

A DIARY
OF THE PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE
OF SIR THOMAS HOPE

OF CRAIGHALL, BART.

1633-1645.

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A Manuscript in the handwriting of SIR THOMAS HOPE, Lord Advocate of Scotland, in the reign of King Charles the First, entitled "Nott of the Pacquettis and Letteris sent and ressavit from Court," from the year 1633 to the year 1645, having been placed for publication at the disposal of the Club;

Resolved, That it be printed for the use of the Members, under the title of "A Diary of the Public Correspondence of Sir Thomas Hope of Craighall, Baronet," &c.

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SIR THOMAS HOPE, the progenitor and founder of the family of that name in all its Scottish branches, was a person of too great celebrity and distinction in his own age, to make it necessary, in this place, to give any account of his life or character, either as a lawyer or a statesman. The following pages, to which the title of a "Diary" has been affixed, may perhaps be supposed to exhibit but a slender claim to public notice. The greater part of the volume is occupied with little more than minute chronological memoranda of his official, as well as private correspondence, during the last twelve years of his life, when he held a very important place in the service of the State, as Lord Advocate of Scotland; but it derives a considerable degree of interest and value from the numerous allusions incidentally introduced to the passing occurrences of the day, during a very critical period of our national history; and still more, perhaps, from the scattered lights that are thrown on the personal character of one of the most remarkable men of his own age, as well as on the political characters and connexions of some of his distinguished contem-

poraries. The overflowing sweetness and tenderness of his domestic habits and feelings are pleasingly conspicuous: the depth and sincerity of his religious impressions, degraded as they are by strange and humiliating indications of weakness and credulity, are unequivocally manifest: his veneration for the ancient monarchy and his anxiety for its preservation, his grateful affection for the person of the King and his anxious regards for his welfare, appear to have been put to severe trials by his conscientious zeal and unflinching attachment to that frame of ecclesiastical polity for which his countrymen were then contending; but the sincerity of his professions cannot fairly be questioned, and becomes the more conspicuous by occasional misgivings of himself, and by the distrust he sometimes betrays of the wisdom and safety of the measures which, in the perilous conflict of parties, he felt himself compelled to advocate and maintain. The honest simplicity of the disclosures in this record of his secret thoughts, will certainly do him no discredit, (with those at least who have not discarded all pretensions to candour,) how much soever opinions may be at variance as to the steadiness of his course on the troubled tide of public affairs during the last years of his life.

A collection of the letters of this distinguished person would probably afford additional illustrations of his own character, as well as of the momentous events of his own time. Very few of these are at present known to exist; but the two following, printed from the originals, seem to be consonant with the view here taken of his political conduct at the most important crisis of

his life. The first is addressed to William Earl of Morton, one of the most zealous adherents of the King; the other to the Earl of Rothes, one of the most ardent leaders of the Covenant.

TO THE RYCHT NOBILL ERL, MY LORD THE ERL OF MORTOUN.

PLEAS YOUR LO.,

I am glaid from my hart of your Lordship's tender and pious expreffion, tuiching the greiffis of the subjectis in the matter of religioun, and I am not ignorant how thair procedingis is taxt of feditioun; but as I am not to iustifie any of ther es, fua I wifche from my hart that the too narrow respect to the forme prejudice not the caus. It wer ane notabill testimonie of his Majestys love to religioun and iustice, first to purge and try the errores of theis novatiounes, and to see them rectified; but if theis be neglectit, and a course takin in the first place of the transgressie of forme, (quhilk yit the nobilmen and barones affirmes not to be done, but legallie and according to the warrand of preceding lawis,) it wil be counte a hard measur. And I am effrayit to think of the feirfull consequence of it, quhilk can be no les nor the lose and ruyne of this poor countrey; and then the greter los to our Sacred Soverane, quho sal lose a number of the maist loyall and faythfull subjectis that ever a prince had. The Lord divert this feirful calamitie, and strenthen your L. to do theis dewties in a matter so important, quhilkis ar proper to your L. as a Peer of the land, and come of ane nobill hous quhom God made the protectoris and begineris of his bliffit truth thairin at the first Reformatioun. So humblie kissing your L. handis, I rest,

Your L. humbill and bund fervitor,

S^r THOMAS HOPE.

Edinburgh, 21 Merche 1638.

TO THE RIGHT NOBILL ERL, MY LORD THE ERL OF ROTHESE.

PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP,

THIS inclofit will gif your Lordship fatiffaction of quhat your Lordship commandis, and the beirar will cleir any doubt therein. He hes told me of the refolutioun takin for hindering the Subscriptioun; and I find your Lordship's letter inclyne that way, quhilk makis me almost stupefeit; for if I had not both conceivit and cleirlye feine it to be the greteft good that ever happenit to Godis Kirke fince the Reformatioun, trewlie I fould haif bene lothe fo quicklie to haif embracit it. But quhen your Lordship, (and utheris quhom God hes bliffit with that honour to be instrumentis to bring his Kirk to this happie eftait wherein it is now, and to the full perfectioun qubairof thair is nothing inlaiking but that quhilk, on 2 Merche 1580, wes, be Actis of Kirk and Parliament, eftablifchit for the government of Godis Kirk in this kingdome,) dois feyme to oppugne it, I am brocht to fuiche a perplexitie that I know not quhair to fix my mynd; for I dar not deny obedience to my Souerane quhair he commandis that quhilk is laufull, and aggregabill to Godis word, and quhilk 3e both think to be fo, and hes interpret fo in your particulars expreffit in that quhilk 3e haif fuorne; and, on the vther part, I can not find in my hart to think or conftit ill quhat theis (quhome God hes fo mercifully and wonderfully bliffit in the beginning of this work) feymes to inclyne to. But I may and will fay, I find ane good warrand for myself to do quhat I did, and prayis to the Lord that thairs may haif als good fucces as in hart I wifche; onlie I feir that the courfe of oppositioun takin fall not produce to them according to thair pious intentionis; and I cannot say that intentionis ar a good warrand ather to refufe quhat is good, or to do that quhilk is contraire. The Lord direct 3ow all, and if 3e wald efchew the feir of diuifion, chok it in the entrie, be commanding ane abfolut vnioun, quhilk is very eafie if 3e fall gif ordor to all to fubfcrive this, as one in fubftance with the other. Pardoun me, my Lord, if I haif exceidit the bounds of my anfuer,

for the buffines and the feir of the event of it breckis my hart; but go
quhat it will, I trust in God to haif both my lyffe and foule for a pray. So
committing 3our Lordship to Godis grace, I rest,

Your Lordships humbill feruitor,

S^R THOMAS HOPE.

Craighall, 2d October 1638.

The original manuscript of this volume, entirely in the hand-writing of Sir Thomas Hope, has been preserved in the family of his lineal heir-male and representative, Sir John Hope of Craighall, Bart. The writing, from its minute and abbreviated form, (of which a small portion is given in facsimile,) is in many cases scarcely legible, and it is not wonderful, that in some previous attempts to decipher certain parts of it, very palpable errors should have been committed. Its transcription was one of the last labours of the late Mr William Whytock, whose skill and patience as a copyist had in other instances been most usefully employed in the service of the Club, and to whose modest worth this tribute is justly due. In its subsequent correction for the press, some mistakes may,* in all probability, have been fallen into; but in general, where an intelligible reading could not be ascertained, it has been deemed safer to leave an entire blank.

March 1, 1843.

* *N.B.*—On page 4, and *passim*, for “Lord Panmuir,” read “Laird of Panmuir.”

29 July
1833.

Plot of 10 parquets and 100 rods
sent to the Bank from home

Ans. Receipt returned from Corbett & Bonhomme in
Washington on 17 July 1833.

18 May 1839

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SIR THOMAS HOPE'S DIARY
OF HIS PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE,
WITH OCCASIONAL NOTICES.

1633—1646.

NOTT OF THE PACQUETTS AND LETTERIS
SENT AND RESAUIT FROM COURT.

His Maieftie returnit from Bervick to Londoun on Weddinsday the 17 July 1633.

29 July 1633, Mononday.

Sent ane pacquet of letteris to the Erll Stirling Secretar, quharin to him and to James Levingftoun, and to my brother James, and within it one to Doctor Daidfoun from my sone Sir Thomas. Item, letteris from L. Sandfurd to Mr. Levinftoun.

Thir delyuerit be me to Mr. James Gordoun, quha promifit to fend the famyn with Patrick Dickfoun fervitor to the Marquefs of Douglas. This flippit be Mr. James Gordoun his negligence, and he delyuerit my pacquet to Mr. Robert Barclay fervitor to the Lord Lorn.

Item, delyuerit to the faid Mr. Robert Barclay from my self, a letter to the Erll of Stirling, quhairin advertifement anent the continuatioun of his Maiefties letter to the feffioun vntil November. Item, of the Lord Tra- Erl Traquhair. quhair his outrage at Exchekker on 27 July. Item, of the staying of the

signator of Nova Scotia. Item, off the act of allowance to the chamrlans, with reservatioun to his Maieftie, quhilk wes contradictit with clamor, and be the Lord Traquhair refufit.

6 August 1633.

John Meldrum, his
convictioun.

Memorandum.—Writ a letter to the Erl Stirling, quhilk wes to go with Mr. James Law, anent the convictioun of John Meldrum, and within it a letter from John Macmorran to Mr. Levingftoun; quhilk letter wes delyuerit to Mr. James Law on 3 August. But Mr. James went not and thairfoir I delyuerit it to Mr. James Gordoun, and with it an other to my Lord Stirling, more ample fpeiking of the buffines of Fren draucht; and within it one to Doctor Chalmers anent that and Cragyvar, quhilk went with Charles Mowatt, fervitor to the Erl of Buchan, this 6 August 1633.

Item, the Lord Carnok went to toun this day, and fent with him a letter to James Levinftoun, anent Coldenknows, and als anent the convictioun of John Meldrum.

8 August 1633.

Sent with Captain Maxwell ane letter to the Lord Stirling, defyring him to fend the contract and signator of Tillicultry hither, quhilk was fent to him a 5eir fince.

12 August 1633, Mononday.

Delyuerit to Daid Muirheid my letters to Lord Stirling, Erl Ancrum, and James Levingftoun, and in the Lord Stirling's, the signator of Perfoun for Sir William Murray, and cravis anfuer for Anna Lyoun and Sir William Steuarts.

Item, writtin to them anent the Countefs of Airth her coming to Court.

16 November 1633.

Pacquet fent by my Lord Register, and in it fent two pacquets, one to the Erl of Stirling, and the other to the Lord of Panmuir; and within it letters from John Pilmur. Item, another pacquet contening two letters,

one to ather of tham; and in them written anent the letter to the Commission, for proceeding first in termes of erectioun, and for appointing the day of fitting.

23 November 1633, Setterday.

Pacquet sent be myself to the Secretar, quhairin a letter from the Commission to his Maiestie, anent discussing of the valour of the tithes of erectioun; followit ane anent the third day of the week. Item, to the Lord Panmuir, with John Pilmur his letter to Mr. Andro Ramsay. Item, to Erll of Ancrum. Item, to Dean of Wincheffer. Item, to my Lord Alexander. Item, to Mr. Walter Neifche.

27 November, Weddinsday.

Delyuerit to Mr. James Gordoun, a paquet to be sent by an fervand off Monfieur Briott, quhairin to my brother William, letters to the Erll of Erl Portland ^{thesaurer of Ing-}land, Thesaurer, and Sir William Balfour. Item, to the Erll Stirling, with the Maister of Workis signator, and to Lord Panmuir.

This day Alexander Alexander cam post with the gift off ward and marriage of the Erll of Buccleugh, quho deceffit at Londoun off the apoplexie on fryday the 22 of November 1633; and returnit bak on Sounday, 1 December 1633. ^{Erl Buccleugh de-}cessit.

11 December 1633, Weddinsday.

This nicht at 8 hours at evin, a paquet sent be me, quhairin a letter to Lord Panmuir, and within it the forme of my warrand for the Marquefs of Hamiltoun, anent my 2000 lib. sterling. Item, to William Murray, with an signator of Inchaffray to Patrik Murray.

14 December 1633, Setterday.

Letters delyuerit to Mr. James Gordoun, directit to the Erll Stirling, quhairin to the Lord Panmuir, with the Marquefs of Hamilton his letter in my favours.

21 December 1633, Setterday.

Lord Marquess de-
creit of proper wad-
settis.

This day Sir James Lockart went to Court, and sent with him a gret packet of writtis; quhairin to Lord Panmuir, with a letter anent the Marques his proceeding, and anent the decreit of proper wedfettis gevin 18 December 1633. Item, to the Erl Stirling with James Levinftoun his signator of Coldinknows, dockettit be me. Item, letteris to Mungo Murray from the Erl of Anandaill. Item, letteris to my brother James, and within them 2 to Robert Hope.

27 December 1633.

My fone Alexander went to Court, and gevin him 60lb. sterling.

9 January 1634, Thurfday.

Sent letteris by packet direct to my Lord Traquhair, quhairin one to Erl Stirling, one to Lord Panmuir, and within it one to him from

Item, to my fone Mr. Alexander, my own to the Erl of Ancrum for Bishop Caithness.

17 January 1634, Fryday.

Sent ane gret packet to the Erl of Stirling, quhairin the Erl of Lothian his signator, the Bishop of Edinburgh his gift, with an letter to the Marques of Hamiltoun, 2 to the Erl Stirling, 2 to Lord Panmuir, and within them on from John Pilmuir. Item, an letter to Lord Alexander, one to Sir G. Flefcher, one to the Erl of Ancrum, one to Sir Robert Gordoun, one to my brother, and within it one to James and another to Harry. Item, my letter to my fone Mr. Alexander, and within it one from James Hope to him, quhilk cam from Rouen efter he wes gone for Court.

23 January 1634, Thurfday.

Delyuerit a packet to Mr. James Gordoun to go vnder cover in Sir Archibald Atchefon his post packet; quhairin to the Secretar anent James Levinftoun signator, quhilk he bids me reffauc, but sent not; and one to

Lord Panmuir, quhairin the copy of the contract betwix the Marques and him. Item, one to my fone Mr. Alexander.

25 January 1634.

Sent letteris my (by) Doctor Bailzie to Lord Panmuir, quhairin to himself, to the Marques, to Earl Stirling, and to my fone Mr. Alexander, and within his one from Alexander Lowis to Hary Hope.

29 January 1634.

This day Alexander Pirrie went to court, and fent with him letteris to the Erl of Stirling, quhairin one to the Lord of Panmuir and ane other to my fone.

4 February, Twyfday, 1634.

Reffaut letteris from my fone Mr. Alexander, of dait 23 Januar, acquainting me with the decefe of my deir brother James Hope. My brother departit on 22 Januar 1634, being Weddinfday, at 4 in the morning.

8 February 1634, Setterday.

Pacquet fent to the Erl Stirling, quhairin 2 to his Maieftie, ane anent Home, with the extract of the proces and informatioun, 2 anent his Maieftie's affaires; fent with the Erl of Traquhair. Item, letteris to the Lord Duik, Lord Marques, Erl Stirling, Erl Ancrum, Lord Panmuir, Sir James Lokhart, Lord Alexander, my fone, and to William Murray of the bed-chalmer.

Erl Traquhair went to Court in February 1634.

12 February 1634, Weddinfday.

This day reffaut an pacquet direct to me, quhairin wes his Maieftie's letter to me, geving me libertie to compeir for the aires of Home. Item, an letter from the Marques of Hamiltoun.

Item, this famyn day fent an pacquet be me to the Secretar, quhairin letteris to the Lord Marques, to Lord Panmuir, my fone J . . .

Item, sent a letter to my Lord Traquhair anent Mr. James Ahany his signator; and anent the gentilmen of Kylifnuir.

20 Feb. 1634, Thursday.

This day about 8 hours at ovin, reskuit from Anthonie Alexander letteris from the Erl Stirling, Lord Alexander, and my sone.

21 February 1634, Fryday.

This day a pacquet sent with a servand of Patrick Wod, quho raid post this nicht at 4 afternoone; quhairin to the Erl Stirling, Lord Traquhair, Lord Panmuir, and my sone.

22 February, Setterday, 1634.

Letteris sent by the Erl of Laderdaill, quhairin to his Maiestie, to the Marques, Panmuir, and my sone, with the copies of his Maiestie's letter, and informatioun anent his Maiestie's prerogative royall in the cognoscing of decreis off the Lords. Item, to the Erl Stirling and Erl of Traquhair.

His Maiestie's prerogative royall.

22 February 1634.

This day delyuerit an pacquet to the Erl of Annandaill, quhairin wes one to the Erl of Stirling, schewing of the acting of his Maiestie's letter in exchekker, anent the impost of 6s. sterling on the coall trasportit beyond sea. Item, one to Lord Panmuir, schewing the reskuit and passing of Sir George Flecher his signator of pensoun of 200^{lb} sterling, and of the affise hering for his lyftyme for ij^m merks of tak deuty. Item, one to my sone. And thais the Erl of Annandaill promifit to send with John Steuart's son, quho wes going post.

1 Merche 1634, Setterday.

This day a pacquet delyverit be me to Mr. James Gordoun, to go under his cover, quhilk is direct to the Erl Stirling, and thairin to him, signifying the finding of the charter of Ladop being Mariage. Item, acquainting him with the signator of his escheit quhen it fal pafs.

Item, within the pacquet, on to my sone, and with it on to the Marquefs of Hamiltoun, with the copie of the fumonds and depositions aganis David Beatfoun of Cardon. Item, on to Lord Panmuir anent my Lord Balmerinoch. Item, on to the Erl of Traquhair. Item, on to Allan Lockart.

4 Merche 1634, Twyfday.

Sent letteris with James Steuart to my sone, and within letter to Lord Panmuir, with John Pilmuirs to Mr. Patrik Lyndfay, and an accompt of Barrie. our treattie with the Lord Balmerinoch anent Barrie.

6 Marche, Thurfday.

Letters sent to my sone, and to the Lord Panmuir, with the informatioun of the caus of Home, efter the decret quhilk wes gevin 4 Merche 1634. Decreit, James Home & Lady Doun.

13 Merche 1634.

Memorandum.—His Maieftie's letter to the Seffioun, anent his Maieftie's prerogative, wes presentit be my Lord Doun on Twyfday the xj Marche 1634; and the Lords gaue thair anfuer, and sent it up be Sir Robert Spottifwode, president, on Thurfday, 13 Marche 1634.

Item, at this famyn tyme I sent vp an pacquet to my sone be the Erl of Lauderdale, quhairin on to his Maieftie, and within 7 articles anent the prerogative. Item, on letter to the Marques of Hamiltoun. Item, letter to Lord Panmuir, and within it my declaratioun and informatioun. Item, to my sone, with the copies of both. Item, to Erl Stirling, Lord Alexander, and Mr. W. Neifche. His Maieftie's prerogative royall.

Memorandum. This day Alexander Narn of Sandfurd went to court, and sent with him to my sone Mr. Alexander xxv 12^{lb} peices and 10 fingel angels. Mr. Alexander, 30lb. sterling.

22 Marche, Setterday, 1634.

This day an pacquet gevin to Mr. James Gordoun, quhairin on to the Erl of Stirling, with the signator to the Mr. of Work. Item, on to Lord Panmuir, and thairin Erl of Rothes anent Brechin. Brechin to Lord Panmure.

This went not quhil 28 Merche, being Fryday, at 10 hours at evin; at quhilk tyme I sent an pacquet to the Erl of Stirling, and thairin letters to the Erll, with the twa signators of Raliftoun, and new gift of the forrestis of Tillicultry dockettit be me, viz. Raliftoun to John Lord Colvill, and the gift to Erl of Stirling and Lord Alexander his son, for thair lyftymes. Item, letters to Lord Panmuir, with advertifment anent the signator of Soap. Item, to Erl Ancrum. Item, to Sir James Lokhart. Item, to Doctor Chalmer. Item, to my fone Mr. Alexander, with a number of letters to him.

Laft Merche, Mononday, 1634.

The clerk of Register went to court; and sent with him an pacquet to Lord Stirling, quhairin to Lord Panmuir and my son, anent thair anfuers to his Maiestie's letter for pleading in Sessioun, and anent foolish Mr. R. Crag.

1 Apryll, Twifday, 1634.

Sent a letter to the Marques of Hamiltoun, with the signator of commiffion for compounding anent extraordinar taxatioun, with consent of the exchekker, or any fyve, the chancellor, thesaurer, and deput being one.

Countess of Home,
Erl of Murray, and
Erl Lauderdaleill,
thair promise of
2000lb.

Item, this day about 6 at nycht the Countess of Home, with the Erl of Lauderdaleill, the Lord Doun, and Lord Maitland, with his lady, cam to my chamber, and ther first the Countess apart in the window, and then scho, the Erl Lauderdaleill and Lord Doun, promisit to me, if thai get any thing be the procefs, to gif me two thousand merkis. The Countess called it pundis. *Item, this promise renewit be hir and the Erl of Murray, and Lord Doun, on Weddinfsday the 6 of August, 1634, at 5 hors at nycht.*

23 April 1634.

Pacquet sent from Craighall, quhairin the letters to Lord Panmuir, anent the words allegit spokin in exchekker to Sir John Hay concerning Home.

7 May 1634.

Pacquet sent from Edinburgh, quhairin to Erl Stirling, with the letter

anent the Commission for the Borders. Item, the Laird of Ludquharn his letter, with myne to the Secretar in his favors.

Item, my letters to Lord Panmuir, with the rentall, and anfuer off Brechin.

Item, my letter to Robert Hope anent Hiltarvet.

13 Junij 1634, Fryday.

Berar fent be my Lord Traquhair from the Commission to his Maiestie, Lord Balmerinach. anent Mr. William Haig and the Lord Balmerinach. Item, to Lord Panmuir anent Soap and Barrie. Item, from my sone to Robert Hope, with the account for xxiiij^m merks. Item, to Mr. Alexander anent the sewar. Item, to Erl Stirling, to Sir James Carmichaell. Item, to Andro Pitcairn, with his rycht from Arthor his brother.

23 Junij 1634.

Andro Hay went post, and fent with him letters to the Lord of Pan- Erl Traquhair. muir, quhairin to him with the grevances aganis Lord Traquhair; (1) of my precept of 2000^{lb}, (2) of my of Advocat, (3) of removing from exchecker tabill, (4) of my exceptioun of Kynninmonth. Item, warrand Kynninmonth. to pafs the Kings hands, allowing Kynninmonth to except it from the furrander. Item, letter to Mr. Alexander, with an other to Lord Duik for the exceptioun of Kynninmonth.

25 Junij, Weddinfday.

Allan Lockart post with the dockettit contract betuix his Maiestie and the Marques of Hamiltoun, anent the dispositioun to him of the hail taxatioun.

3 Julij 1634.

Allan Lockart returnit from court.

5 Julij 1634, Setterday.

Delyuerit to Charles Mowat my pacquet to the Erl of Buchan, quhairin

Erl Mar, his signator of Drybrugh. letters to my sone, and within it letters to his Maiestie, with the Erl of Mar his signator of Cardrofs. Item, letters to James Maxwell for that purpose anent Dirltoun. Item, letters to Sir James Carmichaell, to Hary Alexander, to Mr. William Nefche. Item, sent vp be John the band to Hiltarvett. Robert Hope of 24^m merkis, for the pryce of Hiltarvett.

8 Julij 1634, Twyfday.

Erl Airth, his suspensioun. Mr. Hary Drummond went to court, and sent with him a letter to his Maiestie anent the suspension betwix the Erl of Airth and his creditors. Item, an letter to Lord Panmuir, with one to my sone, with the informatioun for anfuere to the Erl of Traquhair his calummie anent the furrender of Sanctandros, delyuerit to the Archbishop of Sanctandros.

12 July 1634, Setterday.

Memorandum. This man went nott, in respect G. Home cam from court with a letter to me anent the submissioun of Home.

3 August 1634.

The Lord Alexander went to court, and sent with him ane pacquet to my sone, quhairin ane to the Erl of Ancrum, with the affignatioun off the tak of the teindis of Coldinknowis to be subscryvit be him, with a letter from the Erl of Lothian his son and Mark Cafs to that effect. Item, ane letter to Sir James Carmichaell, ane to Dean of Winchester, and within it a letter ressaute from Hew Scrimgeor. Item, a letter to Hary Alexander; and at this tyme I wret none to Lord Panmuir, becaus he wes on his journey to Scotland.

8 August, Fryday, 1634.

This day at vj hours at evin, the Lord Panmuir came to Edinburgh from London.

18 August 1634, Mononday.

Exchequer comptis. This day the unhappie chekker compts subscryvit; and the Lord Alex-

ander went to court, and with him sent ane pacquet to my son, with William Murray his signator.

19 August 1634, Tuedday.

This day the Erl of Roxburgh told me that his Maieftie knew perfytlie that the Erl of Airth was trewlie come of Daud, and that Malice was son to Eupham and Patrik ; and a glance of this I had from Erl of Airth on 13 August, and from the Lord Marques on 18 August the efternoon, quhilk wes efter the greit blast. God mak me thankfull:—Non semper timidis fervare vexatum procellis equor.

Item, this day delyuerit to the Bifchop off Rofs by his brother, ane pacquet to my sone Mr. Alexander, and within it a letter to his Maieftie, and ane other to the Bifchop Canterbury, in favors of the Bifchop of Rofs, and thairin to the Bifchop for my son Mr. Alexander.

26 August 1634, Twyfday.

This day at 4 efternone the Marques of Hamiltoun returnit to court ; and went to Ledingtoun and delyuerit to his Lordship ane letter to his Maieftie, with certain articles anent the comptis and exchekker.

Item, delyuerit to Thomas Dalmahoy, in presence of Doctor Baillie and Mr. George Noruell, an pacquet to Mr. Alexander, quhairin is 50lb sterling of gold. Item, a letter to him, and an other from his brother Sir Thomas ; and one from me to James Levingstoun, quhairin I desyre him to reid the laft part of my letter to his Maieftie, in quhilk I declare that I haif sent my letter to his Maieftie with certain articles, and defyris his Maieftie that thair come in the hands of none but his Maieftie and the Marques of Hamiltons ; or if in otheris, in James Levingstoun's awin hands ; and expreffed quhat sufferings I fustein for his Maieftie's seruice, but that I intend not to leiuie for the frownings of any man ; being so resolut out of the fyer of Strathern not to boudge for the respect of any, and blessing God that now his Maieftie hes gottin the trewth of that buffines.

Item, sent with the Marques an pacquet to my sone Mr. Alexander, anent

my anfuere to his Majestie tuicheing submissioun of Home, quhairin is the submissioun with the doubill of thair anfuers; and this sent to Ledingtoun with ane boy off the Erl of Lauderdaill's.

27 August 1634, Weddinsday.

Delyuerit to the Erl Stirling, in his awin hous in Alexander Clerk's lodg-
ing, the new Soap signator dockettit be me, with the old signed be his
Maiestie, with the signator of Brichen and Navar to Lord Panmuir, and an
other of Balmakelly to him and his sone Hary, with informatioun how to
use the samyn.

Vicount of Stor-
month.

Item, delyuerit to the Erl Stirling ane nott anent Vicount Stormonth,
Lord Quhythil, and Sir James Steuart.

1 November 1634, Setterday.

This nycht about 9 at nycht, sent ane pacquet to the Erl Stirling,
quhairin 1 pacquet to him self, another to his sone from Mr. James Gor-
doun, and within his two from me. Item, to my sone Mr. Alexander,
quhairin to Lord Panmuir from me, and tua from James Murray. Item,
from me to Erl Annandaill, with a pacquet from Thomas Maxwell. Item,
to Erl Ancrum, and within a packett from Erl of Lothian. Item, from
me to James Livingstoun, to Sir James Carmichaell, to L. Sandfurd, to
Babethan. Item, a pacquet to Patrik Wodd. Memorandum. In my
letters to Lord Panmuir I haif sent a gift of non entry of Carloungie.
Item, my warrand for exceptioun of Kynninmonth from the furrander of
Sanctandrois.

Exceptioun of
Kynninmonth
from the surrender
of Sanctandrois.

9 November 1634.

Sent letters with Doctor Baillie to my sone Mr. Alexander, quhairin from
my self, Sir John, and Sir Thomas, to him, with ane band to Robert Hope
of 20th merkis. Item, to Erl Stirling, to Lord Alexander, to Erl Ancrum,
thanks; and anent Erl Traquhair his spleen. Item, to Erl Annandaill anent
the Thefaurer's and the of my penfioun. Item, to Dean Winchefer.

Item, to Lord Panmuir and to Alexander Narn. Item, to the Marques of Sone borne to my
 Hamiltoun, congratulatioun for his new born sone, and defyring ane anfuere Lord Marques of
 anent the articles and my precept. Hamiltoun.

12 November 1634, Weddinfday.

This day Mr. Nathaniel Vdward went to Court, and sent with him a letter to Mr. Alexander, and within it a letter to Erl Annandaill, in anfuere of his reffaut 11 November, and another to James Levingftoun anent Sir James Baillie his offer for Nuck.

13 November 1634, Thurfday.

This day a letter sent to the Erl Roxburgh to Broxmouthe, and within it the ditta aganis Lord Balmerinach, to be schawin to his Maieftie. Item, Ditta, Lord
 a letter to Mr. Alexander, and within it one to James Levingftoun anent Balmerinach.
 Sir James Baillie.

14 November 1634.

This day a pacquet gevin to William Douglas, feruitor to the Erl of Mortoun, quho went poft, quhairin to Erl Stirling anent Lord Balmeri- Mem.—In this I
 noch's dyet and ditta. Item, to Lord Panmuir about it, and within his writ to Lord Pan-
 letter the ditta to be schawin to his Maieftie. Item, letter to Sir James muir anent the
 Carmichael for the famyn. Item, letter to my sone Mr. Alexander. bying of his an-
 nuitie.

27 November 1634, Thurfday.

This day sent with the Erl of Lothian, a letter to the Erl of Ancrum his father, with a pacquet to my sone Mr. Alexander, quhairin to himself, with a nott of the Bifhop Roffe his outragious fpeeches; commanding him to keip quyet, except the Bifhop Roffe move any queftioun or challenge aganis me; with a letter to the Archbifhop Canterbury. Item, a letter to the Erl Stirling, to Lord Alexander, to Sir James Carmichael, to Sir William Elphinfoun, to Erl of Annandaill, to Lord Panmuir, and within it a letter from Mr. David Falconer to him, with Patrick Strachan his writtis.

29 November 1634, Setterday.

Sent with Sir James Lockart to Sir Robert Gordoun, the Dean of Wincheſter, incloſit in one to my ſone.

Laſt November 1634, Sounday.

Justice Court and
Balmerinach.

This nycht about 6 at nycht, Sir James Carmichaell, Juſtice Clerk, cam from Court to attend the criminal dyet aganis my Lord Balmarinoch, quhilk is on Weddinſday nixt 3 December.

1 December 1634, Mononday.

This day letters ſent to Erl Stirling by a ſervand of Anthonie Alexander, quho went with his ſignator of Mr. Wark, vacant be deceſe of Sir James Murray, quho deceſſit on Setterday.

Item, ſent thairin to Lord Panmuir with Mr. Patrick Lyndfay's letters. Item, to my ſone Mr. Alexander.

8 December 1634, Mononday.

Pacquet ſent to the Erl Stirling, quhairin from Mr James Gordoun, Juſtice Clerk, L. Thorntoun. Item, from my ſelf to Erl Stirling, to Lord Alexander, to Lord Panmuir, to my ſone, and in it a nott tuiching the criminal proces, and off the plott for laying the blayme on me if it miſcarry.

My Pacquett ſtop-
pit.

This ſtoppit be Erl Traquhair all Twyſday till nycht, and it went on Twyſday at 10 hours at nycht.

Item, the Erl of Traquhair ſent a pacquett, quhilk went on Thurſday 11 December, and in it one from me to the Lord of Panmuir, anent the Biſchop of Briehen his anſuer.

12 December 1634, Fryday.

Lord Chancellor
ſeiknes at Londoun.

Being at the Juſtice Court aganis the Lord Balmerinoch, pacquet cam to Erl Traquhair, quhairin letters to me from Erl Stirling, Lord Panmuir, and my ſone, of 3 December, advertiſing me off the Chancellar's deidlie

My ſone Mr. Alex-
ander extraordinar
Carver.

palfey and the Erl Mortoun's ſeiknes. Item, that my ſone at Windfoir wes ſworn be his Maieſtie in extraordinar Carver.

15 December 1634, Monunday.

Anthonie Alexander went post, and sent with him a packet to the Erll of Stirling his father, quhairin to himself, the Lord Alexander, Hary Alexander. Item, a packet to my sone, quhairin to Lord Panmuir, to Marques of Hamiltoun, to Erll Roxburgh, to Erl of Annandaill, to James Levingftoun, with Arthor Nefmyth's letters, to Sandfurd, to Babethan, and to my sone himself.

Item, sent a letter from James Narn to his brother the L. Sandfurd, quhilk cam to me efter the closing of my packet.

Item, thairefter I drew vp ane breviat off the proceedingis in the Justice Lord Balmerinach. Court aganis the Lord Balmerinloch, and inclofit in ane letter to the Lord Panmuir, to be schawin to his Majestie; and another letter to the Erl Stirling, defyryng him to fie it in Lord Panmuir's hands; and I defyrit the Lord Panmuir to communicat the samyn to the Marques, to Erl Roxburgh, and to ^{12 December 1634,} the Erl Stirling, and wret to the Erl Stirling anent the deceifs of the Erl of ^{Erll Mar decessit.} Mar, quho deceiffit 12 December 1634, on Fryday, at one efter midnight.

Item, Erl Traquhair sent a servand to Court this day, but told me nothing thairoff.

19 December 1634.

This day Robert Allan, servitor to James Levingftoun, returnit to Court, with quhom I wret to him.

23 December 1634, Twyfday.

This day Mr. James Ferquharfoun went post to Court, and sent with Lord Balmerinach. him a packet vnder the cover of Mr. James Gordoun, direct to Erll of Stirling, quhairin to Erl Stirling, to Lord Panmuir, and within his the breviat of the criminal proces aganis Balmerinloch, from 16 December to 20 inclusive, at quhilk tyme it wes continewit to xj of Februar. Item, ane nott of the priuat procedings in that buffines with the Justice his affeffors and the Bifchoppis. Item, to him in the samyn letter a draucht of my precept of 2000lb sterling. Item, a letter to Marques of Hamiltoun. Item, to Erl Roxburgh, to Lord Alexander, to Hary Alexander, to Erl of Annandaill, all anent the criminal proces. Item, sent to my

fone Mr. Alexander a letter, and within it a doubil of my precept, to be drawin vpon the thefaurer but prejudice of my former preceptis. Item, from my fones Sir John and Sir Thomas to Mr. Alexander. Item, from James Hope, my nephew, to him.

Clerk Register.

Memorandum. Mr. James Ferquharfoun went not quhil Fryday the 26 December, and I fent with him the former, together with another pacquet direct to the Erl of Stirling, quhairin one to himself, with a nott of the Clerk of Register's abuses to me. Item, one to Lord Panmuir, quhairin wer the lyk nott, with a nott of the calumnies laid on me in this procefs aganis my Lord Balmerinach.

Item, one to my fone, quhairin the famyn nott, and als within his, one to the Marques of Hamiltoun, Erl Roxburgh, Erl Ancrum, Erl of Annandaill, L. Sandfurd. Item, one to Sir James Hamiltoun from the L. Lyndfay.

25 December 1634, Thurfday.

Lord Chancellor
decessit, 16 Decem-
ber 1634.

This nycht, about 5 hours at nycht, a pacquet cam to me from Erl of Stirling, quhilk I opened in presence of the post maifter's fone, and delyuerit to him al the letteris except thois that wes to myself. By this I wes advertit that the Lord Chancellor decifit on 16 December 1634.

Item, immediately I wret an anfuer to Erl Stirling and Lord Panmuir, and delyuerit it to Mr. James Gordoun, to put it in his pacquet with Mr. James Ferquharfoun.

27 December 1634, Setterday.

The Erl Traquhair went post, and fent with him letters to Lord Panmuir, Earl Stirling, Earl Ancrum, and my fon, for retractatioun of the Erl Traquhair's promiffes of fauor.

29 December, 1634, Mononday.

This day I directit a pacquet to the Erl Stirling, quhairin wes thrie or four packuettis from Mr. James Gordoun. Item, letters to the Erl Traquhair from me, and with them the conjunct Commiffioun of the borders. Item, letter to Sir James Hamiltoun, quhairin his fignator of Alderftoun,

quhilk held of auld of Torpchechen. Item, letters to Erl Stirling, Lord Alexander, and Lord Panmuir, and to my fone.

3 Januar 1635, Setterday.

Sent letters with Mr. Hary Drummond and Capitan Graham, my letters for the Erl Stirling in anfuere of thais reffavit laft December. Item, to Lord Panmuir, and within it the letter returnit quhilk he fent to Erl Traquhair. Item, the letter from his Maieftie to Bifchop Brichen (now Edinburgh) anent Moneky. Item, letters to my fone from myfelf, my fone, and his mother. Item, a letter from me to George Hope, thanking him for his kyndnes to Mr. Alexander.

Item, gevin to him, 4 Januar, being Sounday, ane letter to Erl Stirling, Archbishop of Sanctandros Chancellor. within it the fignator of the Chancellary to the Archbifchop of Sanctandros.

4 Januar 1635, Weddinfday.

Sent with Sir Robert Ramfay letters to Erl Stirling, to my fone, quhairin to Erl Annandaill, and within his to the Countefs his lady, to James Levingftoun and his lady, to L. Sandfurd, and one to Sir David Cunyng-ham from his mother.

29 Januar 1635, Thurfday.

Sent letters with the Lord Lorn, and thairin to my fone Mr. Alexander, Mr. Alexander 60lb. sterling. 45 doubill angells and ane half, and 9 tuelf pund pieces and ane half, quhilk is in hail 60lb fterling, therof 50lb fterling to himfelf and 10lb fterling for his fifter Marie. Item, to Lord Panmuir, with the procutory of Balmakelly. Item, one to Archbifchop of Canterbury. Item, to Erl Annandaill, to Erl Ancrum, to Erl Stirling, to Sir James Lockart.

12 Februar 1635, Thurfday.

This day John Hamiltoun of Orbiftoun went to Court, and fent with him a letter to the Marques. Item, one to Erl Roxbrugh. Item, one to Erl Stirling, with the fignators of Dean of Chapell anent exemptioun from taxatioun. Item, the Bifchop of Edinburgh his letters to Lord Panmuir.

Item, Thomas Maxwell's to Erl Annandail, with my own to Lord Panmuir and him, and one to my sone.

13 Februar 1635, Fryday.

This day the Earl of Dumfries, and a servand of the Erl of Traquhair's, went to Court, and sent with the Erl of Traquhair his servand letters to my sone, quhairin to himself, to Erl Stirling, to Lord Panmuir, to Hary Alexander, to Mr. Walter Nefche.

Memorandum. The Erl of Traquhair his man went not at this tyme, and this pacquet remaynit in the Erl of Traquhair's hands vntil the 27 day.

Item, on 25 Februar gevin to Mr. John Lawfoun, to be put in my Lord's pacquet, letters to Lord Panmuir, quhairin to him with the Bishop of Brichen his letter to me. Item, letters from Mr. Patrik Lyndfay.

27 Februar 1635.

Delyuerit to John Murray letters to the Lord Panmuir, and within it a letter from Mr. Patrik Lyndfay, and one from me to my sone, and within it one to the Lord Lorn.

Item, sent to James Levingstoun a letter anent Lord Banff, anent Arthor Nefmyth his agreement for L.īb sterling, anent the Lady Samuelstoun her draughts of Possill.

All thir delyuerit to the Erl Traquair his servand, quho went on Fryday 27 Februar 1635.

2 Merche 1635.

Reffauit ane pacquet from the Erl of Stirling of 17 Februar, and within it letters to John Pilmour, quhilk I delyuerit to James Murray. Item, letters to Mr. James Gordoun, quhilk I also delyuerit to Mr. James Gordoun.

7 Merche 1635, Setterday.

Pacquet sent be me to Erl Stirling, quhairin the contract betwix his Majestie and the Erl anent copper coyne. Item, my licence for wyning of mineralls in the baronies of Craighall and Kynninmonth. Item, letters

to Lord Panmuir, to Alexander Narn, to Sir Alexander Home of Manderfoun, and laft to my fone.

12 Merche, Thurfday, 1635.

Sent with Mr. Alexander Belfches letters to Erl Stirling, Lord Panmuir, and Lord Lorn, and to my fone.

16 Merche, Mononday, 1635.

Sent with Coronell Hepburne ane pacquet to Lord Panmuir, quhairin one to him anent the Bifhop Canterbury, the Erl Airth, Jon Maul, and the precentory of Mafondew. Item, within his a letter to the Archbifchop of Canterbury, and ane other to my fone.

21 Merche.—The Lord Balmerinach convict.

Item, within this pacquet one from the Erl of Lauderdaill to Lord Panmuir.

21 Merche, Setterday, 1635.

Memorandum. The former pacquet went not with Coronell Hepburne. But it with ane other to Lord Panmuir, with ane to the Countefs of Roxburgh from the Lady Fleming, and one to the Erl of Ancrum. Item, one to Erl Stirling, and one to my fone, all tyet in ane pacquet, fent by pacquet from James Prymrois on 21 Merche 1635.

26 Merche 1635.

Delyuerit ane pacquet to the Lord Alexander, quhairin to Lord Panmuir, defyring him to acquaint his Maieftie with the way to mak all cheiffis anfuerabill for thair clanes, and fpecially Marques of Huntly, and defyring to haif his Majefties mind to the Counfell for that effect. Item, to acquaint his Maieftie with the decret of mariage agains Erl Burgleifh, and reduction of the heritabill office of Ifcheary; and if he haif occafion, to pray at his Maieftie for my fignator with the mineralls of my hail lands. Item, to the Erl Stirling anent the famyn. Item, to James Levingftoun anent the famyn. Item, to Hary Alexander anent the famyn, and to my fone Mr. Alexander anent the famyn. Item, wret to the Erl of Annandaill anent his offices. Item, within this pacquet to the Lord Panmuir, ane nott of the laft proceidings aganis the Lord Balmerinach on 20 and 21 Merche.

28 Merche 1635.

My signator of
Craighall, with
mineralls.

Item, this day sent with the Lord Alexander and other packet to Erl Stirling, Lord Panmuir, and my son, quhairin is my signator of Craighall with the mineralls, sent to Erl Stirling, with the forme of the dockett, and the doubil of the forme of the dockett sent to Lord Panmuir and my sone.

Last Merche, Twyfday, 1635.

This day the Erl Traquair and Lord Alexander went to court, and sent with them and letter to his Maieftie, with ane accompt of my proceedings in his Majestie's service. Item, and letter to Lord Panmuir anent Patrik Maull, quhilk was judgit this day in counsell. Item, a letter to the Erl Stirling anent the nonentry of Dawik. Item, a letter to Erl Annandaill, and last a letter to my sone, with the doubill of my precept of 2000^{lb} sterling.

Item, delyuerit to the Lord Traquhair and doubil of my accompt to his Maieftie, with the doubil of my dockett of my signator of Craighall, with the draucht of my precept of 2000^{lb}. furth of the annuity.

2 Apryll, Thursday, 1635.

This day Sir James Lockhart went to court, and als Mr. W. Quhytfurd ; and I wret one to Erl Stirling for Sir James Lockart, anent his signator of the fishing for furnishing of the countrey, and vther two with Mr. Walter to the Erl Stirling and Lord Panmuir, to fuit for him to get either of the places of Galloway or Abirdein, quhilk ar both vacand, and als I anfuert the Lord of Panmuir his letter anent Admirality yesterday, and recommendit to him to assist Mr. Walter Quhytfurd.

Admiralitie.
Panmuir.

Item, at this tyme Babethan went to court, with quhom sent a letter to his brother Doctor Chalmer.

3 Apryll 1635, Fryday.

Item, sent with the Lord Justice Clerk letters to Erl Stirling, Lord Panmuir, and my sone, with the toun of Carrail their signator.

This day my deir
neice Margaret
departit.

6 Apryll 1635, Monunday.

Sent with the President of Sessioun (quho, with Bishop Rofs and Clerk

of Register, went to court) a letter to the Lord Panmuir, and within it one to the Erl of Stirling, quhairin I acquaint them with the questioun anent the patronages of Roffe.

Item, thairefter sent in a pacquet to my sone a letter to Lord Panmuir, with a nott of the patronage of Rofs thairin, ane other to the Erl Traquhair with the lyk nott, a letter to the Lord Marques, and a letter to the Erl Roxbrugh, referring him to my commentarie of the Erl of Traquhair anent violent followers of publik, and the Morn In the particulers of it flat contrair.

This sent with Archibald Campbell.

7 Apryll, Twyfday, 1635.

Delyuerit to Archibald Campbell my pacquet to the Erl Stirling, quhairin the twa renunciatiouns of Kintyr. Item, letters to the Lord Alexander and Hary Alexander. Item, letters to the Lord Lorn.

Mem.—Archibald Campbell went not quhil Fryday the 10 Apryll.

Item, an vther pacquet to my sone within this, quhilk conteinis all that is mentionat above in that to him, quhilk fould haif gone with the Prefident, but he wes gone.

Lorne.

Item, an vther pacquet to my sone, quhairin L. Quhythill his signator, with letters to Erl Traquhair, Erl Stirling, and Lord Alexander.

11 Apryll, Setterday, 1635.

This day pacquet sent be James Prymrois, quhairin the Commiffioun of the Borders, with my letter to the Erl Traquhair to gett one vnder the feill of England, and to fie this quhilk is sent feillit with England's feill at the left. Item, letters to Erl Stirling from Archbifchop of Glasgou, in quhilk, presentation to Mr. G. Bennet of Libertoun, with my ernesf recommendatioun. Item, sent to the Erl Stirling the signatour of Mafons and Wrychtis renuncit be Sir Anthonie Alexander. Item, letters to Lord Panmuir, Sir James Carmichael, L. Ley, Erl Traquhair, acquainting him with the Commiffioun of Borders. Item, letters to my sone, and within the letters from John, Thomas, James, and als a letter from me to Hary Hope, and to him one from Alexander Lowrie.

13 Apryll 1635, Mononday.

This day left with my fone at my going to Craighall, to the funeralls of my good Lord Melvil, ane pacquet to be dispatcht, quhairin to Erl Stirling, Erl Traquhair, Erl Panmuir, only to acquaint them with my going to Fyff. But the cheif erand is a letter to the Erl Buchan, with a presentatioun to Mr. George Bennet of the Kirks of Liberton and Quodquhon, vacand be the deceifs of Mr. John Cheiflie, quhilk ar incloffit in a letter to my fone Mr. Alexander.

24 Apryll 1635.

Mr. Alexander my
sone.

Sent by Erl Mar to my fone Mr. Alexander j^cxx doubill angels, quhairof for jewellis to Mary lxxxx^{lb}. sterling, the remanent extending to 30lb. ft. to himself.

3 Junij 1635, Weddinfday.

Sent with Charles Mowat, fervitor to Erl of Buchan, ane pacquett to Lord Panmuir, quhairin the new deputatioun of Admirality, with the nott how to mend it, and reffons thairoff. Item, the forme of the letter to me from his Majestie anent my signatour, quhilk is past. Item, one to him from my fone Sir John, with thanks for promissing to interpone anent kneiling.

Mr. Alex. Hope.

Item, within his letters to Mr. Alexander from Sir Thomas, but none from me, saif on the bak chydng him for the paying Mr. Vdward 50^{lb} sterling. Item, letter of thanks to Lord Duik for Kynninmonth, quhilk wes oppugnit be Bifchop Rofs. Item, thanks to Erl Buchan for Mr. George Bennet's presentatioun to Libertoun and Quodquhoun.

Item, letter to Erl Stirling from Mr. James Gordoun, and one to him from my self.

Item, an pacquet from Orbistoun to my Lord Marques his Maister Houfhold.

Item, letters to Mr. Alexander from his mother and Sir John, and within it my lynes, appointing him to returne at Michaelmas nixt.

Item, letter from Erl Traquhair to Erl Mortoun.

Item, becaus of Charles Mowat feiknes I direct ane pacquet to the Erl Stirling on Setterday, at 8 hours of nycht, 6 Junij.

8 Junij 1635.

This day being Mononday, I producit his Majestie's letter in Exchekker for passing of my signatour, quhilk wæs regifrat, and thereafter my signatour past.

11 Junij 1635.

Gevin to hir to gif Alexander Lowis ffor Malvesie and Cor Alexander Lowis
to be sent forth to the Low Countrys, 6 Rosnobles, 2 x merk pieces off for Malvasie.
thair awin stamp, and 1 doubill pistollet.

Item, gevin to my wyff iiij^c merkis, in full satisfioun off all the money Thomas Bennet
and annuell thair of, quhilk scho tuk of the money pertening to Thomas Ben-
net, sone to George, and that by and attour iiij^c assignit to him to be payit
be Thomas Forman. payit of all.

13 Junij 1635, Setterday.

This day letters delyuerit to Mr. James Gordoun, to be sent to the Erl Stirling, quhairin to the Erll and Lord Alexander. Item, to Lord Panmuir, quhairin from me and Sandfurd. Item, to Mr. Alexander, quhairin a letter to the Lord Duik from the Countess of Mar, and from me to Erl Ancrum. Item, one to James Levingstoun, with letters to him from Sandfurd. Item, one from Sir John to with the assignatioun from George Hope to Capringtoun's band of 5000 merks. Item, one from Sir Thomas to him, to caus delyuer my Lord Duik's letter by another than himself. Item, a letter to Sir James Carmichaell.

17 Junij 1635.

Sent with Sir James Leslie letters to Lord Panmuir, and within them the Copie of the Renunciatioun, to be subscryvit be the Lord Marques of Hamiltoun, in favors of Lord Panmuir of the teind bolls assignit out of Moniky to Garvok and Panbryd. The principal delyuerit to Orbistoun, to

be sent to him with my letter to Lord Panmuir, quhilk went with Sir James Leslie as said is.

19 Junij 1635.

Memorandum.—Theis went not with Sir James Leslie, becaus I gaif them to Orbistoun, quho slipit him.

Item, sent ane pacquet with Mr. Andro Lermonth, quhairin twa to the Lord Panmuir, one to Erl of Annandaill, with one from Richard Maxwell, one to Henry Alexander, one to Erll of Ancrum, with one from his sone.

Item, one from John and Thomas to Mr. Alexander.

20 Junij 1635.

Sent with Mr. Thomas Murray ane pacquet to Lord Panmuir, quhairin Orbistoun's pacquett to Sir James Hamiltoun, within quhilk ar all theis that fould haif gone with Sir James Leslie. Item, to Hary Alexander anent the Lord Melvill.

24 Junij 1635.

This day Mr. Nathaniel Vdward his servand presentit to me a tikket to him from Mr. Alexander, testifeing that he had borrowit of him only xiiij lb sterling, quhilk I did infantlie pay and retene the tikket.

Mr. Alexander
Hope, my sone,
13lb sterling.

29 Junij 1635.

Letters sent to Erl Stirling with his servand, quho come from him in his way hither at Standfurd, and desyrit him to direct a paequet to his sone Hary, quhairin ar letters to Lord Panmuir. Item, letters from Bischop of Dunblane to Hary, with Mr. William Bellenden his presentatioun. Item, letter to Lord Panmuir from Patrik Maule.

4 Julij 1635, Setterday.

This day the Erll of Stirling cam from Court, and in his chamber in Mr. John Layng his houfe, the Erl Traquhair promifit in the Erll of

Stirling his prefrence, to advance to me my penfion for a 3eir, if I prevaillit in the matter of Bancreiff aganis Sir P. Murray.

11 Julij 1635, Setterday.

This day a packet fent be Mr. James Gordoun, and fent in it a letter ^{25 September 1635.} to Henry Alexander, and within it a fignatour of Sir Alexander Homes of ^{—Reportit to me be Robert Broun and John Glass, that my deir nephew, James Hope, deceissit at Rochell in July 1635.} Threipdailly. Item, a letter to Lord Panmuir to be appendit to the packet in cafe to meit him be the way, and if not to be fent bak to me be Hary Alexander.

15 Julij, Weddinfday, 1635.

This day the Mafter of Dalzell fufcryvit the prefentatioun off the Kirk of Libertoun and Quodquhoun in favors of Mr. George Bennet.

29 Julij 1635.

Gevin to my fone Sir John j^c merkis for bigging of the Ile in Crawmond ^{Yle of Crawmond Kirk.} Kirk, quhilk with j^c merkis gevin of before to Mr. William Colvill, Minister, ^{23 December 1635.} makis ij^c merkis. ^{—To the wrycht, 7 dollors.}

Item, the Minister wes superexpendit in his accompt vi lb xvj s, quhilk wes payit to Thomas Jamefoun, 23 November 1635.

5 Auguft 1635.

This day payit to my fone Sir John ane vther j^c merks for the Ile of Crawmond Kirk, quhilk makis 300 merkis.

9 Auguft 1635.

Item, gevin to him to gif Mr. William Colvill to pay the mafons and wrychts j^c merks, quhilk makes 400 merks.

22 September 1635.

Sent letters with Mr. Eleazer Borthuik to my fone Mr. Alexander, quhairin ^{This day the Counsell beguid and satt till the last September.} a letter to him from Sir Thomas in my name. Item, letters from me to Bifchop Brichen, Mr. Dalzell, James Levingfoun, and Sir James Lockart.

24 September 1635.

Sent letters in the pacquet direct be the Erll of Stirling. Item, to James Levingstoun from Justice Clerk in favors of my sone Sir Thomas. Item, from Sir Thomas to Mr. Alexander. Item, from me to Sir James Lockart, testifeing the Lords Refolutioun anent the matter of the fischeing.

Item, this samyn day delyuerit a letter to L. Ernok, quho went journey direct from me to James Levingstoun anent the communy of Dunbar.

25 September 1635.

Payit be myself to James Aytoun, meafoun, ix dollars.

26 September 1635.

Item, letters sent with the goodman of Orbistoun his pacquet delyverit to young Brounley, viz., one to Mr. Levingstoun from Justice Clerk, anent my sone Sir Thomas, and one from Sir Thomas to Mr. Alexander his brother.

28 September, 1635.

Item, letter from me to James Levingstoun, in anfuer of his anent Sir Thomas, and als letters from the Justice Clerk to that samyn effect, quhairin a nott sent vp that the Wardie lands sould be first offerit to James Levingstoun, and this sent be John Inglis, younger sone to John Inglis, skynner, burghes of Edinburgh.

Last September 1635.

Delyuerit to the Lord Justice Clerk a letter to James Levingstoun anent my Lord Cranstounridell. Item, ane other to Mr. William Elphinstoun anent the Justice Court, and Reformatioun therof.

2 October 1635.

Sent a pacquet with Alexander Pirrie, and thairin writtin to Mr. Alexander by myself. Item, to Mr. Dalzell, Sir James Lockart, with the copie of the Counfell's letter to his Majestie, anent the fischeing, to the Erll of Ancrum, and to Vicount Belheavin.

7 October 1635, Weddinfday.

Delyuerit to the Erl of Traquhair at his going to Court, the two Commiffiouns of the Borders; one vnder the Gret Seil of Scotland, and the vther vnder the Gret Seil of England, with ane new Commiffioun dockettit be me. Item, the signatour of the Erl of Queinsberie's als dockettit be me on the fycht of on dockettit be the Erll of Stirling, and signed be his Majestie, quhilk contains a taxt of the ward and mariage of the lordfchip of Torthoruid, quhilk was nevir taxt of befoir. Item, delyverit to the faid Erll ane paquet to my fone Mr. Alexander, quhairin to his sacred Majestie, with 22 articles of accompt of his Majesties fervice. Item, to Erl Stirling, Hary Alexander, Justice Clerk, Mr. Dalzell. Item, to Sir James Lockhart. Item, two paquets to James Levingftoun, and within one of them my anfuer to his Majestie anent James his rycht to the Commonty of Dumbar, and with a new signator to James, dockettit be me, and ane letter from John Sempill to James Levingftoun.

15 October 1635.

Gevin to James Prymrois his paquet letters to Erl Stirling, quhairin to my fon, and within his to Erl Traquhair and Justice Clerk, and also one to Serjant Young, from Mr. John Lyndfay, nepho to the Dean of Winchester.

19 October 1635.

Sent letters with Richard Foulertoun, and givin to Orbiftoun to be gevin to him, viz., to my fon Mr. Alexander, quhairin to Erl Traquhair and Erl Stirling generall letters allanerly, except from fuiche off the factioun in Aberdein, anent the cheifing of thair Magiftrates.

Item, this fame day, at nicht, delyverit letters to the Lord Panmuir, viz., ^{20 October, Lord Panmuir went to Court.} one to himself, and within it the form of the warrand for his and my annuity, and price to be difchargit. Item, to Erl Stirling, Erl Traquhair, my fone, and Hary Alexander.

22 October 1635.

Mr. James Law and Kavertoun aufrale promifit 100 dollars. Item, Mr. Alexander Hepburne voluit, &c.

24 October, Setterday, 1635.

Sent ane pacquet to Erl Stirling, quhairin letters to himself, with one to him from Mr. John Paterfoun's wyff, for Mr. Alexander Hepburne. Item, letters to William Murray from hir, with myne to him, and within it the signatour of bastardie of Mr. Andro Mickle to Mr. Alexander Hepburne. Item, letters to the Lord Panmuir, and within it one to the Erl Traquhair, quhairin for Mr. Andro Mickle his gift. Item, letters to my fone Mr. Alexander, and within it letters to the Dean of Winchefer, from myself and Tilliquhilly, directit to Serjant Young. Item, letter to Sir John Gordon, from John Peter, in favours of Mr. Alexander Hepburne. Item, a letter to one Mr. Nicolfoun, from Mr. Thomas Henryfoun. Item, in the letters to the Lord Panmuir, sent the toun of Brichen thair petitioun, with two presentatiouns blank, one of the preceptory of Mafondew, the other of St. Salvators.

27 October 1635, Thurfday.

Delyverit to Mr. John Raa, fone to James Raa, a letter to Mr. John Lothian, in his favores. Item, a pacquet to my fon Mr. Alexander, quhairin a letter to the Erl Annandaill, and within it from Thomas Maxwell.

28 October 1635.

Gevin to the Lord Panmuir his litill boy, quho went be fea, an letter to the Lord, and within it one to Mr. Alexander, compleining of his obscure wryting, and commanding him to wryt particularlie of his effait and attendance.

Laft October, Setterday, 1635.

Letter sent to Lord Panmuir, and within it one from Mr. Henry Sinclair, adverteifing him of the deces of Mr. Andro Drummond, minister at Panbryd. Item, a letter to Erl Stirling, and another to Erl Traquhair, sent in a pacquet direct to the Lord Alexander by James Prymrois, quhilk pacquet went on Sounday, the first day of November 1635.

2 November 1635, Mononday.

Gevin be me to James Aytoun, meafoun, in full satisfaccioun of the bigging of the Ile of Crawmond, 14 dollors, and to his men 1 dollar.

Deir Mr. John Rig deceiffit. The Lord prepare me, for I am now the Mr. John Rig. only and laft of that ftok of mankynd.

Item, this days report cam off the Erl of Marfchell his deceifs, at his Erl Marschell. awin hous in Fettereffo, of 8 dayis feiknes, about the 29 or 30 of October.

5 November 1635, Thursday.

This day an pacquet fent to Erl Stirling be me, quhairin letters to the Erl from Mr. James Gordoun, and from me, anent the fignet. Item, to Lord Panmuir, with Mr. Patrik Lyndfay his letter. Item, ane accompt of his effairs, viz., that Mr. Montgomerie's tak is acceptit. Item, commiffion paff in Counfell anent the flaers of blak fyfche and fmoltis for a zeir, quhilk wes opponit be Sir John Hay, becaus of the thefaurer's abfence. Item, I wret to him anent the toun of Queinfferie, thair fignatour. Item, letters to the Erl of Mortoun, with the fignatour; and letters from Erl Wyntoun and Erll of Dunfermling. Item, letters to James Maxwell from Erl of Wyntoun to that effect. Item, my letters to Erl Traquhair, to Erl Stirling, to Hary Alexander, to that effect. Item, letters to my fone, quhairin letters to Erll of Annandaill, with Mr. M^r Brair his accompt. Item, a letter from John to Mr. Alexander. Item, a letter from Lord Dalkeith to the Erl of Mortoun, his father.

13 November 1635.

To the fklaitter x dollors. Item, mair to him, 13 dollors.

16 November 1635, Mononday.

This day gevin to John Dalzell letter to the Mafter his brother, anent Pensoun, and thanks for the advertifement anent the exceptioun takin anent the fignatour of Meyneris, presentit be Mr. Charles Geddice. Item, letters to Lord Panmuir, anent the calling of his caus; and to 20 December, and anent the Mafter of Donypace; and within Lord Panmuir his letter one to my fone, anent his money to be furnifhit to him.

19 November 1635.

This day the Erl of Traquhair returnit from Court, and delyverit to me Erl Traquhair.

his Maiesties letter, anent the signatour of my hail lands, with the blensche taxt ward and few holding; with a copie of his Maiesties warrand to him for discharging the pryce of annuity.

Item, on 20 November, in Counsel-hous, I enterit in speeche with him anent the affise of error, and he promisit to me a precept of 2000 lb scotts if I fould obtaine it, quhilk I acceptit.

21 November 1635.

My sone Mr. Alexander, 50 peices.
L. Sandfurd.

This day delyverit to Alexander Narn of Sandfurd, to the vse of my sone Mr. Alexander, to be gevin him quhen he comes to Court, fiftie tuelf-pund pieces of gold.

Item, sent with Sandfurd a letter to Mr. Levingstoun, and ane other to the Justice Clerk.

Item, a pacquet to my sone, quhairin to himself, to Lord Panmuir, Erl Annandaill, Mr. Dalzell, James Maxwell, and Mr. Ebenezer Borthwick.

27 November 1635.

Sent letters with young Gicht to the Lord Panmuir, quhairin to my sone, with letters to John Nicolfoun from his father. Item, letters to Lord Panmuir from Dumbarro.

4 December 1635, Fryday.

This day letters sent to the Erl Stirling, quhairin to himself, with his pensoun of Tillicultry dockettit be me. Item, to Lord Panmuir, ansuer of his last, with the signatour; and contract with the Lyoun, and my opinioun thairanent. Item, to James Levingstoun, ansuer anent his signatour, and within his to Justice Clerk, anent the Commiffioun of Justiciary. Item, to my sone Mr. Alexander, to Sandfurd, to Sir Robert Gordoun, and to the Erl of Annandaill, anent his effaires, and his promife of 1^e wedders on the Lowmonds.

E. Annandaill.

Item, sent to my sone Mr. Alexander a letter, and within it the letter from Mr. Bankis to Horff, anent the Grenland schip. Item, a letter to Lord Panmuir anent Ylaw, and the Erl Traquhair his oy to it; and

within it one from Mr. Patrik Lyndfay: and all thir inclofit on the bak to the Lord Panmuir.

Memorandum.—This day the Lady Roffe reffavit from me hir signatour Lady Rosse of Craig and Balgone, to be advyfit with be the Erll of Traquhair; and hir Ladyship promifit to me, at the returne of the signatour vnder his Maiefties hand, fiftie pieces.

11 December 1635.

Gevin to the Erl of Traquhair my letter to his Majestie, anent the Lady Rofs, for Balgone, with my report inclofit thairin, together with the signatour of Balgone, dockettit be me. Item, writtin to the Lord Panmuir, and sent to him L. Morphie's letter, reffavit 8 December. Item, the copie of the decreit arbitrall; and, laft, intreatit him to affist the delyvery of my letter to his Majestie anent Balgone, with the paffing of the signatour; and als writtin to the Master of Dalzell, anent the fucefs of his caus with Mr. David Perfoun.

This went not
quhill 29 De-
cember.

12 December 1635.

Memorandum.—Nothing gevin to the Erl Traquhair bot his Majesties letter, and report within it, with the signatour dockettit be me; and all vthers my letters inclofit in an paquet, and direct to the Erl Stirling, and delyverit to Mr. James Gordoun, quho sent the famyne to the Erl Stirling, with the Erl Traquhair his fervand; and I addit to the former letters a letter to the Erl Stirling himself, a letter to Justice Clerk, with Alexander Nefmyth his letters to him and James Levingftoun. Item, a letter to Bifhop Brichen. Item, a new letter to Lord Panmuir, anent the L. Cadder his feu duty, cravit be the Erl Traquhair. Item, a letter to my fone Mr. Alexander. Item, a letter to Erl Annandaill, with the renunciatioun of his penfioun in his Majesties hands.

21 December 1635.

This day being Monoday, my fone Mr. Alexander returnit from Court to Edinburgh, and partit from Londoun on Setterday, 5 December; and wes in journeying 16 dayes.

My fone Mr. Alex-
ander returnit
from Court.

24 December 1635.

Gevin to John Hamiltoun of Orbiftoun ane letter to the Marques of Hamiltoun, quhairin ane anfuer of that quhilk he wrett to me anent Mr. George Winram. Item, ane accompt of the contraēt of Arbroith; and, laft, thanks to his Lordship for my fone Mr. Alexander.

25 December 1635.

Mem.—He went not till 29 December, at one afternoon, being Twysday.

The Erll of Traquhair sent a fervand to Court, and with him sent a packet to Lord Panmuir, quhairin two to him, with the Colledge of Abirdein thair letter to me, anent the teinds of Haltoun. Item, a letter to the Bifhop of Brechin, and within it the signatour of the Monastrie of Arbroith, and defyring him to agrie to a contraēt betuix Lord Panmuir and him and the town of Brichen, anent the nominatioun of the baillie. Item, a letter from John Pilmuir. Item, another paequet gevin to Mr. James Gordoun, direct to the Erl of Stirling, with one to himfelf and one to Hary, anent Queinfberrie. Item, within it a pacquet to the Justice Clerk, quhairin to himfelf from me. Item, a pacquet to him from my fone Mr. Alexander. Item, to Alexander Narn from me, and als from Sir Thomas. Item, one to Mr. Dalzell, one to James Levingftoun, one to the Erll of Annandaill, and one to the Erll of Ancrum and Sir Robert Gordoun; quhilk all I haif defyrit L. Sandfurd to delyver.

Arbroith.

Lady Rosse:
Balgone.

With this fervand the Erl Traquhair sent a letter fubferyvit be him and me to his Majestie, anent Arbroith, with the twa contraētis, dockettit be me; and als sent with him my letter to his Majestie, with the signatour of Balgone, quhilk I recommendit to Lord Panmuir, and defyrit that it mycht be returnit to me.

Laft December 1635, Thursday.

Sent letters with Alexander Alexander, fervitor to the Erl of Stirling, viz. To Erl Stirling, acquainting him, that albeit his fone and I wer of the Committee of the North, zet we wer not on the Cabinet Counfell, for a letter wes writtin to his Majestie thairanent, to quhilk nather his fone's hand wes nor myne. Item, a letter to the Lord Panmuir, defyring him to

miskenaw that quhilk I wret to him anent Ylaw and the L. Caddell, and in his nixt to gif thanks to the Erl Traquhair for his favors to me. Item, a letter to Erl Annandaill, and within it the nott of the teinds fauld be Lord Stormonth; and als within it a letter from Erl of Rothes to Lady Griffell Seytoun. Item, letters from Thomas Maxwell to the Erl of Annandaill; and last, letters from my fone Mr. Alexander to Hary Alexander: all inclofit in ane gret pacquet to Erl Stirling.

Item, fent thairefter, on 1 Januar, with the said Alexander Alexander, This went not quhil 2 Januar, at 1 efternone. ane letter to the Erl of Stirling, and within it the signatour of kills and owenis, and making of malt, dockettit be me. Item, a letter to Hary Alexander his fone, and als ane letter to Sir Robert Gordoun, quhilk wes left out of the former packet. Item, in this letter I wret to the Erl Stirling anent the L. Quhythil, for a letter to the Exchekker anent his buffines of Dingwall. Item, a letter to James Levingtoun, and within it a presentatioun to the kirk of Stentoun, blank, vacand be Mr. Patrik Cook his deceis; and I told him of Mr. William Mortoun, for quhom Lady Borthwik and Lord Zetter, and Mr. John Lauder, for quhom the Lord Dury.

2 Januar 1636, Setterday, at 5 houris at nycht.

Sent with Wallace of Anchans, letters to Alexander Narn of Sandfurd, from my self and Sir Thomas, anent Mr. Andro Stevinsoun for the kirk of Stentoun, vacand be the deceife of Mr. Patrik Cook.

5 Januar 1636.

Sent with a Frensche gentilman, quho come to fie the country, and returnit post, a pacquet to Lord Panmuir, quhairin one to him, to wrytt to Erl Traquhair, for renewing of his renunciatioun off the annuity. Item, a pacquet to Erl Roxburgh, with letters in it to the Erl of Lauderdaill, anent Mr. Andro Stevinsoun; but none from my self, but from Mr. Robert Burnett, Mr. James Adamsoun, principall. Item, letters from me and my fone Sir John to James Levingtoun, Justice Clerk, Alexander Narn, for it. Item, ane pacquet from my fone Mr. Alexander to the Master of Dalzell.

8 Januar 1636, Fryday.

Quean's Majestie
delyverit of a
dauchter, 29 De-
cember 1635.

This day letters cam from Court to Sir Alexander Home, bering that the Quean's Majestie wes delyverit of ane maid child, in St. James, betuix 7 and 10 in the morning, 29 December 1635, being Twyfday.

15 Januar 1636.

L. Binning.

Sent with the Lord Bynning letters to Lord Panmuir, and within it from John Pilmuir. Item, letters to Erl Annandaill, and within it the gift of 1^e wedderis. Item, letters to Erl Stirling, Bishop Brichen, and to James Levingstoun, with a form of warrand from his Majestie to the Bishop of Edinburgh, anent Stentoun kirk. Item, letters to Justice Clerk and L. Sandfurd, quhairin I wrytt of the signatour of Justiciary, but fend it not, becaus John Bellenden wes not ready.

16 Januar 1636.

This signatour of Justiciary dockettit be me, 15 Januar 1636, with a letter to the Justice Clerk, and another to Mr. William Elphinstoun, inclofit in a pacquet direct to the Justice Clerk.

Item, a letter to the Lord Panmuir, and within it my fone Sir Thomas his 2 signatouris, one vpon L. Chester [Cheslie?] his dimiffioun of place and pensiou; the vther a simpill ratificatioun of Advocat Deput; and a letter to the Erl off Stirling: to dockett aither of them, as the Lord findis his Majestie inclynit.

Thir sent inclofit in a packet direct to the Erl of Stirling, quhilk I delyuerit to Mr. James Gordoun, 16 Januar 1636.

23 Januar 1636, Setterday.

Sent a pacquet to the Erll of Stirling, with a brother of Mr. Robert Burnettis, quho wes going to the young Erl of Merfchel, quhairin twa pacquets to Lord Panmuir, with the contract of the bailliery of Brichen. Item, the Erl of Mar his letter to him and Erl of Stirling. Item, my letter to the Erl Stirling. Item, my letter to the Erl of Annandaill, with a tikket thairin anent , and Thomas Maxwell's letters. Item, a letter to James Maxwell from Sir John Scott.

25 Januar 1636, Mononday.

Sent with the Erl Kynnoul a letter to Lord Panmuir, defyring him to ask from the Erl Merschell his servand, that pacquet quhilk cam from John Pilmuir, quhilk wes not inclofit in myne, becaus I had delyuerit myne befoir it cam ; remitting to his confideratioun a matche betuix the Erl and his dauchter ; and als in this sent a letter to Erl Ancrum, to caus prent Franciscanis Vllifemus [Florentius Volufenus?], or to fend him heir to me to be prentit, becaus Mr. Robert Balcanquell wes importuning me to haif him restorit, as ane auld monument of Scottis antiquity.

30 Januar 1636, Setterday.

Packquet delyverit to Mr. James Gordoun, direct to Erl Stirling, quhairin to him self. Item, a pacquet to Lord Panmuir, quhairin two to him self, with the copy of Abirdein thair letter ; and the vther anent the Bishop of Aberdein and Mr. William Gordoun, thair defyr of a farther duty, ratifeing the auld tak, and geving of new for that farther space, and for the rector's lyftyme, and 5 yeiris efter. Item, a letter to Justice Clerk. Item, to L. Sandfurd, with a letter to the Countess of Home, anent Erle Murray and Lauderdaill.

Mem.—This went
not quhill 4 Fe-
bruar.

6 Februar 1636.

The young L. Mynto Steuart went post, and sent with him a letter to the Lord Panmuir, anent my conference with the Bishop of Brichen efter his return, anent Maffondew, and the bailliery. Item, anent my ressaist of the writtis of Innerpeffer, from Sir Andro Fleschor, to be transfumit ; and, last, anent L. Morphie, if I fal perfew him on the decreit arbitrall, becaus he hes gevin me no anfuer of my letter anent the setting and choifing.

11 Februar 1636.

Sent with young L. Barnis Cunyngham a pacquet, quhairin to Erl Stirling, anent the signatour for xvij merkis yeirly, and the superplus to come to the Secretary. Item, to Lord Panmuir, anent admiffioun of M. Robert Norie be the Bishop of Brichen and cheptor. Item, to caus him

This Thursday,
Act of Counsell
crying down the
dollors to lviij s.
quhilk wes in-
stantlie proclamit.

wrytt to the baillies for the fundatioun, quhilk, as the Erl of Southesk fayis, is in thair hands. Item, letters to James Maxwell anent the licht of May, and a letter to the Master of Dalzell. Item, a packet from my sone Mr. Alexander to the Lord of Panmuir.

12 Februar 1636.

Delyverit to Alexander Bruce a pacquett to the Lord Panmuir, quhairin to him, advertifing him of the letters from E. Southesk and Orbiftoun to the Lord Marquis of Hamiltoun, with his bak band, quhilk I defyr him to ask bak from the Marquis. Item, defyryng him to fend bak the contract anent the bailliery of Brichen. Item, a letter to James Levingftoun, and within it one from John Sempill.

13 Februar 1636.

Item, delyverit to Alexander Bruce ane vther letter to the Lord Panmuir, and within it the presentatioun to the vicarage of Panbryde to Mr. Arthour Granger, scholemafter of Arbroith, but his name blank, becaus it is blank in the presentatioun to the perfonage signed be the Kingis Majestie.

19 Februar 1636, Fryday.

Sent with Sir James Lockart a pacquet to Erl of Stirling, quhairin a pacquet to the Lord Panmuir, and in his a letter to his faered Majestie, with the paper of my accompt of his Majestie's effaires. Item, a nott of the form of his Majestie's letter to me, quhilk beris the approbatioun of Ylau.

24 Februar 1636, Weddinfday.

Mr. Alexander and Mr. James tuik journey this day.

This day my two fones Mr. Alexander and Mr. James tuik journey, the one to Court, and the other to France; and gevin to Mr. Alexander xxxvij doubill angels, quhilk, with the 13 quhilk he had, makes 50 doubill angels; and als gevin to him j^{eb} of rydals of gold for his journey. Item, gevin to Mr. James 50 doubill angels, with a Portugal ducat of gold. Item, to him l merkis of gold for his journey, with sum 30^s sterling of xij^s pieces.

Item, gevin to them the 25 and 51 Ps. in letters direct to them selfis.

Item, thair mother gaif to ilk of them 2 rofnobles. Item, I gaif ather of

them the buik of Imitatioun of Chryft, of Thomas Kempis, with command, ilk day, in morning and evening, to reid ane cheptor thairof; and, laft, I gaif them my bliffing. God fend me a happie fycht of them both.

Item, efter they went als far as the Patterraw, they fent for x dollors, quhilk I gave, and vther ten dollors wes borrowit be Mr. James from Hary Hope, quhilk I payit.

26 Februar 1636, Fryday.

Sent with David Seytoun, fervitour to the Lord Frendraucht, ane pacquet to Lord Panmuir, and within it one to Mr. Alexander, and another to my fone Mr. James. Item, a pacquet to Erl Annandaill, and within it Thomas Maxwell his letter. Item, ane letter to James Levingftoun, advertifing him to pay to Daudid Muirheid 50lb fterling for Arthor Nefmyth, becaus Arthor had fufberyvit and delyverit the difcharge, and gevin band to warrand him of the teinds.

1 Merche 1636, Twyfday.

Sent with Captain Leslie a pacquet to Lord Panmuir, quhairin anent the Erl of Murray. Item, one to my fone Mr. Alexander, quhairin alfo anent the Erl of Murray. Item, a letter to the Countefs of Home, and within it one to the Erl Lauderdaill, anent the Erl Murray.

4 Merche 1636, Fryday.

This day William Butter went to Court, and fent with him a pacquet to the Lord Panmuir, quhairin to him felf, with the L. Dwn his letter anent Luchur, to be continewit vntil 1 Junij. Item, anent Mr. James Raa, minifter at Marykirk. Item, a letter to Erl Traquhair. Item, one to Erl Stirling. Item, a pacquet to Juftice Clerk, and within it to Sandfurd, and within it my fones letter to Robert Hope. Item, a letter to Erl Annandaill. Item, a letter to Sir Robert Gordoun.

9 Merche 1636.

Sent with Mr. John Dik a letter anent the Greneland fifching to the

Lord Panmuir, and within it one to my fone Mr. Alexander, and within his one to Mr. James. Item, ane vther from me and Mr. Hary Futhy to Lord Panmuir, anent St. Salvator's chaplanrie.

Hary Hope and he
returnit to Brunt-
iland on 19 Octo-
ber 1636, and abaid
in the schip till
thai gat libertie
from the Counsell,
on 3 November, to
come furth, in
respect of the feir
off the plaig.

11 Merche 1636, Fryday.

This day my nephew Hary Hope tuik schip at Leyth for Londoun, and from thence to Califs, and advancit to him iiii^lb, quhair of my fone Sir John gaif band for him.

Item, gevin to him from me, at his parting, v doubill angellis.

14 Merche 1636.

This Monunday Mr. Eleazer Borthuik went post to Court, and sent with him an paquet to the Lord Panmuir, with Pittarlie's letter anent guildrie. Item, ane paquet to my fone Mr. Alexander, quhairin to himself, and his brother Mr. James. Item, to Erl Mortoun, in anfuer of his to me anent Kirkcaldie, with a defyr to thank the Erl of Traquhair for his favor in the way to pay my precept. Item, ane to the Erl Traquhair, anent Craggyvar his taking of 8 men of Gilliroy. Item, to Erl Ancrum, anent his fone's fone, borne 9 Merche 1636.

Item, letters sent to Erl Stirling, Lord Justice Clerk, and to all the remanent, with Mr. James Robertfoun his paquet and signatour for his seall of Justice Deput, quhilk I dockettit.

17 Merche 1636.

James Murray, 3ounger, went to Court, and sent with him a paquet to the Lord Panmuir, quhairin to himself, with a letter to Bromhil, to put the Marquifs in mynd of the bakband. Item, a letter to the Erl Roxburgh, in anfuer off his reffavit laitlie. Item, to Justice Clerk. Item, to Erl Traquhair. Item, to my fone Mr. Alexander, anent the bakband to be focht from the Marquifs.

21 Merche 1636.

Packet sent to the Erl Stirling, quhairin letters to himself anent the

fignett. Item, ane pacquet to the Lord Panmuir, with letters about his affaires. Item, letters to my sone Mr. Alexander, and within them to Mr. Levingftoun, with a presentatioun to Mr. John Moir of Stentoun, and the Bifhop of Edinburgh his letter to that effect. Item, a letter to the Lord Panmuir from John Pilmuir.

28 Merche 1636, Mononday.

This day Sir William Hamiltoun, brother to the Erl Abircorne, went to Court, and with him fent a packet to the Lord Panmuir, quhairin a new presentatioun of St. Salvator's. Item, a letter to the Erl Stirling, anent the new offer of the fignet for the xiiij^{lb} of the and j^cxxviiij merkes of money. Item, a letter to my sone Mr. Alexander. Item, in the Lord Panmuir his letter, the nott of my behavior in the matter betuix Erls Murray and Lauderdaill.

5 Apryll 1636, Twyfday.

This day the Justice Court held vpon Patrik Glafs and Neill M^cFathrik, with 6 otheris of Gilleroyis followeris, takin be L. Cragyvar.

Item, Mr. James Gordoun went to Court, and fent with him letters to Erl Stirling. Item, a pacquet to Lord Panmuir, and with it one from John Pilmuir; and als letters to him from L. Cragwar his lady and mother. Item, a pacquet to my sone Mr. Alexander, quhairin from myfelf, and my fones to him and his brother Mr. James. Item, from me to George Hope. Item, to Erl Traquhair, to Lord Justice Clerk, to Sir James Lockart, to Erl Annandaill, with the doubil of the licence gottin from Denmyln. Item, to Hary Alexander.

6 Apryll, Weddinfday, 1636.

The toun of Edinburgh thair Commiffioner went, and fent ane pacquet to Lord Panmuir, quhairin to himfelf, fchawing the docketting be me of the fignatour of albeit I thocht the nullity abfolut, To Erl Stirling. Item, to Erl Traquhair, and anent Erl Queinsbery. Item, to my sone Mr. Alexander, and within it to the Countess of Home.

14 Apryll 1636.

Grantoun.

Delyuerit letters at Grantoun to Sir Alexander Home, quho went to Court on 18 Apryl thairefter, viz. ane pacquet to my sone Mr. Alexander, quhairin to Erl Stirling, to Lord Panmuir, acquainting him with the contrary letters from his Majestie anent John Steuart and L. Wedderburn, and defyring him to bring my letter. Item, a letter of thanks to Sir Robert Dalzell. Item, one to Justice Clerk, defyring him to haisten Mr. Levingstoun his anfuere anent Stentoun. Item, one to the Erl Traquhair, acquainting him with James Grant his Item, one to Erl Annandaill, in anfuere of that reffavit 12 Apryll.

My sone Mr.
James Hope.

Memorandum.—This 14 Apryll, at Grantoun, reffavit a letter from my sone Mr. James, daitit at Diep, 14 Aprill 1636, anent his faiff arrayvel thair.

22 April 1636.

This day direct a pacquet from Edinburgh to Erl Stirling, quhairin to himself; and a packet to Lord Panmuir, and within it letters to my sone Mr. Alexander; quhairin to James Levingstoun, Mr. Narn, and Justice-Clerk, anent Stentoun. Item, from John Sempill thairanent, with the instrument of refusall of Mr. Andro Stevinsoun and Bishop of Edinburgh. Item, a new presentatioun to be subferyvit be Mr. Levingstoun and returnit. Item, a letter to Mr. Levingstoun from the Bishop of Edinburgh. Item, I inelofit within Sandfurd's a letter to me from the Bishop of Edinburgh, quhilk I defyrit him to conceil. Item, letters from Mr. Alexander Burnet to Thomas Maxwell. Item, a letter from me to Erl Traquhair, anent the Erl Annandaill his offer to acquaint the way how to reduce, quhilk I defyrit the Erl of Traquhair to signifie to his Maiestie, and to get his Maiesties plefur thairin. Item, a letter to the Erl Annandaill from myself. Item, a letter from my sone Sir John to his brother Mr. Alexander.

23 April 1636.

Mr. Alexander,
2600 merkis.

Payit be me to Patrick Wod, according to the letters of exchange drawin on be my sone Mr. Alexander, cc^{ovj} merkis, quhair of xj^c merkis for himself, and the rest for gownis to Mary.

5 Maij 1636.

This day packet sent be James Prymrois, and send in to a packet to Erl Stirling; quhairin to himself, to Erl Annandaill, with the letter from his agent in Ireland. Item, to Thomas Maxwell. Item, to Lord Panmuir, with Melgoun and John Pilmuir's letters. Item, to my fone Mr Alexander, and within his to Erl of Traquhair, with a nott of the deposits made be James Grant, his bastard fone; quhair of also a doubill sent to Lord Panmuir. Item, a letter from Sir Thomas to his brother.

23 Maij 1636.

The Erl Traquhair returnit from Court; and on 24 May the Counsell held, quhairin he wes sworn High Thesaurer.

Erl Traquhair
principall Thesaurer.

3 Junij 1636.

Packet sent with the Lord Thesaurer's servand; quhairin the new signatour of Exchecker dockettit be me, the Commiffioun of the Borderis, the Commiffioun for revifing the book of Raites, and the signatour of Mr. of Mynthous, blank to be fillit vp be the Counsell, at the return. Item, I sent ane packet to Lord Panmuir; quhairin letters of 21 May, and 25 May, and last of 3 Junij; and within it to the Lord Panmuir himself, defyring to send letters to his freinds of Commiffioun for advancing of Mr Laurence Skynner, minister of Navar, his defyr anent adjoining sum of the lands of Lethnot and Menmuir parochis to Navar. Item, his will anent the gentilmen of Luthrie-muir, anent Constabil of Dundie, and anent Mr Alexander Norie for Mafonedew. Item, a nott to him anent my fone Sir John, to caus him wryt to the Thesaurer for adjoining him to the Exchecker. Item, letters to Erl Stirling. Item, to James Levingstoun, with Sandfurd's and John Sempill's, anent Stentoun. Item, to the Justice Clerk. Item, I defyr to know of Lord Panmuir and Erl Stirling, if a thing wes movit laitlie anent Colleg to me, and quhat wes his Majestie's ansuer, and quhat is thair counsell.

Item, sent at this tyme to the Lord Panmuir the contract of Brichen, subferyvit be them with the old contract.

3 Junij 1636,
Gilleroy takin.

Item, as this pacquet wes going, word cam that Gilleroy wes takin be my Lord Lorn, as he wes passing from the Lennox through Glenco to the north, fra quhilk he wes chafit be L. Cragyvar.

Memorandum.—This pacquet went not till 6 Junij, and I sent in it a letter to Lord Panmuir, with a form of ane letter from his Maiestie to the Commiffioun of Teinds, anent the kirk of Navar.

14 Junij 1636.

I sent letters to Erll of Annandaill and to his lady, in anfuer of theis reffavit from Thomas Maxwell.

15 Junij 1636.

Item, delyverit letters from me and Sir Thomas to my fone Mr James by Mr. Andro Marjoribanks, with a letter of thankis from Sir Thomas to Doctour Davidfoun, for his kyndnes to Mr. James. Item, letters from my fone John to him and to Doctour Davidfoun.

17 Junij 1636.

Sent to the Erl Stirling a letter, and within it the Commiffioun anent the Signet of Seffioun. Item, to the Lord Panmuir, with a letter from John Pilmuir. Item, a letter to the Erl of Ancrum, in anfuer of his to me. Item, a letter from me to Mr. Alexander, and within it one from my fone John to him, complening of his ryotous spending.

25 Junij 1636.

Pacquet sent be the Lord Alexander, quhairin a pacquet from me to Erll Stirling, and within it to the Lord Justice Clerk, and to my fone from myself, Sir John and Sir Thomas.

Item, ane uther pacquet to Lord Panmuir, or, in his absence, to Mr. Alexander, quhairin one from myself, one from Melgum, and one from John Pilmuir. Item, one to my fone Mr. Alexander from _____ and from the famyn man to Mr. Eleazer Borthuik.

9 July 1636.

Letters sent with Michell, brother to William Michel, or with the Erl Traquhair's fervand, if he gois; quhairin is a paquet from me to Erl Stirling, anent xxiiij^m merkis off the signet. Item, letters to Erl Ancrum, from the Erl of Lothian his sone. Item, from me to him, signifeing that I will leive Sir Thomas and Alexander to his favor next to my Maister's, and defyrs to know his acceptance thairoff. Item, letters to the Lord Justice Clerk. Item, letters to my sone Mr. Alexander, and within them letters to my sone James, and letters from the Bishop of Brechin to his sone Mr. John, to be sent to France.

17 Julij 1636.

A packet gevin to Mr. James Gordoun, quhairin to the Secretar, anent the Signet, and new Commiffioun thairanent. Item, to James Levingstoun anent Stentoun, with Mr. Robert Davidfoun his letter. Item, to Lord Justice Clerk, and to my sone Mr. Alexander.

30 Julij 1636.

This day the Lord Alexander went to Court, and send with him letters to the Erl Stirling his father, to Erl Ancrum, to Justice Clerk, and to Mr. Alexander, from myself, my two sones, and Lord Cragyvar. Item, within myne one to my sone Mr. James, to be sent with the first occasion.

1 August 1636, Mononday.

This day the Marques of Hamiltoun cam to Edinburgh, to quhom I gaif thankis for my sone Mr. Alexander.

Item, this nycht, about 8 hours at evin, I mett with my Lord Traquhair, Lord Traquhair
Thesaurer. Thesaurer, (at defyr of the Lord Panmuir;) quhair, efter mony kynd expressiounis, my Lord professit he had an absolut defyr to be in a inteir respect with me, both becaus of the neirnes of the places quhilk his Lordship bruikit, and myne, quhilk he affirmit had ane more speciall relation to utheris than ather Register or uther offices, and becaus of the particular frindfchip hes bene betuix us; and professit, that if he wer affurit of me, he

wald trust more to me nor the Thesaurer Deput, and communicat all that concernit his Majestie's services.

And I, on the uther part, relatit how far I wes bund to his Lordship for my pensioun, for my precept, for my infestment of Kynninmonth, and for my sone's admissioun of Exchekker, and how grevouly I tuik his Lordship's offense on Fryday the 22 July; for Lord Cranstoun and John Steuart, and last for my sone's signatour of confirmatioun of the deputatioun; and wes readie to gif to his Lordship all the testimonies of thankfulness, in obeying quhat he commands, in pressing to know how he is affectit, and in disposing myself, in Counsell, Sessioun, and Exchekker, to follow his intentioun, so far as I could with an honest mynd.

And quhil we wes in conference, the Earl Southesk superveynit, quhom I defyrit to be good for me, quhilk he acceptit.

2 August 1636, Twyfday.

Thesaurer. This day about 9 we mett in the Counsell hall, in prefence of Lord Panmuir, quhair all the preceeding speeches wes repeitit, and hands schokin with acceptatioun. The Lord mak me thankfull to my good God, quho hes turnit the wrath of man to his prayse.

This day letters sent to Mr. James by James Murray, to John Clerk his factor, for furnishing of him.

Item, this day Prestoungrange told me, that Mr. James wes at Orleans, befoir his coming from Paris.

11 August 1636, Thursday.

This day the Bishop of Rofs went to Court, and send with him a letter to his Majestie anent the patronages of Rofs with L. Innes, quhilk I dockettit be directioun of his Majestie's Thesaurer, and, according to my humill promiss, fould be ready to follow the ordour, for reducing of patronages to the Croun; and I trustit his sacred Majestie wald be myndfull of my painfull labors and gret losis sustenit be me since my entrie to his Majesties service.

Item, a letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury, acquainting the Bishop of Rofs of my fidelitie in performing of my promiss, and making him my sponfor.

Item, a letter to the Erl Stirling, and within it one to him from the Lord [Kilcreuch?]

7 September 1636, Weddinfday.

This day the Counfell held on particular affairs two dayis, and on Friday the 9 September the Thesaurer's compts wer made, quhairin the charge Thesaurer's cam to v^{com} pund, or thairabout, and he found fuper-expendit in vij^{com}lb, or Comptis. thairabout.

Memorandum.—In this is allowance takin of ij^{com}lb sterling to me for my penfion and annuity of Whitfunday 1636, quhairupon I gaif discharge, but hes nott gottin payment.

10 September 1636.

This day the maist part of the Counfell being away, the Counfell held anent the coyne; and eftir long debait afoir none, it wes voittit to douncriy the dollors to lv lb, and eftirnone it wes of new movit to cry doun to liij lb, quhilk wes continewit till Mononday.

12 September 1636, Mononday.

The dollors cryit doun to liij lb.

Dolloris cryit
doun.

Memorandum.—The Erl of Traquhair tuik journey to Court on Setterday, 17 September 1636.

23 September 1636.

Memorandum.—This day, at Windfor, my fone fworne ordiner carver to Mr. Alexander his facred Majestie, in place of Mr. John Cokburn. ordiner carver.

3 October 1636.

This day being Mononday, I fent ane pacquet at the defyr of the Lord Panmuir, quho wes presntlie come from Angus, and thairin a letter from him to the Erl Stirling. Item, letters to Mr. James Gordoun from George Hadden. Item, letters from me to my fone Mr. Alexander, quhairin letters to his Majestie for humbill thanks. Item, to the Marquis of Hamil-

toun. Item, to Erl Ancrum. Item, to Erl Stirling. Item, to Lord Thesaurer. Item, to James Levingtoun, with one from Mr. Robert Daidfoun. Item, to Justice Clerk. Item, to Sir Alexander Home. Item, a pacquet from me, and my wyff, and fons to James Hope my sone, being at Orleans. This pacquet delyverit to the Postmaster at 10 hours of nycht.

5 October 1636.

The Lord Panmuir went to Court, and sent with him letters to Erl Traquhair, Thesaurer; Erl Stirling, Secretar; my sone Mr. Alexander.

Item, letters to my sone Mr. James.

Item, gevin him a letter with all my instructions.

Item, gevin to him 50 twelf-pund pieces, to Mr. Alexander.

Sent to Mr. Alexander 50 twelf-pund pieces.

Item, to Mr. James 50 doubill angels.

Item, 50 doubill angels, to be sent to my sone Mr. James. And the Lady's fones quho goes to France, hes for thair pedagog Mr. Robert Bennet, brother to Mr. James Bennet.

24 October 1636, Mononday.

This day Janet Gourlay deceiffit in the Pannis, and wes brocht to Edinburgh, and buryit 26 October, Weddinfday.

25 October 1636.

Sir Robert Gordoun and William Freir went to Court, and sent with them letters to my sone Mr. Alexander, quhairin to himself, to Justice Clerk, and Mr. William Elphinstoun, thanks for concerting with him to agrie with Taverner to putt off the Chancellar his Maister from Mungo Murray, in the fuit of the place of carver, for quhilk Mr. Alexander is to pay to Taverner 150 lb sterling.

Last October 1636.

This day Gawin Burnet returnit from Court, and reportit that Sir James Carmichael wes made Thesaurer Deput, and John Hamiltoun of Orbistoun Justice Clerk.

3 November 1636.

Pacquet gevin to Mr. James Gordoun to be fent to the Erl Stirling, quhairin to himself. Item, a letter to Erl Annandaill, quhairin one from Alexander Aghan, his agent in Ireland. Item, a pacquet to my fone Mr. Alexander, quhairin to himself, from me and his 2 brethir. Item, to Erl Ancrum. Item, to Sir James Carmichael. Item, to Lord Panmuir. Item, to James Levingftoun, anent Stentoun.

4 November 1636, Fryday.

This day the Erl Traquhair, Thesaurer, returnit to Edinburgh from Court, and ane warrand to me to delay the fitting off the Commiffioun of Teindis till his Majestie wer plefit to gif ordour for fitting thairoff.

7 November 1636, Mononday.

Pacquet to Lord Panmuir, quhairin letters to him from John Pilmuir. Item, advertifement of the doubtis made be the toun of Brichen, with my anfuers. Item, advertifement of Henry Fyiffis infestment and furrander. Item, fent ane procuratory to be subfcryvit be the lard, for accepting of the furrander from Henrie Fyiff, oy to David Fyiff, of the auld rent of 12 ʒ. victuell, furth of the 3 part of the Newtoun of Carmyllie.

12 November.

Sent letters to my fone and Lord Panmuir, with the L. of Ernok.

19 November 1636.

This day Henry Alexander returnit to Court, and fent with him, in a purfe, to my fone Mr. Alexander, ane hundreth threttie fyve doubill angels, Mr. Alexander, 150lb. sterling. quhilk ar all doubill, except 36 fingell, anfuering to 18 doubill, quhilk gold my fone is to give to Mr. Taverner for his furtherance to his place of carver; and moving the Erl of Pembrok, Chancellor, maifter to Taverner, to pafs from his fuit for Mungo Murray.

21 November 1636.

Hary Alexander went not befor this day, and sent with him letteris to Lord Panmuir, and within them the letter to be schawin to his Majestie anent Scone, and my employment of my sone Sir Thomas thairin ; and that to encourage me in the work, his Majestie wald be plefit not to extinguish my hope befor I die, and to let hope live efter my death in the perfoun of my sone. Item, letters sent to the Lord Panmuir, certifeing him of the Com-missiou past anent the Kirk of Navarr, to be reportit 9 Januar.

Item, letters to my Lord Erl Stirling.

Item, letters to my sone Mr. Alexander, with an A, B, C, quhair of I haif the doubill.

Item, letter to Erl Annandaill.

Item, at this tyme one Peter Loch, a footman, wes sent up to serve my sone Mr Alexander, to quhom wes gevin fyve dollors.

3 December 1636.

This day Hary Hope, my nephew, went be sea to Diep. The Lord watche over him ; and I gave him 4 doubill pistolls and 5 sex pund pieces.

7 December 1636.

Packet sent to my sone Mr. Alexander with George Stirling, brother to the good man of Ardoch, quho went up with the Earl of Tullibardin his son ; and in this pacquet sent letteris to my sone Mr. Alexander from my self and my 2 sones ; letters to the Lord Panmuir from me from Melgum and John Erkin. Item, from my Lord Cranstounriddell anent Sir James Murray. Item, letters to Earl Stirling from me and L. Cranstounriddell. Item, letter to Erl Annandaill. Item, letter to Robert Nicolfoun from his father. Item, letters to Dean of Wincheffer from me, and Mr. Henry Scrymgeour, minister at Forgund. Item, letters from me to Mr. William Elphinstoun, with thanks for his favor to my sone.

This day L. Sandfurd told me of a gentilwoman callit Elizabeth Nevill, dauchter to Sir Hary Nevill, quho hes 2⁰⁰ lb sterling of portioun, with quhom my sone Mr. Alexander may haif matche.

11 December 1636.

This day Agnes Nicolfoun maryit on Sir Patrik Murray, in the Gray Freir Kirk, be Mr. Andro Ramfay, about 4 efternone.

12 November 1637,
Scho delyverit of a
man child, baptysit
Thomas.

16 November 1637,
Scho departit this
lyff.

12 December 1636.

Gevin be me a pacquet to the Erl Stirling, to be sent to him be his sone my Lord Alexander, quhilk he did fend with the Lord Thefaurer's fervand George Peacock; and in this pacquet thair wes letters to Lord Panmuir. Item, to James Levingstoun, with letters from Thefaurer-deput and Sandfurd anent his consent to the tapeftar. Item, letters to my sone Mr. Alexander to Erl Annandaill.

13 December 1636.

This day George Pacok went to court, and with him sent theis quhilk ar above, and gevin to the Lord Alexander; and by theis also a pacquet gevin to the Erl Traquhair, direct to the Lord Panmuir, quhairin to him self and Erl Stirling anent John Roy, takin be the Erl Angus. Item, to Mr. Alexander, and within his to Erl Roxburgh, in anfuer of his letter anent the kirks of Kelfo. Item, to James Levingstoun, and within it a letter from Thefaurer-deput and Sandfurd, with a nott to be subfcryvit be James Levingstoun, for taxing the expenfes of the merches anent the tapefter to i° merkis.

20 December 1636.

This day the Lord Traquhair productit in Counfell his Majestie's letter for the Service-book.

27 December 1636.

Letters sent to the Lord Panmuir, quhairin a packet from my sone to Mr. Alexander anent Cragyvar's efcheit. Item, letters from me to the Lord, with a letter to the Marquis, and ane other to the Erl of Roxburgh, for trying the treuth of the rumor anent the motion made to his Majestie be Erl Traquhair, for a second or fuccessor to me; with a nott to my Lord Marques anent the proceding in my sone Sir Thomas his deputatioun, and the injury

Mem.—This pac-
ket delyverit to my
Lord Alexander,
27 December 1636.

done to me thairin. Item, letters to the Erl and Countefs of Annandaill. Item, letters to Mr. Alexander, quhairin I defyr him to get the Lord Marquife his anfuer; and als defyrs him to fend me the band made be the toun of Queinfferrie to Hary Alexander of vi^c merkis.

29 December 1636.

Mr. James 500
franks.
This payit to James
Murray, vi^{lb}. at
24s. the frank,
payit 9 Januar
1637.

Young James Murray fehew to me twa letteris of exchange, fufcryvit be my fone Mr. James; one in July 1636, quhairby he reffavit from John Clerk, fervitor to the faid James Murray, ij^c franks, and an vther in November, quhairby he grantis the reffait of iij^c franks, to be repayit at demand.

Januar 1637.

First Januar 1637, being Sounday, John Veteche, 3ounger of Dawik, went fuddenly to Court be direction of my Lord Thefaurer; and I fent with him a litill packet to my fone, quhairin to himfelf, to the Erl Stirling, and to the Lord Panmuir, of no bufines, but to declar that I wald not omitt the occa-
fion; and dois refit on thair anfuer to my former letters, and of new defyring my fone to fend to me the band of the toun of Queinfferrie.

7 Januar 1637.

My Lord Alexander told me that he wes to fend a pacquet, and I fent a letter to my Lord his father, in anfuer of that quhilk I reffavit, 5 Januar, from George Pacok, fervitor to my Lord Thefaurer, at his returne; together with a letter inclofit thairin to the Lord Panmuir, in anfuer of his quhilk I reffavit at the famyn tyme; and within it one to Mr. Alexander, regraiting his negligence in not wryting.

9 Januar 1637.

Mr. James Hope
500 frankis.

This day payit to James Murray, 3ounger, for my fone Mr. James Hope, v^c franks, takin from John Clerk, factor to the faid James, at Paris, at 24^{fl}. the frank, inde vi^{lb}.

Item, fent a packet to Mr. James from me and my two fones, with a letter

from me to Mr. Nicoll Brown, quhilk pacquet wes gevin to James Murray to be sent to John Clerk.

14 Januar 1637.

Delyverit to the Lord Alexander ane pacquet to my Lord Stirling, quhairin to himself and to his sone Hary. Item, to Lord Panmuir, quhairin to himself one, with another bering the articles quhilk I intend to send to his Majestie, having his approbatioun. Item, in his a pacquet to my sone Mr. Alexander, quhairin to himself from me and my two sons, and from Mary. Item, letters to be sent to Mr. James from me and his two brethren and Mary. Item, a letter to Prince Palatine, in anfuere of that quhilk his highnes Prince Palatine. sent to me in favors of Coronel Monro. Item, a letter to the Erl Annandaill. Item, one to Sir Robert Gordoun, in anfuere of thairis writtin to me.

Item, thairefter sent in this samyn packet of my Lord Alexander a packet to my sone Mr. Alexander, quhairin to himself, to the Lord Marquis of Hamiltoun, with a nott of my anfuers aganis the motioun of a counfellow. Item, a letter to the Lord Panmuir thairanent. Item, a letter to James Levingstoun.

Item, 17 Januar 1637, addit a letter to this samyn packet to the Lord Panmuir, anent the taking of the money of Ilaw fra me, and advertisement made to me thairanent be Archibald Campbell aganis promiss and othes.

19 Januar 1637.

This day at Counfel the contest betuix the Lord Thesaurer and me, anent Lord Thesaurer the resaving of interrogators in the actioun perfewit be John Edzer of Wed-anent Wedderley. derlie with my concurse, for ravisching of Elizabeth Edzar, his dauchter, be Richart Edzar of Newtoun, and George his sone, and Thomas Ker of Merfingtoun.

31 Januar 1637.

Pacquet sent be my Lord Alexander, quhairin I sent letters to the Erl Stirling, to Erl Roxburgh, to Erl Annandaill. Item, a letter to his Majestie to licentiat me to sie his Majestie. Item, a letter to the Marquis of Hamil-

toun anent 19 Januar. Item, to the Lord Panmuir with the contract of Brichen, with Mr. Laurence Skynner his letter to the Lord anent Navar. Item, a pacquet from Bishop Brichen to the Lord Panmuir. Item, a pacquet from Sir Alexander Home to the Erl Stirling, quhairin he insert the trew effait of the contest of 19 Januar. Item, a letter to Sir Robert Gordoun anent the passing of his confirmatioun of the teindis. Item, letters to my fone Mr. Alexander, and inclofit within them a trew informatioun of all the buffines betuix the Thefaurer and me. Item, letters to him from Sir John and Sir Thomas, his brethir.

Item, efter all thir, a letter to the Lord Panmuir, and within it one to Mr. Alexander, acquainting them with the mitigatioun of the contest betuix the Lord Thefaurer and me; but defyring the lord to haift to me a letter to divert the Thefaurer from brangling my assignatioun of Ylaw.

31 Januar 1637.

Item, this samyn day gevin to Thomas Liddes, quho wes going by fehip to Londoun, a letter to my fone Mr. James, to be sent to him at Orleans, quhairby I ordour him not to leive his studies for a tour to be made till I fould gif him ordour.

2 Februar 1637.

Mr. Eleazer Borthuik went to Court, and sent with him a pacquet to Mr. Alexander, quhairin one to Lord Panmuir, sczewing him of the ineresce of his sple. and praying him to haift his letter. Item, another to my fone Mr. Alexander to the samyn effect. Item, letters from Thomas to his brother; with a letter to the Erl of Roxburgh anent Humbie. Item, a letter to my fone James, to be sent to him with diligence, to stay his tour, and to command him to attend his studies.

11 Februar 1637.

Pacquet gevin to my Lord Alexander, quhairin to Erl Stirling. Item, to Lord Panmuir, with the copy of his band. Item, a letter to my fone Mr. Alexander anent

13 Februar 1637.

Item, in this famyn pacquet of my Lord Alexander, fent a letter to the Lord Panmuir anent Ylaw, and within it one to Mr. Alexander; and another from Sir Thomas anent his pretendit vow, quhilk I haif revokit.

17 Februar 1637.

Delyverit to William Butter, quho went poft, the fignatour of Bruntiland for Halhill, with 2 letters to Erl Stirling and James Maxwell from me; and in James Maxwell's I touch generally the stormes and woundis heir, and am loth to let them blow fo far as Court till I can do no better. But if I haif neid I muft mak vfe of his favor.

Item, Sir John Scott fent letters to him anent his goodfather the Lard of Halhill.

Item, I delyverit to William Butter a litill pacquet to the Lord Panmuir, ^{Contract with the} quhairin a letter to himfelf, with the fubferyvit contract of the College of ^{College of Abir-} Abirdein to be fubferyvit be him, with a doubill to be writtin thair, and fubferyvit alfo and returnit. Item, a letter to my fone Mr. Alexander.

21 Februar 1637.

The L. Auldbar went to Court, and fent with him a letter to Lord Panmuir, fehewing him of the fubferyving of the decreit of the Merches of Brichen Muir, and of the new commiffioun fubferyvit be the hail heretors for devyding of the famyn.

23 Februar 1637.

Coronell Dowglas returned to Court, and fent with him letters to my fone Mr. Alexander, and within it one to the Erl of Stirling, and one to Lord Panmuir anent the Laird of Creichis offer of j^c pieces, and if thai wald offer L Creich. ij^m merkis, that I wald accept it, havand his warrand.

25 Februar 1637.

Packet fent be George Hadden, in abfence of my Lord Alexander at the court of Jedburgh, to the Lord Stirling, with a letter to the Lord Panmuir,

in anfuer of his refavit this day, and with it a letter from his fervand Mr. Patrik Lyndfay; and als a letter from me to Mr. Alexander, complaining of his not wryting with this pacquet.

Laft Februar 1637.

Laurence Kinneir, merchand, went post to Court, and Mr James Gordoun fent with him certain letters; and I fent to Mr. James Gordoun a litill packet to Erl Stirling, quhairin one to himfelf. Item, one to Lord Panmuir, and within it one to Mr Alexander, and with it the 2 contractis of excambioun with the L. Morphie of Haltoun, Balmaver, and Balmeno, and the band of v^{ro} merkis.

L. Morphie.

9 Merche 1637.

This day delyverit to the Lord Alexander a pacquet to the Erl Stirling, his fathir, quhairin one to the Erl of Stirling himfelf, one to the Lord Panmuir, regrating the ficknes of his lady, with a letter from David Souter. Item, one to Mr. Alexander, and with it a fecond letter to his Majestie, of dait 13 Merch, for licenfing me to come to Court. Item, a letter to James Maxwell, in anfuer of his to me. Item, fum letters from my fone to his brother Mr. Alexander, and to George Hope.

Mem.—I desyrit Mr. Alexander to prepare me a ludging in Apzaird in Kingistreet.

11 Merche 1637.

Delyuerit to Sir John Seytoun of Barnis letters to my fone Mr. Alexander, and within it to Lord Panmuir, advertifing him of the former, quhilk wer fent be pacquet with his Majestie's letter thairanent.

13 Merche 1637, Mononday.

This day the Lord Lorn went to Court, and at his parting gaif strait command to the Laird of Caddell, under the payne of his displefur, to pay the vj^{ro}lb of Ylaw to my Lord Thefaurer, quhilk wes to my gret prejudice.

Lord Lorne anent Ylaw.

14 Merche 1637.

This day in Counfell his Majestie's letter red, prohibiting the prenting of the auld psalmes, and geving command to sing the new of the Erl Stirling.

Ps. bookis.

15 Merche 1637.

Delyverit to James Boyd, fone to the laft Bifhop of Ergyll, ane pacquet to my Lord Lorn, and within it a pacquet to the Lord Panmuir; and within it to the Lord Panmuir, anent the Lord Thefaurer his propofing of the fignatour to Sir Lues Steuart for counfellor at law, quhilk he fpak oppinly in pre-^{For Sir Lues Steuart.} fence of the Lords on 14 Merche, but on the morn went from it. Item, to my fone Mr. Alexander. Item, to the Erll of Stirling.

17 Merche 1637.

Dauid Seytoun, fervitour to L. Fren drauch, went to Court, and fent with him a pacquet to Sir Robert Gordoun, quhairin one to him, and another to my fone Mr. Alexander, for affifting of the paffing of the L. Fren drauch's fignatour.

This day the Queanis Majestie delyverit of a maid child at St James, 17^{Queanis Majestie delyverit of a maid chyld.} Martij 1637, being Fryday, betuix thrie and 4 in the morning, quhair of the report cam hither on Weddinfday the 22 Merche, and the ordinance fchott out of the caftell.

25 Merche 1637.

Pacquet fent by directioun of the Lord Alexander, quhairin a pacquet from me to my Lord Stirling, in quhilk one to himfelf, one to the Lord Panmuir, and within it one from the Bifhop of Brichen, and als to my fone, with letters to the Lord Duik from the Countefs of Mar in my favors, and my awin letter to the Lord Marques of Hamiltoun.

28 Marche 1637.

Sent a pacquet to my fone by William Patoun, fervitour to James Nefmyth, quhilk wes delyuerit to Alexander Lewis, quhairin to my fone. Item, a letter to Lord Panmuir, and one within it from John Pilmuir. Item, one from Mr David Daglefche to Sir William Balfour.

2 April 1637, Sounday.

Communicat in Pencaitland.

3 Aprilis 1637, Mononday.

This day mett with the Lord Thefaurer in his awin hous, in prefens of the Erl Southesk, the Thefaurer-deput, and with me my two fones Sir John and Sir Thomas, quhair, efter long conference, the matter resolvit in this, that he fould gif way to Sir Thomas his signatour of deputatioun, and affist the passing of the pensoun of vj^c merkis, and fould never ineroche upon my place, nor dail for ather councill or colleg thairin ; but fould affist me for my son Sir Thomas, and I to haif present payment of the vj^mlb of this 3^{er} in recompenß of Ylaw.

4 Apryll 1637.

This day the Clerk of Register went to Court.

5 Apryll 1637, being Weddinfday.

This day my Lord Alexander went to Court, and fent with him a pacquet to the Erl of Stirling, his father, quhairin one to my Lord Annandaill. Item, a pacquet to the Lord Panmuir, with L. Morphie his letter, then instantlie reffavit be me, together with letters from L. Melgum and John Pilmuir. Item, a pacquet to my sone, signifying the staying of my journey, and that I wold fend vp my 2 fones to deill for me in his matche with the gentilwoman. Item, letters to the Archbishop of Canterbury from the Bishop Rofs, with one from me to excuse that I did not delyuer the famyn myself as I did expect and wes resoluit ; but that the occurrent necessitie of sum of his Majestie's affairs did inforce my stay till the Lord Thefaurer his returne. Item, letteris to the Marquis of Hamiltoun from Sir John of Reidhous. Item, letteris from Mr. John Ker to Mr. Maxwell, anent Mr. John M'gie. Item, letters from Jolm Sempill to James Levingstoun, anent Patrick Quhytlaw his Inhibitioun. Item, letters from the Erl of Hadingtoun to his son Sir James. Item, letteris from Peter Algeo to Sir William Anfruther.

7 Apryll 1637, Fryday.

My sones to Court. This day my fones Sir John and Sir Thomas went to Court, and gevin to Sir John lx doubill angells, and to Sir Thomas xxv doubill angells.

Item, sent with Sir Thomas Dunfyr ane signatour of Arbroith for the Prince, with letters to Archbishop Canterburie, &c.

This day word cam of the battel of Drefdan, quhair Banier alledgit to be Dresdan. killit, and 3it the Suedens caryit the victorie; thair being 15^m of the Imperial fynd left on the grund, and Banier faiff.

8 Apryll 1637.

This day I sent a paquet to the Lord Panmuir, quhairin one to himself, advertifing him of the Prefident his upcoming, and of my letter to his Majestie to recommend to the Prefident the actioun of the converfiouns of the property and the reductioun of Scone, quhilk writs I sent not, but delyuerit to the Prefident himself, being of dait 11 Apryll 1637, as being conforme to the tyme of his being at Court. Item, a letter to the Lord Thesaurer, acquainting him also thairwith, and a letter to the Justice Clerk.

10 April 1637.

Memorandum.—Gevin to my Lord Prefident at his going to Court letters Lord Prefident. to my fons Sir John, Sir Thomas, and Alexander, with one to Lord Panmuir, to caus him speik his Majestie to inquire the Lord Prefident anent myself and Sir Thomas.

Item, this day David Mcall subferyvit me an assignatioun to iiij^m viij^c David Mcall. xxxij merkis money, disponit to him be Mr. John Oliphant in fatiffactioun of ij^m merkis and xij 3eiris byruns, and of v^c merkis more payit furth be David to him for his full rycht of the faids foms; Refervand Jonet Allane hir lyfrent, the relict of vmquhile David Alexander, quhilk David Mcall ; and for this I am bund to pay to him the annuels off his fomes, beginning at Whitsunday 1637, quhilks fomes comes to iiij^m vij^c merkis, and the annuel thairof is 3eirly ij^c lxxxxvi merks, quhilk is i^c xlviij merks at the terme.

Memorandum.—If Jonet Allan leve long, this blok may prove not much advantageous to me; but I remit this to David his awin confideratioun.

13 April 1637.

Mr. John Dik went post to Court, and sent with him a singell letter to my

Lord Thefaurer, advertifing him of the examinatioun of Donald Steuart, and confirming of him with the M^cJockies.

Item, a pacquet to my fones, and writtin to them all thrie to try iff the Kingis Majestie hes gottin knauledge of the compromife, and if fua be, to mak his Majestie knaw the treuth.

My barne Elisabeth.

Item, fent a letter from my dauchter Margaret to hir hufband, anent the barn Elifabeth hir stay, upon occasion of William Barbor in Kirkcaldy his promife to lern hir.

Tapeftrie.

Item, letter to Sir Thomas, fehewing him of my reffait of the tapiftrie, and that I intend to join the famyn, that the pryce may come to the behove of the Lord and Lady Baff, quhairupon I wret a letter to James Levingftoun to haif his confent to the comptis to be done be fycht of my Lord Thefaurer-deput, and I to retene fo muche as efferis to the fumes contenit in Ifaak Jonftoun his decreit, and the pryce of the reft to come to thair mayntenance, and to no vther ufe.

22 April 1637.

Lady Panmuir
deciffit.

Reffavit letteris from the Lord Panmuir, fehewing of the departur of his lady.

1 May 1637.

Reffavit letters from Court from my fones.

7 May 1637.

Communicat in Crawmond.

8 May 1637.

Reffavit letters from my fones from Court, and als letters from my Lord Thefaurer.

13 May 1637.

Reffavit letters from my fones and from the Lord Thefaurer.

15 May 1637.

Reffavit letters from the Archbifchop of Canterburie, complaining of my going to Pencaitland.

23 May 1637.

This day being Sounday, the Service-book urgit but refifit.

27 May 1637, Setterday.

The Lord Thefaurer returnit from Court.

29 May 1637, Mononday.

This day, about 3 efternoone, Thomas Erl of Hadingtoun, Lord Privie Lord Hadingtoun Seill, deceiffit. God prepare me. deceiffit.

30 May 1637, Tuyfday.

My fons Sir John and Sir Thomas returnit from Court in faifty, bliffit be the Lord.

Reportit be them that thai had gevin band to Sir David Cuningham for Mr. Alexander Mr. Alexander, thair brother, of 312 lb. fterling; to be payit at Martimes ^{312 lb sterling.} 1637; but that the money muft be prepared heir agane Lambmes, that it may be fent up in gold, quhilk I know is not poffibill.

Junij 1637, Thurfday.

1 Junij 1637, Word cam that the Lord Stirlingis twa men departit of the plaig.

7 Junij 1637.

Letters fent by Mr. James Gordoun's pacquet, viz. one to the Lord Stirling apart. Item, ane pacquet to Lord Panmuir, quhairin to himfelf. Item, within it to my fone Mr. Alexander, quhairin to himfelf, with the affignatioun of 320 lb. fterling of my penfioun and annuelrents of the termis of Martimas 1636 and Whitfunday 1637. Item, the nott of the conteft to be fchawin to the Archbifchop of Canterbury. Item, ane letter to the Archbifchop, in

anfuer to his Grace. Item, letter to Erl Annandaill. Item, one to Erl An-
 crum. Item, one to Sir Alexander Home, and one to Dean off Wincheſter.

14 Junij 1637.

Gevin to Patrick Wod to the within pacquet a letter to Lord Panmuir,
 quhairin one to him ſelf, with a letter from the L. of Creich to him, offer-
 ing iij^o merkis, with an affignatioun to the gift of his ward to an blank per-
 ſoun, to be ſubſcryvit be the Lord. Item, a letter from my wyff to Mr. Alex-
 ander, forbidding him to fend the watche, and chyding him for his ſpending.

21 Junij 1637.

Letters to the Lord Panmuir with John Pilmuir his letter. Item, within
 it letters to Mr. Alexander, and within it one to him from my ſon Sir John;
 and als an packet from me to Andro Pitearn, Mr. falconer, with forther his
 diſcharge, and letter to his uncle, with a declarator to be ſubſcryvit be the
 ſaid Andro in favors of his ſaid nephew.

Laſt Junij 1637.

·Delyverit to Mr. James Gordoun to go in pacquet, ane litill pacquet to Erl
 Stirling, and within it one to himſelf, one to Lord Panmuir, and one to Mr.
 Alexander.

1 Julij 1637, Setterday.

Item, gevin ane uther letter to Mr. James Gordoun to be put in his pac-
 quet, viz. a letter to the Lord Panmuir, to know if he will continow Navar
 to November.

5 Julij 1637.

Gevin to Lord Crichtoun letters to the Erl of Annandaill, anent the offices
 of his brother Sir Richard, laitlie deceiffit. Item, with them a letter to my
 ſone Mr. Alexander, and within it one to be ſent to his brother Mr. James,
 to Bourges in France, quhairin I haif directit him to return about Michael-
 mes next; and if I do not fend proviſioun to him befor tent of Auguſt, to

tak from John Clerk in Paris fo mucche as he neids at 24 f the franc, pro-
vyding he exceid not v° franks.

8 Julij 1637.

Sent my letters to the Erl Stirling, quhairin to my sone Mr. Alexander,
and within it to Mr. James for his returne, *ut supra*.

11 Julij 1637.

Sent a pacquet to Erl Stirling, quhairin ansuer to his, quhilk I reffavit on
9 July, signifeing the surcease of the Commiffioun till his Majestie declare
his further plesur. Item, in it a letter to the Erl Annandaill, and one from
Thomas Maxwell, anent the Dean, his brother, laitlie deceiffit. Item, in my
Lord Annandaill his letter, one to Mr. Alexander, my sone, defyring him to
haift to Mr. James his letter. Item, to advertife me if he had schawin my
nott to the Archbifhop of Canterbury, becaus I had reffavit on ij July an
ansuer of his letter; and last, defyring him to haift his new letter for his
mony to the Lord Thefaurer, with advertifement to my sone to tak notice of
document gevin to him in restoring his acces to Court; be occasioun
of his speiking with Mungo Murray, quho wes schut vp for the plaig. The
Lord preserve him.

19 July 1637.

Delyverit to the Lord Alexander a letter to the Erl of Stirling, and within
it one to my sone Mr. Alexander, defyring him to acquaint me if Sir David
Cuninghame will tak his mony heir, and to schaw me the best way how to
haift it conveyit to him.

Item, a letter gevin be me to James Arnott, to be sent to Mr. James,
my sone, to reffave from Francis Kinloch, factor to James Arnott, 40 tuelf ^{Mr. James 500}
pund pieces of gold, at 12 frankis the piece. But on the bak defyrit him to ^{franks.}
reffave 500 frankis, for quhilk I payit to James Arnott, 19 July, 41 tuelf
pund pieces of gold, and 8 lb of other gold, to mak out 500 franks, at 12
frankis for the 12 lb piece.

21 July 1637.

This day Lord Panmuir and Mr. Maxwell cam to Edinburgh.

23 July 1637, Sounday.

Service-book.

This day the Service-book begoud to be read within the Kirks of Edinburgh, and wes interruptit be the women, &c.

26 July 1637.

Anent the vprore
for the Service-
buik, 23 July
1637.

Pacquets went from the Counfell to his Majeftie, advertifing his Majeftie of the tumult and vproir in all the kirks of Edinburgh, anent the reiding of the Service-book vpon Sounday the xxij of July.

Item, fent be me in the Lord Alexander his pacquet, quhilk went with the Lord Thefaurer his fervand, ane letter to the Erl Stirling, and within it one to the Erl Mar, in anfuer of all his former.

27 July 1637.

This day John Murray fent with the Lord Thefaurer's pacquet, and I fent with him letters to my fone Mr. Alexander, quhairin is ingroffit the nott of the proceedingis in Counfell betuix the Lord Chancellor and me about the Dean of Edinburgh his fpeiche; quhairin efter 2 dayis debait the matter turned to this, that the Lord Chancellor granted his fault and error.

Item, act of Counfell declaring all calumniators of Counfellors to be lyabill to that famyn payment, to the quhilk the counfellow wald be fubiect if he wer guilty, if he do not prove the informatioun.

28 July 1637, Fryday.

This day, and not foner, John Murray, fone to Sir John Murray, went with the pacquet.

Item, this day reffavit letters from Mr. Alexander to pay to Patrik Wod 70 lb sterling, quhilk he had borrowit from Mr. Smyth, his factor; to the quhilk I wret ane very angrie letter, and his mother another, quhilk wer fent with John Murray, directit to him in his mother's name.

Mr. Alexander for
70 lb sterling.

Item, befoir this I had beine grevit aneugh for the foume of 312 lb sterling, ^{Item, 312 lb} borrowit from Sir David Cuningham, for quhilk my fones Sir John and Sir ^{sterling.} Thomas ar cautioners. But this superveining so immediatlie *rupit patientiam*.

August 1637, Twysday.

5 August 1637, Setterday. Hary, my nephew, went by sea to Caliß, and ^{Hary Hope.} gevin him fyve tuelff pund pieces off gold; and at his return he promifit to ferve fum merchand in Amfterdam.

Item, this day paquet fent be the Lord Alexander, and in it I fent letters to Erl Stirling, and within it letters to him, the Lord Panmuir, and als letters to Mr. Pitcairn, with the declaratioun in favors of his nephew.

12 August 1637, Setterday.

This day I went to Craighall, and left with my Lord Alexander to fend to Court, ane letter to his father, and within it one from Sir Thomas to Mr. Alexander, becaus I wald not wrytt myself; albeit zesterday I reffavit his letter of excufe anent 70 lb sterling. Item, I caufit Sir Thomas tell him that ^{Mr. Alexander,} I haif payit 312 lb sterling to Patrik Wod, and that Wod hes gevin band to ^{312 lb sterling,} pay it to Sir David Cuningham. ^{and 70 lb sterling.}

23 August 1637, Counfel day.

This day a letter from James Murray from my sone Mr. James, schewing ^{My sone Mr.} that he had reffavit from John Clerk, factor to James Murray, ^{James, for 300} iij^c franks, ^{franks.} and James Murray wes content to reffaue thairof iij^c xv lb Scottis, quhilk anfueries to

26 August 1637.

Gevin to Mr. James Gordoun a letter to the Erl Stirling, and within it one from the Lord Panmuir, quhilk Mr. James wes to fend in paquet with the Erl of Traquhair his fervand, quho gois with the Counfell's letter to his Majestie anent the Service-book.

Item, gevin to the Lord Alexander ane vther letter to my L., his father,

to go with his L. quhen he takis journey to Court, quhilk is to be on Mononday, 28 August 1637.

27 September 1637.

Pacquet to the Erl Stirling, quhairin to him and the Lord Alexander, and within it to Mr. Alexander, quhairin one from my self, 2 from his elder, and 2 from his fecond brother Sir Thomas; one to the Erl of Roxburgh, with a nott of the proceidings in Counfell; one to Erl Mar; one to Sir Alexander Home; one to Erl Annandaill; one to the Countef of Annandaill; and one from the Erl of Lothian, or Lord Balmerinach to the Erl of Ancrum.

17 October 1637.

Counsell and
Sessioun at
Linlithgow.

His Majestie's letter cam to the Counfell, ordering the Counfell and Sefsioun to fit at Linlythgow till Juill, and thaireftir at Dundie.

Item, this day a greter tumult of the pepill of Edinburgh for the Service-book.

28 October 1637.

The L. of Panmuir returnit to Court.

30 October 1637.

I returnit from Craighall to Edinburgh.

Mr. James, 323 lb.

Item, payit to James Murray for thrie hundreth franks furnifchit be John Clerk, his fervand, to my sone Mr. James, 323 lb.

1 November 1637, Weddinfday.

Mr. James cam
to Edinburgh.
Item, more 300
franks, and 23 lb
sterling.

This nycht my sone Mr. James cam to Edinburgh from France, and he told me that he had taken up from James Arnottis factor, not only the v^c franks, but also iij^e franks more, and als 23 lb sterling in Londoun from James Steuart.

2 November 1637.

Linlythgow
Exchekker.

The Exchekker held at Linlythgow. But thair wes not a number of Counfell.

3 November 1637.

Gevin to Mr. James Gordoun letters for the pacquet to Erl Roxburgh, Erl Stirling, Lord Panmuir, and my fone Mr. Alexander.

12 November 1637.

Pacquet fent to the Erl Stirling, gevin to Mr. James Gordoun, quhairin to himself, to Lord Panmuir, to my fone, ftylling him Wester Grantoun. Item, to him from Sir John and Sir Thomas, &c.

14 November 1637.

I fent ane pacquet my felf to the Erl Stirling for John Sempill, quhairin to the Erll, to the Lord Alexander, his fone, to James Levingftoun, to my fone Mr. Alexander, and to the L. of Panmuir.

17 November 1637.

Letteris fent to Erl Stirling, quhairin to him felf, to Lord Alexander, to Lord Panmuir, and to my fone, anent the Counfell dyet of Linlythgow.

23 November 1637.

This day the Lord Wauchtoun went to Court, and fent with him letteris to my fone, and within them to the Lord Panmuir; and I wret to my fone that I intend in the place of Josefph To

6 December 1637, Weddinsday.

My daughter D. Heleine Raa delyverit of a man chyld, quho thaireftir on Twyfday 12 December wes baptifit Alexander be Mr. Hary Rollok, in the gret kirk of Edinburgh.

7 December 1637.

The Counfell held at Linlythgow.

Linlythgow.

12 December 1637.

The Counfell held at Dalkeyth.

My daughter D. M^t Murray delyverit of a maid chyld, quho thaireftir baptifit on Setterday, 23 December 1637, Heleine. The Lord gif his bliffing to both.

15 December 1637.

Letteris fent in his Majestie's pacquet direct be the Lord Thefaurer, quhairin to the Lord Panmuir from me two, and other two from L. Melgum and John Filmuir. Item, to the Erl Mortoun, Erl Stirling, Erl Annandail, James Levingftoun, Sir Robert Gordoun. Item, from my felf and Sir Thomas to my fone Mr. Alexander, and thairwith fent to him a fignatour of my penfioun of 200 lb fterling to me in lyfrent, and eftir to him. Item, one to Lord Sandfuird.

Item, he cravit 250 lb fterling per annum, and I wret bak that I wald gif him 2 3eris of my penfioun, referving 3eirly thairof to my felf 50 lb fterling; and farther wald gif 700 lb fterling to by him a penfioun at Court; and I wret to Lord Panmuir that I wald gif of that and 1000 lb fterling, quhilk, with 1^m ij^c lb fterling alreadie beftowit on him, wes a fair portioun for my 3 fone.

Item, if the fignatour be figned be his Majestie, I wret it fould be keipit quyet till I fould gett the Lord Thefaurer his approbatioun thairof.

Memorandum.—Payit for Mr. James to James Steuart 23 lb fterling. Item, payit to James Arnot for him (by the v^c franks) iij^c franks, for quhilk I gaif James Arnot xxv tuelf pund pieces, as my nott beris, made in November and December 1637; and als thaireftir, viz. at Martimes 1638, payit to James Steuart ij^c xxvij merkis, for taking of a fuit of clothes to Mr. James at his coming to Scotland, 1 Novembris 1637.

Mr. James,
23 lb sterling,
25 lb sterling.

19 December 1637.

Gevin ane pacquet to my Lord Prefident direct to Lord Panmuir, and within it ane from my fone John to him, for L. Cragyvar his warrand. Item, one from me and my fones Sir John and Mr. James to Mr. Alexander, quhairin I tell him of the offer made be me to the Thefaurer-deput of x^{co}

merkis for his penfioun of 150 lb sterling. Item, one from his mother to him, with the nott of the aittis, peif, cheif, falmond, and hering sent to him.

Mr. Alexander,
9 bolls aittis,
3 bolls, half boll
peiss, 12 chesis,
half barrell sal-
mond, and 2 half
barrells hering.

The President wes stayit till Setterday, 23 December 1637, and then went tymoufflie.

6 Januar 1638, Mononday.

Delyverit a pacquet to my Lord Thefaurer, to be sent to the Lord off Panmuir with ane fervand of my Lord Duickes, quhairin wes a number of letters from Angus to the Lord. Item, one from my self to him, and within it the copie of the petitioun quhilk he cravit to be sent to him. Item, one to Mr. Alexander, and within it one to the Erl Hadingtoun, anent the matche betuix my fone Mr. James and Anna Foules, dauchter to Mr. Robert Foules.

11 Januar 1638, Thurfday.

This day the Contract of Mariage betuix my fone Mr. James and Anna Foules wes subferyvit, and thaireftir celebrat in the Grey Freir Kirk be Mr. Andro Ramfay on 14 Januar, being Sounday immediatlie eftir the preiching.

Mr. James his
contract of
Mariage with
Anna Foules.

15 Januar 1638.

Delyverit to my Lord Justice Clerk ane pacquet to my fone Mr. Alexander, quhairin to him from me with ane Retroceffion of my penfioun, to be subferyvit be him.

Item, to him from his brethir Sir John, Sir Thomas, and Mr. James. Item, from me to the Lord Panmuir, and within it the nott of the actis of Parliament aganis the Service-book. Item, to Erl Stirling, Lord Alexander, Sir Hary Alexander. Item, to Erl of Mar. Item, to Erl of Mortoun. Item, to Erl Annandaill, and within his the first article anent Scone.

17 Januarij 1638.

Delyverit to my Lord Thefaurer quhen he went to Court a pacquet to

My Lord The-
saurer went to
Court.

Lord Panmuir, quhairin a letter to his Majestie, with my articles and the last anent the Service-book. Item, a letter to the Lord of Panmuir. Item, a pacquet to my sone, quhairin one to him, selhawing the proceidingis of his brother's mariage, and the exceptioun takin aganis it be my Lord Thefaurer deput. Item, a letter to the Prefident of Sesshioun. Item, a letter to Mr. James Gordoun, remembring him of John Sempill anent the clerkship of Hadingtoun.

24 Januarij 1638, Weddinfday.

Gevin to Patrik Wod for the commoun pacquet, ane pacquet to the Lord Thefaurer, and within it one to the Lord Panmuir; with letters from the L. Thorntoun and L. Dwn, anent his dauchter's mariage.

Laft Januarij 1638, Weddinfday.

Sent with John Arnot, servand to the Erl of Mar, ane letter to the Erl his maister. Item, ane lital pacquet to my sone Mr. Alexander, quhairin one to the Lord Thefaurer, one to Lord Panmuir, and one to the Justice Clerk; and within the Lord Panmuir's one from John Pilmuir to him, but he went not till Fryday the 2 Februar.

6 Februarij 1638, Stirling.

Sessioun at
Stirling.

The Sesshioun mett at Stirling, and continowit till 29 Merche, quhilk wes the Thurfday befor Good Fryday, and then rose and fat not down agane. But in all this tyme not a caus disputit, nor ether subiectis or advocattis to plead.

14 Februar 1638.

The Lord Thefaurer returnit from Court, being Weddinfday, and I mett him at Dalkeyth, and saw his Majestie's warrand for the proclamatioun.

19 Februar 1638, Stirling.

The Lord Thefaurer, quho com from Court, 14 Februar, went to Stirling on 19 Februar, and then wes the proclamatioun past aganis Convocatiounis under the payne of trefoun.

1 Marche 1638.

The Counfell mett and refoluit on the caufis of the publict commotiounes Counsell. for the Service-book, the book of Canones, and high Commiffioun, with thair opinioun for the remedies, and directit the famyn to his Majestie by one of thair number, viz. Sir John Hamiltoun of Orbiftoun, Lord Justice Clerk.

5 Merche 1638.

I writ with the Justice Clerk to the Erl Stirling, Lord Alexander, and Lord Panmuir; and fent to Lord Panmuir the nott of the proceedingis at Counfell, with my awin opinioun.

7 Merche 1638.

Justice Clerk went to Court.

21 Merche 1638.

Gevin to James Murray, 3ounger, a letter to be inclofit in his awin, to be directit to the Lord Panmuir with the merchant pacquet, quhairin I acquaint the Lord that my pacquet is coming with James Arnott.

This day Sir John Hamiltoun of Orbiftoun, Justice Clerk, returnit from Court, quha wes fent from the Counfel at Stirling, 5 Merche, and he brocht warrand to call vp the Lord Thefaurer, the Lord Privie Seill, and the Lord of Lorn, quhilk wes concludit at Stirling.

21 Merche 1638,
Justice Clerk
returnit from
Court.
Counsell at
Stirling.

22 Merche 1638.

I retenit my pacquet from James Arnott, and fent it with more letters to the Lord Panmuir, in ane pacquet direct from Dalkeyth, be my Lord Thefaurer.

Item, I wret letters apart to Mr. Alexander, and within it one to Patrik Wod, to end with Sir David Cuningham.

28 Merche 1638, Weddinfday.

This day Mr. William Burnet (having returned from Court on 23 Merche, to quhilk he went with letters from the Lord Thefaurer to his Majestie,

quhairin wes infert my anfuer to the questiounes movit be his Majestie anent the nobility and gentry) wes sent again to Court to prepare my Lord Thesaurer his lodging, with quhom I sent letters to Erl Roxburgh, Stirling, Lord Alexander, Lord Panmuir, and my sone.

Pacquet to the
Lord Panmuir.

29 Merche 1638, Thurfday.

29 Merche 1638,
the Lord Thesaurer went to
Court.

The Lord Thesaurer went to Court, and I gaif him the signatour of the new Commiffioun of the Borderis. Item, the erectioun of the Lordschip of Dalkeyth and Muffelburgh in ane Justiciarie and Steuartry. Item, a gift of the place of Justice and Stuart to Erl Traquhair during lyftyme.

15 May 1638, Twyfday.

15 May 1638,
Lord Thesaurer
returnit from
Court.

The Lord Thesaurer cam to Dalkeyth from Court, and I reffavit a letter from his Majestie to draw vp ane Commiffioun to the Lord Marquis of Hamiltoun, for quyetting of the diforders; according to quhilk I drew vp tua commiffiouns, and dockettit the samyn, quhair of I haif the copies.

17 May 1638, Thurfday.

Mr. William Burnet went to Court, and with him writtin to my sone, and within it anfuer to Coronell Lyndfay. Item, anfuer to Erl Stirling. Item, anfuer to the Lord Panmuir, and within his one from James Murray, 5ounger.

Memorandum.—I went to Craighall on 24 Maij, and returnit 26 May 1638.

26 May 1638, Setterday.

Lord Alexander
deceissit.

As I wes coming from Craighall, reffavit letters from Court (of the death of the good Lord Alexander) sent to me be Sir Thomas, my sone, from Edinburgh.

5 Junij 1638, Twyfday.

Marquis of
Hamiltoun
Commissioner
for his Saered
Majestie.

This day the Marques of Hamiltoun, as his Majestie's Commiffioner for fattling of the diforders of the Kirk, cam to Dalkeyth.

Item, my sone Mr. Alexander cam this nycht to Edinburgh, being in companie with the Lord Marques.

7 Junij 1638.

I spak with my sone Mr. Alexander, and askit him of his debt auchtand ^{My sone Mr. Alexander Hope.} to Patrik Wode, quho grantit 153 lb sterling, payit to Sir David Cuning-
ham, and 3211 lb Scottis, quhair of he had gevin band.

And he grantit that this being payit, that I haif furnifchit to him above two thousand four hundreth pund sterling, quhilk, with my pensiou of ij^c lb sterling, wes a sufficient portioun, and he wald expect for no more, feing I had his 2 sifteris to provyd, and als to fulfil Mr. James his promifes according to his contract of Mariage; and I delyverit him the gift of pensiou of 200 lb sterling, past on my demiffioun under the privie feill.

And albeit I haif takin assignatioun from Patrik Wod to him of the bandes ^{My discharge to him of Patrik Wod his soumes.} maid to the said Patrik be my sone Mr. Alexander, zit I intend to mak no vse of them except in the cace of necessitie; and thairfoir, if I do not fuit theis sones in my awin tyme, nor assign them to sum of my barnis, or gif order to fuit them efter my deceif, it is my will that the samyn be nowayis exactit from my sone Mr. Alexander be my airs or exequitors efter my decefe, and that thir presents fal serve to him for ane discharge, except in the caces forsaids, writtin and subferyvit with my hand, 25 Junij 1638, *Sir Thomas Hope.*

26 Junij 1638.

This day the pacquet went by Mr. James Gordoun, and I delyuerit to him ^{26 Junij.—This day the Erl of Kynnoul admittit on Counsell.} a letter to the Erl of Stirling, acquenting him with the Commissioun cravit be the Marques of Huntly for a further tryel of Frendrauch, quhairin I am omittit, and Sir L. Steuart and Mr. J. Gilmuir appointit to supply my place in the criminal perfuitis quhilk I did stay on 21 Junij last. Item, a letter to James Levingstoun, anent the Lady Samuelstoun hir dauchter, quho allegis him to be lyabill to a penalty of v^c lb sterling, if he do not fatiffie hir for hir rycht of Poppill.

29 Junij 1638.

Payit to Hary Hope, quhen he went to Amsterdam, his compt of 285 lb ^{Hary Hope.} 16s 8d.

Item, gevin to him for tokins, 1 quadryit pistoll, 1 doubill ducat, and an hatt peice of gold, God bleffe him, and prepare a way of favor to him in his journey.

30 Junij 1638, Setterday.

Session in Edin-
burgh.

This day the Counfel mett at Halyruidhous, quhair, be warrand of his Majestie, the Counfell, Sessioun, and vther Judicatures, ar appointit to hold at Edinburgh, and the Sessioun appointit to begin on Twysday, the 3 Julij.

Lord Dalzell.

This day the Lord Dalzell admittit on Counfell.

3 Julij 1638, Twysday.

The Sessioun satt, and my Lord Commissiouner the Marques of Hamiltoun cam to it about xi hours, convoyit with sex coches, quhair of I wes, with 6 horses; and being in sessioun, recommendit to them the accelerating of justice, to supplie the tyme quhilk wes spent of befoir; and having stayit about half hour, he returnit to the Abbay, accompanit with a number of the Counfell.

Eftirnone.

Eftirnone, the Counfell mett at Halyruidhous, quhair the Erll of Kynoull and the Lord Almond wer reffavit Counfellors.

4 Julij 1638, Weddinsday.

Proclamatioun
anent the dis-
charge of the
Service-book.

This day the Counfell mett at 9 hours, quhair the Marques exhibit his Majestie's declaratioun, and told the Counfell that he had warrand of his Majestie's princelie

The declaratioun being red, it wes approvit be all.

And I, being askit, movit to haif all maid according to his Majestie's directioun thairin contenit; to haif the service book and actis maid for introducing thairof, or of the book of canones to be annullit; nixt, to haif his Majestie's pardoun of all bygane escapes of the peopill; quhilk, I said, wes in effect contenit in his Majestie's declaratioun.

The first wes grantit, and act past annulling the act in December 1636, and the uther in Junij 1637, anent the Service-book; and declaring the

subjects frie thairof, and of all penalties thairin contenit, and of the vther acts, warrands, and proclamatiouns made thairanent from the beginning thairof, and in all tyme coming; and as to the Canones, thay thocht thair nedit no act, feing it had no act of secreit Counsell for the warrand thairof.

But as to the second, my Lord Commiffioner said, that he wald declair it to be his Majestie's intencion to pardoun all; but knew it wes not the nobilmen's defyr, becaus they had not transgressit, albeit the vulgar had. And so that wes left till the morrow.

Mem.—The nobility protestit to be hard to supplicat anent the remanent of the points of thair petitionis; and tuik instruments thairupon, at the Mercat Croce of Edinburgh.

5 Julij 1638.

The pacquet went, and I sent a letter to the Erl Stirling, in the Lord Panmuir his pacquet.

9 Julij 1638, Mononday.

This day, at 5 in the morning, the Lord Marques returnit to Court; and sent with the Lord Panmuir (quho returnit with him) ane letter to the Erl Stirling, and within it one to James Levingftoun, anent the Commiffion of Frendrauch; to acquaint his Majestie with the wrong done to me; and offering to trye the if his Majestie sal be plesit to committ the tryell of it to the Justice Generall, Justice Clerk, and myself.

Lord Marques returnit to Court.

Item, my sone Mr. Alexander convoyit the Marques on his journey; and I gaif him a letter to the Lord Panmuir, contening the reffones of the injustice of the Commiffioun of Frendrauch, and the lyk offer as that quhilk is in my letter to James Levingftoun.

Item, this day dockettit the Commiffioun for hering the Lord Thesaurer his accomptes, and a letter sent with it to the Lord Stirling, in the quhilk I wrytt alfe much to his Lordship anent Frendrauch, as I did in the vther to the Lord Panmuir and James Levingftoun.

Item, this day good Mr. John Aird deceiffit, and I went to his funeralls at Newbottill, vpon the Thursday thairefter, 12 Julij.

Mr. John Aird.

20 Julij 1638, Fryday.

This day William Jamefoun, painter, (at the ernest defyr of my sone Mr. Alexander,) wes sufferit to draw my pictur.

27 Julij 1638.

Item, a second draucht be William Jamefoun.

Last Julij 1638, Twyfday.

Mr. Alexander
Burnett, Thesaurer
Clerk.

The Sessioun rose, and a packet sent to Court for the place of Thefaurer Clerk, vacand be Mr. William Chalmers his deceif, in favors of Mr. Alexander Burnett, quhilk I fecondit; with a pacquet to the Lord of Panmuir, quhairin to himself, to the Erl Stirling, and to James Levingftoun, thanking him for moving his Majestie anent the Marques of Huntley his commissioun aganis the Lord Frenrauch, quhairin he patt Sir Lues Steuart and Mr. John Gilmor to supply my place.

7 August 1638.

Hary Hope.

This day Hary Hope returnit from Amsterdam.

Lord Cragivar.

Item, this day the Lord Cragivar and Mr. Andro Skene of Halzards mett anent my sone's buffines of Rewing, and brak vp; and my sone thair-efter, on 24 August, subfcryvit ane consent to him to fell, fore aganis my will.

9 August 1638.

Lord Marques.

This nycht the Marques of Hamiltoun returnit from Court, and with him the Lord Panmuir. God giff a bliffit suceß in the publiet buffines of Godis trewth!

13 August 1638.

This day the Erl of Murray deceiffit at Dernway.

23 August 1638, Thursday.

Jesuit.

This day the Jefuit Abirnethy reffavit in the Greyfreir kirk.

24 August 1638, Fryday.

This day the difput betuix the Lord Dalzell and his tenants, befor the Counsell, anent thair band of Combinatioun aganis thair maister, quhilk wes fund Null, and thai fynit in iij^m merkis.

25 August 1638, Setterday.

Marques returnit
to Court.

This day the Marques tuik journey to Court, and promisit to return with anfuere 20 September.

27 August 1638, Mononday.

My sone Mr. Alexander took his leve of me for Court, and I gave to him ^{My sone Mr. Alexander.} the King of Sueden his gret piece of gold, weighing ane vnce and mair, quhilk I gatt from the Vicount of Airdes.

Item, he defyrit of me to advance to him, within a 3eir, x^m merks to by ane penfioun or a pack, and he wald crave no more of me; quhilk I did not grant, but said, if I wer frie of debts, and iff the Lord bliffit me with so muche by, (the rest of my children being provydit,) I wald think upon it.

Memorandum.—This day he subscryvit to me ane abfolut discharge of his portioun natural, and of all former bands and provisiouns, and specially of the band of xx^m lb, daitit in Apryll 1635; quhilk discharge I delyverit to my sone Sir John.

Item, gevin to Mr. Alexander, to mak his expensis in his journey, x doubill angells.

To his man Andro Lyne, 3 dollors.

To his cocheman John, 3 dollors.

29 August, Weddinfday, 1638.

This day I went to the Kerß, and from thence to Craighall, quhair I cam on Setterday, 1 September.

18 September 1638.

I returnit from Craighall, be letter from the Lord Thefaurer, advertising ^{Marques returnit} me of my Lord Marques his returne, quho returnit on Setterday, 15 Sep- ^{15 Sept. 1638,} tember 1638. ^{from Court.}

19 September 1638.

This day I mett with my Lord Marques at Halyruidhous.

Item, reffavit from my sone Mr. Alexander my rod, with the King's Majestie's portrait on the head of it, of porcupine penne, or of the schell poddokis.

26 September 1638.

I returnit to Craighall, quhair I abaid till 20 October.

20 October 1638; Setterday.

This day I came from the Queanis Ferrie to Edinburgh, about 7 hours in the morning; and mett with my Lord Marques at Halyruidhous.

Item, Hary Alexander went to Court, and sent with him letters to my Lord his father, to Sir Alexander Home, and to my sone Mr. Alexander.

Item, I had conference with my Lord Marques on 25 and 27 October, and then I reffavit from him his Majestie's letters, with certan questiounes to be anfuerit.

28 October 1638, Sounday.

This day the Communioun wes celebrat at Edinburgh; and efter sermon wes red the fumondis againes the Bischopes, to compeir in the Generall Affemblie at Glasgow, 21 November nixt.

29 October 1638.

This day I mett with the Lord Marques, and gaiff him the nott of the act of Generall Affemblie in July 1580, red in the kirk on the last Sounday; and in respect thairof, counsellit him to acquent his Majestie or he fould proceed farther in urging of the subscripioun of the Confession of Fayth, except his Grace be fully myndit to bind the subiectis be the oth to exclud episcopacie; for I declarit in respect of it, that I am bund be othe to abjure it, and that now I cannot be frie to anfuer the questiounes.

Last October 1638, Weddinfday.

The Lord Marques sent for me, and cravit ane anfuer of the questiounes, quhairof I thocht myself exonerit, be reffoun his Grace had said on Mononday, that I nedit not be haistie in anfuering of them, till his Grace fould advertife me.

Item, in conference with his Grace, I fand him to mak many shiftis anent the oth of the Confessioun 1580, that it did not intend disciplin, and albeit it did, that disciplin wes changeabill; quhilk wonderfully affectit my mynd, for now I fand that he wes purposit to putt a gloffe vpon the othe, quhilk I said wes impossibill.

Immediatlie efter my returne from him, I humblit myself on my kneis to my Lord, and in prayer vowit to adhere to my oth, with hazard of all perrellis, and thairto cravit the Lord's help and assistance; and if the nobilmen had absteynit from thair protestatioun, and subseryvit the Confessioun 1580, according to thair awin explicatioun thairoff, quhilk is according to Godis treuth, and the trew meaning of the Confessioun 1580, thai had putt the bane foundlie in the futt of thair adversaris. But in respect of thair refusall, thay haif put a wapon in the Kingis handis, at leif the pretense of one, that in thair difobedience to his command, quhilk is of a thing comandit be God, thay haif another end nor the matter of religioun; but God is the gret dispofer of menis myndis and thoctis.

Last October 1638,
Vow to my Lord.

1 November 1638, Thursday.

This day the Lord Commiffioner cam to Sessioun, and urgit the Lords to subseryve the Confessioun 1580; quho all did it except the L. Innerteil, the Lord Dury, my sone the L. Craighall, and my Lord Scottistarbett.

Confessioun of
Fayth in Sessioun
subseryvit.

2 November 1638.

Delyverit my paquet to my Lord Justice Clerk, to be sent in the Lord Marques his paquet to my sone; and within the samyn one to the Erl of Stirling for John Sempill, ane other for him to Mr. James Gordoun, anent the Sheriff-clerkfchip of Hadingtoun. Item, anfuer to Sir Alexander Home his letter anent his signatour. Item, in my letter to my sone Mr. Alexander infert a nott of my proceeding in Counfell on last of October, quhairin I opposit episcopacie as contrair to my oth.

Pacquett.

About this tyme Hary Hope, my nephew, tuik schip from Dundie to Diep. The Lord preserve him from the tempest of sea.

8 Novembris 1638.

Ane paquet sent with George Halden his packet, and in it to the Lord Panmuir, with the twa blensche signatours off the baronie of Balmakelly, the Lord Panmuir and his sone Hary; and of the barony of Cragis, 2 part and 3 part; the lands of Lour, and lands of Leyis, to David Carnegy,

Paquet to the
Lord Panmuir,
with his blensche
signatours.

appeirand of and to Jeane Maul, his spous, in warrandice of hir lyfrent, and conjunct fie, lands, and teinds. Item, a letter to the Erl of Stirling, testifeing that the ward's lands ar not the tenth part of his estait, and Athie's ward lands not a fext part of his estait, according to the rentalls gevin vp be them to the Lord Thesaurer, according to his Majestie's reference. Item, a letter to the L. from James Murray, 3ounger. Item, a pacquet to my sone Mr. Alexander, quhairin from me and his thrie brethir.

14 November 1638.

My sone Mr.
Alexander.

Letters from Mr. Alexander to Sir Thomas, in quhilk he wryttis of Mrs. Muire, reliēt of Sir Patrik Achefoun, and only dauchter to Sir John Muir, Knycht, Keiper of his Majestie's Signet.

16 November 1638, Fryday.

Marques of Hamil-
toun to Glasgow.

This day the Marques and the Counsell went to Glasgow, to attend the Generall Assambleie, quhilk begins thair on Weddinsday, 21 November.

My sone Mr Alex-
ander, x m merks.

. Item, this day sent letters to Lord Panmuir, and with them one to Mr. Alexander, quhairin I defyr him to borow the x^m merks (quhilk cravit be his letter of 5 November, reffavit 15,) thair, and draw vp an band, be himself as principall, myself and his 3 brethring as cautionars, to be payit within thrie 3eiris, and annuel in the mean tyme.

Item, in the letter to the Lord Panmuir, I acquaintit him with the Lord Marques his going to Glasgow, and that he had gevin me warrand to stay at home.

22 November 1638, Thurfday.

Letters reffavit from Mr. James Gordoun, quhairin from the Erl of Stirling, Lord Panmuir, and my sone, on 21 November; and anfuere returnit this day, by pacquet sent by Mr. James Gordoun.

26 November 1638, Mononday.

Pacquet.

Packet sent with Mr. James Gordoun, his packet to Erl Stirling, quhairin

to the Lord Panmuir, with the tikket in it anent the penall affeffor. Item, to Mr. Alexander, and within his to James Levingftoun, quho went away to Court on Fryday the 16 November.

5 December 1638.

A letter fent to the Lord Panmuir, and within it one to my fone, fchaw- Lord Panmuir. ing the Lord Panmuir of the reffait of his, and off Athie's blenfche fignatours, and that the Thefaurer hes promifit to pafs them in Exchekker on Setterday nixt. Item, fchawing him that the Marques difchargit the Affem- Assemblée. blie on Weddinfday, 28 November; but that thai continow thair fitting.

Item, the letter to my fone Mr. Alexander, anent his penfioun of ij^c lb fterling, for the Mertimes Terme 1638; to defyr him to wryt, and to caus Lord Panmuir wryt to the Thefaurer thairanent.

8 December 1638.

Sir Mark Ker proponit to me the purpofe of dealling with the Lord Sir Mark Kerr. Thefaurer, and defyrit me to name quhat I would haif for my concurrance, quhilk I refufit; and he faid he wald gif me the tenth part of that quhilk fould be gevin to him be my Lord Thefaurer, quhich I faid wes to muche; and he anfuerit, "Thair is my hand 3e fal haif it."

9 December 1638, Sounday.

This day, about 8 at nycht, thair wes a gret thunder; quhilk wes thocht Thunder. prodigious, being in wynter.

10 December 1638.

The Marques, High Commiffioner, cam from Hamiltoun to Halyruid- Marques. hous, to hold Counfell to-morow, being Twifday, xj December 1638.

11 December 1638.

The Counfell held not; but the Marques delyverit to me a pacquet from My fone Mr. my fone, and within it ane band of 550 lb fterling, according to the Ingliſche^{Alexander.} forme, quhilk I keip befyd me. And I fent letters in anfuer of his, on Lord Panmuir.

12 December, by the Lord Dalzell, inclofit within the pacquet to the Lord Panmuir; and in the Lord Panmuir his pacquet is sent the procuratory of resignatioun of the barony of Balmakelly, to be subfcrivit and returnit; but this went not till 17 December, at quhilk tyme I gat the pacquet from Lord Dalzell, and gaif it to my Lord Thefaurer.

13 December 1638.

Bifchopes excommunicat.

This day thir Bifchopes following wer excommunicat, be ordinance of the Generall Affemblic, in the Kirk of Glasgou, be Mr. Alexander Henderfoun, Moderator; viz., Sanct Androis; Glasgou; Mr. John Maxwell, Rofs; Mr. Thomas Sydferf, Galloway; Mr. David Lyndfay, Edinburgh; Mr. Walter Quhytfurd, Brichen; Mr. Adam Bellenden, Bifchope of Aberdein; and Mr. James Wedderburne, of Dumblane.

Item, depryvit Mr. John Guthrie, of Murray; Mr. George Grahame, of Orkney; Mr. James Finlay, of Engzie; and Mr. Neil Campbell, of Yles; and ordanit to be excommunicat, if they do not obey the fentence of the Affemblic.

Item, fufpendit Mr. Alexander Lyndfay, of Dunkeld, and Mr. John Abirnethy, of Caithnes; and in cace of obedience to the Affemblic's ordinance, appointit to be admittit to feuerall kirks; viz., Mr. Alexander Lyndfay to St Madoze, and Mr. John Abernethy at _____; and in cace of difobedience, to be excommunicat, 16 December 1638.

Item, thir fentences of the Affemblic red and publifchit in the kirks of Edinburgh, on Sounday, 16 December 1638.

17 December 1638.

This day I went to the Abbay, and mett with my Lord Commiffioner; and wes to tak my leve of his Grace, but he tauld me that he wes not to go away fuddenly, and that he wald fend for me befoir he went.

Mr. Walter Quhytfurd his misbehaviour.

Item, heir the Bifchope of Brichen, Mr. Walter Quhytfurd, (as I wes ftanding in the gallery, with my Lord Lauderdaill, and my Lord Maitland, his fone,) cam furth from the Marques, and I, being unwilling to falut him, turned my bak, and as fone as he wes pafit by, I went into the chamber at the end of the gallery, and I wes not long thair but Mr. Walter Quhytfurd

cam and callit for me; and I told him, that thair hes bene inteir acquaint-
ance betuix him and me of befoir, but now I muft fuspend it. And he askit,
quhairfor? And I faid, becaufe of the intimatioun of his excommunicatioun
zefteday, quhilk I hard red. He anfuerit, that I wes bund be promif to
his Majestie to affist Episcopacie. I anfuerit, that my promif wes in civill
privileges, but not in thes quhilk concernit fpiritual and ecclesiasticall power.
He replyit, that I had folicitat bifchopes to admitt minifters. I anfuerit
how I did it, in refpect they had then both the keyis in thair hands, but
now they wantit one of them, quhilk wes the chefe part, viz., Affemblic.
And then he fell out in thir difdainful words: “Ye ar our pert, that dar haif
refpect to any actis of that rebellious Affemblic, feing his Majestie difcharget
them to fitt vnder the payne of trefoun.” And with this he flew away.

18 December 1638, Twyfday.

This day, about 2 hours efternone, Patrik Wod deceiffit.

Patrik Wod.

21 December 1638, Fryday.

This day his Majestie's letter exhibit in Sefsioun, prohibiting to grant any
letters or vther exequitioun upon the actis of the late Generall Affemblic,
&c.; quhilk being red, the Lords tuik to be advyfit thairwith till the morow.

His Majestie's let-
ter to the Sefsioun
anent the Assem-
blie.

22 December 1638, Setterday.

This day the Lord Thesaurer declarit, in prefence of the Lords, that my
Lord Commiffioner, being humble intretit be the nobilmen and gentry, wes
willing to fuppres the letter anent the Affemblic, rather nor to gif occasioun
to mistak ather to the Lords or to his Majestie's fubjects. (Bliffit be God.)

24 December 1638, Mononday.

This day William Murray, gret uncle, deceiffit fuddanlie. The Lord William Murray.
prepare us.

27 December 1638.

Item, the Marques of Hamiltoun tuik journey from Dalkeyth to Court.

Marques of Hamil-
toun.

this day. The Lord direct his Grace in his report to his Majestie, that the Kirk of God may be in peax.

Pacquet.

Item, this day fent letters in Mr. James Gordoun's pacquet to the Erl Stirling, and within it to Lord Panmuir and my sone.

29 December 1638.

Lord Panmuir and
my sone.

This day fent letters to the Lord Panmuir, and within it to my sone, from myself and his mother, anent the x^m merks quhilk he cravit, and that I delyverit to my Lord Thesaurer his pacquett.

Item, this day the Counfell convenit, for a warrand to my Lord Gray to levye j^m men for the Frensche King's service.

31 December 1638.

Lord Panmuir.

Letteris fent in Mr. James Gordoun his pacquet to the Lord Panmuir, and within it a letter as from Henrie Maul, being a trew narratioun of the extent of Episcopacie in anno 1580.

1 Januar 1639, Twyfday.

Erl Roxburgh and
Lord Panmuir.

Letters fent with the Erl Roxburgh to the Lord Panmuir, and within it the copy off the anfuers to the queftiounes anent Episcopacie, movit to me be the Erl Roxburgh.

10 Januar, Thurfday.

Mary contractit.

My dauchter Mary contractit with Charles Erkin.

25 Januar 1639.

Anent his Majestie
coming to York.

Reffavit letters anent his Majestie's purpose to come to York on 1 Aprill; and anfuertit the samyn day, in letters writtin to Lord Panmuir, Erl of Annandaill, and Erl of Stirling.

29 Januar 1639, Twyfday.

His Majestie's let-
ter thairanent.

This day, in Counfell, his Majestie's letter wes red, declaring his Majestie's purpose to come to York about Eafter nixt, to accommodat all affares in a

fair way, quhilk wes ever his Majestie's purpose, and to that effect made his Majestie's approche the nerar; and defyris the Counsell to advertise his Majestie, if in the meantyme any thing occur concerning his Majestie's service, and that his Majestie will rely muche on thair judgement; lyk as his Majestie declars, that his Majestie will acquent them with his Majestie's further proceedingis betuix and that tyme.

Laft Januar 1639, Thursday.

This day fent a packett with one Mr. Graham, Inglisheman, quho had Mr. Alexander his band to Sir David the proceß aganis John Dyn and John Park, to my sone Mr. Alexander; Cuningham of quhairin is a band, be him as principall, and be myself and my two sones 556 lb sterling. as cautioners, of the sone of 556 lb sterling, to Sir David Cuningham of This payit November 1641. Auchinhervie, Thesaurer of the Principality of Walles, to be payit at the termes Whitsonday 1640, 1641, and 1642, and anuel in the meantyme, with 15 lb sterling of penaltie for ilk terme's failzie, and with power to charge without requisitioun, daittit penult Januar 1639. Item, letters from Sir John and Sir Thomas to him; and a letter to my Lord Panmuir, and within it one from John Pilmuir.

5 February 1639, Twyfday.

This day my dauchter Marie and Charles Erskine maryit, be Mr. Andro Mary maryit. Ramsay, in the Gray Freir Kirk, about 4 efternone; quhair wer present, the Countess of Mar; the Lord Auchterhous; Alexander, John, and Mr. William Erkinis; myself, and my thrie sones, John, Thomas, and James; John Carstairs, Mr. John Rollok, &c.

9 February 1639.

Taken from Anna Foules the jowell quhilk scho had of Marie at her Anna Fowls, for mariage; and I gaif hir a tikkit to gif it bak, or als good, betuix and Whit- hir jowell. sonday nixt.

Item, this day pacquet went with John Murray, and fent letters to the Pacquet with John Lord Panmuir, anent Cunnaquhy his reductioun of the horning and decreit, Murray. and to know if I fall attend his coming in Marche, as he promisit. Item,

writtin to Erl Stirling anent his gudfon Sir William. Item, a letter to Mr. Alexander, to chaip ane jowell, and to fend me word of the number and bignes of the diamondis, with the pryce.

10 February 1639.

Lord Angus on
Sessioun.

The Lord Angus reffavit on Sessioun Extraordinar Lord, in place off the Lord Alexander.

13 February 1639, Weddinfday.

William Seytoun,
of Marry.

William Seytoun, of Marry, defyrit me not to be aganis him in the reduetioun of Meldrum's horning; and promifit, if he wan the caus, fiftio doubill pieces of gold.

23 February 1639.

Letteris to the
Lord Panmuir.

Letters sent in the Lord Thesaurer his pacquet to the Lord Panmuir and my sone, in anfuere of theis reffavit from John Murray, 21 February 1639.

1 Merche 1639, Fryday.

Counsell's letter to
his Majestic.

This day the Counsell fatt, and a letter drawin vp, to be sent to his Majestic, with the nobilmen's supplicatioun, complening and craving justice of Stirling, for wryting of ane letter to Berwick to Mr. Thomas Sydferff, affirming that the nobilmen wes levyng money and men to invad England.

2 Merche 1639, Setterday.

L. Thesaurer to
Court.
Letters to Lord
Panmuir.

This day the Erl of Traquhair went to Court, and sent with him a pacquet to the Lord of Panmuir, quhairin to himself anent Cunnaquhy, and to my sone, and to the Erl of Annandaill, with Thomas Maxwell his letter to his L.

7 Merche 1639.

Letters from Lord
Panmuir, with the
Proclamatioun at
Quhythall.

Reffavit from the Lord Panmuir letters, with the proclamatioun maid be his Majestic at Quhythall, February 1639, aganis the procedingis of the

Scottis nobility, &c.; and a pacquet, fent in anfuwer of the faid letter, that famyn day, quhilk I delyverit to Mr. James Gordoun, and quhilk he promifit to difpatche the morow befor tuelf hours.

9 Martij 1639.

Doctour James Chalmers, phifician to his Majeftie, and to the Prince, Doctor Chalmers.
(after the clofing of his aetioun with the L. Meldrum and L.)
went to Court; and gevin to him a pacquet to my fone Mr. Alexander, and within it one from the Countefs of Mar to my Lord Duk's Grace; and within it one to the Erl of Traquhair, Lord Thefaurer, anent the hail of hir and hir twa fons' penfioun of iij^c lb fterling.

16 Martij 1639, Setterday.

This day Sir John Hay tuik journey to Ingland; and zesterday the Countefs of Home went alfo. Countess Home's requisitioun to Ingland.

21 Merche 1639, Thursday.

This day the Lord Thefaurer returnit from Court. Lord Thefaurer returnit from Court.
Item, this nycht, betuix 4 and fex at nycht, the Caftel of Edinburgh brafchit be pittardis, and takin In be the nobilitie. Castell of Edinburgh takin.

22 Merche 1639.

This day, being Fryday, the Sefsioun fatt; quhair Sir Robert Spottifwod, President af toun. President, the Justice Clerk, and Thefaurer Deput, wer prefent; but att nycht, the Prefident went af toun.

23 Merche 1639.

This day, being Setterday, the Prefident went af toun; and ane number of the Sefsioun mett, and wer requyrit be the nobilitie to fufcryve the Covenant.

Item, this day ane number of the Covenanteris went to tak in Dalkeyth, Dalkeyth takin in and tuik it in.

24 Merche 1639, Sounday.

Lord Thesaurer. This day I gat a letter from the Lord Thefaurer, (daitit at Cranftoun, to quhilk he retirit efter he left Dalkeyth, in the place pertening to the Scheriff of) defyring me to informe his Lordship of the forme of prorogatioun of the Parliament from July, quhilk I anfuerit; and thairwith delyverit a letter to Sir John Vache, to be sent to Lord Panmuir, and within it on to my fone, if the Lord Thefaurer fould go prefentlie to Court.

25 Merche 1639, Mononday.

Lord Thesaurer. Mett with my L. Thefaurer this day, about 6 at nycht, in the Borrowmuire, quhair he defyrit to be clerit in the points of my letter; and he told me that thair had informit his Majestie, that the prorogatioun behovit to be vpon 40 dayis preceeding the dyet; quhilk, I faid, is trew in ane new indictioun off a Parliament, but not in the continuatioun, quhilk behovit to be *eodem die* that the Parliament is fenfit; but his Majestie may notifie his plesur to haif it prorogat quhensoever his Majestie pleffis.

I rememberit his Lordship of my letter to Lord Panmuir, quhilk he promitit to delyver to him, and als to reid my marginall nott to his Majestie, quhairby I cleir myself of all the calumnies and hard informatiounes made of me, except the point of judgement and conscience, as I did expres it in Counfell.

26 Merche 1639, Twyfday.

Waponschawing. This day the waponschawing of Edinburgh, quhairin thair wes of musketiers $j^m v^c$, and of pikmen j^m , by commanders. Item, of the College of Justice, of musketiers $ij^c lxx$, and of pikkis $j^c lxxvj$, by commanders; and theis quho wes with the 4 Lords quho went befoir, viz., Durie, Innerteil, Craighal, and Scottistarbet, and ane number of the auld advocattis and wryters; sua that all the College of Justice wes about v^c .

Dumbarton. Item, this nycht fure word cam that Dumbartan wes takin in, on Soun- day, 24 Marche, be a fratageme.

Hary Hope. Item, this nycht Hary Hope, my nephew, cam from France.

27 Merche 1639, Weddinfday.

This day the Lords of Sessioun sent the Lord Justice Clerk to his Majesty, to acquaint his Majesty with the trew estait of the countrey; and to deprecat his Majesties wraith of the sam.

The Sessioun sends Lord Justice Clerk to his Majestie.

30 Merche 1639, Setterday.

This nycht his Majestie cam to York.

His Majestie at York.

1 April 1639, Mononday.

2 April 1639, Twyfday.

This day, being Twyfday, about 6 at nycht, the Lord Naper, Lord Thefaurer Deput, and Lord Innerpeffer, cam to me and told me that thai had mett with my Lord Durie, and that thai hard the Kingis Majestie wes come to Newcastle, and wes to be at Bervick on the morow; and that it wes fitt that the Counfell, with the Sessioun, fould mett together and resolve, all to go toward his Majestie, and present themfelfis befor his Majestie, and deprecat his wraith from his peopill. And accordinglie letters wes writtin to the Counfell, and to fuche of the Lords of Sessioun as wer absent.

Anent the meiting of the Counsel and Sessioun.

Item, as I awaked on Weddinfday in the morning, I fell in ane earnest incalling of the Lord, that his Majestie wald pittie his peopill, and vindicat them from the power and rage of thair adverfaries, and wald establishe the glorie of his bliffit trewth in the land. And quhills I wes praying, thir wordis wer fpokin, but quhither be me or some other I dar not fay, but the wordis wer, "I will preserve and faiff my peopill." Quhairupon I awakit out of my drufines; for I wes not fleiping, but as it wer oppreffit with greiff and teires, till theis words wer fpokin and certanlie hard be me. Bliffit be the Lord, quho hes a cair of his awin. And askit my wyff if scho hard any speiking, quho hard not; and I told her quhat I hard.

Words spokin and hard on 3 April 1639, in the morning.

6 April 1639, Setterday.

This day 7 of the Counfell and 9 of the Sessioun mett in the Sessioun-hous, to advyse for sending of some of thair number to his Majestie, to

Meiting of Counsell and Sessioun.

Lord Thesaurer
confinit to his hous
in York.

deprecat his wraith aganis the countrey; and in the meiting hard from the Erl Wigtoun, that the Lord Thesaurer wes commandit to keip his hous in York, and prohibit his Majestie's presence.

Erl Lauderdaill.

Item, I mett thair with the Erl Lauderdaill, quho said that he rememberit his promife, and wald do it; and I anfuert, that I wes in no doubt of it, but I wald haif had his Lordship's tikkit, to schaw it to the Erl Murray; and he said, "I fall tell him myself that I haif done it."

Lord Wodhall
deceissit.

Item, this nycht, about 12 hours in the nycht, the Lord Wodhall, Sir Adam Cuningham, deceiffit.

10 April 1639, Weddinfday.

Meiting of Secret
Counsell and Ses-
sioun.

This day the Counsell and Sessioun mett to advyse anent the deprecating of his Majestie's wraith of the country, and resoluit all to go and cast themselves at his Majestie's royall feit; and prevailit the Thesaurer Deput to try his Majestie's acceptance.

Item, my sone Sir Thomas his barnis went to the Kerß.

11 Apryll 1639, Thurfday.

This day the Act made and subferyvit be Erl Mar, Erl Perth, Erl Wigtoun, Erl Galloway, Erl Lauderdaill, Erl Southesk, Lord Elphingfoun, Lord Nepar, Advocat, and Thesaurer Deput, of the Counsell; and be Lord Dury, Lord Innerteil, Lord Innerpeffer, Lord Balcomie, Lord Fotherance, Lord Cranfoun, Craighall, Lord Scottiftarvett, Lord Eiftbank, of the Sessioun.

12 April 1639, Fryday.

Lent to my sone Mr. James my sword and twa pistolles.

This day the Erl of Southesk and young Athy took journey to Court.

Meiting in my
Lord Durie's hous.

Item, this day, about 6 at nycht, mett in my Lord Durie's, Erl Ergill, Erl Mar, Erl Perth, Erl Wigtoun, Lord Nepar, Advocat, and Thesaurer Deputt of Counsell; and Lord Durie, Lord Innerpeffer, Lord Fotherance, Lord Cranfounriddell, Lord Craighall, Lord Eiftbank, off Sessioun. And to them cam Erl Rothes, Lord Lyndfay, Lord Lowdown, Lord

Capringtoun, George Bruce, John Smyth, and Mr. William Cunningham ; quhair the Lordis acquaintit the nobilitie, that thai had directit the Erl Wigtoun and Lord Nepar, of the Counsell, and my Lord Durie and Craighall for the Sessioun, to notifie them thair resolutioun ; and that thai had promifit to come and declair thair opiniounes of it.

And then the Erl of Rothes first, and thairefter the Lord Lowdoun, schew that thai had confiderit of it, and thocht it nawayis expedient, except thay wer resoluit and satiffeit off some doubtis ; and proponit, first, that thai must be sure that thay quho went vp shuld be all of one mynd, quhilk thai haif reffon to doubt, since both Counsell and Sessioun had gevin furth thair contrair determinatiounis, in subfcriving the Covenant according to his Majestie's declaratioun, and in refusing to gif horning upon excommunicat persones.

I anfuerit, that the difference of judgement wes not the point now ; but, feing vpon it hes ryfen the apparent and instant perrell of kirk and kingdome be two armies coming to the feildis, how any happie middis may be fund to preveyne the famyn, and extremities wald not be joynit *sine medio*. This is thocht fitt, and the reffoun thairoff urgent, that his Majestie is bund in iustice to try the fault befor he punishe or exequat be a bloodie warr, quhilk will affect his Majestie's hart muche. And for thair impedimentis, thai haif no place heir, for be them all mediatioun is excludit, feing the Covenanteris will not be admittit be his Majestie to mediat, and the vther is refusit be them ; and as to the saif conduct, it wes resolvit upon. It wes anfuerit, that all mediatiounis wer usit be supplicatioun, and nothing restit ; and that thair assent to this act of the Counsell wald prejudge thair caus.

I anfuerit, that thair wes no consent cravit of them, but that the Counsell wald not omitt that respect to them to acquaint them thairwith, lest thay shuld mak stop ; and thay had gottin ane anfuer gracious and faorable to all thair preceeding supplicatiounes, and nothing now restit but the matter of the Assamble, quhairin it wes to be supplicat from his Majestie, first to try if, be the lawis of the kingdome, his Majestie, efter indictioun, mycht discharge the Assamble, vnder the payne of treasoun.

Thairefter the Lord Innerpeffer anfuerit, that the Sefsioun had done nothing contrarie to them, for thai had fufcryvit the Covenant as it wes prentit; and as to the Lord Marques his declaratioun, the famyn wes emittit efter thair fufcriptioun, and quhen his Grace fpak it, thai faid it wes in thir termes, that the ordinance of Counfell did nather allow nor difallow of Epifcopacie.

Item, as to the vther vniformitie, if thai went vp, that it wes refoluit that none fould fpeik but that quhilk, with vniforme confent, fould be aggreit vpon be all.

And as to thair particular opiniounes, if his Majestie did ask them, he declarit for himfelf that he wald affirme, that the only fitteft way to fattill all thingis wer to hold ane Parliament.

The Lord Fotherance faid the famyn, but with this ferupill, that a Parliament could not be haldin wanting the Thrid Eftait, quhilk is etablifchit be the A&t of Parliament 1597 to be Bifchoppes. And as to the letteris of horning vpon excommunication, thai wer not refusit, but letters writtin to his Majestie thairanent; quhairin thai had juft reffoun, becaus, albeit thair be ane A&t of Parliament to gif letters of horning aganis perfones excommunicat, yet the A&t 1612 declares that none can be excommunicat but be confent of the Bifchoppes.

The Lords Cranftoun and Eiftbank all faid the lyke; and for my Lord Durie and my fone, thai wer not doubtit.

My Lord Fotherance cravit me to cleir to him the point of the Thrid Eftait of Parliament, and the A&t 1597 quhairvpon it dependit, quhilk I fehunit, becaus we had no tyme; butt I faid, that *quoad jurisdictionem in ecclesia*, it wes fufpenfive till it wer condescendit on with the Kirk; and if all the bifchopes wer deid, the Thrid Eftait wold (be) in vther prelattis, as abbottis and priores.

15 April 1639, Mononday.

Thesaurer Deput. This day the Thesaurer Deput tuik post to Court, and fent with him letters to Erl Stirling, Lord Panmuir, James Levingftoun, and to my fone.

Marques of Huntley. Item, certane word from the Erl of Montroif and Generall Leslie, quho

went to the North, that the Marques of Huntley wes come in and fuferyvit the Covenant, and gaif his eldest fone as pledge for his constancie.

18 April 1639.

Delyverit to Sir Robert Gordoun ane anfuer of the letter quhilk I reffavit Lord Panmuir, from him 3esterday, from the Lord Panmuir, anent the Castell of Edin-^{from Sir Robert Gordoun.}burgh ; and an other to my Lord Stirling, for the famyn, but generally.

22 April 1639.

Gevin to my fone Sir Thomas my putrinell or carabin, indentit of rowat Putrinell work ; referving the vse thairof to myself, quhen I call for it.

23 April 1639, Twyfday.

My dauchter Mary went bak to Craighall ; and gevin with hir, to my Cognisance. barne Thomas, the cognifance of Baronet, quhilk I gatt from Lord Stirling, 19 Merche 1630 ; and Anne went with hir.

24 April 1639, Weddinfday.

Mett with the Lord Thesaurer in Mr. Adam Hepburne's houf at the Lord Thesaurer. South Port, quhair he told me of Sir John Hay his trecherie, in caufing accufe him to his Majestie as plotter and counsellor in all the troubles ; and he wes to be judgit be the Erl of Arrundell, Merchel of Ingland, becaus the armies wer vpon the feild.

He cam from York thairefter be his Majestie's warrand, and with him the Lord Dalzell, on Thurfday of befoir, to the Borderis of Scotland, being 18 April ; and fent letteris to the nobilmen to meit them at Melroß, quhair thai mett on Mononday, 22 April ; and cam to the Potterraw on 23 April.

Item, Marques of Huntley committit to the Castell of Edinburgh.

Marques of Huntley.

Laft April 1639, Twyfday.

This day reffavit his Majestie's letter, daitit at York, 27 April 1639, Letter from his Majestie, to come commanding me to come to Court. to York

Item, that day hard that the Lord Sayis and Lord Broghe, Ingliche

Lords, wer putt in prifoun at York, as fufpectit to be intelligencers to the Scottis nobilmen.

Item, this nycht his Majestie's schippis, to the number of 30 or 40, wer discoverit als far as Dumbar.

1 Maij 1639, Weddinfday.

This nycht a fervand of Coronell Erskin's cam from Court, quho affurit that his Majestie wes in Durehame.

2 Maij 1639.

Marques of Hamiltoun, with his Majesty's schippis. His Majestie's schippis cam to Infche Keyth, in number 29, and fend in thair commiffioun to the nobilmen, quhair of the Marques of Hamiltoun General.

Charls Erskin, my sone, his cabinet of jowells. Item, this day Charls Erskin, my sone, defyrit to put within my litill irne kift [his coffer with jewellis, quhilk wes done, and I gaif him the key thair of. Item, Mr. Alexander Burnett patt thairin, befoir it wes lockit, ane litill bunfche of paperis pertening to him.]

Thir redelyuerit to my sone, 27 Junij 1639. Item, to Mr. Alexander Burnet. All thir, with the meikill irne kift, and writtis being thairin, ar putt in the laich volt fellar, for eschewing of fyr; and committis the rest to the Lord.

3 Maij 1639, Fryday.

Thefaurer Deput. This nycht the Thefaurer Deput cam from Durehame, quhair his Majestie wes, to Edinburgh, with a proclamatioun offering a general pardoun, and declaring all that did not accept it to be rebellis and traitors, and all thair landis to be forfaltit.

4 Maij 1639.

This nycht tuo men takin, quho wes to fet the toun in fyre.

2 irne kistis. Item, this nycht the tua irne kistis, with the writtis and evidents being thairin, putt in the laich feller volt.

7 Maij 1639.

Pacquett. Letteris fent in James Prymrois his paquet to the Lord Panmuir, with

the commiffioun for fencing and prorogatioun of the Parliament. Item, letter to Erl Stirling. Item, the Countef of Merfchel hir letteris to the Lord Panmuir. Item, Coronel Erfkin his letter to the Erl Stirling.

11 Maij 1639.

Gevin to John More, quhen he went from my fervice, v auld roß nobles. John More.

12 Maij 1639, being Sounday, at nicht.

The pacquet in paiper cam to me from Neucastell, daitit 11 May 1639, His Majestie's with commiffioun for prorogatioun of the Parliament to 23 July nixt; with ^{ansuer.} a letter from his Majestie, for performing of the famyn.

15 Maij 1639, Weddinfday.

This day the Parliament fencit be his Majestie's Commiffioun vnder the Parliament fencit Quarter Seill, and continewit to 23 July nixt. ^{and continewit.}

Item, pacquet fent, quhairin to his Majestie felf, and to the Lord Panmuir, and Secretar, and Erl Roxburgh; in it to my fone Mr. Alexander, to be fent to him from Neucastell to Londoun; within quhilk is a letter from Hary to his mother.

Item, within this letters from the Thesaurer Deput to Erl Stirling. Item, from Coronel Erfkin to the Erl Stirling. Item, from Sir Robert Gordoun to the Erl of Stirling.

Item, this day report of the Lord Roxburgh his committing, in the Mair Erl Roxburgh of Neucastell his hous.

Item, this nycht the copies gevin to Sir Robert Gordoun aganis my Lord Raa and Lord Raa and Sir James Sinclair of Murkill; and thairefter copies of oth, ^{L. Murkill.} to 25 July, fent by Alexander Young, fkyner in Elgin, to Drennie, Sir Robert his place, 2 July 1639.

16 Maij 1639.

Arthor Stratown went to the Erll Merfchell, and fent with him letters to Tutor of Pittflogo. the Lord Phillorth, and Tutor of Pittflogo.

17 Maij 1639.

Maister of Forbes
takin or hurt.

This day report of the conflict in the North, beyd Innerrury, brocht hither be young Ludquharne; quhair Lord Banff, Lord Haddo, Donald Ferquharfoun, and vtheris of the name of Gordoun, sett vpoun the Maister off Forbes and his companies, being in horß and fut 600 men, and Banff not above iij^c, with sum feild peices; and patt the vther to flicht, without so muche as a strik on the vther fyd; and the Maister of Forbes hurt or takin, and twa or thrie killit.

18 Maij, Setterday, 1639.

Wordis hard 18
Maij, lyk theis
quhilk I hard on
3 April.

This day, in the morning, I lying in my bed, betuix fyve and sex, and, vpon the greiff off the report of the difaster in the North, puring forth my hart to the Lord in prayer, and saying, "Lord, pitie thy pure Kirk, for thair is no help in man!" I hard a voce saying to me, as I did heir it of befoir, on thrid Apryll last, "I will pitie it." For quhilk I bliffit the Lord; and belevis that it fal be as my Lord hes now twys fpokin to me.

Long carabin.

Lent to John my long carabin of rowet work all indentit, with the brace iron key and gold string, gottin from Mr. John Erles?

19 Maij.

At nycht the pacquet cam to me, with letters from Erl Stirling and Lord Panmuir, testifeing his Majestie's approbatioun of the prorogatioun of the Parliament to 23 July.

20 Maij 1639.

Litill carabin.

Gevin to my sone Charles my litill rowat carabin of mother-a-perll stok, to be vsit be him quhen I haif not ado thairwith, but to be readie quhen I call for it.

Contributioun.

Gevin to hir 5 rosnobles, for the contributioun to the comoun caus, made be women.

Pacquet.

Item, this day direct a pacquet to the Erl Stirling, in anfuer of that quhilk I reffavit on Sounday the 19 Maij instant from Neucastell; quhairin one to the Erl of Stirling, and within it one from James Prymrois, and ane

ither to the Lord Panmuir, quhair of I haif ane copie, becaus it concernis the publik affares.

21 May 1639, Twyfday.

This day Generall Leslie, Erl Rotheß, and Lord Lyndfay, tuik journey Generall Leslie to the bound rod.

22 May 1639, Weddinfday.

This day, about fyve hours efternone, thair wes ane eclipse of the foun. Eclipse of the
soun.

23 May 1639.

Coft from Andro Anderfoun, in Couper, 2 pistolles, and gevin thairfoir 2 pistolles. 2 doubill angells; and I gave thame with the calmes key and worme to Hew Lyndfay, to keip and drefs for my vse.

This day 14 or 16 of the Kingis schippis loufit from the raid. 16 schippis.

Item, Mr. Alexander Henrysoun, with Mr. Archibald Johnstoun, raid to Mr. Alexander Henrysoun. Mr. Alexander
Henrysoun.
the bound Rod.

24 May 1639, Fryday.

This day ane Inglishche herald brocht a new proclamatioun from his New proclama-
tioun. Majestie, daitit at Neucastell, May 1639; quhairin his Majestie declaris that he cravis nothing of his subiectis but civill obedience, and that he is come to hold his Parliament; and thairfoir commands all his Majestie's subiectis quho ar gathered in armes to remoue thamselfis 10 myl thairfra, vnder all highest payne. Item, a letter from the Erl Holland to the nobility, to that samyn end.

To this the nobility gaif anfuer by a letter to the Erl of Holland, and be Ansuer thairto. sending the L. of Blacater, with instructiounis, to the nobility of England, defyring to haif conference with some off them; and in the meantyme, quhill thair gatt anfuer, fould obey, and retire thair armies and forces ten myles from the Bordour, provyding that the Inglishche did also keip thair forces bak from the Borderis.

Item, this 24 May, being Fryday, the Kingis Majestie, with his armies, His Majestie at
Anwik.
cam to Anwik.

25 May 1639, Setterday.

His Majestie at Goshauk, within 4 myle to Bervick. This day his Majestie cam from Anwik to ane place callit Gofehauk, pertening to a gentilman callit Hamiltoun, quhilk is within 4 myle to Bervick.

27 May, Mononday.

The schippis returnit. This day the 16 schippis quhilk went away returnit to the raid of Leyth.

28 May 1639, Twyfday.

Packett. The pacquet sent to Erl Stirling, quhairin one to him, and within it to the Thefaurer Deput. Item, one from me to Lord Panmuir, quhairin from the Countess of Merfchell 2, and from Angus 3.

29 May, Weddinfday, 1639, Edinburgh.

Words hard, 3. About midnycht, as I wes regrating to the Lord the calamitie off his Kirk, and humblie praying his Majestie to arrife to the help thairoff, and with teares vrging, calling vnto him, Arryse! I hard thir words, "I will arryse." And within half hour efter, the horne blew with a pacquet.

Item, I went away toward Hadingtoun, to meit with the Erll of Rothes, but he wes gone to Dumbar; quhairvpon I went to _____, quhair I stayit till 6 Junij; and on 6 Junij, being Thurfday, I went to Lammermuir, toward Bervick, be the convoy of one William Wauchop; and came, about tuelf hours of the day, till Foulden, quhair I wes most courteouslie entertaint be John Wilkie and his lady, and abaid with them till 20 Junij, at quhilk I returnit to Edinburgh.

On Fryday, 7 Junij, I kiffit his Majestie's hand; and had conference with his Majestie on Mononday the 10, and on Twyfday, Weddinfday, and Thurfday; as my nott made thairvpon will testifie.

Words hard, 4. On 8 Junij, lying in my bed, betuix 1 and 2 in the morning, I wes pouring furth my hart to the Lord; and in so gret necessitie, being to speik with the King, I said, "My Lord, will not thy Majestie help and assist me?" And I hard a voice saying, "I will, doubt nott."

Words, 5. Item, at Foulden, on 14 Junij, quhilk wes Fryday, 1639, being anxious in spirit for the event and successe of God's caus, I hard this voice, "Latt me work it."

Item, on Setterday the 15 Junij the articles wes presentit, and the nobilmen gatt a kiffe of his Majestie's hand.

Item, at Foulden, 16 Junij 1639, being Sounday; I being praifing the Words, 6. Lord for the good beginning, and humblie praying for the accomplifching of God's work, I hard this voice, " I haif done it."

Item, on Twyfday, 18 Junij, the articles of peax wer fubfcrivit.

Item, this day, in the morning, I being in a deip meditatioun of God's Vow to my good favors to the publik good of his Kirk, and in it to me his poore fervand; I ^{God.} vowit to my Lord, (in respect of the gret tentatiounis offerit to me, be calumniatts and vtherwais, be some of my awin, quhom I name not;) I vowit, I fay, to refrayne my foddan passiouun, and to compone my mynd, by God's grace, to patience and equanimity, and to remit all to the Lord; quhilk I pray God I may keip.

20 Junij 1639.

On Thurfday, 20 Junij, I came from Foulden about 5 in the morning, and came to Edinburgh about 4 efternone.

On Setterday, 22 Junij 1639, the Castell of Edinburgh randerit to his Majestie, and to the Marques of Hamiltoun in his Majestie's name; and ^{Castel of Edinburgh randerit, 22 Junij 1639.} General Ruthven made Captane thairoff.

On Sounday, 23 Junij 1639, I rememberit the holy vowis and promiffis ^{Sounday, 23 Junij 1639, Vowis.} to my Lord, for adhering to his trewth, and puritie thairoff. And in respect of his Majestie's gracious assistance of me quhen I wes befor the King's Majestie, according to his fueit promiffes and assurances gevin to me, I renewit my vowis, and promifit, be his grace, to hold fast the Covenant off his bliffit treuth, and thairwith to walk in charitie, sobrietie, and all vther Christian vertewis; and to moderat theis affectiounis and passiounes, of impatience, anger, and vtheris of that kynd, quhilk is one of my greiteft tentatiounis in bodie and mynd; and to remitt all to the grace of my Lord, to strenthen me aganis theis infirmities, and to keip me in the moderat vse of theis thingis quhilks vtherwais ar lawfull, but not expedient for this tyme of tryel. The Lord performe quhat he hes made me promife!

On Sounday laft, Junij 1639, a holy renewing of my vowis to my Lord, ^{Renewit.}

quhilk I putt on his Majestie's grace and strenth, without quhilk I am not abill to performe the samyn.

1 July, Mononday, 1639.

Counsell.

This day the Counsell mett at Halyruidhous, quhair wer present, Lord Thesaurer, Lord Privie Seill, Marques of Huntley, Erl Perth, Erl Lauderdaill, Erl Kynnoull, Erl of Hadingtoun, Justice Generall, Thesaurer Deput, and Sir James Hamiltoun; and I being diseasit of a colik, wes excusit.

Indictioun of
Assemblie to
12 August.
Sessioun to sitt
doun 9 July.

Heir the Assemblie ordanit to be indictit to the xij of August next.

Item, the Sessioun ordanit to sitt doun on 9 July.

The Assemblie proclamit, and the nobilmen protestit aganis the naming of archbischops and bischoppes.

On 3 July, Weddinfday, wes the tumult of women in Edinburgh, quho invadit the Lord Thesaurer, Erl Kynoul, and Lord Oboyne, in thair coches.

4 July 1639, Thurfday.

This day also the Counsell satt, at quhilk wes present the Lords above expressit, and by them the Justice Clerk; and heir nothng wes movit of the tumult, but onlie how to provyd for his Majestie's cariage, and vther necessaies for his Majestie's incoming to Dalkeyth; and I wes excusit be reffoun of my diseafe.

My promise anent
my oy Elizabeth.

Item, my dauchter Margaret being going to Craighall, cam to visit me; and I stayed hir a tyme, and told hir that I wes forie to find my sone and hir so sad and lowring; and told thai had no reffoun, and red to hir the nott quhilk I had from my sone in Januar last; and in end told of the impediments, be reffoun of the troubles of the tyme, quhilk hinderit me to performe my promise anent Elizabeth hir j^m merks at this terme; but that, with God's grace, I sal pay it, and ane vther thousand, at Witsfounday 1640, if the Lord spair my dayis.

9 July 1639, Twyfday.

Sessioun sittis.

This day the Sessioun satt, and thai wer 9 of number; and admittit the Lord Halkertoun, younger, vpoun his Majestie's letter, oppin and not

fignettitt, in place of Sir Adam Cuninghame ; but nather Prefident nor Clerk of Register wes present ; and of the ordinar Lords, (by them,) Innerpeffer and Fodderance wes not come.

13 July 1639.

The Lords sent a letter to his Majesty be the Thefaurer Deput, advertizing his Majesty of thair fitting, and that name of the subiectis repairit thairto ; and cravit his Majesty's plesur if thai fould fitt or ryfe.

Letter from the
Sessioun to his
Majestie.

18 July 1639.

I sent letters in James Prymrois his pacquet to the Erl of Stirling, quhairin to him, with the commiffioun for sending of the Parliament, and a pacquet to him from Sir Robert Gordoun. Item, to the Lord Panmuir, and within his to the Lord Thefaurer, defyring to haif the commiffioun for the Parliament to be sent befoir Setterday next.

Packet of letters to
the Secretar.

22 July 1639.

Sent with Robert Wallace, feruitor to the L. Frendrauch, an anfuer to him of his letter ; with twa letteris, one to the Tutor of Pitfligo, and ane vther to the Lord Phillorth, anent the flownes of thair anfuer for the writtis.

Letters to Lord
Phillorth.

23 July 1639, Twyfday.

This day the Parliament fenfit, and continewit to the 26 August next.

Parliament.

24 July 1639.

Theis thrie nobilmen, viz., Erl Dumfermling, Lord Lyndfay, and Lord Lowdown, went to his Majesty, to gif anfuer to some articles ; but his Majesty defyrit vtheris to come, quhairof the Erl Rotheß, Erl Montroiß, Erl Lothian, wes thrie ; quho went about the 18 July, and returnit, to fetche with them the remainder.

Nobilmen went to
Bervick.

25 July, Thurfday, 1639.

This day my sone Alexander, with Mr. Roo, a gentilman quho come

My sone Mr
Alexander.

with him about the end of Junij laft, returnit to Bervick, to attend on his Majestie; and gevin to my fone, in takin, 5 old roß of gold; and this day reffavit the Tutor of Pitfligois letter, with the contract of mariage.

26 July, Fryday, 1639.

His Majestie's resolution to go to London. This day word come that his Majestie had resoluit suddently to go to Londoun, and to tak journey on Mononday nixt, 29 July.

27 July 1639, Setterday.

Packett. A packet sent to Erl Stirling, quhairin to himself, takand my leve of him. Item, to Lord Panmuir, and within it to my fone Mr. Alexander. Item, one to him from the Countess of Merfchell. Item, another to James Levingstoun, from me. Item, another from me to Mr. Alexander, anent Sir Hary Milmay. James his signatour; and one to him, to be delyverit from me to Sir Hary Milmay, Knycht, jowellor to his Majestie.

Mr. Alexander, for L. Blair. Item, this samyn day, about 3 efternone, Adam Blair tauld me of the deceif of the L. Blair, and went from me; and efter that Mr. George Norwell put me in mynd to fute the gift to my fone Mr. Alexander, quhilk I wald not do without Adam Blair his knowledge, quho come to me and said he could not do it without warrand of the freinds, and specially of Sir Archibald Steuart of Blakhall and the Lard of Gaitgirth, the defunct's good-brethir; but he wes content to misken it. I promifit that it fould not pas the Seills till the freinds and I wer accordit; and he told me the estait is worth 12^m merks be zeir, but then thair is 3 lady lyfrenters vpon it, and the burthen of 50^mlb of debt, with 8 bairnis; quhairvpon I drew vp the gift and sent it to my fone, with letteris to Erl Stirling and Lord Panmuir, to assist him thairin.

1 August, Thursday.

Countess of Mar. 8 August 1639, the Counsell mett, quhairin no publik buffines wes treattit, (becaus his Majestie's letters wer not come,) only the particular betuix the Countess of Mar and the L. Erskin, anent the feat of the kirk of Stirling; and vpon 9 August the matter wes submittit to Erl Ergill, Erl Southesk, and Lord Durie.

10 August 1639, Setterday.

This day his Majestie's letter cam to Counsell, appointing the Erl Tra- Erl Traquhair
quhair Commiffioner for Affemblic and Parliament. High Commis-
sioner.

Item, letters sent to my sone Mr. Alexander, quhairin to himself, anent the Letter to Mr.
Lord Thefaurer his promise for signing of his precept to Alexander Steuart. Alexander.

Item, a letter to Erl Stirling, acquainting him with Sir James Douglas Item, to Erl Stir-
his titil, aganis quhilk Patrik L. Oliphant gaif in a bill ; and als remembering ling, anent my
sone James.
him of a signatour to James my sone of the mynes of Waterheid, to quhilk
I must haif him and his sones joyn thair consent.

Item, a letter reffavit this day from Sir Hary Milmay, jeweller to his Item, Sir Hary
Majestie, quhilk I haif anfuert with this pacquet. Milmay.

12 August 1639, Mononday.

This day a solemn fast in all the kirks of Edinburgh, both befor none General Assemblie.
and eftirnone ; and about half hour to four the Affemblic mett in the New
Kirk of Edinburgh, quhair, efter prayer made be Mr. Alexander Henry-
foun, laft Moderator, the Clerk callit the Roll off the Commiffioners of
Presbitries, Burghes, and Collegis, quhilk held neir twa hours ; and the
Affemblic ordanit to meit to-morow at 10 houres.

13 August 1639.

This day Mr. Daud Dick chofin Moderator, and the lytes wes namit to Mr. Daud Dick
be Mr. Alexander Henryfoun, laft Moderator, quho namit fyve, and to them Moderator.
his Majestie's Commiffioner addit Mr. Alexander himself ; quhairvpon thair
wes a long dispuitt, but in end the sex stude, and the matter went in voiting.

14 August 1639.

This day the Affemblic mett, and the Commiffioner requyrit, that befor Parle.
the debaiting of matters, for eschewing of misconstruction, that some of the
Affemblic fould meit with the Commiffioner, and with him some off the
Counsell, at eternone, quhilk wes grantit ; quhairvpon the sessioun of this
dayis Affemblic rose.

Item, this day a pacquet sent be my Lord Commiffioner, and I sent

Packet to the Erl Stirling, with the warrand for Parliament.

letters inclofit in the Lord Panmuir his pacquet, quhilk he sent to the Secretar, with a warrand for him and his good-fone Athy, for ratifeing of thair blensche infestmentis latlie past in Februar 1639. Item, a letter from me to the Erl Stirling, and within it a warrand to be past his Majestie, for ratificatioun in Parliament of my blensche infestment of Craighal and Kyninmonth, in Junij 1635. Item, a signatour to Mr. Alexander my fone of the lands and mynes of Waterheid, vpoun Mr. James his resignatioun, to be past his Majestie's hand.

17 August 1639, Setterday.

Act of Assemblie abolishing Episcopacie.

This day the Affemblic, quhilk began at Edinburgh on Mononday the 12 August, clofit the point of Episcopacie, and declarit it vnlawfull, and contrair to Godis word, to the vnspeakabill joy of all them that feiris the Lord, and waittis for his salvatioun.

Packett.

Item, this nyecht sent a pacquet to the Erll of Stirling, advertising him heirof, and thairwith sending him a warrand to ratifie ane ryecht of patronage of Tullibody in Parliament. Item, a warrand for ratifeing James Maxwell his infestment of the patronage of Dirltoun, and containing a suppreffion of the abbacies of Dryburgh and Cambuskennell, and pryorie of Inchmahómo. Item, a letter to my fone Mr. Alexander, and ane other to James Levingstoun.

19 August 1639, Mononday.

Packett.

This day delyverit to the Lord Commiffioner a packett to the Erl Stirling, quhairin one to him from Lord Panmuir. Item, one from me, with the presentatioun of Monecky to Mr. Henry Fithy, vpon the deceif of Mr. John Durham, laft minifter; and in the end thairof my regrait of thir 3: (1.) That I never callit to be present; (2.) That S. L. at his elbo; (3.) That his splen and outrageous speeches my difgrace.

Anent the 3 estait.

Item, this day the Lord Commiffioner askit me concerning the 3 estait of Parliament, quhilk I anfuerit in presence of Erl Southek and Lord Justice Clerk.

Item, thairefter I spak with the Erll of Airth, &c.

21 August 1639, Weddinfday.

This day Colin Campbell, Tutor of Calder, promifit to me 3eirly thrie or ^{Colin Campbell,} four mairtis to attend to the Lard's affairs and his; and to begin at ^{Tutor of Calder.} Mertimes nixt.

Item, he promifit to gif the feu-duety of Ylaw to Mr. George, to remayne Ylaw. in his hands; and he wes content that I fould tak it from Mr. George, vpon furety to repay it, if I gat him not to difcharge.

25 August 1639, Sounday.

This day, betuix alleivin and tuelff befor none, David M^ccall deceffit. ^{David M^ccall}

Item, fent letters to the Erl Stirling and my fone, anfuering the Erll his ^{deceissit.} letter reffavit 24 August, and complaining of my fone of not anfuering his, ^{Packett.} quhilk wer fent at one tyme.

26 August 1639, Mononday.

This day the Parliament fencit be commiffiouns vnder his Majestie's Parliament. Quarter Seill, and continewit to the 30 of August instant, and this Court wes holdin in the New Parliament Houf.

30 August 1639.

The Parliament fencit, and ordanit to ryd to-morow; and this intimate Parliament. to the eftates be a meafur and found of trompet.

31 August 1639, Setterday.

The Parliament raid. Erl Traquhair, Commiffioner; Erl Ergyll, croun; Erl Craufuird, fceptor; Erl Sutherland, fword.

Item, this nycht letters fent to my fone, and within to the Erl Stirling.

2 September 1639, Mononday.

This day my dauchter Margaret brocht to bed, and delyverit off ane man ^{My dauchter Mar-} chyld, for quhilk I bliffe the Lord; and gevin to Jean Cuningham, midwyff, ^{garet delyverit of a} 1 tuelf-pund piece. The bairne wes borne betuix 3 and 4 efternone. ^{fone.}

3 September 1639, Twyfday.

Hary Hope. This day Hary Hope went to Bruntiland, to schip to Newheavin; and I gave him for a takin 2 quadrupill pistolles of gold.

Maister of Berridall. Item, this day the Maister of Berridall deceiffit at Edinburgh, being heir attending the Generall Affemblic.

9 September 1639, Mononday.

The bairne baptisit Archibald. This day the bairne baptisit in the Auld Kirk, efter the morning preiching, be Mr. William Colace; and the bairne namit Archibald. Witneffes, Archibald, Erl of Eryll; Patrik Lyndfay, myself, Charles, Sir Thomas, James, Mr. Archibald Johnstoun, Mr. Alexander Colvill.

14 September 1639, Setterday.

Pacquet. This day a letter sent to my sone, and within it to the Erl of Stirling, to tell them of the disput anent the 3 estait, and vote in Parliament.

19 September 1639, Thurfday.

Packett. This day Mufchet, fervitor to the Erl Airth, went to Court, and come and askit if I had my letters; and with him I sent a letter to my sone, and within it one to Mr. Levingstoun, in anfuer of his reffavit be me, about the lordschip of Wauchtoun, in the matter of Beill, on 15 September instant.

Squyre Hay. Item, 21 September, Setterday, Sir James Hay of Smeithfeild, Squyre of his Majestie's Bodie, went to Court, and sent with him a letter to my sone, to be schawin to Mr. Levingstoun and to the Squyre himself, that he may schaw his Majestie I haif lost popular applaus.

22 September 1639, Sounday.

Words hard. This day, about 3 in the morning, I calling to mynd the croce proceedings in Parliament, (quhair of I haif a large journall every day since it satt down,) and the difficult and hard estait quhairin the kirk and kingdome standis, did pour furth my heart in prayer and teiris to the Lord, and betuix the feir of judgement for fyn, and the expectatioun of pardoning mercie in respect of the glorious work already done be the Lord in his Kirk; and

thairefter falling in a slumbering, I hard thir words, " My work is a perfyt work." The Lord perfyt it !

And vpon the morne, being Mononday, 23 September, betuix 4 and 5 in the morning, I being regraiting the greit difficulties of the ratificatioun of Godis treuth be the Parliament, be reffoun of the questiounes movit be the barones anent the 3 Estait, thir words cam to me, " I will do it in my awin way." For quhilk I bleffe the Lord, and belevis that the Lord will do it in his owin glorious way.

1 October 1639, Twyfday.

This day I reffavit letteris from the Erl Stirling, beiring he had acquaintit Erl Stirling. his Majestie with the buffiness of the thrid Estait.

Item, on 2 October writtin to the Erl Stirling, and als to my sone Mr. ^{My sone Mr.} Alexander, and within his one from my sone Mr. James, delyverit to Wil- ^{Alexander.} liam Leyth, fervitour to the Erl Mortoun, quho is to go post to-morow,
3 October 1639.

3 October 1639, Thurfday.

This day Mr. Ninian Bowfe maryit on Katharine Maccall, dochter to ^{Mr. Niniane} vmquhile Daudid M^ccall ; and gevin ane gilt coup of 22 vnce, and ane silver ^{Bouse.} coupe of 16 vnce.

5 October 1639.

Packet sent to Erl Stirling, quhairin a packet to him from the Lord Pan- ^{Packett.} muir. Item, one from me to James Levingftoun.

9 October.

This day I fpok the Erll of Lauderdaill, in the rowme above the Articles, Erl Lauderdaill. about 8 in the morning, (he being thair, with the Erl Southesk and Innerpeffer, on a Committee of the Blew Book, and I, with the Erl of Southesk, vpon the Act of Landflords in the North ;) and I defyrit to knaw if he wald pay the j^m merks and intrefß: And his anfuer wes, that he wald mak

the *dyk of the fail* ; quhen the Erl Home payit him he wald pay me ; or, if I defyr, he wald affigne me so much of the Erl of Home's band. And then he askit, quhat I had done for the Erl Murray ; and that he sould not pay if the Erl of Murray pay nott. To quhilk I anfuerit, that both he and the Countess of Home had promifit. Item, I did of befor remember him of his promife in the lobbie of the Eist Kirk, the tyme of the Generall Affembly, in Auguft last ; quhair he said, "*Manet irrevocabile verbum !*"

16 October, Weddinfday.

Commissioner.

This day, at 7 hours, I went to the Abbay at 7 hours in the morning ; and thair the Commiffioner askit my opinioun anent the act of Menfall Kirkis, quhilk I told in prefence of Sir Lues Steuart, and reportit to the Marques of Huntley firft, and then to the Lord Privie Seill ; but quhen the matter wes brocht in difput this day befor none, and the Moderator and Commiffioners of the Kirk being prefent in ane very great number, the Commiffioner, without any occafion offerit be me, brak out violentlie in thir fpeeches, efter I had reffonit the point exactlie for his Majestie : " Be God, this man cares not quhat he fpeaks ; for he fpeakes one thing to me privatlie, and evin now in my eir, and another thing publiklie, he is fo impudent." Quhairanent I made anfuer, and appellit to Sir Lues Steuart, quho hard us in the morning, and als to the Lord Privie Seill and Marques of Huntley, quho fupervenit efter.

17 October.

I gaif in my petitioun to the Lord Commiffioner and Articles, defyring Sir Lues Steuart and the Lord Privie Seill and Marques to be hard to declair ; quhilk petitioun wes red, but refufit to gif anfuer to it, and takin vp be him and putt in his pockett. And with this he fell out in the railing fpeeches contenit in the paper apart.

Spanish Navy
defait.

Item, this day, efternone, the newis cam of the defait of the Spanifche Navy be the Hollanders, quhilk wes fochtin foirnent Downes Raid, on Fryday the 11 October.

19 October 1639, Setterday.

This day sent a packet, with Sir Alexander Home or Mr. Alexander Johnstoun, to the Erl Stirling and my sone, with one from me to James Levingstoun, and one from my sone James to his brother, with informatioun of the Erl Traquhair, Commiffioner, his outragious behaviour on 16 and 17 October, and the doubill of my petitioun.

22 October, Twyfday.

Mr. William Burnet cam from Court, quho, and Lord Dalzell, went to Court on Souday, 6 October, and returnit not till this 22.

24 October, Thursday.

This day the Commiffioner declarit, in Articles, his Majestie's plefur to haif the Parliament adjornit to ane certain day, till his Majestie wer informit of the pointis in difference.

29 October.

Sent ane pacquet to Court to the Erl of Stirling, vnder cover of the Lord Packett. of Panmuir, quhilk wes delyverit to one Kinloch, factor in Paris, quhois father duellis in the heid of Nidrie's Wynd; and in this pacquet thair is a letter to his Majestie, with the nott of my petitioun, and the anfuer thairto. Item, one to the Erl Stirling. Item, one to my sone, with copie off my letter to his Majestie.

30 October.

Item, delyverit to the Lord Panmuir ane letter to the Erl Stirling, and ane to my sone, in anfuer of his of 19 October, reffavit 23 October from Mr. William Burnet, anent making him certane of present miserie, or of freidome from greiff, by sending moneyis and sic lyk; ane vther, schawing to him how the Lord of Panmuir had purchasit the Thefaurer his subscritioun to a precept to Alexander Steuart, for payment to him of ij^l lb sterling, subfcryvit 28 October; and that I had sent Hew Lyndefay to Fyiff, to defyre Alexander Steuart to accept it.

Lord Panmuir to Court. Memorandum.—The Lord tuik journey on thursday the laft of October, about 7 hours in the morning.

31 October, Thurfday.

This day a pacquet fent be me to the Erl Stirling, quhairin one to himfelf, with a not of the debait anent the prorogatioun of the Parliament to the 14 November nixt. Item, one to Lord Panmuir, anent Alexander Steuart his refufall of my fone's precept. Item, one to Mr. Alexander, my fone, quhairin is the precept of ij^c lb fterling, fubferyvit be the Lord Thefaurer at Halyruidhous, 28 October 1639, for the penfioun of the termes of Martimeß 1638 and Witfounday 1639, with Alexander Steuart his letter of refufall, and instruments thairvpon. Item, a letter to James Levingftoun, anent the prorogatioun of Parliament.

Erl Kynoull. Item, the Erl of Kynnoull fent with a letter from the Counfel to his Majeftie, anent the prorogatioun of Parliament.

1 November 1639, Fryday.

Item, this day the Erl of Dumfermling and Lord Lowdown tuik journey to Court, for the part of the nobilmen, &c.

2 November 1639, Setterday.

Turnoris. This day the turnoris, be act of Counfell, cryit doun to a pennie the peice ; quhilk wes recallit be ane contrair act, made 7 November 1639.

4 November 1639, Mononday.

Packet. This day John Erskin went poft to overtak the Lord Panmuir, and I gaif him a letter to the Lard, quhairin is a forme of a letter from his Majeftie to the Commiffioner, for ftaying of the Act of Cariestoun ; with a letter to my fone, to gett a letter from his Majeftie to the Thefaurer for iij^c lb fterling of his penfioun, including Martimeß 1639 ; and defyrit my letter to his Majeftie to be delyverit with diligence, and without delay.

8 November 1639.

Packet. This day letters fent (with one Mowbray, fervitour to the Erl

of Kellie,) to the Lord Panmuir, quhairby I tell him of the recalling of the act maid for decrying of the turnors, made zesterday, 7 November. Item, in his packet letters to him from the Countess of Merchell.

10 November, Sounday.

This day being ane fasting day, at the very entrie of the foirnone fermon, Fyre. the exhortatioun being begun by Mr. Alexander Henryfoun, thair wes a fray in the kirk, be occasioun of a fyre in one David Murray his houß, on the north fyd of the gait, nixt to Mr. John Skenis chalmers, on the west of it; quhairvpon a gritt part of the pepill, with the Prouest and Magistrates, ischit furth; and the Minister stayit till thair return, be the space of 3 quarteris of ane hour; and then, be Godis mercie, the fyre wes quenfschit.

14 November 1639.

The Parliament continewit till 2 Junij 1640, be vertue of the commiffion vnder the Quarter Seill.

15 November 1639, Fryday.

This day, being Fryday, betuix xj and tuelf befor noone, my daughter Marie delyverit of a maid child; for quhilk I bleffe the Lord, and God mak hir parentis and me thankfull.

20 November 1639, Weddinfday.

This day a part off the Castel wall, quhilk is toward the entrie on the fouth, fell in the nycht, with sik a noife, that all within took it for a myne or surprife of the Castell of Edinburgh.

21 November, Thurfday.

This day a pacquet gevin to Mr. James Gordoun, to be sent to the Erl Stirling, quhairin is ane pacquet to the Lord Panmuir, and ane vther to my sone, with the twa informations anent the prorogatioun of the Parliament, and anent the act of Counsell for ratifeing thair off; and Mr. James Gordoun delyverit the pacquet to Mr. William Forbes. In this is the signatour of Watterheid.

22 November 1639, Fryday.

Commissioner to
Court.

This day the Commiffioner tuik journey to Court, and Mr. William Forbes delyverit to some off his men my paequet to the Erl of Stirling.

Item, this day my fone Sir John offerit to pay his mother, for Craighall, v^m merks for the hous, ather termelie or monethlie ; and he to pay the Minifter and Mr. John Craig, and Robert Bennet his annuel, af Eifter Pittfcotty.

The Countef of Kinghorne deceiffit 22 November, Fryday.

23 November, Setterday.

Mr. William
Cuningham to
Court.

Mr. William Cuningham went to Court with the supplicatioun of the Eftates ; and I fent with him a letter to the Lord Panmuir, and within it one to my fone.

24 November, Sounday.

Erl Rothes.

This day, efter fermoun, the Countefs of Mar and Erl Rothes cam to fie my dauchter ; and the Erl fpak thir wordis to me, that the Commiffioner had perverted me.

29 November 1639, Fryday.

Pacquet with Mr.
James Gordoun,
anent Ylaw.

Mr. James Gordoun went to Court, and gevin to him a pacquet to the Erl of Stirling, quhairin one to himself, one to Lord Panmuir, and one to my fone ; with a letter to the Duik of Lenox anent Ylaw, and the informatioun of my rycht befoir his ; with a copy of both fent to my fone, to be communicat to the Erl Stirling and Lord Panmuir.

Laft November 1639.

Thefaurer Deput

The Thefaurer Deput went to Court, and fent with him a letter to the Erl Stirling.

1 December, Sounday, 1639.

2 December 1639.

Walter Steuart.

Mett with Walter Stewart, conforme to the nott.

Item, letter fent with Mr. Alexander Belfches to my sone Mr. Alexander. My sone.

Item, this day, 2 December 1639, being Mononday, the report cam of ^{Mr. John Spottis-}wood. the death of Mr. John Spottifwod, lait Chancellor ; quhilk wes reportit at the buriell of Mr. Alexander Hayis dauchter, in prefence of Sir Thomas Nicolfoun, quho thairvpoun fell out to fpeik of the bifchoppis and abbotis jurifdictioun in the kirk.

3 December 1639.

John, sone to my Lord Lyndfay, baptifit : he was borne on day of Lord Lyndsay. November, and he deceiffit in August 1640.

4 December 1639.

Report cam of the deceif off the Erll of Buchan at Court, on 4 dayis Erl Buchan. feiknes of a fever.

9 December 1639, Mononday.

A pacquet fent be James Prymrois, quhairin I had thrie pacquets, ^{Pacquett.} one to Erl Stirling, and within it to the Thefaurer Deput, and to the Lord Annand, from the Erll his father. Item, one to the L. Panmuir, quhairin a number of letters from Alexander Keyth and vthers. Item, a pacquet to my sone, quhairin one to James Levingftoun, to mak my excuse of not coming to Court till the fpring. Item, from Sir Thomas and James to my sone. Item, from me to Mr. Maxwell, with letters from Patrik Scott, and therein the tak of Admirality of Dirltoun and Innerweik, to him from my Lord Duik's Grace. Item, in this alfo a letter to Captain Walter ^{Captain Walter} Steuart of Blantyre, and in cace of his abfence, to my Lord Saltoun, anent ^{Steuart.} the buffines of Cragyvar ; of quhilk letter I haif ane copy beyd me.

17 December 1639.

This day fent a packet to my sone, with letters from the Countefs of ^{Countess of Mar.} Mar to the Lord Duik, Sir Robert Gordon, and some vtheris, quhilk wes delyverit to Captain Walter Steuart, quho tuik poft this day and no foner, ^{Captain Walter} fo that my letter to him is befor him. ^{Steuart.}

18 December 1639.

Erl Traquair his
return from Court.

This day word cam that the Erl of Traquair Commiffioner wes to be in Dalkeyth this nycht.

19 December.

This day the certainty of the Commiffioners coming to Dalkeyth wes knowin.

27 December 1639, Fryday.

Packett to my sone
Mr. Alexander and
L. Panmuir.

This day a packet fent to my sone or to the L. Panmuir, quhairin letters to Erl Stirling. Item, to the L. Panmuir, from the Countess of Merfchell and John Pilmuir. Item, to him, from myself, 2 letters, in ansuer of his ressaunt on 12 and 16 December. Item, to my sone Mr. Alexander. Item, to him from James his brother. Item, to James Levingftoun, with a letter in it from Mr. George Noruell, for subseryving of the warrand of quhales mellit with be Sandfurd, as havand rycht, from Sir James Levingftoun of Kynnaird. This packet fent with ane Inglicheman callit Richard Wriglifworth, at the Croce Keyis in Watling Street of Londoun.

1 Januar 1640, Weddinfday.

Packett.

A packet to the L. Panmuir; within it to him, from the Countess of Merfchell, twa severall letters. Item, to my sone. Item, to the Erl Stirling; all delyverit to Alexander Keyth on 3 Januar, and thai went not befor Twyfday the 7 of Januar, in a packet direct be James Prymrois, at the defyr off George Hadden.

Erl Airth.

Item, 9 Januar 1640, Thurfday, delyverit twa packets, to the Erl Airth, to the L. Panmuir, with a letter from the Countess of Merfchell to him.

14 Januar 1640.

Erl Rothes.

This day, being Twyfday, befor 9 in the morning, the Erl of Rothes cam to my chamber, and with him Mr. Daud Aytoun and Mr. John Smyth, and als one Mr. George Comming, merchand at Doles, and told me that he had ressavit a letter furth of Murray in fauors of Mr. George,

quho is injustlie persewit befor the Justice for the slauchter off one John Piggott.

And thaireftir he schew me a trinkett of paper, quhilk he said he had drawin furth of a letter from England, from ane good hand, quhilk he red to this sence: "I am forie to wrytt, that thair is a flap to come vpon the Advocat, sik as come the last zeir vpon the Erl Ergyll, to draw vp *super inquirendis*; and thairfor, iff ze haif any entres in him, bid him bewarr off himself."

My anfuer wes, "My Lord, I cair for nothing, I rest vpon the Lord; onlie I wishe that God direct zow, quho ar nobilmen, sua that ze may seik the mayne point, quhilk is Godis trewth, to be ratifiet, and lat the rest come as the Lord plesis."

He subjoynit, "That that fwinger the Thesaurer hes so calumniat the hail estates to his Majestie, that albeit his Majestie wald ratifie all the actis, we will not close till we gett justice vpon that traitor; and iff we gett justice, we sall raise him out off the erth; and if it be denyit, and thair be weir, we sall sueip his memorie furth of the land, and ze sal be fully revengit off him."

I anfuerit, "My Lord, for Godis caus, latt not revenge aganis him move zow to neglect Godis caus; and for my revenge, I leive it to God."

He anfuerit, "We haif gottin full intelligence that the King will never quytt bischopes, but will haif them in again."

I anfuerit, "My Lord, latt no reportis move zow, but do zour dewty; putt his Majestie to it, and if it be refusit, then ze ar wytles. But iff on thir reportis ze preis civill pointis, his Majestie will mak all Protestant Princes sie that ze haif not religioun for zour end, but the bering doun of monarchie."

With this I convoyit him to the zett, and I said, "For Godis caus, my Lord, haif a cair for ratifying religioun, and latt me be putt to ane essay in that, and ze sall sie quhat I sall do or suffer for it."

He anfuerit, "We never doubtit of yow in that; but ze haif been far out of the way this tyme bygain, and we had never a thocht to do you wrong."

I anfuerit, "I am more movit be one of your hard words nor with all

the prejudice can be done to me ; and for civill points, luik nevir to haif me to go with yow."

Item, this day, about 6 at nycht, I reffavit his Majestie's letter for confyning in Craighall, be reffoun of the story of James Grant's remiffioun, and off ano vther remiffioun to one John Steuart ; vpon the reffait quhairof, I adreffit myself to Craighall. His Majestie's letter is daitit at Quhythall, 4 Januar. 1640.

I was in Bruntiland a nycht, on Thursday the 16 of Januar. I cam to Craighall on Fryday the xvij of Januar, about 12 hours. My wyfe, with the twa 3oung barnis, cam to Craighall on Fryday the 14 of Februar, and went bak on Mononday the xvij of Februar. Item, on Mononday the 23 of Februar, scho, with all the rest of my familie, cam to Craighall.

16 Merche 1640, Mononday.

Packett.

This day sent letters to the L. Panmuir and my sone Mr. Alexander, anent the quytting of my place, &c. ; and thir sent to Edinburgh this day, in companie of my sone Craighall, quho went to Edinburgh with his bed-fellow, vpon a letter from the Lords of Sessioun.

Item, this day putt ane pie in my rycht arme, quhairof the cautere wes putt in be Doctor Balfour and William Narn, on Mononday, 2 Merche, (at Craighall,) of befoir.

Erl Stirlingis death.

Item, at this tyme sure word cam of the death of the Erl Stirling.

23 Merche 1640.

Packet sent to the L. Panmuir, with a letter to the Erl of Airth, and ane other to my sone Mr. Alexander ; and the Erl of Airth wes anent Haltoun, and my sone's, to fend me ane accompt of Sir David Cuninghams 10^m merks, and als to fend bak to me the precept of iij^e sterling, presentit to Alexander Steuart ; and this paequet wes delyverit to the Lord Lyndfay, quho promifit to fend it with one Capitan Ridpeth, quho cam laitlie from Court to Generall Ruthven.

Laft of Merche 1640.

Packett to L. Panmuir.

Reffavit letters from L. Panmuir, and within it from the Erl Airth,

daitit 24 Merche, and anfuerit the faid laft of Merche, quhairof I fent the pacquet to Edinburgh with my wyff, to be gevin to my fone Sir Thomas, and be him to be difpatcht with the firft fure occafion, and be James Murray, if he will vndertak it.

1 April 1640, Weddinfday.

Sent my pacquet to L. Panmuir with my wyff, quho this day went to Packet. Edinburgh, to clofe vp the vouttis, and to fand the vpmoft houff, for feir of grenades.

12 April, Sounday.

About 6 at nycht the Lord Saltoun and Walter Steuart cam heir.

13 April, Mononday.

They returnit to Edinburgh about 3 hours efternone.

Item, this day gevin to Alexander Keyth a packet to the L. Panmuir, Packet. quhairin one to the Erl of Airth and one to Mr. Alexander, with a forme of ane affignatioun to James of the iij^o lb fterling contenit in the precept; and I defyrit L. Panmuir to certifie me if he reffavit mine of 16 Merche, and red it to his Majestie, anent the quyting of my place; and quhat wes his Majestie's anfuer.

1 May, Fryday, 1640.

The Countes of Rothes deceiffit.

Countes of Rothes.

17 May, Sounday, at 2 houres efternone, good Elizabeth Nicol^{soun} deceiffit, and left me the only levand of the flock of John Hope, my guid-fchir, in the degrie off thrid from him. The Lord prepare me.

28 May, Thursday, at 9 of the nycht, James Philp brocht me the Kingis Letter to me from his Majestie, to repair to Edinburgh; and I went on Setterday, 30 May. repair to Edinburgh.

1 Junij 1640, Mononday.

The Parliament could not be prorogat for want of Commiffioners, and the Eftates fatt from 2 Junij to 11 Junij inclusive. Parliament not prorogat.

- Battering of the Castell. On 12 Junij they enterit to batter the Castell of Edinburgh, and I returnit to Craighall Fryday.
- Packet, 2 Junij 1640. The packet to his Majestie, anent the accompt of our proceidings in the prorogatioun of the Parliament, wes direct on 2 Junij, subferyvit be me and the Justice Clerk ; and then I sent my anfuer to Lord Saltoun and his vnclē.
- Packet, 9 Junij 1640. Item, on 9 Junij, Mark Home, servitour to the Erl of Dunfermling, went to Court, with quhom I sent letters to the L. Panmuir, anent the mariage of his dauchter with the Erl of Kinghorn.
- Packet, 18 Junij 1640. Item, packet from Craighall to the L. Panmuir, and within it one from the Countes of Merfchell to him. Item, one from me to Mr. Alexander, and within it one to the Lord Saltoun, expostulating for the warrand to James Abirnethy ; and this packet sent with my sone Mr. James, (quho went to Edinburgh on 18 Junij, being Thurfday,) to be gevin to James Murray, 3ounger, to get it sent to the L. Panmuir.
- Packet, 25 Junij 1640. Item, reffavit letters from the L. Panmuir, daitit 15 Junij 1640, vpon Thurfday, 25 Junij, and anfuerit immediatlie ; and the packett sent with my sone, (Craighall,) quho went to Edinburgh on Fryday, 26 Junij, with letters to James Murray, younger, to dispathe the famyn to the L. Panmuir ; and within them is the copie of the letter to the Justice Clerk, anent the filling of the blank for the Parliament ; with a letter to be schawin be the Lord to his Majestie thairanent.

1 July 1640, Weddinfday.

- Lord Leslie, Wed- The Lord Leslie and his pedagog, Mr. James Wilfoun, came to Craighall dinsday the 15 of at 10 hours, and abaid till 3 efternone, on Weddinfday, 15 July.
- Παροξισμος, Item, this nycht, about 9 hours at nycht, παροξισμος ; and I haif folemnlie Thursday, 16 July. vowit to my Lord to absteyne from all occasioun, and if any be offence to me, to negleēt it till I powrit it befoir my Lord in prayer. This on Thurfday, 16 July.
- 20 July, my sones Item, the armie wes to merche out of Edinburgh on Mononday the 20 went with the of July, and in it my two sones and Cambuskynneth ; and in respect thairoff, armie, and my I promisit to the Lord a restraint of thingis vtherwayis lawfull, and to promise to recom- I recommend the necessitie of in helth. (This promisit on 17 and 19 July, mend it to God. being Fryday and Sounday.)

1 August 1640, Setterday.

11 August 1640, Twyfday.

Novus παροξισμος; quhairvpon I renewit my former, made 16 July.

21 August, Fryday, the armie corfit Tweid.

Armie crocit
Tweid, 21 August.

24 August 1640, Monunday.

This day James Murray cam from Angus, and I gave to him a letter to the L. Panmuir, and defyrit him to fend with it other two, quhilk I sent to my fone Craighall, being at Edinburgh, (Prefident of the Committee of Parliament,) quhairof one 16, 19 August, and the vther 22 August.

28 August 1640, Fryday.

Our armie corfit Tyne, and discomfitit the Inglis troupes that did prohibit them; and this famyn day the Castell of Dumbartan randerit.

Crocit Tyne.
28 August, Fry-
day, Dumbartan
Castle randerit.

29 August, Setterday, they tuik in Neucastell.

30 August 1640, being Sounday, at nycht, a part off the place of Dunglas wes blowin vp with powder, and thairin diet Erl Hadingtoun, Robert his brother, Cornel Alexander Erkin, Reidhous, Gogar, Inglistoun; and Sir Gideoun Baillie, and Prestoungrange, hurt.

Dunglas blowin
vp.

1 September 1640, Twyfday.

This day I gatt a letter from my fone Sir Thomas, daitit at Rytounfurd, 29 August 1640, declaring the particulars of thair happie victorie, and intaking of Neucastell.

Letter from Sir
Thomas anent the
victorie at Neu-
castell.

15 September 1640, Twyfday.

The Castell of Edinburgh randerit vp. be Generall Ruthven, Capitan thairoff.

Castell of Edin-
burgh randerit.

Meiting at York of the Peiris of England, to gif anfuer to the supplica-

Meiting at York,
24 September
1640.

tioun sent to his Majestie from Neucastell, and the Scottis armie thair mett, on Thurfday, 24 September.

Thairefter a treatie at Ripont, within 10 myles to Allartoun, betuix some of the Inglishe and Scottis nobility, held on Thurfday the first day of October.

1 October 1640, Thurfday.

Meiting at Ripont. This day wes the meiting at Ripont, betuix the Inglishe and Scottis nobilitie.

8 October.

Erl Annandaill
deceissit.

This day I gatt word of the death of my good Erl of Annandaill, at Londoun, quho wes my dereft lord and freind: God prepare me. He departit 22 September 1640, being Twyfday.

12 October 1640, Mononday.

Words hard.

This day, being greivit for the report of the diuifoun in the camp, occasionat be the Erl of Montroif, I wes humbly supplicating the Lord, (remembring the words quhilk I hard 22 September 1639;) and efter falling in a slumber, I feymit to heir thir words, "Ask still, and the end falbe glorious." And efter walking and bliffing the Lord, I fell in slumber agane, and hard thir words, "And yow fall sie it." The Lord in mercie performe it in his awin good tyme.

24 October 1640, Setterday.

Ripont.

This day letters from Sir Thomas, my sone, from Neucastell, daitit 20 October, quhairin he tellis the Kingis granting to them of 25⁰⁰ sterling monethly, (during the treaty;) and had past commiffion vnder the Great Seill (of) Ingland, to theis of the nobilitie quho wes namit of befoir, to end and conclud with thair Commiffioners; and that his Majestie wes gone to Londoun to prepar for the Parliament, quhilk fitts down thair on 3 November nixt. Bliffit be the Lord, and God in mercie gif the buffines a happie closing.

28 October, Weddinfday.

My daughter and
bairnes.

My sone and daughter, with the bairnes, went from Craighall to Bruntiland.

Item, Mungo Murray cam to Craighall with a letter from the Erll of Mungo Murray. Annandaill acquainting me with the death of his deir father, and wald not stay but went to Falkland, and he told me that his Majestie wes gone from York on Mononday laft to Londoun, and that my fone Alexander was gone with his Majestie.

1 November, Sounday.

On 5 November, being Thursday, I returned from Craighall to Edin-^{Returnit to Edin-}burgh.

On 11 November a packet sent to the L. Panmuir, and within it one ^{Packet to L. Panmuir and Mr. Alexander.} to him from the Countes of Merschell, and also one from me to my fone, Mr. Alexander, and within it one from Mr. James, his brother, to him with an accompt of the 3^m merks reffavit from Alexander Stewart for his pensoun of Mertimes 1638 and Whitsounday 1639. This packet delyuerit to James Philp, quho wes to direct it, on Thursday, 12 November, at 2 efternone. Item, in it is a letter to James, now Erll of Annandaill.

Memorandum.—Efter I had clofit and delyuered this pacquet to James ^{Mr. Alexander cam to Edinburgh from York 12 November 1640.} Philp, quhilk wes on Thursday, 12 November 1640, being about nyne houres, my fone, Mr. Alexander, cam into me about ten houres in the morning, and I retired my pacquet and tuik furth Mr. Alexander his letters; and gaif them to himself.

Mr. Alexander came on Thursday, 12 November, having in companie ^{Returnit to Court on Setterday 14 November 1640.} with him one Mr. Samuell Daudsfoun, second fone to Sir Alexander Daudsfoun off Blakftoun; quho did propone to me, in name off Sir William Fennick off Meldin, the marriage of his dauchter with my fone, and thai returned home on Setterday, 14 November, and I gave to my fone xx tuelf pund pieces, and promifit, if the Lord spared me, so long as I wer abill, to relieff him of Sir David Cuninghams debt, and iff the Lord callit on me, to leive my mynd thairanent to my fon Craighall; and als I told Mr. Alexander off my contracts of Saltoun, and promifit if I gatt that vi^m iiij lb from the L. Saltoun to gif it to him. Item, Mr. James advancit to him 50 doubill angells.

19 November 1640, Thursday.

Parliament.

This day the Parliament mett, and without fencing, honors, or robbis, cheifit the Lord Burley president, and continewit the Parliament till 14 of Januar 1641.

21 November 1640.

Anna Foules de-
lyuerit.
Lord Boyd.

Anna Foules delyuerit of a man child, being Setterday, baptizit Thomas. Item, this nycht advertifement cam of the death off the good Lord Boyd, at his hous of Kilmarnok.

1 December, Twyfday, 1640.

Pacquet anent the
Marques of Hamiltoun.

8 December 1640, Twyfday, pacquet gevin to James Philp, direct to the L. of Panmuir, and in it anwer to the Marques of Hamiltoun his fals challenge. Item, letters to Mr. Alexander, my sone, and within a letter to the Lord Saltoun (quhair of I haif refervit a copy) to anwer to betuix 15 Januar 1641.

Pacquet to my
sone Sir Thomas
anent Lamingtoun.

Item, sent with this packet annex thairto, ane pacquet to be delyuerit to my sone Sir Thomas at Neucastell, quhairin thair is the complaint quhich L. Lamingtoun recommendit from the committee heir, with ane new fuplication to be followit their aganis him.

Erl Caithnes.

Item, this day sent a letter to the Erll of Caithnes, requyring the byruns of the 1^l for xxvi 3eir extending to xiiij^c lb., affuring him if he do not tak ordor with it betuix and Candlemes next, that I will be forcit to perfew. Sent by David Monro to Commiffar of Caithnes. Item, a second letter sent with G. Sinclair, his bafe sone, 29 December 1640.

My sone Sir
Thomas.

My sone Sir Thomas cam from Neucastell to Edinburgh on 14 December 1640, being Mononday, about 4 hours at evin.

Vow.

Item, on Sounday befor, being 13 December, and thairefter, being 20 December, I tuik the holy communion at Edinburgh, and on the Thursday befor, being 10 December, I renewit my vow to the Lord, quhilk I pray God gif me grace to keep.

Packett.

Pacquet sent be James Philp on 23 December, Weddinfday, quhairin I

sent letters to the L. Panmuir, in answer of his of 14 December, reffavit 22 December 1640, and within it one to him from the Countes of Merfchell.

31 December 1640, Thursday.

Παροξισμος μεγας.

Item, sent to Robert Bennet in Craighall warrand for felling the beir of Hiltarbat and Seres, and the myll, and promisit him j^c merks for his paynes.

Item, this day I sent letters to James Philp, to the L. Panmuir, and Pacquet. my sone Mr. Alexander, to be sent in his pacquet, but he excusit himself be his letter to me that he could not direct the pacquet till Setterday thairefter.

1 Januar 1641, Fryday.

1641.

This day gevin letters to James Philp to the L. Panmuir and my sone, Pacquet. quhilk he promisit to direct quicklie; but upon advertisement from the Lady Marqueffe of Hamiltoun, he defferit.

5 Januar 1641, Huis diei nocte infequente infomnium horribile, quafi reus maiestatis incufatus, et carceribus tradendus; sed per fugio evafi—Deo fit omnis gloria. Fuit et aliud infomnium ante 2 Januar 1641, quafi densa caligine interceptus in hortis petrocellanis; sed cum clamore evigilavi, Deum invocans in mei auxilium.

7 January 1641, Payit to David Gourlay j^c merks, quhilk he affirmit to David Gourlay. be awin to him of the pryce off his tenement fauld to my son Sir Thomas; and this gevin be him to his sone Thomas Gourlay quhen he was going furth off the country.

8 January 1641, Gevin to hir xxv dollors to gif to Mr. G. Bennet, for hir sifter.

Item, this day takin Mr. David Craufurd in service till Witfounday nixt, Mr. David Craufurd. in presence of Mr. Patrick Craufurd, his brother, and Mr. Richard Keir, for meit and clothe.

Memorandum on 7 Januar 1641. I reffavit letters from the L. Pan- Packet. muir, advertising me that his Majestie had sent letters to me for continewing the Parliament till 13 April. But becaufe James Philp fand them not, both

he and I wret instantlie of the want of them, and this pacquet went on Thursday, 7 Januar 1641.

11 Januar 1641, Mononday.

Packet.
Lord Panmuir.
Countes of Mar.
L. Lamingtoun.

This day a pacquet to L. Panmuir, quhairin a packet to the Erl Rothes, and within it the Countes of Mar hir packet, and my letter to the Erl conveying it, and giving him thanks for his favour (by my knaledge) in deilling with the Marques, and augmenting the Marques his injust indignatioun and outrages, but remittis them to God. Item, letters to the L. Panmuir, and within one from the Countes of Merfchell. Item, in myne to him, I recommend the gift of eschiet of L. Lamingtoun. Item, letters to my sone, Mr. Alexander, from me, and within the gift of L. Lamingtoun, his escheit. Item, his brother, Mr. James, his letter to him for that caus.

This packet delyverit to James Philp on Mononday at night, but went not quhill Twyfday 12 Januar 1641.

13 Januar 1641.

Parliament.

Reffavit letters from his Majestie, daitit last December 1640, for prorogatioun of the Parliament to the 13 April nixt.

My oy Thomas.

Memorandum on the night preceeding this 13 Januar I dreamit that I had in my hand ane rigne with ane pointed dyamond thairin, and that I lost my pointit diamond, quhilk putt me in ane great feir, becaus my nephoy Thomas, sone to Craighall, wes sick of the pockis. But the Lord had mercie on him, for he beguid to recover on Twyfday, the 19 Januar. Bleffit be the Lord.

14 Januar 1641, Thursday.

Prorogation of
Parliament to 13
April 1641.

This day the Parliament prorogat (but fencing) to the 13 April nixt.

15 Januar 1641.

Pacquet direct to the Erl Lanerk, Secretar, quhairin one to his Majestie anent the prorogation of the Parliament to 13 April 1641. Item, one to the Secretar, and within it my accompt to his Majestie, subscryvit be me, of the

proceedings anent the prorogatioun of Parliament, to be schawin be the Secreter to his Majestie. Item, twa letters to the L. Panmuir, quhair of the one to be schawin to his Majestie, concerning my lossis and sufferingis, with a copie of his Majestie's letter, and a copie of my accompt to his Majestie. Item, letters to Mr. Alexander from me and Sir Thomas, and in myne to him the copie of his Majestie's letter, becaus the end of it beirs a petitioun for the supplie of Mr. Alexander. Item, a letter to James Livingstoun, defyring him to speik his Majestie anent my lossis and sufferingis, quhair of he is to refflaif a nott from Mr. Alexander off that quhilk I wrett to the L. Panmuir.

Anent Mr. Alexander my sone.

19 Januar 1641, Twyfday.

This day pacquet sent be James Philp at 3 efternone, quhairin from me to Erl of Lanerk, with the instruments of production of his Majestie's letter, and the copie of the Act of Prorogatioun. Item, to L. Panmuir, with a letter from the Countes of Merfchell, and with the copies off the bailze of Brichen his petitioun to the Committee, for a localitie to the Minister of his stipend out of the teinds payit to the Bischop, with a copie of my letter to the Erll of Lanerk, anent the calumnie, that I movit and framit the protestatioun agains Erl Traquair. Item, letter to Mr. Alexander, and within it one from Mr. James.

Packett.
19 Januar 1641.

20 Januar 1641, Weddinfday.

Reffavit 2 letters from the L. Panmuir anent my sending for to court, quhilk I anfuert instantlie, and gaif to James Philp for his pacquett.

L. Panmuir.
Packett.

27 Januar 1641, Weddinfday.

This day reffavit letters from the Erll off Lanerk and L. Panmuir, quhilk I anfuert immediatlie, and sent a pacquet be James Philp, quhilk went on Thurfday, 28 Januar 1641, with a letter to Mr. Alexander, and one from Mr. James to him.

Pacquet.

28 Januar 1641, Thurfday.

This nycht my oy Thomas, (after he was convalescit of the poekis,) tuik a My oy Thomas.

litill bastard fever, quhilk patt us in greit feir. But I powrit my heart befoir the Lord, and humbly prayed for him, as being the comfort of my lyff.

29 January 1641.

My sone Mr.
Alexander.

Reffavit letters from my sone, Mr. Alexander, daitit 16 Januar, with the Lord Saltoun's letter, returnit to me becaufe he wes going to Spayne with his uncle Walter.

1 Februar 1641, Mononday.

Pacquett.

Letters writtin to Court, sent in James Philp his pacquet, viz. to L. Panmuir, advertifing him off the treaty betuix Erl Kinghorne and the lady, sifter to Erl Kintyre, and with it letters from Alexander Keyth to him. Item, a pacquet to Mr. Alexander, in anfuer of his reffavit 29 Januarij, from me, Sir Thomas, and Mr. James. My letters ar daittit 4 Februar 1641, and sent in pacquet on Fryday, 5 Februar 1641.

9 Februar 1641.

Delyverit to me be James Philp, packet from the L. of Panmuir, daitit 4 Februar 1641, with letters to the Countes of Mersehell and John Pilmuir, quhilk I delyverit to Alexander Keyth, with a letter to himself. To be directit away with surety and dispatch.

Letter from the
committee anent
the bill of forfal-
tour.

Item, this nycht about 6 hours, I had a letter from the Committee delyverit to me be George Hadden, with 2 bills to be subfcryvit for fumonding the Erl Traquair, Clerk-Register, Prefident, D. Balcanquall, Erl Nithfdail, Sir Lues Steuart, and vthers, befoir the Parliament, to the 13 of April nixt, to heir and fie them forfalt and punishit for thair crymes and malverfations; and I excusit myself that I could not do it without his Majestie's warrand, and wret a letter to that effect, quhairoff the copie is within the letter sent me be the committee.

Packett.
10 Feb. 1641.

Item, immediatlie I wret to James Philp, to direct a pacquet to quhom on 10 of February, being Weddinsday, I fchew my letter to me from the committee, with my anfuer, and delyverit to him ane pacquet to L. Panmuir, within

quhilk is a letter to him from the Countes of Mersehell. Item, my anfuere anent the perfuit of the Erl Traquair, that I wes resoluit not to do it without his Majestie's warrand.

Item, efter the wryting off my letter, quhilk I defyrit to be red to his Majestie, is the postscript anent the letter writtin to me from the committee, with my anfuere. Item, letters to Mr. Alexander, quhairin one to the Erl of Airth, excusing my not wryting. Item, letters to Mr. Alexander from Sir Thomas, and vthers from Mr James to him.

13 February 1641.

This day being Setterday, my nephew Hary Hope faillit to Diep, and on Fryday befor, quhen he tuik his leve of me, I told him that I wald pay to his mother zeirly 10^{lb} sterling, and gaif him 5 pieces for the first term thair off. The Lord bliffe him in his voyage, and send him ane happie returne. He went last on 8 Merche 1641.

Hary Hope
Memorandum.
He turned bak,
and sailit not till
27 February, Set-
terday, 1641; but
returnit thairefter.

Item, on this xiiij of February, pacquet fent be me to the Erl of Lanerk, in quhilk wes a letter to himself anent the proceeding in the fumonds of treafoun aganis Erl of Traquair and vtheris, and a pacquet to the L. Panmuir, quhairin a letter to be schawin to his Majestie anent my behaviour in the faids fumondis of treafoun, and beiring, that if the tyme wer proper, I wald supplicat his Majestie for reddresse of my lossis, and my sone Mr. Alexander; but in respect of the tymis, will wait on better. Item, a letter to Mr. Alexander, with ane informatioun of his brother's right off the leid mynes, and L. Lamingtoun his oppreffioun. Item, a forme of ane band to be gevin to the Erl Lanerk, quho hes stop the gift of escheit of Lamingtoun vpon his brother's horning, quhair of I haif the doubil besyd me.

Pacquet from
myself.

Pacquet, 13 Feb-
ruar, sent be my-
self.

17 Februar 1641, Weddinfday.

Sent in James Philp his pacquet letters to the L. Panmuir, with one from the Countes, and hers to me, quhilk beirs the calumnie anent the protestatioun. Item, letters to Mr. Alexander from me and Sir Thomas. Item, letters to the Erll of Annandaill anent his service, and to Thomas Maxwell, all daittit 16 February 1641, with letters from Mr. Alexander Burnet to my

Pacquet, 17 Feb.
1641.

lord, and the procuratory for his service. Item, sent in this packet ane letter to the L. of Panmuir from James Murray, quhairin thair is one from the Erl Kinghorne to the L. of Panmuir.

Item, this 17 February, reffavit letters from L. Panmuir and my sone, daitit 11 February 1641, and anfuert immediatlie in this samyn packet; quhilk wes not 3it away quhen thir letters cam.

22 February 1641, Mononday.

Packet.

This day a packet gevin to James Philp direct to the L. Panmuir, with one to him from the Countes of Merfchell. Item, ane vther from hir ladyship to him, quhilk cam this day befor the going of the packet, daitit 19 February 1641, and an vther from John Pilmuir; and in myne I tell him, that I haif seine his sone's patent, but thinks it not fitt to sift William Gray, quhil first the lard prepair for himself workhouffis, leift the patent suffer. Item; writtin to him anent Robert Maul, his non entry. Item, anent my greiff be Mr. Alexander, his purpose to fell his place. Item, anent the deforcement of the leid myne. Item, letters to Mr. Alexander from Sir Thomas and Mr. James, quhairin a not of my rent, to schaw my inhability, but no letter at this tyme from me to Mr. Alexander.

24 February 1641.

Relict of Mr. William Struther deceiffit.

26 February 1641.

David Jonkyn.

David Jonkin tutor to my dauchter Anne Foules deceiffit.

1 Merche 1641, Mononday.

Ansuer of my
packet off 13 Fe-
bruary, quhilk cam
in 5 dayis, for it wes
delyverit at Court
18 February.

This day reffavit letteris from the Erl of Lanerk, in anfuert of my packet sent 13 Februar.

Item, 2 letters from the Lord Panmuir, both daitit 22 Februar 1641, with a letter to Henrie Maul, quhilk I gave to Alexander Keyth, and ane vther to the Countes Merfchell, quhilk I am to delyver to her awin servand.

Item, reffavit from the L. Panmuir the warrand off his ratificatioun in Parliament, and my awin also, quhilk he reffavit from Erl Traquhair.

2 Merche 1641.

Delyuerit to James Philp my anfuer to the Erl of Lanerk, quhairin I Pacquet. excuse my fone, Mr. Alexander, for passing efcheit of L. Lamingtoun by him. Item, I promise not to affist the accusatiounes in Parliament without his Majestie's expres warrand, and I crave returne of my pacquet to myself immediatelic, for preserving of my privilege ones or twyis in the 3eir.

Item, letters to L. Panmuir, and within it one from the Countes of Merfchell, and als the draucht of a letter for the soap works.

Item, a letter to my fone Mr. Alexander, and within it one to him from Cambuskyneth; and a pacquet from the Countes of Marr to Erl Rothes, or hir fone Scottiferaig, quhilk I haif appointit my fone Mr. Alexander to delyver.

Item, twa letters to the Erl of Annandaill, and one from Mr. Alexander Burnet to him, schawing that the penult of Merche is appointit for his Lordship's service.

7 Merche 1641, Sounday.

At xi hours befor none Alifoun Rig, spous to Mr. John Skene, deceiffit. Mr John Skene,
his wife.

9 Merche, Twyfday.

Letters writtin to the L. Panmuir, my fone, and Erl of Annandaill, Pacquet. quhilk all putt in an pacquet direct to the L. Panmuir, and delyverit to James Philp on Weddinsday, 10 Merche 1641; and within it an to the L. Panmuir from me, the Countes of Merfchell, and Alexander Keyth. Item, in that to my fone is myne. Item, from his brother James, and within myne is one to Sir James Galloway, secretar, and also to the Erl of Annandaill and Thomas Maxwell. But this pacquet went not till Fryday, the 12 of Merche 1641.

Item, this day reffavit letters from my fone Mr. Alexander, with letters to his brother Mr. James, quhairin wes the twa signatours pafst and signed

Mynes of Watter-
heid.

be his Majestie, one of the L. of Lamington, his escheit takin to Mr. Alexander, and in his name, and the vther of the lands and mynes of Waterheid, takin also to Mr. Alexander, his airs and assignees, vpoun Mr James and his spous resignatioun with ane gift *de Novodamus*.

Item, 10 Merche, reffavit vtheris letteris from him, daitit 21 Februar 1641, quhilk both I haif anfuerit in this last pacquet, quhilk went not till Fryday the 12 of Merche 1641; and in this I haif acquaintit my sone with Cobburnspeth's desyr anent the gift of Postmaister.

19 Merche 1641, Fryday.

L. Panmuir.

(Becaus James Philp delayit to fend pacquett till he gatt anfuer of his former pacquet,) thairfoir I having beyd me 2 letteris of the Countes of Merfchell to the L. Panmuir, and hering that James Patoun, sumtyme fervitor to James Nafmyth, wes going post to Court, I sent to him a letter to the L. Panmuir, within quhilk wes theis 2 letteris from the Countes of Merfchell.

22 Merche 1641.

Pacquet.

Reffavit a number of letteris from the L. Panmuir and my sone, quhilk cam to me on Sounday at nicht 21 Merche, and sent to the Countes of Merfchell, to John Pilmuir, to David Souter all thir inclofit in one to Alexander Keyth quho wes at Montroifs, and writtin anfuer to the lard's letter and my sone's, and sent to him the non entry of Robert Maull, with a letter from one vnknawin to me, but quhilk William Mudie brocht me, and als ane letter to my sone, with one from Mr. James, quho went this day to Lanerk for the leid mynes.

Mr. James Hope.

23 Merche 1641.

Item, on 23 Merche, being Twyfday, reffavit letteris from the Countes of Merfchell, quhairof one to the L. Panmuir, and ane vther to the Erll of Airth, quhilk I sent with one to aither of tham from myself, and thair letters inclofit, and thir went with this samyn pacquet on 23 Merche 1641.

27 Merche 1641, Setterday.

Letteris sent to the Secretar, in anfuer of his reffavit 26 Merche, quhilk

cam in the pacquet of 22 Merche, but wes inclofit in his to Mr Hary Maull, quho wes at Hamiltoun, and cam not to me till 26 Merche.

Item, letteris to L. Panmuir, and within it one from the Countes of Merfchell, quhilk cam to me 26 Merche, and nothing els into it except letters from Mr James to his brother, with ane gift and dimiffioun of Mr. of Work.

Item, fent in this pacquet, quhilk went not till 29 Merche, I fent one from the Lord Oxinfurd. . . . Mr Henry Futhie.

Item, this 29 Merche, efter the going of the pacquet, I reffavit a letter from the Countes of Merfchell, and ane vther from Patrick Murray, servitor to the Erll of Kinghorne, quho delyverit a letter from the Erll to the L. L. Panmuir. Panmuir, quhilk I tuik, and pat both the letters in pacquet, and gaif them to William Douglas, fone to James callit Nikftikks, servitor to the Erll of Mortoun, quho went this day post, being 29 Merche, about fix hours at nycht.

Sent with William Douglas of Gogar.

Reffavit, 30 Merche 1641, letter from his Majestie, with one to the Parliament for continewing of it till 25 May 1641.

Letter from his Majestie.

Item, packet from myself to the Erll of Lanerk, certifeing off the reffait off his Majestie's letteris, and that I gatt not a copie off that to the Parliament, nor any word from him thairanent, and craving to knaw his Majestie's pleffur quhat I fould do if the fummondis be red in Parliament, being (in) my name, if I fould protest agains it. This fent on Fryday, 2 April, at 12 hours at none.

Packett from myself. 2 April 1641.

Item, fent letters to the L. Panmuir, quhairin to Mr. Alexander from me and Mr. James, with the Commiffioners letter to pay to the L. Panmuir 500 lb sterling, quhilk he is to pay to Erl Stirling quhen he paffes the gift vnder the greit feill to Mr. James of the place of Mr. of Wark.

8 April 1641, Thurfday.

This day L. Sandfurd went journey to Neucastell, and from thence to Londoun, and fent with him letters from me and my dauchter Kerß to my fone Sir Thomas. Item, letters to L. Panmuir, and within it one to him

L. Sandford with letters went journey.

from the Countes of Merfchell. Item, one to James Livingftoun, and laft one to my fone Mr. Alexander, defyryng him to follow L. Sandfuird his counfell, both in his awin and in Mr. James his particulars.

Pacquet direct to my felf from the Erl Lanerk, Secretar, daitit 4 April 1641, and reffavit on 8 April.

Item, this 8 of April 1641, about 10 hours at nicht, reffavit from James Duncan, poftmaifter in the Cannogait, ane packet direct to me from the Erl of Lanerk, Secretar, daitit 4 April 1641, and reffavit this 8 April, Thurfday, betuix 9 and 10 of nicht, and in it a letter from the Secretar, telling me that the letter to the eftates for prorogating of the Parliament was delyverit to the Commiffioners to be fent to me, and thairwith he dois fend me the copie off it, and the vther letteris wer to a number of vtheris, quhilk I delyverit to the poftmaifter to gif to them to quhom thai wer directit, except theis to myfelf, from the L. Panmuir and from my fone Mr Alexander.

12 Aprill, Mononday, 1641.

Pacquet to my felf in answer of that quhilk I sent 2 April.

This day, about 8 in the morning, reffavit a packett to my felf from the Erl of Lanerk, Secretar, in anfuer of that quhilk I fent on 2 Aprill 1641, and in it reffavit a letter from his Majestie, daitit 6 April, commanding me not to infit nor affist the fummondis of treafoun at this dyet of Parliament, 13 April 1641, quhilk holdis to-morow.

13 April 1641.

Parliament prorogat to 25 May 1641, and pacquet sent be me to the Erl of Lanerk, Secretar.

This day, being Twyfday, the Parliament prorogat to 25 May 1641, Lord Burley, Prefident; and I fent ane pacquet to the Erl of Lanerk, Secretar, about 2 afternone, quhairin to his Majestie, with a minut of the proceidingis, becaus I could not haif the act fo fone. Item, to the Secretarie, and within his letter the minut. Item, to the L. Panmuir, and within his one from the Countes of Merfchell. Item, one to Mr Alexander from me, and ane vther from Mr James. Item, a letter to the Erl of Annandaill, and ane vther to Thomas Maxwell anent my Lord's fervice, quhilk paff on penult off Merche 1641, at Lochmaben. Item, a packet from Mr. Alexander Burnet to the Erl of Annandaill. Item, ane pacquet from Mr. James Aikinheid to John Squyre, fumtyme fervitor to the Erl Stirling, and now to Erl Lanerk,

Sent be me a pacquet, 13 April 1641.

quhairin is his anfuere to Sir James Galloway ; and I fent at this famyn time a letter to Sir James, in anfuere of his to me, quhilk I inclofit in my letter to my fone Mr Alexander.

Item, this 13 April 1641, at 6 of nycht, a pacquet cam to James Philp, Ressavit further a daitit 8 April, quhairin I had tuo letters from L. Panmuir, ane of 3 new pacquet the said 13 April 1641, Apryll, with letters to the Countes of Merfchell and to John Pilmuir, and at 6 at nycht. the vther daitit 8 April 1641, within quhilk was inclofit one from his Majestie, to quhilk I muft mak anfuere fa fone as I haif permit quhat is commanded thairin.

Item, about the famyn tyme reffavit a letter from my fone Sir Thomas, Deane of Winchester, Doctor John Young. from Neucastell, and within it one quhilk he had gottin from his brother Mr Alexander to me, quhilk had within it from Doctor John Young, dein of Winchester, anent Sergeant Young.

Item, in the pacquet direct be James Philp on Weddinfday, 14 Apryll, I Pacquet 14 April direct be James Philp. fent a letter to the Erl Lanerk, and within it the act of prorogatioun, subscrivit be young Durie ; and als fent anfuere to Doctor Young, and within it one to my fone, within quhilk wes one to L. Panmuir, sehawing that I had reffavit his of 3 and 8 April, and asking his opinioun of 2 pointis (1) if the copie can not be had, if he that my anfuere beir the impossibility (2) anent the fupplie of the Mearnis.

17 April 1641, Setterday.

Reffavit letters from the Erl of Airth of 12 April, with one to the Countes Erl Airth and Lord Panmuir. of Merfchel. Item, letters from the L. Panmuir, and within it one to the Countes of 9 April, quhilk fent by Alexander Keyth.

Item, letters from Doctor John Young, dean of Winchester, with ferjant Doctor John Young, Dean of Winchester. David Young of Downachar, feriand of his Majestie's scullarie, his band of 25200 merks, payabill at Mertimes 1640, and 7000 merks of penalty to be put in register. Item, a letter to L. Coffinis and David Lyndfay of Kynnetts, his brother-in-law.

21 April 1641, Weddinfday.

This day James Philp fent away a pacquet, quhairin wes my letters to

the L. Panmuir, and within them one to his Majestie in anfuere of that
 reffavit 13 Aprill, at 6 of nycht, with ane accompt of my diligence for a
 copie, &c. Item, a letter from the Countes of Merfchell to L. Panmuir.
 Item, a letter from me to the Erll of Airth. Item, a letter from me to Dean
 off Wincheſter, and one from me to my ſone Mr. Alexander.

Ansuer to his
 Majestie's letter.

Item, to L. Pan-
 muir, to Erl Airth,
 to Dean of Win-
 cheſter, and my
 ſone.

29 April 1641, Thurſday.

Reffavit from William Dowglas, ſone to James of Gogar, letters from the
 L. Panmuir, and within them to Countes of Merfchell, Erl Kinghorne,
 L. Lour, John Pilmuir, with ane litill pacquet in hardin, quhilk all directit,
 viz. to Erl Kinghorne, with David Lindſay of Kinnettles, incloſit in one from
 myſelf. Item, to the Countes, delyuerit to Alexander Keyth, incloſit in
 one from myſelf, and ſent to Stirling, the lady being thair. Item, to L. Lour,
 his gevin to Mr. George Noruell, quho paſt him, being at the Committee.

L. Panmuir
 reſſavit from Wil-
 liam Douglas.

Last April 1641.

Sent in James Philp his pacquet letters to the L. Panmuir, and within
 them 2 from the Countes of Merfchell, and ane from James Murray younger.
 Item, ane thairefter anent Keyth.

Pacquet.
 L. Panmuir.

1 May 1641, Setterday.

This day the pacquet from the Secretar, Erl of Lanerk, to James Philp,
 daitit 26 Apryll, at 9 of nycht, and James Duncan, the poſtmaifter, brocht
 to me about 8 in the morning 3 letteris, viz., one from Erl Lanrek, bering
 that his Majestie was fully ſatiffiet with my cair and diligence in proroguing
 of the Parliament. Item, one from L. Panmuir of 24 April, with one
 from him to Hary Maul of Melgum, quhilk I incloſit in one from me to John
 Pilmuir, and gair it to Alexander Keyth to be ſent away. Item, one from my
 ſone Mr Alexander, daitit 26 April, bering the reffait of myne of 19 April,
 quhilk went with James Philp his pacquet, on 21 April, and my ſone wryttis
 to me, that myne to the L. Panmuir (in quhilk wes incloſit my letter to
 his Majestie,) quhairoff mentioun is maid on the vther ſyd in the pacquet of 21
 April, but that the L. Panmuir could not gif anfuere thairoff with this pacquet.

Pacquet ansuer of
 that quhilk went
 on 21 April 1641.

Item, this nycht, betuix xi and xij, my dauchter, the Lady Cambuskynneth, ^{1 May 1641, my} delyuerit of a man child. Bliffit be God, and the Lord bliffe him; and ^{dauchter Mary de-} gevin to Jean Cuningham, midwyff, 1 doubell angell. ^{lyuerit of a sone.}

Item, 10 May 1641, Mononday, pacquet fent be James Philp, and in it ^{10 May 1641.} ane letter to the Erl Lanerk, with thanks for his letter, and that I expectit ^{Packett.} to heir that he wes fatiffiet with my fone Mr. Alexander. Item, with his pacquet to the L. Panmuir, with 2 from the Countes of Merfchell. Item, to the Erl of Annandaill and Thomas Maxwell, and within his one from Mr. Alexander Burnet to the Erll of Annandaill. Item, one to my fone Mr. Alexander, from my felf, and excusing Mr. James becaus he was and is at Leidmynes this 15 dayis.

Item, at 3 afternone a new pacquet of letters cam from the Countes of Merfchell to the L. of Panmuir, quhilk I inclofit with a letter to him from my felf, and fent by Alexander Keyth to James Philp, about 4 efternone, to be putt in this day's pacquet.

11 May 1641, Twyfday.

Marie Fleming, my proneice, spoufe to Alexander Maxwell, departit at ^{Marie Fleming de-} 6 in the morning. ^{ceissit.}

Item, this day, about 7 hours at evin, a packet cam to James Philp, daitit ^{Packett.} 7 May 1641, quhairin I had letters from the L. Panmuir, with a pacquet to the Countes of Merfchell, (quhilk I chargit Alexander Keyth fend the famyn nycht, inclofit in one of my awin to Seytoun, quhair the Countes wes this nycht.) Item, one to John Pilmuir, quhilk I haif gevin to Alexander ^{Deputie declarit} Keyth to fend to him. Item, letters from the Erll of Annandaill and ^{trator.} Thomas Maxwell to me anent a blank affignatioune to a debt auchtand be Robert Elliot, &c.

Item, the L. Panmuir grantis the reffait of myne of 29 April, but L. Panmuir. fpeikis nothing off that fingel letter quhilk I fent anent Keyth quhilk I fent to James Philp, and he promifit to inclofe in one of his awin.

17 May.

Word cam of the beheiding of Thomas, Erll of Straffurd, deputie of Ire- ^{Erl Straffurd, de-} ^{putie of Ireland,} beheidit. ^{beheidit.}

land, in the Tour-hill of London, on Weddinfday 12 May, and the King and Queen went to quhairvpon I gatt letters from the L. Panmuir and my fone, daitit 12 May, reffavit 18 May 1641.

Packet.

Sent in James Philp his pacquet 17 May 1641, being Mononday, letters to the L. Panmuir, and within it the Erl of Kinghorne his anfuer. Item, lettres from the Countes of Mershell. Item, letters to my fone, and within from James, and als letters to the Erll of Annandaill and Thomas Maxwell from my felf and Mr. Alexander Burnet.

23 May, Sounday.

Communion.

Communicat in Cramond, quhair at tabill (being in great anxietie) I reffavit this comfort, (My grace is sufficient for ye,) for quhilk I bliffe the Lord.

Parliament prorogate to 15 July 1641.

This nycht, (being in Grantoun,) about 8 at nycht, I reffavit letters from the Erl of Lanerk, daitit 18 May, with a copie of his Majestie's letter for prorogatioun of the Parliament to 15 July; but (albeit I wes defyrit to reffave the principall) I reffavit it not.

24 May 1641, Mononday.

At 10 of nycht I reffavit letters from his Majestie, daitit 20 May, acquainting me with his Majestie's refolutioun to come in his royall perfoun to hold the Parliament on 15 July, and commands me to attend the counsell quhilk wes appointit to meit, and to be refident daylie at Edinburgh for preparing fuche thingis as wer necessar for his Majestie's receptioun, and in this pacquet reffavit letters from the L. Panmuir to my felf, and from him to the Countes of Mershell, and to Alexander Keyth, quhilk I delyuerit to him, with one from my felf to the Countes.

25 May 1641, Twyfday.

This day, about 8 in the morning, reffavit letters from ane fervand off the Lord Maitlandis, viz., one from his Majestie to my felf, daitit 18 May, for prorogatioun of the Parliament, together with one from his Majestie to the estates for that effect, and being sent for be the Committee, I went at 10 hours, quhen thai red the report of fuche of thair number as wes appointit

to resolve upon the fycht off the copie off his Majestie's letter, quhilk thai had, and findis in thair report a command to me to perfew the fummondis aganis the incendiaries; I opposit.

Item, thairefter the estates being convenit in the Parliament Hous, quhair the Lord Burley wes chofin Prefident, and I delyuerit to him his Majestie's letter, and efter reiding tuik instruments thairvpon; and quhen thai enterit to reid the act of prorogatioun (quhilk wes condiscendit to be to the 15 July 1641) I defyrit to be hard, quhen the clerk cam to theis words, commanding the Advocat to perfew, &c.; and Mr. William Scott, clerk, quho wes reiding very indifcreitlie, red on without acknowledging my defyr, till I movit the Prefident to command him to stay; and then I said, I find thir commands so far binding of me, that being dischargit be his Majestie, I can not fit still, but I must protest in the contrair; and rather or I did protest, I wald remove; quhairvpon I removit and returnit, and cravit the extract of quhat wes done from Mr. William Scott and John Dikfoun, and to infert thairin my removing, quho did refuse to infert, but promifit the extract; quhairvpon I tuik instruments in James Philp his hands, quho promifit to attend for that effect; and I told him and Mr. Hary Maul the caus of my removing, to be not only becaus off the command to me, but also becaus of the vther provisoes infert in the Act.

Item, about 12 hours efter coming from the Parliament, I drew vp the forme of the instrument, and send it inclofit in a letter to James Philp, being in Robert Fleming his hous.

Item, I writ all my letters, viz. to his Majestie, and infert within it the compt of my proceeding. Item, to the Erl Lanerk. Item, to the L. Panmuir. Item, letter to the Erl of Airth, in anfuere off his to me. Item, to my sone Mr. Alexander. Item, to Erl Annandaill and Thomas Maxwell. Item, to Dean of Winchester. Quhilks 3 letters I inclofit in my sone's paequet; and thir letters wer daitit 24 and 25 May 1641, and with them sent letters from Countes of Merfchell, Alexander Keyth, and John Pilmuir, to the L. Panmuir.

Ansuer to his
Majestie, with the
Report.

26 May 1641.

Letters to the
L. Panmuir.

James Philp sent a letter refusing to gif in the instrument, quhair-vpon I wes forcit to wrytt new letteris to the Erl of Lanerk, and to L. Panmuir; and sent in the Erl of Lanerk his letters the doubill of James Philpis 2 letteris, and of my ansuer; and the principalls to the L. Panmuir, to be returnit to me. And thir letters to the L. Panmuir wer inclofit in the pacquet sent be me to the Erl of Lanerk, Secretar, by the feuerall pacquets sent be me to the L. Panmuir apart, daitit 24 and 25 May 1641.

Pacquett.

1 Junij 1641, Twyfday.

Counsel satt.

This day the Counfel satt, for preparing thingis neecessar for his Majestie coming to the Parliament, 15 July; quhair present, Erl Ergyll, Erl Merfchel, Erl Wyntoun, Lord Angus, Lord Elphinstoun, Lord Naper, and Advocat; and Lord Elphinstoun as Eldest Preses.

Pacquett, 1 Junij
and 2 thairof.

This day, efter Counfell, pacquet sent be James Philp, quhairin letters from the Counfel to his Majestie, and to the Secretar. Item, from me a packet to the Secretar, quhairin one to him, with the proceidingis done in Counfell. Item, one to the Erl Stirling, anent his bill past, deputing Archibald Steuart of Hiffilheyd to be his deput. Item, letters to L. Panmuir, and within it from Erl Ergyll to Lord Lowdoun. Item, letter to my sone, desyring him to delyver the letter to Erl Stirling, and telling him the occasioun thairoff.

Item, the pacquet went not till 2 Junij, and sent in it a letter to L. Panmuir, with 2 vther from John Pilmuir and Alexander Keyth.

4 Junij 1641, Fryday.

Hary Hope.

This day my nephew, Hary Hope, returnit from Diep, and cam to Edinburgh, and told that the King of France wes on the frontiers, with 50^m men.

7 Junij, Mononday.

Packett, 7 Junij
1641.

The pacquet direct be James Philp, and I sent letters to the Erl of Lanerk, schawing him off the attendance of four, viz. Erl Ergyll, Erl

Wyntoun, Lord Nepar, and myself, and that we had writtin for the hail number to a dyet of 17 Junij; and in this told him that my fone had, at my command, focht his fine and wes rejeckit; and that I wald not request, not being prohibit, but trustit my filence fould work as muche. Item, letters to the L. Panmuir and Erl Airth, and within ather of thais, letters to them from the Countes of Merfchell. Item, letters to my fone Mr. Alexander, complaining to him of Mr. James his submissioun aganis my discharge; but to keip it quyet, till I fie how I can mend it.

Item, this day letters from his Majestie to the Counsell, of dait 1 Junij, quhilk wer instantlie anfuert; with a letter to the Secretar from the Coun-^{Letter from his Majestie to the Counsell of 1 Junij.} fell, beiring ane nott of the necessars for his furnitor, the reparatioun of the palice, and money thairfoir; with money for vtheris cauff. Item, the Erl of Wyntoun his remonstrance, that he wes inhabill to ludge his Majestie at Seytoun. Item, a petitioun from the household fervands and furnischers, for want of thair preceeding fies and furnishingis, to be schawin to his Majestie. Item, letter from the Secretar. Item, reffavit letters from the L. Pan-^{L. Panmuir.} muir, and from my fone Mr. Alexander, with letters to the Countes of Merfchell, Erl Merfchell, James Murray younger, Alexander Keyth, John Pilmuir, and Sir Andro Flefchor; quhilks all delyverit to Alexander Keyth, with one from me to the Countes, and hir letter inclofit thairin. Item, letters from the Erl Annandail and my fone.

Item, in this pacquet returnit anfuert to all thair, and specially of that from the Secretar challenging me, quhair of I haif a copie. Item, in myne to L. Panmuir and my fone, desyres to return the warrands for the vth sterling, feing his Majestie hes declarit his will, that he will not bestow the place of Mr. of Work on my fone.

9 Junij 1641, Weddinsday.

Reffavit from John Lermonth, furth of the Erl of Roxburghis^{L. Panmuir.} pacquet, letters from the L. Panmuir, daitit 28 May, with a letter to the Countes of Merfchell, to the Erl of Kinghorne, to James Murray, and^{Erl Kinghorne.} Alexander Keyth; and delyuerit all to Alexander Keyth, but inclofit that to the Countes in a letter from myself to hir Ladyship. And James Murray coming in, I told him off the letter to the Erl of Kinghorne, quho desyrit

Alexander Keyth to latt it ly ovir undelyverit, for he wes sure that if thai did ones meit they wald aggrie, for the Erll is content to quyt the blok off the lands ; as for the vther, James said he never intendit it fould be more nor 3^mlb sterling, albeit he hard that the Countes of Merschell spak of 40^mlb Scottis, and that furth of that quhilk the Erl cravis his 4^mlb sterling ; quhairvpon Alexander Keyth delyuerit bak to me the Erl of Kinghorn his letter, and James Murray promifit to wryt to the Lady thairanent.

11 Junij 1641, Fryday.

Erl Montrois.

This day, about 8 of nycht, the Erll of Montroisf wes putt in the Castell be the Committie.

Pacquett.

Item, James Philp directit ane paquet, and gaif me no advertifement of the going thairoff.

14 Junij, Mononday.

His Majestie's letter of 8 Junij sent be Sir James Galloway.

A letter from his Majestie to fa monie off the Counsell as wes at Edinburgh, quhilk James Philp presentit to the Erl of Ergyll, quho would not open it. Thairefter James cam to me, and I went with him to the Erl of Ergyll his house ; and the Erll defyrit to fie the last letter, quhairin his Majeifte gaif ordour to fa mony off the Counsell as wes present to reffave his letteris ; quhairvpon James Philp went for the letter.

Item, I tuik occasioun in the mean tyme to acquaint the Erl of Ergyll of James Philp his refusing of the instrument takin 25 May 1641.

Item, at James Philp his returne, and efter reiding of the letter, my Lord Ergyll wret to the Committie, and promifit to come to the Counsel-hous, to quhilk I went immediatlie, and the Erll went efter quarter of an hour be the bak way thruch the Banquetting-hous.

Item, efter he came his Majestie's letter wes red, quhilk in effect defyrit publicatioun to be made of his Majestie's resolution to come to Scotland, quhilk we thocht fitt to anfuer be a letter to the Erll of Lanerk, Secretar, (notwithstanding that the letter cam to James Philp, in a letter sent to him be Sir James Galloway, quho told him that it wes his Majestie's plesur to command that the anfuer thairoff be returnit to him, becaus off the Erl of Lanerkis disease,) and in the letter to the Erl of Lanerk, we told that

because the Counfel is to meit frequentlie on Thursday nixt, 17 Junij, that thairfoir we differrit till then.

Item, efter we had writtin our letteris, the Erl of Ergyll movit me anent James Philp, and efter gret debait, James offerit to gif his othe that he remembers not, quhilk I refusit *in facto tam recenti*, and becaus he remembers both *ante et post*, and told that I wald perfew him befor the Counfell on Thursday. Then thai defyrit to know the witness quhom I wald vse, quhilk I schunit, becaus I know thay will labor to divert them.

James Philp
instrument.

This nycht, at 8 hours at evin, James Philp fend the pacquet, with the foirfaid letters, to the Erl of Lanerk. Item, I sent ane pacquet to the L. Panmuir, and within it one from the Countes of Mersehell and Alexander Keyth. Item, one to the Erl of Airth, and within it one from the said Countes. Item, ane othar of myne to the L. Panmuir, anent James Philp his instrument, and sent thairin to be schawin to his Majestie, the nott of my cair in takand of instruments in James Philp his handis, (quhairoff I haif a doubill befyd me,) and this nott is subferyvit be me. Item, the doubill of James Philp his letter, also subferyvit be me, as a trew copie. Item, the doubill of the forme of instrument delyuerit to James Philp, bering the names of the witnessis. Item, sent to my fone a letter. Item, one to the Dean of Winchefter, and within it one from Kynetlis and Nicolas his brother.

Pacquet sent
14 Junij 1641.

Memorandum.—On 13 Junij 1641, being Quhitfonday, I reffavit letters from the L. Panmuir, daitit 9 Junij, quhairin he schawis me that his Majestie thinks that I wes in the fault in not taking instrumentis in James Philpis handis; and the Lard fayis that I was not fairlie vfit be the Erl Lanerk in his Report, and thairfoir I difpatchit anfuer to the Lard, with the writtis within specifit, quhilk went be pacquet, sent be James Philp, of 14 Junij, as is within-writtin.

Item, on Twysday, 15 Junij 1641, reffavit from William Dik 100lb sterling, be vertew off the Committie's precept, direct to him to pay it to my fone Craighall, as for his brother Mr. Alexander, his pensiou of the terme of Mertimes 1640, and gevin bak to William Dik the precept, with his acceptatioun thairoff with my fone Craighall his discharge on the reffait thairoff, for quhilk William Dik directit his letter of exchange to Robert Inglis, his

Mysone Mr. Alex-
ander's 100lb ster-
ling, 15 Junij
1641.

factor in Londoun, to be payit on 15 dayis' ficht, and I gaif to him 2 tuelf pund pieces for the exchange, quhilk is at 2 off the hundreth, and immediatlie I clofit it in a letter to Mr. Alexander, with ane vther of my fone James his to him, and gaif it to the merchand pacquet this day, about 4 afternone, and thair is writt on bak 2 £ sterling to be payit for the portage.

Counsell, 17 Junij
1641.

Item, on 17 Junij 1641, being Thurfday, the Counsell met, being onlie sex, viz L. Awmonthe, Erl Ergyll, Erl Wyntoun, Erl Southesk, Lord Angus, Advocat, quhair the point anent proclaiming his Majestie's coming to Scotland wes debaitit, quhither it could be done without a quorum of the Counsell, and efter debait, the buikis of Counsell ordanit to be feirchit, and continewit till the morow.

18 Junij 1641.

18 Junij.

This day the buikis feirchit, and productit diuers actis off Counsell, quhairin the federunt wes but sex, and I rememberit that diuers proclamationis wes past with this qualitie at the end, *Per Regem*, without, *per actum*.

Thairefter it wes accordit that the proclamatioun fould be drawin vp, and James Philp had preparit it, and it wes signettit, and, being red over, mendit in some words.

Memorandum.—This day, when the Lords went to the Committie, I vrgit James Philp to gif out the instrumēt, quhairvpon I raif instrumētis be Archibald Primrois and John Douglas.

Item, thairefter it was movit to haif the assistance off the Committie of estates thairto, to quhilk end the Lord Awmonthe, Lieutenant-generall, and the Erl off Ergyll wer sent to the Committie, quho stayed till efter tuelff. Bot the knock wes holden bak, and the croce clothit with tapestrie, quhilk the Prouest and Baillies of Edinburgh being sent for, could not find. But I causit bring als monie furth off my hous, vtherwais it wald haif bene done without couering. And word cam from the Committie to delay the covering of the croce for a schort space. And it wes ones agitat to continew till the morrow. But the croce wes coverit befor the advertifement.

Item, quhen the Lord Awmonthe and Erl of Ergyll cam bak, they returnit anfuer, that the Committie thocht that the Counsell would not

remitt the Proclamatioun, for 2 cauff; 1. becaus not a number; 2. becaus thai fitting, and that thai aucht to do it; and vpon the Counsell's will do it be thair act, and heirupon having long debaitit, it wes thocht fitt rather to give them thair will, nor to suffer a rub in the buffines.

Item, efter proclamatioun, the Counsell mett at 4 hours at nycht, and writt a letter to his Majestie, and promisit to meet to-morrow at 8, for wryting a letter to the Secretar; but the Erl of Ergyll wes excusit, be reffoun of his not being weill.

Mungo Murray, copp-berar, this 18 Junij, gaif me letters from Erl of Annandaill and my sone, daitit 12 and 13 Junij.

19 Junij 1641.

This day the pacquet went, (being Setterday;) and letters sent to the Erl of Annandaill, vnder Mr. Alexander Burnet his cover, becaus I wald delyver none to Mr. Philp; and in this pacquet, (by that of myne to Erll of Annandaill,) sent one to my sone, and within it one to L. Panmuir, to quhom I sent a letter from the Countes of Merfchell. Item, a copy of Hary Maul of Melgum his letter to James Murray younger, anent Erl of Kinghorne. Item, the principall letter from Mr. Philp to me, daitit 26 May 1641. Item, a letter to my sone, and within it the doubill of the letter of exchange from William Dick, direct to Robert Inglis, his factör, to pay my sone 100 lb sterling. Item, another letter to the L. Panmuir, anent James Philp his anfuer, denying that instrumens wer takin be me in his hand aganis the tenor of his awin letter, quhilk he made most falslie and impudentlie; and als his schift to haif witneffis examinat, quho wil be loth to depone vpon the refufall off the Clerk of Parliament, and of quhom the maist part ar delt with not to depone aganis James, except he himself grant and fubscryve the act.

Packett sent.

Philp's letter sent to the L. Panmuir.

22 Junij 1641, Twyfday.

This day sent a letter to my sone Mr. Alexander in the merchand pacquet, and within it the forme of a warrand, to be signed be his Majestie, for payment of his pensoun of 200 lb sterling of the 3eir 1641; and both the termes thairoff, and this letter, I delyverit to James Murray younger,

My sone, Mr. Alexander.

quho promifit to fend it to his factor John Hog, and caus him wrytt that he hes delyverit it.

23 Junij 1641, Weddinfday.

Pacquet cam 23 Junij, quhairin wes letters to me from the Erl Lanerk, L. Panmuir, Erl of Annandaill, and Dean of Wincheſter.

This day Mungo Murray returnit to Court, and a pacquet fent with him to Mr. Alexander, quhairin one to the Erl Lanrek, Secretar, in anfuert of his reffavit this famyn day, and ſchawing him Philpis outrage, quhair of I haif ane copie. Item, fent to L. Panmuir, and within his the doubill of Archibald Prymrois instrument, takin 18 Junij, with the copy of my letter to the Erl of Lanerk anent James Philp. Item, letters to the Erl of Annandaill, in anfuert of his reffavit this day. Item, a letter to my ſone, and within it one to the Dean of Wincheſter. Item, the Erl of Annandaill fent a letter to Sir James Balfour, quhilk I gave to Mr. Alexander Burnet. Item, the L. Panmuir fent letters to the Countes of Merſchell, to the L. Lour, to John Pilmuir, and Alexander Keyth, quhilk I muſt ſie diſpatchit to-morrow, 24 Junij.

L. Panmuir his letteris.

Memorandum.—I delyverit, on 24 Junij, to John Stark, ſervitor to John Peter, a letter to the Countes of Merſchell from me, quhairin is incloſit that off the L. Panmuiris to hir. Item, ane vther letter to John Pilmuir, quhairin is incloſit his awin, with that to the Lord Lour. Item, a letter from the L. of Panmuir to Alexander Keyth, quhilk is all the ſaid John Stark tuik from me in name of Alexander Keyth, and as appointit be him now in his abſence in Aberdene to reſſave all letteris concerning the L. Panmuir, and to diſpatche the ſamyn.

Dean of Wincheſter.

Item, I delyverit a letter from the Dean of Wincheſter, to Alexander Bowar, vnto Alexander Gordoun of Ardehat, quho promifit to delyver the ſamyn to him; and als I writ ane letter to Michael Young, the Deanis brother, and thairin incloſit the letter from the Dean to him, quhilk I gaif to Mr. George Noruel to fend to the ſaid Michael.

25 Junij 1641.

Pacquett.

Letteris writtin to the Erl Lanerk and L. Panmuir, anent my

convening befor the Committie this day, and delyuerit to the Lord Lyndfay, quho sent them vnder his cover.

This nycht Sir James Carmichael, Thesaurer Deput, cam from Court. Thesaurer Deput.

26 Junij 1641.

This day, I being defyrit be the Committie of Estates to subfcrive the generall band, gaif in my declaratioun, and thai ordanit me to meit with the Erll of Ergyll, the Erl Caffils, and the L. Durie, in the Erll of Ergyllis hous, at 3 efternone.

But I wes warnit be John Douglas, meſr, to be at Counfell at 2 efter-
none, quhair I mett with Sir James Carmichael, and about 3 hours the Erl His Majestie's letter of 20 Junij.
of Ergyll, the Lord Almond, and Erl Southesk cam; quhair being fett, the
Thesaurer Deput presentit his Majestie's letter of 20 Junij 1641, quhilk Counsell, 26 Junij.
bure that his Majestie had gevin order to Sir James Carmichael to deburse
foumes of mony for all thingis necessarie for his Majestie's provisioun; and
this being red,

The Deput productit roll of theis that wer to come with his Majestie, viz. Lord Duik of Lennox, Lord Marques of Hamiltoun, Erl Mortoun, Erl Lanerk, Erl Holland, Sir Hary Vayne, with his Majestie's domestik servandis.

Item, the Thesaurer Deput declarit that his Majestie wes to tak journey on 5 July, and to be heir on the 10 or 11 July, at farthest.

Item, ane roll off the officers of his Majestie's hous wes productit, and it Thesaurer Deput.
wes thocht that onlie some fevin of them wes necessar, and the rest mycht
stay at home; quhairvpon letter wes appointit to be writtin to the Secretar.

Item, order wes gevin to wrytt for the Erl of Wyntoun, Erl Angus, and Lord Elphinstoun, to be at Counfell on Twyfday next.

And word wes spokin be the Erl of Ergyll for inlarging of Philp, and George, Maister household, wes rememberar of it; and I gaif them both thankis. Item, it wes spokin to haif ane meiting of Exchekker.

Item, this 26 Junij, Mr. Archibald Jonstoun cam home from Londoun, Mr. Archibald Jonstoun.
and I gat letters from him from my sone Mr. Alexander, daitit 16 Junij, My sone Mr. Alexander.
and within them the letter of exchange drawin for payment off v^e lb sterling ander.

to the Erl off Stirling, for the place of Maifter Wark, quhilk Sir John Vache gatt; and this letter of exchange wes gevin bak be me to my fone Craighall.

28 Junij 1641, Mononday.

L. Panmuir. Letteris reffavit from William Hay of Quhitfoum, from the L. Panmuir, daitit 19 and 20 Junij 1641, and with them 2 letteris to the Countes of Merfchell, one to James Murray younger, one to John Pilmuir, and one Erl of Kinghorne. to Alexander Keyth; and in thir he speiks anent Erl of Kinghorne.

Item, this day I reffavit letteris from the Countes of Merfchel, and in it one to the L. Panmuir, quhilk feho defyris me to keip, if I heir that he is on his journey.

Memorandum.—I delyverit to John Clerk, doer for Alexander Keyth, on 29 Junij, a letter to the Countes of Merfchell, and within it 2 from the L. Panmuir. Item, a letter to Alexander Keyth, and ane vther to John Pilmuir.

30 Junij 1641.

L. Panmuir. This day reffavit 2 pacquetts, one from the L. Panmuir, and within it one to the Countes of Merfchell; and als one from the Erl off Annandaill, and within it one to Mungo Murray, (quho past away 24 Junij;) and one to Mr. Alexander Burnet, quhilk I gave him.

1 July 1641, Thurfday.

Pacquet. Letteris fent to Sir James Galloway, Secretar, vnder the cover of Mr. James Aikinheid, quhairin to Sir James himself. Item, a pacquet to my fone, and within it to the L. Panmuir, with letteris from the Countes of Merfchell. Item, a letter to the Erl of Annandaill, and within it returnit that of Mungo Murrayis.

Item, a pacquet apart to the L. Panmuir, and within it a letter from the Countes of Merfchell, and ane vther from Alexander Keyth.

Mr. Robert Craig his funerallis on Sounday, 4 July 1641, in the Gray Freiris.

8 July 1641, Thurfday.

Reffavit letters from the Erl of Dunfermling and Lord Loudoun, quho

came to Edinburgh from Court zefternyt, 7 July 1641, viz. from the L. Lord Lowdoun. Letters from L. Panmuir to myself, daitit 29 Junij. Item, to the Countes of Merfchell, to Panmuir and my the L. Lour, to James Murray, to John Pilmuir. Item, letteris from sone. my fone Mr. Alexander to myself and his thrie brothers; and I fent his to His ressait of 100 lb sterling. my eldest fone to Craighall, to quhilk he went this day.

Item, gevin to L. Lour his letter, be John Leueftoun in Edinburgh.

Item, gevin to John Clerk a letter to the Countes of Merfchell from me, and within it inclofit one from the L. Panmuir, and als to him one to John Pilmuir.

Item, Mr. George Noruell delyuerit that to James Murray at his hous, becaus he wes at the Conventioun off the Burrows, at Linlithgow.

9 July, Fryday, 1641.

Barbara Fleming, dauchter to John Fleming, contractit on John Pen-Barbara Fleming. man, quho wes his awin prenteis, and gevin to the nuris of Alexander Maxwell's dauchter 7 dollors; and thai maryit thairefter on Weddinfday, 4 August 1641.

This 11 July 1641, being Sounday, Mr. Patrik Broun delyverit to me, Pacquet cam on from James Philp, letteris from the Kingis Majestie, daitit 6 July, anent Sounday at nycht, the Incendiaries. Item, from the Erl Lanerk, the famyn dait. Item, nycht. from the L. Panmuir, and within it to the Countes of Merfchell, quhilk I fent to hir Ladyship in one from myself, delyverit to Alexander Keyth. Item, letteris from the Erl of Annandaill, and within them one to Mr. Alexander Burnet, and ane vther to the Lord Maitland; quhilk letteris I delyuerit to Mr. Alexander Burnet. But I red not thir letteris till the morne, being 12 July.

Item, I fent, on 12 July, a pacquet to the Erl Lanerk, quhairin one to Ansuer to the his Majestie, and within it informatioun anent my anfuers to the Committie, pacquet quhilk I off quhilk both I haif an copy. Item, a letter to the Erl Lanerk, and sent in a pacquet within it the copie of Philpis depositions, with a copie of my letter writtin from myself to the Erl Lanerk, 12 July 1641, being Monday. to him on 25 Maij.

Item, letteris to the L. Panmuir, and within it a reformit A&t for the Kirk of Carrestoun, to be signed be his Majestie. Item, the doubill of my

informatioun to his Majestie. Item, a letter to Mr. Alexander, defyring him, in cace of the L. Panmuir his absence, to reid all, and returne them to me with diligence. Item, a letter to the Erl of Annandaill, in anfuere of his ressavit this day; and all thir putt in ane packett, direct on the bak to the L. Panmuir, and in his absence to the Erl of Annandaill, and all inclofit in a clofit buist to the Erl Lanerk, and went to the Cannogait on Mononday, 12 July, about 4 efternone.

Letter from his
Majestie anent the
prorogatioun of the
Parliament.

Item, this 12 day of July, ressavit from the Lord Lowdoun his Majestie's letter to me of last Junij, with a copie off his Majestie's letters to the Commissioners of Parliament, lesing in thair will to quhat day they wald prorogat the Parliament.

Signator of Wat-
terheid.

Memorandum.—Efter I had directit my awin pacquet this day, quhilk went away at 5 hours at nycht, I causit draw vp ane new signatour of Watterheid to Mr. James and his spous in lyfrent, and to Thomas Hope, thair son, and his airs of his bodie; quhilks failzeing, to Mr. James, his father, and the heirs of his bodie; quhilkis failzeing, to Mr. Alexander, his airs and assignais quhatfomeuer; and I dockittit it, and inclofit it in a letter to Mr. Alexander; and with it sent a letter to Sir James Galloway, Secretar, for passing of it; and als a letter to Mr. Alexander from his brother Sir Thomas. And all thir, being pacquet vp in a pacquet, was directit on the bak to my sone Mr. Alexander, and sent to Alexander Keyth, that it may go vnder his couer in Philpis pacquet, quhilk wes to go on 13 Julij.

15 Julij 1641.

Parliament, 15
July 1641.

The Parliament mett, and voitit to sit still, notwithstanding off his Majestie's letter, but onlie to prepar and not to inact, till 17 August, at quhilk thai expect his Majestie's royall presence.

Pacquet sent be
my self to Erl
Lanrek.

Quhairvpon I sent an pacquet, quhilk wes stayit on 15 till 16, and on 16 stayit vpon the Lord Lowdoun and Erl Dunfermlingis letteris to his Majestie.

So the pacquet went on Setterday, 17 July, at 10 hours in the morning; and in it to his Majestie, with my accompt. Item, to the Secretar, with a copie off the accompt. Item, to L. Panmuir, and within it from the Countes of Merschel and L. Doun. Item, from Alexander Keyth to him.

Item, my letter to Mr. Alexander, and within it from his brother Sir Thomas ; and als letteris to his Majestie from Erl Dunfermling and Lord Lowdown.

Item, on 16 July, Fryday, reffavit letters from his Majestie, to draw vp a commiffioun to the Erl Weymis to represent his Majestie's perfoun at the Affemblie of Sanctandros ; quhilk I drew vp on a blank sent to me, quhilk I fillit be advyfe of the Erl of Southesk and Thesaurer Deput, conform to his Majestie's letters.

Assemble 20 July
1641, at Sanct
Andros.

Item, reffavit a letter from Sir James Galloway, quhilk, with the former anent the Affemblie, I anfuert be wryting to the Lord Secretar, and als be a letter to Sir James Galloway, delyuerit to Mr. James Aikinheid, quho gaiff me the epitaph or epigram of Sir James Carmichael.

22 July 1641.

This day the Exchekker fatt, and wes difchargit be warrand of the Eftates of Parliament ; and befor it wes difchargit, Mr. John Henryfoun refignit Waterheid and Mynes to the Lo . . . the notar Michael Ker.

23 July 1641, Fryday.

I wes defyrit to remoue from Parliament, and gaif anfuert as my paper apart proportis.

Item, on that day I wret a letter to Sir James Galloway, in anfuert of his former, schawing quhat wes done in his buffines of Exchekker, quhilk held on 22 July, at 2 efternone, but wes difchargit be the Parliament immediately ; and in the end of my letter I acquaint him with my removing, and defyrit him to signife the famyn to his Majestie. And this letter I delyuerit to Mr. James Aikinheid, quho sent it in Philpis paquet on 24 July, being Setterday.

Sir James Gal-
loway.

Paquet.

27 July 1641, Twyfday.

This day the Affemblie (quhilk wes tranflatit from Sanctandros to Edinburgh) mett at the Gray Freir Kirk, and thair, be pluralitie of voites, Mr. Alexander Henryfoun wes chofin Moderator.

to Generall Assem-
blie at Edinburgh.

Lord Lowdown to
Court, 27 July
1641.

Item, this day the Lord Lowdown tuik journey post to Court, about 10 hours befoir none; and sent with him letteris to Erl Lanerk, and within it the forme of my declaratioun, to be gevin in befoir the Estates, anent my removing furth of Parliament, to be schawin to his Majestie; and als acquainting him with the new act made aganis me, to perfew theis in the Castell; quhilk I said I wald hardlie eschew. Item, a letter to my sone Mr. Alexander, and within it one to Sir James Galloway to the samyn sene, with a doubill of my said declaratioun. Item, in that to Mr. Alexander, I defyrit him to advertis me quhen the Lord Saltoun and his vncle ar expected.

28 July 1641, Weddinfday.

Mr. John Steuart.

This day Mr. John Steuart beheidit at the Mercat Croce of Edinburgh, for his leyis aganis the Erl of Eryll.

30 July, Fryday.

Delyuerit to Mr. James Aikinheid a letter to Sir James Galloway, anent the breive of John Duncan, as air to James Duncan of Ratho; and als anent my purpose to re-enter to Parliament, if I be admittit simplie; and bering this, that if his Majestie come, I haif to mak his Majestie's prerogative royall, anent the officers of Estait, so cleir, that his Majestie cannot want it without his Majestie willinglie consent to quyt it, to quhilk I traist his Majestie will not aggrie.

1 August, Sounday, 1641.

Pacquet from
Court, daitit 27
July 1641.
Reffavit 1 August
1641.

This nycht, about 10 hours of nycht, reffavit letteris from Erl Lanerk, with a letter to the Counsell, quhilk I delyuerit on Mononday befoir 7 hours, to the Erl of Eryll. Item, reffavit letters from the L. Panmuir, and with them a letter to the Countes of Merfchell, quhilk I inclofit within one from myself, and gaif to Alexander Keyth, to be sent to hir Ladyship. Item, I gaif one to himself, one to James Murray younger, and one to John Pilmuir, quhilk he promisit to dispathe. Item, I reffavit letteris from the

Erl of Annandaill, and with them to Mr. Alexander Burnet, to Lord Maitland, and to the Laird of Lag, quhilk I gaif to Mr. Alexander Burnet.

Item, the Counfell mett at 2 efternone, quhairin wes Ergyll, Galloway, Seyfort, Southesk, Findlater, Elphinstoun, and Advocat; and the letteris from the Erl of Lanerk to the Counfell wes red, quhairin he affures the Counfell that his Majestie wilbe heir on 13 August; and als a list sent of the nobilmen and vtheris to come with his Majestie, and amang them the Prince Palatine.

Assurance of his
Majestie's coming
hither, 13 August
1641.

8 August 1641, Sounday.

This day James Lyoun of Auldbar, being at Edinburgh attending the Lyoun Auldbar. Parliament and Generall Affembly, deceffit.

9 August 1641, Monunday.

The L. Panmuir cam from Court to Edinburgh, about 8 hours of nycht, L. Panmuir and als the Erl of Mortoun; and I mett with them on Weddinfday.

Item, this nycht, at 7 hours at evin, the Affembly rose; and the nixt is Assemblies appointit to be at Sanctandros, on last Weddinfday of July.

Mr. Alexander Henryfoun hes gottin libertie of transportatioun from Edinburgh, and Mr. William Bennet is ordanit to be transportit from Monymell to Edinburgh.

Mr. Alexander
Henrysoun.
Mr. William Ben-
net.

10 August 1641, Twyfday.

This nycht William, Erl of Lanerk, Secretar to his Majestie, cam to Edinburgh, and on the morow went to Kynnell, and returnit on Thursday, at nycht.

13 August, Fryday.

This day I mett with him in the bowling-grein, betuix eivin and tuelf Erl Lanerk. hours befor none.

Item, this nycht certan word cam that his Majestie wes to be in Bervick. Kingis Majestie.

14 August 1641, Setterday.

This nycht, about 6 at evin, his Majestie cam to Halyruidhous.

17 August, Twyfday.

This day his Majestie cam to the Parliament in coche, about 10 hours ; and I wes then readmittit to sitt in Parliament, butt not to voitt ; aganis quhilk I proteffit.

25 August 1641.

Armie returnit. This day the armie returnit, and past to Edinburgh, having liftit and removit from Newcastle on 21 August of befor.

Generall Leslie. Item, 27 August, Generall Leslie cam to Edinburgh, Fryday.

Erl Rothes. Item, 28 August 1641, report cam off the Erl of Rothes his deceafs at Londoun, quhilk wes muche lamentit.

1 September 1641, Weddinfday.

Memorandum.—Scho borrowit from Mr. James, hir son, for the hous, j^c lb.

Item, payit be the Vicount of Stormonth, on 10 September, ij^c merkis.

Erl Lauderdale. Item, payit be the Erl of Lauderdale his promise, in the matter of the holding of Craig j^m merks, on 17 September 1641 ; quhilk I delyuerit to hir for the hous.

Last September 1641, Thurfday.

This day Hary Hope went to Londoun, and gevin to him, for his mother's dewty of Martimeß 1641, 5 lb sterling.

Item, this day the Erl of Lowdoun voitit Chancellor.

1 October 1641, Fryday.

Lord Lowdoun, Chancellor. This day the Lord Lowdoun his gift off the office off Chancellary red, and takin to be confiderit be the hous ; and thairefter, on 2 October, it wes feillit, and the Greit Seill delyuerit to him, and he fworn be the Prefident, at command of his Majestie.

3 October 1641, Sounday.

About 9 of nycht, my deir dauchter D. M. Murray, spous to my sone

Craighall, deceiffit in childbirth, feho and the barne in her womb. God in My deir dauchter,
 mercie pittie me, and my fone and his children, for it is a fore ftraik. the Lady Craig-
 hall, deceiffit.

12 Oötober 1641, Twyfday.

The rumore brak out of a plott aganis the Marques of Hamiltoun and the Erl of Ergyll, quhilk fould haif beine acätit 3 efternycht, being Monon-
 day, 11 Oötober, ather to haif killit them, or to caryit them to the Kingis Plott aganis the
Marquis and Erl
Ergyll, on 11 Oc-
tober 1641.
 fchip, (quhilk wes in the rode,) and thence to Londoun; quhairvpon the
 Marques, and Erl of Ergyll, with the Erl of Lanerk, went from Edinburgh
 to Kynnell, and thence to Hamiltoun; and the Parliament examinat
 Leutenant Hurrie, quho wes the firft divulger, and Capitan Steuart, quho
 deponit aganis the Erl of Craufuird, Leutenant-Coronell Steuart, and
 Coronel Lothian. And thir wer fequeftrat be the Parliament, viz., Hurrie
 and Captain Steuart, with the Erl of Eglintoun; Erl Craufuird, with James
 Murray; Coronel Lothian, with John Smyth.

21 Oötober 1641, Thurfday.

The Erl of Mar fpak me to haif the rentis off the lordfchip of Stirling Erl Mar.
 affignit to him in payment of his 5000 lb fterling, quhilk is dew to him from
 his Majeftie, be contract, for his heretabill offices off the fcheriffchip of Stir-
 ling, chancellarie off the lordfchip thairoff, and the bailliery off the Watter
 of Forth; and offerit to me, for my affiftance thairin, a token of j^m. merks.

And thairefter, on Thurfday, 28 Oötober, being convoying him furth of
 my zett, about halfe 8 in the morning, he faid, "I know, if ze fpak his
 Majeftie, and fchaw to him the equitie of it, I will gett it; and I will gif
 you 100 lb fterling."

Item, on Mononday, 1 November, he promifit to gif the 100 lb fterling
 within 4 dayis.

Item, on Thurfday, 4 November, he promifit 150 lb fterling, fo fone as
 his fignatour paffis the Exchekker; and I challenging his promife of prefent
 payment of the 100 lb, he faid; "I wilbe als good as my word; I will gif
 the 100 lb fterling immediatlie efter the contract be fignit be his Majeftie;

and the vther 50 lb sterling quhen it passes the Exchekker." But he spak of 31 zeirs' tak.

1 November 1641, Mononday.

Mr. Christopher Cokburn reportit to me, that the Erl wes content to gif me the deuty of the yeir 1640 or 1641 ; but himself, on Setterday, 6 November, gaif me the Kingis warrand, and promifit 2000 merks. Item, on 5 November, the Erl of Abercorn promifit 50 dd .

6 November 1641, Setterday.

My dauchter Anne Foules. About 3 efternone, my dauchter Anne Foules delyverit of a man child, bliffit be the Lord ; and gevin to the midwyff j dd . angel. But the bairne wes verie waik, and I defyrit him to be baptizit ; quhilk my wyff excusit, that thai durst not tak the bairne furth in the cold air. And it plefit God to keip in his lyfe till Sounday, at 7 hours ; and I caufit him to be baptized be Mr. Andro Ramfay, in the Magdalen Chapell, and he wes namit James. Παροξυσμος μεγας. And my wyff wes angrie at my greife.

15 November 1641.

Hary Hope. This day my nephew, Hary Hope, cam from Londoun, and he brocht to me ane kift off 38 pund wecht of corse of cumin at 46 ß the pund ; quhilk I payit.

17 November 1641, Weddinfday.

Parliament. The Parliament raid.

18 November 1641, Thurfday.

Kingis Majestie returne to Ingland. The Kingis Majestie tuik journey to Ingland.

23 November 1641.

The Erlls of Lyndfay and Lanerk this day tuik journey to Court. Item, on 25 November, James Levingftoun went to Court.

Item, this 23 November, my fone Sir Thomas presentit his gift of Justice Generall to the Councell, to gif his oth, quhilk wes deferrit to Twyfday nixt, the last November, in respect the Counsell wes infrequent, the most part being gone to the funeralls of the Erll of Rothes. Item, this day sent a letter to the L. Duik's Grace, to acquaint his Majestie anent the names of Duke Lennox. the Commiffioners of Exchekker.

24 November 1641, Weddinfday.

This day the Lords went to the funeralls of John, Erl of Rothes, performit at Leslie, 25 November 1641, being Thurfday.

Item, this day my fone Sir James went to the leid mynes, to tak feising to himself and his spous in lyfrent, and Thomas thair fone in fie. My sone Sir James
Hope went to
Wandlockheid.

25 November 1641, Thurfday.

This day the funeralls of John, Erl of Rothes, celebrat at Leslie.

1 December, Weddinfday.

A packet wrettin to James Levingstoun, and within it a letter to his Majestie, with a nott anent the mayntenance of the titulars during lyff, quhairoff I haif the doubills; and this, with a letter to the Erl of Lanerk, and ane vther to William Murray, all inclofit in a packett direct on the bak to my sone Sir Alexander; and this sent with David Mureheid, quho tuik post this day. My letteris ar all daitit last of November. Pacquet to my sone
Sir Alexander, and
to Mr Livingstoun.

Mr. David Muirheid went not quhill 3 December, and with him also sent to William Murray his signatour of Arbroth, with a letter to him thairanent, and anent the oppositioun made to my sone Sir Thomas, on 2 December, in his gift of Generall Justiciar; and this sent in a pacquet direct from Mr. Thomas Murray, advocat. William Murray.
My sone Sir
Thomas, Generall
Justiciar.

Item, sent with him a letter to William Murray, with Sir Robert Gordoun his signatour for the help of the 2 kirks of Vgftoun and Kynninmound, in Murray.

Memorandum.—The first meiting of the Circuit Courtes, appointit to be in ten scherifdomes, is to be the first Twyfday of Apryll, in the burgh of Perth. Circuit Courts.

11 December 1641, Setterday.

My sone Sir
Thomas to Court,
and Packett with
him.

This day my sone Sir Thomas tuik journey to Court, and sent with him letters to Mr. Murray and James Levingstoun. Item, one to Sir Alexander his brother, and within it one to Sandfurd. Item, one to the Erl Lanrek, Secretar, anent the Sheriffis and the Commiffioun of the Borderis. Item, to Sir James Galloway, anent the Exchekker. Item, to Sir Richard Graham, anent the Commiffioun of the Borders.

13 December 1641, Mononday.

Pacquet.

This day a packet from me to the Erl of Lanerk, sent at the defyre of my Lord Chancellor, be letteris sent to me from Londoun and reffavit this day, and thairin letters from Irland to the Marques of Hamiltoun, quhilk ar inelofit in a letter from myself, in quhilk I entreit his Lordship for my sone Sir Alexander his penfioun. Item, a letter to the Erl of Lanerk. Item, to my sone Sir Alexander, sehawing that I haif writtin to the Marques. Item, a letter from the L. Panmuir to John Squyre, Secretar to the Erl of Lanerk, quhilk I haif inelofit in one from myself to him.

16 December 1641, Weddinfday.

Robert Lockart.

This day Marie Fleming, dauchter to John Fleming, maryit on Robert Lockert.

17 December.

Letteris to Court
to William Murray
and my sones.

Letters sent to William Murray of the Bed Chalmer, in anfuere off his reffavit 14 December, and within it sent to him letters from his coufing Mr. Thomas Murray, with the signator past his Majestie's hand in his favors of the few-males of Scone, Strathern, Colbrandspeth, and Galloway, vnder reversion of v^m lb sterling. Item, letters to my sone Sir Thomas, and within it the signatour of locality for the fies off the Justice Generall, Clerk, and Deputis. Item, to him from his bedfellow. Item, to my sone Sir Alexander, from me and from my sone Sir James.

All thir direct in a paequet intrustit to Sir Thomas or Sir Alexander, and sent with Mr. James Primrois.

28 December 1641, Twyfday.

Reffavit anfuere from the Erl off Lanerk of my pacquet of 13 December. Erl Lanerk.

30 December 1641.

Votum Domino sancté juratum ab irascendo cavere, quod quæso Deus votum gratiose perficiat.

1 Januar 1642, Setterday.

Hodie votum denuo repetitum cavere ab omni ira vel impatientiæ 2 votum incitamentis super quo Domini gratiam suppliciter oravi.

Item, this day, at 2 efternone, I had a heavy brasche off the colick, Brasche of Colick. quhilk vexit me till I vomit all, and gatt rest in my bed from twa till Sounday in the morning, at quhilk I wes delyverit, and rose to the preiching; for quhilk I gif God prayse.

3 Januar 1642, Mononday.

This day, as I wes making for reiding off my ordinarie lectwres off the Ane sore fall. Scripture, and colling the candill, and casting the coll furth off the scheiris in the fyre, the fehyre quhairin I fatt coupit, and I gatt ane heavy fall on my bak to the grund, but my heid wes faiff. Bliffit be the Lord, and God gif me grace to tak thir for warningis, that my Lord is preparing me for my last.

4 Januar 1642, Twyfday.

This day the Sessioun mett, and all the Lords wer sworne, as chofin be Sessioun. the act of Parliament.

5 Januar 1642, Weddinfday.

I sent ane pacquet to the Erl Lanerk, quhairin one to him with the list Paequet, 8 Jan. of the Commiffioners of Borderis. Item, acquaint him with thair trying of me to perfew the incendiaries, and craving to haif his Majestie's expres warrand. Item, letters to James Levingstoun, and in it inclofit Sir Robert Spottifwod his letter to me, testifeing his consent to his brother's signet of the bak band made be the
Item, one to my sone Sir

Thomas, schawing him that he is omittit furth of Exchekker, and defyring him to deill with the L. Lyndfay, to gett me his Majestie's warrand to perfew the incendiaries. Item, letters to Sir Alexander from me and his brother Sir James. Item, letters from my Lord Chancellor to Sir Archibald Jonftoun.

Pacquet, 13 Jan.
1642, sent 15th
Jan. 1642.

Writtin to my fone Sir Thomas anfuer to his former, reffavit on 6 and 10 Januar, and myne, daitit 13 Januar. Item, within it from his bedfellow, and one from Hary to his mother. Thir delyuerit to Archibald Prymrois for the pacquet, 13 Januar 1642, but the pacquet went not till 15 Januar 1642.

15 Januar 1642.

Customes.

This day the Customes and Impostis fett to Sir William Dik for fyve 3eiris, for payment off 202,000 merks, and 5000 merks of girfoum; the entrie off the faid fyve 3eir tak begining at 1 November 1641.

17 Januar 1642, Mononday.

John Fleming.

This day, about 5 hours of nycht, John Fleming deceiffit.

20 Januar 1642, Thurfday.

Letters to my sones,
daitit 19 Jan. 1642.

Delyuerit to Robert Murray, fone to James Murray, quho went post, letters to Sir Thomas and Sir Alexander, and within them one to the Erll of Lanerk, Secretar, anent Incendiaries, quhair of I haif ane copy. Item, letters from my wyff to Sir Thomas, and from Sir James to Sir Alexander.

26 Januar 1642.

Letteris to my
sones.

Sent letters to my fones Sir Thomas and Sir Alexander, daitit 25 Januar, with a letter from my dauchter Helen to hir hufband, and delyuerit to Mr. James Aikinheid to putt in his pacquet, quhilk went with a brother off the Register to Court, with the actis of Parliament to his Majestie.

29 January.

Letteris to my
sones.

Reffavit letters from Sir Thomas, and sent to him anfuer immediatlie, with a letter from his bedfellow, and from his brother James; and thir sent

with the Laird of Kinhilt, quhen he went to Court this day, to follicit for the supplie to Irland.

3 Februar 1642, Twyfday.

Letteris fent to my fones Sir Thomas and Sir Alexander, from myself, Letteris to Court. Sir James, my dauchter Dame Helen Ra. Item, in myne to Sir Thomas, a letter from L. Panmuir to the Lord Balmerinach. Item, a letter from Hary Hope to his mother.

9 Februar 1642.

Letteris to my fone Sir Thomas, and from his bedfellow. Item, in myne Letters sent with the signatour off the rentis off the Castell of Edinburgh to the Erll of Levin, William Murray. with a letter to William Murray to pas it, and in cace off his abfence, a letter to the Erl Lanerk; and in both recommends to them my fone Sir James, anent George Foules, for the generells officer of the Mynt-hous. Item, my letter to Sandfurd, and ane uther from his fone to him.

11 Februar 1642, Fryday.

Letteris reffavit from my fones Sir Thomas and Sir Alexander, daitit Packett be ane 5 Februar 1642, quhilk I had from a fervand of Sir John Smythe's; and gevin servand of Sir John Smythe's. to him, this day 12 Februar, Setterday, a packet to Sir Thomas, quhairin to himself, with a copie off my declaratioun anent the Incendiaries. Item, ane to him from his bedfellow, one from Craighal, and one from Sir James to my fone Sir Alexander, and to him one from myself. Item, one from me to the Erll of Lanerk, Secretar, and within it a copie of my declaratioun, to be fchawin to his Majestie, and his Majestie's plesur thairanent to be reportit to me; and telling his Lordship of my letter thairanent, 20 Januar, fent with Robert Murray, quhair of the pacquet (as I did heir) wes loft.

1 Merche 1642, Twyfday.

This day I renewit my vow to the Lord, and I wait for the Lord's grace to performe it.

2 Merche.

Letteris to my
sones.

Letters fent to my fones Sir Thomas and Sir Alexander, with Sir Dauid Cuningham of Robertland, anent my fone James for the Conziehous.

Memorandum.—I wret to Alexander, that I had made Wode agrie with nixt j^c lb sterling for him ; and defyrit him to draw it on me, and als to bye the jowells for ane vther j^c lb sterling, and draw it on me.

Item, this day past the licence to Hary for j^m ftane of woll, quhilk wes tharefter complanit vpon.

5 Merche 1642.

Erl Lanerk.

Delyverit to Mr. Hary Maule the 40 actis quhilk I had from the Erll of Lanerk quhen his Majestie wes heir, and thairwith ane letter to the Erll, quhairin I expres so muche, and reportis his Majestie's plesur anent the Incendiaries, albeit the dyet be expyrit.

L. Murkill.

Gevin to William Bruce, portioner of Lyth, the letters of horning, to be exequat *contra* Sir James Sinclair of Murkill.

Letters to my sone
Sir Thomas, with
Lord Montgomerie,
11 Merche 1642.

Ane packet fent to my fone Sir Thomas, with my Lord Montgomerie, quho went post on Fryday the xj Merche 1642, and in it one from me, his wyff, Alexander Douglas, and my fone Craighall, to himself. Item, a letter from me to my fone Sir Alexander, and with it a letter to the Erll of Lanerk, in anfuer of his Lordship, reffavit 7 Merche, being daitit 3 Merche. Item, a letter from Sandfurd to his father. Item, a packet from me to the Erl of Annandaill, and within it one to his Lordship, from Mr. Alexander Burnet anent the death of the Vicount of Stormonth.

Vicount Stor-
month's death.

12 Merche 1642, Setterday.

To Sir Thomas my
sone, 12 Merche
1642

Letteris fent to Sir Thomas, and within it to the Erl of Annandaill, schawing him off the warrand past in Counsell for feilling of the charter-kift at Scone and Huntingtour. Item, in my letter to Sir Thomas, I told him of the officers to Irland, viz., 4, sending L. Sinclair, Monro, Home, L. Lawers ; 6 regiments by, viz., one to the Generall, one to Marques of Ergill, one to Erl of Glencarne, one to Erl of Eglintoun, one to the Erl

Lyndfay, and the sext to Erl Lothian, Lieutenant-Generall, if he defyre it, &c. This sent with the pacquet of Secret Counsell, by Archibald Prymrois.

17 Merche 1642, Thurfday.

Letteris sent to my sone Sir Thomas in anfuer off his last, and within them a letter from his spous, and als a letter from me to the Erl of Annandall, and within it from Mr. Alexander Burnet.

Letteris to Sir
Thomas, 17
Merche 1642.

21 Merche 1642.

The merchand pacquet cam with the Diurnalls from 7 Merche, and with the declaratioun of the 2 Houffis, sent to his Majestie to Neumarket, and his Majestie's anfuer thairto, 9 Merche, quhilk beiris a feirfull diftractioun betuix his Majestie and the Houffis; the Lord pitie it. And his Majestie at this tyme came to York.

Merchand packet.
His Majestie to
York.

Item, this day befor nune, being in my Lord Chancellor's ludging, the Marques of Ergyll wes plesit to promiſſ, and confirmit with his hand to keip mutual deale, the quhilk wes als welcome to me as it wes vnexpectit, and I tuik it out of my Lord's hands as a pledge of his mercie to me, being so far grevit of befor be the nobil man; but within few dayis I fand a change.

21 Merche 1642, Mononday.

Writtin bak anfuer to my sone Sir Thomas, and within it one from his bedfellow; and I writ to him anent Mr. John Rollokis defyr, in name off the Marquis of Ergyll, to bye my sone's comprying; and said, that albeit I wes ingadgit be promiſſ to Charles Alexander, zit I thocht fitt to acquaint him, quhairin I referrit him to God's grace, quhat to mak chose off. Thir letteris gevin to James Murray zounger, quho promifit to fend them in the merchand pacquet, quhilk went on Twyfday, 22 Merche, at 4 efternone.

Letteris to my
sone Sir Thomas.

25 Merche, Fryday, 1642.

Reffavit letteris from my sone, of 17 Merche, with the Diurnall of the Houffis, and als letters from Sir Alexander, and als from Erll of Annandall, of the famyn dait.

This day my sone Craighal went to Fyff.

26 Merche, Setterday.

Thir letteris anfuert be pacquet to my fone Sir Thomas, and within them to his brother and Erl Annandaill. Item, to him from his bedfellow. Quhilkis letteris went in pacquet by Archibald Prymrois, Clerk of Counfell.

29 Merche 1642, Twysday.

My dauchter Kerse
delyuerit of a maid
chylde.

This day, betuix ane and two efternone, my dauchter Helen delyverit of a maid chylde, and advertisement gevin therof to my fone Kerse be letters, quhairin one from me, one from his brother James. Item, one from me to Alexander, and another from James to him; and all thir put in packet to my fone Kerse, and delyverit to Mr. James Broun, director of the merchand pacquet, quhilk went this day, about 5 at nycht.

30 Merche 1642, Weddinfday.

Harie Hope.

My nephew Hary imbarkeit for Deep; and gevin to him, for his mother, hir pensiou of fyve £ sterling, of the first terme 1642; and als gevin to himself fyve doubill angells.

Last of Merche 1642.

Pensiou of 200 lb
sterling for Sir
Alexander, &c.

Reffavit from Sir William Dik, (by exchange,) 200 £ sterling, for my pensiou of Witfounday and Mertimes 1641, quhair of 100 £ sterling to my fone Sir Alexander, and the vther 100 £ sterling to bye jowels to Anne Foules, and ane cop.

1 Apryll 1642, Fryday.

Baptism of my oy
Helene.

This day Sir Thomas' barne baptizit Helene. Witneff, Sir William Dik, John Morison, Mr. Thomas Nicolfoun, and James Steuart.

Memorandum.—Mr. Alexander Henryfoun, *palliatu*s.

Mr. Thomas Hen-
ryson to Court,
with the exchange
of 200 lb sterling.

Item, this day Mr. Thomas Henryfoun tuik post to York, and sent with him letteris to Sir Thomas and Sir Alexander, my fones, and within Sir Thomas his letter ane letter of exchange of 200 £ sterling from Sir William Dik, drawin on Robert Inglis, and in respect of his absence, on Christian Inglis, his spous.

2 Apryll 1642, Setterday.

Pacquet went by Archibald Prymrois, quhairin fent letteris to Erl of Pacquet, 2 April Lanerk, to ask anfuere of my laft, with one to my fone Alexander, and within ^{1642.} it one to Sir Thomas; quhilk both ar to acquaint them with my letteris fent with Mr. Thomas Henryfoun, anent the exchange of 200 lb fterling.

This nycht, lait, the Erl of Annandail cam to Edinburgh from Court, Erl Annandail, and he cam to me on the morow, 3 April, being Sounday, and gave me a ^{my fones Sir Thomas and Sir Alexander.} pacquet from my fone Sir Thomas, quhairin letters from himfelf. Item, from his brother Alexander, two to me, one to James, and the contents thairoff wes for a matche; quhilkis letteris I anfuerit on 4 April, being Mononday, and gave the famyn to Mr. Andro Ker, quho patt them in a packet to my Lord of Wariftoun, quhairin wes the fignatour to the Kirk of 500 lb fterling.

9 April 1642, Setterday.

Pacquet fent in Archibald Prymrois his pacquet, quhilk went to York, Pacquet. and thairin letteris indorfite to my fones Sir Thomas and Sir Alexander, or ather of them; and thairin direction to Sir Alexander to fend the vther to Sir Thomas, viz., from me, from his wyff, from John Arthor, and John Sempill; and I fent to him the copie of the edict anent the ordering of the kirk off Airth.

12 April 1642.

Letters fent to my fone Sir Thomas this Twyfday, in anfuere of theis ^{Merchand pacquet to Sir Thomas.} reffavit from him be the merchand pacquet zefterday, being Mononday, xj April. Item, within his one from his bedfellow, and told him of the aduocatioun of Erl of Callender, Proueft of Falkirk.

Letters fent with William Bruce of Lyth, *alias* Standftell, to the Erl of ^{William Bruce of Lyth, *alias* Standftell, *contra* Murkill.} Cathnes, anent the arrerages of my penfion, quhairof I have anfuere with William Bruce, at his returne to the Seffion; and als fent with him letteris of horning aganis Sir James Sinclar of Murkill, for payment of John Cokburne's money, quhilkis letteris ar ryfit in Mr. George Noruell's name,

as assigney; and he promifit to returne the famyn exequut aganis him and regiftrat.

Pacquet to York.
Sir Alexander and
Erl Ancrum.

Item, the faid 12 Apryll, Twyfsday, a paequet cam from Zork, quhairin one to me from my fone Sir Alexander, and I wret to him immediatlie bak, in the paequet fent be Archibald Prymrois, Clerk of Counfell, quhilk went immediatlie bak this famyn nycht, and in it writtin a letter to the Erl off Ancrum, quho wes newlie returnit to Court, and repoffellit in his place off the Bedehalmer. Item, fent a letter to Sir Alexander, from his brother Sir James.

13 Apryll 1642, Weddinfday.

Counsell, 13 April
1642.

Letter to Mr.

James Sandilands,
anent vmqhile
Robert Seytoun.

This day the Counsell mett in the Old Seffioun-hous, at 2 efternone.

Item, this day I gaif a letter of myne to Mr. Robert Ferquhar, to fend it to Mr. James Sandilands, Profeffor off the Lawis in the Kingis College of Aberdein, anent Robert Seytoun, if a bak band be the officials to him, if he rebell, or if any creditor be joynit with quhom I wold tranfaet.

Pacquet, 13 April
1642.

Item, letteris cam from his Majestie, from Zork, to the Chancellor, expoftulating, that one Sir Philip Stapletoun had movit to the Parliament of England, that fome had motionat in the Counfell of Scotland, calling in queftioun the vnioun and mutuall freindfchip of the twa nations; quhilk wes red openly.

14 April 1642,
παροξυσμος.

Item, ane letter from the Commiffioners, from Londoun, declaring that thai had fent down one of thair number, viz., Sir Archibald Johnftoun, to acquaint his Majestie at Zork of thair proceidingis in the Infchekeith and Tamptallon, and from thence to the Counfell, to acquaint them thairwith.

Item, I had letters from both paequets of Zork and Londoun, viz., from Londoun be Sir Thomas, and from Zork be Sir Alexander, quhilk I anfuerit this 13 April.

15 April 1642,
young Sandfurd,
with 20lb sterling,
sent to Sir Thomas,
to make vp 120lb
sterling for jowells.

15 April 1642, Fryday.

This day Alexander Narne younger of Sandfurd tuik journey to Court, and fent with him a letter to his father. Item, a paequet to Sir Thomas, and within it twentie tuell-pund pieces of gold, to mak vp 120 fterling for

the pryce of the jowels, quhilk is coft for my dauchter Anna Hope, and for Anne Foules.

Item, I had letters from Sir Thomas on 15 Apryll, quhilk I anfuerit, and ^{Sir Archibald Jonstoun.} sent with Mr. Alexander Colvill; and thir I had from Sir Archibald Jonstoun.

Item, this 15 April 1642, I fpok the L. of Innes to find one to be my ^{L. Innes, for the Justice air at Elgin, to be xj May 1642.} deput at Elgin, xj May, for the Justice Air, quhilk he promifit; and I sent to him a letter to his hous in Edinburgh, and inclofit thairin ane deputatioun subfcryvit be me, to be fillit vp be fuche ane abill perfoun as he fould think fitt.

16 April 1642.

This day, being Settirday, my oy Elizabeth Hope, with hir father, ^{My oy Elizabeth returnit from Sanctandrois, quhair scho wes with the Lady Kynnucher.} returnit from the Lady Kynnocher, her mother fifter, and cam to Edinburgh; and I gaif hir at the first meiting ane Scottis rofnobill. The Lord bliffe my barn; and bliffit be God, quho by expectatioun hes made hir walk vprychtlye, without any visibill halt, God mak us thankfull.

Item, this 16 Apryll, sent letters to Sir Thomas, and within them the ^{Mr. Alexander Colvill, letteris to Sir Thomas.} forme off a signatour of the feis to the Justice Generall, Justice Clerk, Justice Deput, and the Deput Clerk, with the vtheris officiairs, with a signatour blank, to be fillit vp be his hand, and dockettit be me, and subfcryvit; and this sent with Mr. Alexander Colvill of Sedan.

18 April 1642, Mononday.

This day I gat letteris from the merchand pacquet, from my sone Sir Merchand pacquet. Thomas, and from Sir Alexander.

19 April 1642, Twyfday.

This day the Counfell mett anent the traitty of the Irifche fupplie, and Counsell. fatt both foirnone and efternone.

Item, letters sent be the merchand pacquet to Sir Thomas to Londoun, ^{Pacquet to Sir Thomas and Sir Alexander.} and to Sir Alexander to York, quhairin thair letters quhilk I sent to them of 4 Apryll, in the pacquet be Mr. Andro Ker, to Sir Archibald Jonstoun, and quhilk Sir Archibald returnit to me at his coming to Edinburgh, quhilk

wes on 16 April, affirming he gatt the pacquet as he wes taking post. Item, I fent to Sir Thomas tua blank formes of penfiounis, dockettit be me and subferyvit, and als the signatour of restoring the Justiciar to the former privileges, quhilk Sir William Elphinstoun gatt signed be his Majestie.

23 April 1642, Setterday.

Pacquet.

Pacquet fent to my fone Sir Thomas and Sir Alexander, or ather of them; and in Sir Thomas his letter is one from his wyff, with some gold in it, and als the act of Counsell anent habits. This fent with John Perie, fone to Alexander Perrie, quho went post for the Erl of Mortoun.

Exchekker.

Item, this day, efter Counsell, the Exchekker fatt, and a letter productit from his Majestie, discharging the payment of all pensiones, &c., till first his Majestie did reffauc ane compt of the estait off his Exchekker, how far the discharge exceids the charge.

24 Apryl 1642, Sounday.

Communioun at
Crawmond.

This day communicat at Crawmond kirk, quhair I did confortablie renew my vow to my Lord, and I had his gracious promiss to performe it for me.

25 April, Mononday.

Pacquet.

Pacquet fent with Sir James Lockart to my fone Sir Alexander, and within it to Sir Thomas. Item, to Erl Lanerk, anent the letter in favors of John Bellenden, fone to Mr. Adam, styllit thairin Bishop of Aberdein. Item, to Doctor Chalmers. Item, letters from my dauchter Kerß to hir husband, and letters from my fone Sir James to Sir Alexander. And Sir James departit from this on Twyfday the 26 off Aprill, and no fooner.

27 April 1642, Weddinfday.

Lord Chancellor
pacquet.

This day the Lord Chancellar tuik journey to York to his Majestie, about tuelff hours in the day; and this samyn day, at 10 hours of nycht, I directit an pacquet to him, quhairin wes a contract betuix his Majestie and him anent the annuity of teinds. Item, ane commission for felling thairof. Item, ane gift of the annuity quhill he wes payit of xij^m lb sterling, and

x^m lb sterling, and entres thairoff, all docketit be me ; and als the forme off a contract betuix my Lord and James Levingftoun, with consent of my sone, for his 2000 lb sterling. Item, vther letteris to the Thesaurer Deput, quho went with the Chancellor, quhairin a letter to James Levingftoun; with ane signatour off the rentis of bifchopricks to the said James, docketit be me.

1 May 1642, Sounday.

2 May 1642.

Reffavit letteris from Londoun, from my sone Sir Thomas, in the merchand pacquet.

Item, sent with John Comestoun, (quhen my sone Craighal went to My sone Craighall. Couper, for the Erl of Annandaill's tryft,) a letter to Robert Bennet, for precise payment, at Witfounday, 29 May instant, of my dewties, crop 1641.

3 Maij 1642.

Letteris sent with the Kingis Majestie's pacquet to my sone Sir Alexan-
der to York, quhairin I defyr him to speik Sir James Galloway anent the ^{sones.} Packet to my
jowells. Item, I advertife him off the L. Lundy his signator, and promiss
to him 50 pecis for it. Item, within his to my sone Sir Thomas, in anfuere
of his reffavit 2 Maij.

*Hodie votum sancte nuncupatum et jurejurando firmatum Domino, Votum.
quod præstari in perpetuum faxit Dei gratia, 3 Maij 1642.*

9 Maij 1642.

Reffavit letteris from Sir Thomas, with a signator for restoring off the Court of Justiciarie to the antient privileges drawin vp be him, and with some deputations for the Justice Courts off Perth and Elgin, quhilk ar to hold on vther , and so comes out of tyme, if thair had beine any necessitie.

This anfuereit immediatlie, and letters sent be John Denholme, half
brother to James Steuart, to York, to Sir Alexander, in anfuere off his <sup>Pacquet sent with
John Denholm,
9 May 1642.</sup>

reffavit 4 Majj, and within his letteris to Sir Thomas, within quhilk is the signatour of Jufficiary dockettit, and a letter from his wyff to him, quhilk my fone Alexander is to fend with one of his awin to Sir Thomas be the faid John Denholm, quho gois from York to Londoun.

10 May 1642, Twyfday.

L. Panmuir,
10 May 1642.

This day the L. Panmuir, with Corfgray, tuik journey to Court, and I gaif him a letter to William Murray anent Achmuthie, with one to my fone Sir Alexander, and he promifit to wryt from Court of York to me, anent perfuit of Sir William Gray for the patent of fope.

11 May 1642.

William Narne.

Letteris fent with William Narne to Erl Caithnes, L. Murkill, William Bruce of Lyth, anent my former letters fent with him to the Erl and Murkill. Item, writtin with him to the perfon of Turriff, and Patrik Lesly, Proveft of Aberdein, in favors of William Narn himfelf.

16 May 1642, Mononday.

Pacquet to the
Erl Lanerk.

.This day, about 7 hours of nycht, pacquet fent be me to the Erl of Lanerk, quhairin to himfelf, with the signator to John Bellenden of 100 lb fterling furth off the rents of the late Bifhop of Aberdein.

Letteris to L. Pan-
muir, and to my
fone Sir Alexander,
with signator to
L. Lundy.

Item, letteris to L. Panmuir, and within them the copie of the aet of Parliament anent reftoring of horfes and armes, and the names of the Commiffioners of Teinds. Item, letteris to my fone Sir Alexander, and within them the signator of Lundy, and letters to Erl Ancrum, L. Panmuir, Mr. Levingftoun, and Mr. Murray, for advancing of the famyn. Item, letters from Sir Thomas Erskin, with the signatour of remiffioun to his man John Moreis, inclofit in a letter to the L. Panmuir. Item, a letter from Sir Charles to my fone. Item, from Sir James to his brother. Item, from Mr. Donald Mackenzie to Sir Alexander. Item, from Mr. Thomas Henryfoun to Sir Alexander, and als within it letters from me and my dauchter Helene Ra to hir husband Sir Thomas.

Remiffioun.

Letters to Sir
Thomas.

20 Maij.

Letters sent to L. Panmuir, putting him in mynd off the remissioun sent to him be Sir Charles, and defyring him, (becaus I vnderstand be Mr. Alexander Belfches, at his coming from Londoun, quho came on Twysfday, 17 May, that he mett Sir Alexander at Doncaster in coche going to Londoun, with 4 vtheris gentilmen, on Fryday the 13 of Maij,) to call for my letters sent to him, and to direct them to Londoun to him, or keip them till his returne, if he wes to returne; and als inclofit in the L. of Panmuir's pacquet a letter to Sir Alexander, and within it one to Sir Thomas, to be sent to Sir Alexander with the first convenient opportunity; and thir letters sent with young Cathcart, eldest sone to Bryce Sempill. Item, a letter to John Squyre, to the effect foirfaid.

Letteris sent with Bryce Sempill his sone, 20 May 1642, to L. Panmuir, Sir Alexander, and Sir Thomas.

This day report made of the death of worthie Mr. William Scott, minifter at Couper, quho deceiffit on Thursday the 19 of Maij 1642.

Mr. William Scott deceissit.

Last Maij 1642.

Letters to my sone in the merchand pacquet, and to Sir Alexander. Item, for Sir Thomas from Mungo Murray. Item, to him from his bed-fellow, and from Mr. George Noruell; and I wret to him to haift him home for Falkirk, for the hous bigging be James Murray, and for Mortoun's bans.

Letteris to my sone Sir Thomas.

1 Junij 1642, Weddinfday.

This 1 of Junij the Counfell mett, vpon a petition gevin in zesterday, fuche off the Counfell as mett, be an number off the nobility, gentry, burgesis, and minifteris, defyring that nothing falbe done quhilk mycht preiudge the articles of traitty, or wakning the confidence betuix the twa kingdoms of Scotland and England; and gaiff anfuer thairto, that thai fould haif speciall cair thairoff, and that thai neid not trubill the Counfell with fuche supplicatiounis heirefter.

Petitioun off ane number off the nobility, gentry, burgess, &c.

2 Junij 1642, Thurfday.

This day good Mr. Hary Rollok, minifter of Edinburgh, departit this lyff, betuix 9 and 10 in the morning.

Mr. Harie deceissit.

4 Junij 1642.

My sone Sir
Thomas.

Mungo Murray returnit to York, and fent with him a letter to my sone Sir Thomas, anent Sir Adam Hepburne his priority of place.

6 Junij 1642.

Reffavit a letter from Sir Thomas, daitit laft Maij, in quhilk he wryttis, that his brother Alexander wes returnit to York.

Item, this anfuerit be the Counfell's paequet, quhilk went 8 Junij 1642.

11 Junij 1642, Setterday.

Communioun.

The Seffioun fat not, becaus it wes the day of preparatioun to the Communioun.

Issobell Allan
deceissit.

This day Iffobell Allan, relict of Daudid Alexander, wes buryit, and fecho diet on Fryday, 10 Junij, about 10 hours.

Erl Ancrum takin.

This day letters writtin to his Majestie and the Commiffioners, anent the taking off the Erl off Ancrum be Coronell Monro; and I wret to my sone Sir Thomas.

12 Junij 1642, Sounday.

Communioun.

This day I communicat in the Eift Kirk, and gevin to the brod 1 angell and a dolor.

13 Junij.

Sir Thomas.

Letteris to Sir Thomas with Mr. Hary Foulls.

16 Junij.

Sir Alexander.

Item, to him and Sir Alexander, quho is now at York, by Mr. Vmphra Galbrayth, minifter at Irland.

17 June 1642.

Mary Erskin
departit.

This day, being Fryday, about 9 hours in the morning, my deir barne Marie Erskin, (having lyen from 2 Junij in the pockis,) departit at 2 3ieris and half-3eir of aige.

18 Junij.

No Seffioun, becaus of the preparatioun, being Setterday; bot my deir bairn buryit efter the preiching, in the Gray Frier 3ard.

19 Junij 1642, Sounday.

This day I did of new communicat in the Eift Kirk, and gevin to the Pastur Communioun. j angell and a dolor, with ane other dollor to my dauchter Anne for the brod.

20 Junij 1642, Mononday.

Reffavit letteris from my fone Sir Thomas, from Londoun, be the mer-^{Packet.}chand paquet, and als from York, from my fone Sir Alexander, be the^{Erl Athoill de-} Kingis paquet; and anfuerit the famyn day be Mr. Thomas Murray, quho^{partit this lyff.}went to Court to pafs the gift of the ward and mariage of the Erl of Athoill, quho deceiffit on Fryday laft.

28 Junij 1642, Mononday.

Sent in the merchand paquet to my fone Sir Alexander, and within it^{Packet.} from Sir James and Hew Lyndfay, for the Clerkship of the Commiffariat of Sanct Androis. Item, within it from me and my dauchter Kerf to Sir Thomas.

1 July 1642, Fryday.

This day the Marques of Hamiltoun cam to Edinburgh, and als the^{Lord Marques of} Lord Saltoun.^{Hamiltoun, Lord}
^{Saltoun.}

2 July 1642.

At 8 hours of nycht, my deir oy Thomas Erskin departit this lyff of the^{Thomas Erskin} miffells, having takin feiknes on the Thurfdays for the death of his fueit fifter^{departit.} Marie. The Lord gif me grace to be patient and obedient to his holy will.

3 July 1642, Sounday.

My deir barne Thomas Erskin buryit befyd his fifter fueit Mary, in the Grey Freirs, foirnent the trie toward the west, quhair my parents ar buryit.

Dream.

Item, this nycht, betuix 12 and 1, I dreamit that I wes with one in a wildernes or moffe, and having a ring, that I loffit the diamond being thairin.

Item, about 3 in the morning, advertisement cam that my dauchter Mary wes sick off her childbirth, quherin I wes muche affrayit, becaus of my dream ; but I had my recourse to the Lord be prayer, and restit on his mercy.

4 July 1642, my
dauchter Mary
delyverit of a man
child.

And on 4 July 1642, being Mononday, about 3 and 4 efternone, my dauchter Mary wes faillie delyverit of ane man child ; for quhilk I bliffit the Lord. Baptifit John, be Mr. Andro Ramfay, on Twyfsday, 5 July 1642, in memorie of the Erl of Mar, his guidfir. Item, this nycht, about 8 hours of nycht, I delyverit to Anne Foules ane jowell or hinger of diamonds, quhilk cost fiftie pundis sterling, in satisfiactioun of that quhilk I borowit from hir to gif my dauchter Marie.

Anne Fouls'
jowell.

5 July 1642.

Packet.

Letteris sent in the merchand packet to my fone Sir Alexander, and thairin two from Sir James. Item, from me and my dauchter Kerf to Sir Thomas, to be sent to him.

12 July 1642, Twyfsday.

Letteris.

Reffavit letteris from my fone Sir Thomas, schawing me that the treatie is clofit, and that he is on his way to returne ; and I sent letteris to Sir Alexander, and within it to Sir Thomas, be merchand packet, on Twyfsday the 12 Merche [July].

Hary Hope.

Hary Hope returnit from France, on Weddinfsday the 13 July, 1642 5eiris.

My fone Sir
Thomas.

My fone Sir Thomas returnit from London, on Setterday the fextein of Julij 1642, and in good helth ; for quhilk I prefe the Lord.

L. Panmuir.

Letteris sent to the L. Panmuir, by John Falconer, maifter congear, on 22 July 1642 ; and als to my fone Alexander, and within his to Sir James Galloway and Mungo Murray, anent the Deputie of Perth, to Alexander, his brothir.

27 July 1642, Weddinfsday.

John Moresoun
deceissit.

This day John Morefon, spous to Margaret Nicolfoun, departit this lyff.

Item, this day the Generall Affemblie held at Sanct Androis; and the ^{Generall Assem-} Erll of Dumfermling wes Commiffioner, and Mr. Robert Douglas, Moderator. ^{blie.}

30 July 1642.

Letter delyverit to Alexander Murray, fear of Annatland, brother to Mungo Murray. Mungo Murray, with ane gift of the Deput Scheriffchip of Perth for his lyff, dockettit be me, and fent inclofit in on letter to his brother, quhilk letter Alexander tuik on him to fend to his brother, with diligence; and he ^{Mr. Henrie Kinros.} cravit powr to mak Deputs, promising to deput Mr. Henry Kinroß, quhilk I differrit to do, till I fould advertife Mr. Henrie.

1 August 1642, Mononday.

This day reffavit letteris from L. Panmuir, from Beverlaw Castell, daitit ^{L. Panmuir.} 27 July 1642; and the anfuer thairoff immediatlie writtin, and delyverit to Alexander Keyth.

4 August 1642, Thurfday.

This day Hew Lyndfay and Elizabeth Anderfoun maryit, and I gaif to Hew Lyndsay. them v^c merkis.

9 August 1642, Twyfday.

Letteris fent to my fone Sir Alexander, in the merchand paquet, from ^{My sone Sir Alex-} me, and my two fones, Sir Thomas and Sir James; and one of myne, ^{ander.} quhilk is to be schawin to Sir Thomas Bludder, father-in-law to Anna Bill.

This day Mr. William Cuningham came and renewit his promiß to me of ^{Mr. William} the v^c merkis quhilk he promifit. ^{Cuningham.}

15 August 1642, Mononday.

I fpak my fone Craighall, at his return from Fyif, anent the purpose of ^{My sone Craighall.} Sir Francis Ruthven; and he anfuerit, that he wes never in any difpositioun for it; and I told him that I had none at all, except to gif him contentment; bot now, finding him fo difposit, I told him that I wes refoluit never to bring it in hering, becaus I wald not for it all, but trustit the Lord wald bliffe it.

Item, fpak him anent his sifter Anne, and told him of all occaffions; and he promifit to speik Sir John Murray, &c.

Erl Levin, Lieutenant-Generall, from Irland. Item, this day reffavit a letter from Knokfergus, from the Erl Levin, Generall ; and anfuert immediatlie.

16 August 1642.

Young Sandfurd. Word cam off the killing of worthie Sandfurd, at Londoun, in ridding off his fonnes in a tumult.

Erl Annandail. Item, this day fent a letter to the Erl Annandaill, acquainting him with the passing of his 2 signators of ward and nonentrie, for 50 peices.

19 August 1642.

Counsell. The Counfell rife ; and the nixt dyet appointit to be the 21 September 1642.

L. Panmuir, anent Thorntoun. This day letteris writtin to the L. of Panmuir, in anfuert of his anent the L. of Thorntoun, for his intromiffion with the annuity.

His Majestie's royall standart at Notingham. This day his Majestie fett vp his royall standart at Notingham. The Lord pittie that kingdome, and faif his Majestie.

24 August 1642.

Leidhill. This day my fone's dyet wes at the Leidhill, with Langtoun, be visitioun of the Lords.

Erl Caithnes. Item, fent letteris to the Erl of Caithnes, and Francis Sinclair of Turbifer, his son, anent my penshoun, auchtand for xxi 3eiris, extending to 1050 lb, be William Bruce, portioner of Lyth.

Mr Walter Buchanan deceissit. Item, word cam to me this day of the deceif of Mr. Walter Buchanan, minifter at Seres, quho departit on Setterday the 20 of August 1642.

1 September, Thursday, 1642.

5 September 1642, Monunday.

Anne Foules delyverit of a maid chyld, baptisit Elizabeth, 7 September 1642. This day my dauchter Anne Foules delyuerit of a dauchter, for quhilk I blisse the Lord ; and gevin to Jean Cuningham, midwyff, 1 tuelf-pund peice of gold. Scho wes happilie delyverit on Monunday, betuix fyve and fex in the morning.

6 September 1642, being Twyfday.

Letteris reffavit from my fone Mr. Alexander, daitit 28 August 1642, ^{My sone Sir Alexander.} quhairin he affirmes that he hes not gottin anfuer of his anent his matche, albeit the famyn went in merchand pacquet on 9 August laft.

Item, this day writtin to him, and caufit Mr. James Broun wryt to ^{Ansuer to him.} York, and to Bourtie Mackie, director off the merchand pacquet at Londoun, to mak ferche for myne of 9 August, and to delyver it to my fone. Item, in myne to him, inclofit the doubill off the conditiones of the contract of marriage; and James writt one to him, quhairin is inclofit the copie of my first letter, and directit to my fone, or, in his abfence, to Mr. John Merfchell, in St. Martyne's Lane, at the figne of the Croce or at Sir Thomas Bludder his hous, callit Stanchefurd, 20 myles from Londoun; and to tuiche to my Lord the provifioun of Seres kirk, and fuppley of the presbitrie. Item, to the Erll of Lyndfay.

7 September 1642.

Payit to Alexander Lewis 40 dollors, extending to 162 merkis, quhillk is ^{Thomas Veitche.} Thomas Veitche for Thomas Veitche his annuel-rent of Witfounday and Mertimes 1641, and 2 merks more, quhair of Alexander gaif me acquittance; and he is to fend theis 40 dollors to Thomas Veitche to Queinburgh, and I haif gevin a letter to be fent to him.

13 September, Twyfday.

Reffavit from Doctor Hamiltoun a letter from his Majestie, and ane vther ^{His Majestie's letter.} from the Erl of Lanerk, Secretar, for a penfioun of 100 lb sterling, furth of the Bishop of Caithnes; and anfuerit immediatlie, be a letter to the Secretar.

Item, this day mett with William Murray, of the Bedchalmer, anent the ^{William Murray.} buffines of Arbroith; and fent letteris to the Erl Lanerk, in anfuer of his reffavit this day, and within them one to L. Panmuir, acquainting him with quhat I had done with Mr. Murray; and ane vther to the Erl of Lanerk, from my fone Sir Thomas.

17 September 1642, Setterday.

My fone Craighall tuik the fever.

Craighall.

21 September 1642, Weddinfday.

Counsell. The Counsell mett, and report made of the abolifching of Epifcopacie in England.

22 September 1642.

Thomas Mudie. This day, being Thurfday, about 10 hours, Thomas Mudie younger, only fone to Thomas Mudie of Sauchtounhall, deceiffit.

27 September 1642.

Generall Leslie,
Generall Maior
Monro. Letters fent to the Erll of Levin, to Irland, by William Thomfoun.
Sir Alexander. Item, ane anfuer to General Maior Monro of his letter.

Item, this day fent letters to Sir Alexander from myfelf, with his letter anent the leyne of 10^m merks, writtin in November 1638, quhairby he promifit, if it wer grantit, never to crave more. Item, a letter from Sir Thomas to him, and ane other from Sir James, all about the 3000 lb fterling; and I defyrit him to fend bak to me the letter daitit in November 1638.

28 September 1642, Weddinfday.

L. Panmuir.
Mr. Levingftoun. Letter to the L. Panmuir, and within it one to Mr. Levingftoun, acquainting him with the penfion of 100 lb fterling, furth of the Bifhoprick of Cathlens, to James Hamiltoun, brother to Doctour Hamiltoun, and fervitor to the Marques.

1 October, Setterday, 1642.

Pacquet. This day fent with the pacquet a letter to the L. Panmuir, acquainting him with the clofing of the bargan of Arbroith.

Commiſſioun for
changing of ward
in feu. Item, dockettit and delyuerit to the Lord Chancellor a neu commiffioun, for changing of ward in feu, both of lands haldin off the King and Princee.

Item, delyuerit to his Lordſhip ane form of letter to the Exchekker, for ftaying of gifts of the impofts, cuſtoms, or lands, or rents of the Croun.

3 October, Mononday, 1642.

My ſone Craighall. This day my ſone Craighall firſt roſe from his fever, and putt on his

clothes ; and the Lord mak him and me thankfull. And it is remarkabill, that the Lord made this fauor of his recoverie to be on 3 October, quhilk day bygain a 3eir his deir bedfellow deceiffit.

4 October 1642.

Reffavit letteris from my fone Sir Alexander, daitit 26 September 1642, My sone Sir Alexander and presentlie anfuert with the merehand pacquet ; and befor the reffait ^{ander.} thairoff, I mett with Thomas Dalmahoy, quho told me of my fone's suit of v^e sterling, &c., as it is writtin on the bak of the letter writtin to me from my fone Sir Alexander.

10 Octobris die Lunæ.

Cubavi ad nonam, sed per tres horas nulla quies donec surrexi indutusque ^{Votum.} *vestes et accensa candela legi quatuor capitula Esaiæ a cap. 50 ad 53, et hac occasione, votum nuncupavi Deo quod faxit Deus per suam gratiam observari et exolvi.*

11 October 1642.

This day, being Twyfsday, sent be my fone Sir James, to his brother Sir ^{My sone Sir Alexander.} Alexander, ane letter, and within it ane assignatioun to the 2000 lb sterling off the annuity of teinds, and his 200 lb sterling of pensoun.

Item, delyuerit a letter to Hew Tod, direct to the L. Panmuir, and ^{For Mr. Robert Nicolson to L. Panmuir.} inclofit within it the gift of Commiffariat to Mr. Robert Nicolfoun.

16 October 1642, Sunday.

This day my fone Craighall went to fermoun, and we changit this day ^{Craighall.} our mourning weidis for my deir dauchter Margaret, and no fooner ; and so wore them for a 3eir and 13 dayis.

17 October 1642, Mononday.

Reffavit letters from my fone Sir Alexander, daitit at Stanchefurd, 6 and ^{My sone Sir Alexander.} 10 October 1642 ; anfuert be the merchand pacquet, on Twyfsday, 18 October 1642.

23 October 1642, Sounday.

Communioun in
Crawmond.

This day communicat in Crawmond kirk, quhair Mr. William Colvin preichit on the Setterday, Mr. William Dalgleifehe on Sounday befoir none ; and Mr. Alexander Henryfoun, (*palliatus*,) efter the first tua tables, miniftrat the Communioun for x tables, and also preichit efternone.

24 October.

My sone Sir Alex-
ander.
Payit 150 lb ster-
ling for him.

Reffavit from my sone Sir Alexander a letter from Stanchefurd, daitit 16 October, anent 150 lb sterling vplifit from Sir John Smythe. Item, anent Thomas Dalmahoy, and anent his matche. And anfuert immediatlie, be the merchand pacquet, on 25 October 1642.

L. Panmuir.

Item, letters from the L. of Panmuir, with vthers to Lord Gray, Melgum, and Alexander Keyth, quhilk I sent this day, inclofit in one from me to Alexander Keyth, quho wes in Angus ; and thir directit be John Clerk, fervitor to John Peter.

L. Panmuir.

And within 2 hours efter, reffavit a new packet from the L. of Panmuir, delyuerit to me be a fervand of the Lord Yesteris, and within it one to the Countes of Merfchell, and one to Alexander Keyth ; and I wret a letter to the Countes, and within it inclofit his ; and I wret an other to Alexander Keyth, and inclofit all in a packet, directit on the bak to Alexander Keyth, or in his absence to the Countes of Merfchell, and delyverit the famyn to John Clerk, quho hyrit a man to cary the famyn.

Mungo Murray
from his Majestie.

Item, 25 October 1642, Mungo Murray cam to me about 2 efternone, and movit to me from his Majestie anent Sir William Balfour, Sir John Meldrum, and vtheris Scottifmen quho hes takin armes aganis his Majestie, if thai could be perfewit for treasoun ; quhairanent I drew vp, in a paper apart, all quhilk Mungo Murray proponit to me, to quhilk I referr this.

L. Panmuir.

Item, I sent a letter to the L. of Panmuir, in anfuert of his reffavit 24 October, quhilk went with a fervand of William Murrayis.

Laft October 1642.

The pacquet cam, quhilk beiris, that the Kingis armie and the Parlia-

mentis, led be the Erl of Effex, mett and conflictit, on Sounday, 23 October; and the report off the victorie uncertane.

Pacquet anent the battell betuixt the King and Erl of Essex. My sone Sir Alexander.

Item, reffavit letteris from my fone Sir Alexander, daitit 25 October, from Londoun, anent his matche, and fending vp off the band ffor his part of 3000 lb sterling, quhilk I anfuert be the merchand pacquet immediatlie.

Memorandum.—I did forgett to infert heir, that on 28 October, being Fryday, William Murray of the Bedchalmer cam to me about 4 at nycht, and repeatit the samyn purpoffes quhilk Mungo spak to me on 25 October, and thairwith delyuerit to me his Majestie's letter, daitit 16 October, and cravit my anfuert, quhilk I promifit; lyk as I wret my anfuert on Setterday, 29 October; but befor it wes delyuerit to William, the report cam of the conflict betuix his Majestie and the Erl of Effex.

Mem.—His Majestie's letter, with the ansuer thairto.

1 November 1642, Twyfday. B.

Reffavit, 6 November 1642, letteris from the L. Panmuir, schawing that his signator of Arbroith wes past, with the gift of the Commiffariat of Edinburgh, to my coufing, young Mr. Robert Nicolfoun, and sent with Sir William Fleming, bot that he hes beine takin be the Erl of Effex his troupes.

L. Panmuir. Mr. Robert Nicolsoun Commissariat of Edinburgh.

8 November, Twyfday.

This day, (and no fooner,) the merchand pacquet cam, and . . .
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10 November 1642, Thurfday.

Delyuerit to William Murray of the Bedchalmer my letter to his Majestie, in anfuert of that I reffavit on 28 October, as als ane pacquet to the L. Panmuir, quhairin his new signator off Arbroith. Item, the new gift of Commiffariat of Edinburgh. Item, a signet of pension to my L. Fothe-
rance, Prefident, with his letter to the Lard, and the letters to the Erlls of Mortoun and Kynnoull.

William Murray for his Majestie's letter. Item L. Panmuir.

11 November 1642.

L. Panmuir. Reffavit letteris from the L. of Panmuir, daitit 5 November, and within a letter to the Countes of Mersehell, quhilk I inclofit in one from me to hir Ladyship, and gave to Alexander Keyth to be sent to hir Ladyship with diligence.

My sone Alexander with the assignation of 2000 lb sterling. Item, a letter from my sone Sir Alexander, and within it the assignatioun of his 2000 lb sterling, daitit 22 October 1642.

15 November 1642.

Pacquet to the L. Panmuir. A pacquet to L. Panmuir, quhilk I tuik bak from William Murray to wrytt over the signator of Commiffariat, in respect that Mr David Falconer had gottin the place of Sir Jherome Lyndfay, and I wret it over blank in the name (?) of vacatioun, and sent it with the lard his awin signator of Arbroith, with the gift to L. Fotherance, and his 3 letters foresaids.

Hary Hope for his mother. Item, gevin to Hary Hope, for his mother, Mary Neall, hir penfioun of Mertimes 1642, fyve tuelf pund peces of gold.

20 November 1642, Sounday.

James Nesmyth's wyff. This day Christian Boyd (spous to James Nesmyth, being bankrupt and incarcerated) departit this lyff. God prepare us.

22 November 1642, Twyfday.

Pacquet. The merchand pacquet cam, and with it the report off ane vther battell betuix his Majestie and the Erll of Effex for the Parliament, quhairin thair is great slaughter. The lord pitie us.

My sone Sir Alexander. Item, this nycht, at 8 hours at evin, I, with Sir Thomas, Sir Charles and Sir James, subferyvit the contract of marriage betuix my sone Sir Alexander, and Anna Bell. Item, I wret to Sir Alexander, and sent him the assignatioun to the 2000 lb of annuity off teinds reformat, to be subferyvit, and defyrit him to returne it with letteris to his brother.

26 November.

Newis cam of the vtter overthrow of the Kingis armie be the Parliaments, and of the Kingis flicht.

Laft November 1642.

Mr. John Rollok propofit to me anent Cardroffe.

Cardrosse.

1 December 1642, Thurfday.

This day report cam of a new conflict betuix his Majestie and the Erll of Effex, quhairin thair wes great flauchter; but (prayfit be God) it wes not trew.

3 December, Setterday.

Reffavit letteris from my fone Sir Alexander, daitit at London 20 November 1642, with letters to his brethir Craighall, Kerß, and Sir James, but none to Cambuskynneth.

This day Mr. George Fyn entered pedagog to my oy Thomas, in place My oy Thomas of John Lillie.

5 December 1642.

This day Thomas Dalmahoy cam to me and affured me that my fone Sir Alexander wes maryit on Anna Bell.

Mr. Alexander
maryed.

6 December.

Sent in the merchand pacquet letters to my fone Sir Alexander, quhairin is the contract of mariage betuix him and Anna Bell, fubferyvit be me, my fone Kerfe, Cambufkynneth, and Watterheid, with the instructions thairanent, and with letters to him from my fones Craighall, Kerfe, and Watterheid.

And his contract of
marriage.

12 December 1642, Mononday.

This day I told my fone Craighall of his brother, Sir Alexander, his mariage, and of his defyre to come home,

My sone Craig-
hall.

Item, I told him of a motioun made to me be Mr. John Rollok anent Cardrois, quhairvpoun he tuik occasion to speik off promiffes made be me, that the xx^m merks of Hiltonbell fould come to his vse, and that now he

finding the contrair is greivit, but he labors to equanimitie, and if he wer putt in certainty he wald rest content of quhat wer my will.

And I made this anfuere, that I did think ones his defyr wes boundit to the lands in Fyiff and Grantoun, and if that wer preservit to him he had no reffoun to compleane. But feing he preffit me, I told him that I had in-gadgit him with the rest off his brethers, Sir Thomas, Sir Charles, and Si^r James, for the 2000 lb sterling off the annuitie off teindis to Sir Alexander, quhair of the fourt part wes his hazard.

Item, that I had gevin to James the hous in the Cowgait.

Item, that I intended to bestow the exequutorie on his sifter Anne, to the effect scho may be competentlie provydit, of so muche more nor the xx^o merkis to quhilk scho is provydit alreadie.

Item, that I haif gevin to my brother's sone Hary the two houff quhilk pertenit to his father.

And quhen we had spokin be the space of half ane hour, he said, may I wrytt that I fall haif Craighall, Kynninmonth, and Grantoun frie, with this hous quhairin I duell.

I anfuereit, that I do trewlie intend it, and if the Lord spair me two zeirs I trust not onlie to leiff it frie but with advantage.

13 December 1642.

This day my Lord Chancellor, Marques of Ergyll, and Thesaurer Deput subscriyvit my precept of 100 lb sterling of my pensoun of Mertimes 1642, quhilk I delyuerit to Adam Blair of Lochwod, with ane discharge to him on the reffait thairof, and he tuik it and sent to me be Mr. George Norwell a tikket of reffait off the precept, with the discharge subscriyvit be me subjoynit thairto, and bering to pay the 100 lb sterling, or to giff bak the precept with the discharge to me.

14 December 1642.

This day I mett with Adam Blair in the Exchequer Hous, and gave him bak his tikket, quhilk he reffavit, and I told him that Sir William Dick wold pay me in his discharge, quhilk he promisit to subscriyve, being drawin vp.

17 December 1642, Setterday.

This day decret gevin aganis Sir William Gray vpon the declarator of the Saltoun redemptioun of Saltoun.

18 December, Sounday.

Erl Lanerk.

19 December 1642.

Reffavit from L. Panmuir letteris from Oxfuird, 22 November, reffavit from Alexander Keyth, quho gatt them from Mr Hary Maull, quho cam in companie with the Erl of Lanerk to Edinburgh on Setterday 17 December 1642, and in the letters sent me the gift of penfioun of 200 lb sterling to the L. Fotherance, Prefident, with the gift of Commiffariat to my coufing, Mr Robert Nicolfoun.

L. Panmuir, L.
Fotherance, Mr.
Robert Nicolsoun.

This day good Mr. Nicoll Brown deceiffit.

Mr. Nicol Brown.

20 December 1642.

Gevin to the merchand pacquet a letter to my sone Sir Alexander, and to my dauchter Anna Bell, his spous.

My sone Sir Alex-
ander and his spous.

Item, letteris sent to the L. Panmuir, and within them letters from the Lord Fotherance to him, to Erl Mortoun, and Erl Kynnoull, and thir letters sent to Mr. Hary Maull, and becaus he wes furth of the way the famyn wes gevin to George Halden.

L. Panmuir.

22 December 1642.

Mr. John Alexander admittit advocat, quho being vnknawin to me befoir that present moment, expreffit his respect in geving me publiklie thanks.

Mr. John Alexan-
der, advocat.

28 December 1642.

Mr. William Cuningham renewit his promis of the v^c merkis, and promiffit to pay it betuix and Candelmes nixt. *Item, 29 Merche 1643 renewit with oth to pay at Witsounday.*

Mr. William Cun-
ingham.

Item, this day, efter the Commiffioun, the Erl of Southesk and John Fal-

Mr. Counyear and
my sone.

coner, Mr. Coun3ear, with my sone Sir James, anent the fies and dewis of the copper coyne, quhair, efter long reffoning, it wes clofit thus, that if my sone could prove that at any time in Mr. Briottis tyme both filver and copper wes working in the Coun3ichous in any one month, then the Mr. aggreit to pay the fies for the copper als well as for the filver, and if vtherwais my sone did quyt the samyn.

Januar 1643, Sounday A.

Robert Corsell. 7 Januar 1643, Setterday, the caus betuix Robert Corfell and Robert Durie decernit be submissioun to the hail Lords, quho ordanit Robert Dury to pay to Robert Corfell his hail foumes with the annuelis thairof.

11 Januar 1643.

L. Panmuir. Letteris sent to the L. of Panmuir, in anfuere of his of 29 December, anent voitis ryecht but speikis none.

Erl of Annandaill. Item, letters to the Erl of Annandaill anent the Lord Nepar.

13 Januar 1643, Fryday.

Mr. Thomas Rig. The contract of mariage subferyvit betuix Mr. Thomas Rig and Anna Dundas, dauchter to George Dundas of that ilk.

17 Januar 1643.

My sone Sir Alexander. Letter sent to my sone Sir Alexander, defyring to know how his wyff is in helth, in respect he wrett in his laft that scho wes diseafit. Item, to fend me the duplicat of the contract subferyvit be hir and hir freinds, and for money I defyrit him to draw on me for a quarter of the annuitie contentit in the contract of mariage, payabill 20 dayis after Candelmes, 60 lb sterling, and to draw it on me or Sir William Dick, and I fould fie it payit.

23 Januar 1643, Mononday.

Erl Lanerk. William Murray. The Erl of Lanerk and William Murray tuik journey to Court.

24 Januar, Twyfday.

Sent a letter to Sir Alexander and his spous be the merchand pacquet, Sir Alexander and his spous.
quhairby I promife to fie thair monyis imployit quhen thai fend them.

28 Januar 1643, Setterday.

Reffavit letters from L. Panmuir, daitit at Oxford, 7 Januar, and from L. Panmuir and Mysone Alexander.
my fone Sir Alexander, daitit at Londoun, 22 Januar 1643.

1 Februar 1643, Weddinfday.

This day Hary Lord Ker deceiffit.

Lord Kerr.

Item, this day the Lord Chancellor beguid his journey to Ingland.

Lord Chancellor.

2 Februar 1643.

This day Mr William Forbes renewit his promifs of 25 dollors for affifting Mr. William Forbes.
him in the Councell, contra Mr George Leslie.

3 Februar 1643.

This day John Seytoun of Manie renewit his promif of 50 pieces for L. Many.
affifting him in his perfuit aganis L. M'Lean, (?) and James Keyth, servi-
tor to John Dunlop, wes present, and he promifit to fatiffie Doctor Chalmer.

This day Thomas Erll of Kelly deceiffit.

Erl Kelly.

15 Februar 1643, Weddinfday.

This nycht, about 9 hours at evin, a fyre in the thak houff at the futt of Fyre quencht.
the clofe, quhilk brunt twa of the vppermost of the thak houff, but bliffit be
God quho in mercie quencht the fyre.

16 Februar 1643.

Contract of mariage betuix Mr. John Home, minifter of Lefmahago, and Isobel Hope,
Ifobel Hope, my neice.

21 Februar 1643.

Letters sent be the merchand pacquet to my fone Sir Alexander, from me My sone Sir Alex- ander.
and my fones Sir Thomas and Sir James, for his journey to be haiftenit,

24 Februar 1643, Fryday.

Contracts of Saltoun. This day decret gevin ordaning the contractis of Saltoun to be cancellit, and accordingly cancellit in prefence off the Lords.

James Murray. Item, this day my letteris found ordorlie proceidit aganis James Murray for clofing vp his dores and windows.

25 Februar 1643.

Quean. This day report cam of the Quean hir landing in England within 14 mylles to Hull, and that the Erl of Newcastle being occasionally neir the part of hir landing, sent 2000 horß for hir convoy, and caufit the foote armie to follow.

26 Februar, Sounday.

Fast. This a folemn fast, and Thurfday 2 Merche.

27 Februar 1643.

Cessatioun from armes. This day being Mononday, report cam off the cessatioun from armes, concludit betuix his Majestie and the Parliament, to begin on 4 Merche, and to continow to the 24 of Merche.

1 Merche, Weddinfday.

Marques of Hamiltoun. 3 Merche, Fryday, the Marques of Hamiltoun went to Court.

4 Merche 1643, Setterday.

Act for voluntar lone to the vse of the Irische armie. This day the act paffed for voluntar lone of 20^m lb sterling, more or lefs, for fupplie off the armie in Irland, quhairin I wes gevin vp for 200 lb sterling.

6 Merche 1643.

Lord Chancellor. Letters sent to my Lord Chancellor, anent the proceidingis in the committie off teindis, and to the Erl of Lanerk anent the ishearie, with my objectionis and Langtoun's anfueris.

Item, Erl Lanerk.

8 Merche 1643.

James Allisoun for the thak housis. James Allifoun spak me anent the stopping off the re-edifeing of the thak houff.

Item, 9 Merche 1643, Thursday, Iffobel Hope maryit on Mr John Home, Isobel Hope. minister of Lefmahago, and gevin to hir 10 doubill peices.

15 Merche 1643.

Gevin to Wm. Bruce letteris to Francis Sinclair of Northfield, for his affairs with his father, the Erl of Caithnes, quho deceiffit, being 83 3eiris of age, in the beginning of Merche. Francis Sinclair of Northfield.

Item, gevin to him letteris of treafoun aganis Sir James Sinclair of Murkill, to be exequat to the 15 of Junij nixt, and if John Innes Murkils servand, quho is laitlie come to toun, gif fatiffactioun, I am to wryt to William befor the 15 of Apryll, to caus him flay the vfang of the letters. William Bruce, portioner of Lyth, and Sir James Sinclair of Murkill.

24 Merche 1643, Fryday.

At 7 in the morning good Mr. Adam Colt, my regent and minister at Inuerefk, deceiffit. Mr Adam Colt deceissit.

1 April, Setterday, 1643.

3 April 1643, a berar went with letters from the Commiffions of Perth to thair Commiffioners, and I sent a letter to the L. Chancellor, quhilk wes delyverit to my L. Chancellor. Pacquett

Item, I delyverit to Archibald Prymrois, in his pacquet to the Erl Lanerk, a letter to the L. of Panmuir, and within it a gift to Michael Frafer, off the wardan of Cunziehous. Michael Fraser.

10 April 1643, Monunday.

Betuix xi and xij hours, Archibald Hamiltoun, officer, and the Dean of Gild, difchargit the workers at the thak houfif pertening to Mr. John and Robert Gilmour to work, lyk as, immediatlie thairefter my fone Sir James as hereto personaly inhibit the workmen to work any more, with certificatioun the famyn falbe demolifchit, notar, Michael Frafer, witnef, Mr. Robert Lumfden, reider in Edinburgh, and James Dryfdaill, my steuart Gregor. A nott wes drawin vp, quhilk is subferyit be the notar and witnef. Discharge off the thak work at the futt of my yaird.

25 April 1643, Twyfday.

My sone Sir Alexander and his spous. This day, about 5 at nycht, my sone Sir Alexander, with his spous, Anna Bell, cam to Edinburgh.

Item, this day I wes witneß to ane barne of the Lord Balgonies, callit Agnes.

1 May 1643, Mononday.

Lord Chancellor. 6 May 1643, Setterday, this nycht at 9 hours at evin, the Erl Lowdown, Chancellor, returnit from Ingland, and he reportit that the toun of Redding wes takin in be the Parliament.

King of France. 4 May, quhilk is in France 14 May 1643, Lues 13 King of France deceifit, and Lues 14 his sone fuccedit, the Quean Mother Regent.

12 May 1643, Thurfday.

Conventioun of Estates. This day a meiting off the Counsell, Commiffioners of Perth, and of Common Burthingis, quhairin wes concludit a Conventioun of estates, to be holdin on 22 Junij nixt.

Sir Alexander. Item, this day mett anent my sone Sir Alexander, the perfyting off the conditiones off his contract of mariage, and resoluit that he fould move his bedfellow to fubseryve the contractis, and to accept our band for hir joynter off 500 lb sterling, to be made vp of ouris and hiris, and if scho mak ony ferupill, in that cace Sir Alexander to gif bak the contractis to me.

William Inglis of Utterstoun deceissit. Item, movit anent Anne, all my sones being present, and Cambuskynneth, My dauchter Anne. and efter long debait I gave way for Mr. William Scott, he getting presently 10^m merks of rent and 5000 merks of failzie, in rent efter his fatheris deceaß, but this being proponit wes not acceptit, and so it left.

Sir Alexander my sone. Item, my sone Sir Alexander, efter the meiting diffoluit, cam to me about 7 hours at nycht, and gaif me bak the contract of mariage, quhilk I patt in my blak cabinet, in the midmeß of the twa black fchetells, quhilk are in the middis thairoff.

Item, I gave to him, in part of payment off his duty till Witfonday nixt, 15 doubill peices of gold, quhilk he gave to his babie to keip hir purß, and I gave hir befoir to keip hir purß 1 quadrupill pistoll, 1 old rofnobill, and 1 doubill dowcatt.

28 May, Sounday.

Communicat at Cramond, quhair I renewit my vow to the Lord, and had ^{Communioun at} this paffage, I will not leive ye comfortles, John 14, 18, for my teffara, and ^{Crawmond.} efternone Mr. Alexander Henryfoun, on Ps. 119, 173, Lett thy hand help me, for I haif chofin thai preceptis.

1 Junij 1643, Thurfday.

This day the Counfell mett, quhair his Majestie's letter wes red, with his ^{His Majestie's de-} declaratioun to manteine the actis for religioun and liberties off the king-^{claratioun.} dom, and of the laft actis of Parliament, and it ordanit to be publifchit, and letteris of thanks writtin to his Majestie for the famyn.

8 Junij 1643.

Cautioun for John Ewing, for keiping off the planting of Carbigton vncutt ^{Sir Charlis and} till 28 July, and than to appeir perfonally befor the Counfell, and the 4 of ^{John Ewing.} July appointit for furveying the fruit treis. L. Elphinstoun for him, and for my fone Mr. John Rollok.

Memorandum.—23 Junij 1643, *this prorogat be the Act of fessioun to 1 January 1644.*

12 Junij 1643, Mononday.

This day my fone Sir Charles went to Leyth to tak his journey to France, ^{Sir Charles' journey} with the Erll of Hadingtoun and William Erkine, his brother german. ^{to France.}

Memorandum.—On 11 of Junij 1643, Sounday wes a publik fast, and ^{Fast and fyre.} thairefter on Weddinsday, being 14 Junij, at quhilk thair wes a fyre the tyme ^{It occurrit befor} off the exhortatioun befor the preiching beguid, quhilk interruptit neir hand ^{10 Nov. 1639.} 3 quarters of an hour. The fyre wes in the ludging in the foir gait fouth, nixt Niddries Wynd on the eist, but bliffit be God it wes quicklie quenschit, and immediatlie thairefter a noyse wes made off ane other fyre about John Morifoun's clofe, on the north fyd off the gait, quhilk brocht greit feir, and the peopill did so violently preys out of the Colledge Kirk, that the stair off ane loft brak, and crufchit many, quhairof 2 dyet.

15 Junij 1643.

Mr. W. Cunningham. This day Mr. William Cuninghame renewit his promiſſ of v^c merks, and addit to pay annuell for it and the principal betuix and Lambmes nixt.

19 Junij 1643.

Lady Cardros. Lady Cardros deceiffit Mononday.

22 Junij 1643.

Conventioun. This day the Conventioun of eſtates, indictit be the Counſell without his Majeſtie's warrand, mett and fatt till 26 Auguſt 1643, being Setterday, on quhilk it raiſe, leving a committie till the Parliament.

Dream. In the nycht preceding this 22 Junij, efter 12 hours of nycht, and about 2 or 3 in the morning, I fell in 2 dreamis, be one I dreymit that all nycht coveringis on my heid wer fallen off, and I focht and fand them all, and fe-tinit them on againe, except the reid cloth quhilk I vſe upon it. Item, efter

Dream. I awok I fell a fleiping, and dreymit of new that I wes at a mariage, and wes eld in fatinis, but does not remember quhois mariage it wes, and quhen I awok agane I callit on the name of the Lord and promiſſit ſubmiſſioun to his holie will ; quatever his Majeſtie ſould appoint for me or myne, the Lord make mē readie.

23 Junij 1643.

Coronell Matheson. Coronell Matheson deceiffit.

Erl Carnwath. Item, this day, be warrand from the eſtates, the Erl of Carnweth chargit to enter his perſon in ward within the Tolbuyth off Edinburgh within 12 hours, vnder the payne of 10^m lb.

24 Junij 1643.

A ſecond dreame. This nycht I thocht that a tooth (quhilk wes looſe) fell out of my gumes, and that I tuik it in my hand and keipit, thinking to haif ſett it in agane, and it feymed to me ſo reall that quhil I awakit I thocht it reallie trew, and could ſcarcely beleve it to be otherwais quhen I had awakit. Thir repetit dreame portendis ſome calamitie to me or myne ; but I haif reſſoluit to ſub-

mitt myself to my good Lord, and to adore his providence; and the Lord give me his grace to bear it patientlie.

25 Junij, Sounday.

At nycht I dreamit that quhil I wes pulling on my left buit both the A 3 dreame. tungis of it brak. *This fell out reallie on 26 September thairefter, being Twyfday morning. God prepare me. The Lord prepare me, for I luik certainly to suffering in suche way as my Lord plessis.*

28 Junij 1643, Weddinfday.

At nycht dreamit thair wes lottis castin in a number to vndergo some Dreame 4. burding, quhilk I do forget quhat it wes, and I fred· quhat this is I know not. But I wait on the Lord.

1 July 1643, Setterday.

My dauchter L. Cambuskyneth delyverit of a man chyld about 7 hours My dauchter Lady
in the morning, being Setterday, for quhilk I bliffe the Lord. Cambuskyneth
delyvered of a man
Item, with this the Lord gave a bliffing in the nicht befor hir delyverie, chyld, &c.
ffor the lycht stair of my fone Sir James, his studie tuik fyir, quhilk wes espyit be the fmok arryfyng, and it being espyed, wes easilie quenched, and fua the Lord hes vouchaffit a doubill mercie.

The 4 of July of July 1643, Twyfday.

The barne baptiffit Charles be Mr. William Colvin; witneß, Erll of Buchan, Baptisit Charles. Scottiscraig, and my four fones, with my self, quho held up the babe and namit him Charles, from his father being absent in France.

In the eift kirk I tuik the holy communion on 23 July 1643, and in the Communioun in
Gray Freir Kirk on 30 of July. Edinburgh.

17 July 1643, Mononday.

This day, at 8 in the morning, my fone Sir Alexander tuik journey to My sone Sir Alex-
Court with William Murray, and gave to him 50 lb sterling. ander.

25 July 1643.

Hary for his
mother.

Gevin to Hary Hope to fend to his mother, for hir pensoun of Witfoun-
day 1643, 5 tuelf pund peices of gold.

James Murray
elder and younger.

This day James Murray and his sone cam to my chamber, about 6 at
nycht, and in prefence of Mr. John Skene and Mr. John Rollok, pat them
felfis in the will of me, and my sone Craighall being present, anent thair
entrie and windowis.

4 dreame fulfillit.

31 July 1643, being Mononday.

1 August 1643, Twyfday.

Commissionaris to
the Generall As-
semblie, begun 2
August 1643 at
Edinburgh.

This day, efter the preiching, the Erl of Lanerk cam to me and gair me
his Majestie's letter anent the Commiffionrie to the Affemblie, quhilk made
me astonifchit. The Lord direct me in it.

Item, immediatlie efter reiding of his Majestie's instructiounes, I directit a
letter to his Majestie, schewing the impossibility off the laft article, daitit 1
August 1643.

Assemblie.

Item, on 2 August, being Weddinfday, the Affemblie mett efter preiching,
quhair Mr. Alexander Henryfoun wes chofin Moderator, and I wrett a fe-
cund letter to his Majestie, daitit 2 August 1643, and both wer sent away
on Weddinfday, the 2 of August, and no foner.

8 August 1643, Twyfday.

My deir sone Kerf tuik his diftemper, the Lord cure him, and lay down
on Thurfday the 10 of August.

Packet to his Ma-
jestie anent the
Assemblie.

Item, on the 11 of August, Fryday, directit be me (in respect of the Erl
of Lanerk his absence) a paquet to Sir Eduard Nicolas, Secretar to his
Majestie for Ingland, quhairin a letter to his Majestie, and within it the
Journell of the Affemblie, and als a part the copies of the purpois exhibit be
the Englische Commiffioners.

Item, a paquet from my dauchter Anna to hir husband Sir Alexander,
and ane vther from Sir James to him, and directit to him on the bak.

Item, a letter to Sir Edward Nicolas, Secretar, from me, defyryng him to delyver theis to his Majestie, and to haift me ane anfuer thairof, and of my former, writtin 2 Auguft, and als defyryng him to delyver the vther pacquet to my fone Sir Alexander.

Item, at 5 hours at nycht fent a letter to Mr. Hary Maull, praying him, if the Erl of Lanerk cam this nycht, to caus fend my pacquet, or oppen it and direct one of his awin, provyding he did direct it this nycht, and if he can not, that he wald concur with my fervand to fie myne directit.

Memorandum.—The Erl of Lanerk cam to me about 6 at nycht, and I Erl Lanerk. fchew to him the paper quhilk I wes to give in anent the fending of Ministers to the meiting of the divines in Ingland, quhilk he allowit, except that he wald haif addit thir words, “and if vtherwais I be thir presents difassent,” &c.

Item, I gave him the copies of the 4 papers, producit be the Inglifche Commiffionares, quhilk he promifit to returne to me to-morrow.

Item, he promifit to gett me the extract off the laft act, quhilk is the conclufioun off the Sessioun of Parliament in Junij 1640.

15 Auguft 1643.

Letter writtin to his Majestie, with the new propofitioun red in Affemblie, To his Majestie. 15 Auguft 1643, and the copie off that quhilk wes producit to the conventioun on 14 Auguft preceding. Item, the proceedingis in Affemblie from Packet. 11 Auguft to 15 of Auguft. Item, a letter to Sir Edward Nicolas, Secretar, all inclofit in ane buift, with a letter to the Erl of Lanerk, quho wes at Innerwick, to dispatche the famyn efter reiding, and to clofe with his awin ftamp the haille fent, and directit on the bak to the Erl of Lanerk, to be delyverit to him at Innerweik, ones this 15 Auguft 1643.

Item, this day Mr John Sinclair, fone to Stevinstoun, deceiffit.

Mr. John Sinclair.

17 Auguft 1643.

The Countes of Home tuik journey to Bervick, and thair takkis schip to Countes off Home. Jarmouth, neir to quhilk the lady hir mother remaynes.

Item, letteris direct to his Majestie quhairin the proceedingis of the As- Letteris to his
femblie on 16 and 17 Auguft, with my declaratioun anent the new Covenant. Majestie.

Item, the laft declaratioun be the Ingliſche Parliament, and the remonſtrances be the Inglis Commiſſioners to the Affemblic, and all thir put vp in a pacquet of paper, with a letter to Sir Edward Nicolas, Secretar, and ſent to the Erl of Lanerk, quho wes at Edinburgh, and with a letter to his Lordſhip for expeding the ſamyn to his Majeſtie with diligence.

19 Auguſt 1643, Setterday.

Asſemblic cloſit.

The Affemblic cloſit, and the nixt appointit to meit the laſt Weddinſday of May 1644.

Letteris to his Majeſtie.

Item, letteris ſent to his Majeſtie this nycht, at 7 hours of nycht, and with it the proceedingis in Affembly on 18 and 19 dayis of Auguſt, and als the prentit proclamatioun be aēt of conventioun, daitit 18 Auguſt 1643, and proclamit 19 Auguſt 1643. Item, letter to Sir Edward Nicolas, Secretar, all incloſit in a paper pacquet to him, and ſent with a letter to the Erl of Lanerk, quho wes this nycht at Edinburgh, and within my letter to his Lordſhip the doubill of the forſaid proclamatioun, praying his Lordſhip to diſpatche my letters to his Majeſtie.

My firſt and 2
dreams.
My deir ſone Sir
Thomas.

This 19 Auguſt 1643 the faittis of feiknes increſcit on my deir ſone Sir Thomas, quhilk he tuik firſt on Thurſday the 10 of Auguſt, but wes four or fyve dayis befoir very ſad and melancholious. The Lord pittie and ſpair him, if it be his holy will, and the Lord give me ane humbill and contentit ſpirit.

23 Auguſt 1643,
deceiſſit.

My deir ſone departit on 23 Auguſt 1643, being Weddinſday, a litill befoir 9 hours of nycht. The Lord comfort me and his poore bedfellow, and ſupplie hir and my wants, and bliſſ his deir children.

25 Auguſt 1643.

Buryed.

My deir ſone wes buryet in the Grayfreris, on the weſt fyd thairof, immediatlie vnder the erectit tombes.

Vow.

This day I vowit to my Lord, humilitie, patience, abſtinence, ſobrietie, and not to eat but one kynd of meit at denner, and not above 2 drinks of wyne. The Lord gif me grace to performe it.

30 August 1643, being Weddinfday.

This day Thomas Hatcher, one of the Inglisthe Commiffioners, with Mr. Philip Ney, one off the Inglisthe divines, with the L. Maitland, Mr. Alexander Henrysoun, and Mr. George Gillespie, ministeris of Edinburgh, commiffioners from our Generall Affemblic, tuik journey be sea to Londoun, to vрге the new Covenant to be concludit in Parliament.

L. Maitland, Mr. Alexander Henrysoun, and Mr. George Gillespie, tuik journey to Londoun.

Item, this samyn day the Countes of Home tuik journey in the samyn fehirp with the forfaids Commiffioners, for Zarmouth, to meit thairabout with the lady hir mother, quhois place is within some 7 myles to Zarmouth.

Letters sent to my sone Sir Alexander for the place of Sessiou to his brother Sir James, with a letter to his Majestie, and one to William Murray, and with it a letter from Sir James; and the gift thairwith drawin vp, 24 August 1643, but not sent.

My sone Sir James for the place of Sessioun.

1 September 1643, Fryday.

This nycht, about 6 hours at evin, my letters went post to Innerweik, to be sent to Sir Alexander, anent the place.

Packet for it to Sir Alexander.

2 September 1643.

Sir Alexander Clerk, Prouest of Edinburgh, deceiffit of 2 dayis feiknes.

Sir Alexander Clerk deceissit.

4 September 1643.

Aggriet with Mr. George Lychtbody to catechife my family on Sounday efternone, Mononday, and Weddinfday; and promifit to him for a 3eir merkis, quhairof gevin him in hand 5 dollors, quhilk is 20 merks.

Mr. George Lychtbodye.

Reffavit from Francis Van Hoff ane barrell of Malvesie, and ane vther of Francis Van Hoff reid sack wyne.

5 September 1643, Twyfday.

The Committie appointit be the Conventioun to ordor the posture off the kingdome rose, and thair haif appointit 30^m futt and 4^m horß to be levyit, and hes nominat coronels in ilk fcherifdom to follow furth this levey, and to mak report on 27 September instant; and that, in the meantyme, any

Committie for levying 30^m futt and 4^m horss.

necessitie occur, hes appointit the Lord Balmerinach or Lord Waristoun to advertife the Committie to meit sooner. And the charges for levyng off this number off men is to come from the Parliament off England.

Sir Alexander
Clerk his fune-
rallis.

Item, this day Sir Alexander Clerk, Prouest, buryet in the tomb off Gilbert Prentice, his father-in-law.

Mem.—5 Septem-
ber 1643.

Item, this nycht resolvit not to vrge more in the way off, &c., butt to wait vpon the Lord, &c. *But 26 September; item, 19 October; item, 3 November; 10 November to 5 December; and now to 1 Januar.*

8 September 1643.

For my oy Thomas
his fie off Craigh-
hall.

Gevin to my sone Craighall the precept of sefing, vnder the Quarter Seill, vpon the last instrument off the baronies of Craighall, Kynninmonth, Carries, Hiltarvet, and Grantoun, to him and me in lyfrent, and to his sone Thomas, my oy, in fie, to tak sefing thairvpon quhen he gois over to Craighall, quhilk he intends within 8 dayis.

11 September 1643, Mononday.

My nephew Hary
to Bourdeaux.

My nephew Hary went to Leyth for to fail to Bourdeaux; and I gave him ten £ sterling of gold, by ten tuelf-pund peices; and he defyrit me to caus pay the compt at Mertimes to Robert Murray.

14 September 1643, Thurfday.

Seasing to my oy
Thomas.

Seifing gevin to my oy Thomas vpon the fie of Craighall, &c., and Grantoun. Baillie Peter Rollok of Piltoun, aetornay; my sone Craighall, for his sone Thomas. Notaris, John Louwfoun, and Robert Hamiltoun, fervitor to Craighall. Witnes, Mr. William Dalgleish, minifter; Bryce Wallace, fervitor to my son; Thomas Jonstoun, fervitor to Piltoun; and Robert Tait, gardner of Grantoun. Seifing takin betuix hours at nycht.

26 September 1643, Twyfday.

3 dreame accom-
plisshit.

In the morning both the taggis of my left buit (quhill I was pulling it on my alone) brack; quhilk I declarit of befoir, 25 Junij 1643.

Item, this day my sueit babe John Erskin begoud to be feik of a defluc-

tion, and thair wes a cauter putt in his neck, be advyfe off Doctor Arnott; My oy John Erskin departit.
 but he peynit and peynit still to the 5 of October 1643, being Weddinfday,
 at 6 in the morning; at quhilk tyme he departit.

I being earnest in prayer with my Lord for the barne, on Twyfday the
 4 October, ather in mercie to spair him, or to ease him of his payne, for he
 wes heavilie paynit; at nycht I went to bed, and about 12 hours of nycht
 I had this dreame, that I thocht I had lossit 3 peice of gold, and one greit
 one, and wes buffie feiking to haif them agane; and it wes told me that I
 fould haif them again, and gatt them all except the greit peice, quhilk I in
 my dream fchew to my wyff, and fcho said that wald be had; and this I
 told to none, for my wyff wes not with me, but attending the barn.

13 October 1643.

This day the Covenant subscryvit and sworne solemely in the Eistmost Covenant, 13
October 1643.
 Kirk of St. Jells, be the Committie of the Conventioun and the Committie
 of the Generall Affembly, efter Mr. Robert Douglas had preichit on Item sworn be the
Counsell on 2 of
November 1643.
 2 Chron. xv. 12; and efter him Mr. Merfchell, the Inglifche minister, spak
 to that samyn end publikly, being fitting with the Inglifche Commiffioners,
 quho satt under the reideris dask; and the nobilmen satt foiranent the
 minister, at the fyd of ane tabill coverit with greyn; and all the perfonen
 off the Committie, both of Estait and Affembly, satt at the tuo endis of the
 tabill, in a traverfe tabill both fouth and north.

And I being thair, renewit my vow, in prefence off the Lord, to adhere Sworne and vowit
be me to the Lord.
 to his bliffit trewth, aganis papistrie, hyerarchie, and all breaches thairoff,
contra omnes mortales; but I scrupillit at that part of the Covenant, to
 fueir to mayntene the privilegis of the Parliament of Ingland, becaus I, as
 ane subject of Scotland, cannot be tyet to mayntene, or fueir to mayntene,
 the Parliament of another kingdome, and liberties thairoff.

Item, this day word cam to the Erll of Annandaill off the death of Lady Lady Sophia
Murray deceissit.
 Sophia Murray, his fister, quho diet at Londoun on 12 or 13 off September
 1643.

Item, on 14 day of October 1643, being Setterday, about 12 hours, I My brasche of
seiknes.
 tuik ane heavie brasche, quhair of I lay all Setterday and Sounday, and

Doctor Kincaid and William Castelhall waitit on me theis two dayis; and on Mononday I began to be somehow recoverit, for quhilk I pryf the Lord, albeit I did tak death to myself; and I humblie pray the Lord to mak this prolonging off my lyff a blissing to me, and to the good of the publik, and the glorie of my Lord.

Gevin to Doctor Kincaid, for his 2 dayis attendance, 2 doubill angells; and as to William Castelhall, he is to giff in his accompt.

23 October, Mononday.

- Sir Lues Stewart. Word cam that Sir Lues Stewart had gottin the places of Justice-Generall and Sessioun, quhilk wer my deir fone's. *But it wes not trew.*
- Mareschall Hair-court and About this tyme we hard that Mareschall Haircourt cam from the King of France to Ingland, to mediat betuix the Kingis Majeftie and the Parliament.
- Monseur Boyssibon. Item, thairefter Monseur Boilliebon cam to Scotland, to deill with the Eftates off Scotland not to affist the Parliament againis the Kingis Maieftie.

1 November 1643, Weddinfday.

- Duk Hamiltoun. This day reportit that the Marques of Hamiltoun wes made Duk Hamiltoun.

2 November 1643, Thurfday.

- Covenant sworne in counsell. The Covenant fuorne be all the Counsell present, quhairof I haif ane note apart, and quhat wes anfuert to me be the Marquis of Ergyll, quhen I defyrit my ferupill to be clerit. Item, fuorne be the Sessioun on Twyfday, 14 November thairefter, quhairin I repeittit my ferupill.
- Duk Hamiltoun. Item, this day the patent of dukedom to the Marques of Hamiltoun and the airs maill of his body, quhilks failzeing, to his daughters, the eldest in the first place.

3 November 1643, Fryday.

- My sone's contract of marriage. This day my sone's contract of mariage with the Lady Curriehill subferyvit, at quhilk I could not be present.

11 November 1643.

This day I repeatit the resolution of 5 September, with a promise not to Memorandum alter till 25 November instant ; but on 20 November I now renewit, *cum voto*, till 5 December.

My daughter Lady Ker^s wes happilie delyuerit of a man child, pothume, Lady Ker^s delyuerit of a man child. on Sunday, 12 November 1643 ; baptizit Johne, on Weddinsday the 15 November 1643.

23 November 1643.

Alexander Barbour, fone-in-law to good Mr. John Rig, deceiffit.

Alexander Barbour.

27 November 1643.

Sent letteris to the Erll of Lanerk, Secretar, and within the draucht of a warrand from his Majestie for payment to me of 1680 lb sterling, for my attendance of 18 dayis of the indurance of the Affemblic. Item, letter to Mr. Murray for that samyn end, and within his a doubill of the warrand. Item, a letter to my fone Sir Alexander.

Pacquet anent 1680 lb sterling of my allowance for the commission of the Generall Assemblie.

All thir in a pacquet to the Erll of Lanerk, and inclofit in ane pacquet, with a letter, to the Erl of Dumfries, quho is at Doncaster, to caus delyver the samyn to the Secretar ; quhilk pacquet, direct to the Erl of Dumfries, I delyverit to James Creichtoun, his brother, on 27 November 1643, quho told me of the occasioun, and promifit to caus delyver the samyn saiflie to his brother.

Memorandum.—Thir not sent to Erl of Dumfries, but delyuerit to Sir William Bellenden, to be convoyit with him, and this to Thomas Robertfoun, quho sent the samyn to Sir William, with my letter to Seffurd.

1 December 1643, Fryday.

5 December 1643, Twyfday.

Sir John Hamiltoun of Prestoun, being 85 zeiris of age, having come in L. Prestoun. helth from Prestoun to Edinburgh, on 2 December, tuik suddane seiknes, and deit in the Cannogait.

7 December 1643, Thursday.

Craighall maryed,
&c. This nycht my fone Craighall maryet with Dame Rachell Speir, Lady Currihill, *quod felix faustumque fit.*

21 December 1643, Thursday.

Sir Alexander. At 11 at nycht, my fone Sir Alexander returnit from Londoun be fea, and landit at Saltprestoun.

22 December 1643, Fryday.

Anent the rying
of the Sessioun. This day from the Committie of Eftates thrie cam to the Seffioun, viz., Erl Lauderdaill, L. Wauchtoun, and Coronel Hamiltoun, Generall of the Artailgearie, and gave in a recommendatioun to the Lords of Seffioun anent the intermissioun of the Seffioun for a tyme, in respect of the expeditioun of the armie to Ingland; quhilk being red, wes voitit, and thoct fitt that jointly the Counfell, Committie, and Seffioun fould meitt, and resolve thairanent.

On 23 December
to 16 of Januar. And thair mett at 4 efternone, in the Counselhous of Edinburgh, quhair it wes resolvit that the Seffioun fould ryfe the morne at 12 hours, being Setterday, and fitt down on Twysday the 16 day of Januar 1644.

25 December 1643, Mononday.

Prorogatioun Vow. Prorogat my intentioun to 20 Januar 1644.

27 December 1643.

This prorogatioun resolvit this day in a solemne vow, to quhilk I humblie crave the affistance of Godis grace.

30 December 1643.

My dauchter Anne
Foules delyuerit,
&c. This day, being Setterday, betuix 6 and 7 in the morning, my dauchter Dame Anna Foules, (with Godis bliffing,) faiffie delyverit of ane maid child, and gevin to Jean Cuningham, midwyff, j doubill angell.

1 Januar 1644, Mononday.

2 Januar 1644, Twyfday.

This day my worthie coufing, William Rig off Athernie, departit, at his Worthie Athernie
 hous of Athernie, having takin bed on Sounday of befoir, and deit on the deceassit. His
 3 day; and this wes reportit to me be Mr. John Skene, his brother-in-law, funeral on Fryday
 12 Januar.
 on Thurfday the 4 off Januar 1644, at 10 in the morning. The Lord pre-
 pare me; for this, nixt to my deireft fone, is ane heavie frok.

8 Januar 1644, Mononday.

Generall Leslie, his Excellence, cam to my chamber about 6 at nycht, E. Levin, Generall.
 and tuik his leve of me, being to begin his journey in Ingland on the
 morow, being Twyfday.

Item, this day gevin to the foieurs of Craighall, quho gois vnder Capitan
 Moffet, ilk of them thair collors of blue and zellow filk ribbeins, quhilk coft
 4 merks.

Item, to them to drink amang them, j angell.

On 7 of Januar 1644, being Sounday, and on 10 thairof, being Wed- Solemn fast for the
 dinfday, wes solemn fast, for fucef to the armie passing in Ingland. armie.

11 Januar 1644.

This day renewit my vow to the Lord, and addit to it, not to kyth any Vow renewit to the
 impatience againis any injuries offerit to me, but to pour them furth befoir Lord.
 the Lord.

Item, 11 Januar 1644, the report cam from Ingland, that the Duk Duk Hamiltoun
 Hamiltoun, and his brother the Erll of Lanerk, wes committit be the King committit.
 in Oxfurd or Wodftok, and that fundrie pointis of treafoun wer laid to thair To Mr. George
 charge; and the auld challenge off the Lord Ochiltre and Lord Raa aganis Lychtbodie 5
 dollors.
 him renewit and walknit.

12 Januar 1644, Fryday.

This day, about 11 hours, the Marques of Ergyll tuik journey to Ingland, Marques of Ergyll
 and wes this nycht in Broxmouthe, with his coufinges the Lady Ker. to Ingland.

16 Januar 1644.

Sessioun mett
16 Januar, and

This day the Sessioun mett, and some cauffis wes callit, and witneffes reffavit and examinat, and namelic, in the actioun of reductioun off the Lord Ochiltry his rycht off the Lord Saltoune's landes, perfewit in name of Sir Archibald Steuart off Blakhall, quhairto wes alledgit aganis the witneff, that *perdiderunt testimonium*, being examinat of befoir be the Kingis Com-missioner, quhilk wes repellit.

thairefter prorogat
to the first of
Februar.

Butt befoir 12 hours the Chancellar movit to the Lords, be order from the Committee of the Conventioun, that the Sessioun mycht be zit prorogat to the first of Februar, becaus the regimenttis and levies wer not zit compleittit in the feuerall seherifdomes; and it wes delayit till efternone, at 6 hours, quhair the Committee mett in the Laich Counselhous, with 8 of the Counsell and 10 off the Sessioun, and the Committee wes not full, being only 4; and thair it wes votit and concludit the Sessioun to be prorogat to the first of Februar, but longer prorogatioun.

17 Januar 1644.

Sessioun rase.

This day, being Weddinsday, the Sessioun mett, and fatt quhil tuell hours; and the prorogatioun to first of Februar wes proclamit at the mercat croce of Edinburgh, at tuelff, to the first of Februar.

20 Januar 1644, Setterday.

Promise to
5 Februar.

Prorogat the promise made 5 December to 15 Februar, and if convenientlie, to the last thairof; *keipit till 14 Februar. Item, thairefter till 24 Februar. Item, to 4 Merche. Item, to 15 Merche.*

25 Januar 1644.

Conventioun.

The Conventioun of Estates mett, and fatt till the 2 of Februar, at quhilk thair rase.

1 Februar 1644, Thursday.

Sessioun.

This day the Sessioun fatt doun.

2 Februar.

The Conventioun ordanit ane excyse to be raifit off all meit, drink, goodis, Conventioun. and geir, quhilk is thocht to extend ilk moneth to 20^m lb sterling; and this to indure till the returne of the armie from England, quhilk past furth of Bervick on day of Januar 1644, and is now befor Neucastell.

Item, the Conventioun ordanit 20^m lb sterling to be presentlie borrowit from all perfouns having moneyis, and that vpon sufficient security, till the excyse come in; and gair power to the Committee to force all monyet perfones to len the famyn.

Item, this day the Conventioun rose.

16 February, Fryday.

This day worthie Mr. John Ker, minifter at Prestoun, deceiffit. The Mr. John Ker
Lord prepare me, for we wer off one age. deceissit.

1 Merche 1644.

The first or 2 Merche our armie past the riuier of Tyne, about Hexspeth, Armie pest Tyne. above Rystoun and Neuburne ferne.

3 Merche 1644.

Hary Hope landit at Bruntiland; and in that schip, or some vther, wes Hary Hope re-
also the Countes of Home and the Erll of Lanerk. The Lord be thankit ^{turnit home.}
for Hary his saiff returne.

4 Merche 1644.

Coft for my sone Sir Alexander his great coatche for 40 lb sterling, Coft the great
quhilk is in Scottis money 720 merks sterling; and the great coche is putt ^{coatche.}
in the hall of the Castell of Edinburgh, to be keipit.

15 and 16 Merche 1644.

On 15 Merche the Erl of Cassills maryet on Lady Ker.

Erl Cassills.

16 Merche, *Votum solemniter renovatum Domino cum in preparatione Petrocellam. itineris ad Petrocellam.*

29 Merche 1644, Fryday.

Thomas Hope,
son to Sir James,
deceissit.

My deir oy, Thomas Hope, fone to Sir James, departit this lyff.

Item, buryet on Setterday, 30 Merche; his father being at the Leidhill.

1 April 1644, Mononday.

Marques of Ergyll.

The Marques of Ergyll cam from the armie (quhilk wes lyand at Sunderland) to Edinburgh, to attend the Conventioun, quhilk wes t̄o meit 10 of April.

5 April 1644.

To Francis Sinclair of Northfield,
a letter sent be
William Bruce,
portioner of Leyth-

Sent to Francis Sinclair of Northfeild the anfuert off his letter, quhilk I gatt from William Narne on first of Apryll, schawing how I wes not anfuert of that money quhilk he directit William to get from Sir George Hamiltoun, and thairfoir intretit him to fend the writtis or band quhairvpon that mony is dew, that I may caus perfew; and als intreting him to pay, at Witfounday 1644, the soume of j^m merks, on payment quhairof I wald quyt the remainder, quhilk extends in hail to 1800 merks, vtherwais wald perfew him vpon his letter.

John Clerk feit.

Item, this day my wiff feit John Clerk, in place of the boy John Dempstar, to attend me; and my fone Sir Alexander tuik Dempstar to him.

8 Apryll 1644.

To Craighall.

Sent my bookis to Craighall, being of purpose to go thither myself; and my wyff and family went to Craighall on 9 April.

Mem.—Dream.

Memorandum.—This nycht a dream occurrit quhilk carryis some fear with it; but I wait on the Lord. It wes, that the rod quhairwith I walk with wes brokin in peices, and nothing left of it but the filuer head.

10 April 1644.

Conventioun.

This day the Conventioun of Estates mett.

14 April 1644.

This day, being Sounday, Mr. John Adamfoun, in the Eift Kirk, be

warrant of ane act off the Commissioners of the Generall Affemblic, of dait the 12 Aprill, (quhilk wes publiklie red,) did, be reiding the prayer con-
 tenit in the psalme-book, excommunicat George, Marquis of Huntley; Alex-
 ander Irwing younger of Drum; Robert Irwing, his brother; Sir John
 Gordoun of Haddo; Robert Hay, his fervand; William Seatoun of Sche-
 thin; William Innes of Tippertie; and Mr. James Kennedy, fervand to
 the Marques of Huntley, be summar excommunicatioun, for thair notorious
 coming in armes aganis the Covenant.

Memorandum.—Mr. John Paip younger wes excommunicat be the said
 Mr. John on the Sabboth-day preceeding, being 7 April 1644.

This nycht word cam that 8000 Inglishemen wes come within the west
 bordor of Scotland.

17 April 1644, Weddinfday.

I went to Craighall, and left Thomas Betoun, mafoun, at the mending off
 the chymnois, and harling off the fouth wall of my duelling-hous; and als
 defyrit my fone Sir James to imploy him to big the west dyik off the mid
 zard, and to alter the stair thairof to the west, and als to big ane stabill at
 the end of the laich zard.

1 May 1644, Weddinfday.

Being at Craighall, I gatt letteris from my fone Sir James, on Thurfday
 the 9 of May, that my fone Sir Charles cam home from France on Twyfday
 the fevint of May; and that the Countes of Mar, his mother, had takin a
 deidlie brasche; quhairvpon immediatlie I went furth of Craighall, about 8
 in the morning, and cam to Bruntiland about xij hours, and wes at Leyth
 ane quarter efter one.

11 May 1644.

This day, being Setterday, betuix 11 hours and 12 befor none, Dame
 Marie Steuart, Countes of Mar, deceissit in my hous in the Cowgait, and
 the dyet of hir Ladyship's funeralls is appointit to be on Thurfday come 8
 days, the 23 May, at Alloway.

- Returnit to Craighall, 13 May.
To Alloway, 22 May.
Item, I returnit to Craighall on Mononday the 13 May 1644; and on Weddinfday, 22 May, I went to Alloway, to the funeralls off the Countes of Mar, being 20 hors in trayne, quhair my charges wer 96 lb; and returnit to Craighall on Setterday, 25 Maij.
- To Edinburgh, 28 May.
Item, on 28 May I went to Edinburgh, being writtin for be the Conventioun to attend the Parliament.

29 Maij 1644, Weddinfday.

- General Assembly. The General Assemblic at Edinburgh, quhair no Commissiuner from his Majestie, and Mr. James Bonar chofin Moderator.

30 May, Thursday.

- Dream. In the nycht thairof following it, I dreamit that my dauchter Anne wes clothit with a new garment of fehyning taffaties, and we cam ryding together to ane hous quhair wes sett at tabill ane number of perfones, and among them on, viz., vmquhill Mr. John Nicolsoun: my maister, said, "Weilcome, Mr. Thomas;" and I went to ane vpper rowme, quhilk I observit to be repairit, and castin in ane vther frame nor had I fein it the day befoir, and wonderit how it could be so sone done in one nycht's space. The Lord faif my deir dauchter, and prepare me to obey and submitt myself to my Lord's will.

31 May 1644, Fryday.

- Thomas Veitche deceissit. Alexander Lowis reportit to me, that Thomas Veitche, my fifteris sone, wes deid, 17 December last, in Dantisk, and had left behind him his wyff and 2 boyes. The Lord mak me ready.
- Item, I reffavit heiranent a letter from Conneinifbrig.

1 Junij 1644, Setterday.

4 Junij 1644.

- Parliament. The Parliament holdin at Edinburgh, quhairin wes 14 erlls, 6 lords, and Erl Lauderdaill chofin Prefident.

Item, this nycht, about 8 of nycht, the Generall Affemblic diffoluit, and Generall Assemblie. the nixt wes appointit at Edinburgh, the laft Thurfday of May 1645.

5 Junij 1644.

To Mr. George Lychtbody, 5 dollors.

Mr. G. Lychtbody.

7 Junij.

To Anne my dauchter, to pay for a velvet cassikin too myself, 80 lb.
Item, to hir, for ane faidill, 50 dollors, *inde* 200 merks.

Velvet cassikin.

11 Junij 1644, Twyfday.

Word cam of my Lord Durie's death, quhilk I wifche may be fals; and, L. Durie deceissit. however, the Lord prepare me.

24 Junij 1644.

A letter from Mr. Thomas Sandilands, daitit at Abirdein, 15 Junij 1644, quhilk wes reffavit from the post of Abirdein on Monunday, 24 Junij 1644; and it beris, that his father Mr. James deceiffit 7 Junij 1644, being Fryday.

Mr. James Sandilands deceissit.

1 July 1644, Monunday.

This day wes the battell at York, betuix Prince Rupert for the King, and the Generall of the Scottis armie, the Erl of Levin, affisit with Thomas Fairfax and Lord Manchester; quhair our armie, be the bliffing of God, wes victorious, and Prince Rupert defaitit; and the Marques of Neucastell and Generall King, quho wer beseagit in York, (to quhilk thai fled efter the confliet at Bowdounhil beyd Sunderland, quhilk wes fochin on 24 and 25 Merche 1644,) having fortit furth of York to affist Prince Rupert, quho came for thair releiff, both fled furth off the toun, and went be sea.

Battell at York, 2 July 1644; at Long Merstoun-Muir, within 4 myles to York.

Item, this wes first reportit on Sounday, 7 July, quhilk wes the first fasting day, quhilk I keipit at Cramond, and thairefter confirmit on Thursday the xj of July, being the second fasting day.

Item, I cam to Edinburgh on Friday the 12 of July, quhair I hard a report of a conflict betuix the Kingis Majestie and Sir William Waller, quhairin Sir William prevaillit.

Item, returnit to Grantoun on Setterday, 13 July, and abaid thair till Mononday, 22 July, on quhilk (being fent for be the Committee of Eftates) I cam to Edinburgh and abaid.

L. Haddo exequat. Memorandum.—On Fryday the 19 July 1644, Sir John Gordon of Haddo, and John Logie, fone to Mr. Andro Logie, minifter, ane off the North capitanes, wes exequat and beheidit at the mercat croce of Edinburgh, be sentence of the Parliament, for the Northern rebellion.

24 July 1644, Weddinfday.

This day the funeralls off the Lord Durie celebrat at the kirk of Seony, at quhilk I could not be present, being deteynit be the Parliament.

25 July 1644, Fryday.

Erl Craufurd.

Erl of Craufurd, General Ruthven, Erl off Forth, General King, and Lord Ythen forfalt, and thair armes rivin at the mercat croce; and the Erl of Lyndfey declarit Erll of Craufurd, in respect he wes provydit be the Kingis Majestie's patent to the erldome, failzing off Lodouik, Erl of Craufurd, and the airs maill off his body, quhilks failzet be his forfator. Item, the faid Erl of Lyndfay, be act of the Eftates, is chofin Heigh Thefaurer of Scotland.

Erl Lyndsay declarit Erl Craufurd, and he nominat also be the estates High Thesaurer.

30 July 1644, Twyfday.

This day, betuix 2 and 3 in the morning, Sara, dauchter to my fone Sir James, deceiffit.

Sara Hope, dauchter to my sone Sir James, deceiffit. Parliament prorogat to 7 Januar 1645.

Memorandum.—The Parliament rose on Mononday, 29 July 1644; and prorogat it to the first Tyfday of Januar 1645.

Item, in the mean tyme, a Committee from the Parliament to ane number off the Eftates, and by them to vtheris not being off the Eftates, to difpofe and ordor publik affairs.

1 August 1644, Thursday.

This day, being Thursday, I went to Craighall, with my sone and his To Craighall. wyff, and remaynit thair till Fryday, 26 October.

On 1 September, being Sounday, wes the conflict at Perth, quhair our Conflict at Perth. pepill wes inhumanelie defeat be the Irische.

Item, on 13 September 1644, Aberdein wes takin be the Irische, and Aberdeine takin. our forces defaittit.

Item, on 19 October 1644, Setterday, Neucastell wes takin be our armie Neucastell takin. thair.

November 1644, Fryday.

1 November.

Dreamit that I tuik out one of my schaft toothes with my awin hand. Dream. The Lord prepare me.

2 November 1644.

Lent to my sone Craighall 4 tomes of the Hebrew Bibill, of Rotus Hebrew Bibil. Stephanus characteris, viz., ane tome contening Genēsis, Exodus, and Leviticus; 2, contening Numers and Deuteronomie; 3, contening the Pfalmis, Proverbis, &c.; 4, contening the 12 Small Prophets. *Item, thairefter the tome of Josua, Judgis, and Samuell; but this last he gaif bak, and took for it that volum of the Greit Prophets, 21 Januar 1645.*

7 November 1644.

Dreamit that I wes at the mariage of my sone Sir Alexander with my Dream. dauchter Anna Foules; a folische dream. But I nather trust nor fear them, but waites on God, and observes or notes the famyn, that I may compare them with Providence, as the Lord fall pleis to mak the event appeir.

9 November 1644, dyet Nidrij to 22 November.

Nidrij.

Item, 23 November 1644 to 7 December inclusive, *יָנַם בְּעַי*.

December, Souday.

3 December 1644, Nidrie, to 10 thairoff.

Item, from that to 20.

Item, this nycht, being Tuyfday, the Erll of Levin, Generall off our armie quhilk went to England, returnit to Edinburgh from Neucastell.

General Ruthven, fometyme Erl of Forth, departit, be wounds reffavit at the feild of Newbury. The report went thus, but he is not dead.

Παρολιον.

This day report come of ane meteor fein at Londoun, on 19 day of November, being Twyfday, and the birthday off King Charles, viz., thrie fonnes feine in the morning, (efter the fone wes aboue the horyzon half ane hour,) one be east the body of the fonne, ane other bewest the body of the fonne, so bright as thai could not be lookit on, and above the fone itself ane rainbow, with the bak thairof to the fone, and the hornis of it toward the north pole, or neir our zenith; and this apparitioun. did continew full two hours. This portendis strange and feirfull events. The Lord mak us readie.

13 December 1644, Fryday.

Marques of Ergyll. The Marques of Ergyll, with the L. of Nidrie, and Mr. Mungo Law, minister, and Archibald Sidferff, took journey to Ergyll, to labor ffor releif of Mr. James Hamiltoun, minister, furth of prifon.

22 December 1644.

Mr. John Skein
deceissit.

Good Mr. John Skeine deceiffit, being Souday, at 6 hours of nycht. The Lord prepare me.

24 December 1644, Twyfday.

Nidrie and Jephilla to 1 Januar 1645.

25 December 1644.

David Gourlay
deceissit.

Good Daudid Gourlay departit, at his hous in Prestounpannis, about 8 hours of nycht.

31 December 1644, Nidrie, to 10 Januar 1645.

To Mr. George Lychtbodie, 10 dolloris.

1 Januar 1645, Weddinfday.

1 Januar, Gad-Nu, יְנַמֵּר בְּעֵרֵי יְהוָה Pfalm cxxxviii. 8 ; i. Genesis.

7 Januar 1645.

The Parliament fett down, being Twyfday.

Parliament.

8 Januar 1645, Weddinfday.

The Lords of Seffioun fat down in the Old Seffioun Hous, and reffavit Sessioun satt.
Mr. George Gibfoun, Clerk of the Bills, in place of good Mr. John Skene ;
and satt also 9 Januar, and quhilk day I obtenit decreit off the Lords, ^{9th.}
allowing the alienatioun of Dalders to the Erl of Callendar ; but the Parlia- Decreit of Dalders.
ment this day voitit that the Seffioun fould be prorogat to Junij.

Item, this day the Parliament voitit the ryfing of the Seffioun to the first Sessioun rysit.
of Junij nixt.

10 Januar 1645, Fryday.

This day my fone Sir Alexander tuik journey to Londoun, and went to My sone Sir
Alexander to
England.
Hadingtoun, and from thence, or Beruick, wes to tak post.

18 Januar, being Setterday.

At 4 hours in the morning, John, Erl of Lauderdale, being Prefident of The Erl of Lau-
derdail deceissit.
the Parliament, deceiffit. He wes borne in May 1593.

Item, Erl Craufurd chofin Prefident of Parliament in his place. Erl of Craufurd
President.

Item, report cam this day, that the Archbifhop of Canterburie, William B. of Canterburie
headit in the Tour.
Laud, wes condemned be both Houffis of Parliament, and that famyn day
the Service-book abolifchit be both Houffis, quhilk wes on 7 Januar 1645 ;
and he exequat and headit in the Tour, on 10 Januar 1645.

22 Januar 1645.

The Generall Affemblic, quhilk wes extraordinarlie indictit be the Kirk,

Generall Assem-
 blie, Edinburgh
 22 Januar
 1645; dissoluit,
 13 Februar 1645,
 Thursday; and the
 next appointit vpon
 July 1646.

wes oppenit this day, and satt down (efter a publik fast and preiching befor none and efternone) about 4 hours at nycht. Had no Commiffioner from his Majestie; and Mr. James Bonar, quho wes Moderator at the last Affemblie, preichit in the Eist Kirk on 1 John i. 3; and Mr. Robert Douglas, efternone, on Efai lxii. 6; and thair wes also preiching in all the vther kirks of Edinburgh. Mr. Robert Douglas chofin Moderator.

28 Januar 1645.

Mr. Robert Nicol-
 soun deceissit. This day, being Twyfday, good Mr. Robert Nicolsoun deceiffit, betuix ellevin and tuelff hour of the day.

Erl of Carrik. Item, this 28 January 1645, the Erl of Carrik buryet in the Abbey kirk.

L. Laweris. Item, about this tyme Sir James Campbell of Laweris, father to John, Erl of Lowdown, Chancellor, deceiffit, at his awin place of Laweris.

1 Februar 1645, Setterday.

Directorie. 3 Februar 1645, this day the directorie of divin worschip, quhilk wes agreit on betuix the Affemblie of divines and the Commiffioners off the Kirk of Scotland at Londoun, wes past, and allowit in the Generall Affemblie convenit at Edinburgh.

6 Februar 1645.

Anne Foules de-
 lyverit of a man
 chyld, Robert. My dauchter Anna Foules delyverit, and baptized Robert that day 8 dayis.

8 Februar 1645.

Defait at Loch-
 quhaber, fochtin
 on Candlemas day,
 the 2 of Februar
 1645. This day being Setterday, in the morning word cam off a defait gevin be the Irifche and the Erl Montroiß to that part of our armie quhilk wes led be the L. of Auchinbrek in Lochquhaber. God be merciful to us.

Thairefter the word cam that this conflict wes focht on Sounday, 2 Februar 1645, and that the hail bodie of our armie wes thair, and the Marques of Ergyll in perfoun, and that thair wes killit and takin off our armie ane thoufand and fyve hundredth men, and that the L. Auchinbrek wes ather flane or takin, and the Marques fled to Inverara. The Lord be merciful to this poore kirk and kingdome, for this is ane sad and heavy strok.

Item, this day, about 4 hours efternone, Thomas, Erll of Hadingtoun, Erl Hadingtoun deceffit of a dwyning aithik difeafe. deceissit.

13 Februar 1645.

The Marques of Ergyll cam to Edinburgh.

Marques of Ergyll.

13 Februar 1645, Thurfday.

The barne of Sir James and Anna Foules, his spous, baptifit Robert, wit-
neffes Lord Dalzell, Lord Humbie, Robert Nicolfoun, Commiffar Robert My oy Robert
baptisit.
Hepburne, Robert Foules, Robert Lockart.

The Affemblie rofe, and the nixt appointit to be at Edinburgh in July 1646, referving *pro re nata* to appoint foner. Generall Assemblie
rysin.

14 Februar 1645.

The Countes of Kinghorne spok me anent hir brother.

15 Februar 1645, Setterday.

Thomas, Erll of Hadingtoun, buryit in the Abbey of Halyruidhous.

The Erl of Hading-
toun buryit.

27 Februar 1645.

Mr. James Weymes, Commiffar of St Androis, deceffit, and to him fuc-
cedit Mr. William Bruce of Balquharge. Commissar of St
Androis deceissit.

1 Merche 1645, Setterday.

עֶשְׂרֵי יָמִים. 5 Martij. גִּמְוֹ בְּעָדִי

3 Merche 1645,

Word cam of a conflict betuix the Lord Fairfax for the Parliament, and
Sir Marmaduk Langley for the Kingis Majestie, neir Zork, quhairin the
Kingis Majestie prevaillit, and the armie off the Lord Fairfax for the Par-
liament wer routit. Conflict at York,
Lord Fairfax.

7 Merche, Fryday.

Packet sent with
Mr George Gilles-
pie be sea.

Gevin to Mr. George Gillespie a pacquet of letteris to my fone Sir Charles, quhairin to himself and Sir Alexander from me, my dauchter, his spous, the babie Sir James. Item, from the Erl Mar to Sir Charles. Item, from Lady Brochtoun and Thomas Robertfoun to the Lord Cardros. Item, from me two to the Lord Chancellor.

8 Merche, Setterday.

Parliament rose.

The Parliament rose at 10 hours of nycht, and continewit to the second Twyfday of July, quhilk is 8 July.

17 Merche 1645.

Lord Waristoun.

Delyverit a packett of letteris from me, my dauchter Marie, and Anna Bell, and from Sir James to Sir Charles Areskin my fone Sir Alexander, to my Lord Waristoun, quho wes to ryd poft to-morow.

21 Merche 1645, Fryday.

My dauchter Marie
delyuerit of a man
chylde.

About 2 hours efter midnycht my dauchter Marie faifie delyverit of a man chylde. Bleffit be the Lord, quho laidis us daylie with benefits.

22 Merche, Setterday.

Fyre.

This nycht, about 8 hours at nycht, I wes standing at the fyd off my chamberboord, reiding the Commiffioun of Parliament, gevin to the Committee thairoff, and my bak toward the southmeft off the two candells, and suddenie my ruff tuik fyre, and brak furth in ane low, quhilk I preiffit to quench, but could not, quhairvpon I cuist my gown from me, and ran down the bak passage crying for help, but gat none till I cam to the hall, quhair the fervendis cam furth, and specially the steuart James Twyfdail, and glaspitt the low in his handis, and tuik my ruff from my craig, and so freed me off my feir, ffor quhilk I pray the Lord to mak me thankfull, for it wes a greit mercie.

25 Merche 1645, Twyfday,

This day my oy baptizit James, witneffes James Erl Buchan, James Hamiltoun, brother to the Erll of Hadingtoun, Sir James my fone, and James Steuart, Mr Mungo Law, minifter. Baptisme of my oy James Erskine.

Item, this day a packett gevin to Mr. James Brown, to go in the merchand pacquet, and in it letteris to my fone Sir Charles, and within it the articles off the contract anent my dauchter Anne, quhair of I haif a doubill. Pacquet to my sone Sir Charles and Sir Alexander.
Item, to him from Sir James. Item, from me and my dauchter Anna Bell, and my fone Sir James to Sir Alexander, and the packet is direct on the bak to Sir Charles or Sir Alexander.

Item, 27 Merche, letteris to my fones Sir Charles and Sir Alexander, de- Letteris to my sones.
lyverit be me to Captain James Cuningham.

Item, this day report cam from Craighall that the myne of Callenge wes wrocht to the coill, and that the coill wes fund fex foot at the levell, but wold be fund 8 futt thick thairefter, and that the coil gearis ar fallin to work down a fink, quhilk will be the longer in working, becaus the mettell of it is all querrell. Coill fund at the levell be eist Callenge drawin from Balding burne.

1 Apryll, Twyfday. 1645, I Leviticus.

1 April 1645, Letteris gevin to the merchand pacquet, from me and my dauchter Anna Bell, to my fones Sir Charles and Sir Alexander. Pacquet.

Item, this day Kelfo, with the hail houffes, cornes, barnis, barnyards, brunt be fyre, caufit be a clinging off ane of the houfes thairoff quhilk wes infectit with the plaig. Kelso brunt.

6 April 1645.

My oy Helene deceiffit at the Kerf this day, being Sounday, betuix 7 and 8 of nycht, and wes buryet in the buriall-place of Falkirk on Twyfday the 8 of Apryll. The death of Helene my oy.

8 Aprill 1645.

This day, ryfing to go to the kirk, I tuik ane ftronge fitt off the gravell, Fitt of the gravell.

quhilk foreit me to lye down and keip bed till 3 efternone; but then it plefit the Lord to ease me.

Pacquet.

Item, this 8 Apryll my letteris gevin to Mr. Andro Ker, to be fent in the publik pacquet, quhairin to Sir Charles, with ane warrand from the Committee to come home. Item, to him from his bedfellow. Item, to Sir Alexander from me and his wyff. Item, one from Mr. John Rollok to Sir Charles. Item, one from me to Mr. Thomas Henryfoun. Item, one to my Lord Chancellor anent Mr Levingfoun for arreifting.

Dundie assaultit
but releivit.

Memorandum—on 4 Apryll, being Fryday, the Irishes affaultit Dundie, and gatt entrie in the toun, but wer repulfit be the valor of the citizenis, and be the help of Coronell Hurrie, quho cam in a happie tyme for the tounis releiff.

9 Apryll 1645.

Hary Hope and
his motheris
comptis.

Payit to Hary Hope his compt, presentit to me be him 15 November 1644, extending to 786 lb 19s 8d, quhairin ther is ane article for a suit of hangings, to my fone Sir Alexander 10 lb sterling, and ane vther for his motheris pensiou of Mertimef 1644 and Witfounday nixt 1645, extending to 10 lb sterling per annum.

Anent the buriall
of my oy Heleine
in Larber Kirk.

Item, this day my fone Craighall reported to me that yesterday, 8 April, the minister and fessiou of Falkirk refufit to suffer the barne Heleine to be buryet in my fone's buriall-place in Falkirk, quhairvpon he tuik instruments in the hands of Mr. James Aikinheid of Donypace, notar, quho kyndlie offerit himself to that dewtie, and went with them a mile farder to the kirk of Lerber and buryit the barne. The minister refufit without consent of the Session; the Sessiou being convenit refufit, and the Erll of Calendar his baillie, namit Alexander Livingfoun, refufit, and one John Monteith promifit affistance to my fone, but wes the cheiff oppofer, and my fone offerit to burie in that place quhilk wes knawin to be my fones, and not in that part yairoff quhilk is claimit be Claffincarie, and further my fone offerit to gif band to pay 1^m merks if ather the kirk or my Lord Callendor fould find it vnlawfull.

15 April 1645, Twyfday.

This day letteris from Londoun and Newcastle, daitit from Londoun, Pacquet to Sir Charles, Sir Alexander, Lord Waristoun. from Sir Charles and Sir Alexander on 8 and 9 April, and Newcastle from Mr. Thomas Henderfoun 13 April, and fent this day to Mr. Thomas Henderfoun be Mr. James Brown in the merchand packet, and within his to the Erl of Callender and Mr. Andro Ofwell anent the outrage at Falkirk 8 April laft.

Item, fent be Mr. Andro Ker a packet direct on the bak to my Lord Waristoun, quhairin one to himself, and within it to my Lord Chancellor, telling his Lordship of the mariage of his dauchter Lady Jean, quhilk was celebrat this day about 6 at nycht in the Kirk of Halyruidhous be Mr. John Neva, minister at Lowdon, and requyring his Lordship's assistance to haif libertie to my fone Sir Charles to come home. To my Lord Chancellor, craving an ansuer of my last anent James Leuingstoun, and schawing that Lady Jeane his dauchter was this day maryit. Item, ane packet direct to Sir Charles, and within it from me, from his wyff, from my fone Craighall. Item, to Sir Alexander, and to him from his babie, all thir inclofit in the packet to my Lord Waristoun, with order to give them to Sir Charles, if he be thair; but if both he and Sir Alexander be gone, to keip befyd himself till he have occaffioun to return them to me.

Item, this day the laureation off the maisters wes at the College of Edinburgh, in respect of the feir of the plaig, and amang them wes Laureat Laureation, Thomas Veitch, Walter Rollok. Thomas Veitche, my god fone, and Walter Rollok, fone to Mr. John Rollok.

21 Apryll 1645.

This day good Thomas Maccaula buryet.

Thomas Maccaula.

Item, this day letteris from Londoun, viz., from my fones Sir Charles and Sir Alexander, and als from my Lord Cardros, but none from the Lord Chancellor. Pacquet*21 April 1645.

Item, letteris from Mr. Thomas Henryfoun from Newcastle, but no anfuer from the Erl of Calendar or Mr. Andro Ofwell. Thir anfuerit be letteris to my Lord Waristoun, and within them one to my Lord Chancellor, craving anfuer anent Mr. Levingstoun.

28 April 1645, Mononday.

Pacquet.

Letteris reffavit furth of my Lord Balmerinach his pacquet, daitit from my fone Sir Charles to me and his bedfellow, fehawing that he wes to tak post on the morow homeward, being 23 April, and letteris from Sir Alexander to his babie, bearing that Lord Cardrois, Sir Charles, and he wes to tak post on the morow, the letteris daitit at Londoun 22 April 1645.

30 Apryll 1645.

James Small.

This day on James Small, of 68 3eirs, ordanit to be hangit at the croce of Edinburgh, for carying of letteris to and from the Erll of Montrois, quhilk wes done on first of May.

1 May 1645, Thurfday.

Hebrew lection.

This day beguid at the 4 of Numbers in the Hebrew lection.

My sones Sir Alexander and Sir Charles cam from Londoun.

This nycht, about 7 hours at evin, my fones Sir Charles and Sir Alexander cam from Londoun, and this day cam from Bervick, about 7 at nycht, and in thair companie the Lord Cardrois.

Παροξυσμος.

6 May 1645, being Twyfday.

My sone Sir Alexander and Mr. Levingstoun aggreit.

The buffines betuix my fone Sir Alexander and Mr. Levingstoun, efter thrie monethis trubill, and als money changes as thair is weikis, wes endit and subfcryvit, viz., ane assignatioun be him to my fone, and ane discharge be my fone Sir Alexander, with consent of me and my fone Sir James, of all that we may crave of him, ather be the Kingis Majestie's warrand or be the first assignatioun, or be the claus in the submiffioun, or vtherwais quhatfomever.

Pacquet 6 May 1645.

Item, this nycht sent letteris to my Lord Wariftoun, and within it one to my Lord Chancellor, acquainting his Lordship with the aggriement made betuix my fone Sir Alexander and Mr. Levingstoun, and humblie intreating my Lord to pay at Witfounday to my fone the arreragis of 480lb sterling, to quhilk my fone is assignit. Thir letteris putt in the pacquet from my fone Sir Charles to the Commiffioner at Londoun.

7 May 1645.

The Counfell fatt, quhair act passit that proclamatioun fould be made for Sessioun. fitting doun of the fessioun on 3 Junij nixt, and the nixt counfell dyet wes appointit to be on xxi of May.

12 May 1645.

A dauchter of Sir William Grayis departit off the plaig, quhilk put us all Sir W. Gray. in greit fear.

This day a letter writtin to Mr. Thomas Henryfoun, and delyuerit to Leutenant-Coronell Scott off the Erl of Buccleuchis regiment, in anfuere of one gevin me.

13 May 1645, Twyfday.

Letter gevin to Mr. Andro Ker, to be sent to my Lord Waristoun, crav- Lord Waristoun. ing bak my letteris to Sir Charles and his nephew, sent 21 April, and ane anfuere of myne to my Lord Chancellor, sent (inclofit in myne to my Lord Waristoun) to my Lord Chancellor anent 480^{lb} sterling to my sone Sir Alexander.

14 May 1645, Weddinfday.

Sent (with Mr. Archibald Law, wryter in Sir William Scottis chalmer, ^{Francis Sinclair of Northfield.} Francis Sinclair of Northfield, quho gois to Caithnes be fea) to Francis Sinclair of Northfield, the anfuere of his letter reffavit be me on 6 May, and with it inclofit ane assignatioun to 1^m lb., as a part off the band off 2395^{lb} 4^s, maid to him be John Denholm, quhilk band Mr Archibald Law left with me, and I patt it in the schottill of my black cabinet in my studie.

This day the Erl of Lothian sent Mark Caffee of Cokpen to me, with the Erl Lothian. dispositioun of the few-maill of Watterheid to my sone Sir James, and the discharge of the few-maills of the 3 part of Southfyd, with ane letter from my Lord full of courtesie, quhilk I anfuereit instantlie with Cokpen.

15 May 1645, Thurfday.

This day a generall bruit come of a bloodie conflict betuix Montrois and

Conflict in Murray betuix Montrois and Hurrie. Maior Hurrey, neir to Spynie in Murray, quhairin wes greit flauchter on both fydes. But Montrois kepis the fieldis, and Hurrey fled to the Castell of Spynie. The Lord be merciful to us.

At Alderne Mure in Murray. Butt immediatlie we hard be letters from the Lord Frazer to the Lord Balmerinaeche, and from Sir James Melvill to his father-in-law, Mr. Robert Ferquhar, prouest of Abirdein, that Hurrey keipis the feild, and Montrois fled to the hillis ; and that it wes focht in a mure neir Alderne, on Fryday, 9 Maij, be the space of tuelff hours.

20 May 1645, Twyfday.

L. Laweris killit. The certainty cam off the confliēt, quhilk wes worfe nor the first report, and litill trew of the second, and the more lamentabill that the worthie Lord of Laweris wes killit in that confliēt.

Packett. This day letteris fent to Mr. Thomas Henryfoun, and within his to the Erl of Calendar anent the decreit gevin aganis the Erll of Errollis cautioneris on 15 May, and stayit till this day, quhilk I gave to Mr. Andro Ker.

L. Warriston. Item, a letter to my Lord Wariftoun, anent my Lord Chancellor his anfuē.

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