That such of the poor as are any ways maimed or render'd unfit for labour, but who are able to go and beg, shall be allowed to beg alms

at the houses of the inhabitants throughout the Parish only and for that purpose have proper badges or tokens given them and certificates signed by the Heritor or Factor of the lands where they reside and by one of the Ministers and one of the Elders of the Parish,—which they shall have well sewed upon their right shoulder and always visible under pain of being treated as vagabonds as the Act of Parliament directs, whereby 'tis believed these poor will find a very comfortable subsistence, with very little burthen to any individual in the Parish.

4. That no children under 15 years of age or any young persons be suffered to beg within the Parish or receive any Badge for that purpose. But such of the Poor, as have any infant children in family, shall receive some additional consideration from the Kirk Session on their account, untill these children be fit for service, and then they shall be struck off the list.

5. That if the Collections and Kirk Session Funds shall happen to fall short of supplying those aged and infirm poor and infants, who are upon the lists, a voluntary contribution and collection shall be set on foot within the Parish and applied for that purpose.

6. That all possible care be taken to put the law in execution against strolling beggars and vagabonds found in the Parish and for removing any persons like to become burthensome to the Parish before they gain a legal residence therein.

7. That each Heritor take a more particular inspection of the poor living in his interest and expell therefrom all stranger beggars or incomers that are like to become such, and that he be at pains to get the poor residing in his interest and their children set out to work in the Parish or any adjacent manufactory.

8. That before the poor receive any supply from the Session or Badge for begging in the Parish, they shall be oblig'd to sign a Disposition of whatever effects they shall be possessed of or entitled to at their death in favour of the Kirk Session for the use of the poor of the Parish.

What is contained in the within four pages is the opinion and Resolution of the Heritors of the Parish of Old Machar subscribing and which they empower George Moir of Scotstown to give in as such in their names to the meeting advertised to be this day (anent the Funds

for Maintenance of the Poor), of the Ministers, Heritors and Elders of the said Parish, and this page being only subscribed by them is declared equally sufficient as if they had signed each page thereof. Sic subscribitur

George Skene	John Still for Geo. Middleton Esq ^r .
Will: Fraser	Pat. Sandilands
Al. Thomson	Andrew Thomson
Patt. Duff	Alex ^r . Ross, Box Master to the
Walter Cochran	Fleshers
William Brebner	William Green, Box Master to the
James Morison	Wrights and Coopers
Alex ^r . Aberdein	William Stevenson, Box Master
John French for York Building	to the Weavers
Lands and Broadfoord	Robert Joyner
James Burnet	Will. Shepherd, Box Master to
James Ligertwood	the Shoemaker Trade
Alex ^r . Smith	George Shepherd, Box Master to
James Black	the Taylors
Hu. Fraser	Will: Thom
John Auldjo	Geo: Moir
James Sangster, Hammermens	
Boxmaster	
Alex ^r . Pierie, Seamens Box M ^r .	
James Norie, Mester of the Trades	
Hospital	

11 FEBRUARY 1752

The said day conven'd as a Committee of Heritors and Kirk Session George Moir of Scotstown, Captain Fraser, John Auldjo, Professor Lumsden, Mr. James Mitchell and Mr. George Bartlett, Ministers, the Humanist, and Conveener Volum. There were given in to the said Committee James Bradfut's Accompts as Collector for the last three quarters Assessment, which Accompts were clear'd and mutually discharg'd, and the Committee did recommend to the said James Bradfut to take all possible methods in order to recover the outstanding debts amounting to thirty two pounds seven shillings and five pence scots, and there was a balance of twenty nine pounds eight shillings three pennies scots given in to Mr. James Paterson, Kirk

Treasurer. The Committee also recommends to the Kirk Session to have their Treasurer's Accompts yearly from this date ready against the annual meeting of the Heritors and Session on the first Tuesday of January, that these accompts shall contain both the charge and discharge from Martimass to Martimass yearly, and that the first accompts shall extend from Martimass 1751 to Martimass 1752. The Committee further recommends to the Kirk Session to send a note to every Heritor of the poor residing in their several estates.

ACCOMPTS JAMES BRADFUT, COLLECTOR FOR HIS INTRO-
MISSIONS WITH THE ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER FUNDS FOR
SUPPORT OF THE POOR OF THE PARISH OF OLD MACHAR
FROM ROOD-DAY TO LAMBAS 1751 BEING ONE QUARTER

CHARGE

The Accomptant charges himself with the voluntary col- lection from the Town of Old Aberdeen, amounting to	£60	0	0
Item with the assessment upon the Parish for said Quarter	208	3	4
Item with one half of the Collections from Rood-day to Lambas	53	19	4
	<u>£322</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>

DISCHARGE

The Accomptant discharges himself by the assessment on the Burrow Roods about Old Aberdeen agreeable to Minute	£9	14	5
Item by money distributed to the poor June 10 th conform to roll	88	11	2
Item do. July 8 th do.	82	10	6
Item do. August 5 th do.	80	17	2
Item to James Chalmers, printer for printing 1000 blank receipts p ^r . his discharge	4	10	0
Item to Do. for advertising in the Aberdeens Journall the Heritors to give in their valued rents and pay their proportions	1	10	0
Item to Andrew Haddon for 27 summondses upon deficient for their assessments	2	14	0
Item to Andrew Dollas for his trouble in taking accompt of the rents of the houses in Old Aberdeen	0	18	0

Item the price of two paper books for stent and minutes	£2	8	0
Item by bill of rests	8	19	5
Item overcharged on Peter Simpson p ^r . minute	0	4	3
Balance due by the Accomptant is thereby	39	5	9
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	£322	2	8

CHARGE—Lambas 1751 to Candlemass 1752

The Accomptant charges himself with the Ballance of his

accmpts for the preceeding quarter	£39	5	9
Item with the bill of rests for said quarter	9	5	0
Item with the assessment upon the Parish for the present half year from Lambass 1751 to Cand. 1752	420	13	0
Item with one half of the Collections for the moneth of August	14	9	5
Item do. do. Sept ^r	10	5	4
Item do. do. October	6	2	3
Item do. do. Nov ^r	7	17	11
Item do. do. December	9	16	3
Item do. do. January			
Item with the ballance of the Rent of George Paul's House and Garden	22	0	8
Item with one years interest of £30 due to the Session, being from Martimass 1750 to Mart. 1751	18	0	0
Item recovered out of the effects of Jean Yule one of the Pensioners being the full of what she had received from the Session of Charity in her lifetime	6	0	0
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	£563	15	7

DISCHARGE

The Accomptant discharges himself by money distributed
to the poor September 2^d

	£88	12	4
Item do. do. October 7 th	89	6	8
Item do. do. Nov ^r . 5 th	87	5	4
Item do. do. Dec ^r . 2 ^d	83	17	4
Item do. do. Jan ^{ry} . 6 th	85	12	8
Item by Bill of rests [assessment in arrear]	32	7	5

Item by the Accomptants salary for 3 quarters conform to minute	£36	0	0
Item by James Elson who cannot be found	0	5	7
Item by money distributed to the poor February 5 th	31	0	0
Balance due by James Bradfut, Accomptant is	29	8	3
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	£563	15	7

At Old Aberdeen the 11th February 1752 at a Meeting of the Ministers Heritors and Elders of the Parish of Old Machar subscribing the above Accompts were given in to the meeting by the above mentioned James Bradfut together with the several vouchers, whereunto the same are relative, and the said James Bradfut having instantly paid in the above balance of £29 : 8 : 3 scots money to Mr. James Paterson, Treasurer to the Kirk Session, the meeting hereby approve of the said James Bradfuts management as Collector foresaid and exoner and discharge him of his intromissions with the assessed money and other Funds for supporting the poor of said Parish, recommending to him at the same time to do all reasonable endeavours to recover payment of the deficient quotas contain'd in the Bill of Rests and to account to the Kirk Session therefor, which the said James Bradfut obliges himself to do accordingly. In witness whereof these presents (written by the said Mr. James Paterson) are subscribed by the meeting and the said James Bradfut foresaid.

James Bradfut	John Auldjo	Jo: Lumsden
	Geo: Moir	J. Mitchell
	Thomas Volum	George Bartlett
	Thos Gordon	

BISHOPS OF ABERDEEN.¹

FROM THE REFORMATION TO THE REVOLUTION.

1577-1600. DAVID CUNNINGHAM was a son of William Cunningham, the laird of Cunningham-head, and he first appears as minister of Lanark in 1562, Lesmahago in 1567, and two years later, he was translated to Cadder, part of the sub-deanery of Glasgow. Monkland and Lenzie were put under his charge in addition to his other duties in 1574, and he likewise during this period acted as chaplain to the Regent, James, Earl of Morton for which he received a pension of £300. Cunningham was described as "a good man and learned" with a distrust of Episcopacy which was not so hearty as his colleagues would have desired. This opinion seems to have been well founded, for he accepted the nomination of the King to the bishopric of Aberdeen, and was confirmed in the See, 5th October 1577. Walter Cullen in his *Chronicle* informs us that the new bishop was consecrated at Aberdeen on the 11th November following by Patrick, bishop of St. Andrews, assisted by Mr. John Craig, minister at Aberdeen, and Mr. Andrew Strachan, minister at Dun. In 1578 the General Assembly appointed him Commissioner for Aberdeen and Banff, and in 1593 one of the visitors of King's College. He fell into trouble in 1586, and was accused of scandal, which was not cleared at the Assembly of the following year, and the King had to interfere and stop the process before it was got rid of. The bishop did not through this trouble lose the royal favour, for he was employed in a legation to the King of Denmark and several of the German princes, a duty which he is said to have discharged with great fidelity and reputation to himself. The royal favour was further shown, by Cunningham being chosen to baptise Prince Frederick, 30th August 1594. In conjunction with the duties of the diocese he also acted as one of the ordinary city ministers of Aberdeen, and when the burgh was

¹ Keith's Catalogue of Scottish Bishops; Scott's Fasti, and authorities there quoted; Wodrow's Biographical Collections, New Spalding Club; Officers and Graduates, King's College; Diary of Mr. John Row, &c.

divided ecclesiastically on 14th September 1596, the old or West Church with the Green and Crooked quarters fell to his share by lot. It is believed that owing to the serious dilapidation of the revenues of the See, the bishop received no emoluments beyond his stipend as a minister of St. Nicholas Church. The bishop died 30th August, 1600, and was survived by his widow, Katherine Wallace, without issue.

1600-1616. PETER BLACKBURN was born in Glasgow and was afterwards regent in Philosophy at the university there. He was translated in 1582 to be a minister in Aberdeen, and, in 1582 and 1593 appointed by the General Assembly a visitor of the College of Aberdeen. In 1586 and in 1588 he was appointed as visitor of Aberdeen, and in 1602 visitor of Moray. The Assembly of 1595 appointed him one of the commissioners for inquiring into the dilapidation of benefices. In the division of the town in September 1596, he had allocated to him the new church of St. Nicholas, afterwards the East Church, with the Even and Footdee quarters, and "four round tabillis." On Cunningham's death he was appointed by his Majesty to the See of Aberdeen, 2nd September 1600, but was not consecrated till 1611 at Brechin, so that in reality Blackburn was the first protestant bishop of Aberdeen. After his appointment he was uniformly a member of the General Assembly with the exception of that of 1605. The Assembly of 1606 appointed him constant moderator of the Presbytery who were charged by the Privy Council in January 1607, to receive him as such under pain of rebellion. He was a member of the Courts of High Commission in 1610 and again in 1615. The bishopric was held by him like his predecessor in conjunction with the position of a city minister, and like Cunningham, he, according to Kennedy, derived no income from the episcopal revenues. He is said to have been zealous for Episcopacy, yet at the same time anxious to please the presbyterians, with the result that he was not a favourite with either party. Calderwood's remark that "he was more mindful of a purse and five hundred merks in it, than anything else," is scarcely justified, if Kennedy is right in saying that his position as bishop did not increase his emoluments beyond what he received as a minister of St. Nicholas. Wodrow's opinion of him was that of "a judicious and famous divine." He died 14th June 1616. His portrait is in possession of the University of Aberdeen.

1616-1617. ALEXANDER FORBES was a son of John Forbes of Ardmurdo near Inverurie, descended from the Forbeses of Brux, and obtained his degree at St. Andrews in 1585. He was appointed to Fettercairn in 1588, promoted to the See of Caithness 12th November 1606, and seems to have held Fettercairn in conjunction with the bishopric. His consecration took place at Brechin prior to 3rd May 1611. He was appointed to the See of Aberdeen on 21st July 1616, and duly installed to the office at St. Andrews on the 23rd February following. He married Christian a daughter of Straton of Crigie, and had issue seven sons and three daughters, William, served his heir 14th July 1623; Colonel Alexander; Mr. John, minister at Auchterless; Robert; Captain Arthur; George; Bernard; Margaret or Marjory, married Andrew Straton of Warburton; Isobel, married George Forbes of Allathan, and Jean, married Mr. Robert Leighton, son to the laird of Usan. Bishop Forbes died at Leith, 14th December 1617, aged about 53 years.

1618-1635. PATRICK FORBES OF CORSE was the eldest son of William Forbes of Corse and his wife Elizabeth Strachan, a daughter of the house of Thornton in Kincardineshire. He was born at the family seat of Corse on 24th August 1564, and received the early part of his training at the Grammar School of Stirling, then under the charge of Thomas Buchanan, a nephew of the historian, George Buchanan. From Stirling he proceeded to Glasgow and studied philosophy under the care of Andrew Melville, and when the latter was transferred to St. Andrews, Forbes, who was a relative, also removed there. After a short stay in England he returned to St. Andrews, and pursued his theological studies with such success that he was offered a chair of Divinity, but refused the appointment, it is said, in deference to his father's wish that he should marry and settle down on the family estates. This course he adopted, and with the desire to be useful to his neighbours, he engaged in evangelistic work till the powers in Church and State interfered and put a stop to his work. His brother John, minister at Alford, had deeply offended by acting as Moderator of the General Assembly which met at Aberdeen in 1605, and it maybe that the work of the future bishop was looked upon, in consequence, with no friendly eye. The wish expressed by Mr. John Chalmers, minister of Keith, who died by injuries inflicted by his own

hand, that he should take up the duties of that charge, is said to have influenced Forbes as nothing else could have done, and in 1612 at the age of 48 years he was ordained and admitted minister at Keith. In 1617 he was elected by the Town Council of Edinburgh one of the ministers of that city, and received from them a gilt cup of thirty three ounce weight, but it appears he never took up a charge there, as he was presented by his Majesty to the See of Aberdeen in January 1618. His consecration took place on 17th May following at St. Andrews by John, Archbishop of St. Andrews, assisted by the bishops of Dunkeld and Brechin. The appointment of Forbes gave the greatest satisfaction, and his work within the diocese was recognised as of the highest order, and of a lasting character. It has been said of Bishop Forbes "that in him the apostolical character was exhibited to a greater degree than in any other of the episcopal order in his day; as he was distinguished by sound judgment, elevated piety, great meekness, uncommon prudence, and undoubted integrity. He unostentatiously and frequently perambulated his diocese, visiting his clergy, and encouraging or admonishing them as needs required; so that under his superintendence were to be found some of the most pious and learned divines in the kingdom." Bishop Forbes married on 25th June 1589 Lucretia, a daughter of David Spens of Wormiston in Fife, and had issue three sons and two daughters; William of Corse; Dr. John, professor of Divinity in the University and King's College, Aberdeen; Robert; a daughter married the laird of Kinstair, and another daughter married Baillie Irvine. The bishop died on 28th March 1635, in his 71st year and the 23rd of his ministry. His portrait is in the possession of the University of Aberdeen, and is reproduced in *Woodrow's Biographical Collections*, New Spalding Club. During his ministry at Keith he wrote several treatises, among others a *Commentaire upon the Revelation of St. John*, London, 1613; *A Treatise on the Validity of the Vocation of the Clergy in the Reformed Churches*, Middleburgh, 1614.

1635-1638. ADAM BELLENDEN was the second son of Sir John Bellenden of Auchinoul, Lord Justice Clerk, by his wife Barbara, a daughter of Sir Hugh Kennedy of Girvanmains, and a brother to Sir Lewis Bellenden, also Lord Justice Clerk. He was educated at the University of Edinburgh and graduated there, 1st August 1590. His

first charge was Falkirk to which he was presented in 1593 by James Bellenden of Brochtoun, and his name appears as a member of the General Assembly on several occasions, notably as one of the members of the Convention at Falkland in 1609, which led to his suspension for sometime. He demitted his charge at Falkirk in July 1616, and notwithstanding his previous opposition to Episcopacy, he was promoted the same year to be bishop of Dunblane, and duly admitted 14th April 1617, having been consecrated sometime before. The University of St. Andrews conferred on him the degree of D.D., 29th July 1617, and he was nominated a member of the Court of High Commission, a member of the Assembly in 1618, and of the Parliament of 1621 which ratified the Perth Articles. As the revenues of the See of Dunblane were very poor, the Priory of Monymusk and the office of Dean of the Chapel Royal were annexed to the See, and the annexation ratified by Parliament 4th August 1621. A supposed lukewarmness in introducing episcopal innovations, led to his being overlooked when the bishopric of Edinburgh became vacant; but on the death of Bishop Patrick Forbes he was appointed to Aberdeen, and presented prior to 22nd August 1635. He was a correspondent of Archbishop Laud on questions concerning the changes introduced into the church, and his letters have been preserved by Wodrow. Bellenden was deposed and excommunicated by the Glasgow Assembly, 13th December 1638, and leaving Aberdeen on 29th March 1639, he settled in England, and is said to have received from his Majesty a pension of £100 in 1641. Under an assumed name he was instituted to the Rectory of Portlock, Somersetshire, in 1642 and died in 1647 aged about 78 years. He married 17th February 1595 Jean Abercrombie, probably a daughter of Henry Abercrombie of Kersie, in the parish of St. Ninians, and had issue six sons and three daughters; James; Robert; William; Alexander; Mr. David, minister at Kincardine O'Neil; John, who accompanied his father to England; Elizabeth; Jean, and Margaret.

1662-1663. DAVID MITCHELL was born in the parish of Garvock in the Mearns, and was laureated at the University of St. Andrews in July 1612. His first charge was his native parish of Garvock to which he was admitted in 1619, "when he stated to the Synod that he had not observed the ordinance of the Assembly at Perth, because he was not sufficiently

resolved, but promised to study for conformity." He was presented by the Town Council of Edinburgh to the second charge of St. Giles with a stipend of 1200 merks, and was translated there in 1628, and succeeded to the first charge in 1634. Mitchell was deposed by the General Assembly of Glasgow in 1638 for Arminianism, and "declining" the General Assembly. After his deposition, he is said to have retired to Holland, where he supported himself by his mechanical knowledge as a clock and watchmaker. Returning to England he was collated to a Prebendary at Westminster 25th July 1660, and, in the letters of appointment, he is recommended in these terms "Mr. David Mitchell of Aberdeen is a person very learned and honest, and from the beginning of the troubles has been a great sufferer for the cause of his Majesty and the Church." To compensate him in part for his sufferings he had in June 1661 £200 allowed him by Parliament, and the University of Oxford conferred upon him on 9th July 1661 the honorary degree of D.D. He was in the following year presented to the bishopric of Aberdeen, and was consecrated at St. Andrews by the archbishop, assisted by the bishops of Moray and Dunkeld in June 1662. Bishop Mitchell died on the 29th January 1663 aged about 72 years, and was buried in the Cathedral, being conveyed there from St. Ninian's chapel on the Castlehill, where, according to custom, the remains had lain during the night prior to interment. He was unmarried, and a brother George, in Shiels of Garvock, was served his heir on 20th June 1663. Mitchell has been described as "a little man of brisk lively temper, well learned, a good preacher, of irreproachable manners and a single life." Under his auspices was published *Spottiswood's History of the Church and State of Scotland*, London, 1655.

1663-1664. ALEXANDER BURNET was a son of Mr. James Burnet, minister at Jedburgh, descended from the Burnets of Barns, was baptised 6th August 1615, and obtained his degree at the University of Edinburgh, 22nd June 1633. He was afterwards appointed chaplain to John, Earl of Traquair, and on 10th January 1639 he received a presentation by Charles I. to Coldingham, but was never settled there, as he immediately thereafter went to England, obtained orders and had a rectory in Kent which he held till ejected in 1650. Going abroad he had the opportunity of doing some service for Charles II., and at the Restoration his services



Patrick Scougal.
Bishop of Aberdeen, 1661-1682

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were rewarded in 1660 by his being collated to the Rectory of Ivechurch. While abroad he attended his cousin-german, General Rutherford, as chaplain while the latter was Governor of Dunkirk, and also ministered to the English congregation in that place. He was presented to the See of Aberdeen by Charles II. on 15th May 1663, and consecrated at St. Andrews by the archbishop assisted by others on 18th September 1663. His occupancy of the northern See was very short, as he was translated to be Archbishop of Glasgow on the death of Archbishop Fairfowl, and installed in that office at St. Andrews on 11th April 1664. Burnet was admitted a Privy Councillor the same month, and in November following he was made an extraordinary Lord of Session. In connection with the treatment of the rebels at Pentland in 1666, with whom he had considerable sympathy, he was threatened by Lauderdale, then Secretary of State, for revealing secrets of the Privy Council, in such a manner as to reach the ear of the King, and to prevent ulterior proceedings he resigned his bishopric in December 1669. He was subsequently restored to the See by the King's letter of 7th September 1674, and after Archbishop Sharp's murder on 3rd May 1679, he was translated to the See of St. Andrews, where he died on 24th August 1684, and was buried in St. Salvator's College.

1664-1682. PATRICK SCOUGAL was the son of Sir John Scougal of that ilk, and his first charge was that of Dairsie in Fifeshire, from whence he was translated to Leuchars in 1645, and to Salton in Haddingtonshire in 1659. He was one of the Commissioners appointed by Parliament on 28th May 1661 for trying the witches in Samuelson. His appointment to the See of Aberdeen was made by Charles II. on 25th February 1664, and he was consecrated at St. Andrews on the 11th April following. Scougal is represented as being a person "of rare temper, great piety and prudence," though perhaps too much under the influence of Archbishop Sharp. In personal appearance "he was tall and stooping, big eyed, grey haired and of a fearful aspect." He was twice married, his first wife being Margaret Wemyss, a Fifeshire lady, and his second wife, whom he married on 6th January 1660, Anne Congaltoun, afterwards Lady Gunsgreen, who died in December 1696. The bishop had issue three sons and two daughters; John, commissary and provost of Old Aberdeen; Mr. Henry, the pious and learned professor of Divinity in

King's College; James, also at one time commissary, afterwards an advocate in Edinburgh and subsequently a Lord of Session with the title of Lord Whithill; Katherine, who married on 30th November 1665, Mr. William Scorgie, minister of Rathven, afterwards bishop of Argyll, and Joanna, married to Dr. Patrick Sibbald, one of the city ministers of Aberdeen, and afterwards professor of Divinity in Marischal College. Bishop Scougal died on 16th February 1682 in the 75th year of his age, and was interred in the Cathedral, where his monument is still one of the most conspicuous objects. His portrait is in the possession of the University.

1682-1689. GEORGE HALIBURTON was the son of Mr. William Haliburton, minister of Collace, while his mother was a daughter of Archbishop Gladstones of St. Andrews. He was born at the Manse of Collace in 1628, laureated at the University of St. Andrews in 1646, and admitted to the charge at Coupar Angus in 1648. His views on church matters led to his suspension shortly after his appointment, but the sentence of suspension was removed in November 1652. The degree of D.D. was conferred upon him in 1673, and he was promoted to the See of Brechin in 1678, retaining the parochial benefice till at least December 1679 and probably later. Owing to the delapidation of the revenues of the See, Farnell was added to his charge on 28th January 1680. Charles II. presented him to the vacant bishopric of Aberdeen on the 15th July 1682, and ten days later he was duly installed at St. Andrews. He continued at Aberdeen till Episcopacy was abolished by the Estates, 11th April 1689, when he retired to live at his house near Coupar. The appointment of a Presbyterian minister to Halton of Newtyle close beside his estate he resisted, and "intruded" himself on the congregation from May 1698 till 28th May 1710. He married Rutherford, who died 15th June 1738, and had issue three sons and a daughter; Patrick; Mr. John, civilist at King's College (1687-89); James of Wattiebutts in the parish of Errol, and Margaret, who married John Lindsay of Wormiston, advocate and commissary of St. Andrews. Bishop Haliburton died at his mansion house, Denhead, near Coupar Angus, on 29th September 1715 in his 87th year and the 67th of his ministry. His seal as bishop of Aberdeen shows that he impaled the arms of the See with those of Haliburton of Pitcur, as he was descended from a collateral branch of that family.

MINISTERS OF OLD MACHAR¹

FIRST CHARGE

1569-1572. JAMES LAWSON was born near Perth about 1538, and received his early education at the Grammar School of that city, afterwards studying at the University of St. Andrews. After a short visit abroad he returned to St. Andrews and taught Hebrew there. During his student days he made the acquaintance of Alexander Arbuthnot and on the latter being made principal of King's College in 1569, Lawson was appointed sub-principal, and entered to the parochial charge of Old Machar at Lammas of the same year, with a stipend of £100 scots. Knox selected him as the one person fitted to succeed him in the charge of the Church in Edinburgh, and accordingly, he was translated there and admitted 9th November 1572. In connection with the troubles which arose between the Crown and the kirk, Lawson supported Melville and the presbyterians with no uncertain voice, with the result that in 1584 he had to retire for his personal safety to England, and died in London on 12th October of the same year in the 46th year of his age.

1573-1583. ALEXANDER ARBUTHNOT was the second son of Andrew Arbuthnot of Futhes, the fourth son of Sir Robert Arbuthnot of that ilk in Kincardineshire, and was born in the year 1538. His education was probably obtained at the Universities of Aberdeen and St. Andrews, and in 1561 he went abroad and for five years studied civil law under Cujas, who was then a professor in the University of Bourges. Having taken his degree as a licentiate of law he returned home with a view of making the law his profession, but embracing the principles of the Reformation he relinquished the idea, and being qualified in divinity he was ordained and presented on 15th July 1568 to Logie-Buchan by James VI. The following year Forvie was placed in his charge, and he removed his residence to that place, but Principal Anderson of King's College with several of the regents having refused

¹Scott's Fasti and the other authorities mentioned on page 184.

to conform to the New Evangel they were removed, and on 3rd July 1569 Arbuthnot was elected as principal. On the removal of Lawson to Edinburgh the parochial charge of Old Machar was placed in his charge, and he had for stipend the thirds of the benefices of Arbuthnot and Logie-Buchan, with the Dean's manse and glebe, and the croft of Lochhillis, he maintaining the readers. These pluralities he held in conjunction with the office of principal. He was elected Moderator of the General Assembly in August 1573 and again in April 1577. According to Spottiswoode his term of office as principal brought prosperity to King's, as "by his diligent teaching and dexterous government, he not only revived the study of good letters, but gained many from the superstitions whereunto they were given." His zeal for Presbyterianism however led him to lose favour at Court, and so when he was chosen minister of St. Andrews in 1583, the King ordered him under pain of horning to remain at his post in Aberdeen, and although the Assembly remonstrated against the course pursued, the King and Council had their way. An appreciation of Arbuthnot says that "this able and accomplished individual was a zealous patron of learning and possessing various and extensive knowledge he greatly assisted in promoting a taste for literature among his countrymen, while he strenuously supported the interests and views of the Reformers; so much indeed that his Majesty forbade his being absent from the University over which he presided, which not improbably accelerated his death." He died unmarried on 10th October 1583, aged 45 years. Arbuthnot was the author of several poems in English some of which have been preserved in Pinkerton's *Ancient Scottish Poems*.

1584-1592. WALTER STUART. His name is not given by Scott as one of the ministers of Old Machar, but we can hardly believe that an interregnum intervened between the death of Arbuthnot and the up-taking of the charge by David Rait, the succeeding principal to Stuart, and there is little room for doubt that the office of principal was at this time conjoined with the parochial charge. Stuart was originally one of the regents at King's College, and in 1572 he succeeded Mr. James Lawson as sub-principal, on the latter being translated to Edinburgh, and on the death of Arbuthnot in 1583 he was chosen principal. He was in orders as the parsonage of Methlick was in his hands, and this he

resigned to the College. Stuart was "a man much esteemed for bearing and prudence" and died in 1592 about 44 years of age. "He lies buried in the north side within the College chapel, in the place where the altar stood."

1592-1621. DAVID RAIT is said to have belonged to the family of Rait of Hallgreen in the Mearns. He is first mentioned, 30th October 1580, as humanist at King's College, then as regent, sub-principal in 1583, and principal in 1592. He had D.D. from King's College, and is said to have been the first to receive the degree after the Reformation; and was a member of the General Assembly in 1602, 1605 and 1610. His position as minister he evidently considered had certain limitations, as on 7th August 1601 it is recorded that, "he is teaching bot forenoon on Sunday but ocht to teach afternoon as he does before noon, this he resisted saying he is not farder oblisit bot anes in the oulk." As moderator of the Synod he preached at the opening of the Assembly at Aberdeen, 2nd July 1605, but curiously he was not summoned before the Privy Council, nor troubled in anyway for attending that Assembly as his other brethren were. He died in 1632.

1621-1640. ALEXANDER SCROGIE was promoted from being a regent, probably at Marischal College, and admitted helper at Skene in 1605. He was summoned by the Privy Council for attending the Aberdeen Assembly of 1605, and acknowledged before them that it was an unlawful Assembly. Translated to Drumoak in 1606 on the presentation of John, Earl of Mar. It was stated in 1608 that "he teaches very learnetlie and alwayes wald apply himselff to the capacitie of the commoun people." Differences arose as to his non-residence within the parish, and he maintained that he did so, as his wife and family were resident at the kirk, and he himself every Saturday, Sunday and Monday, and is the rest of the week "occupyit in the College." This answer was, however, not considered satisfactory, and he was ordained to leave the

- College at Lammas and make actual residence with his wife and family. Scott states he was a regent at King's College, but this is more than doubtful, as his name does not appear among the list of regents who are all known at this date. The succession of regents at Marischal College is not complete, and in view of the above statement made by

Scrogie, it is more likely that he was teaching at the new town College. He was one of four lectured in 1618 for supplying a vacancy in Edinburgh, but was translated to Old Machar in 1621. Had the degree of D.D. conferred on him by King's College in July 1627, and was rector of the same College in 1636. Scrogie was one of the group of famous Aberdeen Doctors who opposed the Covenant, and he further gave great offence by celebrating the communion at Christmas 1638, in face of the express prohibition of the preceding Assembly. His house was seized on 15th July 1640 by a party of soldiers belonging to the Earl Marischal's regiment, but he bought a protection till the next General Assembly by a payment of 600 merks. The Assembly sat at Aberdeen on 28th July 1640, and Scrogie, with several others, being cited, their case was remitted to a Committee, who, on 1st August following, deposed him from his charge. Scrogie was accused for not subscribing the Covenant, abstracting of the beidmen's rents "with sum vther particularis malitiouslie givin wp aganes him and he deposed and *simpliciter* deprivit, and preichit no more at Old Abirdein nor elss quhair." He petitioned the Assembly in July 1641, when he offered to subscribe the Covenant, and make a full recantation before the Presbytery, which he did, and succeeded in getting a gift out of the rents of the bishopric of Ross of 8 chalders of victual. He died in 1659 in his 95th year, and has been represented as a man "of singular parts for good literature, judgment and understanding." Dr. Scrogie left two sons in the ministry; William, minister at Rathven, and afterwards in 1661 bishop of Argyll; and Alexander at a later period a minister of Old Machar.

1640-1653. WILLIAM STRACHAN was promoted from being a regent in King's College to the church of Methlick in March 1635, and translated to Old Machar and admitted 29th November 1640 to supply the place of Dr. Scrogie. Spalding remarks "the kirk evill served be stranger voluntarie ministeris whill this tyme. We had good doctrein from this Mr. Williame Strathauchin ay sensyne." He received several calls to go to Edinburgh, but steadily refused to leave Old Machar, where he seems to have been much appreciated, as "he was learned and of good life and taught powerfullie and planelie the Word to the gryt comfort of his auditores." He married Elizabeth Middleton, who died 30th January 1666 at Tarves, where her son John was minister. William Strachan

died 8th March 1653 in the 44th year of his age, having had in addition to John, above mentioned, another son Andrew.

1653-1657. JOHN SEATON was an M.A. of King's College 1645, and was admitted to the second charge in 1650. His position as minister of the first charge appears never to have been on a very satisfactory footing, for on Strachan's death he was in conflict with the Session, and in October 1653, and again in February 1657, attempts were made to elect another minister, but without success. He demitted his charge on the 2nd November 1657, and went to England, where he had a charge at Felton-bridge in Northumberland from which he was "outed," and returned to Aberdeen along with his family at the end of March 1662.

1659-1661. ALEXANDER SCROGIE was a son of Dr. Alexander Scrogie formerly minister in this charge, and received his degree from King's College in 1634. He was teaching as a regent at King's College in 1638, and on 18th October of the following year, he was deprived of his office by the General Assembly, and another appointed to teach his class. In 1642 he was appointed to the charge at Forglen, and afterwards was translated to Drumblade before December 1647. His translation to Old Machar took place on 18th April 1659, a considerable time having elapsed between his election and admission to the charge. Scrogie died shortly before 21st April 1661, as a minute of Session records that he went south on the 2nd January, and "after his returne took seiknes and continued sick vntill it pleased the Lord to remove him from hence to eternitie." He married Isobel Reid, who survived him, and died 28th September 1662, leaving six children. Row in his *Diary* recording Mrs. Scrogie's death says that she died "about $\frac{1}{2}$ year after her husband betuix which tuo was great love." The period should be a year and a half.

1661-1663. ALEXANDER MIDDLETON took his degree at King's College in 1630, was a regent of the same in 1634, and sub-principal 1641. This office he lost in 1652 by a change unacceptable to the country, his successor Gilbert Rule coming "into the College by violence and without minding forms." At the Restoration, Parliament on 9th May 1661, ordered the sum of £66 13 4 to be paid to him out of the vacant

stipends on account of his sufferings and his extrusion from the College. Meanwhile, he was appointed and admitted, 14th November 1655, to the charge at Rayne, where he continued till his translation to Old Machar, 12th November 1661. At the Synod on 21st October 1662 he was chosen by the bishop as constant moderator of the Presbytery of Aberdeen. On the demission of William Rait, Middleton was appointed principal of King's College, and admitted 9th December 1662. He married 17th January 1643, Margaret Gordon, a daughter of Mr. Thomas Gordon of Kethock's Mills, contrary it is said to the foundation of the College "he being the first regent that entered in a marriage condition in this college." He died 5th December 1686, and his portrait is in the possession of the University.

1665-1670. ROBERT REYNOLDS, a son of John Reynold or Reynolds, who built half of the loft in the church of Montrose, was M.A. of Kings College in 1647, and afterwards attended the Divinity classes at New College, St. Andrews. A member of the Exercise of Brechin, 16th August 1649, and had a testimonial from them, 15th August 1650, probably in view of his settlement in that year to the parish of St. Vigeans. He was translated and admitted to Old Machar, 29th October 1665, and was rector of King's College from 1668 till his death. Reynolds married Janet Douglas by whom he had three sons, Patrick, Alexander, and William. His widow subsequently married Andrew Straton, an apothecary in Montrose. He died in November 1670.

1672-1678. GEORGE STRACHAN graduated at King's College 30th April 1663, and his admission to the second charge at Montrose probably took place shortly after that date. He was translated to Old Machar, and admitted 10th March 1672. His death took place between the 19th November and the 19th December 1678, aged about 36 years.

1679-1683. GEORGE GARDEN was an M.A. of King's College, 19th July 1666, and in 1673 he was one of the regents in the same College. His first charge was Forgue, to which he was admitted in 1677, and two years later he was translated to Old Machar, and admitted 29th June 1679. He was translated to be a city minister in the second charge of St. Nicholas, Aberdeen, in 1683. Had the honorary degree of D.D.

conferred on him probably by Marischal College, of which he was Dean of Faculty in 1685 and 1686. He was deprived of his charge by the Privy Council in 1692 for refusing to pray for their majesties William and Mary, and on 5th March 1701 the General Assembly deposed him from the ministry for Bourignianism. Dr Garden has been described as "a very amiable and estimable man and an ingenious naturalist." He died 31st January 1723 in his 85th year and was buried at Old Machar, as in November 1733 Mrs. Margaret Garden paid the dues for a lair stone to Dr George Garden's grave. He was the author of several works, including an edition of the works of Dr John Forbes, 2 vols., Amsterdam, 1703.

1684-1694. JOHN KEITH is described, on his admission to Echt in 1662, as a servitor to Lord Fraser, probably having acted as tutor in his family. His settlement having been interrupted by the change in the church government, he petitioned Parliament for the vacant stipend of 1662 in the following terms, "being bot ane mean young man (he) cannot without great prejudice for ane wholl yeire and ane half constantly reside and conveniently exerce his office in the said parishe without exposinge the same to contempte without some mean of lyvelichood and mantinence." His petition was granted on 15th August 1662. He was translated to Birse in 1666, and to Old Machar in 1684, being admitted to the latter charge on 12th October. Had the degree of D.D. conferred upon him, and died prior to April 1694. He was married, and was survived by his wife, who seems shortly afterwards to have left the district as her name does not appear in the Poll Book of 1696.

1699-1704. THOMAS THOMSON of Cocklaw had been in various charges before his admission to Old Machar, including Parton in Kirkcubrightshire, Carstairs (1690-92), Forres (1693-97), and Turriff (1697-99). After Dr Keith's death there would seem to have been serious difficulty in getting a settled minister, and it was not till the 15th November 1699, or nearly five and a half years after, till Thomson was admitted. He married on 21st September 1659 Isobel, a daughter of Mr. Thomas Mercer, advocate in Aberdeen. Mrs. Thomson died on 3rd March 1704, aged 70 years, and was interred in the south porch of the Cathedral, and her husband died on 25th October 1704 and was interred in the same place.

1705-1712. DAVID CORSE translated from the second charge and admitted 17th May 1705. He was married and had at least two sons, Mr. Alexander, and Mr. David, minister at Dunnottar. Mr. Corse died on 15th October 1712, and was interred in the "Light Isle" or south transept of the Cathedral.

1714-1728. ALEXANDER MITCHELL was governor to Charles Maitland, younger of Pittrichie; licensed by the Presbytery 4th May 1698, and ordained 28th February 1699 as minister of Bellhelvie. He was translated from that charge on the presentation of the Principal and Masters of King's College, and admitted to Old Machar, 31st August 1714. He was married and the deaths of several of his children are recorded in the session accounts; 1714 a daughter Anna, 1725 and 1726 a child in each of these years. Mr. Mitchell died on the 19th January 1728.

1729-1746. GEORGE CHALMERS was the eldest son of Mr. William Chalmers minister at Gartly. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Stirling and Dunblane on 6th May 1695, and ordained on 2nd September of the following year on his presentation to the charge at Kilwinning. From the Presbytery records he appears as a student of theology in my Lord Mar's family, and in 1695 he is described "as chaplain to my Lady Mar." On the deprivation of Dr George Middleton as principal of King's College by the Universities Commission in 1717, a presentation was issued in favour of Chalmers, and he was admitted principal on 22nd November 1717, but not without considerable opposition from Middleton. A narrative of the proceedings is contained in *Records of the Aberdeen Universities Commission 1716-17*, Aberdeen 1900. On 19th June 1728 Principal Chalmers was chosen "by a very great plurality of votes minister of Old Machar," the office to be held in conjunction with that of principal. The first settlement was reversed, and he was called anew on 23rd September 1729, and admitted shortly afterwards. He was twice married, 1st in October 1696 to Christian, a daughter of Mr. George Campbell, professor of Divinity, Edinburgh, who died in February 1729, and 2nd to Jean Wardlaw who survived him. His only surviving issue was a daughter by his first marriage, Anne, who married Dr James Gregory, elder, professor of Medicine in King's College. Principal Chalmers died on the 6th May 1746 in his 76th year, and was interred in Old Machar churchyard.

1746-1773. JAMES MITCHELL translated from the second charge and admitted 6th October 1746. He married 5th December 1727, Elizabeth Duncan, who died 7th April 1792 aged 84 years, by whom he had five sons and a daughter, William, minister of the Scottish Church at Leyden; James; Archibald; John; Thomas, and Euphemia. He died 20th January 1773 in the 72nd year of his age.

1773-1784. PATRICK DUFF translated from the second charge on the presentation of James, Earl of Fife, in April, and admitted 23rd June 1773. He was twice married, 1st on 6th August 1764 to Harriet Lumsden, who died 15th November, 1777 aged 47 years, and 2nd on 21st October 1779 to Elizabeth Forbes, who died 21st December 1828 aged 85 years. Duff died on 6th March 1784 in his 57th year.

1784-1830. SKENE OGILVY was a son of Mr. George Ogilvy minister at Banchory-Devenick, and graduated at King's College in March 1773. He was licensed by the Presbytery on 28th November 1776, and presented to the parish of Skene by George Skene of Skene in April, and ordained 1st September 1777. James, Earl of Fife, presented him to Old Machar in August, and he was admitted on 14th October 1784. Had the honorary degree of D.D. conferred on him by Marischal College on 27th September 1799, and demitted his charge on 16th September, 1829, which was accepted on 11th June 1830. He married 16th September 1783, Isabella, a daughter of George Seaton of Mounie, by whom he had a family of two sons and three daughters, George; David; Anne, who married George Anderson, merchant in London; Janet, who married Alexander A. Seaton, of Mounie; and Jean, who married Captain John Gordon, R.A. Ogilvy is described as being "a well read man, though of blunt and unprepossessing manners, with a shrewd and acute mind, and having considerable aptitude as a speaker." He often took a part in the debates of the General Assembly. Ogilvy died in London on 12th December 1831 in the 77th year of his age.

1830-1877. ROBERT SMITH was a native of Brechin, and was ordained in 1821 to Dreghorn, and was translated from Dreghorn to Yester, on the presentation of George, Marquis of Tweeddale, in 1829. He was presented to the charge of Old Machar by the Trustees of

James, Earl of Fife, in July, and admitted 26th August 1830. Had the honorary degree of D.D. conferred upon him by King's College on 13th July 1858. He married Mary Curzon, who died 15th August 1865, by whom he had a considerable family of sons and daughters, one of whom was a major-general in the army, and another held an important medical appointment in Durham. A daughter married Professor Frederick Fuller of Aberdeen University. On several public boards he took an active interest, being a man of clear intellect, methodical and precise in everything, and a good business man. From his advanced years, being feeble and ailing he was for several years prior to his death unable to discharge his pulpit ministrations, and his parochial duties as a minister. He died at the Manse of Old Aberdeen on 11th November 1877 aged 80 years. A memorial window to his wife and himself is placed in the Cathedral.

1878-1903. GEORGE JAMIESON was the second son of Andrew Jamieson, chief magistrate of Turriff, and received his early education at the local public school and the Aberdeen Grammar School, afterwards entering King's College, where he graduated in March 1834. After passing through his theological course at King's, he was licensed by the Presbytery of Turriff in 1839, and was engaged for some time in teaching at Woolwich Academy and other schools in England, till on his return home he was appointed schoolmaster at Chapel of Garioch. In 1843 he received a call to Gilcomston parish, Aberdeen, where after acting for some sixteen months, he was translated to Grange and continued there for thirteen years. A vacancy having occurred in the second charge of Old Machar, the Earl of Fife presented him to that charge in 1858, and in 1878 on the death of Dr Robert Smith he was promoted to the first charge. The University of Aberdeen conferred on him in 1886 the honorary degree of D.D. He married in 1848 Jane, the eldest daughter of Andrew Wallace, Chapel of Seggat, Auchterless, who died 3rd August 1898, aged 71 years, by whom he had a family of five sons and five daughters: Andrew, professor of electrical engineering in the Glasgow Technical College; William, government surveyor in Australia; Fife, died aged 28 years; Matthew, civil engineer, died in Australia; Dr Alexander George, died in Omaha, U.S.A.; Georgina Jane, married William Wallace, London; Annie; Maggie, married J. H. Fawcett, metallurgist, died in Coolgardie, Australia; Mary, married Dr W. J.

Simpson, professor of Hygiene, King's College, London; and Jessie, married to Rev. James Hall, Banchory-Ternan. "The outstanding characteristics of Dr Jamieson were his unfailing faithfulness and devotedness to duty. In all the work of the parish he took the deepest interest. He had been a busy man all his life, and was a student to the end of his days." He was the author of several theological works published between 1845 and 1902. Dr Jamieson died on the 12th March 1903, aged 88 years, and was interred in Old Machar churchyard.

1903. JOHN CALDER, transferred from the second charge 24th April 1903, on Dr Jamieson's death, is an alumnus of Glasgow University, and before his ordination had been assistant at St. Cuthbert's, Glasgow, and at the Border parish of Kirkhope. He was ordained in 1872 to the parish of Leochel-Cushnie, and translated to the second charge of Old Machar in 1878. The University of Aberdeen conferred upon him the honorary degree of D.D. on 6th April 1904.

SECOND CHARGE.

Scott gives as the first minister in the second charge, the name of Robert Howie (1595-8), who was one of the city ministers of Aberdeen in the third charge of St. Nicholas Church, but this is doubtful. The second minister given by Scott is John Chalmers, sub-principal of King's College (1601-10). It will have been observed that at this date the principal of King's College was also acting in the parochial charge, and it may be assumed that certain duties also fell to the sub-principal and the other professors. This is borne out by the complaint of the sub-principal in his requesting that the "rest of the Masters of the College be adjonit to him and teach with him per vices in the afternoon," and he protested that "if they fail he shall be frie of teaching." The first appointment of an assistant or collegiate helper was

1650-1656. JOHN SEATON admitted 12th June 1650, and translated to first charge before 8th May 1656.

—1676. ADAM SUTHERLAND, a native of Caithness, who graduated at University and King's College 3rd June 1663. His appointment to Old Machar has not been recovered, but he was translated from there to New Machar in 1676, to Duffus in 1687, and died there before 5th November 1695. He married Elizabeth Dean who survived him, and had issue a son James, served heir, and a daughter Margaret, married James Panton, merchant in Old Aberdeen.

—1683. ALEXANDER CLARK, a native of the Garioch, graduated at King's College, 13th July 1675, acted for sometime as schoolmaster at Rayne. He was translated from Old Machar to Methlick in 1683, and died in the early part of 1703 aged about 48 years. He married Ann Garden, who survived him and died January 1729, by whom he had issue five children.

1704-1705. DAVID CORSE ordained 26th March 1704, and translated to the first charge in 1705.

1717-1731. WILLIAM SMITH was licensed by the Presbytery of Deer on 20th July 1714, and ordained helper at Peterhead 9th August 1716; translated to Old Machar and admitted 8th May 1717. He was twice married, first on 5th February 1717 to Elizabeth Lindsay, and second to Janet Keith who survived him. He was admitted an honorary burgess of Old Aberdeen in 1719, and died in June 1731.

1731-1746. JAMES MITCHELL was admitted to Old Machar in 1731, and promoted to the first charge in 1746.

1747-1753. GEORGE BARTLETT had a bursary of theology from the Exchequer to the University of Aberdeen in 1735, and was licensed by the Presbytery of Ellon, 27th July, 1737. He was ordained to Footdee, Aberdeen, in June 1741; translated to Crimond in 1744 on the presentation of Thomas Buchan of Auchmacoy, and admitted to Old Machar, 3rd June 1747. An honorary burgess of Old Aberdeen in 1750. He married Helen Gellie, who died 25th April 1766, by whom he had a son James, served heir 14th November 1767, and a daughter Elizabeth, married in 1770 to Richard Hyde, dyer. Bartlett died on 7th December 1753 in his 38th year.

1755-1773. PATRICK DUFF was admitted to Old Machar on 6th March 1755, and promoted to the first charge in 1773.

1774-1780. THOMAS TAIT, a native of Chapel of Garioch, had his degree of M.A. from King's College on 2nd April 1764, and was school-master at Chapel of Garioch from June 1763 to July 1766. He was licensed by the Garioch Presbytery on 21st April 1773, and presented by James, Earl of Fife, to the second charge and ordained 15th September 1774. Translated to Auchindoir, also on the presentation of the Earl of Fife, on 19th April 1780; to Meldrum in 1784, and to Ellon in 1798, on the presentation of George, Earl of Aberdeen. He died in his pulpit on 5th August 1810, aged 67 years, having married on 30th July 1789, Elizabeth, a daughter of the Rev^d James Gordon, Cabrach. She died 8th January 1804, aged 50 years.

1780-1787. ROBERT DUNBAR studied at Marischal College, and was licensed by the Presbytery of Forres on 24th November, 1772, and ordained by them, 6th April 1779. He was assistant to Mr. Robert Dunbar of Dyke, before his presentation to the second charge by James, Earl of Fife, in July 1780. Admitted on 30th August following, and made an honorary burgess of Old Aberdeen in October of the same year. He died 7th September 1787.

1788-1791. ALEXANDER HENDERSON was the son of Robert Henderson, Keith; took his M.A. degree at Marischal College in February 1775, and licensed by the Presbytery of Strathbogie 3rd December 1783. Presented to the second charge by James, Earl of Fife, in March, and ordained 1st May 1788. An honorary burgess of Old Aberdeen 20th June 1788. Translated to Echt, 11th May 1791, and died there unmarried on 30th May 1813, aged 57 years.

1791-1794. GEORGE GRANT was ordained by the Presbytery of Fordyce 11th February 1789, as assistant to the Rev. George Grant of Ruthven, and was presented to the second charge by James, Earl of Fife, 6th July, and admitted 11th August 1791. An honorary burgess of Old Aberdeen on 13th August of the same year. Translated to the parish of Mortlach on the presentation of George III., 23rd April 1794, and died

minister there on 10th October 1804, aged 44 years. He married, 17th May 1796, Harriet Ann Stewart, and had issue two sons. His widow subsequently married William Irvine.

1795-1804. ALEXANDER SIMPSON was a native of Alvah, and was for a time schoolmaster at King Edward. He took his degree at King's College on 31st March 1777, was licensed by the Presbytery of Turriff 7th April 1782, and presented to the second charge by James, Earl of Fife, in October 1794, his admission taking place on 21st January following. Admitted an honorary burghess of Old Aberdeen on 5th December 1797, and translated to New Machar on 14th November 1804 on the presentation of James, Earl of Fife. He died on 2nd February 1840 in his 84th year, having married on 2nd August 1798, Isobel Cowie, who died 8th January 1837, aged 78 years. They had a son Mr. Alexander.

1805-1811. ALEXANDER WALKER, a son of William Walker in Glenbucket, he graduated at Marischal College, 31st March 1798, and afterwards became tutor to James Duff yor. of Echt, afterwards Earl of Fife. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Fordyce 26th December 1804, and presented to the second charge by James, Earl of Fife, in April, and ordained 8th August 1805. On the 2nd October 1806 he was admitted an honorary burghess of Old Aberdeen; translated to Urquhart on 7th March 1811, and to Elgin in 1825, on the presentation of George IV. In 1814 he was again translated to his former charge at Urquhart, and died 28th January 1847, aged about 69 years. He married, 6th January 1807, Elizabeth Grant, who died 11th January 1855, and had issue four sons and two daughters, William; Alexander; John, minister at St. Andrews—Lhanbryd; Henry, minister at Urquhart; Margaret, married John Lawson of Chapelton, and Eliza, married to Alexander Cruickshank, M.D., Elgin.

1811-1815. GILBERT GERARD was a son of Alexander Gerard, professor of Divinity in Marischal College and afterwards at King's College, by his wife, Jane Wight, and graduated at King's College 31st March 1777. He became minister of the English Established Church at Amsterdam, and while acting there, he received the honorary degree of

D.D. from King's College on 12th May 1788. In 1790 he became a regent at King's College teaching Greek, and in July 1795 was elected professor of Divinity in succession to his father. While holding this office he was presented as minister of the second charge by the Trustees of James, Earl of Fife, in August 1811, and admitted on 19th September following, holding both offices. He was "a person of gentlemanly and pleasing manners and considered an exact and judicious preacher." Principal Brown says "his talents were highly respectable, his sentiments liberal, his erudition copious, his deportment correct, his morals pure, and his whole character such as marked a very valuable member of society." He married 3rd October 1787, Helen, daughter of John Duncan, late Provost of Aberdeen, who died 11th March 1838, and had issue five sons and six daughters, John Duncan; Alexander; James Gilbert; Patrick; William, minister of Strathcathro; Jane; Margaret Helen; Marjory Cruickshank; Euphemia; Elizabeth, and Helen Jane. Dr. Gerard died after a few days illness on 28th September 1815, in the 56th year of his age. Portrait in possession of the University.

1816-1847. PATRICK FORBES was a son of the Rev. Francis Forbes of Grange, and had his degree from Marischal College in 1793. He was appointed schoolmaster of Boharm the same year; licensed by the Presbytery of Strathbogie in 1797, and ordained minister of Boharm 14th August 1800. Translated on the presentation by the Trustees of James, Earl of Fife, from Boharm to the second charge in March, and admitted 9th May 1816. The University of St. Andrews conferred upon him the honorary degree of D.D. 7th July 1821, and he was Moderator of the General Assembly, 21st May 1829. On 18th July 1817, Forbes was appointed assistant and successor to Mr. William Ogilvie, Humanist at King's College, with "an appointment at the same time to teach a class of Chemistry and Natural History besides the usual Humanity class." He continued to teach Chemistry till October 1840 when the "Principal moved and Dr Fleming seconded a vote of thanks to Dr Forbes for his zealous and successful efforts in establishing and conducting the chemistry class, by which the interests of the students and the respectability of the University have been greatly promoted." His versatile qualities are well described by Mrs. Rodger in *Aberdeen Doctors*. He was twice married, first on 3rd June 1800 to Helen, daughter of Baillie

John Copland, Aberdeen, who died 13th July 1816 by whom he had two sons and two daughters, John, LL.D. professor of Hebrew in the University of Aberdeen; Francis, minister of St. Luke's, Demerara; Jemima, and Anna, married to Alexander Thurburn, died 4th June 1876 aged 70. His second wife whom he married on 17th December 1821 was Mary, second daughter of Rev^d Dr George Glennie of Aberdeen, by whom there was a family of four sons and five daughters, Alexander, of Dacca, Bengal, died 22nd October 1891; George, Cashier of the Bank of England, died 25th May 1874; Patrick, M.D., died 3rd December 1854; James Beattie, minister of Leslie, died October, 1884; Mary; Isabella, died 27th April 1835; Elizabeth Jane, died 21st April 1851; Helen, and Isabella, died 17th August 1853. Dr Forbes died on the 13th October 1847 in his 72nd year, and was survived by Mrs. Forbes who died 24th January 1879.

1848-1858. JAMES GEORGE WOOD was a native of the south of Scotland, and was minister of the Middle Church, Paisley, from 1845 to his translation to Old Machar. A presentation was given him by the Earl of Fife, on the unanimous choice of the congregation, who considered that "being a young man of active habits and of a high character for the performance of his professional duties, such as visiting, &c., he will be a great acquisition in this large and extensive parish." Through some misunderstanding he refused the call, and the Rev. Robert Fairweather of Nigg was chosen on 17th April 1848, but he subsequently resigned the presentation, and Wood was duly inducted on 14th September 1848. He died on 11th October 1857, aged about 39 years.

1858-1878. GEORGE JAMIESON, inducted 3rd June 1858, and translated to first charge in 1878.

1878-1903. JOHN CALDER, inducted 27th October 1878 and translated to first charge in 1903.

1903. THOMAS S. CARGILL, formerly assistant at Inveresk, inducted 25th November 1903.

EPITAPHS AND INSCRIPTIONS

IN THE CATHEDRAL

(1) Hic requiescunt in Domino *οι μαχαριται* Magister Gulielmus Strachanus,¹ fidelissimus quondam pastor palæ Abredonensis & conjunx ejus pientissima Elisabetha Middleton cum filiolo Andraea. Placide & pie obierunt: ille laboribus exhaustus & pene martyr concidit, 8 Martii anno Dom. 1653. *Ætatis suæ* 44. Hæc ex calculo decessit Januarii 30 1666.

*Hic pastor consorsque jacent, mirabile compar,
Ille lucerna ardens, hæc pictatis apex.
Illius effulgens erat integra concio vita,
Os aurum, scatebræ pectora, verba favi.
Virgo, uxor, vidua hæc exacti amoris amissis,
Norma pudicitie conjugique fuit.*

They that turn many to Righteousness shall shine as the Stars for ever—Daniel cap. 12 v. 3.

This Monument was Erected by their Grandson Alexand^r Strahan Esq^r & their Great Grandson Will^m Strahan Esq^r of Hayines Place in Gloucester-Shire Anno Dom. 1754.

(2) Hic jacet nobilis vir Alex. de Rynd de Broxismoch² nepos dni. H. de Lychton hui⁹ ecclie Epi. qui obiit xvi die Octobr. a^o d^o M^occccxxxii sui etat. a^o xl^o Orate aiā ei⁹.

(3) In Sepulchreto Gordoniensi jacent reliquiæ Thomæ Gordon armigeri qui Philosophiam in Regio Collegio et Universitate Aberdonensi, per sexaginta annos Professus. Ex hac vita migravit decimo die Martii, anno domini 1797, ætatis 84^{to}. Item nepotis Roberti Eden Scott armigeri, qui in eadem Universitate per annos quindecim Philosophiæ docendæ incubuit, die Januarii decimo quarto, A.D. 1811, ætatis 42^{do} mortales exuvias deposuit vidua mcestissima D^{na} Rachel Forbes, observantiæ in Professore Gordon, amoris in charissimum maritum debita persolvens, hocce monumentum extruendum, familiæque Gordoniæ sepulchretum pariete cingendum curavit.

¹ Cf., vol. II., p. 206.

² In 1438 Henry de Rynde was Treasurer of the Cathedral, and in 1478 James Rynde of Broxmouthe witnessed a charter.—*Antiq. of Abd.*, III. 511. A writer in 1811 says that this stone was found lying loose in the churchyard and was recently put into the wall for preservation.—*A Caledonian Excursion*, II. 106.

(4) In loving Memory of George Forbes, son of the Rev^d Patrick Forbes D.D., late minister of this parish, born 2nd January 1825, died at Mistley Abbey, Manningtree, 25th May 1874, aged 49 years. Buried in Bradfield Churchyard, Essex. He was 28 years in the service of the Bank of England, of which for six and a half years he was the Chief Cashier.

With good will doing service, as to the Lord.

(5) Juxta conduntur reliquæ Joannis Harrow, tonsoris Abredonensis, qui nonis Maii A.D. Mdcexciii ætatis suæ lxxxiv mortem obiit: quibusdam ædibus urbium Veteris ac Novæ Abredoniæ et prædiis vicinis testamento relictis: Ut eorum redditus, in hujusce parochiæ pauperes quotannis erogaretur, Mdcxcv.

(6) Sacred to the Memory of John Annand, Esq. of Bushy Bank, in this Parish; Who was born in Old Aberdeen, September, 1737; And departed this life the 29th day of March, 1812, in the 75th year of his age. And of Helen, his wife, daughter of Adam Smith, Esq. Collector of the Customs, at Alloa: Who died on the 19th day of July, 1793, Aged 40 years.¹

(7) To the Memory of David Mitchell, LL.D. son of Robert Mitchell, in *Old Aberdeen*. He was born 20th of September, 1731, and died at *Holloway Down*, in the County of *Essex*, March 8th 1803. During his Life He testified his Affection to his native City by founding and amply endowing An Hospital, for ten Old Women, Daughters and Widows of Burgesses, or of Gentlemen in *Old Aberdeen*. And also in Gratitude to the *University* and *Marischal College* where He was educated, He bestowed 2000*£* in the three per Cent Stocks for maintaining and educating six young men.

Conscientia bene actæ vitæ multorumque benefactorum recordatio jucundissima est.²

(8) Hic in Christo requiescit R. P. Patricius Episcopus Aberdonensis, D. Joannis Scougalli de eodem filius, vir omni elogio dignus: utpote pie pacificus, modeste prudens, eruditæ probitatis decus et exemplar, nec

¹ The monument has a coat of arms—a saltire between three mascles in flanks and base, with three ermine spots in chief; supporters two griffins; crest a griffin rampant; motto “Sperabo.”

² The arms of Mitchell below the inscription are—a fess between three mascles, in chief a dagger erected, point upwards, all within a bordure charged with eight cinquefoils; crest a hand holding a pen; motto “Deo Supero.”

morose gravis nec superbe doctus, egenis, dum viveret, præsens Asylum Basilicam Macharii, Bibliothecam Collegij Regij, necnon Hospitium publicum Vet: Aberdoniæ, propensæ munificentiae judiciis haud spernendis ditavit: ad Episcopale munus consecratus die Paschatis an: 1664, fatis cessit, Feb: 16: anno salutis 1682 Episcopatus, 18 .Ætatis vero suæ 75.

Hoc monumentum quale quale, pie memoriæ charissimi parentis sacravit Mr Jacobus Scougall, Commissarius Diœceseos Aberdonensis 1685.¹

(9) Hic jacet honorabilis vir Mgr Walterus dni . . . qui donavit xxs. annuatim capellanis in choro comitibus pro missa in feria celebrandi: qui obiit in . . . die Julii ano. sexag. octauo cuius . . . animæ propitietur Deus. Amen.²

(10) Hoc . tvmvlo . placide . . . conqviescunt . Mr Thomas . Garden . a . Blairtoyne . clericvs . comissariatvs . Aberdonen . vir . celebris . et . fide . fama . et . fortitvdine . clarvs . qui . obiit . 24 . Feb: . anno . xpi . 1610 . et . Isobella . Stevart . læcynda . felta . eivs . conivax . charissima . conivbio . stabili . ipsi . jvncta . per . annos . 39 . prole . . . ix . qvæ . obiit . . . Fortvnate . lapis . felici . hoc . hospite . namque . hic . redvci . ad . astræ . sacra . tropæa . tegis.³

(11) The Remains of John Chalmers of Westfield are here deposited. He died the 24th of October 1807 in the seventy third year of his age. Also of Agnes Forbes, his wife. She died the 28th of April 1828 in the eighty fifth year of her age And Margaret their youngest daughter,

¹ Cf., vol. ii, p. 201. The tomb has in the centre an effigy of the bishop in high relief, with the figure of a young man on either side. On the entablature, which is supported by two Corinthian columns, there are cut his armorial bearings and a mitre and crosier. The monument which was the work of John Montgomerie, mason (vol. i., 277), was originally painted but the colours have now faded, and it was erected at some distance from the wall. It accidentally fell down, and it was rebuilt in its present position by Dr Skene Ogilvy during his pastorate.

² This arched tomb in the north aisle has the effigy of one of the dignitaries of the Cathedral lying in front of the slab containing the inscription. Orem and Kennedy both give the amount of the annuity as £20, instead of 20/- as given above. The tomb is believed to be that of Mr Walter Ydill, Prebendary of Dcjr, whose benefaction is referred to in the *Registrum Episcopatus*, i., 304.

³ This slab lying on the floor has been worn in parts and the inscription is defaced. A sculptured coat of arms, parted per pale, shows Garden, a boar's head erased, and Stewart, a fess chequy between three garbs of the field, with the motto "Mors Transivtvs Ad Vitam." Mr Thomas Garden was succeeded in his office as Commissary Clerk by his son and heir, Mr Robert Garden.

who died the 4th of July 1837 in her 18th year. William their eldest son died at Dominica on the 5th July 1811 aged 31. James their second son died at Westfield on the 11th May 1852 aged 70. Elizabeth their second daughter wife of Robert Forbes died 8th Febr 1845 & is interred at the east end of this Church aged 69. Jane their eldest daughter died at Westfield on the 1st December 1854 in her 81st year. Janet their fourth daughter died at Westfield on the 4th March 1861 in her 81st year. John the last survivor of their children died at 12 Pelham Crescent, Brompton, London on the 9th March 1865 in his 81st year, and is interred in Brompton Cemetery.

(12) Heir lyes John Brebner burges of Old Abd, who departed the 10: of Julie, and of his age 30 years. And Agnes Moir his spouse who departed this lyfe, Septe^r 13th 1691, age 70. And Andrew Brebner, who departed this lyfe 1672, age 14. Also James Brebner Merchant in Abdⁿ dyed in the 83^d year of his age, & was buryed June the 13th 1747. Also Jean Brebner, relict to Captain Andrew Dyce. Also William Brebner of Learney, Merchant in Aberdeen, son of the said James Brebner, who died the xviii day of September Mdccc: aged lxxxviii years and v days. Memento Mori.¹

(13) Sacred to the memory of Frances Brebner, daughter of Alex^r Brebner of Learney, and wife of Hugh Lumsden of Pitcaple, Advocate, who died at Alphington in Devonshire on 12th Jan^y 1815, aged 23, and lies in the Churchyard of the Parish of Littlebarn near Exmouth, as recorded on a monument in the church of that parish. Also of William Brebner younger of Learney son of the said Alexander Brebner, who died at Polgonie Cottage, in the Parish of Old Machar on 30th June 1816, aged 25, and lies in the family burial place within this Church; Also of Margaret Brebner, daughter of the said Alexander Brebner, who died at Learney, in the parish of Kincardine O' Neil, on 28th Sept^r 1817, aged 22, and is also interred in the family burial place. Also of Francis Brebner son of the said A. Brebner, who died at Naples on 9th April 1820, aged 16, and was also interred in the family burial place 22^d July following. Also of Sibella Brebner daughter of the said A. Brebner, who died at Aberdeen 26th June 1820, aged 23, and is interred in the same burial place. Also of Miss Mary Brebner of Learney, the last surviving unmarried daughter of the said Alexander Brebner and Christian Leys, who died at Aberdeen the 23^d of November 1855, aged 57.

¹ This inscription on a slab lying on the floor at the west end of the Cathedral is repeated upon a marble tablet on the north wall.

(14) Also, sacred to the memory of Alexander Brebner of Learney, of whom the above are sons and daughters. He died at Edinburgh, 28th February 1823, aged 70, and is interred here. And to Christian Ley's his wife, who died at Aberdeen, 16th February 1843, aged 80: and is also interred here.

(15) To the dear Memory of Jane Ann Nicol, (whose remains are interred near the western door of this Church) daughter of the late G. I. Nicol M.D., wife of Sir George King, K.C.I.E. F.R.S. LL.D. M.B., late Superintendent of the Royal Botanic Garden Calcutta. Born in Aberdeen 14 August 1845. Died in London 11 April 1898 (The day after her return from India.)
O for the touch of a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is still.

(16) In Memoriam Gulielmi Barrack M.A. LL.D. in hac paroeciâ nati et complures per annos Scholæ Grammaticæ Aberdonensis Rectoris, qui A.D. Mdcclxxi vita excessit. Vir erat honestus et honoratus, integer vitæ scelerisque purus, doctus et docendi peritissimus, amicus certus et fidelis.

Hoc monumentum discipuli et amici posuerunt.

(17) In Memory of Colonel William Fraser, late of the 43rd Regt: of Light Infantry: only son of Col: Erskine Fraser, and his wife Elizabeth Forbes: born Nov^r 21st 1796, died July 13th 1872. Also of Mary Elizabeth Shuttleworth, wife of the said Col: William Fraser, born March 21st 1810, died Dec^r 7th 1904. Who is interred in the east transept of this Church.

(18) Near this spot are deposited, the remains of Brigadier-General Henry David Fraser, of the Portuguese Service, fourth son of the second William Fraser Esq. of Fraserfield. He died the 4th of August, 1810, in the 48th year of his age.

In dutiful remembrance of a much beloved husband, this memorial of his worth is thus inscribed by his affectionate widow, Christina Mary Forbes, 1811.

(19) To the Memory of Erskine Fraser Esq^r of Woodhill. Some-time Lieut Colonel of the late 109th Regt of Foot. Who died 21st Jan^{ry} 1804, aged 37. And to Elizabeth Forbes his widow, who died 18th August 1813, aged 47.

(20) In Memory of John Paton of Grandhome, and his dear well-beloved wife Mary Lance. They were married in 1773 and had three sons and seven daughters. She was born in 1754, died in 1798, and was the daughter of William Lance Esquire, a Commissioner of the Victualing Office of the Navy, and Mary Temple, daughter of Robert Temple of Tenhills, and Sarah Nelson. He was born in 1745, died in , and was the only son of George Paton of Grandhome, and Barbara McKenzie daughter of John McKenzie of Ardross, and Helen Erskine. George Paton their eldest son went a writer to Bombay, and died in 1795. David died 1801. William, of the Hon^{ble} E.I.C. S.S. died in India 1824. Their daughters, Barbara, died 1829. Mary, 1840. Helen, 1847. Eliza, in Edinburgh, 1848. Sarah, 1854. Bathia, 1871. Margaret, died 1879, aged 97 years. Margaret, sister to John Paton, died 29th May 1838, aged 89 years.

(21) Near this place are deposited the remains of The Hon^{ble} William Fraser, son of William, Lord Saltoun, born at Philorth, 19th Nov^r 1691; and died at Fraserfield, 23rd March 1727. Also Lady Catharine Ann Erskine, daughter of the Earl of Buchan, his wife; who died at Aberdeen, 5th March 1733; leaving one son, William Fraser Esq^r of Fraserfield, born at Edinburgh, 9th October 1725; and died at Fraserfield, the 31st October 1788. Also William Fraser Esq^r son of the above William Fraser Esq^r, born 14th December 1752, and died at Fraserfield 25th October 1789. Also Rachel Kennedy relict of the second William Fraser, born 2nd January 1731, and died at Tillydrone the 3rd of June 1800. Also Alexander Fraser Esq^r son of the second William Fraser Esq^r born 8th January 1761, and died at Fraserfield, 18th July 1807. Also Kennedy Fraser, daughter of the second William Fraser Esq^r born 20th June, 1763, died 4th May 1819. Catherine Isabella Fraser, third daughter of Alex^r Fraser of Fraserfield, died Sept^r 25th 1867.

(22) Vultus simulacra sunt imbecilla,
Ac monumenta mortalia; mens autem,
Quam nec per materiam exprimere,
Nec per artem tenere possis,
In aeternum manet.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.

In front of this Monument are deposited the remains of Margaret Fraser, eldest daughter of the late Alexander Fraser of Fraserfield, and wife of Henry David Forbes of Balgownie, born 6th July, 1796, died 19th August, 1839: Of Alexander, their second son, born, 9th November, 1818, died 18th November, 1819: And of Mary Isabella, their eldest daughter, born 27th December, 1819, died 22nd December, 1829. Of Catherine Anne, their second daughter, born, 26th Febr^y 1823, died 12th

March, 1848. Of Henry David Forbes of Balgownie, born 12th Novr 1790, died 24th July 1869. Of Duncan Forbes of Balgownie his eldest son, born 7th Oct^r 1817, died 2nd July 1893. And of Janet Dyce Forbes, wife of the said Duncan Forbes, born 17th December 1810, died 11th July 1899. Henry Erskine Forbes, son of Henry David Forbes of Balgownie, died 15th April 1891, and was buried at Detmold, Germany. And his wife Letitia Angelina Lawrence, daughter of General Sir George St. Patrick Lawrence.

(23) In Affectionate Remembrance of Fife Jamieson, M.A., M.B. C.M., Demonstrator of Anatomy in the University of Aberdeen, son of The Rev. Geo. Jamieson, B.D. of Old Machar. Born 19th March 1854. Died 18th April 1882. Erected by his Fellow Students and Friends, who at the same time founded a Medal in the University in his name.

(24) Hic jacet venerabilis vir pietate vitæ æqvitare morvm probitate et jystitia insignis M. Joannes Leithe a Blairtovne Commissariys Abd. et Rector Vniversitatis ibidem qui obiit 18 . . . 1670 . . . inle æv dex constans ove satelles vert et horvm lyx cynosvra fobi.

Memento Mori.¹

(25) Hic jacet bonæ memoriæ Henricus de Lichtoun utriusque Juris Doctor qui Ecclesiæ Moraviensis regimen olim esset assumptus ubi septennis præfuit, demum ad istam translatus fuit in qua 18 annos rexit; præsentisque ecclesiæ fabricam a choro statione seorsum usque ad summitatem plene astruxit anno Dom. millesimo quadringentisimo quadragesimo.²

(26) On the wall of the south aisle above the tablet to Alexander Rynd there is an ancient monument showing a full length recumbent figure in low relief, draped as a canon of the Cathedral, with hands clasped, lying under an ornamental canopy. Below is a slab with an

¹ Slab much worn, lying on the floor at the north-west corner of the Cathedral. An effigy of the Commissary in low relief appears on the stone, also two shields; one for Leith shows a cross crosslet fitchée, the other for Garden, his wife, shows a boar's head erased. Leith, who was married to Katherine Garden, a daughter of Mr Thomas Garden the Commissary clerk, acquired Blairton in 1615 on the resignation of Mr Robert Garden.—*Reg. Mag. Sigs.* A drawing of this slab, which was found under the floor of the Church during the restoration of 1867, is given in vol. xii. pl. ix. of the *Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland* to illustrate a paper by Mr Andrew Gibb on *Some Suggestions as to our Mural Antiquities*.

² The slab with inscription and effigy of the bishop which lay in the ruined tomb in the north transept, erected and called after him, was about three years ago removed inside the Cathedral for better preservation.

inscription occupying five lines, but so obliterated that nothing more can now be made out but the words *hic jacet*. Tradition has assigned this monument as that erected to the memory of Archdeacon John Barbour, the author of *The Brus*, who died on 13th March 1395.

(27) Near to Bishop Scougal's monument there are several sculptured stone fragments collected from the Cathedral and the churchyard, two of which are worthy of notice. The first is the sculptured armorial of Bishop William Stewart, taken evidently from his monument in the south transept. It shows under a mitre a fess chequy surmounted of a bend engrailed. The second stone shows under a knight's helmet a shield charged with a lion rampant regardant, surmounted of a fess charged with three escallop shells.

In the Cathedral there are several stained glass memorial windows.

(28) The beautiful seven-light window in the west end, by Clayton and Bell of London, was provided in 1870 out of the surplus funds subscribed for the monument to the Duke of Gordon in Castle Street, Aberdeen. There are two rows of double figures, representing Scripture characters, the lower figure or group indicating the manner of death of the subject above it. In the centre light is the figure of our Saviour and that of John the Baptist, and in the other six lights are the figures of the twelve Apostles, six on each side. At the foot of the lights are seven shields, bearing the arms in heraldic colours, of the great families most closely related to the ducal house.¹ The inscription at the foot reads:—

Georgium Gordoniorum ducum ultimum virum nobilissimum civibus acceptissimum populares et amici marentes honore merito prosecuti statua in Urbe Aberdonia mox post obitum posita pecunie ad id collatæ reliquum in eiusdem memoriam necnon ad ædis sacre decus huic fenestræ exornandæ dedicarunt A.D. Mdcclxx.

In the north aisle there are two windows, the first, representing the story of Dorcas, is inscribed:—²

(29) George Wilson Clark of Dumbreck, Merchant Glasgow in memory of his wife Elizabeth Still. Born at Aberdeen March 1819, died at Dumbreck April 1876.

Gloria Deo. Acts ch. ix. v. 39. Proverbs xxxi. v. 11.

¹ The shields from left to right are those of Howard, Mordaunt, Earl of Aberdeen, Duke of Gordon, Maxwell, Brodie, and Duke of Richmond.

The artists were Adam and Small. Glasgow.

The subject of the second window¹ is the St. Celas, the musicians, and is inscribed :—

(30) Jacobi Jamieson, M.D. et Mariæ Auldjo parentibus dilectissimis Jacobus Auldjo Jamieson Scriba Signeto Regio Mdcclxxiii.

On the north-east wall a two-light window with the figures of Mary Magdalene and St. James has the inscription :—

(31) In Memoriam Gulielmi Walker et uxoris Amaliæ Duthie, Alexander et Jacobus filii pie dedicarunt A.D. Mdcclxxi.

On the south-east wall a two-light window with the figures of St. Luke and St. John is inscribed :—

(32) In Mem. fratrum Jacobi et Joannis cita morte abreptorum Georgius Reid Pictor pie dicavit Mdcclxxi.

In the south aisle there are three windows ; the subject of the first being John the Baptist and St Peter and inscribed :—

(33) In Memoriam Adami White : evangelistæ : apud : Indos : morbo : inter : munia : ad : Purundur : A.D. Mdcclxxiv : abrepti : frater : unicus : superstes : mœrens : dicavit : pie.

Parate viam domini Prædicanys crvcifixvm.

The next window was the gift of Aberdeen artists in memory of three famous brother artists, George Jamesone, John Phillip, R.A., and William Dyce, R.A., whose portraits occupy the upper part of the window. The three figures below represent Faith, Hope and Charity. The inscription reads :—

(34) In . honorem . gratamque . memoriam . trium . pictorum . Aberdonensium . fautores . artium . nonnulli . hanc . fenestram . ornandum . curarunt . anno . salutis . Mdcclxxiv.

Joannis . Phillip . Acad . Reg . Soc . Colorum . Splendore . Illustrissimi.

Georgii . Jamesone . Pictoris Scotorum . Primi Britannorum Sæculo . Suo . Luminis . Unici.

Gulielmi . Dyce . Acad . Reg . Soc . Doctrina . Et . Scientia . Clarissimi.

The last window² has the figures of our Saviour, St Mary and St Joseph, and below these are groups representing the nativity, feeding

¹ This and the following four windows are by D. Cottier, London.

² The artists were Clayton and Bell, London.

the hungry and clothing the naked, and bringing little children to Jesus. The window is inscribed :—

(35) In Memory of Robert Smith D.D. Minister of this Parish. Died 11th Nov. 1877 and Mary Curzon his wife died 15th Aug. 1865.

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.¹

IN THE TRANSEPTS.²

(36) Hic requiescit vir illustris Gavinus Dunbar xiii annos episcopus Aberdonensis praelatorum Scoticorum post Elphinstonium munificentissimus Martii x^{mo} A.D. Mdxxxii obdormivit.³

(37) Sacred to the Memory of William Jack, D.D. Principal of King's College and University of Aberdeen; who died 9th Feby 1854, aged 85. And Grace Bolt, his wife, who died 27th April 1850, aged 76. Also their daughter, Margaret, who died Oct^r 4th 1828, aged 26. And Grace, who died at Clifton 24th June 1828, aged 20. In the same grave are deposited the mortal remains of Margaret Bruce, wife of Dr Jack of Northmaven, Zetland, mother of Principal Jack. Also of Mary Jessie, youngest daughter of Principal Jack, and widow of James Hay Esq., died 18th April 1895, aged 86.⁴

(38) Hic requiescit vir incomparabilis fulgentissimum quondam Scotia sidus Patricius Forbes Episcopus Abredonensis prudentissimus pastor fidelissimus prædicator eximius scriptor egregius consilarius regius studii generalis Abredonensis instaurator & Cancellarius & novæ Professionis Theologicæ in eodem fundator, Baro de Oniel ac dominus a Corse, qui placide ac pie obiit pridie Paschatis 28 Martii anno Dom. 1635 ætatis suæ 71.

¹ Cf. vol. ii. p. 211.

The south transept was known as Dunbar's Aisle and also as the Light Aisle, while the north transept was known at different dates as St. John's Aisle, Lichton's Aisle, and Gordon's Aisle, from the fact that the Marquis of Huntly in 1630 acquired the right of burial there.

³ The Town Council of Aberdeen in 1896 erected this bronze tablet to indicate the tomb of Bishop Dunbar. The tomb was greatly destroyed by the Covenanters and the original brass disappeared then or at an earlier date. The effigy which lies in the tomb is supposed to be of a church dignitary of an earlier date than Dunbar's time.

⁴ This was originally Bishop William Stewart's tomb, and part of the adornment now lies inside the Cathedral, see page 226.

Apocalyps x 6 Græce.

Cætetus stella sacri, pastorum gemma, regentum

Deliciæ, Corsæ gloria, cura poli.

Salus per Christum. Nemo tollat qui Deum timet.¹

(39) M. Gul. Blake de Haddo in Academia Regia Abdensi P. P. et Sub-primarius, animi vivacitate, corporisque vigore, doctrinæ famâ, juventutis instituendæ peritiâ, et felici spartam ornandi successu, celeberrimus quum de bonis artibus, Academia atque amicis optime meruisset et lxi⁷ ætatis annum attigisset temporum turbine atque partium odiis inique jactatus et inde lethali morbo correptus vivorum excessit contuberniis; et exuvias hic condi jussit 6^o die Februi anno dom. Mdcxciv.²

(40) Christina Gardiniae femine lectissimæ Joha. Forbesii a Thanestovn vxoris dilectissimæ spiritv ad celestem referente patriam in spem resvrrctionis mortales hic condvntvr reliqvæ A.D. ciodcxcv. Octob. xxv.³

(41) Sacred To the Memory of The Rev. Patrick Forbes, D.D. for 31 years one of the Ministers of this Parish: Professor of Humanity and of Chemistry in King's College: Who died October 13th 1847, in the 72nd year of his age, and the 48th of his ministry. Also of his first wife Helen Copland, who died July 13th 1816. Also of his children by his second marriage Isabella, who died April 27th 1835, aged 9 months. Elizabeth Jane, who died April 21st 1851, aged 14 years. Isabella, who died August 17th 1853, aged 10 years. Patrick Forbes M.D., who died December 3rd 1854, aged 22 years. Also of his second wife Mary Glennie. Born November 16th 1800, died January 24th 1879. Also their children, the Rev^d James Beattie Forbes, Minister of Leslie, Aberdeenshire. Born April 1838. Died October 1884. Alexander Forbes of Dacca, Bengal, and Galleries, Aberdeen. Born July 13th 1823. Died October 22nd 1891.⁴

(42) Sacred to the Memory of Anna Forbes, died June 4th 1876, aged 70 years: daughter to the Rev^d Patrick Forbes D.D. late Minister of this Parish, in whose grave she is buried: wife of Alexander Thurburn late of Alexandria, Egypt, who died in 1864, and was buried at Dinan, Brittany.

¹ This stone is very much defaced and lies in front of Bishop Dunbar's tomb. The arms of Forbes are cut on the slab, and show three bears' heads conped, muzzled, differenced by a crosslet.

² A difference arose as to the terms of the inscription on this monument as reflecting on the then Established Church Government, see vol. ii. p. 128.

³ This stone has two coats of arms, the first Forbes quarterly 1st and 4th three bears' heads, muzzled; 2nd and 3rd three unicorns' heads, erased. The second coat for Garden shows a boar's head erased.

⁴ Cf. vol. ii. p. 217.

(43) Here lieth Christina Francis Forbes, born 20th August 1810, died 13th June 1899. And Georgina Elizabeth Forbes, born 17th October 1818, died 15th October 1895. Daughters of Lt Colonel Arthur Forbes.

(44) Sacred to the Memory of Thomas Kilgour, who died 27th August 1838, aged 82 years. And of Isobella Hall his wife, who died 20th April 1846, aged 83 years. And of their children Ann, who died 19th Nov^r 1804, aged 7 years. Ann, who died 8th July 1806, aged 15 months. Thomas, who died 29th Sept^r 1819, aged 13 years. Grace, who died 5th June 1839, aged 15 years. Patrick, who died 19th Sept^r 1842, aged 41 years, and is buried at Orgon, France. Elizabeth, who died 18th Jan^y 1846, aged 47 years. James, who died 14th Feb^y 1855, aged 63 years, and is buried at Kirk Bradan, Isle of Man. Jane, who died 30th June 1855, aged 50 years.

(45) Erected by Mary Lyon, in Memory of her beloved husband David Lyon, Contractor, who died at Glasgow, on the 30th April, 1864, aged 71 years, and is interred here. Also the said Mary Lyon, who died at Mary Cottage, on the 18th July, 1877, aged 80 years.

(46) Extra ædis hujus sacræ orientalem cui adstruitur hoc monumentum parietem: interjecto, quatuor pedum intervallo: conduntur, Alexander Molyson de Glasgowe: qui in Civitate Aberdoniæ Veteris: per annos complures magistratum gesserat: Vir probus, sceleris purus, integer vitæ, annum agens ætatis septuagesimum quintum, vita cessit, pridie Idus Junii; A.D. Mdcxxxvi. Elizabetha Molyson hujus filia, quæ diem obiit quinto Idus Octobris A.D. Mdcxxix, annos nata tredecem, Elizabetha Mair, ejusdem conjux: quæ obiit: 8^{vo} Id. Nov: A.D. 1750: ætat: 91: conjugi virtute par.

(47) Hic sitis suis carissimæ conjugi Mariæ Moraviæ Pat. Moravio a Dullary & Hel. Grahama ortæ quæ ob. ix Oct. Mdcxxxii æt. xxxiii liberis v una cum conditis superst vi (ore pulcra mente pia vixit fama vivit) marmor hoc sacravit M. Io. Ker Gr. Lit. P. in Coll. Reg. Aberdonen A. Æ. C. Mdcxxxii. Per Christum vivet.

(48) In front of this Tablet are interred the remains of William Ogilvie, Esq^{re} of Pittensear, in the County of Moray, and Professor of Humanity, in the University and King's College Aberdeen, who died on the 11th February 1819, aged 83 years.¹

¹ The author of *The Birthright in Land*.

(49) Sacred to the Memory of Helen Scott, who died 14th December 1875. The loving and beloved wife of Dr Samuel Trail, Professor of Systematic Theology, in the University of Aberdeen. Also the Rev: Samuel Trail, D.D., LL.D. Born 31st May 1806, died 1st May 1887.

(50) To The Memory of Dr Philip Tidyman, of Charlestown, South Carolina, U.S.A. distinguished in his native City for the liberal support he gave to her useful Institutions. He was ever remarked for the exercise of a comprehensive philanthropy, for the aid he ever extended to merit, and the habitual practice of all the charities, and kindly affections. Connected by descent with this country, which had been endeared to him by the recollections of early youth, he revisited it after an absence of 52 years, and died at Aberdeen on the 11th June 1850 in the 78 year of his age. He was beloved and esteemed, and is regretted by all who knew him.

(51) Sacred to the memory of John Tulloch, LL.D., Professor of Mathematics, for 40 years, in King's College, and University, Aberdeen. Who died 4 May 1851 aged 73.

(52) In Memory of The Rev^d George Tulloch, A.M., LL.D. Born in Ulbster, Parish of Wick, 1 March 1796. Died at Aberdeen 29 April 1873. He successfully conducted the Bellevue Academy, Aberdeen, for a period of nearly 40 years. This Tablet is erected by his former pupils and friends. His brother James Tulloch, A.M., who died 22nd May 1852, aged 47 years, is also interred in this Vault. Here also rests his cousin, Marcus Tulloch, A.M. Born 1811, Died 1895, who was for more than 30 years his faithful friend and assistant Master in the Bellevue Academy.

(53) In Loving Memory of the Rev^d John Black, LL.D., Professor of Humanity in the University of Aberdeen, who died 17th November 1881, aged 47 years. And of his wife, Anne Doovertie Forbes Strahan, who died 11th February 1898, aged 57 years. Also of their son William Doovertie Strahan Black, who died 8th December 1880, aged 7 years.

(54) Sacred to the Memory of Jane Cumine, daughter of the late William Cumine Esq. of Pittullie, died xxix June Mdcccxxv aged lxxii years. Margaret, daughter of the late William Cumine Esq. of Pittullie, died xviii March, Mdcccxlii, aged lxxxiv years.

(55) Erected by Mary Lyon in Memory of her father George Willox, who died 29th Nov^r 1818, aged 45 years. Also her brothers, George, who died 17th March 1804 aged 8 years. James, who died 27th Febr^y 1819, aged 21 years. Also her nephew James Blackie, who died 31st Dec^r 1850, aged 25 years. Also her mother Mary Woodly Kitchin, who died 25th Febr^y 1852, aged 79 years.

(56) Here are interred the Bodies of James Gordon of Seaton, John Gordon his son, Richard Gordon his grandson, who died 9th of November 1763 aged 77. Mary, wife of Richard, who died 6th November 1782. And Sarah Gordon their daughter, who died 12th May 1827, aged 80. Also of John Gordon of Craigmyle, who died 9th July 1830, aged 82. Mary his wife, who died 9th Nov^r 1831, aged 80. And of Jane Robertson, wife of Peter Laing Gordon, of Craigmyle, who died 25th May 1855, aged 26 years. The said Peter Laing Gordon, who died 31st March 1866, aged 67 years. Jessie Isabella Macbean, his second wife, who died 17th November 1874, aged 44 years.

(57) In Loving Memory of David Johnston, D.D. Professor of Divinity and Biblical Criticism University of Aberdeen, born 9th January 1836, died 7th August 1899.

(58) To the Memory of Lieut. Col. George Thomas Gordon, late of the Bombay Cavalry, who died at Dee Bank, Banchory, on the 6th of Sept. 1850, aged 65. Also of his widow, Margaret Catherine Gordon, who died April 9th 1891, aged 89, and lies buried at Birchington, Kent.

(59) Hugh Macpherson of Eigg, M.D. Subprincipal and Professor of Greek in King's College. Born 12 August 1767. Died 12 March 1854.

Ann Maria his first wife, daughter of Samuel Charters Esq., born 17th March 1784, died 4th Aug. 1807. Martin his eldest son, born 15th Nov. 1804, died 16th Jan. 1815.

Christina his second wife, daughter of Principal Macleod. Born 13th Sep. 1785, died 17th Aug. 1860.

John his third son, died in infancy, August 1807.

(60) In Memory of Martina Macpherson who died 29th March 1847, aged 72. And her Sister Barbara Macpherson, who died 8th April 1847, aged 84.

(61) The Burial Place of Hugh Maclean Esq. of Coll, and Mr Roderick Macleod Subprincipal of Kings Coll. Abdl. 1768.

(62) To the Memory of Ann, daughter of Principal Macleod, who died at Old Aberdeen 9th Aug^t 1869 aged 78. This Tablet is erected by her nephew Colonel Rod^k Macleod.

(63) Beneath this stone are deposited the remains of Janet Macleod, (daughter of Donald Macleod Esq. of Tallisker, and wife of Hector Maclean Esq. of Coll.) who died 21st July 1780, in the 56th year of her age: As also, those of her daughter, Christian Maclean of Coll. Here likewise are laid, the remains of Roderick Macleod D.D. who after successively filling the offices of Professor of Philosophy, Sub-Principal, and Principal, in the King's College of Aberdeen during a period of 65 years died, respected by all, on the 11th of September, 1815, in the 86th year of his age. And those of his wife, M^{rs} Isabella Christie who died on the 12th of Feby 1832, in the 73^d year of her age.

(64) Amantissimo filio Alexandro Baillie septem liberorum, quos, marito, nunquam non lugendo, Johanni Baillie, *de Dunain* peperit: natu minimo, hoc monumentum mœrens, posuit Isabella Campbell, Dublini natus, die 3^o Maii, 1796. obiit Aberdoniæ 10^a Feb. ann. 1805.

(65) In Memory of Major Samuel Charters Macpherson C.B. (son of Dr Hugh Macpherson) Agent for the suppression of human sacrifices in Orisa and subsequently Political Agent at Gwalior. Born at Old Aberdeen 7th January 1806, died at Calcutta 15th April 1860.

(66) Here lie the mortal remains of Margaret Cambier Macleod who died at Portobello, Nov^{ber} 10th 1847 aged 54. Also of her husband Roderick Macleod, M.D. who died at Old Aberdeen, Dec^{ber} 7th 1852 aged 57.

(67) Vir Honorabilis, & legum peritiss D. Tho: Sandilands a Cr[ai]b]stoun, Comissarius Abdonen: & Universitatis Regalis Vice-Cancellarius, 12 Octob: A.D. 1699 . . . & placide in Dno. obdormivit ejusque coniux dilectiss: Margareta Cuming filia D. de Culter Equitis Aurati, 15 Maii A.D. 166[5]¹ est denata, in quorum S. Memoriam . . . coi familias sepulchre Tol . . . inferendum curavit D. Jac. Sandilands filius et hæres antipelargus cuius uxor charissima Margareta Lauder sub resurrectionis spe hic pariter requiescat . . . quæ diem obiit suam 29 Jar. 1673.²

¹ Diary of Mr John Row.

² In the centre of the stone there is cut the arms of Sandilands, quarterly, 1st and 4th a bend counter, embattled; 2nd and 3rd a heart, on a chief three escallops, parted per pale from that of Cumming, a chevron between three garbs, differenced by a mullet.

IN THE CHURCHYARD.

(68) Heir lyes Thomas the son of Thomas Franch Master Masō
... 1530.¹

(69) In Memory of James Bruce who was unfortunately lost in crossing the river Dee at Abergeldie the 7th May 1808 aged 25 years.

(70) Erected by Margaret Aberdein To the Memory of her husband William Kemp, Feuar in Broadford, who died 10th June 1822, aged 89. Also Mary Leslie his first wife who died in the year 1801, aged 88. Also of his second wife who died 6th July 1837, aged 77 years.

(71) M. Gulielmo Duglassio V.D.M. qui postquam curam pastoralem Ecclesiæ de Forge magna cum pietate per annos 16 tenuisset & postea S. S. Theologiæ Professoris munus in Academia Regia Abredonensi per 22 annos recondita cum eruditione & summa laude sustinuisset atque voce vita scriptis deo & ecclesiæ militasset vivis excessit 30 die Januarii anno dom. 1666. Victurumque in secula nomen extendet hoc exuviarum conditorium quod Magister Ludovicus Dunlop V.D.M. gener posuit M. Jo. Dunlop: V.D.M. Rector Ecclesiæ de Skene: Vir sanctus, coelebs, doctus, pacificus, veritatis primævæ vindex: Bibliothecam suam Academiæ Marischall: et reifamiliaris reliquum amicis et egenis legavit. Cum ly: ætatis annum: summa cum laude attigisset: animam Deo reddidit: Aprilis die xxviii A.D. Mdcxciv. Cincresque sub beatæ resurrectionis spe cum avo hic condi jussit.

(72) Quod mortale fuit viri Reverendi Dav. Anderson, Theologie Professoris in Acad. Reg. Aberdonensi et uxoris ejus Cath. Mitchell, sub hoc marmore conditur obiit ille 1d. Febr^r A.D. Mdcxxxiii: ætatis sue lx. Necnon hic jacet filia eorum Catharina uxor viri Reverendi Gulielmi Dyce Pastoris Ecclesiæ de Belhelvie: quæ obiit vi^{to} Nonas Maii A.D. Mdcxxiii. vixit annos lxxii.²

(73) Here lyes Patrick Aberdeen farmer in Old Abdⁿ who departed the 18th day of April 1740.

(74) Her lyes Gilbert Blak Merchant in Old Abd. who dep^r the 20 Dec^r 1718 & of age 33.

¹ This inscription is cut on the outer west wall of Dunbar's Aisle and is very much decayed. Mylne in the *Master Masons of Scotland* gives the inscription as follows:—"Heir lye Thomas the son of Tomas Franch Master Mason of Brig of Dee and this isle 1530."

Old MS.

(75) Here lies Thomas Rhind Merchant in Old Aberdeen who died April 1692. And his spouse Marjory Macondachie who died in April 1697 aged 57 years. And also some of their children, Janet who died in June 1674. Elspet & Jane who both died in April 1681 and Thomas who died in May 1687. Here also lies the body of Thomas Skene Merchant & one of the Baillies of the City of Old Aberdeen. He died the 17 of May 1798, aged 85 years. And of Thomas Skene late Farmer in Black dog who died the 30th May 1800 aged 82 years. Also Thomas second son of Captⁿ Skene, Royal Veterans who died 28th Nov^r 1828 aged 6 years. And of Margaret Gill, wife of the late Thomas Skene, Farmer in Blackdog, who died the 23^d December 1838, aged 92 years. And of Thomas Skene Merchant, who died 18th October 1850 aged 47 years.

(76) Sacred to the Memory of Elizabeth Williamson Burnett, wife of Adam Cumine and daughter of Kirkpatrick Williamson Burnett of Monboddoo. Died the iv. of May Mdcxcv aged xxxiv years. Alexander Cumine, died iv Octr. Mdccxxxix aged xxiv years. Adam Cumine of Rattray, born May Mdclxvii, died xvii Jan^y Mdcccxli. William Adam Cumine, eldest son of James Cumine Esquire, of Rattray, died 12th January 1849 aged 4 years. Jane Cumine daughter of the late Adam Cumine Esq. of Rattray, died 5th September 1886, aged 73 years. Elizabeth Cumine daughter of the late Adam Cumine Esq. of Rattray, born 9th May 1811, died 5th Nov^r 1887 aged 75 years.

(77) Alex^r Begg Quarryer died 19 Nov^r 1793 aged 38 years.

(78) Here lyes the children of Alexander Booth Merchant burges of Aberdeen and of his spouse Rachell Niddrie, viz William Jane and Robert two Rachell and two Elizabeth aged about 6 years, last which died 25 of December 1736. Here also interred under the hope of a blessed resurrection the corpse of the above Alexander Booth father of the above named children, who departed this life the 14th day of November 1737 years and in the 45th year of his age. As also Rachell Niddrie his spouse who departed this life the 28th day of June 1738 years and goeing in the 47th year of her age. As also Alexander Booth their son who departed the 12th of May 1741 and of his age 20 years.

(79) In memory of John Cloudsly Merchant in Abdⁿ who died 28th March 1790.

(80) Here lyes Andrew Baxter Merch^t in Aberdeen : who dyed : in the year 1700 : aged 38 years. Also Esther Irvine his wife : who dyed in the year 1747 : aged 82 years. And Alex : Baxter of Glassel their son : who dyed in the year 1753 : aged 62 years. Also Violet Baxter

their daughter : who dyed in the year 1766 : aged 72 years. As also William Baxter of Glassel, their son, who died : July 25th 1776 : aged 85 years. As also Christian Cooper spouse to the said William Baxter : who died 11th Febr^y 1786 : aged 91.

(81) To the memory of Robert Forsyth weaver in Old Aberdeen who died the 16 of Dec^r 1780 aged 80. And of Jean Chalmers his spouse who died in Oct^r 1763 aged 61 years. Also of their son William Forsyth weaver in Old Aberdeen who died the 6 of Dec^r 1799 aged . . . years.

(82) Heir lyeth under the hope off a blessed resurrection Isabell Christie spous to George Paton off Grandhome who departed this life November 25 . . . off age 44 yeres. And that worthie good man George Paton of Grandhome who dyed the 15 of Febr^y 1711 aged 65 yeres. And Margaret Gairdne spouse to John Paton of Grandhome^r who dyed the 6 of March 1715 aged 28 yeirs.

(83) Juxta conduntur reliquie Joannis Harrow, quondam tonsoris Abredonensis, qui septimo die mensis Maij, A.D. 1793, ætatis suæ 84, mortem obiit. Prius quibusdam ædibus urbium Veteris et Novæ Abredonie, et prædiis vicinis testamento relictis, et in perpetuum concessis, ut eorum reditus per quosdam fidos et successores in codicillo nominatos, in hujusæ parochiæ pauperes quotannis erogaretur.²

(84) Here lies William Forbes, Coppersmith in Aberdeen : who died : 24 May 1762 : aged 54. Also his children, Andrew, who died in his first year : Elizabeth, who died : 5 April 1766 : aged 16. James, who died the 22^d January 1801 : aged 55. Also George, who died the 29th of November 1791 : aged 50. Also Janet Dyce, relict of the said William Forbes : who departed this life : the 26th of November 1803 : aged 80. Also Jean Forbes, their daughter, who died 27th June 1830 : aged 69. Their sons and daughters whose remains are elsewhere deposited were Katharine, the wife of Provost John Abercrombie, Aberdeen : died in the year 1785 aged 38 : interred in the Churchyard of St. Nicholas : William Forbes of Callendar died in the year 1815 : aged 72 : lies in a mausoleum at Callendar : in the Parish of Falkirk, Stirlingshire. David Forbes, Merchant in London : died in the year 1827 aged 74 : lies in a vault in the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopgate, London. Janet, the wife of James Allardyce, Collector of his Majesty's Customs, Aberdeen : died in the year 1829, aged 71 : interred in the Church yard of St. Nicholas.³

² Rector of King's College 1728-33. Cf. vol. ii. p. 220. ³ Old MS.

(85) To the memory of James Harvie sometime farmer at Bridge of Don who died in the hopes of a blessed resurrection the 8th February 1790 in the 81st year of his age. And of his spouse Susana Fiddes who died in April 1793 aged 79 yrs. Also of their son Alexander Harvey Farmer in Mains of Grandholm who died 20th August 1811 aged 73. And of Barbara Stephen his spouse who died 2nd April 1785. Also of James Harvie of Potterton eldest son of the said Alexander Harvie and Barbara Stephen who died 23rd Dec. 1838 aged 71 yrs. Also of William Harvey son of Alexander Harvey Mains of Grandholme (and Barbara Stephen) who was for many years farmer in Beadlierton of Dyce and died 3rd March 1854 aged 79 yrs.

(86) 1861 Erected by Peter Harvey of Ardo in memory of his son Alexander Harvey younger of Ardo who departed this life 27 Mar. 1859 aged 44 years. Also of his children Susan died 5th Dec. 1846 aged 17 months. Peter died 2nd Nov. 1847 in infancy. Alexander died 26th Nov. 1847 aged 4 years. Peter James died 7th May 1853 in infancy. Barbara Stephen died 7th Jan. 1858 in infancy. Anne eldest daughter of the said Alexander Harvey born 25th April 1842 departed this life 30th July 1880. Also of Agnes Abernethy wife of the said Alexander Harvey born at Ferryhill 5th Jan. 1815 died at Ardo 15th May 1888.

(87) Erected by Peter Harvey of Ardo in memory of his children Barbara, who died 28th May 1823 aged 11 yrs. Peter who died 6th April 1825 in infancy. Ann who died 24th March 1829 aged 11 yrs. Jane who died 20th June 1829 aged 21 yrs. Christian who died 2nd April 1831 aged 8 yrs. Catherine who died 10th August 1835 aged 14 yrs. Peter who died 18th Sept. 1836 in infancy. Peter Harvey esquire of Ardo who died 16th Sept. 1866 aged 90 yrs. Also his wife Susan Harvey who died 21st May 1879 aged 91 yrs. James who died 24th April 1880 aged 46 yrs. Susan who died 1st Dec. 1895 aged 79 yrs.

Also Alexander son of Alexander Harvey farmer, Mains of Grandholm who died 12th Feb. 1791 aged 19 yrs.

(88) Memoriae . sacrum . Gulielmi . Chalmers . M.D. in . Academia . Regia . Aberdonensi . Medicinae . Professoris . filiarum . Joannis . Innes . de . Tillyfour . sepulchri . consortis : qui . annos . natus . xlv . obiit : xiv . Decemb . A.D. Mdccxcii . Necnon . filiae . suae . natu . maximae . Mariae . quae . acerba . morte . rapta . multis . flebilis . obiit . vi . Januar . A.D. Mdcccxii . ætatis . xxiv .

Vidua materque moerens H.M.P.

(89) Juxta . hunc . parietem . conduntur . reliquiae . viri . Reverendi . Joannis . Chalmers . de . Schlattie . D.D. per . liv . annos . in . Academia .

Regia . Aberdonensi . Gymnasiarchæ . qui . sepulchri . jam . consors . olim . in . locum . suffectus . viri . Reverendi . Georgii . Chalmers . D.D. obiit . vii . Id . April . A.D. Mdecc : annos . natus . lxxxviii.

(90) M. S. Vir Venerabilis M. Georgius Chalmers qui ecclesiæ Kilvininensis curam pastorem quondam magna cum pietate tenuit postea Primarii munus in Academia Regia et Pastoris in ecclesia Palar Aberdonensi summa cum laude explevit quum de ecclesia et academia optime meruisset et spartam utramque egregie ornasset diem supremum clausit pridie Non. Maii A.D. 1746 æt. lxxvi et mortalitatis insignia hic deposuit. Nec non conjux ejus Christina Campbell foemina lectissima M. Geor. Campbell in Academia Edinburgensi Theologiæ Professoris filia obiit A.D. 1728 æt. 68.
Grata quies tumulus positus sub tegmine Christi otia qui fessis parta labore facit.

(91) This is the burial place of Andrew Cowie sometime Farmer at Tannfield 1788.

(92) In memory of James Hill late merchant in Old Abdⁿ. And Marjory Hatt his spouse who both died in the year 1746. Also of Alexander Hill their son Merchant likewise in Old Abdⁿ who departed this life 31st July 1750. All the three were eminent examples of piety and virtue.

(93) Hic jacet Elizabetha Irvine, uxor M^r Gulielmi Murray, in Veteri Aberdonia, presbyteri : quæ obiit A.D. Mdeccxxv ætatis suæ xlii Necnon dictus M^r Gulielmus Murray qui A.D. 1754 ætatis 70 animam Deo reddidit. Necnon etiam Isabella Irvine, Gulielmi Murray, in Aberdonia Mercatoris, quæ A.D. Mdeclvi ætatis xli animam efflavit.¹

(94) Her lyes Rachell Robert Robert and Robert John George and Rachel Christian Joyners children to Daniel Joyners merchant burges in Old Abd.

(95) M. S. Henrietta Lumsden : conjugis dilectissimæ Patricii Duff : verbi divini ministri apud Old Machar quæ obiit : 15 Nov : A.D. 1777 : æt. 47. Sub hoc marmore etiam, conditur, quod mortale fuit viri Rev. Patricii Duff : qui curam pastorem primum apud Glenbucket, per x menses : Deinde apud Old Machar, per xxix annos, fideliter egit, obiit vi die Mart. conditum est quod mortale fuit Elizabethæ Forbes : Rev. Patricii Duff carissimæ conjugis secundo matrimonii vinculo : obiit : 21 Dec. A.D. 1828 æt. 85.²

¹ Old MS.

² Old MS.

(96) *Hic situs est vir probus et integer Jacobus Knight, Mercator : et Ballivus, Aberdonensis : qui desideratus, obiit viii Dec^{bris} 1702 : ætatis xli. Nec non ipsius conjux, virtutis studiosa Janeta Low, quæ obiit v. Julii 1732 : ætatis lxviii.*

(97) In memory of Agnes Leslie spouse to George Stronach Blacksmith in Aberdeen who died February 10th 1791 aged 34 yrs. Also the said George Stronach who died 2nd January 1805 aged 45 years. And likewise Jane Leslie relict of Alexander Hall sometime Wright in Old Aberdeen who died 15 April 1842 aged 72 years.

(98) *Beatam resurrectionem præstolatur M^r Joannes Lumsden in Academia Regia : S.T.P. qui obiit 2^{do} Julii : A.D. 1770 : ætat. 77^{mo} Necnon Joanna Leslie, foemina lectissima ejus uxor : quæ diem clausit 20^{mo} Maii : A.D. 1764. Carolus Lumsden I. F^r qui obiit 24^{to} Jan. 1738 : æt. 3^{to}. Etiam Jana Lumsden, M^{li} Jo. Maxwell conjux, quæ obiit 31^{mo} Julii A.D. 1758 : æt. 33^{mo}. Et Alexander Lumsden M.D. : qui obiit : 15 Jan. 1778. Et Agnes Lumsden : quæ obiit : 29^{mo} Nov. 1807. Et Theresa Lumsden : quæ obiit : 21^{mo} Aprilis : 1819 : æt. 88^{vo}.¹*

(99) In Memory of Robert Leslie Shoemaker in Old Aberdeen who died in 176- aged And his wife Elspet Anderson who died in 1789 aged .

(100) . . . Marjorie Montgumrie his spouse died the 14th of July 1747 aged . . . years. Here also lies their son George Cuming Wright in Old Aberdeen, who died 24th day of August 1784 aged 69 years.

(101) In Memory of Elizabeth Roger spouse of Alexander Cochran, Ship Owner in Aberdeen who died on the 18th of December 1809 in the 21st year of her age. Also of James Gordon Jeweller in Aberdeen who died 17th May 1810, aged 67 years. George Ross Jeweller in Aberdeen who died 15th August 1824 aged 71 years. Margaret Gordon spouse of the said George Ross who died 17th April 1828 aged 72 years.

(102) Here lies Marjory Milne spouse to John Smith blacksmith in Old Aberdeen, Convener of the Trades. She died 30th July 1792 aged 60.

(103) To the memory of James Massie Merchant burges in Old Aberdeen who departed this life July 22nd 1759 in the 57th year of his age. And of Elspet Rhind his spouse who died in the month of December 1800 aged 87 years. Also two of their children James and Elspet

¹ Old MS.

Massies. Here also lies the body of Susan Massie their daughter and spouse to George Paul Merchant Burges in Old Aberdeen who exchanged this life for a better upon the 5th day of March 1775 aged 37 years.

(104) To the memory of Rachel Mitchell, spouse of the deceased Patrick Forsyth formerly Sheriff-Substitute of Kincardineshire. She died 30th January 1810. Also in memory of Ann Alison Forsyth, beloved wife of James H. Forsyth, M.D. who died 23rd Febr'y 1852, aged 32 years.

And of Jessie Forsyth, dearly beloved wife of William Forsyth, druggist, Aberdeen, who died 21st Dec^r 1875, aged 22 years.

(105) S. M. Agnesie et Joannæ Ramsay Joannis Ramsay de Kinalty armigeri filiarum hæc Maij tertio 1788^o et ætat 28^o et illa Novembris decimo septimo 1789 et ætat 24^o obiit mater posuit. Here also lyes interred the body of Dundas Ramsay, who died 13th November 1811 aged 42 years. Here also lies interred the body of their cousin Alexander Edgar (eldest son of John Edgar of Keithock Esq^r) who died on the 6th Nov^r 1823 in the 60th year of his age. Here also lies interred the body of M^{rs} Dundas Ramsay, born 12th Febr'y 1774, and died 22nd March 1839 in the 66th year of her age.

(106) Here lies John Robertson weaver in Old [Aberdeen] . . . Also Mary [Robertson his] daughter she died August 7 . . . aged 7 years. Here lyes Margaret Innes spouse to John Robertson weaver in Coledge bounds of Old Abdⁿ. She died July the 28 1753 aged 63 years. Here lyes Isobell Robertson spouse to Thomas Bruce Innkeeper in Abd. She died Octo^r the 9 1763 aged 45 years.

(107) Here are deposited the Remains of John Ross, Weaver in Old Aberdeen, who died 14th January 1799 aged 66. Of his sister Jean, who died in October following. And of several of his children, who died in nonage. Also of his daughter Jean, who died 9th February 1805, in her 32^d year. And of his wife Jean Irvine, who died 1st April 1820 aged 81. And of his son Robert Ross, Brewer in Old Aberdeen, who died on the 30th March 1828, aged 48 years. And of Margaret Duncan wife of Robert Ross, who died 20th February 1865, aged 69 years. Isabella their second daughter died March 14th 1894, aged 74. Margaret Elizabeth Ross, their third daughter, who died 3rd October 1896, aged 71 years.

(108) The Tomb of The Rev^d Alexander Gerard S.S.T.D., Professor of Divinity in Marischal College and University, and thereafter in King's College and University, who died 22 February 1795, aged 67. And of his son The Rev^d Gilbert Gerard, S.S.T.D., who succeeded his father in

the last mentioned chair, and who died 27 September 1815, aged 55. Here also are interred the Remains of Helen Duncan, who died in March 1838, widow of Dr. Gilbert Gerard. Of their son Capt Alexander Gerard, of the Indian Army, who died in Decr 1838. And of their daughters Margaret Helen Gerard, who died 10 April 1849, aged 73. Marjory Cruickshank Gerard, who died 9 December 1878, aged 82. And Helen Jane Gerard, the last of the Family, who died 28 April 1884, aged 83.

Hic etiam requiescit quod mortale fuit feminae, virtute, et suavitate morum præcellentis Janæ Wight, uxoris dicti Alexandri, et matris Gilberti Gerard. Nata est prid. Kal. Mart. 1730. Deo animam reddidit Kal. Oct. 1818.¹

Patris . matris . fratrisque . sepulchri . particeps . requiescit . Jana . Gerard . Alexandri . Gerard . filia . ob . xv . Kal . Dec . A.D. Mlccccxxii æt. lxxii.¹

(109) S.H.C. requiescunt ossa V.R. Alexandri Gerard, S.S.T.D. mente sagaci eximia virtute ingeniiq; dotibus haudquaquam spernendis præditi, gravitate condita comitate quoque insignis ast in omnigena doctrina comparanda incredibili industria diligentia singulari qui primo Phil. Moral. docuit, deinde S.S. Theologiam in Academia Marischallana, cum pastoris officio in urbe Nov. Aberdon. conjunctam, postremo Regi a Sacello apud Scotos, atque S.S. Theologiam in Academ. Regia Professor. Summo suo desiderio apud omnes relicto, obiit natali suo die, xxii Februarii, Mlccxcv, quo annum ætatis explevit lxxii. Vidua maestissima H.M.P. Hic quoque loci conduntur reliquiae V.R. Gilberti Gerard, S.S.T.D. Alexandri filii. Literis cum sacris tum humanis apprime docti, ea suavitate morum, ea in suos indulgentia, ea erga omnes benevolentia, ea erga Deum pietate, ut humanum, nihil supra. Qui incunte ætate Ecclesiae Scoticae apud Amstelodamum Pastor deinde Litt. Græc. in Academ. Reg. Aberdonensi, postremo S.S. Theologiae in eadem Academ. Professor, hujus Ecclesiae Pastor Regique a Sacello apud Scotos. Gravisimis horum officiorum muneribus, maxima cum laude sua functus, acerba morte raptus multis flebilis obiit, Academiae Ecclesiaeque decus et lumen, xxvii Septembris, Mlccxcv, annos habens lv. diesque xlvii. Vidua maestissima H.M.P.²

(110) Erected by Robert Smith D.D. Minister of Old Machar and Mary Curzon Molison his wife, in memory of their beloved children, William Allardice aged 8, Molison aged 6, Margaret aged 4, who departed this life on the 19th and 20th March 1842; and Thomas Molison Lieut

¹ On two small marble tablets fixed to the uprights supporting the table stone.

² Inscription given by Kennedy, vol. ii. p. 349, and now replaced by the immediately preceding inscription.

8th Madras N.I., who died at Samulcottah 23rd Nov^r 1853 aged 27, over whose remains a tomb was "Erected by his brother officers as a mark of their sincere regard and esteem." Mary Curzon Molison died 15th Aug^t 1865, aged 71 years and is here buried. And the Rev^d Robert Smith D.D. for 47 years Minister of the first charge of this Parish, died 11th November 1877 in the 81st year of his age, and the 57th of his Ministry, and is likewise here buried. As also are their three children first named above.¹

(111) In Memory of Major General John Smith, Bengal Staff Corps, late Commandant 28th Punjab Native Infantry, eldest son of The Rev^d Robert Smith, D.D. Died 27th Nov^r 1889 aged 65 years.

(112) In Memory of Edith Frances Fuller, died April 5 1865 aged 4½ years, and Margaret Fuller, died April 28 1866 aged 4 years. Also of Arthur Robert Fuller who died near Cudalur Neilgherry Hills and was buried at Ootagamund, June 26th 1878 aged 21.

(113) In Memory of Captain Charles Adamson, who died on the 25th Feb. 1841, aged 83 years. His son James, also his daughter Eliza, who died in infancy. His daughter Marjory Cruden, who died in Oct. 1818, aged 13 years. His mother-in-law Eliza Mitchell, who died in March, 1828, aged 82 years. And his daughter Euphemia, who died on the 11th Oct. 1828, aged 28 years. Also his daughter Jean Ann, wife of Lieutenant Andrew Reid, R.N., who died on the 4th of April 1848, aged 56 years. Also Lieut. Andrew Reid, R.N., who died 9th April 1849, aged 61 years.

(114) Underneath are interred the remains of The Rev. Geo. Ogilvy of Cortachy & N. Banchory, born 20 May O.S. 1720, married 2 Sep. 1754, & died 17 Ap. 1785. Katherine Anderson his wife, born Nov. 1719, & died 28 March 1800. The Rev. Skene Ogilvy D.D. of Skene & Old Aberdeen eldest son of the above, born 27 Sep. 1755, married 11 Sep. 1783, died 12 Dec. 1831. Had two sons and three daughters. Isabella Seton of Mounie his wife, born . . . & died 6 Sep. 1824. David Ogilvy second and youngest son of the above Geo. Ogilvy & K.A., born 1 Nov. 1757, married 13 March 1795, & died 16 Nov. 1826. Had one son, Janet Gladstone his wife, born 4 May 1770, died 30 June 1842.²

(115) In Memory of Mr John Bruce who departed this life at Rose Mount in this Parish on the 18th of October 1814 in the 80th year of his age. He was a pious and an honest man. An affectionate husband and a kind parent. Go reader and do thou likewise for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven. As a just tribute to his memory this stone is humbly inscribed by his son.

¹ Cf. vol. ii. pp. 211, 228.

² Cf. vol. ii. p. 211.

(116) Here are deposited the remains of the children of Dr James Gordon, Old Aberdeen. Elspet, died 22^d Jan. 1814, aged 15 months: William Duguid, 5th Jan. 1833, 8½ years: Peter, 26th Jan. 1833, 18 years: William Duguid, in infancy, April 1833: David Morice, 4th Dec. 1834, 8½ years: Patrick Kilgour, 11th May 1837, 20 months: Thom, 8th Sept. 1837, 17 years: and John, died 16th May 1846, aged 28 years. Also Dr. James Gordon, their father, who died 18th May 1847, aged 81 years, and Helen Ritchie, his spouse, who died 13th May 1852, aged 61 years. Also their daughter Eliza, who died 21st Novr 1877, aged 68 years. And Margaret, last surviving daughter of the above Dr James Gordon, who died 13th December 1902, aged 74 years.

In Memory of James Gordon M.D. for more than 50 years Medical Practitioner in Old Aberdeen, who died 23rd Dec. 1885, aged 75 years. Mary Charlotte Hill his daughter, who died 7th Sept^r 1886, aged 20 years. Helen Ritchie his daughter, who died 1st Dec. 1897, aged 30 years. Margaret Gardiner Harvey his daughter, who died 31st March 1905, aged 34 years.

(117) To the Memory of John Clark, Skinner and many years Convener of the Trades in Old Aberdeen, who died in the year 1742 aged forty years. And of his spouse Christian Chalmers who died in the year 177-, aged 77 years. With two daughters Marg^t and Ann who both died in their 20 year. Their son John Clark Esq. of Orchard house late of London, builder, who died the 11 of April 1816 aged 75 years.

(118) Sacred to the memory of John Wilson late Stocking Manufacturer in Aberdeen who died 19th Feby 1818 in the 67th year of his age. Mrs. Wilson or Maitlan.

(119) John Thom Farmer at Hilton, died July 1765, aged 48. Agnes Ritchie his spouse, died October 1813, aged 77. Elizabeth their daughter, died April 1771, aged 11. John their son Merchant in Aberdeen, died February 1797, aged 35.

(120) Here is interred the body of Janet Collie [spouse] to George Bartlet, Upholsterer in Aberdeen, who departed this life on the 29th of April 1802, aged 56. She was an affectionate and dutiful wife, a loving and tender parent, a friend to the poor. Also six of her children who died in infancy are interred here. As a tribute of respect to her memory, her surviving children have caused this stone to be placed. Also are interred the body of the said George Bartlet, who departed this life on the 11th June 1826, aged 54 years. Also his daughter Jean Bartlet, who departed this life on the 23^d Oct^r 1828, aged 49 years. Likewise John Bartlet, Upholsterer and Cabinetmaker in Aberdeen, who died the 9th

March 1830, aged 50. Here also lie interred the remains of John Connon, Farmer, who died at Hilton House, Woodside, 17th February 1843, aged 61. The body of Ann Bartlett, who died in Oct^r 1852, was buried as she had requested in the church yard of the Parish of Daviot, beside the remains of Barbara Connon, M^{rs} James Ferguson.

(121) In Memory of John Barron late Watchmaker, Aberdeen, who died 26th May 1852, aged 87, and Ann Allan his spouse, who died 19th January 1837, aged 64. Also of their children John Barron who died 23rd December 1808, aged 4 years. Helen Barron who died 2^d February 1810, aged 7 years 5 months. Andrew Barron who died at Madras 15th July 1831, aged 34. Janet Barron spouse of Lewis Stewart, Fisherton Aberlour who died there 19th October 1849, aged 50. George Barron W.S. Edinburgh who died at Aberdeen 11th August 1851, aged 50. John Barron who died at New York 30th August 1851, aged 41. James Barron who died at Bombay 1st August 1852, aged 46 years. John James Barron his son who died at Aberdeen 6th April 1856, in his 16th year. Eliza Barron spouse of the deceased John Adie Optician in Edinburgh, who died at Strawberry Bank Aberdeen on the 22nd day of June 1858, aged 46.

(122) In memory of William Paul, Gardener in Old Aberdeen, who died 11th of December 1786, aged 62 years.

(123) In memory of James Cock, long resident in Old Aberdeen, who died 30th March 1795, aged 76. His spouse Jane Forbes, who died 26th March 1809, aged 76. Their son, Colonel James Cock, H.E.I.C.S., who died 26th March 1829, aged 60. Their daughter, Christina Cock, who died 17th March 1836, aged 72. Also Ann Glennie, spouse of the deceased John Smith, Shipmaster, who died 1st March 1836, aged 39. Also their daughter, Louisa Ann Smith, who died the 1st May 1842, aged 21. Also to the memory of their son-in-law, the Rev^d James Jeffrey, Minister of the Parish of Meldrum, who died the 24th March 1853, aged 40 years.

(124) Sacred to the memory of Catherine Isabella Fraser, third daughter of the late Alex^r Fraser of Fraserfield, who died Sep^r 25th 1867.

(125) To the memory of Barbara, wife of James W. F. Smith-Shand, M.D., Professor of Medicine in the University of Aberdeen, and daughter of Alexander Sharp Shand of Templeland, Aberdeenshire, who died 21st May 1880. James Gordon their son, died 14th June 1871, aged 4 months. Also of the above James William Fraser Smith-Shand, M.D., for 16 years Professor of the practice of Medicine in the University of Aberdeen, who died 12th June 1891, aged 57 years. Amy Patricia, fourth daughter of the above, died 19th May 1895, aged 21 years.

(126) Erected to the memory of Sir William Bacon Johnston, 8th Baronet of that ilk, and of Hilton in the County of Aberdeen. Born in Holyrood House, 17th March 1806, died at Hilton House, Aug^t 3^d 1865. By Lady Johnston his sorrowing spouse, 1866. Here also rests Mary Ann, Lady Johnston, widow of the above, who passed away in her eighty third year at Buckhurst Hill, Essex, on Sunday, October 11th 1903, after a long and painful illness.

(127) Mary Henry Stirling, born 5th Dec^r 1837, died 15th Aug^t 1863. Hugh Stirling, born 11th Sept^r 1841, died 2nd Sept^r 1842. The Rev. James Stirling, for more than 46 years Minister of George Street United Presbyterian Church, died 22nd June 1871, aged 71. Sarah Henry Irvine, wife of the Rev. James Stirling, born 6th March 1813, died 5th February 1875. Jane Stirling, born 24th July 1850, died 15th July 1884, at Bel Alp, and was buried at Naters near Brigue, Canton Valais, Switzerland. Margaret Irvine, sister of Sarah Henry Irvine, born 13th February 1816, died 24th June 1892. Erected by the Rev. James Stirling, Aberdeen.

(128) Erected by Rev. Wm. Ewan, F. C. Fyvie, in memory of his father William Ewan, builder, Aberdeen, who died there March 18 1863, aged 64. His mother Mary Strachan, who died at Fyvie April 22 1875, aged 70. His sister Margaret Ewan, who died at Fyvie Feb. 5 1893, aged 64. His beloved wife Elizabeth Morrison Ramsay, who died at Fyvie, Jan. 25 1893, aged 47.

(129) Sacred to the memory of Laura Isabella, daughter of William Keith, M.D., and Isabella Fiskien his spouse, born on the 17th July 1863, she died on the 17th of August 1868. William Keith, M.D., of Easter Muchalls, Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, and Lecturer in Clinical Surgery, Aberdeen, born 3rd November 1802, died 5th February 1871.

(130) In memory of Mary Croom, spouse to William Keith, M.D., Surgeon in Aberdeen: she was born at Montrose, on the 28th Jan^y 1802, she died on the 25th Sept^r 1831: and William, their infant son, he was born on the 26th Sept^r 1826, he died on the 11th March 1827. Died at Sherpur, Cabul, on the 13th Jan. 1880, from pneumonia, caused by exposure during the campaign in Afghanistan, Alexander Crombie Keith, Surgeon, Army Medical Department, fifth son of Dr. Keith, and Burnette Silver.

(131) Sacred to the memory of Jane Anne Elizabeth Keith, daughter of Dr Keith and Burnette Silver his spouse, born 28th April 1844, died 16th Feb. 1848. Also the said Burnette Silver, born at Netherley, 22nd Nov. 1809, died 25th March 1853. Lieut John Keith, R.A., their third

son, who died 24th April 1867, aged 28, and lies in Kamptee Churchyard E.I. Also of Colonel George Silver Keith, Madras Army, who died at Madras on 18th September 1887, aged 49 years.

(132) Sacred to the memory of Robert Maclure, LL.D., Professor of Humanity in the University of Aberdeen, born at Dailly in Ayrshire April 17 1802, died Sept 3 1868. Also of his wife Elizabeth Mary Richards, died 16th January 1892, aged 83 years.

(133) In memory of James Augustus Sinclair, 16th Earl of Caithness, Baron Berriedale, born at Naples, 31st May 1827, died in London, 20th January 1891. And of Janet Macleod his wife, born 23rd September 1829, died 5th February 1906.

(134) To the memory of Mary Gavin wife of the Rev. Alexander Anderson, died at Old Aberdeen, 24th June 1864, aged 57. Their eldest child Francis James Skelton, died at Boyndie Manse 16th March 1833, aged 9 months. The said Alexander Anderson, A.M., LL.D., of Chanonry House, Old Aberdeen, died 25th October 1884, aged 76 years. His second wife Marion Fairrie Marshall or Nesbit, died 28th January 1901, aged 78 years.

Anne Peters, daughter of the late Alexander Peters, Schoolmaster, Marnoch, for 63 years nurse and valued friend in the family of the Rev^d Alexander Anderson, died in 1903, in her 84th year.

(135) In memory of the children of the Rev. Alexander Anderson, and of his wife Mary Gavin.

Francis James, 1832-1833. Alexander Gavin, 1833-1892. Margaret Jane (Mrs. Arch^d Stevenson), 1841-1893. William Richard, 1844-1895. Frances Anne (M^{rs} Barker), 1835-1898. James George Skelton, 1838-1907.

(136) Sacred to the memory of Margaret Gordon, wife of Dr Francis Irvine, born 23^d Feb. 1805, died 23^d Sept. 1851. And of Dr Francis Irvine, born 3rd July 1802, died 5th February 1871. Also of Margaret Irvine, their eldest daughter, who died 31st December 1879. Also of their second son Alexander Irvine, M.D., who died 5th April 1888.

(137) This space is enclosed as the Family burying ground of John Irvine Jun^r, Brewer in Old Aberdeen. He died 30th Sept 1829, aged 58. Barbara Robson his spouse, died 12th Sept. 1834, aged 65. Of their family, Barbara died in infancy. John, Lieu. H.E.I.C. 5th Reg^t Cavalry, Madras Establishment, died in India, 25th June 1825, aged 28. Robert on the 6th July 1827, aged 18.

Alexander Irvine, merchant in Aberdeen, who died 19th Decr 1849, aged 73.

(138) Here are interred the remains of Louisa Gordon, who died 14th Feby 1844, aged 27, and of her husband, James Irvine, who died 4th October 1844, aged 31. And of their youngest daughter Barbara, who died 6th Jan^r 1862, aged 19. And of their eldest son James, who died 27th August 1862, aged 25.

In loving memory of the Rev. Alexander Irvine, D.D., Minister of the Parish of Crimond, and for 37 years a minister of the Church of Scotland, who died 12th January 1884, aged 79 years. Also of Jessie Seymour Irvine, daughter of the said Rev^d Alex^r Irvine, D.D., who died on the 2nd September 1887, aged 51 years.

(139) In memoriam the Reverend Alexander Irvine, D.D., Minister of Crimond, died 12th January 1884, aged 79 years, and Jessie Nicol his wife, died 27th April 1888, aged 83 years.

(140) In loving remembrance of Jessie Gray, wife of Robert Kemp, grain merchant, Aberdeen, died 10th Decr 1868. And of the said Robert Kemp, who died 20th May 1879. And of their son Robert Davidson Kemp, Assistant Surgeon 16th Lancers, who died at Secunderabad, India, 19th May 1872.

(141) In hope, John Smith, aged 89, and his wife Elizabeth Mackenzie, aged 79. Also David Collie, who died at Drumblair, Forgue, 1st May 1890, aged 71 years. And his second wife Elizabeth Young Smith, born 9th October 1827, died 11th January 1892.

(142) In memory of Anne Saunders Adamson, wife of Robert Ligertwood, died 23rd March 1869, aged 25 years. And of Catherine Saunders Ligertwood their eldest daughter, died 10th October 1890, aged 29 years.

(143) Here are deposited the remains of Alexander Ewing, merchant burgess in Aberdeen, who died 12th January Mdcccxi, aged 63. Also of Jane Smith his spouse, who died 23rd April Mdcccxi, aged 59. Also of Margaret Ewing infant daughter of Dr Ewing, who died 11th August Mdcccxi, aged 9 months.

(144) S. M. Joannis Ewing, Jurisconsulti Aberdonensis, viri in rebus agendis eximii. Integritate, benevolentia, et morum suavitate omnibus grati. Suis et amicis quam maxime cari: qui annum etatis xxxviii agens, Lente confectus. Obiit xvii Kal. Jul. Mdcccxvii. Hoc monumentum extruendum curavit frater. Hic etiam conduntur reliquiae uxoris illius, Elspet Aiken, quae obiit vi Kal. Mart. Mdcccxix, anno etat. xlvii.

(145) In memoriam Alexandri Ewing hujus Universitatis Mag. art. et insignis alumni necnon Univer. Edinb. ubi ad grad. M.D. processit; Scholæ physiologicæ et anatomicæ Coll. Mariscall. et Universitatis Aberdon eximii restitutoris. Natus apud fluv. Donam vixit in propinquo sed suo agro de Tartowie Paroch. Kinellar obiit viii Kal. Feb. Mdeccliii atatis suæ lxi.

Vir dulcis memorie.

Conjugis etiam ejus Barbaræ Thomæ McCombie de Easterskene filie natu maximæ obdormivit xvi Kal. Nov. Mdecclxvii anno atatis suæ lxx.

(146) Sacred to the memory of Hannah Charlotte Hay, daughter of Lieu^t General the Lord James Hay and Elizabeth Forbes his spouse. Born Sep. 1818, died August 1819. And of General the Lord James Hay, second son of George Marquis of Tweeddale and Hannah Charlotte Maitland his wife, who was born 1786, and died at Spa on the 19th August 1862. Lord James Hay was present in the battles of Copenhagen, Vimiera, Busaco Feuentes d' Onor, Vittoria, Pyrenees, Nivelle, Nive, and Waterloo. Was Colonel of the 86th Regiment of Foot, and received the war medal with eight clasps.

(147) Sacred to the memory of William Forbes Esq. and Jane his wife, and of James Forbes Esq. of Seaton, son of the above, who died 7th August 1829 aged 92, and Margaret Gordon his wife, daughter of Admiral William Gordon, who died 1841. And of William Oswald Forbes, Esq., only son of the above, who died February 1794, and of Elizabeth Forbes, daughter of the above James Forbes and Margaret Gordon, and wife of Lieutenant General the Lord James Hay, who died September 30th, 1881, aged 78.

(148) Hic requiescit Gulielmus Duguid Geddes LL.D. Edin. et Aberdon. Litt. D. Dubl. per xxx annos litterarum Græcarum Professor deinde per xv annos Universitatis Aberdonensis Præfectus et Vice-Cancellarius. Natus xxi Nov. Mdecxxviii. Obiit ix Feb. Mdeccec.

(149) In loving remembrance of Jane Caird wife of Richard Poole, M.D. Born 4th July 1795, died 2nd Aug. 1867. And of the said Richard Poole. Born 27th Nov^r 1781, died 18th Feb^r 1870.

(150) In memory of the very Rev^d Peter Colin Campbell, D.D., for 21 years Principal of the University of Aberdeen, who was born 21st January 1810, and died 12th December 1876, in humble hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Also of his twin sons, James Wyllie Campbell and Peter Colin Campbell, born 26th July 1844, died in infancy at Caputh, Perthshire, and buried there. Also of his daughter, Jessie Hamilton, born

13th August 1850, died 12th January 1856, and Matilda Augusta, born 4th March 1859, died 21st May 1859. Also of his eldest son, George Maciver Campbell, M.D., Assistant Surgeon 85th Regiment, born 16th April 1842, died 6th December 1868. Also of his son, Donald David Maciver Campbell, Bengal Civil Service, born 22nd January 1849, died 5th February 1878, at Almorán, India, and buried there. Also of his son, William Macdonald Maciver Campbell, born 3rd March, 1852, died 13th December 1882, at Kew, Melbourne, Australia, and buried there. Also of his wife, Jessie, daughter of the Hon. James Wylie of Burnside, Canada West, born 29th September 1812, died 28th April 1891.

(151) Here rest in the hope of a joyful resurrection the mortal remains of Margaret, the beloved wife of Alexander Robertson of Balgownie Lodge, eldest daughter of the late Hugh Davidson, Esq., of Cantray, Inverness-shire, born the 16th of January 1832, died on the 7th of April 1853. Also of the said Alexander Robertson, born the 7th of February 1799, died on the 28th of December 1856, and of their only son, Alexander Hugh Davidson Robertson, born the 19th of December 1853, died on the 29th of October 1857.

(152) I. H. S. To the memory of Elizabeth Deborah, wife of John Paton of Grandholm, and youngest daughter of Thomas Burnett, Advocate, died 24th Feby 1860, aged 37 years, and of their child, Elizabeth Bertha, died 11th June 1861, aged 16 months. Also the above John Paton of Grandholm, who died August the 27th 1879, aged 61 years.

(153) Robert Brough, A.R.S.A., born 20th March 1872, died 21st January 1905.

(154) In loving memory of the very Rev^d William R. Pirie, D.D., Principal of the University of Aberdeen, born at Manse of Slains, 26th July 1804, died at Old Aberdeen, 3rd November 1885. He was for many years the trusted leader of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and to him is mainly due the credit of procuring in 1874 the abolition of private patronage in the Church.

His wife Margaret Chalmers Forbes, born at the Manse of Boharm, 14th July 1821, died at Old Aberdeen, 18th April 1900.

Of their sons and daughters, Charles, born 1853, died 1854. Benjamin Abernethy Gordon, born 1858, died 1859. Charlotte Lockart Baird, born 1855, died 1860. Lewis James, born 29th November 1849, died in S. Africa, 24th September 1889. May Forbes, born 1846, married 1874, R. B. Thomson, D. P. W. India, died Dec. 1906.

(155) The Rev^d George Pirie, A.M., LL.D., their eldest son, Fellow of Queen's College, Cambridge, 1866-1868, Professor of Mathematics in the University of Aberdeen, 1878-1904, born July 19, 1843, died August 21, 1904.

(156) In loving memory of Duncan Mearns Abel, born 21st May 1864, died 4th January 1898.

(157) In loving remembrance of J. W. Crombie of Balgownie Lodge, for 16 years Member of Parliament for Kincardineshire. Born 4 March 1858, died 22 March 1908.

"We retain
The memory of a man unspoil'd,
Sweet, generous and humane."

(158) In memory of John Crombie Jun^r of Danestone, born 3rd March 1839, died 2nd November 1898, and of Annie Thompson, his wife, born 27th August 1839, died 13th September 1893.

(159) Here lies the body of Stuart Mowbray Burnett, 4th son of the late John Burnett of Kemnay, born 5th July 1824, died 9th January 1893.

(160) Erected by David Cromar, Sub-janitor of King's college in memory of his wife, Christina Brodie, who died 26th November 1828, aged 55 years. Of his son, John, interred in the old church-yard of Aboyne, who died 6th April 1813, aged 2 years. Of his daughter, Christina Lamont, who died 12th February 1823, aged 17 years. Of his daughter, Margaret, who died 8th March 1831, aged 22 years. And of Jean Cromar, (daughter of the above), and wife of Thomas Grant, baker in Aberdeen, who died 11th March 1838, aged 33 years. Likewise the said David Cromar, forty six years Janitor of King's College, who died 11th August 1842, aged 65 years. And his son, David, druggist in Aberdeen, who died 2nd April, 1849, aged 34 years. Also his granddaughter, Janet Brodie, who died 24th June 1862, aged 15 years. Also his daughter, Helen Cromar, who died 2nd September 1869, aged 52 years.

(161) To the memory of the Rev. William McKenzie, retired Chaplain of the 72d. Reg^t of Foot, who departed this life, 31st August 1812, aged 75. Also his son, Alexander Francis, who was born 26th June 1811, and died 16th September 1813. And also of his spouse, Jane Shewan, who departed this life, 25th January 1854, aged 86 years.

(162) Erected by Robert Erskine, Rubislaw, in memory of Eliza Steel his spouse, who died 6th April 1831, aged 63 years. And of the above Robert Erskine, who died 26th June 1853, aged 86 years. Also his

son, Robert Marr Erskine, Surgeon in Aberdeen, who died 22nd November 1864, aged 60 years.

See the dim lamp of life just feebly lit
An agonizing beam at us to gaze,
Then sink again, and quiver into death,
That most pathetic herald of our own.

(163) Beneath this stone are laid the mortal remains of the Rev. Gavin Parker, minister of Bonaccord Free Church, Aberdeen, who died 5th June 1845, aged 64. And of Mrs. Susan Watt or Parker, his widow, who died 12th June 1880, aged 82. In the ground near, under headstone E.P., lies the dust of their second daughter Elizabeth, who died 24th April 1834, aged 7 months.

(164) Erected by Isabella Simpson in memory of her husband, the Reverend William Browning, for 26 years Presbyter of St. Andrew's Church, Aberdeen, who entered into rest 29th May 1843, aged 50 years. Of their son, William, who died in infancy. Of her father, Alexander Simpson, who died Jan. 1833, aged 60 years. And of her mother, Isabella Watson, who died June 1833, aged 58 years. Here also rests the said Isabella Simpson, who died 23rd Sept^r 1861, aged 83 years.

(165) Erected by the Elders and other Members of the Congregation of the Parish Church of Old Machar, in memory of, the Rev. James George Wood, for nine years one of the ministers of the Parish, who died on the 11th of October 1857, aged 39 years. Also in memory of Georgina Ure his wife, who died at Glasgow, on the 9th of Oct. 1896, aged 76 years. And of David Nicol, their son-in-law, who died in Aberdeen, on the 14th of July, 1904.

(166) Sacred to the memory of Hercules Scott, LL.D., Professor of Moral Philosophy in the University and King's College of Aberdeen, born 13th September 1793, died 5th August 1866. And of his wife Jane Mearns, born 24th August, 1810, died 9th July 1845. Erected by their children.

Also to the memory of their beloved daughter Amelia Jane, beloved wife of the Rev^d Hugh Fraser, minister of Macduff, born 18th August 1836, died 3rd February, 1867.

(167) Sacred to the memory of Duncan Mearns, D.D., Professor of Divinity, King's College, Aberdeen, who died on the 2nd March 1852, in the 73rd year of his age, and 53rd of his ministry. Also of his son William Mearns, D.D., of Disblair and South Kinnundy, for 52 years a minister of the Church of Scotland. Died 5th Oct^r. 1891, aged 76 years, and buried at Kinneff.

(168) The Burial Place of Robert Forbes Esq^r of Castleton. Agnes Forbes his daughter, born 26th October 1802, died 8th April 1817. Robert Forbes of Castleton Esq^r, born 7th Septem^r 1756, died 27th Febr 1832. Elisabeth Chalmers his relict, second daughter of John Chalmers of Westfield Esq^r, born 18th August 1776, died 8th Febr 1845.

(169) The Reverend William Paul, Professor of Natural Philosophy, King's College, Old Aberdeen, died 3^d March 1834. Isabel Hutcheon, his wife, died 26th April 1856. Their children, John, died 21st Jan^y 1819. Catherine Forbes, died 2nd July 1832. Isabel, died 30th Dec^r 1832. Robert, died 1st Aug^t 1845. David, died 30th Sept^r 1852.

(170) In memory of Robert Macpherson, D.D., Professor of Theology in the University of Aberdeen, born Jan^y 9th 1806, died Jan^y 23rd 1867. Anne, his youngest daughter, born March 26th 1849, died May 19th 1858. Robert Duncan Mearns, son of George Morrison, his second son, born at Ahmednugger, Jan^y 16th 1863, drowned near Donmouth, June 5th 1877. His eldest son, Duncan Macpherson, D.D., Chaplain, Bombay, died there Aug^t 6th 1881, aged 44. Also his wife, Anne, eldest daughter of Duncan Mearns, D.D., born 29th April 1809, died 29th April 1885.

(171) Here lyes, under the hope of a blessed resurrection, Alex. Smart, farmorer of the Loch of Abd., who departed the 13 day of August 1705.

(172) Here lyes Adam Smart, farmorer in Abd., who departed 4 April 1698.

(173) In this place are interred the remains of Thomas Angus, merchant in Aberdeen, who died 6th August 1739, aged 68 years, and of his wife, Jean Ferguson, who died 26th Jan. 1730, aged 61 years. Also of their son, William Angus, merchant in Aberdeen, who died 2nd Oct. 1767, aged 51 years, and of his wife, Rachel Clark, who died 26th May 1768, aged 42 years. Also of their son, Thomas Angus, merchant in Aberdeen, who died 2nd Oct. 1779, aged 29 years. And John Angus, of Tilliecorthie, who died 11 April 1834, aged 80 years, and of his wife, Jean Begg, who died 9 Oct. 1824, aged —. Also of their sons, John Angus, who died 3 April 1860, aged 61 years, and George Angus, of Tilliecorthie, who died 21 Jan. 1861, aged 77 years.

(174) Here lies interred Isabella Thomson, spouse to James Abernethy, merchant and late baillie in Aberdeen, who departed the 16 day of June 1745, aged 43 years. Likewise Jean Abernethy, their daughter, who died the 25th day of November 1736, aged 5 years. Janet,

Gordon, spouse to James Abernethy, Merch^t in Aberdeen, who died 24th of March 1772, aged — years.

(175) Here lyes interred James Clark, leat merchant in Old Aberdeen, who departed this life the 29th Novr. 1741, aged 61 years. Also Margaret Thomson his spouse, who died the 13th of February 1766, aged 71 years. Also their son James Clarke Esq. of Tillycorthy, who was long an useful and respectable magistrate in his native city of Old Aberdeen. He was born June 26th 1728, and died a bachelor, April 20th 1810. In business the strictest integrity and honour guided his conduct. In private life piety, friendship, hospitality, charity, and inoffensive manners marked his character. Besides his estate of Tillycorthy which he bequeathed to a nephew, and 2525L. in legacies to relatives and friends, he left the following public charities. To a fund for the annual purchase of coals to the Poor of Old Aberdeen, Seaton, and Spittal £500. To the Lunatic Hospital, Infirmary, and Poor House of Aberdeen, each £100.

Restored by order of the Trustees, January, 1894.

KING'S COLLEGE CHAPEL AND BUILDINGS.

(176) Iudicii admirabilis laboris indefessi pietatis eximie adolescens Andreas Strathavchini⁹ dormivit in dno. 3 non. Apri. 1604. ætatis suæ 20 Progenvit Pallas docvitq. Minerva labores provida, qvem iuvenem mors inopina rapit. Iehova cornu Salvts meæ.¹

(177) Dominvs Petrvs Vdnevs vir vnde quaqve hvmantissimvs [inclytæ hv]ivs Academicæ olim svbprimariivs fatis cessit 24 Aprilis A.D. 1601. Secvrvs recvbo mvndi pertæsvs iniqui et didici et docvi vulnere Christe tva ΠΑΣΑ ΟΡΩ ΔΟΞΑ.²

(178) Valter⁹ Stevart Primar⁹ Hvivs . . : 3.

(179) Ioannes Crvcschancivs dns Tillimorgen generis splendore religionis pur[itate ac fidei in]tegritate clar⁹ obiit 21 Novemb. A.D. 1604 nunc vivo et vivam dat semper vivere Christ⁹ morte sva tandem sit mihi vita mori ΙΗΣΟΥΣ ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΙΣ ΚΑΙ ΖΩΗ.⁴

¹ This stone has a shield bearing a stag couchant.

² Bears a shield flanked by initials M.P.V.S. showing a stag's head erased, amid the branches of a tree in pale between two greyhounds counter salient.

³ Stewart was principal in 1583. His arms on the stone show a fess chequy between three antique crowns; in chief a cross.

⁴ Under a squire's helmet with mantling there is a shield bearing three boars' heads erased.

(180) M.S. Henricus Scougall R.P. Patricii Episcopi Abredonensis filius philosophiæ in hac Academia Regia per quadriennium totidemque annis itidem Theologiæ professor ecclesiæ in Auchterless uno anno interstite pastor multa in tam brevissimo curriculo didicit præstitit docuit celi avidus et celo maturus obiit anno dom. 1678 ætatis suæ 28 et hic exuvias mortalitatis posuit.¹

Carved on the pulpit there is:—

(181) Patricivs Forbesivs Episcopvs Abredonensis 1627²
H. ΣΩΤΗΡΙΑ . ΤΩ . ΟΕΩ . ΗΜΩΝ . ΚΑΙ . ΤΩ . ΑΡΝΙΩ . *Apocal.* 7 . 10.

(182) A. 1658 insignes has ædes extruendas curarunt Coll. Regii moderatores Ioa. Row Principalis Ia. Sandilands I.C.P. And. Moore Med. P. Pat. Sandilands Subpr P.P. Ioa. Brodie H.L.P.

Geo Gordon	{	Reg
And Massie		P. PP.
Gul Johnston		

(183) A. Mdcxxv & seq. ad Mdcxxxx ex munificentia eximii viri Iacobi Fraserii I.U.D. Col. Regii Aberdonensis fautoris beneficentissimi maximam in partem partimque academiæ sumptibvs ædes quæ collegii aream ad austrum claudunt et hinc ad angulum occidentalem pertinent funditus dirutæ instauratæ sunt cura et vigilantia moderatorum Univer-
sitatis

M. Geo. Camerarii Principalis

M. Dav. Anderson S.T.P.

D. Alex. Fraser I.C.P.

D Iac. Gregoric Med. P.

M. Alex. Fraser Subpr. et P.P.

M. Alex. Gordon Hum. Lit. P.

M. Alex. Burnett R. et P.P.

M. Ioa. Ker R. et Græc. Lit. P.

M. Dan. Bradfut R. et P.P.

M. Geo. Gordon Or. Ling. P.

Quid melius et præstantius est bonitate et beneficentia—*Cic.*

On the south wall of the Chapel,3 on the outside, there is an inscription:—

¹ Above the inscription is a shield bearing, on a chevron, between a crescent in chief and a cinquefoil in base, a human eye. The motto is, "Contido Sed Caveo."

² A shield above has the bishop's arms, three bears' heads couped and muzzled with a passion cross at fess point.

³ For an account of the heraldic representations on this wall and on other parts of the College buildings, see *Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland*, Vol. xxiii. p. 80.

(184) Vir nunquam sine laude nominandus Jacobus Frasierius I.U.D. unicus musarum fautor almam matrem Aberdonensem aevi iniuria partim labantem partim iacentem solus fere respexit crexit provexit.

SNOW CHURCHYARD.¹

(185) S. Hoc marmore conquiescunt vir admodum præclarus D. Gilbertus Menzies de Pitfodels nominis sui princeps qui fatis concessit 27 die Augusti 1669 nec non honorabilis et dilecta ejus conjunx D. Maria Forbes ex familia de Brux quæ obiit 15 die

(186) Orate fideles pro R. D. Joanne Sharp qui natus prope oppidum Huntly die 15^{to} Februarii anno 1772 postquam in seminario Scalanensi et Collegio Scotorum Vallisoletano studiis ecclesiasticis per decem annos incubuisset ad presbyteratus ordinem promotus in patriam rediit anno 1795 : ibique per annos sexaginta quinque in diversis locis variis pii docti et laborissi sacerdotis officiis diligenter functus est pietate in Deum animarum zelo humanarum literarum scientia ac morum urbanitate insignis. Ad venerabilem senectam vixit ac placide in Domino obdormivit die 5th Septembris anno 1860.

Requiescat in pace.

¹ A list of the burials in the churchyard since 1776 is given in *Scottish Notes and Queries*, Vol. vii., 2nd series p. 148.

THE CHANONRY

The accompanying plan has been prepared to show approximately the position of the Bishop's Palace and the several manses of the Prebends within the Chanonry. A few of the manses were disposed of shortly after the date of the Reformation, and in the seventeenth century most of them were described as "ruinous." The marches of property of many of the old lodgings can still be clearly traced on the modern map of Old Aberdeen, while in other cases the purchase by one proprietor of two or more manses has been the means of destroying the old divisions, and the position of some manses can therefore only be fixed relatively to each other.

The Chanonry was enclosed by the walls of the gardens and glebes of the respective manses, and could not be entered except through the four posts or gateways which led into this enclosed portion of the old town. These were (1) the Cluny port¹ near the present Townhouse and Cluny's Wynd; (2) the Chaplains' port at the entrance to the Chanonry from Don Street near the Chaplains' Lodgings; (3) a port across the road leading from Seaton village to the Bishop's Palace; and (4) a port on the Tillydrone Road immediately west of the manses of Kinkell and Westhall.

The buildings referred to on the plan are as follows:—²

1. *Bishop's Palace.* This building was a large court with four towers and lay to the east of the choir. It had an access leading into the choir, a water gate towards the Don, while the principal entry was from the road leading to the village of Seaton. This access is shown on Gordon's map of 1660, as also the dovecot standing on the north side of the road. The sanctuary or girth cross stood on the green a little to the north of the dovecot.

¹ Orem says that above this port there was the inscription, "Dominus Alex. Gordon a Cluny miles me edificari fecit, A.D. 1623, florente Patricio Forbesio Aberd. epo." An older inscription also in Latin, dating from pre-Reformation days, was also on this port, "Hac ne vade via, nisi dixeris Ave Maria. Invenies veniam sic salutando Mariam."

² The description of the various manses has been taken from Orem and the *Register of the Great Seal* where not otherwise mentioned.

This is a detailed black and white map of the village of St. Nicholas. The map shows the River flowing through the village, with several bridges crossing it. Key landmarks include the Church, Burial Ground, and various buildings such as the School, St. Nicholas Hall, and the Rectory. The map also shows the locations of the Old Rectory, the Old Rectory, the Old Rectory, and the Old Rectory. A scale bar at the bottom indicates that 1 inch equals 2500 feet. A north arrow is located in the top right corner of the map.

2. *Bishop's Garden.* The garden lay to the south of the palace, between it and Don Street. The manse of the minister of the second charge stands on part of the garden.

3. *Chaplains' Court.* This building, part of which is still standing, was erected at the south end of the bishop's garden by Bishop Gavin Dunbar in 1519. It contained accommodation for twenty vicars or chaplains who performed the common service of the Cathedral, and the buildings, which enclosed a large square court, had a tower at each of the four corners. On the front wall facing the Chanonry there is a shield surmounted by a mitre with Dunbar's arms—three cushions.

4. *Birse.* The parson of Birse was chancellor of the bishop's chapter. His manse was a large one, having the chantor's manse on the west, and the common street leading to the chaplains' chambers on the east. Alexander Seton, chancellor, disposed of this manse to George Seton, son to the Laird of Meldrum, who was also chancellor, and ultimately it became the property in turn of the Earl of Dunfermline, Mr. John Scougal, commissary of Aberdeen, who conveyed it to his brother, Lord Whitehill. The latter, who was one of the Lords of Session and a son of Bishop Patrick Scougal, conveyed the lodging and grounds to Colonel Buchan of Cairnbulg, and the property is still in possession of the Buchans of Auchmacoy. In the charter of confirmation by the King, dated at Holyrood on 14th June 1598, in favour of Mr. George Seton, chancellor of Aberdeen, brother-german of Alexander Seton of Meldrum, the manse is described as "that house land and tenement in Chanonry between the house and garden of the Subcentores and Dean of Aberdeen lying in the west, the channonrie-gait on the north and east." The reversion of the property was at the same date given to Mr. William Seton, son of the late William Seton, portion of Belhelvie, brother's son to the said George Seton.

5. *Auchterless.* The parson of Auchterless was the cantor or chantor of the Cathedral, and his manse lay between the chancellor's on the east and the dean's on the west. There is a charter of confirmation by James VI. at St. Andrews, 6th August 1581, of a charter granted by Mr. Archibald Bethune, precentor and presbyter of Auchterless, in favour of Mr. Thomas Gairdin, portioner of Blairtoun, and Elizabeth Stewart, his spouse, of the manse, now ruinous (*tunc penitus ruinosum*), lying on the

south part of the Chanonry, having the manse and garden of the chancellor on the east, the manse of the dean on the west, the common road to the Bridge of Don on the south, and the Chanonry on the north.

6. *Kirkton of Scaton.* The dean of the cathedral chapter had his manse where the manse of the first minister of Old Machar now stands, and he held his position as rector of the church of Kirkton. This manse was bounded by the chantor's on the east and the treasurer's on the west.

7. *Daviot.* The parson of Daviot was the treasurer of the cathedral, and his manse lay between the dean's on the east, and the manse of the parson of Belhelvie on the west. In a confirmation charter dated 20th October 1590, this manse was conveyed to Mr. Walter Gordon of West-hall, and it is described as lying between Belhelvie's manse on the west, the dean's manse on the east, and the garden and house of the late Alexander Buchan of Auchmacoy, now of William his son, on the south. The site of this manse and garden are now included within the grounds of the principal's house.

8. *Belhelvie.* This manse was opposite the principal entrance to the churchyard where the principal's house now stands, and it was built by George Seton, parson of Belhelvie, whose arms were built into the wall. By a charter, confirmed 15th February 1573-4, James Straithquhyn, rector of Belhelvie, conveyed to Mr. Thomas Gardin and Elizabeth Stewart the manse lying between that of the treasurer on the east, the garden of Forbes on the south, and the public ways to the church on the other sides. The building at this date is described as ruinous. The Marquis of Huntly ultimately acquired the three lodgings of Belhelvie, Daviot and Forbes, and enclosed them so as to make a large garden, with Belhelvie's manse as the dwelling house. The dyke along the Chanonry on the west side of the garden was built by the Duke of Gordon in 1715, and the bricks on the inner side are said to number 47,500.

9. *Forbes.* This property is now included in the garden of the principal's house, forming the south portion of the garden. Alexander Hay, director of chancery, had a charter on 10th February 1574-5 of an annual rent of 10s. out of the manse of Forbes lying between Belhelvie's manse on the north, the garden of the treasurer's manse on the east, the manse of Philorth, now the common "ailhous," on the south, and the way to New Aberdeen on the west. At this date James Forbes was rector. On

7th January 1591-2 John Livingston had an annual rent of 6s. 8d. out of the same property, which is said to have fallen to the King by the Act of Annexation.

10. *Philorth*.¹ In the charter to Alexander Hay above referred to, there is included another annual rent of 13s. 4d. out of the manse of Philorth, formerly called the "common aillous and smidde of Auld Aberdeen" and now belonging to Alexander Buchan of Auchmacoy. The boundaries are described as the Forbes manse on the north, the manse of the chaplain of the altar of St. Katherine on the south, the way to bridge of Pulgony from New Aberdeen on the east, and the way to the cathedral on the west.

11. *Chaplain of St. Katherine's Altar*. This property was the south-most of the manses on the east side of the Chanonry, and probably came up to the small vennel behind the present Town-house of Old Aberdeen, being bounded by Philorth's manse on the north, and on the south, east, and west by the common passages of the burgh.

12. *Invernochtie or Strathdon*.² This manse stood on the west side of the Chanonry, close to Cluny's port and opposite the manse of the chaplain of St. Katherine's altar. Alexander Hay, already referred to, had an annual rent of 10s. out of this property, which in 1575 was described as lying between Turriff's manse on the north, the bishop's loch on the west, the vennel from the port to the said loch on the south, and the road to New Aberdeen on the east. It was described as "ruinous" when conveyed in 1581 by Mr. John Elphinstone, rector of Invernochtie, to Mr. George Barclay, burgess of Aberdeen, and Marjorie Cheyne his spouse. The property was subsequently acquired by Sir Alexander Gordon of Cluny, provost of Old Aberdeen, who also acquired other two properties and enclosed them so as to form one property. He built a gallery and joined it to the chamber above the port in 1623. The proprietor in Orem's time was Lewis Gordon of Kimmundy. The site is now occupied by the Cruickshank Botanical Garden.

13. *Turriff*.³ Alexander Hay held an annuity from this property of 30s. in 1575, when it was described as lying on the west side of the Chanonry between Methlick's manse on the north, Invernochtie on the south, the loch on the west, and the public way to New Aberdeen on

¹ Cf. *Registrum Episcopatus*, I. 238.

² Ibid. I. 231, 233.

³ Ibid. I. 232.

the east. At this date Mr. William Hay was rector. Orem says the manse was built by Alexander Hay, parson of Turriff, and that in 1711 the Trades to whom it then belonged built upon it an hospital for ten poor widows of craftsmen.

14. *Methlick*.¹ The annual rents held by Alexander Hay from this property amounted to 36s. 8d., and the boundaries of the manse in 1575 were the manse of Kincardine and Deir on the north, Turriff on the south, the bishop's loch on the west, and the way to the Cathedral on the east. In 1725 the proprietor was Lewis Gordon of Kimmundy.

15. *Kincardine O' Neil*. Mr. Robert Wedderspune, rector of Kincardine, granted a charter of this manse to Archibald Douglas, tutor to John Douglas of Tilquhillie, which was confirmed by a deed under the Great Seal, 28th August 1581. It was described as having Methlick's manse on the south, Cruden's manse on the north, the King's highway on the east and the loch on the west. Orem says that a son of Fraser of Durris built a part of this lodging, and in confirmation of the statement points out that his name and armorial coat was to be seen upon one of the peat stones. At the south end of the lodging there was an oratory with the name of Mr. John Elphinstone upon the stair. The oratory at the end of the seventeenth century was still complete. The manse latterly belonged to Mr. Alexander Fraser, sub-principal of King's College, who demolished it, and with the stones built his malt barn near his house at Powis burn. Fraser disposed, in 1712, the oratory and glebe, also the lodgings of Deer and Cruden to George Connon.

16. *Deer*.² This manse, on the west side of the Chanonry, had Cruden's on the north, Kincardine on the south, and it stretched from the High Street back to the loch. The building was demolished in Orem's day.

17. *Invercruden or Cruden*. John Livingston had a charter dated 7th January 1591-2 of an annual rent of 13s. 4d. out of the manse once belonging to the rector of Cruden. The manse lay between those of Deer on the south and Ellon to the north. It was included in the purchase of 1712 by George Connon from Mr. Alexander Fraser, and Orem writes that the building had been demolished and a tenants' house built on the site.

¹ Cf. *Registrum Episcopatus*, I. 192, ² *Ibid.* I. 270.

18. *Ellon*.¹ The rector of Ellon originally had his manse at the north-west side of the bishop's palace, while his glebe was the parcel of land known as Bogforth lying between the Cathedral and the river. Latterly the manse was transferred to the west side of the Chanonry, and it lay between Cruden's at the south, and the manse of Banchory Devenick at the north. The heritor at the beginning of the eighteenth century was Thomas Forest, whose heirs sold the manse to James Edward in Chapelton of Elsick, while Colonel Middleton of Seaton acquired the glebe and added it to the policies of Seaton House.

19. *Banchory Devenick*. The King, at St. Andrews on 29th July 1580, confirmed a charter granted on 14th June of that year by Mr. Robert Mersar, rector of Banchory Devenick, in favour of Mr. Henry Mersar, son of Laurence Mersar of Mekiloure, reserving an annuity of 6s. 8d. out of the subjects and his liferent use of the building. The boundaries are given as follows:—the road to the church on the east, the place of Ellon, and the garden and croft of Cruden on the south, and the manse of Oyne on the north. The west boundary in another deed is described as the Kettlehills. The manse was demolished in 1720, and at that date belonged to the heirs of James Gordon of Seaton.

20. *Oyne*. This manse also stood on the west side of the Chanonry, and had the manse of the archdeacon (Rayne) on the north and that of Banchory Devenick on the south. In Orem's day the building had been removed, and only the entry gate was left standing.

21. *Rayne*. The parson of Rayne was archdeacon of the Cathedral, and his manse was on the west side of the Chanonry. There is a charter of confirmation in favour of John Erskine of Balhaggartie, dated 7th July 1569, of this manse, in which the boundaries are given, the manse of the rector of Oyne on the south, and Clatt on the north, the Church of St. Machar and cemetery of the same on the east, and the loch of Old Aberdeen on the west. The manse was demolished in 1722 while in the possession of Patrick Walker of Torrealieith.

22. *Clatt*.² In Alexander Hay's charter of 10th February 1574-5 already referred to, he had *inter alia* an annual rent of 40s. out of the manse of Clatt, on the west side of the Chanonry, between the manse of Mortlach on the north, the manse of the archdeacon on the south, the

¹ Cf. *Registrum Episcopatus*, I. 119.

² *Ibid.* I. 291, 411.

croft (glebe) of Clatt and Donydronishill on the west, and the road to the hospital of the burgh on the east.

Alexander Gordon of Strathavin and Lady Agnes Sinclair, Countess of Erroll, his spouse, had a charter of confirmation of this property on 2nd December 1588, when it was then described as ruinous, and the west boundary is given as the lands of Cotton. On 10th December 1591 the same parties gave in a complaint to the Privy Council, in which they state that they had been in peaceable possession of the mansion house and close lying within the old town of Aberdeen, called Clattis house and manse, belonging to them in feu farm till the 28th July last, when Hary Gordon of Haddo, by the special direction of George, Earl of Huntly, had violently put forth their servants' goods, &c. and took and kept possession of the property. Orem tells us that the manse had the reputation of being haunted, and that it was known as Tam Framper's house. Part of the stonework was taken, it is said, by the English soldiers to help build the fort on the Castlehill at Aberdeen, and part by George Cruickshank, the owner, to build his house at the Bridge of Don. In 1725 Alexander Davidson of Newton was the proprietor.

23. *Mortlach*.¹ A charter by Mr. George Leslie, rector of Murthlak, of this manse and glebe in favour of Mr. Thomas Gardin [of Blairton], and Elizabeth Stewart, his spouse, was confirmed by the bishop and chapter on 28th May 1575.² The property is described as lying between Clatt's manse on the south, the Chanonry on the east and north, and the manse of Kinkell and the lands of Cotton on the west. Among the many annual rents held by Alexander Hay was one of 10s. out of this manse, and the description in his charter of 1575 of the boundaries states that the manse was bounded on the east by the cemetery, and on the north by the road to Donydronis hill. The building had disappeared by 1725 when Alexander Davidson, of Newton, was proprietor.

24. *Kinkell*. The site of this manse at one time belonged to the rector of Lonmay, Mr. William Mowat, and was granted by Bishop Gavin Dunbar in June 1521 to Mr. Alexander Galloway, prebendary of Kinkell, for the annual rent of 12s. 4d.³ The property is described as lying north of Mortlach's manse, and nigh to the common passage that goes to Dunnydronis hill. Alexander Hay in 1575 got confirmation of an annual

¹ Cf. *Registrum Episcopatus*, I. 223, 240. ²Original Sasine. ³*Registrum Episcopatus*, I. 387, 409.

rent of 11 merks out of this manse, described as lying in the north-west of the Chanonry, between the manse of Mortlach on the east, the garden and tail of the same on the south, the road from the cemetery towards Donydronis on the north, and the tail [of land] of the said manse as it lies to Cotton on the west. The manse came into the hands of Alexander Gordon of Birsemore, and afterwards it belonged to Adam Gordon of Inverebrie. Mr. William Smith, minister of the second charge, acquired the manse and from the ruins of this and Monymusk's manse he built, in 1720, a house for himself three stories high.

25. *Westhall*.¹ The description of this manse is obtained from the charter of 1575 in favour of Alexander Hay, who drew an annual rent of 10s. out of the house called Westhall on the north side of the Chanonry lying between the manse of Monymusk on the east, the Don on the north, Donydronishill on the west, and the way to the cathedral towards the girth cross on the south.

26. *Monymusk*.² This manse also lay on the north side of the Tillydrone road, and had the Bishop's Hospital at the east, the Don at the north, and Westhall on the west. The heritors of the Cruive and Nether Don fishings purchased the yard and glebe belonging to the manse and disposed of them to the managers of the Bishop's Hospital. In 1720 the Town Council of Old Aberdeen acquired the property from the Hospital for the purpose of making a passage for the inhabitants to let them get to the river for washing.

27. *Bishop's Hospital*. The Hospital founded by Bishop Gavin Dunbar had Tullynestle's manse on the east, Monymusk's manse on the west, and the Don at the north.

28. *Tullynestle*.³ This manse, the last of those of whom any record has been preserved, stood close to the churchyard, having the Hospital at the west, the cemetery at the east, and the Don at the north. The glebe attached to the manse was bounded by Bogforth on the east. The property belonged at one time to George Kilgour, beadle, whose heirs sold the subject to Colonel Middleton of Seaton in 1723. The Hospital, Monymusk's manse and Westhall were all acquired by Middleton, and the sites are now included within the policies of Seaton House.

¹ *Registrum Episcopatus*, I. 267. Cf. *Registrum Episcopatus*, I. 302. ³ *Ibid.*, I. 178.

ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL

Carta Mathei Kyninmond episcopi Aberdonensis super
primeua fundatione hospitalis Sancti Petri.¹

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis Matheus dei gratia Abberdonensis ecclesie minister humilis salutem in Christo . Sciant tam presentes quam futuri nos divina inspirante gratia pro anima regis Willelmi et pro animabus antecessorum et successorum suorum et pro anima nostra et pro animabus antecessorum et successorum nostrorum hospitale infirmorum fratrum statuisse in honore beati Petri apostolorum principis in territorio de Abberdein Et eidem hospitali et infirmis ibidem commorantibus terram que dicitur Ardschelly et Petenderleyn Carnakerde et Ardonachyn per rectas diuisas suas . excepta terra illa quam Caperon homini nostro dedimus et ei per diuisas assignauimus . dedisse concessisse et hac carta nostra confirmasse in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam cum terra illa que est circa ipsum hospitale et cum omnibus decimis dominiij

St. Peter's Hospital.

Charter of Matthew Kyninmond bishop of Aberdeen on the
original Foundation of the Hospital of St. Peter.

To all the sons of the holy mother church, Matthew, by the grace of God the humble servant of the church in the diocese of Aberdeen, wishes Salvation in Christ. Be it known to those of both time present and time to come that we by inspiration of divine grace have instituted within the territory of Aberdeen a hospital for infirm brethren in honour of St. Peter, the chief of the apostles, and for the weal of the soul of King William and the souls of his ancestors and successors, and our own soul and the souls of our ancestors and successors. And we have given to the said hospital and the infirm persons dwelling in it the land which is called Ardschelly and Petenderleyn, Carnakerde and Ardonachyn, according to its proper boundaries—except the land which we gave to Caperon our tenant and assigned to him by its true boundaries. This we have given, conceded, and by this our present charter we have confirmed it in free and perpetual charity, along with the land which is around the hospital itself, and with the whole tithes of our lordship of Aberdeen except the

¹ *Registrum Episcopatus*, I. 11

nostri de Abberdeyn preter illas decimas quas clericis ecclesie sancte Maria servientibus imperpetuum assignauimus. Concedimus etiam eisdem infirmis decimam cani nostri et placitorum nostrorum atque lucrorum et decimam firme nostre tam in farina quam in brasio et prebenda decimam quoque frumenti nostri salis et ferri carniū quoque et piscium omniumque cibariū que in domo nostra expenduntur. Quare volumus ut prefatum hospitale et infirmi ibidem manentes terras et omnes decimas prenominate et possessiones suas ita libere et quiete teneant et possideant sicut aliqua domus fratrum infirmorum in regno Scotie constituta liberius et quietius tenet et possidet. Testibus Symone archidiacono nostro. Roberto decano. magistro Matheo Willelmo Galtero Bricio capellani nostris. Willelmo persona. Matheo senescallo nostro. Thoma nepote nostro. Johanne filio archidiaconi. Mauricio persona de Tarues. Gillechristo comite de Mar. Fergusio comite de Buchan. Malcolm Jacobo filiis Margundi. Normanno constabulario de Enneroury. Baldeno clerico. Roberto de Ran'. Willelmo de Tatenhill. Willelmo de Slanes milite. Duncano Makfety. Willelmo filio Hugonis. Gilberto filio Gozelini.

tithes which we have assigned in perpetuity to the clerics performing divine service in the church of St. Mary.¹

To the same infirm brethren we have given also the tithe of our rents paid in kind and of the receipts of our courts of justice and of our income, and the tithe of rents both of meal and malt and fodder, the tithe also of our grain, salt and hay, of flesh also and of fish, and all kinds of food bought for the use of our house.

Wherefore we desire that the foresaid hospital and the infirm persons occupying it may hold and possess its lands and all its tithes above mentioned and its possessions as freely and peaceably as is done by any house for infirm brethren established in the Kingdom of Scotland. Witnesses—Symon, our archdean; Robert, dean; Mr. Matthew; William, Walter, and Bricius, our chaplains; William, parson; Matthew, our steward; Thomas, our nephew; John, our archdean's son; Maurice, parson of Tarves; Gilchrist, earl of Mar; Fergus, earl of Buchan; Malcolm and James, sons of Margund; Norman, constable of Inverury; Balden, cleric; Robert, of Rayne; William, of Tatenhill; William, of Slains, Knight; Duncan Makfety; William, son of Hugh; Gilbert, son of Gozelin.

¹ This is the cathedral church.

BOUNDARIES OF THE SNOW PARISH

*Limitatio Parochie de Nivibus.*¹

10th December 1498

Universis et singulis presentes litteras sive presens publicum processus Instrumentum Inspecturis visuris lecturis pariter et auditoris Wilhelmus dei et apostolice sedis gratia Abirdonensis episcopus Judex et executor ad infrascripta a sede apostolica prefata specialiter deputatus Salutem in domino et nostris huiusmodi commonemus apostolice firmiter obedire mandatis. Litteras sanctissimi in Christo principis et domini nostri domini alexandri diuina providentia pape sexti eius vera bulla plumbea cum cordula cannapis veris bullis plumbeis Ipsius domini nostri pape more Romane curie Impendente bullatas sanas quidem et integras non viciatas non cancellatas nec in aliqua sui parte suspectas sed omnino prorsus vitio et suspicione carentes vt in eius prima facie apparebat nobis pro parte Illustrissimi et serenissimi principis Jacobi Scotorum regis ac

Boundaries of the Parish of St. Mary ad Nives.

To all and each one who may inspect see read and also hear this present letter or present public charter of proceedings, William, by the favour of God and the apostolic see bishop of Aberdeen, commissioner and executor specially appointed by the apostolic see foresaid for carrying out the things under-written, we wish weal in God, and we strictly warn you to obey these our apostolic commands.

Be it known to you that with becoming reverence we have received a letter from our most sacred chief and lord in Christ lord Alexander, by divine providence pope, sixth of that name, impressed with a true leaden bull of our lord the pope himself, hanging from it by a cord of hemp after the manner of the Roman court, sound indeed and entire, not vitiated, not cancelled, nor in any part of it suspected, but wholly, absolutely free from fault and suspicion, as was apparent to us at the first sight of it, presented on behalf of the most illustrious and most serene prince James, King of the Scots, and of honourable and distinguished men, gentlemen and inhabitants and residents of the new town within the bounds of the parochial church of St. Machar, outside but near the city of Aberdeen,

¹ From the original deed in King's College archives.

honorabilium et inceptorum virorum dominorum Incolarum et habitatorum ville noue infra limites parochialis ecclesie Sancti macharii extra et prope ciuitatem abirdonensem necnon honorabilis viri domini Wilhelmi Strathachin clerici breechiensis diocesis principalium in infrascriptis litteris apostolicis principaliter nominatorum coram notario et testibus Infrascriptis presentatas Nos cum ea qua decuit Reuerentia Noveritis Recipissemus huiusmodi sub tenore Alexander episcopus servus servorum dei venerabili fratri episcopo abirdonensi salutem et apostolicam benedictionem honestis petentium presertim catholicorum principum votis annuimus eaque favoribus prosequimur oportunis Exhibita siquidem nobis nuper pro parte carissimi in Christo filii nostri Jacobi Scotorum regis Illustris ac dilectorum filiorum incolarum et habitatorum ville noue infra limites parochialis ecclesie sancti Macharii extra et prope ciuitatem abirdonensem petitio [que] continebat quod a certo tempore citra in dicto loco in quo alias tres uel quatuor domus Incolarum duntaxat existebant annuente domino Industria inibi habitantium copia Incolarum et habitantium huiusmodi creuit et multiplicata extitit ac indies multiplicari speratur et si in dicto loco in quo dictus Jacobus Rex ut eo magis homines ad inibi habitandum Inducantur Mercatum publicum in qua mercimonia et alia

and also of an honourable man Mr. William Strachan, a cleric of the diocese of Aberdeen, the principals in the underwritten apostolic letter, specially named, in presence of the notary and witnesses under-written of the following tenor:—Alexander, bishop, servant of the servants of God, to our venerable brother the bishop of Aberdeen be health and apostolic benediction. We willingly agreed to the wishes of honourable men making requests of us, especially of catholic nobles, and we follow them up with suitable favours. Since that there was lately shown to us on behalf of our very dear son in Christ, James, the illustrious King of the Scots, and of our beloved sons the inhabitants and residents of the new town within the bounds of the parochial church of St. Machar, without but near the city of Aberdeen, a petition which stated that within a certain time in the said place in which formerly there were only three or four houses of inhabitants, by the blessing of God on their industry abundance of inhabitants and residents has grown there and has multiplied and it is hoped that it will be increased daily and if in the said place, in which the said King James with the intention that men may be the more induced to live there has proposed to proclaim and ordain to be held a public market in which goods and other things necessary for

necessaria ad vsum eorundem populi uendi et emi possint qualibet septimana Indicere et ordinare proposuit una parochialis ecclesia in qua in eodem loco nunc et pro tempore habitantes missas et alia diuina officia audire possint erigeretur Incolarum et habitantium huiusmodi animarum saluti cum diuini cultus incremento consuleretur. Quare pro parte tam Jacobi Regis ac Incolarum et habitatorum predictorum quam etiam dilecti filii Wilhelmi Strathachin tue diocesis fuit nobis humiliter supplicatum vt in dicto loco unam parochialem ecclesiam cum campanile campano Cimiterio sacrario fonte baptismali et aliis insigniis parochialibus erigere ac illi pro eius parochia et limitibus locum Seu villam huiusmodi cum Illius territorio et confinibus pro illius vero dote decimas primitias aliasque obventiones illi pro tempore obuenientes perpetuo assignare applicare et appropriare ac de dicta ecclesia tunc sic erecta cuius fructus Redditus et prouentus quatuor librarum sterlingorum secundum communem estimationem valorem annuum vt asseritur non excederit a primeua eius erectione tunc vacante eidem Wilhelmo prouidere aliasque in premissis oportune prouidere de benignitate apostolica dignaremur. Nos Igitur de premissis certam notitiam non habentes Ipsosque Incolas et habitatores ac Wilhelmum et eorum quemlibet a quibuscunque [generibus] excom-

the use of the same people can be sold and bought once a week, a parochial church were erected in which in the same place now and in time to come the inhabitants may hear masses and other diuine services it would be for the weal of the souls of the inhabitants and residents there with an increase of diuine worship. Wherefore on the part both of King James and of the inhabitants and residents foresaid and also of our beloved son William Strachan of your diocese it has been humbly supplicated of us that we would of our apostolic benignity think fit to erect in the said place a parochial church with bell-tower, bell, cemetery, place for holy things, baptismal font and other things proper to a parochial church and to assign and apply and appropriate to it for ever for its parish and bounds a place or manse there with its territory and confines and [to assign, &c.] to it for its endowment titles, first fruits, and other emoluments accruing to it according to circumstances and from the said church then thus erected being vacant whose fruit, income and provision has not, as it is said, according to the common estimate exceeded from its first erection the annual value of four pounds sterling to provide for the same William and provide otherwise suitably in the circumstances.

We, therefore, not having sure information of the circumstances,

municationis suspensionis et interdicti aliisque ecclesiasticis sententiis censuris et penis a jure uel ab homine quavis occasione uel causa latis siquique quomodolibet innodati existunt ad effectum presentium duntaxat consequendum harum serie absoluentes et absolutos fore censes. Nec non omnia et singula beneficia ecclesiastica cum cura et sine cura que dictus Wilhelmus etiam ex quibusvis apostolicis dispensationibus obtinet et expectat ac in quibus et ad quenis sibi quomodolibet competit quecumque quocumque et qualiacumque sint eorumque fructuum reddituum et prouentuum veros annuos valores ac huiusmodi dispensationum tenores presentibus pro expressis habentes fraternitati tue per apostolica scripta mandamus. Quatenus facias per te ipsum in premissis sine tamen alicuius preiudicio prout tibi videbitur faciendum. Non obstantibus consuetudinibus et ordinationibus consuetudinibus et ordinationibus apostolicis ceterisque contrariis quibuscumque. Datum Rome apud sanctum Petrum anno Incarnationis dominice millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo septimo decimo Kalendas Martii. Pontificatus nostri anno sexto. Post quarumquidem litterarum apostolicarum presentationem et Receptionem nobis et per nos ut premittitur factas fuimus pro parte illustrissimi et serenissimi principis Jacobi Scotorum regis ac dominorum Incolarum et habitatorum

solemnly absolve and hold as absolved both the inhabitants and residents themselves and William and all of them from all kinds of excommunication, suspension and interdict and other ecclesiastical sentences, censures and penalties brought against them by law or by man for any reason or cause, if they are involved in such in any way, but merely for the purpose of carrying into effect this present letter. And also we commit to your fraternity by apostolic letter all and each one of the ecclesiastical benefices with cure and without cure which the said William holds and expects to hold by any apostolic dispensations and in and to which he claims a right whatsoever, wheresoever, of what-sort-soever they may be and the true annual values of their fruits, incomes and provisions and the tenors of these dispensations we regard as expressed by this present letter. Act in the circumstances at your own discretion, without, however, prejudice to the rights of any one, as shall seem to you proper to be done notwithstanding customs apostolic ordinances and other contrary things whatsoever.

Given at Rome at St. Peter's in the year of the incarnation of our Lord one thousand four hundred and ninety-seven on the tenth day before the calends of March in the sixth year of our pontificate.

ville noue infra limites parochialis ecclesie sancti macharii extra et prope ciuitatem abirdonensem necnon honorabilis viri Wilhelmi strathachin clerici dicte Abirdonensis diocesis prefatorum principalium in premissis litteris apostolicis principaliter nominatorum debita cum instancia Requisitioni continue [ut] ad executionem dictarum litterarum apostolicarum et contentorum in ipsis precedere dignaremur Juxta traditam seu directam per eas a sede apostolica nobis formam. Nos igitur Wilhelmus episcopus Judex et executor prefatus attendentes Requisitionem huiusmodi fore iustam et Rationi consonam volentesque mandatum apostolicam supradictum nobis in hac parte directum Reverenter exequi vt tenemur Et quia primitus et ante omnia nonnullis testibus fidedignis de et super in premissis litteris apostolicis contentis per nos diligenter et fideliter examinatis Inuenivimus omnia et singula in eiusdem litteris contenta prout in illis enarrantur fore vera et veritate fulciri. Qui locus ville noue infra limites parochialis ecclesie sancti macharii extra et prope ciuitatem abirdonensem ad unam parochialem ecclesiam cum campanili campana cimiterio sacrario fonte baptismali et aliis insigniis parochialem ecclesiam faciendam erigendam et fundandam et pro Illius parochia et limitibus locum seu villam cum illius territorio et confinibus [erigendum] ac pro

After the presentation to us and the reception by us of the said apostolic letter had been made, as is stated above, we were on behalf of the most illustrious and serene prince James King of Scots and of the gentlemen inhabiting and residing in the new town within the bounds of the parochial church of St. Machar, outside but near the city of Aberdeen and also of the honourable man William Strachan a cleric of the said diocese of Aberdeen, foresaid, the principals specially mentioned in the foregoing apostolic letter continuously urged with due constancy that we would think it proper to proceed to the execution of the said apostolic letter and the things contained in it according to the form delivered or directed by it to us by the apostolic see foresaid. We therefore William, bishop commissioner and executor foresaid, considering that the requisition was just and consonant to reason and wishing to carry out reverently the foresaid apostolic mandate directed to us for this purpose, as we are bound to do; and because in the first place and before all things some trustworthy witnesses were examined by us diligently and faithfully concerning and upon the things contained in the foregoing apostolic letter and we have found that all and everything contained in the same letter are, as they are narrated in it, true and supported by truth;

eius vera dote decimas premitias aliasque obventiones Illi pro tempore obuenientes perpetuo assignandas applicandas et appropriandas sufficiens et ydoneus [est] prout ex predictis constat confieri debeat. Ideiŕo auctoritate apostolica nobis commissa et qua fungimur in hac parte in dicto ville noue unam parochialem ecclesiam cum campanili campana cimiterio sacrario fonte baptismali et aliis insigniis huiusmodi parochialem ecclesiam facientibus et publice demonstrantibus dummodo in alicuius preiudicium non cedat seu redundat ac aliter iuxta et secundum earundem litterarum vim formam et continentiam et tenorem ereximus ac Illi pro eius parochia et limitibus huiusmodi locum seu villam nominatam predictam cum eiusdem territorio et confinibus [assignauimus] Incipiendo a cruce azili viz ly girtht cors et sic descendendo directe per borealem angulum de le fauld que Jacet inter viam qua itur ad tylefuyrd et cunicularium Includendo le fauld et a dicto boreali angulo de le fauld vsque ad cunicularium et a cuniculario vsque ad mare Et de mari ascendendo per antiquas metas et diuisas inter terram de setoun et terras hospitalis de Sancti petri vsque ad septa et terminos college limitum. Et vterius ascendendo per dictas metas vsque ad lacum et a dicto lacu et per latera eiusdem eundo ad viam communem versus boriā qua Itur a dicto lacu per venellam

which place of the new town within the bounds of the parish church of St. Machar outside but near the city of Aberdeen is sufficient and fit for making, establishing and endowing a parochial church with bell-tower, bell, cemetery, place for holy things, baptismal font and other things proper to a parochial church, and for affording for its parish and bounds a place or manse with its territory and confines, and for assigning, applying and appropriating in all time for its true endowment tithes, first fruits, and other emoluments accruing to it according to circumstances, as from the foresaid letter it is evident ought to be done. Therefore by the apostolic authority committed to us and which we exercise for this purpose we have erected in the said new town a parochial church with bell-tower, bell, cemetery, place for holy things, baptismal font and other things of that sort making and publicly indicating a parochial church; provided that it shall not take away or add anything to the prejudice of any one, and otherwise according to and in harmony with the force, form, and contents and tenor of the same letter; and we have assigned for its parish and limits, as described, a place or manse named as before mentioned with its territory and confines :—Beginning at the cross of the sanctuary, that is to say the girth cross, and then going straight on by

inter mansionem de Innernochty et terram magistri duncani scherer Rectoris de clat et tunc descendendo per plateam publicam ad venellam communem inter mansionem de forbes et terram nostram ex opposito ex alia parte Et sic descendendo per murum canonicorum donec veniatur ad communem viam vsque ad crucem ubi Incipiebatur viz ad ly girtht cors predictum Includendo totam ciuitatem et burgum veteris abirdonensis unacum garbis decimalibus infra limites prescriptos cum altaragiis prouentibus et emolumentis aliis ad vicariam perpetuam de Jure uel consuetudine spectantibus quibuscunque Et pro eius dote decimas primitias aliasque obuentiones illi pro tempore obueniennes perpetuo ereximus assignauimus applicauimus et appropriauimus prout tenore presentium erigimus assignamus applicamus respective et appropriamus. Necnon de dicta parochiali ecclesia sic ut premittitur per nos erecta cuius fructus Redditus et prouentus quatuor librarum sterlingorum Secundum communem ex[is]timationem valorem annuum non excederat a primeua ejus erectione vacante prefato Wilhelmo strathachin Ibidem presenti et ad id humiliter flexis genibus fieri petenti et Requirenti cum omnibus Juribus et pertinentibus suis auctoritate apostolica huiusmodi providemus et confirmamus per presentes Ipsumque Wilhelmum ut prefertur presentem in

the north corner of the fauld which lies between the road to the Tyleford and the rabbit hill, including the fauld, and from the said north corner of the fauld as far as to the rabbit hill, and from the rabbit hill as far as to the sea, and the going up by the old boundaries and divisions between the land of Seaton and the lands of the hospital of St Peter as far as to the divisions and marches of College Bounds, and going further up by the said boundaries as far as the loch and from the said loch and going by its margins to the common road on the north side [of the new parish] going from the loch along the lane between the manse of Invernochty and the land of Mr Duncan Shearer, Rector of Clat, and then going along over the public street to the lane between the manse of Forbes and our land opposite on the other side, and then going along the wall of the Chanonry to the common road at the cross where the boundary began, that is to say at the girth cross foresaid, including the whole town and burgh of Old Aberdeen, along with the tiend sheaves within the above-written bounds with altar dues, revenues and other emoluments whatsoever pertaining to the perpetual vicarage by law or custom; and for its endowment we have erected in perpetuity, assigned, applied and appropriated the tithes, first fruits and other emoluments, accruing to it

corporalem realem et actuaalem possessionem seu quasi [ius] ecclesie ville noue huiusmodi per nos vt premittitur de nouo erecte eidem Wilhelmo strathachin collate iuriumque et pertinentium predictorum cum omnium et singulorum fructuum reddituum prouentuum Iuriumque emolumentorum eiusdem et pro tempore existentium pleonaria et omnimodo perceptione per predictarum litterarum apostolicarum presentisque nostri processus traditionem et concessionem ponimus et inducimus ac etiam Investimus de eadem presentium per tenorem. Que omnia et singula necnon litteras apostolicas huiusmodi huncque nostrum processum ac omnia et singula in eiis contenta vobis omnibus et singulis supradictis ac omnibus aliis et singulis quorum interest Intererit aut Interesse in futuris quomodolibet poterit tenore predictorum Intimamus insumamus et deducimus et deduci volumus per presentes. In quorum omnium et singulorum fidem et testimonium premissorum presentes literas sive presens publicum instrumentum huiusmodi nostrum processum in se continentes sive continens exinde fieri et per Notarium publicum subscriptum subscribi et publicari mandauimus sigilloque nostro Jussimus et fecimus appensione communiri data et acta etiam hec in palatio abirdonensi hora quarta post meridiem sub anno Incarnationis dominice millesimo quadringentesimo

according to circumstances as by the tenor of this present writing we erect, assign, apply respectively and appropriate them. And also from the said parochial church thus by us erected, as is before said, with all its rights and privileges, whose fruit, income, and emolument according to the ordinary valuation has not from its first erection exceeded the annual value of four pounds sterling, being vacant, we by this present writing by the apostolic authority provide for and endow the foresaid William Strachan, there present and on bended knees humbly begging and asking that this should be done; and the said William present as is before stated, we place and induct into corporeal real and actual possession, or as it were right, to the church of the new town by us as is foresaid of new erected and presented to the same William Strachan, and of the rights and pertinents foresaid with full and complete title to the receipt of all and every one of the fruits, profits and rights to the emoluments of the same and existing at the time by giving and concession of the foresaid apostolic letter and our present statement of procedure, and we also invest him in the same by the tenor of the present writing. All and every one of which things and also the apostolic letter, and this our process, and all and every one of the things contained in them to you all

nonagesimo octavo mensis vero decembris die decima Indictione secunda pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo principis et domini nostri domini alexandri diuina prouidentia pape sexti anno septimo presentibus Ibidem honorabilibus et discretis viris dominis et magistris alexandro symson de monymusk duncano scherer de clat et thoma strathachin de tulinessill prebendariis in ecclesia cathedrali abirdonensi domino thoma Myrtone canonico moraviensi testibus ad premissa vocatis pariter et Rogatis

M. PACOK.

Et ego Matheus pacok clericus sancti Andree diocesis publicus auctoritate Imperiali et Regia Notarius quia premissis erectioni limitum et bondariorum assignationi ceterisque et singulis dum sic vt premittitur agerentur dicerentur et fierent vnacum prenomminatis testibus presens personaliter interfui eaque omnia et singula sic fieri sciui vidi et audiui ac in notam recepi Ideoque presentem processum manu

and every one foresaid and to all and every one whose interest it is, will be, or can be in any manner of way in future, we intimate, set forth, promulgate and hold to be promulgated by the present writing.

In proof and testimony of all and everyone of which things foresaid the present letter or present public instrument containing in itself our procedure we have ordered to be drawn up and subscribed and published by a notary public and we have ordered and caused it to be fortified by the appending to it of our seal. These things were done and acted also in the palace of the bishop of Aberdeen at four o'clock in the afternoon in the year of our lord's incarnation one thousand four hundred and ninety-eight and on the tenth day of the month of December in the second Indiction in the seventh year of the pontificate of our most holy prince and lord in Christ, lord Alexander, by divine providence pope, sixth of that name, in presence at the same place of honourable and discreet men, gentlemen and masters of arts, Alexander Symson of Monymusk, Duncan Shearer of Clat and Thomas Strachan of Tulinessill in the cathedral church of Aberdeen, M^r Thomas Myrtone, Canon of Moray, called and asked to be witnesses to the foregoing. M. Pacok.

And I Mathew Pacok, cleric of the diocese of St Andrews, public notary by the imperial and royal authority, because I was personally present at the foresaid erection of boundaries and assignation of bounds and while other things and every one of them as is before stated were transacted,

aliena fideliter scriptum hoc presens publicum instrumentum in se continentem me aliis occupato negociis de mandato et Requisitione dicti domini episcopi abirdonensis apostolica auctoritate sibi commissa exinde confeci et in hanc publicam formam relegi unacum appensione sigilli dicti Reverendi patris signoque et nomine meis solitis et assuetis signavi Rogatus et Requisitus in fidem et testimonium vocatus omnium et singulorum premissorum.

said, and done, along with the forenamed witnesses, and I knew, saw, and heard and took a note that all and every one of those things were so done, therefore the present statement of procedure, written by the hand of another because I was engaged with other things, containing in itself this present public document, at the order and request of the said lord bishop of Aberdeen by apostolic authority committed to him, I made and put into this public form with the seal of the said reverend father appended, and signed as the custom is with my usual and customary marks. Invited and requested and called in proof and testimony of all and each of the things above stated.

BISHOP DUNBAR'S HOSPITAL

1. History of the Hospital.¹

This Hospital was founded for the support of twelve beadsmen, by Bishop Gavin Dunbar, by deed granted on the 23rd February 1531-2.

The Hospital was stated to be "close by the Cathedral gate," and as matter of fact it stood immediately to the north of the Tillydrone road, at its junction with the present Chanonry, and within what is now part of the policies of Seaton House. A small view of the building is given in Gordon's map of 1661.

The deed of mortification by Dunbar conveys the sum of one hundred pounds Scots of annual rent belonging to him and paid out of the yearly feu-duty due by the Burgh of Aberdeen under King Robert's charter of 1319.²

The Bishop's deed of gift was confirmed by James V. on 24th February 1531-2, and is printed here in full.

Dunbar made a second donation by his conveying an annual payment of twenty pounds Scots out of certain lands in Skene, viz.:—Kirkton, Garlogie and Ord in the barony of Skene, and Auchquhartin in the barony of Kintore.³ This annual rent, which he had acquired from William, Earl Marischal, by charter dated 8th September 1531, was originally granted by the bishop to the chaplain at the altar of St. Sebastian, in the south aisle of the Cathedral, for the performance of certain obiits. Both these sums forming the original endowment of the Hospital still continue to form part of its revenue.

Among subsequent donations to the Hospital which may be mentioned were those of Robert Innes, in Old Aberdeen, who conveyed on 2nd September 1623, the subjects in the Chanonry formerly the manse of the Precentor; two rigs on the west side of Old Aberdeen conveyed in 1642 by George King in Old Aberdeen, and known as the market butts;

¹ The information as to the history of the Hospital has been mostly obtained from a memorandum and inventory of writs, prepared by Mr. R. W. K. Bain, Advocate, Factor to the Hospital.

² "Charters and other Writs of the Burgh of Aberdeen," 1890, p. 13.

³ Original charter in possession of the Managers.



'BISHOP 'DUNBLAIR'S HOSPITAL

From a drawing by the late Mr. Andrew Gibb

a tenement on the east side of the city and a half interest in the sum of a thousand merks wadset on the half croft at the Crabstane, mortified by Dr William Guild on 19th December 1656; subjects on the east side of Old Aberdeen, known as Lindsay's croft and now as Brickfield, conveyed on 2nd May 1664 by John Jamieson, merchant burghess of Aberdeen, and an annual rent of twenty pounds Scots out of certain crofts, barns and houses about the Gallowgate head and Spital gifted by Dr Alexander Adam on 10th August 1691. This latter donation carried with it the condition that it was made for the maintenance of a beadsman "one of his kindred or of the name of Adam, Davidson, or Simpson," and to be an addition to the ordinary allowance. Other donations were a tenement of land on the east side of the Chanonry, conveyed on 31st May 1701 by Patrick Sandilands of Cotton; the Cruive Croft, or Monymusk's manse,¹ lying in the Chanonry gifted in May 1709 by George Paton, of Grandholme, on behalf of himself and the other heritors of the Cruive fishings on Don, on the condition that an old and decayed Cruive fisher should be presented as a beadsman; a tenement of land and yard, with the houses and biggings on the east side of Old Aberdeen, gifted on the 5th May 1697 by Jean Young, spouse of Thomas Mowat, tailor in Old Aberdeen, with the consent of her husband.

Most of these gifts are still represented in the annual revenue of the Hospital in the shape of the feu-duties of the subjects originally granted.

The existing minute books of the Hospital unfortunately do not go back beyond 6th September 1719, and there is a long break between 1764 and 1800. It is thus somewhat difficult to follow out the constitution of the Hospital, but it seems likely that from the date of the foundation to the Reformation the government was in the hands of a director named by the bishop, and acting under the immediate supervision of the dean and chapter. From the Reformation to the Revolution the director or master, as the official came to be called, was nominated by the bishop while Episcopacy was the religion of the day, and when Presbyterianism held sway the Session, as appears from their minutes, had the appointment

¹ "All and Hail that croft of land with the stance of ane house and yeard commonly called the Crive Croft or Monymusks manse lying in the chanonrie of Old Aberdeen on the north west territories therof betwixt the houses and croft called Westhall belonging to Mr. Patrick Walker on the west the ruinous barne and hill sume tyme of Gordon of Bismore and now of and the yeard dyke of the said Hospital at the east the watter of Done on the north and the Queen's High Street on the south pairts."

vested in them. At the Revolution the Crown, as coming in place of the bishop, seems to have claimed and exercised the right of nomination, while in some respects the management of the Hospital was altered. Among the writs still preserved belonging to the Hospital there is a Deed of Presentation, dated 28th February 1693, narrating that the office of master had been vacant since October 1691, either by the resignation or death of John Pedder, and was therefore in the gift and disposition of their Majesties, who nominated and presented Alexander Thomson, preacher and catechist at Old Aberdeen, and his successors catechists of Old Aberdeen, to be master of the Hospital.[†] It was further provided that he should be accountable for his intromissions, and make his accounts yearly if desired. Dr George Middleton, principal in Old Aberdeen, Mr George Fraser, sub-principal, and Dr John Keith, minister of St. Machar and their successors were declared to be overseers of the Hospital and auditors of the accounts of the master, and to admit him, and his successors catechists in Old Aberdeen, by taking from them the oath of allegiance to the Sovereign.

The general management of the Hospital, and the right of nominating the master was exercised by the principal, sub-principal, and first minister of Old Machar till the Universities Act of 1860, when the office of sub-principal was abolished. Since that date the principal and first minister have been the sole managers.

The old beadhouse or hospital was conveyed, in July 1786, to James Forbes of Seaton in exchange for the subjects now occupied by the Don Street and Dunbar Street tenants. A condition of the excambion of properties was that the proprietor of Seaton obtained a right of presenting two beadsmen, reserving to the managers power to reject the persons nominated if dissatisfied with their character or position in life.

The earliest minute of the managers that has been preserved is that of the meeting held on the 6th May 1719, when Mr George Chalmers, principal, Mr Alexander Fraser, sub-principal, and Mr Alexander Mitchell, minister, audited the accounts of James Panton, factor of the Hospital from the year 1707, and thereafter appointed Mr William Smith, minister at Old Aberdeen, to be master and factor in room of James

[†] The names of the following masters of the Hospital have been recovered :—Alexander Scrogie, minister (1624); Thomas Gordon (1642); John Pedder (prior to 1691); Alexander Thomson, catechist (1693); John Robertson (1697); James Panton (1707); Mr. William Smith, minister (1719); James Hart (1723); Principal Chalmers (1760-1800).

Panton. At a meeting on 15th November 1726, an agreement was come to between the managers of the Hospital and John Robertson, executor of John Greig, and patron under a mortification of a thousand pounds Scots left by Greig to the Hospital, in terms of which the patron was to have the right of presentation of a beadsman.

From time immemorial the beadsmen received yearly a certain number of salmon from the heritors of the Cruive and Nether Don fishings, but nothing has been discovered as to the origin of the practice. In 1828 the heritors of these fishings refused to continue the grant of salmon on the ground that the beadsmen had been increased beyond their original numbers. Negotiations took place between the managers and the proprietors of the fishings, with the result that a compromise was arrived at by which the heritors agreed to give a salmon from each of the two fishings to the ten oldest beadsmen. This practice has continued since that time, the recipients being the ten oldest beadsmen of the managers' nomination.

The number of beadsmen at present on the Hospital funds is eighteen, each of whom receives twelve shillings monthly. Of the number of beadsmen, fourteen are chosen by the managers, two by Mr Hay of Seaton in terms of the excambion of 1786, one by Mr Paton of Grandholm in virtue of the donation of the Monymusk manse in 1701, and one by Mr Robertson of Foveran, as patron in terms of Greig's mortification in 1726.

2. Charter¹ by James V. confirming the Mortification of Bishop Gavin Dunbar of an Hospital in Old Aberdeen 24 February 1531-2.

Jacobus dei gracia Rex Scotorum Omnibus probis hominibus totius terre sue Clericis et laicis Salutem Sciatis Nos quandam cartam funda-

James, by the grace of God King of the Scots, wishes well to all good men of his whole realm, clerics and laics. Be it known to you that we have seen and read, and inspected and carefully examined, a certain foundation and donation made by a reverend father in Christ, who is one of our councillors, our beloved Gavin Dunbar, bishop of Aberdeen. By

¹ From the original in possession of the Managers of Bishop Dunbar's Hospital. A copy of the original deed by Bishop Dunbar is given in the *Registrum*, vol. I. p. 401.

tionis et donationis factam per reuerendum in xpo. patrem nrmque consiliarium dilectum Gawino Abirdonen Epm. hospitalis sui prope ecclesiam suam de Abirdene duodecim pauperum et donationis Centum librarum annui. redditus illis fact. de firmis redditibus et prouentibus burgi de Abirdene pro terris et aquis aquarumque piscationibus nobis primum debitis deinde consanguineo nro. Johanni dno. Erskin et postea dicto reuerendo patri et nunc dictis pauperibus dicti hospitalis per ipsu. reuerendum patrem donatis de mandato nro. visam lectam inspectam et diligenter examinatam sanam integram non rasam non cancellatam nec in aliqua sui parte suspectam ad plenum intellexisse sub hac forma Vniuersis Sancte matris ecclie. filiis presentes lras. inspecturis vel audituris Gawinus miseratione diuina ecclesie cathedralis Aberdonen. Epus. salutem in eo qui est omi. vera salus Prelatos ecclie. vniuersos patrimonii crucifixi non dnos. sed custodes et dispensatores fore satis constat. Et qd. de ecclie. fructibus cuicunque prelato preter ecclie. et vite necessaria superest prelatus ipe. pauperibus erogare in pios vsus disponere tenetur et licet nos ad diuini cultus augmentum aliqua de rebus nris. ex industria seu aliter acquisitis in diuersis ecclesiis disposuimus aliaque pro reipublice

this charter he founded (or endowed) a hospital near his church of Aberdeen for the maintenance of twelve poor men, and made a gift to them of a hundred pounds of annual income from rents, revenues, and incomes in the burgh of Aberdeen, from lands, waters, and fishings in waters. These originally belonged to the crown, and next to our cousin, John, lord Erskine, and afterwards to the said reverend father, and now by our command presented to the poor men of the hospital by the reverend father himself. The charter was found to be whole and entire, without erasures or cancellations, and causing no suspicion in any part regarding its integrity. We fully comprehended its meaning and found that it was drawn up in the following terms :—"Gavin Dunbar, by the mercy of God bishop of the cathedral church of Aberdeen, wishes to all the sons of the holy mother church, who shall see or hear this present letter, Salvation in Him who is the true weal of all men. It is quite evident that all prelates of the church are not the owners of the patrimony of the cross (or the Christian church), but the guardians and dispensers of it. And whatever is left of the fruits of the church to any prelate after satisfying the necessities of the church and his own life, the prelate is bound to bestow it on the poor, and devote it to pious purposes. And although we have given away in different churches for the

salute sumptibus amplis. ad opera caritatiua contulimus, sentientes cum adhuc aliquid preter ecclie. et vite nre. necessaria nobis superesset Memoresque verborum omnipotentis domini dicentis frange esurienti panem tuum, et egenos vagosque induc in domum tuam, cum videris nudum operi eum ; hiis verbis excitati et arbitantes non satis esse ad beatitudinem acquirendam in diuini cultus augmentum aliquos augere ministros reique publice subuenire sed opere pretiosum est pauperes supportare scdm. dicta omnipotentis mandata in victu scilicet hospitacione et vestitu ; cupientes igitur quandam elemosinam noue caritatis intuitu ad diuinam gratiam promerendam in pauperum Ihu. xpi. releuamen et supportationem quoddam hospitale apud eccliam. nram. cathedralem extra cimiterium facere, construere, fundare, et vt sequitur formare et dotare decreuimus et primu. domum ipsam hospitalis longitudinis centum et latitudinis triginta duorum pedum vel circiter fore ordinauimus diuidendam in hunc modum vt possit duodecim pauperes in diuersis cellulis hospitare. constituendo et faciendo ex vtraque parte domus sex cellulas quarum quolibet erit quatuordecim pedum longitudinis et duodecim pedum latitudinis habendo in quadam parte domus in pariete locum

augmentation of divine worship some parts of our means, acquired by industry or otherwise, and other parts for the welfare of the state, yet we have contributed to charitable works at great expense. Feeling that when something is left, after supplying the needs of the church and our own life, and remembering the words of almighty God :—‘Give of thy bread to the hungry, and take the poor and the wandering under the shelter of thy house, and clothe the naked.’ We, moved by these words, think it is not enough for obtaining blessedness that we should add to the number of ministers, in order to increase divine worship, and to come to the help of the state, but that the work which is of real value is supporting the poor according to the divine command, by giving them food and clothing. We desired therefore, by means of a new charitable institution, to obtain some help towards earning the divine favour by relieving the want of the Christian poor, and supporting them, and we have resolved to make, construct, and found a hospital near the cathedral church, but outside the cemetery, and to form and endow it in the following manner. In the first place we have ordained that the house of the hospital shall be a hundred feet long, and about thirty-two feet wide, and that it shall be divided so as to accommodate twelve poor men in separate rooms, by making in both parts of the house six rooms, each fourteen feet long, and

ordinatum et dispositum pro paruo igne faciendo et conseruando et sic inter cellulas erit ambulatura octo pedum latitudinis et de residuo domus quod continet in longitudine triginta sex pedes et triginta duos pedes in latitudine Illam partem sic diuidendam ordinauimus q. scilicet parte boreali eiusdem sit quedam domus comis. pro omnibus pauperibus in qua poterunt habere coum. ignem et alia necessaria, continens in latitudine sexdecim pedes et longitudine triginta sex pedes. Et ex aduerso in parte australi ipius. domus erit oratorium quoddam bene formatum tante quantitatis sicut ipa. domus comis. cum altari Preterea volumus et ordinamus supra domum coum. come. solium fieri ad res communes vt focalia victualia aliasque necessarias vsui pauperum conseruandas Et supra oratorium nullum solium fieri volumus sed tectum eiusdem honeste reparare et cooperire intendimus Eritq. campanile ligneum in quadam parte domus in quo erit campana formata domo hospitalis cum oratorio comi. domo cellulis campanili vt premittitur directorem et conseruatorem eiusdem capellanum nrm. in insula australi ecclie. nre. per nos nouiter constructa fundatum et successores suos prefacimus et deputamus deinde duodecim pauperes per nos eligendos in

twelve feet broad. There shall be in the wall in some part of the house a fireplace, in which there shall be made and maintained a small fire, and between the rooms there will be a passage eight feet wide. The rest of the house, which will be thirty-six feet long, and thirty-two feet wide, will be so divided, that in the north side there will be a common room sixteen wide, and thirty-six feet long, for all the poor men in which they can have a common fire and other necessary things, and opposite to it, in the south side of the house, there will be an oratory well furnished and of the same size as the common room of the house, and provided with an altar. Moreover, we wish and ordain that above the common room there shall be a common floor for keeping things for the general use, such as fuel, victuals, and other necessities for the use of the poor men ; but there will not be a floor above the oratory, and we intend to prepare and cover the roof of it in a suitable manner. There will also be a wooden bell tower, in some part of the house, in which there will be a bell ; the hospital house being thus provided with an oratory, common room, rooms, and bell-tower, as has been already stated. We appoint and depute as director and conservator of the hospital our chaplain and his successors, for whom an endowment has been provided in the south aisle of the church which we have recently erected. When the hospital is erected we shall select

ipo. hospitali imponi volumus ad quorum sustentationē de illustrissimi principis et dñi. nrī. dñi. Jacobi quinti Dei Gratia Scotorum regis consensu et licencia Noueritis nos dedisse concessisse assignasse et hac pñti. carta nra. confirmasse Necnon dare concedere assignare et hac pñti. carta nra. confirmare omnipotenti Deo patri et filio et spiritui sancto beatissime virgini Marie matri domini nrī. Ihu. Xpi. redemptoris nrī. ac duodecim pauperibus in dicto hospitali nro. residentibus et eorum successoribus in eodem hospitali imponendis illic mansuris Illas centum libras vsualis monete Regni Scocie anui. redditus de firmis et redditibus burgi de Abirdene pro terris et aquis aquarumque piscationibus dño. nro. regi debitis annuatim leuandis et percipiendas quas a Johanne dño. Erskin hereditarie conquesti sumus inter dictos pauperes vt sequitur per ipm. hospitalis directorem et conseruatorem diuidendas et disponendas videlicet vniconque pauperi decem marcas ad quatuor anni tempora pro suo victu et vestitu videlicet in initio veris estatis autūpni et hyemis quartam partem dicte sume. decem marcarum Et pro focalibus emendis et lucrandis ad coum. vsum omī. pauperum decem marcas in festo penthecostes Necnon vniconque pauperum annuatim pro veste superiori emenda albi coloris

twelve poor men to be placed in it, and for their maintenance with the consent and leave of the most illustrious prince and lord, our lord James V., by the grace of God, King of the Scots, we have given, conceded, and assigned, and by this our present charter have confirmed, and we give, concede, assign, and by this our present charter confirm to almighty God the Father, the Son, and the holy Ghost, the most blessed Virgin Mary, mother of our lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, and the twelve poor men residing in our said hospital, and their successors to be placed in the said hospital there to dwell, the hundred pounds of the usual money of the kingdom of Scotland, of annual income from rents and revenues of the burgh of Aberdeen, from lands, and waters, and fishings in waters, due to our lord the King, and annually levied and taken, which we purchased hereditarily from John, Lord Erskine, to be divided and distributed among the poor men by the director and conservator of the hospital, namely to each poor man ten merks, four times in the year, for his maintenance and clothing, namely, at the beginning of spring, summer, autumn, and winter, the fourth part of the said sum of ten merks; and for buying and getting fuel, for the common use of all the poor men, ten merks at Whitsunday; and also to each of the poor men, for the purchase of an upper white robe, one merk at Michaelmas, and for the repair of the hospital house forty

vnam marcam in festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli et ad reparationem domus hospitalis annuatim quadraginta solidos Retinendo sibi directori et conservatori pro suis laboribus annuatim quinque marcas in augmentationē capellanie in dicta insula per nos constructe et fundate. Volumus pretereaque dicti pauperes indices orabunt pro felici et prospero statu dni. nri. regis anima sua ac predecessorum et successorum suorum Necnon pro anima nra. parentum fratrum sororum et amicorum nrorum. Necnon omi. xpi fidelium. Eruntque omnes mares soluti et sine vxoribus et non femine eligendi de tenentibus et incolis terrarum nrarum. cpatus. Abirdonen. si illic inueniri poterunt aliaquin de hiis qui circa opus edificationis ecclie. palatii nri. mansionum canonicorum et pontis aque de Dee per nos nuper constructi dies suos egerunt et tempora exposuerunt. Quibus deficientibus de aliis miserabilibus personis non prece nec pretio sed solum caritatis intuitu qui ex aduersa fortuna seu quouis alio euentu in tantam paupertatem et inopiam ceciderunt quod non habent de propriis bonis vnde viuere possunt aut qui sunt ceci muti seu claudi aut ex quouis euentu bellico in nro. seruicio aut pro Jure ecclie. nre. seu guerris regiis sic sunt mutilati quod non possunt pro propria sustentatione laborare

shillings annually ; and the director and conservator of the hospital will retain for his own trouble five merks annually, in addition to the revenue from the chapel in the south aisle which we constructed and endowed.

We wish, moreover, that the poor men shall pray daily for the felicitous and prosperous state of our lord the King, and for his soul, and for the souls of his predecessors and successors, and also for our soul, and the souls of our parents, our brothers and sisters, and all our friends, and also of all the faithful in Christ. Also the occupants of the house shall all be free men and without wives, and not women, and they shall be selected from the tenants and inhabitants of our lands in the bishopric of Aberdeen, if they can be found within it ; but if not, they shall be selected from those who have spent their lives, and lived out their time, in the work of constructing the church, our palace, the manses of the canons, and the bridge of Dee, all lately built by us. Failing these, the selection shall be made from other wretched men, not for entreaty or reward, but only by the impulse of charity, who by misfortune, or any other mishap, have fallen into such a state of poverty and want that they have no means of living of their own, or who are blind, dumb, or lame or who have been so mutilated, by some accident in war, in our service, or for the rights of our church, or in the King's wars, that they are not able to work for their living.

Eruntque omnes senes ad minus sexagenarii nisi ex aliquibus euentibus infortuitis viri Juniores in similem paupertatem deuenerunt qui ex rationabilibus considerationibus in ipm. hospitale recipi poterunt. Volumus etiam q. vnus pauperum per directorem nominandus ebdomadatim sit Janitor dicti hospitalis habens claues hostiorum et portarum eiusdem exceptis clavibus priuatarum cellularum et hunc ordinem et vsum seruabit. Primo de mane exteriorem portam aperiet et hostium domus comis. et oratorii hora septima et eadem hora pulsabit campanam paruo tempore vt pauperes campane pulsu vigilati et suscitati poterunt oratorium intrare et ibidem per vnam horam in orationibus pro animabus predictis orare. Postea licebit illis eccliam. intrare missas Audire et inibi pro animabus predictis orare. Deinde Janitor ipe. statim post horam vndecimam iterum pulsabit companam breui tempore ad inuocand. pauperes ad refectionem suam vel in suis propriis cellulis vel in domo comi. si sciuerint inter se sic concordare vt sub vno comi. prouisore simul prandere aut bini et bini aut maiori numero Vt poterunt concordare et cōuenire facto prandio ad pulsum campane Iterum oratorium intrabunt et ibidem orationem dominicam et salutationem angelicam decies pro dictis animabus

They will all be old men about sixty years of age, unless by some unfortunate events younger men have fallen into like poverty, who on reasonable considerations may be received into the hospital. Also we desire that one of the poor men, who shall be appointed by the director weekly, shall be janitor of the hospital, and shall keep the keys of the doors and gates, except the keys of the private rooms; and he shall observe the following order and usage. At early dawn he shall open the outer gate, and the door of the common room, and the oratory, at seven o'clock, and he shall at this hour ring the bell for a short time to waken and rouse the poor men, who shall enter the oratory and remain there an hour in prayers for those for whose souls they are bound to pray. After that they may enter the church to hear masses and pray for the souls of the persons above named. Then the janitor, immediately after eleven o'clock, shall ring the bell again for a short time to call the poor men to their meal in their own rooms, or in the common room, if they can manage so to agree among themselves that they can all dine at the same time under the care of one common provider, or two and two, or in greater numbers. After dinner they shall at the sound of the bell again enter the oratory, and there repeat ten times the Lord's prayer, and the Salutation of the angel to the Virgin Mary, every one making the proper

celebrabunt et quisquis celebrabit cum symbolo sequenti et ab hinc ad sua virtuosa exercicia in cellulis suis vel in ortis aut pomariis hospitali pertinen. pro herbis et fructibus ad eorum coiem. vsum laborandis et lucrandis accedant vsque ad horam quintam Et tunc ad pulsum campane intrabunt oratorm. et ibidem in continuis orationibus vsque ad horam sextam manebunt Et tunc cenatum eant vt mos erit Inter eos facta cena ante horam octauam Janitor claudet exteriorem portam et pauperes inter cenam et clausum porte intrabunt oratorm. et vnusquisque loco completorii psalterium nre. domine pro aiabus. predictis devote dicet deinde si velint dormitum eant vsque horam tertiam et tunc ad pulsum campane vnusquisque pauper in cellula sua psalterium beatissime virginis Marie cum symbolo sequenti cum modestia et moderamine redemptorem memorando et ab illo veniam et remissionem pectorum. pro aiabus. predictis implorando attente dicet. Ordinamus insuper quod dicti pauperes sint subditi subiecti et obedientes mandatis et monitionibus dicti directoris Et quod sint honeste conuersationis nec mulieres in cellulis suis quouis modo recipient et si quisque illorum molestus consortibus erit aut defectus aliquos commiserit seu inobediens repertus fuerit punietur in persona vel

signs, and thereafter they shall go to their useful employments in their own rooms, or to work in the gardens and orchards of the hospital, in the cultivation of herbs and fruits for the common use, till five o'clock. Then at the sound of the bell they shall enter the oratory, and there remain in constant prayers till six o'clock, when they shall go to supper in their usual manner. After supper the janitor shall shut the outer gate before eight o'clock, and between supper time and the closing of the gate, the poor men shall enter the oratory, and every one in his place in a line shall repeat devoutly the hymn of our Lady on behalf of the souls of those before mentioned. Then if so disposed, they may go away and sleep till three o'clock, when every poor man shall repeat in his own room the hymn of the most blessed Virgin Mary with appropriate signs, modestly and reverently bringing to the Redeemer's remembrance the souls of those before mentioned, and earnestly begging of Him pardon and forgiveness for their sins. We ordain moreover, that the said poor men be respectful, submissive, and obedient to the commands and admonitions of the said director, and that they be proper in their behaviour, and in no way take women into their rooms. If any one of them be troublesome to his fellows, or commit any faults, or be found disobedient, he shall be punished in his person or be removed from the

amovebitur ab hospitali per ipm. directorem qui in hoc casu vtetur consilio decani et capituli si decanus pns. fuerit alioquin presidentis et canonicorum residentium pro tempore ad eccliam. qui etiam decanus et capitulum et in decani absentia presidens et canonici residentes auctoritatem et potestatem habebunt vno paupere decedente vel ab hospitali recedente vel aliter amoto propter defectus aliquos alium pauperam loco suo eligendi et imponendi modo vt prescriptum est cum consensu directoris et conseruatoris. Et casu quo quisquam pauperum Jacebit infirmus director ipe. ponet infirmum in cellula propinquiore oratorio vt per fenestram quandam poterit missam videre et audire et ipe. conseruator bis vel ter in ebdomida celebrabit vel per alium celebrari faciet missam in ipo. oratorio ceteris diebus intrent eccliam. et apud sepulcrum nrm. orabunt et pauperes ipsi validi ad ambulandum omnibus festiuis diebus ad mandatum et monitionem directoris procedent processiones generales ecclie. nre. cum oraculis in manibus orando vt supra pro animabus predictis. Tenebuntur etiam ipi. pauperes et eorum hospitalis conseruator seruare omnia alia statuta et ordinationes per nos faciendas Illis et illorum directori et hospitalis conseruatori in scriptis dandas sub penis que in ipis.

hospital by the director, who in such a case shall take the advice of the dean and chapter, if the dean be present, and if not, of the president and canons residing at the time at the church. And the dean and chapter, or in the absence of the dean, the president and resident canons, shall have power in the case of a poor man's death or his retirement from the hospital, or removal otherwise on account of some faults, of choosing another poor man, and of putting him in his place as has been prescribed above, with consent of the director and conservator. In case that any one of the poor men shall lie ill the director shall place the sick man in a room near the oratory, so that, by a window, he may be able to see and hear a mass. The conservator shall twice or thrice in a week himself celebrate mass, or shall cause another to celebrate it in the oratory. On the other days he shall enter the church and pray at our tomb, and those of the poor men who are fit to walk shall on all festal days, under the command and guidance of the director, go before general processions of our church, with oracles in their hands, praying, as directed above, for the foresaid souls. And the poor men, and their director and the conservator of the hospital, shall be bound to keep all other statutes and ordinances which may be made by us to them, and their director and the conservator of the hospital, given in writings, under the penalties which

statutis continebuntur. Tenendas et habendas dictas centum libras annui redditus vsualis monete regni Scotie de dictis firmis et redditibus burgi de Abirdene pro terris et aquis et aquarum piscationibus dno. nro. regi et nunc nobis debitīs cum suis pertinen. a nobis et heredibus nris. dictis duodecim pauperibus vt premittitur diuidendas et soluendas et eorum successoribus in ipo. hospitali imponendis de dno. nro. rege et successoribus suis Scotie regibus in puram et perpetuā elimosinam et ad manum mortuā in eternum. Cum libera ptate. facultate et auctoritate ipis. pauperibus per eorum hospitalis directorem et conseruatorem seu alios suos seruitores factores aut procūtores ipās centum libras annui redditus a dictis burgensibus et incolis ville de Abirdene exigendi petendi leuandi et recipiendi ac defectu solutionis ipos. burgenses et incolas dicte ville et alios occupatores aquarum et piscationum dicte ville pertinen. et eorum bona quecunque namandi et distringendi namos et distractiones abducendi appretiandi et suis vsibus propriis applicandi ac si necesse fuerit ipos. burgenses prepositum balliuos et incolas vniuersos ad solutionem dicte summe faciendam via juris comis. compellendi vel per censuras ecclīasticas. illos astringendi solutionesque illius factas in scaccariis domini Regis

are contained in the statutes. The said hundred pounds of annual income, of the usual money of the Kingdom of Scotland, was originally due to our lord the King as rents and returns payable by the burgh of Aberdeen for lands, waters, and fishings in the waters. These moneys with their pertinents are now due to us, and are payable by us and our heirs to the twelve poor men and their successors who may be placed in the hospital, to be divided amongst them. The moneys are to be held and had of our lord the King and his successors in the throne of Scotland, in pure and perpetual alms, and in mortmain for ever.

Free power, means and authority, is given to the poor men through the director and conservator of their hospital, or their other servants, factors or procurators, of demanding, seeking, uplifting, and receiving the hundred pounds of annual income from the burgesses and inhabitants of the said town, and other occupants of the waters and fishings pertaining to the said town. In defect of payment, the poor men have power to arrest (or interdict) the burgesses and inhabitants of the said town, and other occupants of the waters and fishings pertaining to the said town, and also their property of every kind, and of laying distraint upon the persons interdicted, and of taking, apprising, and applying to their own private uses the things distrained; and if it be necessary, of

allocari petendi et ipsam allocationem annuatim accipendi vt de veteri consuetudine allocari dicto domino Erskin consuetum fuerat Ac omnia alia et singula faciendi gerendi et exercendi que ad perceptionē et solutione, acquirendam dicti anui. redditus [que] necessaria fuerint seu etiam oportuna. Reddendo inde annuatim dicti pauperes et eorum successores in dicto hospitali residentes dicto dno. nro. regi et successoribus suis ac pro animabus predictis orationum suffragia deuotarum tantum. Et quia nos dictas centum libras annui redditus a dicto domino de Erskin hereditarie emptas habemus nobis heredibus et assignatis nris. et nos easdem centum libras dictis pauperibus assignamus, in casu non solutionis eiusdem summe dictos pauperes et eorum successores nros. assignatos ad eunde. annum redditum exigend. petendum et leuand. et pro eodem distringend. Ac si necesse fuerit ex quocunque enentu futuro dictum Johanne dni. Erskin et heredes suos In warantos eiusdem anui. redditus vocand. vt de iure licebit et contra Illos de euictione agend. vt juri congruit et in ea parte causa scilicet euictionis et warancie illis pauperibus vices nras. comittimus. Reseruando nobis pro toto tempore vite nre. ptatem. hanc nram. foundationem alterandi mutandi augendi et diminuendi

compelling the burgesses, provost, baillies and the whole inhabitants, to make payment of the said sum by means of the common law, or of binding them by ecclesiastical censures, and of asking that payments of it made by them into the treasuries of our lord the King may be allocated to them, and that the allocation may be received annually as by ancient custom it had been wont to be made to Lord Erskine already mentioned. And power is also given of doing, carrying on, and exercising all other things, collectively and singly, which may be necessary or expedient for obtaining receipt and payment of the said annual income. For which payment the said poor men and their successors, residing in the said hospital, shall annually make offerings of devout prayers for our lord the King, and for the souls of the persons before mentioned, and do nothing besides. And because we purchased the said hundred pounds of annual income from the said Lord of Erskine, hereditarily, for ourselves our heirs and assignees, and we have assigned the same hundred pounds to the said poor persons, in case of non-payment of the said sum, we commit to the said poor men and their successors our assignees, our right of demanding, asking, and uplifting the said annual income, and of distraining for it, and if by any future event it be necessary, of calling the said John, Lord Erskine and his heirs to be guarantees for the said

vt nobis magis videbitur expedire. In cuius rei testimonium huic pnti. carte nre. Sigillum nrm. autenticum nra. manu subscripte est appensum. Apud Edinburgh vigesimo tertio die mensis Februarii Anno domini millesimo quingentesimo trigesimo primo Coram hiis testibus venerabili patre Alexandro priore de Pluscardin venerabilibus viris mgris. Alexandro Dunbar decano Morauien. Alexandro Spittale rectore de Clatt canonico Abirdonen. et Willmo. hay notario publico cum diversis aliis. Quamquidem Cartam ac fundationem et donationem in eadem content. in omnibus suis punctis particulis conditionibus et modis regulis statutis observantiis ac circumstanciis suis quibuscunque In omnibus et per omnia forma pariter et effectum vt premissum est approbamus ratificamus ac pro nobis et successoribus nris. admortizimus et ad manum mortuam pro perpetuo confirmamus Saluis nobis et successoribus nris. pro animabus in dicta fundatione contentis deuotarum orationum suffragiis cui. In cuius rei testimonium huic pnti. carte nre. confirmationis et admortizionis magnum sigillum nrm. apponi precepimus Testibus Reuerendissimo reuerendisque in xpo. patribus gawino archiepo. glasguen. cancellario nro. georgio epo. Dunkelden. henrico epo. candidease nreque. capelle regie

annual income (as it will be lawful to do), and of raising an action of eviction against them (as it is agreeable to law to do), for that purpose, namely, for the sake of eviction and warrantice. We reserve to ourselves for the whole period of our life power of altering, changing, increasing, and diminishing this our foundation as it may seem to us expedient to do. And in testimony of this thing, our authentic seal is appended to this our present charter written with our own hand. At Edinburgh, the twenty third day of the month of February, in the year of the Lord one thousand five hundred and thirty one, before these witnesses, namely, the venerable father Alexander, prior of Pluscardine; and the venerable men—Master Alexander Dunbar, dean of Moray; Alexander Spittal, rector of Clatt, canon of Aberdeen; and William Hay, notary public; and several others. Gawinus Dunbar, Episcopus. Which charter and the foundation and gift contained therein, in all its points, particles conditions, ways, rules, statutes, observances, and circumstances whatsoever, in every way and by all means, both in form and in purpose, as is before set forth, we approbate, ratify, and for ourselves and our successors admortise and confirm in mortmain for ever. Saving to us and our successors the offerings of devout prayers for the souls of any persons mentioned in the said foundation. In testimony of which thing, we have

Struclingen, dilectis nris, consanguineis et carissimo fratre Jacobo morauie comite archibaldo comite de ergile dno, campbell et lorne mgro, hospicii nri, Malcolmo dno, fleming magno camerario nro, Johanne duo, erskin venerabilibus in xpo, patribus patricio priore ecclie, metropolitane sanctiandree David Abbate monasterii nri, de Abirbrothok nri, secreti sigilli custode dilectis familiaribus nris, mgris, Willmo, Stewart preposito de lincloudane thesaurario nro, Thoma erskin de haltoun milite Secretario nro, et Jacobo Coluile de estwemys nrorum, compotorum rotulatore et nre, cancellarie direttore Apud Edinburgh vicesimo quarto die mensis Februarii anno domini millesimo Quingentesimo tricesimo primo et regni nostri decimo nono.

directed our great seal to be affixed to this our present charter of confirmation and admortisement. Witnesses, The very reverend father, and reverend fathers in Christ, Gavin, archbishop of Glasgow, our chancellor; George, bishop of Dunkeld; Henry, bishop of Candida Casa, (Whithorn) and of our chapel-royal at Stirling; our beloved cousins and our dearest brother, James, earl of Moray; Archibald, earl of Argyle, lord Campbell and Lorne, master of our lodging; Malcolm, lord Fleming, our great chamberlain; John, lord Erskin; the venerable fathers in Christ, Patrick, prior of the metropolitan church at St. Andrews; David, abbot of our monastery of Abirbrothock, keeper of our secret seal; our beloved familiars, Masters William Stewart, provost of Lincluden, our treasurer; Sir Thomas Erskin of Haltoun, our secretary; and James Colvile of East Wemys, controller of our accounts and director of our chancery. At Edinburgh, on the twenty fourth day of the month of February, in the year of the Lord one thousand five hundred and thirty one, and in the nineteenth year of our reign.

DESCRIPTION OF OLD ABERDEEN

*Abredonia Vetus.*¹

Ad septentrionem miliaris Italici unius spatio Nova Abredonia distat atque inter utriusque oppidi cruces ut vocant unius Scotici miliaris distantiam viatores numerant. Pagus campis amoenis aut colliculis eisdemque frugiteris multis quoque pascuis interjectis undique cinctus. Nullum jus municipale habet propalam si qui Neapolitanorum vendita negotiantur. Vicus revera aut pagus aut burgum baroniae censendus. Fundator Ewenus secundus ordine Scotorum rex circiter annum mundi 3894 affirmatur nescio quo autore. Sedes episcopalis istuc translatione e Murthlaco vico (ubi adhuc templum parochiale Balvaniam arcem prope visitur) primo inclaruit. Exstat diploma regium quo totum veteris Abredoniae vicum David Scotorum Rex episcopo Abredonensi dono dedit. Alexander ejus nominis primus Scotorum Rex anno Christi 1122 sedem episcopalem Abredonensem transtulit huc primo et postea

Old Aberdeen.

Old Aberdeen lies to the north of New Aberdeen at the distance of a Roman mile, and travellers count the distance between the crosses of the two towns to be a Scotch mile. The district is everywhere surrounded by pleasant fields or by hills of low elevation which are under cultivation, with many pastures interspersed. No municipal jurisdiction is exercised and here the wares of citizens of the new town are openly sold. The village, in truth, must be regarded as either a country place or a burgh of barony. Some unknown author says that it was founded by Ewen, second of the name, King of Scots, about the year 3894, dating from the creation of the world. It first came into notice by the translation to it of the episcopal see from the village of Mortlach where there is still seen a parish church near Balvenie castle. According to an extant chronicle of the Kings, David, King of the Scots, gave to the bishop of Aberdeen the whole village of Old Aberdeen. Alexander first of that name, King of the Scots, in the year of Christ 1122 transferred to it, in the first place, the episcopal see of Aberdeen and it is evident that the village had afterwards increased by the addition to it of the college. The river

¹ MS. by Rev. James Gordon, of Rothiemay, 34.2.8. Advocates' Library, Edinburgh.

Academiae accessione vicum excrevisse constat. Borealem urbis terminum Dona fluvius attingit qui et salmonum piscatione atque Margaritarum captura nobilis. Uniones non spernendae hic in Mitulis quibusdam inveniuntur et ab hoc fluvio nomen accepit vicus. sinuosae Donae flexui preterlabenti Templum magnum Macharii dictum imminet. Ecclesiam cathedralem olim vocitabant hodie parochialem. Hoc e lapide secto quadrato forma atque mole augusta conditum. Fundamina prima fecit Henricus Cheyne episcopus Abredonensis A. Ch. 1320. Hujus exitio opus interruptum. Causa exilii quod avunculo Cummino rebelli se sociasset. Opus desertum promovit Alex^r Keaninmont antistitem Abredonensis ordine tertius anno Ch. 1333. quo anno Abredoniae nova concremata. Angli etiam hujus episcopi et canonicorum supelectilem diripuerunt. Henricus Leighton episcopus Abredonensis postea templum hoc ad summitatem parietum construxit duabus quoque turribus pinnatis ad occidentem ornavit. Anno 1440 Ingerhamus Lindesius successor Henrici contignationem addidit ac pavementum lapide tessellato stravit. Turrim maximam quadratam seu campanile exstrui jussit Wilhelmus

Don touches the northern boundary of the city and it is renowned for its salmon fishing and yield of pearls. Pearls not to be despised are found in mussels here and the town takes its name from this river. A great church called Machar's overlooks the course of the winding Don flowing past it. In time past people called it the cathedral church and now it is called the parish church. It is an edifice of majestic form and size, built of squared and dressed stones. Henry Cheyne, bishop of Aberdeen, laid the first foundations in the year of Christ 1320, but the construction of the church was interrupted by his exile, the cause of which was his alliance with his uncle Cumyn, who was in rebellion.

Alexander Kininmond, third bishop of Aberdeen of that name took in hand again in 1333 the work which had been left neglected, and in that year New Aberdeen was burned by the English, who also plundered the household furnishings of this bishop and of the canons. Henry Leighton, bishop of Aberdeen, afterwards built the church to the full height of the walls and adorned it with two towers surmounted with spires at the west end. In the year 1440 Ingram Lindsey, Henry's successor, added a roof constructed of wood and laid a tessellated stone floor. He gave orders for the construction of the great square bell-tower. William Elphinstone, bishop of Aberdeen, covered the church with sheet lead and put three bells weighing 12,000 pounds in the bell-tower. His

Elphinstonus Abredonensis episcopus. Templum lamine plumbeo contextit ac campanile tribus nolis 12000 pondo ditavit. Huic successor Gavinus Dumbarrus. Insulam ut vocant australem e lapide quadrato secto etiam addidit. Basilica olim duplici columnarum lapidearum ordine templo alio transverso tribus turribus harum maxima campanili seu turre quatuor columnis opere fornicato superimposita insignis, nec supellex impar. Signa calices vasa ecclesiastica et id genus alia ex auro argenteve fabrefacta gemmis pretiosis multis variisque inclusis ornata magni ponderis illic numerabantur. Infulae casulae ac quicquid vestium sacerdotalium tunc temporis usui fuere erminia vel holoserica vel bombycina luxu plusquam regio phrugiata acu picta gemmis nitentia aurove intertexta. Ostendebantur auri argentique quanta vis creditu difficile nisi fidem faceret codex antiquus m.s. singula enumerans. Huic quoque templo Bibliotheca inerat verum circiter annum 1560 omnia pessundata aut sublata. Bibliotheca exusta ut plurimum nam cuicumque volumini aderat rubrica in illud tanquam superstitionem redolens, Flammis ultricibus sertum. Maximi turris pinna plumbeo lamine

successor, Gavin Dunbar, added also what is called the south aisle of squared and dressed stone. Long ago the church had a double row of stone pillars with another church across it. There were three towers, the greatest of which was conspicuous for a belfry or turret supported by arches resting on four pillars. It was a splendid building and the interior was suitably furnished. There was in it a great weight of monstrances, chalices, utensils for the church and other things of that sort made of gold or silver and inlaid with many precious gems of different kinds. The sashes, chasubles and all the priestly vestments used at the time were of ermine or velvet or silk, embroidered with more than royal splendour, decorated with gems, or interwoven with threads of gold. The quantity of gold and silver in the church would be scarcely credible if it were not attested by an ancient manuscript inventory enumerating everything. There was also in this church a library; but about the year 1560 all the books were destroyed or stolen. The greater part of the library was burned for in almost every volume there was a note against it as having an odour of superstition, and it was committed to the avenging flames. The sheath of lead having been taken off the steeple of the greatest tower it fell not many years after by the fury of a fierce storm. The choir of the church was removed to the foundation. In our day the body of the church is covered with slates. The hands of the

detracto procellae atrocis impulsu non multis deinceps annis corruit. Templi chorus radicitus evulsus. Hodie veteris bacilicae cadaver tegulis lapideis tectum. Vix oppidani a ruina tuentur. Preter monumenta episcoporum Leightoni et Dunbarri hic quoque sarcophagium habet hereditarium Marchio Huntlaeus, inclaruitque denique hoc templum nuper Tumulo Juvenis nobilissimi atque illustrissimi D. Georgii Gordoni Marchionis Huntlaei nati primogeniti qui ad Alfordiam vicum fortiter dimicans cecidit Julij 2 anni 1645.

Templum S. Macarii ad occidentem Gerontodochium excipit duodecim pauperibus alendis a Gav: Dunbarro olim ditatum. Horum elemosina nostra aetate imminuta senesque inclusi mendicum adinstar illic vitam aegre tollerant. Caemitarium latus orientale claudebat olim episcopi Abredonensis palatium augustum. Hortos ac aedificia murus praealtus distinguebat ab urbe vicina ac contigua [quem] exstrui curavit Alexander Keaninmond episcopus Abredonensis. Hodie vero (horto excepto) tanti hospitii vix lapillus unicus superstes. Anno 1639 abacto claro viro D. Adamo Bellendino ea tempestate episcopo foederatorum militi praeda

townsmen can scarcely be kept off the ruin. Besides the monuments of bishops Leighton and Dunbar here there is also the hereditary tomb of the Marquis of Huntly and, finally, this church has become notable by the tomb of the most noble and illustrious young man, Lord George Gordon, eldest son of the Marquis of Huntly, who fell fighting bravely in the battle of Alford, July 2, 1645.

Near the west end of the church of St. Machar there is a hospital long ago endowed by Gavin Dunbar for the support of twelve poor men. In our time the pittance of these has diminished and the old men in the hospital lead a life little better than that of beggars. The east side of the churchyard formerly enclosed the magnificent palace of the bishop of Aberdeen. A lofty wall separated its gardens and houses from the neighbouring and contiguous city. It was built by order of Alexander Kininmond bishop of Aberdeen, but now (except the garden) of so great a hostel scarcely one single small stone remains. After the year 1639, in the episcopate of Mr Adam Bellenden, the palace was plundered by the troops of the Covenanting army. Then only the walls were left, everything else having been torn down, destroyed, and carried away. In the year 1655 the English removed the walls also, compelling the people in the neighbourhood to transport the stones to the new town to the castle hill. Whatever was left of the building materials and rubbish

fuit. Omnia tunc parietibus exceptis avulsa diruta rapta. Anno 1655 Angli muros ipsos sustulere vicinia coacta Neapolin ad castelli montem lapides transferre. Quicquid e materie ac rudere reliquum ad collegium regium anno 1657 devectum. Episcopi aedibus contigua fuere capellanorum camerae sic olim vocitatae structurae. Area quadrata partim collapsa. Quicquid reliquum aliis cessit. Minimam partem redemit D. Joannes Forbessius Cotharisius Comarcha SS. Theologiae professor ac licet anno 1640 a foederatis e cathedra detrusus nihilominus domicilium illud SS. Theologiae professoribus in posterum dicavit. E regione Templi Macarii quinetiam collegii canonicorum Abredonensium sita fuere hospitia nunc pleraque collapsa. Horum unicum lemuribus ac cacodoemoniis per multos annos obnoxium atque infame ab Anglis quoque funditus sublatum. Aliud quod est portae a canonicis denominatae proximum pergula egregia addita eaque multa ac varia pictura ornata atque horto totius Abredoniae maximo amoeno atque amplo impensis D. Alexandri Gordoni Clunii circa annum 1622 auctum. Reliqua possident atque incolunt oppidani ordine canonico tanquam papismum redolente olim amoto.

was conveyed to King's College in 1657. Near the bishop's palace was the Chambers of the Chaplains, so called formerly. The square court of the building has in part become ruinous. What remains has passed to others. Mr John Forbes, proprietor of Corse, professor of Divinity, bought the smallest part and though in 1640 he was extruded from his office by the Covenanters yet he bequeathed that house for all time to the professors of Divinity. Near the church of Machar moreover were situated the manses of the college of canons, now for the most part lying in ruins. One of these had a bad name because it was believed to be haunted by ghosts and evil spirits, for many years. It was removed by the English and utterly cleared away. To another next the Chanonry port was added a beautiful gallery and it was beautified by many paintings of different kinds and extended by a garden the pleasantest and the largest in all Aberdeen at the expense of Mr Alexander Gordon of Cluny about 1622. The others are owned and occupied by the townspeople, the order of canons having been abolished long ago as if savouring of popery.

Aberdeen King's college situated at the southern boundary of the place is conspicuous among the other buildings. Scotland does not boast of another college of grander or more graceful structure. One side of the court is purposely roofed with slates the others with lead.

Collegium Regium Abredonense ad terminum pagi Australem positum inter reliqua aedificia facile conspicuum. Non aliud collegium structura augustius aut venustius jactitat Scotia. Latus unicum arcae ex consulto tegulae lapideis caetera plumbo tecta. Templum atque turris seu campanile e lapide secto quadrato. Fenestrae vitro depicto insignes olim et supersunt prisci decoris reliquiae. In templo Willhelmi Elphinstoni monumentum cypum e lapide Lydio insignem ostentat. Statua atque tredecim signa aenea inaurata circumstantia olim direpta divenditaque. Turris nolas decem numero e quibus duas magnitudine non facile aequandas habet. Fastigium duplici arcu transverso concameratum. Hoc absolvit corona regia. Forma octogonalis totidem columnis lapideis fulta Coronam claudit. Globus lapideus cruce duplici deaurato in altum consurgens hoc quasi insigni Regium collegium esse innuens. Anno 1631 tempestatis immensae vi eversum sed statim forma augustiore auspitiis D. Patricii Forbesii episcopi Abredonensis procuratore D. Willhelmi Gordoni M.D. restitutum. Opus hoc largitionibus amplis nobiles non pauci vicinarum regionum incolae provexere.

The church and the bell-tower built of squared dressed stone are notable and so also were the windows formerly with their painted glass, in which some remains of their former beauty still may be seen.

In the church the tomb of William Elphinstone has a conspicuous stone of black marble. His statue and thirteen bronze figures, gilt, standing round it were taken away and sold long ago. The bell-tower has ten bronze bells, two of which could hardly be matched for size. The roof is vaulted by two arches crossing one another transversely. It is completed by a royal crown of octagonal shape supported by eight stone pillars. A stone ball with a twofold cross, gilt, rising aloft completes the crown as if intimating by this emblem that the King was patron of the college. In the year 1631 it was thrown down by the force of a violent storm but it was replaced by a structure of a grander shape by the influence of Mr. Patrick Forbes of Corse, bishop of Aberdeen under the supervision of Mr. William Gordon, M.D. Noblemen not a few living in the surrounding district advanced this work by liberal contributions. Cotermious with the church is the library, formerly stored with many volumes.

Long ago, however, most of these were stolen away or lost by the negligence of librarians. These have been replaced in modern times by the munificence of private persons and their number has now been

Templo contermina Bibliotheca multis olim voluminibus referta olim [sed] pleraque infidis custodibus suffurata ablatave. Hodie privatorum munificentia repleta ac denuo aucta. Proximum est Tablinum ubi academiae diplomata reponuntur. Huic olim Preterea multa ac pretiosa inerat supellex olim a latronibus direpta. Sequitur Exedra nunc auditorii vices supplens. Areae latus integrum tenent Auditorium publicum et Refectorium. Diaeta super illud Atrium vocant venustum ac nitidum. Latus australe duae turres pinnatae terminant. Post annum 1657 quadratum areae novae turre Basilicae addita in arcto clausum atque absolutum. Haec justa symmetriae et architecturae lege servata tecto plano loricato supereminet. Academiae professores temporibus minime pacatis opus hoc ausi adhortante ad id juvene ornatissimo D. Patricio Sandilandro proprimario. Ed censu annuo ex salariis doctorum unusquisque dum opus absolveretur nonnihil detraxit ac prout tempore tributis exhausti patiebantur. Nobiles multi ac presbyteri fere omnes Scotiae septentrionalis de re sua familiari sumptus contulere hactenus. Vero Rege serenissime Carolo 2do feliciter

increased. Next to the library is the record room, where the charters of the university are kept. Here formerly was preserved much valuable stuff, long ago carried off by thieves. In our time it has been replenished and it has been newly increased. Next to it is a hall now serving the purpose of a lecture room. A whole side of the court is occupied by a public hall and the refectory. There is above it a hall called a parlour, beautiful and elegant. The south side has two towers at its ends. The square of the court was closed and completed by a new tower added to the church in a narrow passage after 1657. Preserving the just rule of symmetry it rises aloft with a flat roof covered with plates of metal. The professors of the university ventured to undertake this work in very troublous times, with the assistance of a very accomplished young man, Mr Patrick Sandilands, sub-principal. By an annual assessment, each of the teachers deducted something from his salary till the work should be completed; and accordingly suffered at the time, being impoverished by their contributions. Many nobles and almost all the presbyterian ministers of the north of Scotland contributed to the expense to some extent; and when his most serene majesty King Charles II. was happily restored in 1660 by the influence at his court of Mr Andrew Moore, M.D., a most learned professor, it was obtained that the treasury should contribute in the King's own name as much as should be sufficient for finishing this work.

anno 1660 Reduce D. Andreae Moore M.D. ac professoris doctissimi in aula procuratione impetratum ut fiscus erogaret vel ipsius regis nomine quantum operi huic absolvendo sufficeret.

Totius structuræ fundamentum solo lubrico atque udo innitens trabibus quercæis stratum magno sumptu ac labore atque ut semel in universum notet lector quæcunque ædificia pontesve habet Abredonia lapide quadraot secto exstructa his extruendis e lapicidiis ad Forthæ estuarium positis aut Moraviensibus saxa extrahunt. Quinetiam omnes tegulas lapideas ligna tigna calcem mari advehunt Abredonenses e longinquis etiam regionibus. Sed ut ad propositum revertar. Collegio adstat scola grammaticalis quinetiam e regione academiae professorum circumstant domicilia. Horum nonnulla diruta alia ruinosa reliqua sarta tecta asservantur. Gymnasium hoc anno 1500 quarto nonas aprilis ædificari coeptum auspiciis Jacobi 4ti Scotorum regis quod et testatur vetus inscriptio frontispitio templi sculpta. Inchoavit presul clarissimus D. Willelmus Elphinstonus ejusque sumptibus spatio in universum duodecennali. Postea a Gavino Dumbarro executore opus finitum.

The foundation of the whole structure resting on slimy and wet ground it was laid on oak beams at great expense and labour, and the reader may note once for all that the stones of whatever houses or bridges Aberdeen possesses built of squared and dressed stone they extract the stones for constructing these from quarries situated on the firth of Forth or in Morayshire. Moreover the Aberdonians bring by sea all slates, timber, beams, lime even from far distant countries. But to return to my statement :—Adjoining the college is the grammar School, and in the neighbourhood stand round it the dwelling-houses of the professors. Of these some are destroyed, some are ruinous, the others are preserved in good condition. This college began to be built in 1500 on the fourth day before the nones of April under the auspices of James IV., King of the Scots, which is attested by an ancient inscription carved on the front of the church. The prime mover in beginning of the undertaking was the most renowned Mr William Elphinstone and it was carried on at his expense for the space of ten years in whole. The work was afterwards finished by Gavin Dunbar, his executor. The most illustrious King took it under his patronage and gave it the name of King's College. Alexander VI. and Julian II., popes of Rome, urged it to assume rights and privileges equal to those of the universities of Paris and Bologna—lavish of things which they were not able to keep from it—and these it

Patronatum suscepit Rex Illustrissimus ac nomen Collegii regii indidit. Alexander 6tus et Julius 2dus pp. RR. jura ac privilegia universitati Parisiensi ac Bononiensi paria et quae retinere silicet non poterant prodigi usurpanda concussere atque his sed meliore titulo ut-pote lege sancitis in hodiernum diem gaudet. Instituit fundator Elphinstonus ut 42 [personae] omnino publica officia et beneficia haberent quorum singulae distinctis alerentur stipendiis e quorum numero SS. Theologiae professores quatuor juris civilis unus atque alius juris canonici professor. Additus quoque Medicus ac Humanarum literarum professor et qui Musices elementa traderet Cantor idem publicus. Philosophiae doctores tres. Graecae linguae professor. Theologiae ac philosophiae . . . alumni. Cancellarii dignitatem successoribus delegavit fundator. Academiae Rectorem quottannis de novo eligi voluit. Sed horum quidam sublati. Quorundam institutio immutata. SS. Theologiae professor (atque huic salarium) nuper additus. Penus academiae olim amplius postea imminutus nostra iterum aetate non parum exauctus. Postquam fundata multorum clarorum ingeniorum excultrix

enjoys to this day but by a better title, as being sanctioned by law. The founder Elphinstone, appointed that forty-two persons in all should hold public offices and benefices, all of whom should be provided for by separate stipends; of the number of whom four were to be professors of divinity, one a professor of civil law and another a professor of canon law. A medical professor was also added and a professor of humanity and one who should teach the elements of music and be public cantor, three teachers of philosophy, a professor of the Greek language, theology and philosophy.

The founder devolved on his successors the appointment to the dignity of chancellor and ordained that a rector of the university should be elected anew every year; but of these some have been dispensed with, of others the arrangement has continued unaltered. A professor of divinity with a salary has been added lately.

The revenue of the university at first ample was afterwards diminished, but in our day it has again been not a little increased. Since its foundation the university has been the rearer and nurse of many distinguished noble-minded men. Among those who have rendered it famous were Hector Boece, a native of Dundee, first principal of the university; Mr William Leslie, the historian, lately principal and during his life a man of great learning; and Mr John Forbes of Corse, a very learned professor of divinity.

nutrixque. Celebrem inter alios reddidere Hector Boetius natione Taodunensis academiae gymnasiarcharum ordine primus, historicus D. Gulielmus Leslacus nuper gymasiarcha ac dum vixeret reconditae eruditionis vir, ac D. Johannes Forbesius a Corse SS. Theologiae professor doctissimus.

E Collegio digredientibus Neapolin versus Ruinae ecclesiae parochialis sanctae Mariae ad Nives olim dictae aegre dignoscuntur vestigia cujus fundator atque initia nesciuntur. Ulterius paulo progredientibus secus viam publicam olim templum Petro sacrum positum erat. Templum nosocomii dictum illud quoque hactenus sublatum. Nihil de fundatore constat.

Donae fluminis pons dicendus restat quadringentis aut eo circiter passibus septentrionem versus Abredoniae veteri dissitus arcu unico sed amplissimo fluvii ripas jungens nec facile parem inveneris. E lapide ut plurimum secto ac quadrato substructus. Pila utraque crepidini saxea defixa atque imposita defluentis torrentis amnis violentiam flexu sinuoso frangit. Naturam ipsam situm ponti ostendisse dixeris. Hinc Dona

On leaving the college and going towards the new town traces of the ruins of the parochial church formerly called St. Mary at the Snows may with some difficulty be seen, whose founder and origin are unknown. Going on the public road a little farther a place is reached where there was formerly a church sacred to Peter. That church was also called the Spital church. It has now been removed and of its founder nothing is known.

There remains to be mentioned the bridge of Don, distant about four hundred paces from Old Aberdeen, towards the north. It unites the opposite banks of the river by a single but very wide arch, the equal to which it would be difficult to find, it being for the most part constructed of dressed and squared stone. Its two piers rise from a rocky base to which they are attached, and they break the violence of the torrent of the river descending in a sinuous course. It might be said that nature herself had indicated the proper site for the bridge. From the bridge the Don is carried straight into the sea. There is, however, a tradition that the Don long ago flowed towards a small hill at the seaside which is also called the Broad Hill, and near the base of that hill poured its tributary waters into the German Ocean. A loch, narrow and likewise rather long and very deep, lying in front of fields near the sea gives support to this belief. It is said to have been part of the channel of

recta in mare fertur. Memoriae tamen proditum est Donam colliculum maritimum versus qui et mons latus dicitur olim [fluxisse] atque juxta montis istius radices mari Germanico aquas tributarias persolvisse. Fidem facit lacus angustus atque idem oblongus ac praealtus campis maritimis objectus. Hujus alvei fluminis pars fuisse dicitur, ac antiquae quaedam Scotiae tabulae geographicae quae ostium Donae comprehendunt sic describunt. Donae fluminis pontis fundator quis mortalium fuerit nemo novit. Asseritur Robertum Brussium Scotorum Regem fortissimum ea tempestate qua Henricum Chyneum Abredoniae antistitem Abredoniae sede episcopali ac tota denique Scotia expulit annuos hujus episcopi redditus in pios usus absumi jussisse eorumque partem (quod et vero simile) pontis hujus egregii structura absumptam, atque hanc quartam instituti fert ratio. De Abredonia utraque dicta sunt.

this river, and some ancient geographical charts of Scotland which take in the mouth of the Don so describe it. Who the founder of the bridge of Don was no one can tell. It is asserted that Robert Bruce the very brave King of the Scots when he expelled Henry Cheyne, bishop of Aberdeen, from the apostolic see of Aberdeen, and at length finally from Scotland, ordered the annual revenues of his bishopric to be devoted to pious purposes and that a part of them—which is likely to be true—was spent in the construction of this beautiful bridge, and an account of the ordinance says that this was the fourth part. Let what has been said of both Aberdeens be thought sufficient.

DESCRIPTION OF THE CATHEDRAL.¹

The nave and the two western steeples are all that now remain in repair of this Cathedral, and the dimensions are: length of the nave, inside, 184 feet, width $67\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

The aisles are separated by six columns with light pointed arches, of good proportions on each side.

The nave is lighted by six windows on each side, of the same style, except the two next the west end in the north wall, where the arch is a small segment of a circle. The others are smaller than those in the south wall.

The clerestory is lighted by small circular beaded windows, but those on the north side are closed up.

The pulpit which is of mahogany and very handsome, covered with a deep hanging of crimson velvet and silk fringe with fluted Corinthian columns supporting the sound-board, is placed by one of the pillars in the north side. It formerly stood at the west end, a position very ill adapted for so large a church. The immediate cause of its removal I have heard was in consequence of Mr Cruden, the venerable minister of Nigg frequently coming here to preach, and his voice being very weak, the clergyman and others having placed themselves at the extremity of the east gallery declared that they did not hear one word of the discourse distinctly.

There are double galleries in each side and one in each end. Of these last, the east is the "college loft" where the masters sit in front on chairs. These are all of oak, rather plain, and not appearing very old. The Principal's is rather ornamented than the others. Over the front

¹ An MS. by J. Logan, written *circa* 1825, with many original drawings of tombs, &c., by Logan. The MS. is now the property of the Society of Advocates in Aberdeen. Besides the original drawings there are four engravings of the Cathedral inserted —

- i. Is "Engraved by J. Walker, after an original drawing by Jas. Moore, Esqr., F.R.S." "Published April 1st, 1800, by J. Walker, No. 16 Rosomans Street, London." In the upper right corner is vol. iv., pl. 197.
- ii. The second view has "Landseer Sculp." "Old Aberdeen Cathedral." "London, published by Verner & Hood, Poultry, Febr., 1805."
- iii. An old view, printed in red, no date, "Church of Old Aberdeen, with Bishop Dunbar's Hospital, now demolished."

(These three views represent the west front of the Cathedral.)

- iv. A view from the "*Gent. Mag.*, Augt., 1794, pl. i., p. 689," "Cathedral Church of Old Aberdeen," "Longmate Sc."

(This view shows the ruined transepts.)

hangs a rich Turkey carpet, or two carpets, the old one having been divided and the other, presented by _____ placed in the middle. On the left side of the pew the sacrist sits by himself, and on the right in another pew, sits the porter, while the rest of the gallery is occupied by the students. The whole body walk from the college to the church, the masters, at the head of their respective classes, in black gowns, the students in their scarlet academical dress, the whole preceded by the sacrist in a purple cloak; who opens the pew door for the professors, &c.

The west gallery was formerly nearer the end of the church than it is now, but it was found to be at too great distance and was therefore brought to its original situation and the pews below are carried as far. This gallery has two Corinthian wooden columns supporting the front that appear to be old. This used to be called the "common loft," [There are some old Ionic pillars under the north gallery] and had not regularly formed pews, but the Trades who formerly had their seats in the south galleries repaired it, and the Weavers and Fleshers removed to it. The armorial bearings of these Trades ornament the front, the Weavers being carved and next the north.¹ There are also recorded the names of seventeen persons who contributed towards repairing this gallery. Each of them subscribed £6 6s. Scots or 10s. 6d. English which amounted to £8 18s. 6d. sterling. The inscription was as follows.

The following persons
contributed for repairing
this loft in the
year 1752.
Robert Fiddes
James Hervie
Robert Chalmers
Alex^r Gill
George Chalmers
John Chalmers
William Craig

John Ferguson
George Stead
Alex^r Fettes
Thomas Nicol
Alex^r Leslie
John Law
William Leslie
Alex^r Sadler
Alex^r Hendry
John Anderson
Each gave £6 6s.

It is said that by a charter from the Bishop the Trades were exempted from paying anything for their pews, but now they are obliged to pay something in name of seat rent.

There are now, I believe, no Fleshers, the Salmon fishers alone retaining the arms.

The Wrights and Coopers occupy the adjoining gallery on the south side, whose arms are likewise emblazoned on the front. Before

¹ These arms were renewed in 1825.

the pews were renewed about years ago all these arms were carved on the backs of the seats.

The gallery appropriated to the magistrates of the town is next to the last mentioned, and is distinguished by a handsome Turkey carpet hung over the front. Besides these, no other pew or gallery has any particular ornament. The sittings are well arranged, the passes to the various pews radiating from the pulpit to lessen the obstruction of view occasioned by the large pillars.

The upper galleries are a single pew in depth. The aisles were not ceiled until last year (1814). Before then the rafters of the roof had no very comely appearance, but being now plaistered in the stile of the building a very great improvement in appearance and comfort is produced.

The whole church is well whitewashed, and four poor women are allowed £1 per annum each for sweeping and cleaning it.

Commencing from the east door and proceeding by the south aisle I shall note and describe the various monuments, slabs, and fragments of tombstones now to be seen. It is to be observed, however, that when the church was recently repaired and "beautified" as the English express it, the remains of gravestones were removed from below the seats and placed in the aisles and passes. It is probable that many are still covered. Some are yet partially hid.

I give the situations and dimensions so particularly because I intended laying all down in a ground plan.

Immediately before the south-east pillar in the mid aisle is a fragment of a slab, 2 ft. 4 in. by 1 ft. 2 in. that appears to have been richly sculptured, but there is neither name nor date on it: $1\frac{1}{2}$ ft. before it is another 2 ft. by 1 ft. 2 in., on which appears the date 1623: $4\frac{1}{2}$ ft. west is another 1 ft. 3 in. by 1 ft., on which has been an inscription in black letter. 1 ft. 10 in. from the first pillar in the nave, there is a large slab, but 3 ft. 4 in. by 2 ft. 10 in. only is to be seen of it, a pew covering the other part. A figure is represented on it in a praying posture in bas-relief. Above the right shoulder is a skull, round which is an escrol bearing "Memento Mori." Above the right shoulder are a sand or hour glass and two shovels. An inscription is carried round the edge and of this is only seen.¹

On the south side of this slab, and close to the stone seat that runs round the church, are two fragments. One is 2 ft. 10 in. by 2 ft., the other $5\frac{1}{2}$ ft. by $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft., but the inscriptions are so defaced as to be illegible. A few feet north east of these is another piece 2 ft. 1 in. by 1 ft. 10 in. on which is D. G. On another near it, 2 ft. 8 in. by 1 ft. 8 in., is I. F. 164—.

¹ Leith of Blairton's monument, inscription, p. 225.

A slab stone, partly covered by the gallery stair, in the south east corner, represents a long inscription and coat of arms.¹

On the south wall in this corner is a cenotaph in memory of William Strachan sometime minister here. It consists of a white marble tablet with mouldings, etc., of a reddish streaked sort, and bears the inscription.²

A few paces westward on the floor is a slab 2 ft. 8 in. by 2 ft. 3 in. that commemorates ELIZABETH LEYTHE, who as I read, died in 1601. Her arms have been put in the middle with a skull, &c., but it is all much defaced. Near it is another measuring 2 ft. 10 in. by 3 ft. 1 in., 3 inches having been subsequently broken off one edge. This was placed on "ANE HONORABIL MAN HENDRI MURRAY OF Lochhills quha died the v of Marchi 1582."

On the wall in this part is an ancient monument. It represents a figure lying under a canopy in a praying posture with an animal at the feet, all in bas relief. It is apparently one of the ecclesiastics, although the inscriptions appears too much defaced to be now deciphered. The stone scales off when any attempt is made to clear it of the thick coat of whitewash with which it has been injudiciously daubed. The whole church walls having been lathed and plastered in 1824 the upper inscription has been partly covered up, and the whole has been pressed rather close upon. The extreme length is 4 ft. 5 in. and the height including the lower inscription, 9½ in., is 3 feet.

The tablet beneath is not connected with the monument but was taken from some other part of the building. It is of granite and of course retains the inscription legibly. I was denied permission to clean out the inscription of the most ancient monument by the clergyman the Rev^d S. O. and cannot therefore say whether I could have recovered any part of it. I however give it as correctly as I could copy it.³

The other inscription may be easily read.⁴

Nothing is seen until we approach the south or marriage door, where the date 1623 and a few letters are observed on a fragment composing the stone bench. Close to the door, a corbel table projects from the wall, and above it, but not quite perpendicularly so, is a human head in alto relievo. Near the west side of the door, a small recess in the wall is the place where the holy water was kept. It is about 1½ ft. by 1 ft. On the floor is seen a large blue slate or marble slab that appears to have been ornamented with considerable sculpture and a large brass, the fastenings of which remain.

¹ Mr. Thomas Garden's monument, inscription, p. 221.

² Inscriptions, p. 219.

³ The inscription as given is perfectly illegible, beyond one or two words which do not help towards determining to whom the monument was erected. Inscription (No. 26), p. 225.

⁴ Rend of Broxismoch's inscription, p. 219.

Here Bishop Scougal's monument originally stood erected by the wall and gave name to the aisle, which was before Bhp. Chene's, and at first St. Machar's.

Between the galley stair and the steeple at a considerable height is a mural tablet of an oval form of white marble with an edging or border of black. It contains the inscription.¹

In the floor opposite are several fragments of gravestones. On one may be discerned BARCLAY PITMUCKSTOUNE, and on another GEORGE CHALMERS 1644.

Bishop Scougal's monument is erected against the east wall of the south steeple. It stood in a ruinous state near the south door, but when the gallery stair was carried up in that place, it was rebuilt in its present situation. It is ornamented with many devices, displays his effigy or bust, coat armor, &c., &c., and the inscription.²

On the north wall of the same steeple is a white marble monument with the epitaph in memory of Mr Annand of Bushybank. His coat of arms are also cut in the marble and painted, the whole edged with black.³

Before the west door is a blue slab on which is inscribed.⁴

Adjoining this slab on the east is another filled with mementos.⁵

The inscription is now defaced, I have only transcribed it imperfectly. There has been placed on the north steeple wall, 1824, a very handsome marble monument for this family by It represents a gothic niche formed by neat clustered pillars with the inscription on the back. It forms a pleasing and consonant ornament to the church.

On this wall is also an oval shaped white marble tablet erected as a cenotaph to Mr David Mitchell, a native of Old Aberdeen, whose charitable bequeathments are recorded in the inscription, underneath which his arms cast in stucco and painted are fixed.⁶

The wall which extends from the steeple to the first pillar forming at first the consistory, postea the session room, indicates the era of its erection by the arms of Bhp. William Stewart, above Mitchell's cenotaph. From its form it appears intended for a pedestal to a statue, and above it is a globe or ball cut in very perfect relief from one of the stones. This stone is loose and could, at pleasure, be removed from its situation.

Amongst the fragments strewed in the floor of this part are also observed immediately within the west door a small stone inscribed T. D. On another is seen A. K. Another, 1½ feet square, displays E. B. Another fragment represents a skull and bone in relief, but

¹ Professor Gordon's monument, p. 219.

⁴ Chalmers of Westfield, inscription, p. 221.

² Scougal's monument, p. 220.

⁵ Brebner of Learney, inscription, p. 222.

³ Inscription, p. 220.

⁶ Inscription p. 220.

nearly obliterated, 2 ft. by 1½. A piece that measures 1 ft. 3 in. by 1 ft. 1 in. contains a much defaced inscription, HEIR LVIS . . . MR . . . BAILE OLD . . . DPT . . . On another fragment may be read OBIT M. In the session room is preserved the Cathedral pulpit made in the time of William Stewart who was Bhp. from

It is of oak and in tolerable preservation. Its form a hexagon of unequal sides, so made to suit its original position by the south pillar in the transept and towards the west.¹ Amongst the curious carving that ornamented it the crucifix was conspicuous in the centre panel, but as a piece of rank popish superstition it was chiseled out at the Reformation. Traces of the cross may yet be perceived.

In the wall beside the north door, now closed up, is a niche 1 ft. 6 in. by 1 ft. 1 in. that in popish times held the holy water, the cavity in the stone being 5 in. deep, 9 in. long, and 7 in. broad. In the floor behind the pulpit is a stone partly covered by the pews on which is seen
ELSPIT 1625.

One beside it has been ornamented with much sculpture, but the inscription is illegible.

A slab near this, 3 feet square, represents a skull encircled by a laurel wreath and surmounted by cross bones. An escroll beneath contains MEMENTO MORI. Round the edge THIS IS THE TOTAL SVME . . . Other parts of the inscription are SLA VXOR QVE LA FEMINA MARGAR Under the skull MORTIS M T THIS EST PREPAR and the arms are three bears' heads muzzled, a crescent in fess.

On a smaller stone is seen HEIR LVES PATRICK STVIN FERMER IN OLD ABD. WHO DPT OCT^r 1678. One a little larger, much broken, and that has been subsequently appropriated to the memory of W. W. bears

ARGRA MAITLAN SPOVS TO VALTER S RE DEPART 28AG 1605. Near this one is another on which is inscribed HEIR LVES CA SVIVMIN DEPT IN THE APRVL 1647.

On an altar tomb in the session room is the inscription.²

Near the stone to Margaret Maitland is one on which a long inscription is visible but too much defaced to be legible. Towards the east is a slab stone that covers the resting place of ISABEL CHRISTIE who died in 1692 and her husband GEORGE PATON OF GRANDHOLME, THAT WORTHIE GOOD MAN, who died in 1711.³

A fragment of blue stone near has been once covered with a brass or other plate of which the marks still remain, and a larger one with two coats of arms, but of the inscription the word VXOR only can be made out.

¹ Now in King's College Chapel.

² This is the inscription (No. 9), p. 221.

³ Inscription p. 236.

A small one beside it bears the date 1629, and close to the wall another commemorates the wife of GUL GORDOVN. It is the fragment of a larger.

On the wall here are three white marble tablets with black marble consoles and edging commemorating various members of the family of Fraser. The inscription on one is.¹

There are several fragments of gravestones in this part, too much defaced to be made any thing of, a few letters appear on one, and on another is perceived E.C.

In the middle passage to the pews at the east end lies a blue slab that bears the marks of having borne a brass or other plate which has apparently covered it. Farther westward are two fragments, both bearing the date 1645 in addition to which on one may be seen HERIE GORDOVN.

A large slab has had an inscription in black letter round the edge but almost obliterated. I think however I could make out the date 1400.

On a fragment near the above MAR DEP 13 FEB. 1623. A few feet westward is a large slab bearing the marks of the cover which has probably fallen as lawful plunder into the hands of some zealous reformer. Pity that such memorials of the piety and affection of our fathers have been removed. Beside this is a fragment with the date 1606. A few paces farther west another fragment remains with this inscription HEIR LYES IC DES MAN IN ABD NT CONV OLD ABD THE OF FEB^r 1615.

A large stone presents a long inscription but it is very illegible. Round the edges is read. TUMUL⁹ ET PLE ET VIRTUTIS MATRONE IANNETÆ CHALMER QUODA CONIVG VIRI HONORABILIS RO MOVTRAY DE LOCHHILLS Q OBIT 1 FEB^r 1606 R.M.L.C. 1619. PIUS HAC ORTA SALUT.

At the west entrance of this passage lies a blue coloured slab with an inscription around the edge in these words—

HEIR LYES WILLIAM LOGAN LAIT BAILIE IN OLD ABD WHO DEPT^t THE 11 JULY 1680 AND OF AGE 67 AND IANET MOIR HIS SPOUS WHO DEPT^t THIS LIFE 20 NOV^r 1700 AND OF AGE 83.

THE STEEPLES.

A small round beaded door leads from the said aisle of the nave into the ground floor of the south steeple.

The stair for ascending to the different flats or apartments is carried up in the north west buttress and is entered from the inside of the church.

¹ Inscription, p. 223.

It is very narrow and perpendicular lighted by slits or loopholes. At the height of 16 steps a door opens into the first floor, a room 12 feet square said to be the place where Scougal resided until his death, when he had become so corpulent that it was found necessary to remove the body through the window. Of these are two on the south and west sides, a fire place being on the east. The walls have been plaistered, but the windows are now close up. Eight steps higher is a door that leads to the north steeple along the wall at the base of the great west window. Seven steps bring you to a door communicating with the interior of the steeple. The floor of this part has been wooden but it is now gone. We can however see the fire place, and in the S. east corner a closet or recess.

At the height of other 12 steps is the passage that led to the great steeple, through the wall on a level with the clerestory window. Idle boys used to get up to this passage and sit in the openings during worship, occasionally disturbing the congregation by the rubbish they threw down. Five steps higher is a door that has given access to a room, the floor of which is now gone. Here there appears to have been a window to the south and one to the west that have been subsequently contracted into loopholes. Both these floors have rested on consoles or brackets of stone yet to be seen.

The stone stair gradually terminates from this door and the ascent is continued by a wooden sort of ladder within the steeple, that 15 steps higher begins to close in a conical vault. Marks in the wall indicate another floor having existed. 12 steps higher hangs the bell cast from two that formerly were here about 18 years ago. It measures 3 feet 5½ inches diameter and bears the arms of the town and the inscription "Thomas Mears of London fecit" on one side, and "Cathedral of Old Aberdeen 1799" on the other. It has a very fine solemn tone.

The clock terminates the contents of this steeple and is 20 steps above the bell.

There is a door from the session room into the ground floor of the north steeple. This place is said to have been the depository of the charters and other muniments of the chapter in the popish times.

As has been observed, access to this steeple is obtained by a passage from the other along the thickness of the wall at the base of the great western window. This steeple is now hollow from this floor, the roof of the charter room, but the stone brackets, and holes in the walls, as well as the windows, etc., shew where the different flats have been.

It is evident from some fragments which appear in the interior walls that this steeple has been built in part, from the remains of some other part of the church formerly existing, or from the materials of some other building not now to be ascertained.

THE TRANSEPT.

Little remains of the transept and almost nothing of the chancel. The fall of the tower broke many monuments, and it is easy to conceive that such an accident must in several ways have occasioned destruction to the tombstones. If it even, as we are informed, tore up stone coffins, we may believe in clearing away the rubbish many fragments have been destroyed. The shattered state of many evince the violence of the crash, and this, with the previous havoc of the monuments, more offensive to the Iconoclastic Reformers, has left the eastern part of this fabric in ruin and desolation.

The most ancient slab, I believe, is a fragment 3 ft. 6 in. by lying in the middle and at the entrance into the chancel. It has had two figures in brass inlaid, and has a black letter inscription round the edges. It appears of the date 1450: *IHC JACET VIN . . . DNS DUNCAL' REDE VLO . . . MCCCCL. ORA . TE . P . CIO.*

Another large blue slab that may be also ancient is seen in the floor of the chancel, but it bears no inscription nor sculpture save a slight moulding around the edge. A tree has forced itself through the stone which is now rent in several pieces.

The most curious monument is that of Bhp. Gavin Dunbar, who died . . . It is much defaced by the weather, and has suffered from the Covenanters in the mutilation of the effigy and sculptured monumets. It is a six-foil arched altar tomb. The figure is much mutilated, but appears originally to have been protected by an iron railing.

Adjoining Dunbar's monument, on the east, is one in the same stile, but smaller plainer and apparently more ancient. At the back is perceived an inscription in black letter, but it is scarcely legible. I think I can make out: *IHC JACET . . . ALIORE ET . . . JOHACHG . MCCC^l.* A stone with a coat of arms: a lion rampant, queue furche, debruised by a fess, charged with three escallop shells, now to be seen in Lichton's aisle, lay in this tomb some years since, but I cannot tell if it belonged to it.

Before Bhp. Dunbar's monument lies a large blue slab to the memory of Bhp. Patrick Forbes. In the centre are his coat of arms and a passage in Greek from Revelations. An inscription runs round the edge.²

Close to this is a similar slabstone with this inscription :—

*Ad sinistrum latus Patricij Forbes clarissimi quondam Episcopi
Aberdonensis, sub hoc marmore conduntur . . . de Gulielmus Forbes
de Monimusk equitis Baronetti vita cessit idibus Januarii A.D. CMDCXV.*

¹ Inscription to Principal Jack, p. 228.

² Inscription, p. 228.

annos natus LV. Ejusdem ex filia Maria nepotes patre D. Gulielmo Urquhart de Meldrum Joana Urquhart quæ obiit xxiii. die Augusti A.D. MDCCXXI. ætatis anno quarto, et Joannes Urquhart, qui post quam Septem dies vixisset decessit kalendis Septembris A.D. MDCCXXXVI. et etiam ejus pronepotes Joan Forbes de . . . A. Gul. Forbes, Eq. Bar. Advocati et Universitate Aberdonensi J.C.P. filius natus in infans qui secundo die mensis martij A. M. MDCCXLIX. Septimo ætatis anno immaturus obiit.

On another slab you read :—

Hic requiescit mater cum quatuor filiis et . totidem filiabus, generosa mulier, pictate et virtute insignis dulcis Rosa arbor midde . . . orgen conjunx Johannis Forbesii Dni . a Corse Baronis de O'Neil, presbyteri et S.S. Theolog. Doct. et professoris, quæ placide ac pie obiit . 10 Jan. 1640.

The arms of Forbes impaling three rose flowers on one stem, and above these on the dexter a hand holds a wreath, and on the sinister a hand holds a rose branch.

On the east wall of this aisle is a white marble tablet and the inscription.¹

In the south west angle of the aisle is a small square slab that lies or had originally been placed on the remains of "ELIZABETH DUN, RELICT OF M. ADAM SUTHERLAND, LATE PARSON OF DUFFUS," who died in 1711.

On the wall above this is a neat monument to William Blake, who was sub-principal of King's Colledge. It is a tablet with inscription under a Corinthian entablature supported by two columns of the same order, and was erected by his widow. Blake having gone with the other professors, etc., to meet King James at Stonehaven, was after the failure of his attempt ejected from his situation in the Colledge, and dying soon after, Mrs. Blake recorded the circumstance in the epitaph. This was objected to, and she was ordered to remove it, which, to save expense or for an ulterior purpose, was done by reversing the tablet and engraving another on the plain side. About 50 years ago it was again turned and now displays the original and formerly offensive inscription.²

There is a granite slab on which is a rude figure of a skeleton or death holding a dart in his right hand and an hour glass in his left. Around the head of the figure is the motto IN HORTE VITA, and underneath are the armorial bearings of the person whom the stone commemorates, viz. a chevron, charged with three mullets. A skull and cross bones with the letter M. forms the crest, and the supporters are two angels kneeling. Beneath are these words, RECED . A . MALO . ET . IAC . BONVM . SIC . HABITA . IN . SECVLVM . PSAL . 37. Round the

¹ Murray of Dalry, inscription, p. 230.

² Inscription, p. 220.

edges is the epitaph all in relief, *HIC IN CHRISTO REQUIESCIT HONORABILIS VIR MAGISTER THOMAS LVMSDEN RECTOR A KINKELL QVI OBIT SEXTO DIE MENSIS MAII ANNO DOMIN . 1613.* Below the figure's left hand, *ÆTATIS SVÆ 81.*

A more modern blue slab marks the grave of the wife of George Paul, who died in 1763.

Another slab lies near the above towards the north. It is plain but appears as if it had once carried a brass.

A few feet eastward is a large slab with coats of arms and inscribed.¹

Another very large blue slab presents the following inscription, and his coat of arms, not borne per Baron & Feme but separately and this motto between them, *Quiele . . posteri ne invid . . . ant* *HIC QVIESCIT D. IAC. SANDILANDS . . . PROFESSOR VNIVERSITATIS SYNDICVS SENATVI ABD A SECRETIS OB. 17 AVG. 1660 ANN. ÆTAT. 50 . ET MARIORI BVRNET QVÆ OB. 18 IANVARII 1706 ÆTAT 84.*

On another large blue slab is seen an inscription with a shield bearing party per pale the first quarterly first and fourth a bend engrailed, second and third a man's heart, and on a chief, three mullets between three garbs a square and mullet.²

In an inclosure is interred the late Principal of King's Colledge, to whom there is erected a plain headstone thus inscribed:—

ROB^{ts} EDEN SCOTT ARMIGER P.P. in Academia Regia Aberdonensi Obiit A.D. 1787^o Ætatis 42.

This adjoins the inclosure at the end of the north Transept or Lychton's aisle, where his mutilated effigy is yet remaining. The original arch or canopy is gone, and the figure is now protected by a modern brick arch. The figure lies on a blue marble slab and the head is detached from the body.

There is in this place a stone, on which is represented in relief, an antique helmet and shield bearing a lion rampant queue furche debruised by a fess charged with three escallop shells. It some time since lay in the altar tomb beside Bhp. Dunbar's, and to that monument it perhaps belongs.

There is an altar slab in memory of some of the family of McLean of Coll and on the east wall a white marble tablet with inscription.³

There is also another mural tablet of marble likewise and charged with inscription.⁴

A sculptured fragment 2 ft. 7½ in. by 9½ in. depth was dug up some years ago in the churchyard where it had apparently been placed as a

¹ Inscription to Christina Garden, p. 229.

² Sandilands of Craibstone, inscription, p. 233.

³ Inscription, p. 232.

⁴ Inscription (No. 62), p. 233.

headstone. It seems to have formed part of a monument probably one of the jambs or supporters of a canopy.

On the east wall of the Porch is fixed a tablet of white marble with inscription.¹

There are in the south wall of the churchyard two tablets of white marble, close beside each other. One of these is to the memory of the Rev^d John Chalmers of Scattie "PER LIV ANNOS IN ACADEMIA REGIA ABERDONENSI GYMNASIARCHIAE" and George Chalmers who died 1630, aged 88 years. The other is for William Chalmers "IN ACADEMIA REGIA ABERDONENSI MEDICINAE PROFESSORIS." Both were lately erected.

In the same wall, a blue stone bears an inscription to the memory of JAFFRAY. I believe the same person who painted the church ceiling 1749.

There is also a small tablet, date 1741.

In the west wall is a mural monument to the memory of one Harrow who died in and left a considerable sum to the Kirk Session. The design is an entablature supported by two Corinthian columns.

A small pyramidal shaped monument is also in this wall erected by James Elmslie Stonecutter in memory of his wife who died in 1725. The inscription is cut in granite and the letters are painted red and black.

In an enclosure adjoining Dunbar aisle in the east contains a slab-stone with an inscription in Latin to the memory of Middleton principal of Colledge who died and his wife. There is also in the same place a plain headstone commemorating Miss Smith.

Near this enclosure is a large slab with inscription to Andrew Robertson, merchant and threasurer of Old Aberdeen who died anno 1691, aged 46 years.

Another in the vicinity commemorates William Douglas Professor of Theology in King's College, who died in 1666.

There is the same inscription on a stone near the ruins of the transept to the memory of the Rev^d William Strachan, as appears in the church.

Near the S. west steeple is a granite slab placed on the remains of Nathaniel Marten son of Robert Marten of Burntbrae, who died 27th Sep^r 1627 aged 12.

I find Robert Martine of Burntbrae was a ruling elder in the General Assembly, 1715.

¹ Inscription to James Knight, p. 239.

Around the edges of a large granite slab is seen DEPT THIS LIFE THE 5 OF APRIL and near the church may be seen a small fragment inscribed—HER . LYS . A . GRIG . BVRES . SMAN . IN . VHO . DEPR . IA . 170 .

There are two altar slabs stand near each other by the S. wall of the churchyard. One of them bears an inscription to Jos. Garden, Professor of Theology 1725, and the other an inscription to G . GARDEN TH. D. R.S.S. minister of St. Machars Church, who died 1732.

There are various other monuments some of which are so defaced by the weather that the inscription is illegible. In such case we are apt to suppose the stone of some antiquity. I find the following which I shall arrange chronologically.

James Dawson, died 1626, slabstone.	James Johnstone, 1710, small stone.
16 do.	Thos Taylor, 1711, slab.
D. S 1632, headstone.	John Smith, Con-
Alex. Forbes, 16-7, slab.	vener, 1712
Husb. to Christ.	George Watson, 1712
Troup, 1670, headstone.	Isobell Thomson,
Andrew Grigory, 1674, slab.	spouse to Jas.
And ^w Walker at	Abernethy, late
Mill of Seaton, 1679, do.	Bailie 1713, slab.
Thomas Beverly, 1682, headstone.	Alex ^r Still, 1715
Walker, 1691, slab.	W ^m Donald, ib.
John Couper, 1692	Robert Reid, ib. headstone.
Will ^m Mitchell, 1698, headstone.	Alex. King, 1716 do.
Adam ib. do.	George Anderson 1717
Duncan Cassie, 1703, slab	James Ross, ib.
Robert Gill, 1706	James Thomson,
William Findle, 1707, small stone	Baillie, 1720

There is a neat sarcophagus to the memory of LAMONT the father of George Lamont a well known house and sign painter in Aberdeen who died in 1810.

Another neat sarcophagus marks the resting place of Robert Milne who died 1806.

On a headstone to the remains of Ann Cowie who died in 1803 are these lines :

“ Pain was my portion, Physick was my food ;
Sighs were my devotion, Drugs did me no good,
Till Christ my Redeemer, who knows what is best,
To ease me of my pain, has taken me to his rest.”

By Ann Leslie's tombstone we are informed—

“ How lov'd, how valued once, avails thee not
To whom related, or by whom begot.”

and of William Leslie we are told by his epitaph on an altar stone that
 "Void of deceit, integrity his plan,
 He lived and died, a worthy honest man."

On John Elmslie's gravestone is this pious expression
 "O that we would consider this our latter end
 And to our soul's eternal bliss attend."

Elizabeth Warden speaking from the tomb whether she descended in
 1795 says

"My friends don't mourn for my decease
 I hope with Christ I've made my peace ;
 Temporal life uncertain is, temporal death is sure,
 Sin gives the sting but Christ the cure,
 And this you will remember all
 That are mortal must endure."

Christian Shepherd who died says in like manner
 "I try'd World's labours, various and vain
 Dust, shadow, nothing here I am again ;
 By him who made the Heaven and earth of nought
 My flesh and I from nothing shall be brought."

There is a headstone in memory of Will^m Campbell sometime Supervisor
 of Excise and the inscription is engraved on a brass representing an urn
 inlaid.

The bible used by the precenter has impressed in gold letters on
 the boards :—

Donum . Mri Georgii Fraser . sub Primarii . Ecclesiæ Cathedralis .
 Abredonensi . 1692.

ORNAMENTS ON THE EXTERIOR.

On the south east corner of the southern steeple, just below the
 contraction, are the arms of Bhp. Dunbar surmounted by the mitre, and
 on the south west corner, in a similar position, are the arms of Scotland
 with the crown. On the south west corner of the northern steeple are
 also Dunbar's arms, and on the north west those of Scotland.

At the top of the third pier next the north, in the great western
 window, is a small shield in high relief, bearing a lion rampant.

Above the north door, now closed up, is a shield inclined, charged
 with a lion rampant, que furche.¹

¹ Or, a lion rampant, sab. que furche—Welles?

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