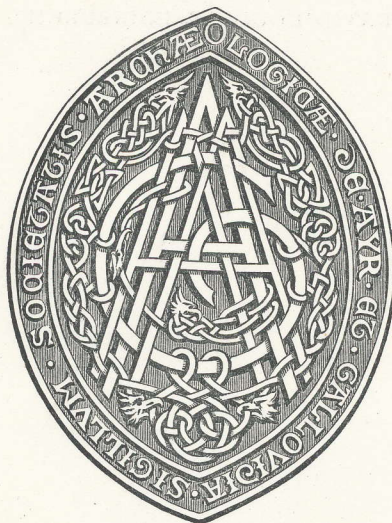


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XI.

MASON'S PROTOCOL BOOK.

ABSTRACTS.

1. ADAME.

IN the year of the Lord one thousand five hundred and seventy-six, on the eighteenth day of the month of September, in the presence of the notary public and witnesses underwritten, personally compeared a worthy man, Alexander Power, brother-german of James Power of Silverwood, dwelling in the burgh of Ayr, and surrendered, and purely and simply by staff and baton resigned all and whole one rood of his two roods of land of Barns, formerly belonging to the Franciscan friars of the said burgh, commonly called the Grayfriars, lying in the said Barns, between the roods of Gilbert Power, burgess of the said burgh, on the one part, and another rood of the said Alexander's on the other part, in the hands of an honourable man, Edward Wallace, one of the bailies of the said burgh of Ayr for the time, in favour of John Adam, burgess of the said burgh, for new seizin thereof, to be delivered to him and his heirs by reason of pure alienation for counted money, without reversion; which resignation so made, and by the aforesaid bailie duly received, the said Edward Wallace, bailie, by virtue of his office, gave and delivered state, heritable seizin, and likewise actual and real corporal possession of all and whole the aforesaid rood of land, by delivery of earth and stone, as the custom is, to the aforesaid John Adam, personally present, and to his heirs and assignees heritably: To hold of the provost, bailies and community of the said burgh of Ayr, in feu-ferme and heritage, for the yearly payment of six shillings and eightpence money of this kingdom, at the terms of Whitsunday and Martinmas, by equal

portions, in name of feu-ferme. Done on the ground of the said rood, about four o'clock after noon, before these witnesses, William Wallace of Barnweill, burgess of Ayr, and Martin Wallace, brother-german of Hugh Wallace of Menfurd. Attested by John Mason, notary.

2. CHALMER.

On the 21st day of September 1576, in presence of the notary and witnesses underwritten, personally compeared a worthy man James Calbrayth, bailie in that part of an honourable man Hugh Montgomerie of Giffen, specially constituted by his precept of seizin contained in charter of alienation made by the said Hugh to a discreet man Andrew Chalmer of Brintscheild, his heirs and assignees, of all and whole an annualrent of ten bolls of oatmeal, to be taken annually between the feasts of Yule and Candlemas, furth of all and whole the four merk lands of Wrichthill of old extent, lying in the parish of Ochiltree, bailiery of Kyle Stewart, and shire of Ayr; the said bailie, having gone to the same lands, there delivered the foresaid charter, with precept of seizin therein inserted, to John Mason, notary public, to be by him read, published, and reduced to the form of a public instrument, which he accordingly did, inserting the tenor of the said precept and charter, which was dated at Irvine 28th August 1576, before Adam Dunlop, servitor of the said Hugh Montgomerie, Gavin Nasmyth, notary public, and Hugh Brown, clerk with him. After the reading of which charter and precept of seizin to the bystanders in the vulgar tongue, the said James Calbrayth, bailie, gave and delivered state, heritable seizin, and actual and real corporal possession of the aforesaid annualrent, by delivery of earth and stone and one penny to the aforesaid Andrew Chalmer, personally present, conform to the terms of the said charter and precept. Done on the ground of the said lands about ten o'clock before noon, the witnesses being David Chalmer, William Makcormel, servitors of James Chalmer of Gaitgirth, and Adam Gib in Dalmore.

3. STEUART.

On the 25th of September 1576, in presence of the notary and witnesses underwritten, an honest woman, Elizabeth Steuart, spouse of David Wallace, son and heir of the deceased Hugh Wallace, burgess of Ayr, personally compeared in judgment before an honourable man Edward Wallace, one of the bailies of the burgh of Ayr, for the time, sitting on a seat for a Tribunal

in a certain burgh court, held on the said day, and lawfully fenced, upon the ground of the tenement and piece of land or croft underwritten, and there, outwith the presence of her said husband, she gave her great and bodily oath that she was in nowise compelled or constrained by her said husband to the resignation following, but that she proceeded of her own free will, and for the utility of herself and her husband; and faithfully promising never to come in the contrary under the pains of perjury and defamation for ever. Which oath having been so given, the said Elizabeth Stewart and David Wallace her spouse, with unanimous consent and assent, surrendered, and by staff and baton from them and their heirs, purely and simply resigned in the hands of the said Edward Wallace, bailie, all and whole the tenement of land fore and back, with yard and pertinents thereof, lying in the burgh of Ayr, in the vennel called the Foul Vennel, between the tenement of the deceased John Lokhert, mason, on the one part, and the said vennel on the other part; also, all and whole that piece or croft of land, lying at the end of the Sandgate of the said burgh, between the lands and barn of Thomas Kennedy of Bargany, and the lands of the deceased Marion Strathill, in favour of Janet Stewart, sister of the said Elizabeth, for new sasine thereof, to be delivered to her and her heirs, and for certain sums of money paid in counted money by Helen Cuninghame, mother of the said Elizabeth and Janet, to the said David Wallace, in name of dowry with the said Elizabeth his spouse: Which resignation having been so made, and by the foresaid bailie duly received, the said Edward Wallace, in virtue of his office, gave and delivered heritable seizin and actual corporal possession of all and whole the aforesaid subjects to the said Janet Stewart, personally present, and to her heirs and assignees whomsoever, by delivery of earth and stone of the ground thereof, as the manner is: To hold according to burghal custom, saving all rights. Done on the ground of the said tenement and piece of land, singly and successively, at nine o'clock before noon, in presence of Adam Stewart, merchant, John Brown, skinner, and John Lokhert, burgess, and one of the serjeants of the said burgh: with attestation of John Mason, notary.

4. STEUART.

On the same date as the preceding, and with similar preliminaries, the said Elizabeth Stewart and David Wallace her spouse, resigned all and whole

those two market booths or shops in the back tenement of Bartholomew Brown, burgess of Ayr, situated in the said burgh, between the tenement of Robert Ranken on the one part, and the tenement of Paul Reid on the other, in the hands of the said Edward Wallace, bailie, in favour of Elizabeth Stewart, younger sister of the said Elizabeth, on account of the sums paid for dowry aforementioned, by the aforesaid Helen Cuninghame their mother; which resignation having been duly made, the said bailie delivered seizin to the said Elizabeth Stewart, younger, in the usual manner. Done on the ground of the said shops, at nine o'clock before noon, before the witnesses named in the preceding instrument.

5. CRAUFURD—LOKHERT.

Notarial Instrument upon the seizin delivered by Edward Wallace, one of the bailies of the burgh of Ayr, by order, as he asserted, of the provost, council and community of the said burgh, to an honest man John Craufurd, burgess of said burgh, and Katherine Lokhert his spouse, both personally present, and to the survivors of them, in conjunct infeftment, and to the heirs lawfully gotten or to be gotten between them, whom failing, to the heirs and assignees of the said John whomsoever, of all and whole two roods of the lands of the Barns, formerly of the Franciscan or Grayfriars of the said burgh, lying on the south side of the said Barns, near the place and tenement of Matthew Campbell of Lowdoun, Knight, between the dyke of the said friars, lying near to the said place of Matthew Campbell on the one part, and the lands or roods of Alexander Power on the other part: To hold of the provost, bailies and community of the said burgh, in feu-ferme and heritage, for the yearly payment of thirteen shillings and fourpence, Scots money, at the terms of Whitsunday and Martinmas, by equal portions, in name of feu-ferme only. Done upon the ground of the said lands at nine o'clock before noon of 28th September 1576, in presence of Laurence Kirkpatrik, John Wilson, merchant, burgesses of said burgh, and Thomas Lokhert, formerly merchant, witnesses.

6. M'CORMELL.

Instrument of Seizin, proceeding upon charter of sale granted by an honourable man David Fullertoun of Corsbe, to William M'Cormell, son of

James M'Cormell in Turnberry, and Margaret Fullertoun his future spouse, and the survivor of them in conjunct fee, and the heirs to be lawfully gotten between them; whom failing, to the heirs and assignees whomsoever, of the said William, of all and whole the thirty-three shilling and four penny lands of Brounley, of old extent, occupied by John Wilsoun and John Thomson, lying in the bailiery of Kyle Stewart and shire of Ayr; which charter, containing precept of seizin, is dated at Corsbe-Fullertoun, the 5th of October 1576, before these witnesses, John Fullertoun, brother-german of said David, John Hunter in Corsbe, and John Masoun, notary; the said John Hunter in Corsbe, as bailie for the said David Fullertoun, delivered seizin in due form to the said William and Margaret, upon the ground of the said lands, at three o'clock afternoon of the 5th day of October 1576, before these witnesses, the aforesaid John Fullertoun, John Thomsoun in Brounley, and John Wilsoun there.

7. NESBIT.

Notarial Instrument narrating that a worthy man, John Nesbit of Grenholme, personally constituted in presence of the notary and witnesses underwritten, confessed that he had actually received from the hands of Murdac Nesbit, son of the deceased George Nesbit in Newmilns, the sum of 300 merks, usual money of Scotland, for the redemption and lawful relaxation of four tenements of the said Murdac, situated in the town of Newmilns, within the barony of Lowdown, bailiery of Cunningham and shire of Ayr, formerly alienated by the said Murdac to the said John, according to the tenor of letters of reversion made thereupon; granting the said tenements to be lawfully redeemed by payment of the aforesaid sum, and the said reversion to be fulfilled in all points: Therefore the said John Nesbit renounced and purely and simply resigned the said tenements, by delivery of staff and baton, in the hands of the said Murdac, as in the hands of his lord superior thereof, *ad perpetuam remanentiam*, whereupon the said Murdac craved instruments: These things were done within the parish church of Galstoun, about four o'clock afternoon of the 2d of November 1576, in presence of these honourable men, Mathew Campbell of Lowdown, Knight, John Lokhert of Bar, Andrew Schaw of Sornbeg, Thomas Stewart of Galstoun, and John Lokhert of Glens: John Masoun being the notary.

8. LOKHERT.

Notarial Instrument on the Renunciation and Resignation by a prudent man, Murdac Nesbit, son of the deceased George Nesbit in Newmilns, of the thirty shillings worth of land of Gallisholmes, of old extent, lying in the bailiery of Kyle Stewart and shire of Ayr, in the hands of an honourable man, John Lokhert of Bar, his lord superior thereof, with all right and title which he had thereto for himself, or might have by the title of the deceased Alexander Nesbit of Bankheid, together with the letters and evidents delivered or granted to him or to the said Alexander thereupon, and renouncing the said lands for ever, in favour of the said John and his heirs. Done within the parish church of Galstoun about four o'clock of the afternoon of the 2d of November 1576, before the witnesses named in the preceding instrument, with the addition of Mr. Peter Prymrois, minister at Machlene.

9. LOKHERT.

Instrument on the Resignation by the said Murdac Nesbit, of the sixteen shilling and eight penny lands of Glenbroune, of old extent, in the barony of Lowdown, bailiery of Cunninghame and shire of Ayr, in the hands of a worthy man, John Lokhert of Glens, and Marion Nesbit his spouse, lord superiors of the same, with all right which the said Murdac had for himself or which he might have in future, by title of the deceased Alexander Nesbit of Bankhead, together with all evidents, charters, and instruments of sasine granted to himself or to the said Alexander thereupon, renouncing the same in favour of the said John and Marion and their heirs, for ever. Done at the same time and place, and before the same witnesses (excepting the said John Lokhert of Glens) as in the preceding instrument.

10. CAMPBELL.

Instrument upon the Resignation by honourable persons, John Lokhert of Glens, and Marion Nesbit his spouse, of their own free will and unanimous consent and assent, of the five pounds worth of the lands of Darvell of old extent, lying in the barony of Lowdown, bailiery of Cuninghame and shire of Ayr: Also of an annualrent of twenty merks furth of the said lands, in the hands of an honourable man, Mathew Campbell of Lowdown, Knight, their lord superior of the same, with all

right which they had or in any way might have to the said lands and annualrent by themselves, or by the title of the deceased Alexander Nesbit of Bankhead; together with all and sundry letters and evidents, namely, charters and instruments of sasine made to them or to the said Alexander thereupon: Renouncing the said lands and annualrent, and their right and title thereof, in favour of the said Mathew and his heirs for ever. Done at the same time and place, and before the same witnesses as in the preceding instrument.

11. CAMPBELL.

Notarial Instrument of Sasine proceeding on Precept by James, King of Scots, directed to the sheriff of Ayr and his bailies, and to his majesty's bailie of Cuninghame and his deputes; also to Thomas Brown in Newmilns, Robert Campbell in Overtoun, Adam Mathie in Terrinzeane, and each of them, conjunctly and severally, his majesty's sheriffs in that part, for infefting William Campbell, tutor of Sesnok, his heirs and assignees, in all and whole the Mains of Mertuame, containing two mercates of the lands of Barmuk, two mercates of the lands of Milntoun, twenty shillings of the lands of Hucheonstoun, half a mercate of the lands of Cragistoun, extending in whole to six mercates of land of old extent, together with the mill thereof called the Milntoun Mill, lying in King's Kile and shire of Ayr, holding of the king by the service of ward and relief; forty shillings of the Mains of Tarrinzeane, lying as above, holding of the king in feu-ferme; fifty shillings of the land of Glaister, four mercates of the lands of Nether Lowdown, with the mill called Broume Mill, lying in the barony of Lowdown, bailiery of Cuninghame and shire of Ayr, holding of the king by the service of ward and relief; ten pounds of the Mains of Over Lowdown, lying within the said bailiery, holding in the same manner: Which lands, with the mills and pertinents of the same, belonged before to Mathew Campbell of Lowdown, Knight, in liferent, and to Hugh Campbell his son heritably, and were duly appraised for the sums undernoted in part payment of a greater sum recovered upon them by the said William, to wit, the said Mains of Mertuame, containing as above, with the mill called Milntoun Mill, for the sum of 3000 merks; the said Mains of Terrinzean for the sum of 1200 merks; the said fifty shilling lands of Glaister, and four merks of the lands of Nether Lowdown with the Broume mill, for the sum of 6000 merks: and the aforesaid ten pound lands of Over Lowdown, for the sum of 5000 merks:

Reserving to the king's cousin Lady Agnes Drummond, Countess of Eglington, her frank tenement or liferent of the said lands of Over Lowdown: According to the tenor of the said precept, given under the testimonial of the Great Seal, at Edinburgh, on the 4th day of July 1576, the said Robert Campbell, bailie of Cuninghame in that part, gave state, heritable sasine, real, actual, and corporal possession, by delivery of earth and stone of the ground of the said lands to a worthy man Archibald Thomson, attorney, in name of the said William Campbell, with reservation as above. Done upon the grounds of the said lands and mills, singly and successively, between the hours of eight and nine before noon of the 6th day of November 1576, in presence of these witnesses, Charles Smyrle in Mertuame, John Smyrle, son of Gilbert Smyrle there, John Makelatche in M'Callanstoun there, and David Campbell, son of the said Robert Campbell.

12. CAMPBELL.

Instrument of Sasine proceeding upon Precept under the testimonial of the Great Seal, of date the 4th day of July 1576, directed to Thomas Broun in Newmilns, Robert Campbell in Ovirtoun, and Adam Mathie in Terrinzeane, and either of them, conjunctly and severally, his majesty's sheriffs in that part, for infesting William Campbell, tutor of Sesnok, and his heirs and assignees, in all and whole the Mains of Mertuame, containing the two merk lands of Barmuk, two merk lands of Milntoun, twenty shilling lands of Hucheonstoun, and half merk land of Craigstoun, extending in whole to six mercates of land of old extent, together with the mill thereof called Milntoun Mill, lying in Kyle regis, and holding of the king by the service of ward and relief, of the forty shilling lands of the Mains of Terrinzeane, lying as above, holding of the king in feu-ferme; the fifty shilling lands of Glaister, the four merk lands of Nether Lowdown, with the Broume mill, lying in the barony of Lowdown, bailiery of Cuninghame and shire of Ayr, holding of the king by the service of ward and relief; and ten pound lands of the Mains of Over Lowdown, lying in the said bailiery, and holding of the king in like manner; which lands and mills belonged to Mathew Campbell of Lowdown, Knight, in liferent, and to Hugh Campbell his son, heritably, and were duly apprised from them by the said William for the following sums, in part payment of a greater amount, that is to say, the Mains of Mertuame with the mill of Milntoun for 3000 merks; the Mains of Terrinzeane for 1200 merks; the lands of Glaister and Nether Lowdown, with the Brume mill for

6000 merks; and the Mains of Over Lowdown for 5000 merks; reserving to Lady Agnes Drummond, Countess of Eglintoun, her frank tenement or life-rent of the said lands of Over Lowdown: Sasine was accordingly given by the said Adam Mathie on the ground of the Mains of Terrinzeane at ten o'clock before noon, on the 8th day of November 1576, before these witnesses, William Stillie in Terrinzeane, James and Adam Broun, sons of Adam Broun there.

13. STEUART.

Instrument of Sasine following upon Precept given under the testimonial of the Great Seal of date the 22nd day of April 1576, directed to the bailie of Carrick and his deputes, and to William Fergusson in Auchinsoull, George M'Ilmorrow in Kerris, and each of them, conjunctly and severally, bailies of Carrick in that part, in favour of Mr. Archibald Steuart, brother and procurator of James Steuart of Argowane, cessioner and assignee, lawfully constituted in and to the action of nonentry of the five merk lands of old extent of Gas, lying in the bailiery of Carrick and shire of Ayr, which formerly pertained to Robert Stewart, the said Mr. Archibald Steuart his father, administrator and tutor, for his interest, Janet Cathcart, and Hugh Wallace of Manfurde her husband, for his interest, and at the instance of the said James as cessioner and assignee aforesaid, were duly apprised for the sum of £1220 Scots, for the fermes and duties of the said lands, for the space of sixty-one years or thereby, immediately preceding the 12th day of February 1567, in nonentry, and reserving the sum of £61 for the service of the sheriff in execution of his office in the premises; and in default of moveable goods upon the said lands, distrainable for the said sum, were sold and assigned to the said Mr. Archibald Steuart, as in the crown charter of apprising thereupon is more fully contained. Sasine was accordingly given by delivery of earth and stone in the hands of a prudent man Alan M'Cormell, attorney, and in name of the said Mr. Archibald Steuart, on the ground of the said lands, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon of the 9th day of November 1576; the witnesses being, David Schaw, son of John Schaw of Haly, Finlay Stevestoun in Kerris, and James Gibsoun, servant of the said John Schaw of Haly.

14. FEYANE—DAVIDSON.

Instrument of Seizin, proceeding on resignation by a worthy man, John Cochran, burgess of Ayr, in the hands of an honourable man, Robert

Chalmer one of the bailies of the said burgh, in favour of George Feyane, burgess thereof, and Beatrice Davidson his wife, in conjunct fee, and to the heirs gotten or to be gotten lawfully between them, whom failing, to the heirs whomsoever of the said George, of all and whole a back tenement, with garden and pertinents, situated in the said burgh, between the tenement of Alan Feyane on the one part, and that of John Mure in Lymstoun on the other; which tenement belonged before to the said George, and having been wadset to the said John Cochran, was now redeemed by payment to the latter of the sum of 100 merks Scots. Done upon the ground of the said back tenement, about three o'clock afternoon of the 9th day of November 1576, in presence of George Angus, John Makgrane, John Gelly, and John Lokhart, burgesses of Ayr, witnesses.

15. FEYANE—DAVIDSON.

Instrument of Seizin, proceeding on resignation by George Feyane, burgess of Ayr, in favour of himself and Beatrix Davidson his wife in conjunct fee, and their heirs, whom failing, to the heirs whomsoever of the said George, of all and whole that half tenement of Archibald Fergushill, lying next to the tenement of the late William Legat, under and above, with the pertinents, situated in the said burgh, in the market called the Meal Mercat thereof, between the said tenement of William Legat on the one part, and the other half of the tenement of the said Archibald, on the other part; to be held in burgal manner. Done upon the ground of the said tenement about three o'clock afternoon of the 9th day of November 1576, before the same witnesses as in the preceding instrument.

16. BANNATYNE.

Instrument narrating that a worthy man, Thomas Wod, son of Alexander Wod of Garrehorne, went to the twenty shilling lands of Garrehorne, of old extent, lying in the lordship of Monkland, earldom of Carrick, and within the shire of Ayr; and there the said Thomas, with consent of his said father, gave and delivered state, seizin, and actual and real corporal possession, of all and whole five pounds of usual money of the kingdom of Scotland, to be uplifted and taken annually, at the two usual terms of the year Whitsunday and Martinmas, by equal portions, furth of the said lands of Garrehorne, or any part of the same, to a prudent virgin, Elizabeth

Bannatyne, daughter of John Bannatyne in Knokrawert, personally present, in liferent, by delivery to her of one penny, as the custom is: To be held of the said Thomas and his heirs in free blench-ferme, according to the form and tenor of the charter to be made thereupon, which should contain clauses of warrandice in strictest form, for the payment of one penny at Whitsunday upon the ground of the said lands; upon which the said Elizabeth craved instruments from the notary public. Done upon the ground of the said lands, about eight o'clock before noon of the 13th day of November 1576, in presence of these witnesses, John Kennedy, servant of Thomas Kennedy of Barba; Mathew M'Ilnton, servant of a noble lord, Gilbert, Earl of Cassillis, and John Bannatyne, son of the late James Bannatyne in Knokrawert.

17. MAKNEDAR.

Instrument of Seizin, proceeding on precept contained in charter of sale granted by an honourable man, George Kennedy of Dunene, in favour of a worthy man, Oswald M'Knedar in Dunure, his heirs and assignees, of all and whole the forty shilling lands of Dunene, of old extent, occupied by Mathew M'Kneis, lying in the earldom of Carrick and shire of Ayr: The charter is dated at Dunene on the 3d of November, and the seizin given by the hands of William Ramsay in Dunene, bailie in that part, of the said George Kennedy, on the ground of the said lands, about eleven o'clock before noon on the 13th of the same month, 1576, the witnesses to both charter and seizin being the said Mathew M'Kneis in Dunene and David M'Murrie there.

18. KENNEDY OF BARQUHONNY.

Instrument of Seizin proceeding upon precept in charter of sale granted by a noble and potent Lord Gilbert, Earl of Cassillis, Lord Kennedy, etc., in favour of Hugh Kennedy of Barquhonny, and the heirs-male of his body lawfully gotten or to be gotten; whom failing, to the lawful and nearest heirs and assignees whomsoever of the said Hugh, of all and whole the four merk lands of Mochrumhill, with the teinds of the same included, because they never paid teinds; all and whole the lands of Maltmanstoun, and Mill of Drumgeirloch, with the mill lands, multure, and sucken thereof, used and wont; also all and whole the forty shilling lands of Makgowinstoun and Drumgerloch, now occupied by Mathew Ramsay, with all their parts, pendicles, and pertinents, lying in the regality of Crostraguell, earldom of

Carrick and shire of Ayr : The charter is dated at Edinburgh 4th December, and seizin is given by David M'Murrie in Dunene, as bailie in that part, on behalf of the said Earl, to Thomas Kennedy in Dunene, as attorney for the said Hugh, at the manor of Mochrumhill, as the place assigned in the charter, on the 13th of the same month, 1576 ; the witnesses to the charter being James, archbishop of Glasgow, Thomas Kennedy of Bargany, John Kennedy of Blairquhan, Thomas Kennedy, brother of the Earl, David Kennedy of Knokdaw, John Kennedy of Penneyglen, John Chalmer of Troquhane, and Patrick Mure of Cloncard ; and to the seizin John Carns in Mochrumhill, John Arthur in Baltersane, and John Kennedy, son and heir-apparent of the said Hugh.

19. DOUGLAS.

Instrument of Seizin given by the hands of a worthy man, John Wallace of Auchinweitt, with consent and assent of Annabella Reid his spouse, to a prudent woman Margaret Douglas, relict of Paul Reid, burgess of Ayr, of all and whole the thirty-two shilling lands of Auchinweitt, of old extent, with the manor, gardens, houses, and orchards thereof, lying in the lordship of Kylesmure and shire of Ayr, (with the usual ceremonies). Done on the ground and within the mansion or manor of Auchinweitt, at ten o'clock before noon of the 8th day of January 1576-77, before these witnesses, William Reid and Andrew Crawford, burgesses of Ayr.

20. BLAIR.

Instrument of Seizin proceeding on charter of sale granted by an honourable man, David Blair of Adamtoun, to James Blair, his son, and to his heirs and assignees whomsoever, of all and whole the forty shilling land of Pynmoir, of old extent, lying in the barony of Carleton, earldom of Carrick and shire of Ayr, reserving to the said David Blair his liferent of the said lands : The charter is dated at Adamtoun, 6th March 1574-75, before these witnesses, David Dunbar of Daldork, James Blair of Hillhouse ; the sasine is given by a worthy man, Andrew Bannatyne, in Ballochoull, bailie in that part, of the said David Blair, at three o'clock after noon of the 15th of February 1576-77, before these witnesses, David Grahame of Craig, James Mure, son of James Mure of Whyteleis, and Alexander Miller, tailor in Adamtoun.

21. RICHERT—STEUART.

Instrument of Seizin in favour of a prudent man, Humphrey Richert of Clonnay and Elizabeth Steuart his spouse, of a tenement fore and back, with garden and pertinents, lying in the burgh of Ayr, between the tenement now belonging to John Kennedy on the one part, and the tenement of the late Adam Mason on the other part; following on resignation thereof by John Bannatyne, son and heir of the deceased James Bannatyne in Knokrawert, with consent and assent of John M'Knedar, burgess of Ayr, his curator, and of John Bannatyne in Knokrawert his paternal uncle. Done on the ground of the said tenement at four o'clock afternoon of the 8th day of March 1576-77; the witnesses being Archibald Fergushill, burgess of Ayr, John Ranken, son of Robert Ranken, burgess of the same, James Hunter in Fischartoun, Mathew Mortoun, James Wilson, and John Makgrane, serjeants of the said burgh.

22. SCHAW.

[Fragment of Instrument dated 11th of April 1577, referring to an honourable man, John Schaw of Haly.]

(Here occurs a hiatus in the original, four leaves being lost.)

23. [KENNEDY.]

Instrument of Seizin in favour of Thomas Kennedy of Ardmillan, as lawful and nearest heir of the deceased John Kennedy his father, of certain tenements fore and back, with gardens, etc., described as lying between the tenements of John Fallusdail and Robert Dalrymple, the hills of the said burgh, and the vennell, on the one and other parts; with a piece of land lying in the middle portion of the sandy lands of the said burgh, near the barn now belonging to John Jamesoun, extending to two roods or thereby, between the lands of the said John Jamesoun on the one side, and the lands of the late Robert Mirrie on the other; to be held burgage. Done upon the ground of the said tenements and roods, singly and severally, between the hours of nine and ten before noon of [1578], before these witnesses, Gilbert Kennedy of Bog, John Kennedy of Bogend, Alan Richert in Glaik, David Couthert, Gilbert Couthert, and Mathew Mortoun, burgesses of Ayr.

24. WALLACE.

Instrument of Seizin proceeding on Precept by an honourable man, John Hamilton of Barnweill, directed to a discreet man Robert Wallace in Symontoun, bailie in that part, for infesting a prudent young man, William Wallace, son and heir-apparent of William Wallace in Galrigs, and his heirs, in all and whole the twenty shilling lands of old extent in Tounhead of Barnweill, occupied by his said father, and by Quintin Colville and Hugh Nichol, with the pertinents, lying in the bailiery of Kyle Stewart, and shire of Ayr: Also in all and whole the four pound lands of Barnweill Hereis of old extent, now occupied by John Wallace, Richard Andrew, William Cargill, and John Lawmont, lying as above, in special warrandice and security of the aforesaid lands of Tounhead of Barnweill: Holding of the granter, his heirs and assignees, as in his charter thereupon is more fully contained: The precept is dated at the burgh of Ayr 13th October 1578, before these witnesses, Robert Mure, of Knokmerleoch, John Wallace, son of Alexander Wallace, burgess of Ayr, John Mason, notary, William Wallace, younger, of Barnweill, James Wallace, merchant in Ayr; and the sasine is given on the ground of the said lands respectively, between the hours of nine and ten before noon of the 16th of October 1578; the witnesses being William Wallace, younger, of Barnweill, John Gluver in Barnweill, David Duncan in Brokethill, Hugh Nichol in Barnweill, Quintin Colvill there, and John Wallace, natural son of William Wallace in Galrigs.

25. CUNINGHAME.

Instrument of Seizin given by the hands of William Cuningham, younger, of Polquharne, as lord fear and heritor, and James Cuningham of Polquharne, his father, as lord frank-tenementar, of the six shilling and eight penny lands of old extent of Burntoun, occupied by William Bell, lying within their lands of Easter Polquharne, King's Kyle and shire of Ayr, in favour of a prudent man, John Cuningham, sailor, lawful son of the said James, and brother-german of the said William, according to the tenor of the charter of blench-ferme made to him thereupon. Done on the ground of the said lands at eleven o'clock before noon of the 28th day of October 1578, before these witnesses, John Cuningham in Weleis, Gabriel Cuningham his son, and the said William Bell.

26. JAMESOUN.

Instrument of Seizin proceeding on charter of sale, containing precept, granted by an honourable man, Robert Schaw of Goldring, with express consent of Andrew Schaw of Sornbeg, and John Schaw his son and apparent heir, as superior, in favour of an also honourable man, George Jamesoun, burgess of Ayr, his heirs and assignees heritably, of all and whole the fifty shilling lands of Goldring of old extent, and a piece of the lands of Kemmoklands, called the nine acres, lying in the bailiery of Kyle Stewart and shire of Ayr: The charter is dated at Ayr and Sornbeg the 8th of November 1578, before these witnesses, George Angus, John Mason, notaries, Mathew Mortoun, burgess of Ayr, George and Robert Schaw, sons of the said Andrew Schaw of Sornbeg: Seizin is given by John Mortoun, bailie in that part, on the ground of the said lands, at three o'clock afternoon of the 9th November 1578, before these witnesses, John Getty in Goldring, Robert Mekill there, and John Boyd, son of Robert Boyd in Langlands.

27. ROB.

Instrument on the Renunciation by Archibald Fergushill, burgess of Ayr, to John Rob in Bankhead, of the forty penny land of Riddinreid, of old extent, lying in the Burrowfield of Ayr, which had been sold by him to the said Archibald, under reversion for the sum of 100 merks, and are now redeemed by payment of the said sum. Done within the burgh of Ayr, in the dwelling-house of James Lokhert, at three o'clock afternoon of the 10th of November 1578, the witnesses being the said James Lokhert, John Hunter in Barngour, and David Fergushill, son of the said Archibald.

28. ROB.

Instrument narrating that a prudent man, John Rob in Bankhead in Sundrum, for the love and favour which he had towards William Rob his son, and for certain sums of money instantly paid to him by the said William, resigned all and whole his forty penny lands of old extent of Riddinreid, with the pertinents, lying in the territory called the Burrowfield of the burgh of Ayr, in the hands of an honourable man, George Jameson, one of the bailies of the said burgh for the time, for new heritable seizin thereof to be given to the said William Rob; reserving, however, to

the said John his liferent of the said lands: Which resignation so made and duly received the said bailie gave state, seizin, corporal and real possession, of the said lands to the said William, by delivery to him of earth and stone of the ground thereof, according to custom. Done upon the ground of the said lands at nine o'clock before noon of the 11th day of November 1578, before these witnesses, John Hunter in Barnsour, Mathew Mortoun, James Wilson burgesses and serjeants of the said burgh of Ayr, and John Mortoun son of said Mathew.

29. HUNTER.

Seizin given by prudent persons, namely, William Rob, son of John Rob in Bankheid in Sundrum, proprietor and fear of the forty penny lands of Riddinhead, in the territory of the Burrowfield of the burgh of Ayr, and the said John Rob, frank-tenementar thereof, to a prudent man, John Hunter in Barnsour, personally present, of the said lands; to be held of the said William and John Rob in free blench-ferme, according to the tenor of the charter thereof made by them to the said John Hunter, for one penny yearly, to be paid at Whitsunday. Done at the same hour and date as the preceding instrument, before these witnesses, George Jameson, bailie of Ayr, Mathew Mortoun, James Wilson, co-burgesses thereof, and John Mortoun son of said Mathew.

30. ROB.

Instrument narrating that the said John Hunter in Barnsour compeared personally in presence of the notary and witnesses, and notwithstanding that William and John Rob had then given him seisin of their forty penny lands of Riddinheid, he granted to them two letters of reversion for the redemption of the said lands, each reversion containing the sum of twenty merks, to be paid to the said John Hunter within the parish kirk of Ayr, on forty days' warning; with the provision that at the payment of the twenty merks specified in the first of the said reversions, the said John Hunter should discharge the said William and John Rob of an equal half of the yearly victual specified in the tack after mentioned: and on payment of the second sum of twenty merks, contained in the second reversion, he should renounce the said lands simpliciter, with a letter of tack to be contained in the said reversions of the said lands, during the non-redemption

thereof, for payment yearly by the said William Rob and the said John his father, to the said John Hunter, of six firlots of good and sufficient oatmeal, between the feasts of Yule and Candlemas; providing also that the said lands should not be redeemed until all byrun fermes should be fully paid. Done upon the said lands, at the same hour of the day and year mentioned in the two preceding instruments, and before the witnesses named in the instrument immediately preceding.

31. ROB.

On the same day and before the same witnesses, the said William Rob discharged John Rob his father of all heirship goods and portion-natural which might in anywise fall and belong to him by his said father's decease when it should happen; also discharging him of all other debts before the present date, except the sum of ten merks.

32. LOKHART.

Renunciation by Archibald Fergushill, burgess of Ayr, in favour of John Lokhart of Bar, of the forty shilling lands of Gallisholmes of old extent, occupied by Stephen Patrick and Adam Broun, in the bailiery of Kyle Stewart and shire of Ayr, which lands were formerly sold by the said John Lokhart to John Wallace of Cragy, under reversion for 300 merks, to which the said Archibald now had right by infeftment from the said John Wallace, and having received from the hands of the said John Lokhart the said sum of 300 merks in numbered money, he granted the said lands to be lawfully redeemed. Done within the burgh of Ayr, at two o'clock afternoon of the 11th of November 1578, these witnesses being present, Adam Johnstoun, William Roger, William Hunter, burgesses of Ayr, and James Lokhart in Cuningpark.

33. CAMPBELL.

Instrument narrating that a prudent woman, Marion M'Millen, spouse of James Crawford, burgess of Ayr, compeared with her said husband, and by unanimous consent acknowledged they had received from the hands of Donald Campbell, burgess of the said burgh, the sum of 100 merks, in counted money, for the redemption and lawful relaxation of an annualrent of ten merks, taken yearly from the back tenement of the said Donald, lying in the said burgh, between the tenement of the deceased John Wilson on

the one side, and another tenement of the said Donald on the other side, formerly sold by the said Donald to the late Robert M'Millen, grandfather of the said Marion, under reversion of the said amount, and now redeemed by payment thereof: Therefore the said Marion and her husband by unanimous consent, purely and simply resigned and surrendered all and whole the aforesaid annualrent of ten merks in the hands of an honourable man, George Jameson, one of the bailies of Ayr, in favour of the said Donald, for new seisin to be given to him thereupon: which resignation having been so made and duly received by the said bailie, he then gave state, heritable seisin, corporal and actual possession, of the said annualrent, by delivery of one penny to the said Donald Campbell, personally present; upon which the said Donald craved an instrument. Done upon the ground of the said back tenement at two o'clock afternoon of the 14th day of November 1578, before these witnesses, David Craufurd, Adam Johnstoun, William Hunter, elder, burgesses of Ayr.

34. HUNTER.

Instrument narrating that a prudent woman, Janet Kennedy, spouse of David Fergushill, son and heir-apparent of Archibald Fergushill, burgess of Ayr, compeared in judgement before an honourable man, George Jameson, one of the bailies of the burgh of Ayr, sitting on a seat for a Tribunal in a certain burgh court held on that day, and lawfully fenced, upon the ground of the tenement underwritten; and there outwith the presence of her husband, gave her great and bodily oath that she was in no wise compelled or forced by her husband to the resignation following, but that it proceeded of her free will for the utility of herself and her said husband: Therefore the said David and Janet, spouses, of unanimous consent purely and simply surrendered and for ever resigned from them and their heirs, by delivery of one penny in the hands of the said George Jameson, bailie, all and whole an annualrent of 20 merks, to be taken yearly at the two usual terms of Whitsunday and Martinmas by equal portions, from all and whole the south half of their tenement under and above, or from any part of the same, occupied by Robert Miller, William Dobbe, and Robert Paterson, lying in the burgh of Ayr, in the meal market thereof, between the tenement of John Boyd on the south, and the common royal ways of the said burgh on the west, north, and east parts: In favour of and for new seisin to be given

to Alexander Hunter, son of Patrick Hunter in Monkton, and Janet Osburne his spouse, by way of pure sale, for counted money: Which resignation so made, and by the aforesaid bailie duly received, the said George Jameson, by virtue of his office, gave state, heritable seizin, corporal, actual, and real possession of the said annualrent of 20 merks, furth of the said south half of the tenement aforesaid, to the said Alexander Hunter and Janet Osburne his spouse, personally present, and to the survivor of them in conjunct fee, and the heirs lawfully gotten or to be gotten between them, by the delivery to them of earth and one penny, as the custom is, to be held burgage, saving every one's right. Done upon the ground of the said tenement at ten o'clock before noon of the 15th day of November 1578, before these witnesses, Adam Johnston, William Hunter, younger, Mathew Mortoun, and James Wilson, burgesses of Ayr.

35. DOUGLAS.

Instrument upon the seizin given by a prudent man, William Wallace in Auchindonane, brother-german of John Wallace of Auchinweitt, by his own hands, to discreet persons, namely George Douglas, son and apparent heir of Adam Douglas of Pennyland, and Margaret Douglas his spouse, of all and whole his twenty shilling lands of Over Barnweill Hereis, of old extent, occupied by John Gluver and John Kirkland, lying in the bailiery of Kyle Stewart and shire of Ayr, by delivery to the said George and Margaret of earth and stone of the said lands, according to the tenor of a charter of feuferme which they had thereof. Done on the ground of the said lands about three o'clock afternoon of the 17th day of November 1578, the witnesses being the said John Wallace of Auchinweitt, and Andrew Crawford, burges of Ayr.

36. JAMESON.

Instrument narrating that an honourable man, George Jameson, one of the bailies of the burgh of Ayr, personally compeared in presence of the notary and witnesses; and because it clearly and evidently appeared to him that the deceased Martin Wod, burges of Ayr, father of George Wod the bearer, died last vest and seised as of fee at the faith and peace of our sovereign lord the king, in all and whole one half acre of land, extending to two roods, lying above the sandy lands of the said burgh, between the lands sometime belonging to William Fogo and John Bell, now to John

Jameson and Nicolas Mirrie, on the south, an acre of land, sometime of Alexander Broun, now of John Dalrimpill, on the west, the common of the said burgh on the north, and the common way on the east; and that the said George is lawful and nearest heir of the said Martin his father, of the said half acre; and that the said George is of lawful age; therefore he passed and gave heritable seisin of the said half acre by delivery to the said George Wod of earth and stone thereof; which things having been so transacted, the said George Wod purely and simply resigned, by staff and baton, in the hands of the said George Jameson, bailie, the aforesaid half acre, in favour of a prudent man, John Jameson, burgess of Ayr, for new sasine to be given to him thereof, by way of pure sale for counted money, without reversion: Whereupon the said bailie gave state and seisin of the said half acre to the said John Jameson, in the usual manner. Done upon the ground of the said lands about ten o'clock before noon of the 18th day of November 1578, before these witnesses, Mathew Mortoun, Colin Bard, and James Wilson, burgesses of Ayr.

37. JAMESON.

Instrument narrating that a prudent woman, Margaret Boyd, relict of Martin Wod, burgess of Ayr, compeared personally in presence of the notary and witnesses, and resigned purely and simply by staff and baton, in the hands of an honourable man, George Jameson, one of the bailies of Ayr, all and whole her conjunct fee or liferent of one half acre of land lying above the sandy lands of the burgh of Ayr, between the lands formerly of William Fogo and John Bell, now of John Jameson and Nicolas Mirrie on the south, an acre of land formerly of Alexander Broun, now of John Dalrymple on the west, the common of the said burgh on the north, and the common way on the east, in favour of John Jameson, burgess of Ayr, for new sasine thereof to be delivered to him, by way of alienation for counted money: Which resignation so made, and by the aforesaid bailie duly received, he gave state, seisin, actual and corporal possession of the said half acre to the said John Jameson, personally present, by delivery to him of earth and stone of the ground thereof. Done upon the said ground about the tenth hour before noon of the 18th day of November 1578, in presence of these witnesses, Mathew Mortoun, Colin Bard, and James Wilson, serjeants of the said burgh.

38. RICHERT.

Instrument on the seizin given by the hands of a prudent man, Donald Cuninghame of Knokinschert, to Gilbert Richert, son of Umphry Richert of Clonnay, of all and whole the eight shilling and four penny lands of Knokinschert, occupied by John Cuninghame, the granter's father, lying in the earldom of Carrik and sheriffdom of Ayr. Done upon the ground of the said lands about the tenth hour before noon of the 29th day of November 1578, these witnesses being present, John Craufurd in Largs, and John Wilson in Knokinschert.

39. SCHAW OF MAYNHOLME.

Instrument on the seizin proceeding upon precept contained in a charter of feu-ferme granted by a venerable man, Claud, commendator of Paisley, and the convent of that place, of the Cluniac order, of the diocese of Glasgow, directed to a prudent man, Adam Johnstoun, burgess of Ayr, as bailie in that part, for infetting an honourable man, Robert Schaw of Goldring, and his heirs heritably, in all and whole the seven merk lands of Maynholme, and twenty shilling lands of Dalmelling, of old extent, lying in the regality of Monkton, bailiery of Kyle Stewart and sheriffdom of Ayr; which charter is dated at Hamilton on the 11th day of December 1578, and subscribed by the said Claud, commendator, Alexander Tayt, prior of Paisley, John Alexander, Archibald Hamilton and Thomas Lochhead, before these witnesses, David Hamilton of Monkton Mains, Arthur Hamilton, and Robert Rae, notary: and seizin is given accordingly by the said Adam Johnston, by delivery of earth and stone of the lands to the said Robert Schaw, personally present, upon the ground of the said lands, singly and severally, between the hours of nine and ten before noon, of the 16th day of December 1578, before these witnesses, Alexander Gardner in Dalmelling, John Blair in Barnbog, and Hugh Ramsay in Maynholme.

40. HAMILTON.

Instrument on the seizin proceeding on charter granted by an honourable man, William Hamilton of Sanchar, containing precept directed to a worthy man Adam Johnston, burgess of Ayr, as his bailie in that part, for infetting a prudent man, George Hamilton, burgess of the said burgh, his

heirs and assignees heritably, in all and whole the forty shilling lands of the House of Mure; also the eight roods of peatland in the great peatland of the burgh of Prestwick, lying between the peatland now of Henry Osburne, burgess of Ayr, on the one side, and the peatland of Alexander Kennedy, burgess there, on the other; also six roods of peatland lying between the peatland formerly of William Nichol, burgess of Ayr, now of William Hunter, burgess of the same, on the one part, and the common peat ground of the said burgh of Prestwick on the other; also those two middle places of the two Saltpans, to be constructed, within the territory and freedom of the said burgh of Prestwick, in the bailiery of Kyle Stewart and sheriffdom of Ayr; and an annualrent of twelve shillings Scots money, to be uplifted and taken yearly, at Whitsunday and Martinmas by equal portions, furth of all and whole the great tenement of the late George Simpson, with garden and pertinents, lying in the said burgh of Prestwick, between the lands of John Stewart in Fowtoun on the one part, and the lands of John Brown on the other: Which charter is dated at Ayr the 12th day of December 1578, before these witnesses, William Dunbar in Cloustang, William Craufurd, brother-german of David Craufurd of Kers, Peter Hamilton and John Campbell, servitors to the granter; and seizin was given in terms thereof by the said bailie to the said George Hamilton, by delivery to him of earth and stone and one penny, on the grounds of the said lands, singly and severally, between the hours of two and four in the afternoon of the 23d day of December 1578, before these witnesses, William Campbell, burgess of Ayr, Hugh Campbell his son, and John Wilson in House of Mure.

41. DALRYMPLE—BROUN.

Instrument narrating that a worthy man, Robert Dalrymple, burgess of Ayr, personally resigned in the hands of an honourable man, George Jameson, one of the bailies of the said burgh, an annualrent of ten pounds, furth of all and whole his tenement, fore and back, with garden and pertinents, lying in the burgh of Ayr, between the tenement of Henry Prestoun on the south, and the tenement of John Fallusdaill and Adam Wallace on the north, for new heritable seizin thereof to be given to the resigner himself, and to Agnes Broun, daughter of John Broun in Alloway, his future spouse, and the heirs lawfully to be gotten between them, whom failing, to the heirs whatsoever of the said Robert, according to the tenor of the contract of

marriage made between them : Providing, however, that whenever the heirs of the said Robert, begotten between him and the late Elizabeth Fallusdaill, sometime his spouse, shall, after the said Robert's decease, pay to the aforesaid Agnes Broun or the heirs to be procreated between her and the said Robert, really and with effect, on one day between the rising and setting of the sun, within the parish church of Ayr, upon premonition of forty days, the sum of one hundred pounds Scots money, in one whole sum, then the said Agnes and her aforesaid heirs shall resign and wholly overgive the said annualrent, and all right and claim thereto, in the hands of one of the bailies of the said burgh, for heritable seizin to be given thereof to the said heirs of the said Robert by his former spouse Elizabeth : Seizin was given in terms of the resignation, on 26th February 1578, before Gilbert Brown, Mathew Mortoun, John Makgrane, burgesses of Ayr, as witnesses.

42. MAKNEDAR.

Instrument of Seizin following on charter of sale granted by an honourable man, George Kennedy of Dunene, in favour of Oswald Maknedar in Dunure, his heirs and assignees, of that equal half of the eastern part of all and whole the forty shilling lands of Dunene, which David M'Murrie now occupies, extending to twenty shillings worth of land of old extent, lying in the earldom of Carrick and within the shire of Ayr : The charter is dated at Dunene on 6th August 1577, before these witnesses, Mathew M'Kneis in Dunene, and David M'Murrie : Seizin is given by the hand of Thomas Mason, tailor in Ayr, as bailie in that part on behalf of the said George Kennedy, on 7th March 1578, before these witnesses, William Kessane, burgess of Ayr, and Robert Maxwell, merchant in Maybole.

43. BANNATYNE OF CAMES.

Instrument of Seizin following on charter of gift and grant by an honourable man, David Fullertoun of Corsbe, as lord superior, in favour of an honourable man, Ninian Bannatyne of Cames in liferent, and of Hector Bannatyne his son and apparent heir in fee heritably, of all and whole the ten pound lands of Corsbe, called Corsbe Bannatyne, lying in the bailiery of Kyle Stewart, within the shire of Ayr ; the charter is dated at Edinburgh 25th February 1578, before these witnesses, Alexander Young, servitor of the king, James Spens, burgess of Rothesay, Robert Hay, James Bannatyne,

junior, Alexander Leask, his servitor, and James Tarbert, notary public : Seizin is given on the ground of the said lands by the said James Spens, burgess of Rothesay, as bailie on behalf of the granter, by delivery of earth and stone to Hector Boyd, attorney of the said Hector Bannatyne, on 21st March 1578, before these witnesses, John Wallace in Monktonhill, Adam Wallace in Corsbe, and John Boyd, burgess of Ayr.

44. CUNNINGHAME—WYSE.

Instrument of Seizin following on the resignation made by a worthy man, Alexander Cuningham, son of the late John Cuningham, burgess of Ayr, of all and whole his tenement, fore and back, with garden, and pertinents thereof, lying in the burgh of Ayr, between the tenement of John M'Knedar on the one part, and that of John Wylie on the other, in the hands of an honourable man, George Jameson, one of the bailies of Ayr, for new heritable seizin thereof, in favour of the resigner, and Janet Wyse his future spouse, in conjunct fee, and the heirs to be lawfully procreated between them, whom failing, to the heirs whatsoever of the said Alexander, according to the tenor of the contract of marriage entered into between them : reserving the frank tenement thereof, to Janet Mowat, mother of the said Alexander (except of the back ground thereof). Done upon the ground of the said tenement, about ten o'clock before noon, on 25th May 1579, before these witnesses, David Crawford, Adam Johnstoun, burgesses of Ayr, and George Angus, notary.

45. CHALMER.

Seizin given by the hands of an honourable man, James Chalmer of Gaitgirth, to Annabel Chalmer, widow of John Kennedy, of an annualrent of twenty pounds usual money of the kingdom of Scotland, to be uplifted yearly, at the terms of Whitsunday and Martinmas, by equal portions, furth of the thirty shilling lands of old extent of Dalmoir, occupied by the granter, and Adam Gib, lying in King's Kyle : To be held of the said James and his heirs in free blench-ferme, according to the tenor of the charter to be made thereof to the said Annabel and her heirs, for one penny, to be paid yearly at Whitsunday in name of blench-ferme. Done upon the ground of the said lands, at ten o'clock before noon, on 29th May 1579, before these witnesses, John Chalmer in Troquhane, John Hunter his servant, and David Chalmer, servant of the said James.

46. CHALMER.

Notarial Instrument upon the obligation by the said Annabel Chalmer, to give to the said James Chalmer of Gaitgirth, a letter of reversion of the said annualrent of twenty pounds furth of the lands of Dalmoir, to be redeemed for the sum of three hundred merks, to be paid to her and her heirs within the parish kirk of Ayr, upon forty days' warning. Same date and witnesses as in the preceding seisin.

47. JAMESOUN.

Seisin given by the hands of an honourable man, Robert Schaw of Goldring, to George Jamesoun, burgess of Ayr, of the seven merk lands of old extent of Maynholme, in the bailiery of Kyle Stewart, in special warrandice and security of the fifty shilling lands of Goldring, and a piece of land of Kemmoklands, extending to nine acres of land formerly sold by the granter to the said George, in terms of the charter of blench-ferme made thereupon. Done on the said lands of Maynholme, at two o'clock afternoon, on 2nd June 1579, before these witnesses, Adam Johnstoun, burgess of Ayr, William Slowane, servant of the said Robert, and Bartholomew Mortoun.

48. JAMESOUN.

Seisin given by the hands of the said Robert Schaw of Goldring to the said George Jamesoun, of the twenty shilling lands of old extent of Dalmelling, occupied by Thomas and John Richemont, lying in the bailiery of Kyle Stewart. Done upon the said lands, at three o'clock afternoon of 2nd June 1579. Same witnesses as in preceding seisin.

49. CAMPBELL.

Seisin proceeding upon Charter of Sale granted by William Dunbar of Blantyre to a prudent man, Mungo Campbell, younger of Brounsyd, his heirs and assignees whomsoever, of the eight merk lands of Over and Nether Sornes, with tower, fortalice, yards, orchards, mills, as well grain as walk mill, dry multures and sequels thereof, etc., lying in the lordship of Kylesmure, bailiery of Kyle Stewart and shire of Ayr; also of the six merk lands of old extent of the Mains of Interkin, lying in the same bailiery and

shire, in special warrandice and security of the aforesaid eight merk lands of Over and Nether Sornes: The charter is dated at Ayr 5th May 1579, before these witnesses, John Dunbar, brother-german of the granter, John Wallace, son of Alexander Wallace, burgess of Ayr, and John Mason, notary: Seisin is given by a discreet man, Archibald Dunbar, brother-german of the said William, and his bailie in that part, on the ground of the said land of Sornes, about ten o'clock before noon, on 4th June 1579, before these witnesses, Thomas Caldow in Machlene, William Nichol in Cowfauldschaw, and Alexander Stirling, servant of the said Mungo; and also upon the ground of the Mains of Interkin, at two o'clock afternoon of the same day, before these witnesses, John Ranken in Overtoun of Interkin, William Ranken in Mains thereof, and the said Alexander Stirling.

50. CAMPBELL.

Seisin proceeding on Letter of Tack granted by William Dunbar of Blantyre to a prudent man, Mungo Campbell, younger, of Brounsyd, his heirs, executors, and assignees, for the space of nineteen years, next and immediately following the date thereof, of the five shilling lands of old extent of Makmichael's Bog, lying in the lordship of Kylesmure, bailiery of Kyle Stewart and shire of Ayr; reserving to dame Jean Campbell, Lady Sanquhar-Hamiltoun, the third of the said lands and profits thereof for her lifetime: The Tack is dated at Ayr 12th April 1579, before the witnesses named in the preceding charter; and seisin is given by the said Archibald Dunbar, the granter's brother-german, as his bailie, on the ground of said lands, at eleven o'clock before noon, on 4th June 1579, before these witnesses, William Reid of Garsell, Thomas Caldow in Machlene, William Nichol in Cowfauldschaw, and Alexander Stirling, servant of said Mungo.

51. HUNTER.

Seisin proceeding on Resignation by a worthy man, Donald Campbell, burgess of Ayr, of his fore tenement, under and above, lying in the burgh of Ayr, between the tenement now of Thomas Padene on the one part, and the tenement now of James Kennedy on the other, in favour of William Hunter, elder, his son in law, and his heirs. Done upon the ground of the said tenement about two o'clock afternoon, on 6th June 1579, the witnesses being Henry Osburne, William Roger, and Thomas Padene, burgesses of Ayr.

52. CAMPBELL.

Letter of Reversion by the said William Hunter to the said Donald Campbell, over the said tenement of land "heych and laich" redeemable for 100 merks payable within the parish kirk of Ayr, upon premonition of forty days. Same date and witnesses.

53. CUNINGHAME.

Seisin proceeding on Resignation made by a worthy man, David Reid, lawful son of the deceased Paul Reid, burgess of Ayr, of his tenement, fore and back, with yard and pertinents of the same, lying in the burgh of Ayr, in the Woodgate, between the tenement of the deceased Alan Makmakane, now of John Gardner and Michael Kessane on the one part, and the vennel called the Cow Vennel on the other, in favour of Robert Cuninghame, burgess of Ayr: To hold burgage. Done on the ground of the said tenement about six o'clock afternoon, on 6th June 1579, before these witnesses, Adam Johnstoun, burgess of Ayr, William Arnot, burgess of the same, and John Miller, notary.

54. REID.

Seisin proceeding on Resignation by a discreet man, Robert Cuninghame, burgess of Ayr, of his tenement, fore and back, as described in the preceding minute, in favour of Janet Reid his spouse, in liferent. Same date and witnesses as above.

55. COCHREN.

Seisin proceeding on Resignation by George Feyane, burgess of Ayr, and Beatrix Davidsoun, his spouse, of the south half tenement of Archibald Fergushill, next to the tenement of the deceased William Legate, lying in the burgh of Ayr, in the meal mercat, between the said tenement of William Legate on the one part, and the other half tenement of the said Archibald on the other part, in favour of ——— Cochren. Dated 6th June 1579. (*Incomplete, five leaves of original wanting.*)

56. CHALMER.

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Seisin proceeding on Precept by James Lord Torphichen in favour of John Chalmer, son and heir of the deceased Robert Chalmer of Inchgotrik,

of a mercate of land of the temple land of Inchegottrik. Done upon the ground of the said lands about eleven o'clock before noon . . . 1579, the witnesses are William Wallace of Auchincloych, John Collier, servant of John Smyth in Stalffloure, and John Blak, son of William Blak in Byrehill; John Chalmer in Troquhane is bailie, and David Bannatyne, clerk, is attorney for the said John Chalmer.

57. CHALMER OF INCHGOTTRIK.

Seisin proceeding on Precept by an honourable man, William Hamilton of Sanquhar, as superior, in favour of John Chalmer, son and heir of the deceased Robert Chalmer of Inchgottrick, of the 40 penny lands of Hoilhous, in Symontoun, in the barony of Sanquhar Hamiltoun, bailiery of Kyle Stewart and shire of Ayr. Done upon the ground of said lands about eleven o'clock before noon of 21st July 1579. The witnesses, bailie, and attorney, are the same as in the preceding sasine.

58. CUNINGHAME.

Seisin proceeding on Precept contained in charter of sale by William Hamilton of Sanquhar, to an honourable man, William Cuninghame of Caprintoun, his heirs and assignees whomsoever, of all and whole the mills commonly called Dalmelling Mills, with the mill lands thereof, arable and not arable adjacent thereto, with the dam in the Water of Ayr, and the way-laid thereof; together with the dry multures, sucken and knaveship, of the lands underwritten, lying on the south side of the marsh commonly called the Sanchar Bog, astricted to the foresaid mills, viz., of all and sundry the lands of Knockhill, Knok, Landholme, and Mainiholme, paying to the said mills the twenty-first vessel of all the grains, with the knaveship, as the manner is; and of the lands of Dalmelling Milntoun, paying of dry multure the ninth vessel with the knaveship used and wont; and of all the lands of Blackhouse, Brakanlie, and Barnbog, of their grains the sixteenth vessel, with the knaveship used and wont; also with the services of the tenants dwelling on the aforementioned lands astricted to the aforesaid mills, for upholding of the dam, laids, and millhouse, with leading of the millstones as often may be needful to the place of the said mills; and with all other services and duties pertaining to these mills in any times bygone; also of all and whole his lands of Chapel-land, lying near the bridge of the burgh of Ayr, with

the marches and bounds underwritten, viz.—beginning from the south side of the said bridge to the course of the Water of Ayr, and from thence going out by the said water to the land of Barnbog, which is the march of the lands of Blackhouse; and thence passing over by the said lands of Barnbog towards the east, to the hill called Halkhill; and thence going out towards the north successively by the public way leading to the new town upon Ayr, as far as to the lands of the said William Hamilton, and by his lands going straight towards the west to the said water, and so going up southwards to the said bridge of the foresaid burgh of Ayr, with their pertinents, all lying in the parish of Saint Kevok's, in the bailiery of Kyle Stewart and shire of Ayr: to be held from the said William Hamiltoun, his heirs, assignees, and successors, in fee and heritage and free blench-ferme for ever: The charter is dated at Ayr the 30th of October 1578, before these witnesses, William Hamiltoun of Portmowert, John Cathcart in Gibisyaird, and George Angus, notary public: and Seisin is given on the grounds of the said mill of Dalmelling, and of the lands of Chapelland, between the hours of three and four afternoon of the 2d of September 1579, before these witnesses, John Cuningham in Poterhill, John Cuningham, sailor, and John Cuningham, fuller, burgesses of Ayr; Adam Stewart, burgess of Ayr is bailie, and Robert Cuningham, tailor in Ayr, is attorney for the said William Cuningham.

59. HAMILTOUN—CUNINGHAME.

Seisin proceeding on Precept contained in Charter of Sale granted by the said William Hamilton, to William Cuningham of Caprintoun, his heirs and assignees whatsoever heritably, of all and whole the lands of Newdykes, Cuningares, Cutruds, Stanehouse Green, and Toshokhill; and of annualrents respectively uplifted and taken from tenements of land, houses, and roods within the Newtoun upon Ayr, extending the said annualrents to the sum of 1200 merks money of the kingdom of Scotland; also of the fishings of Wolquhair, Outcraig, Wolschot, Ruif, and Sandeilshot, with all and sundry their bounds, measures, and pertinents, as described in the infeftments of the late grandfather and father respectively of the said William Hamilton; all lying in the bailiery of Kyle-Stewart and within the shire of Ayr: to be held of the said William Hamilton his heirs and successors in fee, heritage, and free blenche-ferme: the charter is dated at Ayr the 30th October 1578, before the same witnesses as in the preceding abstract, and the Seisin is given on 2d September 1579.

60. CAMPBELL—ROGER.

Seisin proceeding on resignation by Donald Campbell burgess of Ayr, in the hands of Adam Johnston one of the bailies of the said burgh, in favour of William Roger, burgess thereof, and his heirs, of a back tenement, under and above, with the pertinents, occupied by the said Donald, lying in the burgh of Ayr, between his fore tenement on the south, the back tenement of the late John Wilson on the west, the garden of the said Donald lying at the end of the said back tenement on the north, and another back tenement of his on the east, with free entry and ish in and to the said back tenements by the fore gate thereof. Done on the ground of the said tenement at two o'clock afternoon of the 6th day of October 1579, the witnesses being William Gottray and George Smith, burgesses of Ayr.

An obligation by the said Donald Campbell to warrant the said tenement to the said William Roger and his heirs free from all inconveniences whatsoever, as well past as future, is attested by the notary.

61. CAMPBELL.

Instrument on the reversion granted by the said William Roger to the said Donald Campbell over the said back tenement, upon the redemption thereof for one hundred merks, to be paid by the said Donald and his heirs to the said William and his heirs, within the parish church of Ayr, upon forty days warning. Date and witnesses as in preceding abstract.

62. WALLACE.

Seisin given by an honourable man Adam Johnston, one of the bailies of Ayr, in favour of David Wallace as nearest heir to the deceased Hugh Wallace, burgess of Ayr, his father, in all and whole one acre of land lying in a portion of the Sandy lands of the said burgh, near to the sea, between the acre of land of William Fergushill on the north, and the acre of Archibald Fergushill on the south: Also, in all and whole a piece of land lying above the stone quarry of the said burgh, between the vennel leading to the burgh mill on the one part, and the lands formerly pertaining to the Friars Preachers of the said burgh, and now belonging to John Lockhart, and the yards sometime of John M'Grane and James Watt, and of the late

William Bannatyne, now of John Miller, in Gaitsyde, on the other part; together with all and whole the quarry of the said Hugh, lying contiguous thereto: Holding, the said subjects, of the provost, bailies, and community of the said burgh in feu-ferme and burghal manner. Done on the ground of the aforesaid lands respectively, between the hours of one and two afternoon of 10th October 1579, in presence of Matthew Mortoun and John Gelly, burgesses of Ayr.

63. WALLACE—FERGUSHILL.

Seisin proceeding on resignation by the aforesaid David Wallace in favour of William Fergushill, burgess of Ayr, of the acre of land and other subjects described in the preceding abstract, under reversion for the sum of five shillings, payable in the parish church of Ayr. Done at same time and place, and before same witnesses as above.

64. WALLACE—STEUART—FARCHAR.

Seisin granted by William Wallace in Auchindonane, with his own hands, to prudent persons, Hector Steuart in Rayth and Elizabeth Farchar his spouse, of the twenty shilling lands of Barneweill-Herries, of old extent, occupied by John Kirkland and John Glover, younger, lying in the bailiery of Kyle Stewart and shire of Ayr, according to the tenor of the charter of blench-ferme which they had thereof. Done upon the ground of said lands, about three o'clock afternoon of the 8th day of November 1579, before these witnesses, the said John Glover, and William Kirkland, brother of the said John Kirkland.

65. CUNINGHAME—LOWDOWN.

Seisin proceeding on resignation by Peter Cuninghame, burgess of Ayr, in favour of John Lowdown in Bowhill in Lowdown, brother of the deceased Andrew Lowdown, mason, burgess of Ayr, of all and whole the equal northern half of the tenement of land, fore and back, with garden and pertinents, of the said deceased Andrew Lowdown, lying in the said burgh, in the Woodgate thereof, between the tenement of John Gardner, fuller, on the one part, and the tenement of Rolland M'Clurg, weaver, on the other part. The resignation was made in the hands of Adam Johnstoun, bailie of Ayr, who also delivered seisin to the said John Lowdown, on the ground of the said tenement, about the third hour after noon of 13th November 1579,

the witnesses being, John Lowdoun in Newmylms, William Carmichael of Redmyre, the said John Gardner, fuller, and Matthew Mortoun, burgesses of Ayr.

66. CUNYNGHAME—WALKER.

Seisin proceeding on Resignation by Peter Cuninghame, burgess of Ayr, in favour of John Walker, elder son of Murdac Walker, mason in Newmylms, and his heirs, of the equal south half of the tenement fore and back, with garden and pertinents, of the deceased Andrew Lowdoun, mason, burgess of Ayr, lying in the said burgh, in the Woodgate thereof, between the tenement of John Gardner, fuller, on one side, and the tenement of Rolland M'Clurg, weaver, on the other side. Done at same time and place as the preceding seisin, with same witnesses.

67. WALLACE—REID.

Seisin given by a prudent man, Adam Wallace of Blackhouse, to the attorney acting in name of Reid his spouse, in liferent, of an annualrent of eleven merks, to be uplifted from all and whole the lands of Tofts, lying in the bailiery of Kyle Stewart and shire of Ayr: To be holden of the said Adam and his heirs in free blenche-ferme, according to the charter granted by him in favour of his said spouse. Done on the ground of the said lands about the tenth hour before noon, of the 15th November 1579, the witnesses being Hector Steuart in Rayth, and William Wallace of Brighous.

68. CUNINGHAME—JAMESON—STEUART.

Seisin proceeding on resignation by a worthy man, Adam Cuninghame, burgess of Ayr, in favour of a prudent man, George Jameson, burgess of the said burgh, and Barbara Steuart his spouse, and the survivor of them, in conjunct fee, and the heirs gotten or to be gotten between them, whom failing, to the heirs of the said George whomsoever, of all and whole those arable lands called Flass, occupied by John Purveence and Robert Adam, lying in the territory of the burgh of Ayr, between the lands of Duphoil on the east, the lands of Adam Johnstoun on the west, the lands of John Mure of Auchindrane on the south, and the lands now of Archibald Fergushill, formerly of George Feyane, on the north: The said Adam Cuninghame

confessing that he had received from the said George Jameson, as assignee constituted by James Bannatyne, burgess of Ayr, and Margaret Lockhart his spouse, in and to the reversion and lawful redemption following, the sum of 100 merks, for redemption and relaxation of the said arable lands, formerly belonging to the said James, and sold by him to Robert Cuninghame in Glasgow, and now redeemed as aforesaid. Done on the ground of the said lands about the third hour afternoon, of the 10th of December 1579, before these witnesses, William Kessane, Mathew Mortoun, burgesses of Ayr, and John Mortoun.

69. HAMILTON—HAMILTON.

Seisin proceeding on charter of sale by an honourable man, William Hamilton of Sanchar, in favour of a prudent man, Peter Hamilton in Bathgate, his heirs and assignees, heritably, of all and whole the lands of Toschokhill, extending to three acres or thereby, presently occupied by Archibald Fergushill in Schelis, with the pertinents, lying in the bailiery of Kyle Stewart and shire of Ayr; the charter is dated at Ricartoun 22d November 1579, before these witnesses, William Hamiltoun of Portmowert, William Hamiltoun in Sanchar: Seisin is given by George Hamiltoun, burgess of Ayr, as bailie on behalf of the granter, on the ground of the said lands, about the ninth hour before noon of the 12th of January 1579-80, before these witnesses, John Ranken, Charles Cuninghame, and George Wood, burgesses of Ayr.

70. BLAIR OF MIDDLE AUCHINDRANE.

Seisin proceeding on the precept from Chancery, addressed to a worthy man, David Kennedy, Sheriff of Ayr, in that behalf, in favour of a discreet man, James Blair, son and heir of John Blair of Middle Auchindrane, and his heirs, of all and whole the five merk lands of Middle Auchindrane of old extent, with the manor-place, garden, orchyard, mills, as well grain as waulk mills, multures and the sucken thereof, together with salmon fishing on the Water of Done, and all the pertinents, lying in the earldom of Carrick and within the shire of Ayr; which lands and others were resigned by the said John Blair in the King's hands as superior thereof, as Earl of Carrick: Seisin is given on 6th February 1579-80.

[The foregoing instrument is not complete, because there are wanting from the record folios 69 to 84.]

71. [FALLUSDALE—DALRYMPLE.]

Seisin proceeding on resignation by a worthy man, William Fallusdale, burgess of Ayr, in favour of Charles Dalrymple, son and apparent heir of Robert Dalrymple, burgess of the said burgh, his heirs and assignees, of all and whole his tenement, fore and back, with garden and pertinents, lying in the burgh of Ayr, in the vennel called the Trinity Vennel, which leads to the parish church of the said burgh, between the tenement of Thomas Kennedy of Ardmillan on the west, the tenement of Robert Dalrymple on the south, the tenement of Adam Wallace on the east, and the said vennel on the north; providing that the said lands may be redeemed for the sum of five shillings, to be paid on eight days' warning, in the parish church, on one day between the rising and setting of the sun; but if the said William Fallusdale should die before the redemption thereof, without heirs of his body, then the said tenement should remain in the possession of the said Charles, who with his heirs should then be bound to pay to William Dalrymple, brother of said Charles, the sum of 100 merks. The resignation is made in the hands of an honourable man, William Hunter, bailie of Ayr, by whom also seisin is delivered to the said Robert Dalrymple as attorney for the said Charles his son, on the ground of the said tenement, about the tenth hour before noon, on . . . in the 14th year of the reign of King James the Sixth, [1580], the witnesses being, Cuthbert Wallace, John Dalrymple, Laurence Kirkpatrick, burgesses of Ayr, and Thomas Kirkpatrick, sailor.

72. FALLUSDALE—KIRKPATRICK.

Seisin proceeding on resignation by a worthy man, William Fallusdale, burgess of Ayr, in the hands of an honourable man, William Hunter, bailie of Ayr, in favour of a discreet man, Thomas Kirkpatrick, son of the deceased John Kirkpatrick, burgess of the said burgh, his heirs and assignees, of all and whole his back tenement, under and above, with garden and pertinents, with free entry and ish in and to the same by the fore gate of the front tenement of John Miller, lying in the burgh of Ayr, between the said front tenement of the said John on the west, the tenement of the late Robert Mirrie on the south, the Water of Ayr on the east, and the tenement of Andrew Johnstoun on the other part; providing that if it should happen the said William Fallusdale or his heirs, lawfully gotten or to be gotten of

his body, to pay and deliver to the said Thomas Kirkpatrick, really and with effect, on one day between the rising of the sun and the going down thereof, within the parish church of Ayr, upon premonition of eight days, the sum of five shillings current money of Scotland, in numbered money, then, and in that case, the said Thomas and his heirs shall resign the said tenement in the hands of one of the bailies of the burgh of Ayr, for the time being, in favour of the said William Fallusdale, or his heirs aforesaid; providing also, that if it should happen the said William Fallusdale to die before the redemption of the said tenement, and without leaving heirs of his body, and so the said tenement to belong heritably to the said Thomas and his heirs without redemption, then and in that case the said Thomas, his heirs and assignees, shall be bound to pay to John Wilson, Janet and Katherine Wilson, children of the deceased John Wilson, burgess of Ayr, the sum of one hundred pounds, equally betwixt them, and that as soon as the said Thomas or his heirs shall have full possession of the said tenement, or the fermes thereof, in virtue of the infestment and seisin aforesaid only; and for the payment of which sum of one hundred pounds the said Thomas obliged himself and his heirs in the straitest form, secluding fraud and guile. Done upon the ground of the said tenement, about the eleventh hour before noon of the 5th of December 1580, before the witnesses named in the preceding minute.

73. KENNEDY—JAMESON.

Seisin following on resignation by a worthy man, James Kennedy, burgess of Ayr, of his back tenement, with garden and pertinents, lying in the burgh of Ayr, between the tenement of Donald Campbell on the west, and the tenement of William Hunter on the east; also his barn and yard, lying between the common barns of the said burgh, in the vennel which leads to the quarry thereof, between the barn of Archibald Fergushill on the one part, and the barn of William Wallace on the other; in the hands of an honourable man, William Hunter, one of the bailies of the said burgh, in favour of a prudent man, George Jameson, burgess of Ayr, and his heirs, for new heritable sasine thereof to be delivered to them, on account of pure alienation for counted money; to hold in manner of burgh. Done upon the ground of the said tenement about the third hour after noon of the 9th day of December 1580, the witnesses being Henry Prestoun in Ayr, and Robert Wallace, sailor there.

74. WALLACE—DUMBAR.

Seisin given by a worthy man, John Dumbar of Barmure, with his own hands, to a discreet man, William Wallace of Brighthouse, of the grain mill of Milnburne, with the mill lands, multures, sequels, suckin, knaveship and services thereof used and wont, together with houses, yards, biggings, and pertinents belonging thereto, lying in the lordship of Kylesmure, bailiery of Kylestewart and shire of Ayr. Done within the said mill, about the third hour after noon of the 11th of January 1580-81, the witnesses there present being Robert Wallace, younger of Carnell, Adam Thomson, miller at the said mill, and George Fleming, son of the late Andrew Fleming in Milnburne.

75. CAULDWELL—RICHERT.

Instrument narrating that a worthy man, Alexander Cauldwell, son natural of the late Alexander Cauldwell, burgess of Ayr, confessed that he had actually received from the hands of a prudent man, Alan Richert in Glack, burgess of the said burgh, the sum of forty pounds money of Scotland, for the redemption and lawful relaxation of the back tenement of the said Alan, lying in the burgh of Ayr, between the tenement of John Power on the one part, and the tenement of Thomas Raith on the other, formerly sold by the said Alan to the said Alexander, according to the tenor of the letters of reversion made thereupon: granting the said tenement to be lawfully redeemed, and the said reversion to be fulfilled to him in all points, therefore the said Alexander resigned purely and simply the said tenement in the hands of William Hunter, one of the bailies of Ayr, in favour of the said Alan, to whom the said bailie thereupon gave seisin of the same in the usual manner. Done upon the ground of the said tenement, about the tenth hour before noon of the 12th day of January 1580-81, the witnesses there present being William Fergushill, Gilbert Cathcart, Patrick Murdoch, burgesses of the said burgh, and John M'Knedar, notary public, colleague of the writer of the protocol, John Masoun.

76. SCHAW—JAMESON.

Seisin proceeding upon Charter of Sale granted by a discreet man, Robert Schaw of Goldring, with consent of Katherine Hamiltoun his spouse, in favour of George Jameson, of the granter's mercate of land of

old extent of Wodhead, occupied by Janet Chalmer, lying in his lands of Maynholme, bailiery of Kyle Stewart and shire of Ayr. The charter is subscribed by the said Robert Schaw, and by Katherine Hamiltoun with her hand at the pen led by the notary, at the burgh of Ayr the 15th February 1580-81, before these witnesses, Adam Johnstoun, bailie of Ayr, and Alexander Gardner in Dalmelling. Seisin is given by a discreet man, Adam Johnstoun, burgess of Ayr, as bailie in that part of the said Robert Schaw, at the third hour after noon of the 15th February 1580-81, the witnesses being Thomas Rowane in Dalmelling, and Thomas Pawtoun, byreman in Maynholme.

77. WALLACE OF WASFORD.

Seisin proceeding upon Charter of feu-ferme granted by a venerable man, William, by the divine permission minister of the House of Failfurd, to the honourable persons, William Wallace of Wasfurd and Mareon Schaw his spouse, and the longer living of them in conjunct fee, and the heirs between them lawfully procreated or to be procreated, whom failing, to the nearest heirs and assignees of the said William whatsoever, of all and whole the five merk and ten shilling lands of old extent of Wasfurd, lying in the bailiery of Kyle Stewart and shire of Ayr: the charter is subscribed by the said minister, and sealed with the common seal of the chapter of his monastery of Failfurd, at Craigie the 7th of March 1580-81, before these witnesses, John Wallace of Craigie, Hugh Wallace of Boghead, William Schaw in Hillhouse, John Maxwell younger, John Crawford, and Adam Turbat, notary. Seisin is given by a worthy man, John Wallace, burgess of Ayr, bailie in that part of the said minister, to the said William Wallace personally present and accepting, and to John Neill, attorney, and in name of the said Marion Schaw, on the ground of the said lands, at the ninth hour before noon of the 15th day of March 1580-81, the witnesses there present being George Neill in Wasfurd, John Gottray there, John Clerk, son of William Clerk there, William Finlay his servitor, and Michael Wallace, brother-german of the said William and notary public, colleague of the aforesaid John Masoun.

78. THOMAS KENNEDY OF BARGANY.

Seisin proceeding on Precept from Chancery, directed to the provost, bailies, and community of the burgh of Ayr, as superiors, for infefting Thomas Kennedy, now of Bargany, as heir to the late Thomas Kennedy of

Bargany, his great-grandfather, who died last vest and seized, at the faith and peace of his majesty's dearest grandfather James the Fifth, of good memory, in all and whole certain acres of land lying at the south end of the burgh of Ayr, and in the lands of Blairstoun, lying in the territory of the said burgh, [called] the Borrowfeild; also in an annualrent of two merks money of Scotland, to be uplifted and taken yearly from the forty shilling lands of Duphoill, lying as above: The precept is dated at Edinburgh the 12th of November 1580; and sasine is given by Adam Johnstoun, bailie of Ayr, to a prudent man, William Kessane, burgess of Ayr, as attorney for the said Thomas Kennedy of Bargany, on the ground of the lands of Duphoill, near the manor thereof, at the eighth hour before noon of the 2d day of May 1581, the witnesses there present being Gilbert Broun and Mathew Mortoun, burgesses of Ayr.

79. ANGUS—FRASER.

Instrument narrating that a worthy man, Gilbert M'Calmont, burgess of Ayr, compearing personally, confessed that he had actually received from the hands of George Angus, burgess of the said burgh, and Katherine Fraser his spouse, heritable cessioners and assignees lawfully constituted by Henry Prestoun, burgess of Ayr, in and to the reversion and lawful redemption of the tenement underwritten, the sum of two hundred and twenty-four merks usual money of Scotland, for the redemption and loosing of the tenement back and fore of the said Henry, with the garden and pertinents, lying in the said burgh between the tenement of William Wallace of Barneweill on the south, and the tenement of Robert Dalrymple on the north, formerly sold by the said Henry to the said Gilbert, according to the tenor of the letters of reversion made thereupon, now fulfilled by the payment aforesaid, whereupon the said Gilbert M'Calmont purely and simply resigned the said tenement in the hands of an honourable man, Adam Johnstoun, one of the bailies of Ayr, who thereafter gave seisin thereof to the said George Angus, and Katherine Fraser, in conjunct fee and liferent, and to the heirs lawfully gotten or to be gotten between them: which failing, to the heirs and assignees whatsoever of the said George. These things were done on the ground of the said tenement, about the tenth hour before noon of the 4th day of May 1581, before these witnesses, George Lokhert, George Jameson, William Kessane, John Makgrane, burgesses of Ayr, and John M'Knedar, notary, colleague of John Masoun.

80. BROUN.

Instrument narrating that a worthy man, Bartholomew Craufurd, burgess of Ayr, and Janet Kelso his spouse, compearing personally, confessed that they had actually received in counted money, from the hands of a prudent man, John Broun of Knoksoull, burgess of Ayr, the sum of one hundred pounds for the redemption of his back tenement, with yard, lying in the burgh of Ayr between the tenement of Gilbert Broun on the one part, and the tenement of Quintin Prestoun on the other part, formerly sold by the said John to the said spouses, according to the letter of reversion made thereupon: granting the tenement to be lawfully redeemed, and the reversion fulfilled in all respects; and therefore the said Bartholomew and Janet, with one consent and assent, after taking the oath of the said Janet, as the manner is, purely and simply resigned the said tenement in the hands of Adam Johnstoun, bailie of Ayr, in favour of the said John Broun, to whom the bailie thereupon delivered seisin thereof on the ground of the said tenement, about the first hour after noon of the 7th of May 1581, before these witnesses, Alan Cathcart of M'Ilmoreistoun, Thomas Makge, burgess of Ayr, Thomas Eskdaill, sailor, and Michael Wallace, messenger and notary public.

81. DUNDUFF.

Seisin proceeding on Precept from Chancery directed to the Sheriff of Ayr and his bailies for infefting Mathew Dunduff of that ilk, as lawful heir to the deceased William Dunduf of that ilk, his father, in the twelve merk lands of Dunduf, with the grain mill thereof, the ten merk lands of Glentig, with grain mill thereof, five and a half merk lands of Mekill Sallauchan, and four merk lands of Little Sallauchan, all of old extent, in property and tenantry, lying in the earldom of Carrick; taking security for £84 of relief of the same due to the king: The Precept is dated 7th March, and seisin is given by the hands of a circumspect man, Nicolas Scherar, sheriff-depute of Ayr, to a worthy man, David Ker, attorney of the said Mathew Dunduf, and in his name, on the grounds of the lands and mill of Dunduf, about the sixth hour before noon of the 8th day of May 1581, before these witnesses, George Stewart *alias* Dunduf, brother-german of the said Mathew, and William Stewart, servant of the said Mathew; and on the grounds of the lands and mill of Glentig and of Mekill and Little

Sallauchanes respectively, between the fifth and sixth hours afternoon of the same day, in presence of Thomas Herroun in Glentig, William Makge brother of Andrew Makge in Mekill Sallauchan, John Ecklis, servant of the said Andrew, Alexander Henderson in Little Sallauchan, and David Henderson his son.

82. CUNINGHAME.

Seisin given by the hand of an honourable man, Adam Johnstoun, one of the bailies of Ayr, to Robert Cuninghame, clearly known to be the lawful heir of the deceased William Cuninghame in Cloncard, burgess of Ayr, of a certain back tenement, with garden, situated in the said burgh between the tenement of John Lokhert on the one part, and the lands of old belonging to the Friars Preachers of Ayr, and now to William Cuninghame, brother of said Robert, on the other part: Holding burgage: Done on the ground of said tenement about the tenth hour before noon of the 24th day of May 1581, the witnesses there present being Robert Chalmer, Mathew Mortoun, John M'Grane, co-burgesses of the said burgh, and John M'Knedar, notary public, and colleague of John Masoun, notary in the premises.

83. KENNEDY.

Seisin following on Resignation by a worthy man Robert Cuninghame, son of the deceased William Cuninghame in Cloncard, with express consent and assent of Eufamia Campbell his mother, frank tenementar of the tenement described in the foregoing seisin, in favour of John Kennedy of Smythstoun, and his heirs, by way of pure alienation, for certain sums of money instantly paid by the said John to the said Robert: Seisin is given by Adam Johnstoun, bailie of Ayr, about the eleventh hour before noon of the 24th day of May 1581. [The document is not complete, and folios 96 to 157 are wanting.]

84. [MICHELL.]

Seisin proceeding on resignation by Michell, of certain lands, with house and garden, in favour of John Michell and Margaret Miller, his spouse, in conjunct fee, and their heirs, reserving to John Michell, father of the resigner, his free tenement and liferent of the same: Seisin given on the grounds of the said lands respectively, about the tenth hour before noon of 1582; the witnesses there present being Richard Finlay, one of the bailies of the said burgh of Prestwick,¹ Adam Miller,

¹ This burgh is not previously mentioned in the extant portion of the deed.

Edward Wilsoun, John Miller, John Broun, Alexander Broun, and Alexander Knycht, indwellers of the same burgh. [The document is incomplete, owing to the want of the folio on which it begins.]

85. CAMPBELL.

Seisin given by the hands of an honourable man, James Bannatyne, one of the bailies of the burgh of Ayr, to James Campbell, as lawful heir to the deceased Donald Campbell his father, in a tenement of land fore and back, with garden, of old belonging to Hugh Campbell of Lowdown, lying in the said burgh between the tenement of the late Mathew Holmes and of the said Donald, now of Thomas Padene, on the west, and the tenement of the late George Kennedy of Attyquyn and the late Thomas Kennedy, but now of James Kennedy his son, on the east: Also in a certain back tenement of the deceased Leonard Cochren, lying in the said burgh, between the tenement of the said deceased Donald on the west and north, the tenement also of old belonging to the said Donald, but now to Thomas Padene, on the east, and the fore tenement now belonging to Robert Rankene on the south, with free entry and ish, by the front gate of the said fore tenement of the said Robert Rankene, in and to the said back tenement. Done upon the ground of the said tenement about the ninth hour before noon of the 31st day of October 1582, the witnesses there present being William Hunter, William Roger, Thomas Gibsoun, Mathew Mortoun, and John Makgrane, burgesses of the said burgh.

86. CAMPBELL.

Seisin given by the hands of an honourable man, Adam Johnstoun, one of the bailies of the burgh of Ayr, in favour of James Campbell, as lawful heir of the deceased Donald Campbell his father, in one acre of land which belonged to the deceased John Andro and Hugh Mortoun, lying between the acres of the Sandy lands of the said burgh, in the small portion of land which leads from the bog called Spittell Bog to the croft of land of the late John Mure, between the acre of land of the late Patrick Broun and the said Donald, now belonging to Margaret Campbell his daughter, sister of the said James, on the north, and the acre of land of the late Robert Hunter and of the late Margaret Osburne, relict of Thomas Dalrymple, on the south; in the said acre of land formerly of the said Robert Hunter and Margaret Osburne, lying in the said portion of the Sandy lands between

the acre of land of the said Hugh Mortoun and John Andro on the north, and the acre of land of the late John Pettecruif and Robert Galloway on the south; also in that croft or piece of land of the late Thomas Wilsoun, called the Brumeyard, lying in the territory of the burgh between the lands of the altar of the holy cross, now of John Lokhert on the east, the common way leading from the burgh on the south, the burn commonly called the Lichtmilnburne on the west, and the Water of Ayr on the north; and also in that piece of land above the Mill of Ayr, called the Brae, lying between the mill lands of the said mill and Skinner dyke on the west, the common royal way on the south, the Water of the said burgh on the north, and the end of the croft of Brumeyard aforesaid, at the place where there had stood an ancient bridge over the Lichtmilnburne, on the east; also in a croft of land formerly belonging to Alan Boyman, called Nunsland, lying within the burgh roods, between the lands formerly of George Kennedy of Attiquyn on the north, and the Sandy lands of the burgh on the south; and also in the lands formerly of the said George Kennedy of Attiquyn, extending to two roods, lying in the territory of the burgh, between the lands formerly of the late Alan Boyman, called Nunsland, on the south, and the public vennel leading from the vennel called the Foul Vennel, to the parochial church of the said burgh; and in a certain barn and yard, formerly of Cuthbert Wallace, lying among the common barns of the burgh, in the vennel leading to the quarry thereof, between the lands of Quarrellhole on the south, and the barn formerly of Andrew Dalzell now of John Purience on the north: Holding of the provost, bailies, and community of the burgh of Ayr, for the yearly payment of the feu-ferme used and wont; reserving, nevertheless, to Marion Barclay, mother of the said James, her frank tenement or liferent of the said piece of land called the Brae, above the mill, and of the said barn and yard. Seisin is given upon the grounds of the said lands respectively, singly and severally, between the first and third hours afternoon of the 31st day of October 1582, before these witnesses, Robert Campbell, provost of Ayr, David Craufurd, Gilbert Power, burgesses thereof; Mathew Mortoun and John M'Grane, serjeants of the said burgh.

87. SPOTTISWODE.

Seisin proceeding upon Charter of Sale granted by a distinguished man, John Spottiswod of Foular, to his beloved son John Spottiswod, his heirs and assignees, of the eight merk lands of Scheilds and Scheild Kerse,

occupied by David Hunter and John Scherilaw, lying within the bailiery of Kyle Stewart and shire of Ayr. The charter is dated at Foular 20th June 1578, before these witnesses, Mr. Leonard Hamilton¹ of Bogwod; Andrew Ronald, and John Gemmill, notary. Seisin is given by a worthy man, John M'Ilmun, burgess of Ayr, as bailie for the granter, on the ground of the said lands, about the tenth hour before noon of the 2nd day of November 1582, the witnesses being Patrick Reid in Scheilds, and Mathew Hunter there.

88. SCHAW.

Seisin following upon Precept from Chancery directed to an honourable man, John Wallace of Burnbank, bailie depute of Kyle Stewart, for infetting John Schaw, as lawful heir to the deceased John Schaw of Polkemmet, his father, in the five pound lands of Helentoun, with the tower, mains, and mill thereof; the five pound lands of Knokindaill, and fifty shilling lands of Goldring, all of old extent, in property and tenandry, lying in the bailiery of Kyle Stewart and within the shire of Ayr: security being taken for £218:15s. of the fermes of the said lands, tower, and mill, being in the king's hands for the space of three years and one term before recovery of sasine; and for £62:10s. of relief of the same, due to the king: the precept is dated at Edinburgh 13th October 1582, and seisin is given by the said John Wallace on 2nd November of same year.

[The document is incomplete, folios 162 to 169 wanting.]

89. [MIRRIE.]

Seisin given to John Mirrie, as lawful and undoubted heir of the late William Mirrie his father, of the equal half of an annualrent of thirteen shillings and fourpennies, to be uplifted and taken at the usual terms from the tenement fore and back of the late Patrick Gibson, according to the form and tenor of the old infetment which the said William had thereof: Holding of the burgh. Done upon the ground of the said tenement about the third hour after noon of [1582-3], in presence of these witnesses, Archibald Fergushill, William Hunter, Gilbert Power, Thomas Mirrie, burgesses of [Ayr], Patrick Hunter in Monkton, and David Mirrie in Monkton Mains.

¹ He is called Mr. Bernard H. in the subscription clause.

90. DALRYMPLE—DUNBAR.

Seisin following upon Charter of Donation granted by an honourable man, James Dalrymple of Stair, with consent and assent of Isobel Kennedy his spouse, to John Dalrymple his son and apparent heir, and Margaret Dunbar, daughter of William Dunbar of Blantyre, future spouse of said John, and to the survivor of them in conjunct infeftment, and the heirs lawfully to be procreated between them, whom failing, to the heirs of the said John whomsoever, of all and whole the lands underwritten, namely, the forty shilling lands of Ard, occupied by John Boyne and John Jamy; forty shilling lands of Chalmerstoun, occupied by Alan Hunter, James Hunter his son, John Reid and John Wilson; forty shilling lands of Lochhill, occupied by John Osburne, John Hunter, and John Arthur; and six shilling and eight penny lands of Dyk, occupied by John Hunter, all of old extent, with the sundry pertinents thereof, lying within the lands of Stair in King's Kyle and within the shire of Ayr: the charter is subscribed by the granter, and by his spouse 'with her hand at the pen led by the notar,' and sealed with their seals respectively, at Ayr the 4th day of February 1582-3, before these witnesses, Thomas Kennedy of Bargany, John Lockhart of Bar, and James Blair, fear of Middle Auchindrane: Seisin is given by the hands of a discreet man, John Spottiswod of Foulter, as bailie of the granter in that behalf, on the grounds of the said lands respectively, singly and severally, between the second and third hours afternoon of the 6th of February 1582-3, in presence of these witnesses, William Dunbar of Blantyre, George Dunbar his brother, George Dunbar, brother of John Dunbar of Knokschinnoch, and Robert Gilmeayne, messenger.

91. DRUMMELLEN.

Instrument on the Redemption by Gilbert Keith in Ethenzie, as procurator for Gilbert Kennedy of Drummellen, from Marion Wallace, sister of John Wallace of Cragy, and John Maxwell younger of Potterhill, her spouse, of an annualrent of twenty pounds uplifted yearly furth of the forty shilling lands of Bog, lying in the earldom of Carrick and shire of Ayr, in which the said Gilbert Kennedy had formerly infeft the said Marion, under reversion for the sum of three hundred merks, now paid to her, for which she grants discharge, and renounces the said annualrent

in due form. Done within the Castle of Sanchar-Hamiltoun, about the ninth hour before noon of the 8th day of February 1582-3, in presence of these honourable men, William Hamiltoun of Sanchar, Robert Mure of Knokindrieoch, William Kessane, and Alexander Kennedy, burgesses of Ayr.

92. CUNINGHAME.

Seisin following on Charter of Sale granted by William Cathcart fear of Carbestoun, and Margaret Lockhart his spouse, to a worthy man, John Cuninghame in Potterhill, his heirs and assignees, of the two merk lands of Easter Carbestoun and two merk lands of Wester Carbestoun, of old extent, lying in King's Kyle, and within the shire of Ayr; the charter is subscribed by the granters, and their proper seals are appended thereto, at Ayr the 6th day of November 1582, before witnesses, namely, George Angus and John Masoun, notaries public, and Adam Dormont in Brystoun: Seisin is given by the hands of a discreet man, John Mathew in Bellisbank, bailie on behalf of the granters, on the grounds of the said lands respectively, singly and severally, about the eleventh hour of the 22nd day of February 1582-3, before these witnesses, Andrew Patersoun in Stanebriggs in Auchinleck, John Acheler, William Gluver, servitors of the said John Cuninghame, and James Blair, servitor to the acting notary John Masoun.

93. JAMESOUN.

Instrument narrating that a discreet woman, Agnes Bell, spouse of John Kennedy, burgess of Ayr, compeared personally in judgment before an honourable man, Adam Johnstoun, one of the bailies of the burgh of Ayr for the time, sitting for a tribunal in a certain burgh court, lawfully fenced, and there, outwith the presence of her said husband, did swear her great and bodily oath that she was not compelled or forced by her husband to this resignation following, but that it proceeded of her free and arbitrary will: which oath having been so sworn, the said John Kennedy and Agnes Bell his spouse, with unanimous consent and assent, did surrender, and purely and simply resign by staff and baton, in the hands of the said Adam Johnstoun, all and whole their back tenement, with garden and pertinents, lying in the burgh of Ayr, already occupied by themselves, between the back old bedchamber of the said tenement, belonging now to David Neill in Largs, on the west, the tenement formerly of John Bowok and James

Bannatyne in Knokrawert on the north, the garden of John Wallace of Cragy on the east, and the tenement of the deceased George Blair, now of John Blair, on the south, in favour of a prudent man, Robert Jamesoun, burgess of the said burgh, his heirs and assignees, for new seisin thereof to be delivered to them heritably, by way of alienation for numerate money : which resignation having been so made and received, the said Adam Johnstoun in virtue of his office gave heritable and corporal possession, actual and real, of all and whole the said back tenement and pertinents, from the east gable of the said old bedchamber belonging to the said David Neill towards the end, with free entry and ish in and to the same by the fore gate of the said back tenement, to the aforesaid Robert Jamesoun, personally present, by delivery to him of earth and stone of the ground thereof. To be held burgage. Done on the ground of the said back tenement about the fourth hour afternoon of the 22nd day of April 1583, the witnesses being Neill Pawtoun, David Hunter and Mathew Mortoun, burgesses of the said burgh.

94. KENNEDY.

Reversion granted by the said Robert Jamesoun to the said John Kennedy and Agnes Bell, over the subjects resigned in the foregoing note, of same date. [There is a gap in the record from folio 173 to folio 241.]

95. [EARL AND COUNTESS OF ARRAN.]

Instrument of Seisin proceeding on Precept contained in charter granted by William Hamiltoun of Sorne, and Sir Lues Bellenden of Auchnoull, Knight, in favour of James Earl of Arran, and Lady Elizabeth Stewart his spouse, in conjunct fee, of all and whole the lands of Sanchar-Lindsay, and commonty thereof, with advocacy, donation, and right of patronage of the churches and chaplainries lying in the said lands : All and whole the lands of Stokhill, Sandefurd, Jok Androw's Maling, Cragisward, Scheill Bog, with the Bog Meadow called Sanchar Bog ; the lands of Fulton, Sanchar Mure, Clune, Prestwickschaws, with privilege of the wrak and wair from the sea at whatever part thereof ; lands of Symontoun and Helingtoun ; lands of Goldring, Justelsyd, Cruiksyd ; lands of Spittelscheills and Scheilkers ; office of bailiery of the Hospital of Kincais and Robertlton ; lands of Newdykes, Cuningares, Cutrudes, Stanehous Grene, and Toschokhill ; with all and sundry annualrents furth of the said lands, extending to the

sum of nine merks: All and whole the fishings of Wolquhair, Outcraig, Rufe, Sandeilschote and Wolschote: with the castle, tower, and fortalice of Newtoun: The charter is sealed and dated at Edinburgh 1st January 1584-5, and subscribed by the granters, and Annabella Wallace, before these witnesses, James Lord Doune, Sir John Maitland of Thirlestane, knight, Sir William Stewart of Kaverstoun, knight: And Seisin is given by the hands of James Crawford, one of the bailies of Ayr, on behalf of the granters, by delivery of earth and stone of the ground of the said lands in the hands of Ninian Mogersland, as attorney of the said Earl and Countess. Done, *First*, At the said fortalice of Newtoun, within the enclosure thereof, and at the market-cross of the town of Newtoun, and upon the ground of the lands of Newdykes, Cuningares, Cutrudes, Stanehous Grene and Toschokhill, at the eleventh hour before noon: *Second*, At the fishings of Wolquhair, Outcraig, Rufe, Sandeilschote and Welschote, at the twelfth hour, or noon: *Third*, At Kincais, at the first hour afternoon: *Fourth*, Upon the ground of the lands of Sanchar-Lindsay, Stokhill, Sandefurd, Jok Androw's Maling, Cragisward, Scheill Bog or Bog Meadow, and Sanchar Muir, Clune, and Prestwickschaws, at the second hour afternoon: *Fifth*, Upon the ground of the lands of Justelsyd, Cruiksyd, Goldring, Symontoun, and Helen-toun, at the third hour afternoon: And *Lastly*, Upon the ground of the lands of Fowtoun, at the fourth hour afternoon, before these witnesses, James Blair in Prestwickschawes, Robert M'Millen, William Neilsoun in Clune, George Simpson in Prestwik, and David Bordland, together with John Gemmill, notary, colleague to John Mason, notary in the premises. [The beginning of this deed is wanting, with the date.]

96. CAPRINTOUN.

Instrument of Seisin following upon Inquest of trustworthy burgesses of Ayr, in terms of a breve from Chancery, before the provost and bailies of the said burgh, in favour of William Cuninghame of Caprintoun, as heir to the deceased John Cuninghame of Caprintoun, his father, in the following annualrents, namely, of thirteen shillings and fourpence furth of the back tenement sometime of William Galloway, now of David Crawford, lying in the said burgh, between the tenement formerly of the Laird of Grenane, now of George Kennedy on the south, and the tenement formerly of Martin Langmure, now of Robert Elder on the north; of twenty shillings of annualrent furth of the said tenement sometime of the Laird of Grenane,

now of George Kennedy, lying in the said burgh between the tenement now of the said David Crawford on the north, and the tenement of Robert M'Mulen on the south; of thirteen shillings and fourpence of annualrent furth of the tenement of the late George Chalmer now of William Wilson, lying in the said burgh between the tenement of the late Donald Campbell now of James Campbell, his son, on the east, and the tenement sometime of Jonet Howsoun and John Law otherwise Laird Law on the west; of twenty shillings of annualrent furth of the tenement sometime of William Chapell now of George Kennedy, lying in the said burgh between the tenement of the late Donald Rodman on the east, and the tenement of the late John Mure, now of George Lokhart, on the west; of thirteen shillings and fourpence of annualrent furth of the tower of the late Robert Clerk, lying on the back part of his tenement between the tenement of the said George Lokhart on the east, and the tenement of the late Charles Campbell now of Robert Campbell his son on the west; and of six shillings of annualrent furth of the tenement formerly of John Lokhart, mason, now of John Cochren, lying in the said burgh between the tenement of the late Adam Wischart, now of John Jamesoun on the north, and the tenement of the late James Wod, now of James Davidsoun and John Masoun on the south: Seisin is given by James Crawford, bailie of Ayr, upon the ground of the said lands, separately and severally, at the tenth hour before noon of the 21st of April 1585, before these witnesses, Hugh Cuningham, of Laglane, William Cuninghame of Polquharne, John Cuninghame in Potterhill, John Cuninghame in Weleis, Adam Mure of Brounhill, John Lokhart, David Craufurd, William Kessane, burgesses of Ayr, John Makgrane, John Gelly, Mathew Mortoun, and John M'Craw serjeants thereof.

97. BARGANY.

Seisin proceeding on Precept of *Clare Constat* in favour of Thomas Kennedy, now of Bargany, as heir of the deceased Thomas Kennedy of Bargany his father, in all and whole two tenements lying contiguous in the burgh of Ayr, between the tenement of the late John Dalrymple, now of Gavin Dalrymple and George Jamesoun on the north, and the tenement of Hugh Montfoid and David Couchert on the south; also in all and whole a certain barn, with yard and vacant ground thereto belonging, lying in the Sandgate of the said burgh, between the tenement of the late Robert Gluver, now of Christina Gluver and Thomas Roger her spouse on the north, and

the lands of the late Marion Strathill, but now of Janet Stewart on the south, and in all and whole a certain tenement and vacant ground, now occupied by George Hunter, smith, lying in the said burgh in the Woodgate, between the tenement of the late James Prestoun and the late Gilbert Corre on the south, and the tenement of the late Thomas Achiller, and now of James Hunter in Cortoun on the north, as is more fully contained in an instrument of seisin of the said deceased Thomas in the same subjects, produced and openly shown, under the sign and subscription of the late Stephen Prestoun, notary public, of date the 24th day of February 1544 : Seisin is delivered by the hands of an honourable man, George Cochren, bailie of Ayr, to Gilbert Ros, notary public, attorney for the said Thomas Kennedy, upon the grounds of the said tenements and barn, between the third and fourth hours after noon of the third day of May 1585, before these witnesses, David Adam, Mathew Mortoun, John M'Grane, John Gelly, burgesses of the said burgh, Leonard Chalmer, William Ranken, inhabitant thereof, and Oliver Ros, brother of the said Gilbert.

98. JAMESOUN.

Instrument of Seisin following upon resignation by way of sale made by discreet persons, David Neill, reader at the kirk of Largs, as frank tenementar, and John Adam in Monkton, as heritable proprietor, of the croft of land or garden of Gilbert Broun, extending to six roods of land, now occupied by John Nevin and Thomas Tennent, lying at the south end of the burgh of Ayr, in the territory thereof, between the common highway leading to the mill of the said burgh on the north, the lands of George Kennedy on the east, the lands of Robert Ranken on the south, and the common highway leading to Castlehill on the west, in favour of George Jamesoun, burgess of the said burgh ; the resignation was made in the hands of an honourable man, George Cochren, bailie of Ayr, in the dwelling-house of Janet Cochren, in the said burgh, about the fifth hour after noon, in presence of these witnesses, John Lokhert, Bartholomew Craufurd, Thomas Tennent, Alan Neill, co-burgesses of the said burgh : and seisin is given by the said bailie to the said George Jamesoun upon the ground of the said lands about the sixth hour after noon of the 8th day of May 1585, before these witnesses, William Campbell in Kylistoun in Grenane, Thomas M'Caill in Mains of Grenane, William M'Walkar there ; John Gelly, burgess of Ayr, and John M'Knedar, notary and colleague to John Mason, notary public in the premises.

99. NEILL—ADAM.

Instrument upon the renunciation by a prudent man, Gilbert Broun, burgess of Ayr, and Jonet Broun his wife, of unanimous consent and assent of the reversion which was granted by David Neill, reader at the Kirk of Largs, dated the 28th day of June 1580, containing the sum of three hundred merks for the redemption of their six roods of land lying in the territory of the burgh of Ayr, near the Foul Calsay, between the lands of John Lokhert on the north, and the lands of Archibald Fergushill on the south; and that in favour of the said David Neill, frank tenementar of the said lands, and of John Adam, fear thereof, in consideration of certain sums of money thankfully and wholly paid by them to the said Gilbert and Jonet. Done in the dwelling-house of Jonet Cochren, within the said burgh, about the fifth hour after noon, of the 8th day of May 1585: the witnesses being the same as to the resignation noted above. (No. 98.)

100. BANNATYNE.

Instrument on the renunciation by prudent persons, Peter Cuninghame, burgess of Ayr, and Margaret Rankene his wife, in favour of James Bannatyne, burgess of the said burgh, of an annualrent of ten merks, furth of the lands of Newdykes, extending to eight acres, occupied by Andrew Dobbe and Robert Hunter, lying in the bailiery of Kyle Stewart and within the shire of Ayr, formerly sold to them by the said James, under reversion for 100 merks, and now lawfully redeemed by the payment of the said sum. Dated 3rd June 1585. [The document is not complete, one leaf of the record being lost.]

101. [CUNINGHAME.]

Instrument of Sasine given by the hands of an honourable man, William Scott, bailie, and burgess of Irvine, with express consent and assent of Elizabeth Cuninghame his spouse, lady conjunct fear, to Thomas Cuninghame, visitor or deacon of the skinner trade within the said burgh, and to the other brethren of the same trade, and to their successors, of all and whole the yard sometime occupied by the late Stephen Tennent, lying in the burgh of Ayr, in the vennel commonly called the Foul Vennel, between the barn and yard of the late Thomas Broun, and of John Broun,

sailor, but now of David Ingrame, merchant, on the south, and another yard of the said late Thomas, but now of the said John Broun, sailor, on the north. Done on the ground of the said yard about the eleventh hour before noon of the day of [June 1585] in presence of John Kennedy of Smythstoun, Robert Jamesoun, George Lokhert, younger, John M'Kneder, notary, co-burgesses of Ayr, and George Cuningham, merchant.

102. CAPRINTOUN.

Instrument of Seisin following upon resignation made by a worthy man, Mr. John Porterfield, minister of the burgh of Ayr, and Margaret Smollet his spouse, of an annualrent of 25 merks, furth of all and whole the tenement belonging to William Cuninghame of Caprintoun, with garden, lying in the said burgh between the tenement of George Cochren and Alexander Kennedy on the south, and the tenement of Gilbert Donald and William Hunter on the north, in favour of the said William Cuninghame of Caprintoun, in consideration of the sum of 250 merks paid by him to the resigners for the redemption of the said annualrent. Done on the ground of the said tenement about the third hour after noon of the 11th day of June 1585, before David Craufurd, Adam Cuninghame, Mathew Mortoun and John Gelly, co-burgesses of the said burgh.

103. HUNTER.

Instrument of Seisin following upon resignation by a worthy man, Gilbert Broun, burgess of Ayr, and Jonet Broun his spouse, in implement of contract between them and William Hunter at Fischecros, burgess of the said burgh, of date the 12th day of April last, of all and whole the resigners' acre of land lying in the middle portion of the Sandy lands of the said burgh, between the land formerly of Thomas Achiller, and now of Archibald Fergushill on the one side, and the lands formerly of George Cuninghame now of William Kirkpatrick, on the other side, in favour of the said William Hunter, his heirs and assignees heritably: To hold of the provost, bailies, and community of the said burgh in feu-ferme, for the yearly payment of twelve pennies in name of feu-ferme. Done, as to the resignation, in the lodging of the said Gilbert, within the said burgh, about the ninth hour before noon; and as to the delivery of sasine by the hands of George Cochren, bailie, on the ground of the said acre, about the tenth

hour before noon of the 12th day of June 1585, before these witnesses, John Cochren, William Kirkpatrick, co-burgesses of said burgh, and John Reid in Grenane.

104. PORTERFIELD—SMOLLET.

Instrument of Seisin following upon resignation made by a discreet man, Robert Campbell, burgess of Ayr, by way of pure sale, of an annual-rent of eight pounds, furth of his tenement of land lying in the said burgh, between the tenement of the late Robert Clark on the east, and the tenement now of John Purience and the late Robert Chalmer on the west, in the hands of an honourable man, James Craufurd, one of the bailies of Ayr, in favour of Mr. John Porterfield, minister of the said burgh, and Margaret Smollet, his spouse, in conjunct fee, and the heirs lawfully procreated or to be procreated between them; whom failing, to the heirs and assignees whomsoever of the said John. Done on the ground of the said tenement about the third hour after noon of the 25th day of June 1585, before these witnesses, John Cuninghame in Potterhill, and John Batie, smith, burgesses of the said burgh.

105. BARGANY.

Seisin given by an honourable man, George Cochren, one of the bailies of the burgh of Ayr, to Thomas Kennedy, now of Bargany, as lawful and nearest heir to the deceased Thomas Kennedy of Bargany, in all and whole an annual-rent of twenty shillings money of Scotland, furth of a tenement, with garden and pertinents, belonging to Thomas Kennedy of Ardmillan, lying in the said burgh, between the tenement sometime of Bartholomew Kirkpatrick, now of William Kirkpatrick, on the south, and the tenement formerly of the Laird of Kelwod, now of Robert Ranken and Robert Tunno, on the north: Seisin is given by delivery of one penny in the hands of Oliver Ros as attorney for the said Thomas Kennedy, on the ground of the said tenement, about the second hour after noon of the 1st day of July 1585, before these witnesses, Mr. James Colvill of Dalquhorneill, Adam Hoig, servant of the said Thomas, John Makgrane and Mathew Mortoun, serjeants of the said burgh.

106. BANNATYNE—OSBURNE.

Seisin following upon resignation by a worthy man, David Bannatyne, burgess of Ayr, in the hands of an honourable man, James Craufurd, one of

the bailies of the said burgh, of the tenement back and fore, with yards, etc., lying in the said burgh, between the tenement of John Blair of Middle Auchindrane on the south, and the tenement of Andrew Kennedy on the north, in favour of the resigner himself, and of Janet Osburne his future spouse, for new seisin to be given to them in conjunct infeftment, in implement of their marriage-contract: Seisin is given accordingly by the said James Craufurd to the said David and Janet, personally present and accepting, on the ground of the said tenement, about the sixth hour after noon of the 10th day of July 1585, in presence of Archibald Fergushill, David Fergushill, Henry Osburne, John Osburne, Robert Jamesoun, Gilbert Power, and Adam Johnstoun, burgesses of Ayr.

107. OSBURNE.

Seisin following on resignation by a worthy man, Archibald Fergushill, burgess of Ayr, of two shops in his tenement now occupied by William Fergushill and Charles Craufurd, lying in the burgh, at the end of the Tolbooth thereof, between the said Tolbooth on the north, and the well called the new well, and the common street of the burgh, on the south, in the hands of an honourable man, James Craufurd, one of the bailies of Ayr, for seisin to be given thereof to John Osburne, burgess of said burgh, and Elizabeth Fergushill his spouse, in conjunct fee, and to the heirs lawfully gotten or to be gotten between them, whom failing, to the heirs and assignees of the said John, whomsoever; and that by way of pure sale, for certain sums of money instantly paid by the said John Osburne: Seisin is given by the said James Craufurd to the said John and Elizabeth, personally present, in the said shops, about the tenth hour before noon of 31st July 1585, in presence of William Wallace of Barneweill, the said Charles Craufurd, John Gelly, gaoler, co-burgesses of the said burgh, and Alan Osburne, brother of said John. [Folio 251 wanting.]

108. OSBURNE—FERGUSHILL.

Seisin following on resignation by the said Archibald Fergushill, in favour of the said John Osburne, and Elizabeth Fergushill his spouse, by way of pure sale, for certain sums of money instantly paid to him by the said John, of all and whole the tenement of Thomas Kennedy of Ardmillan, fore and back, with yards and pertinents, lying in the burgh of Ayr, in the

vennel called the Trinity Vennel, which leads to the parish church thereof, between the tenement of John Fallusdail on the east, the tenement of Robert Dalrymple on the south, the hills of the said burgh on the west, and the said vennel on the north : Seisin is given by James Craufurd, bailie, to the said John and Elizabeth, on the ground of the said tenement, at the same time, and before the same witnesses, as in the preceding instrument.

109. WALLACE—DICKIE.

Seisin following on resignation by a worthy man, Thomas Wallace, burgess of Ayr, of an annualrent of six merks five shillings and four pennies money of Scotland, furth of the tenement of John Dischington, or any part thereof, lying in the burgh of Ayr, in the vennel leading towards the sea, between the tenement of the late William Lokhert on the one side, and that of the late Adam Masoun on the other, in the hands of an honourable man, George Cochren, one of the bailies of Ayr, for new infetment to be given to the resigner himself and Janet Dickie his future spouse, in conjunct fee, and their heirs, in implement of their marriage-contract : Seisin is given by the delivery of one penny to the said parties personally present, on the ground of the said tenement about the sixth hour after noon of the 14th day of August 1585, in presence of George Hunter, merchant, William Fergushill, son of William Fergushill, and Gilbert M'Knelie, co-burgesses of Ayr.

110. SIMPSON—NEILSON.

Seisin following upon resignation made by a worthy man, George Simpson in Prestwick, of all and whole his tenement of land, with eight roods of land thereto belonging, lying in the burgh of Prestwick, on the east side of the king's street, between the lands of John Stewart on the north, and the common royal [or high] street on the south : Also, all and whole his five roods of land, lying in the said burgh, on the east side thereof, between the lands of Alexander Knycht on the south, and the lands of John Simpson on the north : And also his two roods of land lying on the west side of the said burgh, between the lands of Richard Findlay on the north and the lands of Edward Wylie on the south, together with his piece of land called Bogcruik, lying in the said burgh, in the hands of a prudent and discreet man, Alexander Broun, one of the bailies of the said burgh, in favour of the

resigner himself, and of Margaret Neilsoun his spouse, for new seisin to be given to them in conjunct fee, and to the heirs procreated or to be procreated between them, whom failing, to the heirs and assignees of the said George; which was accordingly given to them by the said bailie in the usual form. Done [upon the ground of the said lands], singly and severally, between the ninth and tenth hours before noon of the 16th day of August 1585, in presence of witnesses, William Neilson in Clune, John Neilson in Sanchair, Patrick Reid in Scheills, and James Blair.

111. KENNEDY.

Seisin following upon Resignation made by a discreet man, George Masoun, burgess of Ayr, of his new fore tenement, as well below as above, now occupied by Janet Campbell, Janet Broun, and David Burnes: Also of his other tenement or houses, presently occupied above and below by William Contane and John Murdoch, lying contiguous with the said fore tenement, at the south end thereof, situated in the burgh of Ayr, in the vennel commonly called the Carnell Vennel, between the back tenement or back lands of the said George on the west, the Water of Ayr on the north, the said vennel on the east, and the lands or tenement of Nicolas Mirrie on the south, in the hands of an honourable man, George Cochren, one of the bailies of the said burgh, in favour of a discreet virgin Rachel Kennedy, future spouse of said George, for seisin to be given to her thereof in her pure virginity, in liferent, in virtue of their marriage-contract. Whereupon the said bailie delivered seisin to the said Rachel, personally present and accepting, upon the ground of the said tenement, about the ninth hour before noon of the 19th day of August 1585, before these witnesses, John Lokhert, George Kennedy, David Fergushill, and Gilbert Couthert, co-burgesses of the said burgh.

112. CUNINGHAME—RANKENE.

Seisin following upon resignation by a worthy man, John Dischington in Lochryan, and Janet Cuninghame his spouse, by unanimous consent, of all and whole their tenement of land, fore and back, below and above, with pertinents, lying in the burgh of Ayr, in the vennel leading towards the sea, between the tenement of the late Adam Mason, now of George Mason his son, on the east, the tenement of the late William Lokhert, now of George Lokhert his brother, on the west, the said vennel on the south,

and the Water of Ayr on the north, in the hands of an honourable man, George Craufurd, one of the bailies of Ayr, in favour of John Cuninghame, sailor, burgess of Ayr, and Elizabeth Rankene his spouse, for new seisin to be given to them and their heirs, by way of sale, for counted money, without reversion : Seisin was given accordingly by the said bailie to the said John and Elizabeth, on the ground of the said tenement, about the ninth hour before noon of the 4th day of September 1585, before these witnesses, Peter Cuninghame, James Farnlie, Gilbert Cuninghame, Robert Cuninghame, and John Cuninghame in Newtoun, co-burgesses of the said burgh.

113. EARL OF ARRAN AND HIS SPOUSE.

Instrument of Seisin, narrating that a worthy man, Ninian Mogersland, attorney, and in name of a noble and potent earl, James, Earl of Arran, Lord Aven, Hamiltoun and Dirltoun, Chancellor of our sovereign Lord the King, and Lady Elizabeth Stewart, Countess of Arran, his spouse, specially constituted by letters of attorney of our said sovereign lord, to the effect underwritten, compeared personally before the notary and witnesses, having and holding in his hands a certain Precept of Seisin under the testimonial of the Great Seal, directed from the Chancery of our sovereign lord to the Sheriff of Ayr and his bailies, and presented the same to a discreet man, James Craufurd, bailie and burgess of Ayr, as Sheriff of Ayr, in that part, specially named in the said Precept of Seisin, requiring him to put the same duly to execution ; which bailie, having received into his hands with becoming reverence the aforesaid precept, delivered it to the notary public to be read, published, and reduced to this public form of instrument ; of which precept the tenor follows, to this effect : James, by the grace of God King of Scots, to the Sheriff of Ayr and his bailies, and to our lovites James Craufurd, bailie and burgess of Ayr, etc., and each of you, conjunctly and severally, our sheriffs of Ayr in that part, greeting : Whereas we have given, granted, and disponded, to our well-beloved cousin and counsellor James Earl of Arran, etc., our Chancellor, and Lady Elizabeth Stewart his spouse, and the survivor of them in conjunct fee, and to the heirs lawfully procreated or to be procreated between them, which failing, to the said James, Earl of Arran, his heirs and assignees whatsoever, heritably, all and whole the lands and baronies following, as well the property as the tenandry thereof, with service of free tenants, mills, multures, woods, fishings, and others, contain-

ing the particular lands underwritten, comprehended and united in the same, namely, all and whole the lands and barony called the Barony of Colvill, Barnweill, and Symontoun, lying within our sherifffdom of Ayr, containing these particular lands included therein, namely, the five pounds of land of old extent lying above the wood of Barnweill; other five pounds of land called Stasflour, in Symontoun; two and a half merks of land of old extent of Knokindaill, occupied by John Stewart of Halrig; other two and a half merks of land of Knokindaill, occupied by Thomas Tait of Adamhill; two and a half merks of land called Byrhill; forty pennies of land called the Hoilhous in Symontoun, occupied by the late Robert Chalmer, and forty pennies of land called the Hoilhous, possessed by (sic) Balie of that ilk, the said particular lands extending to twenty pounds of land of old extent called the Barony of Colvill, Barnweill, and Symontoun: All and whole the Barony of Hereis Barnweill, and Symontoun, containing these particular lands, namely, ten pounds of land lying in the parish of Barnweill, and the meal mill thereof, formerly possessed by John Hamiltoun, brother of William Hamiltoun of Sorne; twenty shillings of land in the parish of Symontoun, formerly possessed by the said John, extending in whole to eleven pounds of land of old extent; five pounds of land called the Fultoun of Barnweill Hereis; forty shillings of land called the Quhythills, and (sic) in Symontoun; five pounds of land of Over and Nether Cowdanes lying in Symontoun-Hereis; three pounds six shillings and eight pennies of land called the Nether Wasfurd, lying in the barony of Symontoun-Hereis: two and a half merks of land called Knokindaill Cuninghame, lying in the same barony; all the particular lands above-written of the said barony of Symontoun-Hereis extending to thirty pounds six shillings and eight pennies of land; and the said baronies and particulars of the same beforesaid, extending to fifty pounds six shillings and eight pennies of land of the extent aforesaid, all lying within the shire of Ayr: Which lands, baronies, etc., belonged before heritably to William Cuninghame of Caprintoun, and were duly resigned by him personally in the hands of the king his immediate superior, at Holyrood House, in favour of the said James, Earl of Arran and his said spouse, and the survivor of them, in conjunct fee, and their heirs and assignees, for new infeftment thereof to be given to them, and that for implement of one part of a contract made at Holyrood House on the 28th day of March 1585, between the said Earl and his spouse on the one part, and the said William Cuninghame for himself and for Agnes

Hamiltoun his spouse, William Cuninghame their first-born son, apparent of Caprintoun, Adam Cuninghame their second son, Zester Fullertoun, his spouse, and their remanent children: Commanding therefore the said sheriff, etc., to give seisin in accordance with the premises: The Precept is dated at Stirling the 19th of August 1585; and seisin is given in terms thereof to the said Ninian Mogersland, attorney, and on behalf of the said earl and his spouse, on the ground of the saids lands respectively, singly and successively, between the eleventh hour before noon and the fourth hour after noon of the 6th day of September 1585, in presence of William Neilson in Clune, George Simpson in Prestwick, William Curry in Scheills, Patrick Reid there, Robert M'Millen in Ayr, George Angus, younger, and George Angus, co-notary with John Mason.

114. HAMILTOUN—SAWER.

Seisin given by an honourable man, George Cochren, bailie of Ayr, in favour of William Hamiltoun, skinner, as heir to his father the deceased Mathew Hamiltoun, burgess of Ayr, of an annualrent or feu-ferme of fourteen shillings, furth of the barn which belonged to the said Mathew, but now to Robert Adam, flesher, lying at south end of the said burgh, between the barn of the late Thomas Dalrymple, the lands of the late William Aichller and George Kessane, and the lands of the late Patrick Broun: Also of the fore tenement of the said Robert, lying near the said barn, between the end of the barn of the said Thomas Dalrymple on the south and the tenement inhabited by the late John Adam on the north, with the back land belonging to the said fore tenement: Which seisin having been so given, the said William Hamiltoun thereupon resigned the said annualrent again in the hands of the said George Cochren, bailie, in favour of Archibald Sawour, burgess of Ayr, and Katherine Adam his spouse, in conjunct fee, and to their heirs: Whereupon the said bailie delivered seisin of the said annualrent to the said Archibald and Katherine, personally present, upon the ground of the said tenement, about the fourth hour after noon, before these witnesses, the said Robert Adam, Archibald Blak, and John Gelly, gaoler, co-burgesses of Ayr.

115. SAWER—ADAM.

Seisin following upon resignation made by Robert Adam, flesher, burgess of Ayr, and Janet Adam his spouse, of the just and equal half of

their barn formerly belonging to Mathew Hamiltoun, lying at the south end of the burgh of Ayr, between the barn of the late Thomas Dalrymple, the lands of the late William Aichiller and George Kessane, and the lands of the late Patrick Broun : Also, the half of their fore tenement, lying near the said barn in the vennel called the Cowgait, between the end of the said barn of Thomas Dalrymple on the south, and the tenement inhabited by the late John Adam, shepherd, on the north : with the half of the back land belonging proportionally to the said fore tenement, and reaching from the said barn to the said fore tenement, in favour of Archibald Sawyer, burgess of Ayr, their son-in-law, and Katherine Adam his spouse, in conjunct fee, and their heirs : Reserving to the resigners their liferent of the said subjects. Done upon the ground of the said lands about the fourth hour after noon of the 16th day of September 1585, before these witnesses, Archibald Black, William Hamiltoun, skinner, and John Gelly, serjeant, co-burgesses of Ayr.

116. LOKHERT.

Seisin given by an honourable man, James Craufurd, bailie of Ayr, to Alexander Lokhert, burgess of the said burgh, as lawful and nearest heir of the deceased Master John Lokhert his brother, of the tenement of land, fore and back, presently occupied by Laurence Kirkpatrick, John Cumyng, William Johnstoun, Robert Campbell, and Gilbert M'Knelie, lying in the said burgh, in the vennel leading to the sea, between the fore tenement formerly of Robert Campbell, now of James Lokhert, the back tenement now of Hugh Girvan, and the tenement now of William Fallusdail : Whereupon the said Alexander Lokhert again resigned the said tenement in the hands of the said bailie, in favour of James Lokhert his brother, and the heirs of his body lawfully to be procreated, whom failing, to revert to the said Alexander the resigner, and to his heirs whomsoever. Holding burgage: paying therefor yearly, the said James and his heirs, to the said Alexander and his heirs, one goose with four quarts of ale, if asked only; and further, it shall be lawful to the said James and his heirs to sell or alienate the said tenement as to them shall seem expedient. Done upon the ground of the said tenement about the tenth hour before noon of the 14th of October 1585, in presence of witnesses, John Wallace in Monktonhill, Laurence Kirkpatrick, Adam Johnstoun, and John Gelly, co-burgesses of Ayr.

117. CHALMER—CAMPBELL.

Seisin following upon resignation made by honourable persons, John Chalmer in Troquhane, and Marion Bannatyne his spouse, of their lands of Doglands, extending to about three acres of land, lying in the territory of the burgh of Ayr, in favour of Robert Campbell, burgess thereof, by whom they were formerly sold to the said John and Marion, and are now redeemed by him for the sum of one hundred pounds paid to them : The said resignation was made in the lodging of David Fergushill, burgess of Ayr, about the second hour after noon, in presence of the said David Fergushill, James Bannatyne, Alexander Lokhert, Andrew Kennedy, co-burgesses : and seisin was given to the said Robert upon the ground of the said lands, about the third hour after noon of the 27th day of October 1585, in presence of John M'Grane, burgess, and Hugh Power, notary.

118. CRAUFURD.

Seisin following upon resignation made by a discreet man, Robert Campbell, burgess of Ayr, by way of pure sale, of his lands of Doglands, extending to three acres, presently occupied by Archibald Kip, lying in the territory of the burgh of Ayr, in the hands of George Cochren, bailie of the said burgh, in favour of an honourable man, Quintin Craufurd of Drumlaucht, for new seisin to be given to him of the said lands, heritably ; which was accordingly given by the said bailie upon the ground of the said lands, about the third hour after noon of 27th October 1585, in presence of these witnesses, John Makgrane, burgess of Ayr, and Hugh Power, notary.

119. STEWART.

Seisin following upon resignation made by a worthy man, John Stewart in Fowtoun, of his two fore tenements, as well below as above, lying in the burgh of Ayr, in the Woodgate, on the west side of the king's street, between the tenement formerly of John Nichol, now of George Lokhert, on the south, and the tenement of the late John Lokhert, mason, and of the late John Makteir, and of Sibella Lokhert, on the north : Also of the fourth part of the back yards and roods of the same tenement, and belonging thereto, in the hands of an honourable man, James Craufurd, one of the bailies of Ayr, in favour of George Stewart, lawful son of the resigner, for new seisin to be given to him thereof, for the sake of filial love : Reserving

to the said John Stewart and Janet Chalmer his spouse, their frank tenement or liferent of the said tenements, etc., whereupon the said bailie gave heritable seisin to the said George, with the usual formalities, upon the ground of the said subjects, about the second hour after noon of the 28th of October 1585, before these witnesses, William Wallace of Dullers, John Cuninghame in Potterhill, John Makgrane, and Laurence Smyth, co-burgesses of Ayr.

120. STEWART.

Seisin following upon resignation by John Stewart in Fowtoun, of his two back tenements lying contiguously, together with three parts of the yards and roods thereof, lying in the burgh of Ayr, between the tenement of the late John Nichol now of George Lokhert, on the south, and the tenement of the late John Lokhert, mason, and John Makteir, and of Sibella Lokhert, on the north, with free entry and ish in and to the said tenements and yards, by the fore gate of the fore tenement thereof, in the hands of James Crawford, bailie, in favour of Mathew Stewart, lawful son of the resigner, for new seisin thereof to be given to him and his heirs, for the sake of filial love: Reserving to the said John Stewart and Janet Chalmer his spouse, their liferent thereof: Seisin given as in the preceding instrument, of same date and before same witnesses.

121. LOKHERT.

Seisin given by an honourable man, George Cochren, one of the bailies of Ayr, at the command of the provost, the other bailie, the council and community of the said burgh, of the lands and barony of Alloway, extending to an eighty merk land of old extent, lying in the territory and liberty of the said burgh, together with the grain mill thereof, to a worthy man, George Lokhert, burgess thereof. Done upon the ground of the said barony, about the eighth hour before noon of the 2nd of November 1585, before these witnesses, John M'Grane, burgess of Ayr, James Thomson in Glenyards, and George Angus, notary.

[On the margin of this deed is a note signed "Masoun," to the effect that, on the 22nd day of May 1586, this seisin was renounced by the said George Lokhert, because of the redemption of the said lands and mill.]

122. WALLACE—HAMILTOUN.

Seisin proceeding upon precept contained in charter of feu-ferme granted by an honourable man, William Stewart of Monkton, knight, in favour of John Wallace in Monktonhill, and Margaret Hamiltoun his spouse, in conjunct fee, and the heirs lawfully procreated or to be procreated between them, whom failing, the heirs and assignees of the said John, whomsoever, of all and whole the fifty-one shilling and four penny lands of the lands of Monktonhill, now occupied by the said spouses, and their subtenants, lying in the lordship of Monkton, bailiery of Kyle Stewart and sheriffdom of Ayr: The charter is dated at the burgh of Ayr, 5th October 1585, before witnesses, Quintin Craufurd of Drumlaucht, David Craufurd, James Craufurd, burgesses of Ayr: and Seisin is given by a worthy man, Alexander Cuninghame in Monktonhill, as bailie in that part for the granter, on the ground of the said lands, about the eighth hour before noon of the 3d day of November 1585, in presence of George Schaw of Glenmur, John Hamiltoun, son natural of the late John Archbishop of Saint Andrews, James Boyd, servant of the said George Schaw, John Wallace, servant of said John Wallace in Monktonhill, and Michael Wallace, notary.

123. SCHAW—WALLACE.

On the same day, month, and year as above noted, the discreet persons, John Wallace and Margaret Hamilton his spouse, being upon the ground of their said lands of Monktonhill above described, did with their own hands, by unanimous consent and assent, give heritable seisin, actual, real, and corporal possession of the same lands to an honourable man, George Schaw of Glenmur, their son-in-law, and Margaret Wallace his spouse, and the longer liver of them, in conjunct fee, and to the heirs between them lawfully gotten or to be gotten: To hold of the said John and Margaret, their heirs and assignees, in blench-ferme for the yearly payment of one penny if asked: paying also to the superior of the said lands the feu-fermes thereof according to the tenor of the charter to be granted thereupon to them: Reserving, however, to the said John and Margaret their frank-tenement of the said land, and the usufruct thereof during their lives, providing also that the said lands shall be under regress and reversion to the said John Wallace and his heirs, according to the tenor of the matrimonial contract

entered into between the said George Schaw on the one part, and the said John Wallace and his spouse and Margaret their daughter, on the other. The witnesses are the same as in the preceding deed.

124. LOKHERT.

Seisin following upon resignation by a worthy man, Archibald Fergus-hill, burgess of Ayr, of his lands upon Corrochan Burn, extending to five acres, with the fauld and pertinents of the same, which formerly belonged in heritage to the late Mr. Michael Wallace, lying in the liberty and territory of the said burgh, in the hands of an honourable man, George Cochren, bailie of Ayr, as in the hands of the provost, bailies, and community thereof, lord superior of the same, in favour of George Lokhert, burgess of Ayr, for new seisin to be given to him thereof, by way of pure alienation, in implement of contract entered into between the granter and David Fergushill his son and apparent heir on one part, and the said George Lokhert on the other, of date the 31st day of October last. The resignation is made in the lodging of John Masoun, notary, at the eleventh hour before noon, and seisin is given accordingly to the said George, upon the ground of the said lands, at the same hour, of the 9th day of November 1585, before witnesses, James Lokhert in Cuning Park, Archibald Lokhert, son of George Lokhert of Bar, the said David Fergushill, and Cuthbert Wallace, burgess of Ayr.

125. JAMESOUN.

Instrument narrating that there compeared personally, in presence of the notary and witnesses, a discreet man, Hugh otherwise Hucheoun Fergusson in Pynmirrie, also William Kessane, procurator, and in name of Margaret M'Rankene his spouse, specially constituted by letters patent, the tenor whereof was clearly known to the notary, and actually received in numbered money from the hands of an also discreet man, George Jamesoun, burgess of Ayr, heritable cessioner and assignee lawfully constituted by Gilbert Broun, burgess of the said burgh, and Janet Broun his spouse, in and to the reversion and lawful redemption of the lands following, the sum of six hundred merks, usual money of Scotland, in redemption and relaxation from the said Hugh Fergusson and Margaret M'Rankene his spouse, of all and whole the two merk lands of old extent of Riddinreid; the merk land of

the same extent of Treis, Rynneistoun and Reidscroft, lying in the territory or Burrowfield of Ayr, formerly sold to them by the said Gilbert and Janet, according to the tenor of the letters of reversion granted thereupon: which lands the said Hugh Fergusson, and the said William Kessane for the said Margaret, confessed to be lawfully and duly redeemed and relaxed by payment of the foresaid sum, and the said reversion to be fulfilled in all its points; and therefore the said Hugh and the said William as procurator aforesaid, did purely and simply resign, by staff and baton, the said lands, in the hands of an honourable man, James Craufurd, bailie of Ayr, as in the hands of the provost, bailies and community thereof, their lords superiors of the same, together with the writs and evidents thereof, and that in favour of the foresaid George Jamesoun, heritable cessioner and assignee, for new seisin thereof to be given to him, his heirs and assignees: These things were done in the dwelling-house of the said George within the said burgh, about the second hour afternoon of the 10th of November 1585, before these witnesses, Adam Johnstoun, John Scherar, messenger, Robert Maxwell, merchant, co-burgesses of Ayr, and James Mure in Balkamy.

126. WALLACE.

Instrument upon the renunciation by a worthy man, John Cochren, burgess of Ayr, of one acre of land lying in the middle portion of the Sandy lands of the said burgh, between the lands of Cuthbert Wallace, burgess of Ayr on the one part, and the lands of the late William Blair on the other part; which lands were formerly wadset by the said Cuthbert Wallace to the granter, but were now redeemed for twenty pounds, for which the said John Cochren renounced the said lands in favour of the said Cuthbert. Done in the dwelling-house of George Jamesoun, within the said burgh, about the third hour after noon of the 10th of November 1585, before these witnesses, George Jamesoun, John Scherar, messenger, and John Morton, servant of said George.

127. JAMESOUN.

Seisin following upon resignation made by Hugh *alias* Hucheoun Fergusson in Pynmirrie, and Margaret M'Rankene his spouse, in favour of George Jamesoun, burgess of Ayr, of the two merk lands of Riddenreid, and the merk land of Treis, Rynneistoun and Reidiscroft, all of old extent,

lying in the territory of the Burrowfield of Ayr, which were resigned on the 10th of November instant: Seisin is given by the hands of an honourable man, James Crawford, one of the bailies of Ayr, on the ground of the said lands, singly and severally, about the eighth hour before noon of the 24th of November 1585, in presence of these witnesses, Adam Johnstoun, burgess of Ayr, and William Murdoch, servant of John Campbell of Lochfergus.

128. JAMESOUN.

Seisin following upon resignation made by a worthy man, Cuthbert Wallace, burgess of Ayr, in favour of a prudent man, George Jamesoun, also burgess thereof, his heirs and assignees, of his two acres of land lying contiguous in the middle portion of the Sandy lands of the said burgh, between the lands of Robert Campbell on the north, and another acre of the said Cuthbert's, occupied by William Fergushill on the south; and that by way of pure sale for counted monies: Holding of the provost, bailies, and community of Ayr, in feu-ferme: Seisin is given by James Crawford, bailie of Ayr, on the ground of the said lands, about the eleventh hour before noon of the 24th of November 1585, before these witnesses, Adam Johnstoun, burgess of the said burgh, and Alexander Stenestoun, servant of the said George.

129. KENNEDY—CHALMER.

Instrument of Seisin given by an honourable man, James Crawford, one of the bailies of Ayr, to Andrew Kennedy, as lawful and nearest heir of the deceased James Kennedy, burgess of Ayr, his father, in a certain tenement, fore and back, with garden, etc., lying in the burgh of Ayr, between the tenement formerly belonging to William Bannatyne, now to David Bannatyne, on the south, and the tenement of Patrick Richie on the north: Holding burgage. Reserving, nevertheless, to Marion Bannatyne, mother of said Andrew, her frank tenement or liferent thereof: Which having been done, the said Andrew Kennedy, by way of pure sale for certain sums of money instantly paid to him by an honourable man, Andrew Chalmer of Wrichthill, did wholly quitclaim and resign the said tenement, etc., in the hands of the said James Crawford, for seisin thereof to be given to the said Andrew Chalmer, his heirs and assignees, heritably, for ever; reserving, as aforesaid, to the said Marion Bannatyne: Seisin was given accordingly,

on the ground of the said tenement, about the second hour afternoon of the 24th of November 1585, before these witnesses, Alexander Lokhert, son and heir-apparent of John Lokhert of Boghall, Mathew Chalmer in Gaitgirth, Mathew Mortoun, John M'Grane, and John M'Ara, serjeants of the said burgh.

130. RYSYDE.

Seisin following on Resignation by a discreet man, John Broun, sailor, burgess of Ayr, of his yard with houses thereon, presently occupied by Marion Pawtoun, lying in the burgh of Ayr, in the Foul Vennel, between the lands and yard of the late Alexander Kennedy on the east, the lands and yard formerly of William Scott, now belonging heritably to the skinners of the said burgh, on the south, and the said vennel on the west and north, in favour of William Rysyd, burgess of Ayr, his heirs and assignees, by way of sale, for counted money, for seisin to be given to him thereof heritably, without reversion, which was accordingly done by the hands of James Craufurd, bailie, on the ground of the said yard, about the ninth hour before noon of 17th December 1585, the witnesses being David Craufurd, William Fergushill, William Hamilton, skinner, burgesses of Ayr, and Mathew Mortoun, serjeant.

131. BANNATYNE.

Instrument upon the redemption by James Bannatyne, burgess of Ayr, of his yard called the Orchard, with the pertinents, lying in the burgh of Ayr, in the vennel called the Cow Vennel, between the lands of William Ros on the one part, and the lands of Alexander Bellisbank on the other, from Thomas Roger, merchant, burgess of Ayr, and Cristina Gluver his spouse, for the sum of £100 paid to them by the said James, in whose favour the yard is resigned, and new infeftment is given to him thereof in the usual manner by James Craufurd, bailie; the redemption being done upon the street of the said burgh about the tenth hour before noon of 17th December 1585, the witnesses being David Craufurd, John Cochren, Alan Adam, fuller, burgesses of the said burgh; and the seisin given upon the ground of the said yard about the eleventh hour before noon, in presence of the said David Craufurd, Robert Adam, butcher, Mathew Mortoun, serjeant.

132. RYSYDE.

Seisin following upon resignation made by a discreet man, James Bannatyne, by way of pure sale, of all and whole his yard, commonly called the Orchard, presently occupied by Robert Adam, John Nevin, and John Murdoch: together with a piece of arable land at the end thereof, and belonging to the same, lying in the burgh of Ayr, in the Cow Vennel, on the west side thereof, between the lands now of Alexander Bellisbank on the north, and the lands now of William Ros on the south, in favour of William Rysyde, burgess of Ayr, his heirs and assignees. Done at same time and place, and before same witnesses as in the preceding instrument.

133. BARDE.

Seisin following on resignation by the said William Rysyde, of the same yard, and arable land above described, in favour of Agnes Barde his spouse, in liferent, under this provision, that if it should happen the said William or the heirs of his body lawfully gotten or to be gotten, to pay and deliver to the said Agnes, one crown of the sun of gold, in the parish church of the said burgh of Ayr, upon premonition of eight days, then she shall renounce her liferent in favour of the said William and his heirs, who shall have regress and ingress thereto, as if she had never been infeft therein. Done upon the ground of the said yard about the eleventh hour before noon of the 17th day of December 1585, before these witnesses, David Craufurd, James Bannatyne, and Robert Adam, flesher, burgess of Ayr.

134. WALLACE—FERGUSHILL.

Seisin following upon resignation made by a worthy man, William Fergushill, son and heir-apparent of William Fergushill, burgess of Ayr, in favour of David Wallace his brother, son and heir of the deceased Hugh Wallace, burgess of Ayr, of that tenement fore and back pertaining to the said David, with yard and pertinents, lying in the said burgh, between another Templar tenement of the said David's on the west, and the tenement now of Henry Osburne on the east; which tenement was formerly sold to the resigner by the said David, under reversion for the sum of five shillings, usual money of Scotland, and is now redeemed by payment of that sum. The resignation was made in the hands of an honourable man, George

Cochren, one of the bailies of Ayr, by whom seisin was given to the said David Wallace, upon the ground of the said tenement, about the second hour afternoon of the 17th of December 1585, the witnesses being the said William Fergushill, elder, Cuthbert Wallace, Peter Cuningham and John Makgrane, co-burgesses of Ayr.

135. CUNINGHAME.

Seisin following upon resignation by a worthy man, David Wallace, burgess of Ayr, by way of pure sale, and in implement of one part of a contract made between him and Peter Cuningham, burgess of the said burgh, of date the sixth day of December instant; and for certain sums of money therein specified, of his tenement fore and back, with yard, etc., lying in the said burgh between the tenement of the late Laurence Bullok and the late Archibald Osburne, on the east, and a Templar tenement of the said David's on the west, in favour of the said Peter, his heirs and assignees heritably. Seisin is given by George Cochren, bailie, on the ground of the said tenement, about the second hour after noon of the 17th of December 1585, the witnesses being William Fergushill, burgess, William his son, Cuthbert Wallace, and John Makgrane, burgesses.

136. CUNINGHAME.

Seisin given by the hands of a worthy man, David Wallace, burgess of Ayr, to a discreet man, Peter Cuninghame, burgess of the same, of that tenement of land called Temple tenement, lying in the said burgh between the tenement sometime of David Blair of Adamtoun, now of the said David Wallace, on the east, and the vennel leading toward the Water of Ayr from the market-cross of the said burgh, on the west; and that according to the form and tenor of the charter of blench-ferme which the said Peter had thereof. Done upon the ground of the said tenement about the second hour after noon of the 17th of December 1585, before the witnesses named in the preceding instrument, together with George Cochren, bailie of Ayr.

137. KERS.

Seisin following upon resignation made by a prudent and discreet man, William Campbell of Quhytauch, of all and whole his sixteen shilling and eight penny lands of old extent called Frierlands, occupied by John Burns,

lying in the territory of the burgh of Ayr, in the hands of a discreet man, James Craufurd, one of the bailies of the said burgh, and in the hands of the community thereof, his lord superiors of the same; and that in favour of David Craufurd of Kers, and his heirs-male, lawfully procreated or to be procreated of his body, whom failing, to William Craufurd his brother-german, and the heirs-male of his body; whom failing, to John Craufurd of Balgregane and the heirs-male of his body: whom failing, to Duncan Craufurd, son and heir-apparent of the deceased John Craufurd of Camlarg, and the heirs-male of his body: whom failing, to Quintin Craufurd of Drumlaucht, and the heirs-male of his body: whom failing, to David Craufurd, burgess of Ayr, and the heirs-male of his body: whom failing, to James Craufurd his brother, burgess of the said burgh, and the heirs-male of his body; whom all failing, to the lawful and nearest heirs-male of the said David Craufurd of Kers, whomsoever, bearing the surname of Craufurd, and that by way of pure sale and in implement of one part of a certain contract between the said David and William, of date the 24th day of December instant, and for certain sums of money specified therein: the said lands to hold of the provost, bailies, and community of Ayr in feu-ferme, according to the tenor of the charter of sale granted by the said William to the said David: The resignation was made within the said burgh, in the dwelling-house of the said David, about the tenth hour before noon, there being present as witnesses David Craufurd, burgess of Ayr, John Campbell, son and heir of said William Campbell, and George Angus, younger: Seisin was given upon the ground of the said lands about the same hour of the 24th day of December 1585, in presence of William Craufurd, brother of said David, David Campbell, son of Robert Campbell in Overtoun, Michael Reoch, Hugh Barclay, and Patrick Lawson, servitors of the said David, Mathew Morton, John M'Cra, and John Makgrane, co-burgesses and serjeants of the said burgh.

[Here ends the first of the Protocol Books of John Mason, certified by him, and also by J. Scott, to contain 272 leaves, but of which 178 leaves are now wanting.

The second Protocol Book is also mutilated, beginning at *folio* 371, in the middle of an instrument. As both of these portions of books are now bound together, the numbers of the instruments which they yet contain are here put consecutively.]

138. [LOKHERT.]

Seisin in favour of Alexander Lokhert, as son and undoubted heir of the late John Lokhert, of a tenement lying near the bridge, and another tenement towards the sheep market: A croft called Hamfeis Fauld, all holding of the king in manner of burgage, for payment of the burghal fermes used and wont: A tenement near the Fish Cross, with the lands of Snaip's Fauld, Pennybus, Sklaitbog, Rudeland, and Maryland, holding of the provost, bailies, and community of the said burgh (of Ayr?) in feu-ferme; paying yearly for the tenement near the Fish Cross the sum of thirty shillings, for the croft called Snaip's Fauld thirteen shillings and four pennies; for the acre called Pennybus, twelve pennies; for the half of the meadow of Sklaitbog thirty-three shillings and fourpence; for the acre called Rudeland, near the meadow thereof, two shillings; and for the lands of Marylands three pounds fourteen shillings and sixpence, usual money of Scotland, at the terms of Whitsunday and Martinmas, by equal portions, in name of feu-ferme, according to the tenor of the old infeftments of the same. Done upon the grounds of the said lands respectively above mentioned, singly and severally, between the eleventh hour before noon and the first hour afternoon, of the day of (1592), the witnesses being these discreet men, James Bannatyne, burgess of said burgh, Archibald Lokhert, son of the late John Lokhert of Bar, James Lokhert, brother of the said Alexander, James Kennedy, Alexander Cuningham, co-burgesses, Robert Reid, William Rankene, notary, and Andrew Miller, serjeant.

139. KENNEDY.

Seisin following upon resignation made by a worthy man, Alexander Lokhert of Boghall, burgess of Ayr, of all and whole his lands called the Maryland, with the meadow called Motherlandsyk, and one acre of land called the Galblair, together with commonty and other small portions of land belonging to the said subjects, now occupied by John Campbell, lying in the territory and liberty of the burgh of Ayr, in the hands of a discreet man, George Cochren, one of the bailies of the said burgh, in favour of Margaret Kennedy, spouse of the resigner, in liferent, because of his favour towards her: Seisin was given to the said Margaret by the said bailie on the ground of the said lands about the first hour after noon of the 15th day

of March 1592-3, in presence of James Bannatyne, Robert Reid, James Lokhert, brother of the resigner, burgess of Ayr, Archibald Lokhert, son of the late John Lokhert of Bar, and Andrew Miller, serjeant.

140. LOKHERT—LOKHERT.

Seisin given by an honourable man, George Cochren, one of the bailies of Ayr, to Alexander Lokhert, burgess thereof, as heir to the late John Lokhert of Boghall his father, who died last vest and seized as of fee in all and whole an acre of land formerly belonging to William Stewart and John Hall, lying above the Sandy lands of the said burgh, in a certain portion of the same called Nine Acres, stretching from the chapel of St. Leonard to the cross of the Muir, between the acre formerly of Alexander Kennedy, now of George Jameson on the south, and one acre of land formerly of Cuthbert Wallace, now of John Mason the notary : In all and whole an acre of land formerly of Martin Bane, and Janet Douglas, relict of John Kessane, lying in the aforesaid portion between the acre formerly of Robert Clerk, now of Archibald Fergushill on the south, and the acre formerly of James Kennedy, younger, now of James Bannatyne, on the north : In all and whole an acre of land formerly of Adam Dunbar and Walter Thomson, lying above the Sandy lands of the burgh, in a certain portion reaching from the glebe of Spittelbog to the croft of land formerly of John Mure, called Branzanefauld, between the acre of land sometime belonging to Alan Boyman and Cristin Murdoch, and the said late John Lokhert, but now to James Eglishame by alienation, on the south, and the acre sometime of Thomas Kennedy now of Peter Cunninghame on the north : In all and whole a croft of the lands sometime of the holy rood, now called Chapelfauld, containing seven roods or thereby, lying near the chapel of St. Leonard on the north side thereof, enclosed on each side by a dyke, between the lands now of George Jameson on the north and east, and the public highway leading by the said chapel on the south and west : In all and whole the croft formerly of the said James Mure, called Branzanefauld, lying in the territory of the foresaid burgh, between the public way leading from the chapel of St. Leonard to the Castlehill on the north, the lands of Clongall on the east, the lands of Harperland, otherwise called the Slop on the south, and the public way leading from the burgh to the lands of Harperland on the west : And in all and whole a croft of land lying in the territory of the said burgh, near the

burn of Clongall, now occupied by James Bannatyne, between the lands of Clongall called Fynnykland on the north, the public way leading from the burgh to Clongall on the east, and the lands of Clongall on the south and west, inclosed on each side by a dyke : which lands hold of the provost, bailies, and community of Ayr in chief, for payment of the feu-fermes of the same, used and wont, namely, for the aforesaid three acres of land three shillings ; for the croft of the holy rood, called Chapelfauld, four shillings : for the croft sometime of the late John Mure, ten shillings, and for the croft near the burn of Clongall, four shillings, usual money of Scotland, at Whitsunday and Martinmas, by equal portions, according to the form and tenor of the old infeftment of the same : Which seisin being given, the said Alexander Lokhert, for the special favour and love which he bare towards James Lokhert his brother-german, surrendered and resigned all and sundry the aforesaid lands in the hands of the said bailie, in favour of his said brother, his heirs and assignees, heritably, who received seisin of the same from the hands of the said bailie : these things were done upon the grounds of the said lands respectively, singly and severally, between the first and second hours after noon of the 15th of March 1592-3, the witnesses being James Bannatyne, Robert Reid, Alexander Cuninghame, co-burgesses of Ayr, Thomas Cuninghame in Quhystanes, Archibald Lokhert, son of John Lokhert of Bar, James Howie, possessor of the said lands, and Andrew Miller, sergeant.

141. CAMPBELL.

Seisin given by the hands of an honourable man, George Cochren, one of the bailies of Ayr, to Agnes Campbell, as lawful and nearest heir of the late James Campbell, burgess of the said burgh, her father, in all and whole a back tenement, formerly of Leonard Cochren, lying in the said burgh, on the north side of the king's street, between the tenement of Thomas Paden on the east and another tenement of the said James on the west : with free entry and ish in and to the same by the fore gate of the fore tenement thereof : holding of the king in burgal manner. Done upon the ground of the said tenement about the second hour after noon of the 2nd day of April 1593, John Campbell, uncle of the said Agnes, taking instruments in her name, before these witnesses, Alexander Campbell or Barquhillling, Gilbert Cathcart and John Power, burgesses of Ayr.

142. MILLER.

Seisin given by the hands of an honourable man, Robert Jamesoun, one of the bailies of Ayr, to Archibald Miller, as heir of the late Robert Miller, burgess thereof, his father, in all and whole the conjunct fee or liferent of Janet Bannatyne, now spouse of Adam Stewart, provost of Ayr, of all and sundry the tenements and lands afterwritten, namely, those roods of land in Milnhill, lying above the mill of the said burgh, in the territory thereof, extending to three acres of land or thereby, and also of a certain barn, with yard and pertinents, lying among the barns of the said burgh, between the barn of George Lokhert on the one side, and the barn of John Cochren on the other : of a tenement of land fore and back, with garden, etc., lying in the said burgh, between the tenement of Robert M'Millen on the one side and the tenement now of David Craufurd on the other : of the fore tenement of George Kennedy lying in the said burgh, below and above, with the pertinents, between the tenement sometime of Leonard Rodman on the one side and that of George Lokhert on the other. Done upon the ground of the said subjects respectively, singly and severally, between the first and second hours after noon of the 5th day of April 1593, in presence of David Craufurd of Blackcraig, Gilbert M'Ilduff, Patrick Thomson, burgesses of Ayr, and John M'Cra, serjeant.

143. NESBIT—RODMAN.

Instrument narrating that a worthy woman, Janet Rodman, one of the daughters and heirs-portioners of the late Donald Rodman, burgess of Ayr, and now spouse of Hugh Nesbit, butler, burgess there, compeared in judgment before an honourable man, George Cochren, one of the bailies of Ayr, sitting on a seat for a tribunal in a certain burghal court of the said burgh, lawfully fenced, upon the ground of the tenement underwritten, and there, outwith the presence of her said husband, publicly gave her great bodily oath in presence of the said bailie as her judge ordinary, that she was in no wise compelled or forced by her husband or any other person to the resignation following, but that it proceeded of her own free and arbitrary will, and for the utility and advantage of herself and her husband : faithfully promising never to come in the contrary by herself, nor by any other person

in her name, tacitly, openly, or secretly, under the pains of perjury and infamy for ever: which oath being so given, the said Janet Rodman, for implement of one part of marriage-contract begun and completed between Alexander Nesbit of Greneholme and the said Hugh Nesbit his brother, on the one part, and John Chalmer in Troquhane, Peter Cuninghame, burgess of Ayr, and the said Janet Rodman on the other part, of date the sixth day of January last, did surrender, and by staff and baton in the hands of the said bailie, purely and simply resign, all and whole her equal half of all and whole the tenement of the said Donald her father, fore and back, as well below as above, lying in the said burgh, between the tenement of George Kennedy on the west, and the tenement of the late William Reid on the east, in favour of herself, the resigner, and the foresaid Hugh Nesbit her husband, and the longer liver of them, in conjunct fee, and the heirs lawfully procreated or to be procreated between them; whom failing, the heirs and assignees whomsoever of the said Hugh, and that in name of dote: which resignation being so made, the said bailie, in virtue of his office and of the special mandate of the resigner, gave heritable state and seisin of the said half of the tenement aforesaid, to the parties personally present and accepting. Holding of our sovereign lord the king in free burgage. These things were done about the eleventh hour before noon of the 10th day of April 1593, before these witnesses, Peter Hamilton, merchant, Alexander Lokhert, waulker, John Nicholl, sailor, burgess of Ayr, John M'Cra and Andrew Miller, serjeants.

144. MASOUN—KENNEDY.

Instrument of Seisin given by the hands of a discreet man, Adam Hunter, one of the bailies of the Newtoun upon Ayr, to George Masoun, as heir of the deceased Adam Masoun, burgess of Ayr, his father, of a tenement fore and back, with yard, lying in the said Newtoun, on the east side of the king's street, between the tenement formerly of Sir Robert Legat on the south, and the tenement formerly of Janet Dawie, now of Margaret M'Quhynner, on the north, holding burgage: and after being seized in the said tenement, the said George resigned it again in the hands of the aforesaid bailie, in favour of himself the resigner, and Rachael Kennedy his spouse, and their heirs, to whom seisin was given anew by the said bailie in terms of the said resignation. Done upon the ground of the said tenement about the second hour after noon of the 14th day of April 1593, the

witnesses being Adam Stewart, provost of the said burgh of Ayr, Adam Johnstoun, burgess there, Gavin Dowok, weaver in Newtoun, and George Speir, serjeant there, together with William Ranken, notary.

145. HAMILTOUN.

Seisin following upon resignation made by a discreet man, John Power, son and heir of the late James Power, burgess of Ayr, of an annualrent of four merks furth of a back tenement formerly belonging to John Law, otherwise Laird Law, lying in the burgh of Ayr, between the tenement of the late John Wilson, merchant, on the east, and the tenement of the late William Ard on the west, in the hands of an honourable man, Robert Jamesoun, bailie of Ayr, in favour of George Hamiltoun, burgess there, by way of pure sale for counted money paid by the said George to the resigner: Holding of the king in free burgage. Done upon the ground of the said tenement about the fourth hour after noon of the 17th day of April 1593, the witnesses being John Gardner, notary, John Craufurd, merchant, George Cochren, bailie, and Adam Johnstoun.

146. CUNINGHAME.

Instrument narrating that discreet persons, William Cuninghame, merchant, burgess of Ayr, and Margaret Cuninghame his spouse, of one consent, by way of pure sale, in implement of one part of a contract entered into between them on the one part, and William Cuninghame, son and heir of the late John Cuninghame, sailor, on the other part, of date at Ayr the 15th day of March 1591, and for the sum of 112 merks, instantly paid by the latter to the former, did resign all and whole the tenement of land formerly of John Cuninghame, skinner, fore and back, with garden, lying in the burgh of Ayr, above the old tower on the west side of the king's street, between the tenement of James M'Millen on the south, and the tenement of John Adam in Monkton on the north, in the hands of an honourable man, George Cochren, bailie of Ayr, in favour of the said William Cuninghame, and his heirs and assignees: Moreover, the said Margaret Cuninghame, outwith the presence of her said husband, swore her great bodily oath that she was not at all compelled or forced by her husband to the said resignation: whereupon the said bailie gave heritable state and seisin to the said William Cuninghame of the tene-

ment aforesaid, holding of the king in free burgage: The resignation and swearing aforesaid were done upon the street of the said burgh, and seisin was given upon the ground of the said tenement about the tenth hour before noon of the 20th day of April 1593, before these witnesses, Alexander Lokhert of Boghall, Peter Cuninghame, Fergus Lowdown, merchant, and David Lowdown, shoemaker, burgesses of Ayr, and James Hunter in Lagdyduff.

147. HUNTER.

Seisin following upon resignation made by a worthy man, William Cuninghame, son and heir of the late John Cuninghame, sailor, of the tenement described in the preceding instrument, in favour of James Hunter in Lagdyduff, by way of sale, for a sum of money instantly paid by the said James to the resigner. Seisin is given by George Cochren, bailie, on the ground of the said tenement, at almost the eleventh hour before noon of 20th April 1593, the witnesses being the same as in the previous instrument, excepting the said James.

148. CUNINGHAME.

Reversion granted by the said James Hunter to the said William Cuninghame, over the tenement described in the preceding two instruments, for the sum of 100 merks, to be paid within the parish kirk of Ayr, upon forty days' premonition. Done upon the ground of the said tenement, at the same time and before the same witnesses as in the foregoing instrument.

149. PURIENCE.

Instrument of Seisin proceeding on the resignation made by discreet persons, David Reid, advocate, son of the late Paul Reid, burgess of Ayr, and Janet Purience his spouse, of unanimous consent, by way of pure sale, of their fore tenement of land, as well below as above, lying in the burgh of Ayr, on the back part of the Old Tolbooth, between the tenement sometime of John Purience, now of Andrew Reid, on the north, and the tenement sometime of John Mure of Auchindrane, now of Robert Ranken, on the south, in the hands of an honourable man, Robert Jamesoun, bailie of Ayr, in favour of the said John Purience, burgess of Ayr, his heirs and assignees heritably, according to the tenor of an appointment made between the

parties thereanent, before George Angus, younger, notary; the said Janet Purience, outwith the presence of her said husband, giving her great bodily oath by touching the holy gospel of God, that she was nowise compelled to the said resignation, but made it of her own proper and spontaneous will: whereupon the said bailie gave seisin to the said John Purience, on the ground of the said tenement about the ninth hour before noon of the 25th day of April 1593, before these witnesses, Peter Hamilton, William Loudoun, merchants, John M'Grane and Mathew Mortoun, serjeants, co-burgesses of the said burgh.

150. REID.

Reversion by the said John Purience, in favour of the said David Reid, advocate, and Janet Purience his spouse, over the tenement described in the preceding instrument, for the sum of 300 merks, payable within the parish kirk of Ayr, upon forty days' warning. Done at same time and place, and before the same witnesses as in preceding instrument.

151. ROGER.

Seisin given by the hands of an honourable man, George Cochren, bailie of Ayr, to Margaret Roger, as one of the two daughters and heirs-portioners of the late Stephen Roger, burgess of the said burgh, in all and whole a fore tenement, under and above, lying in the said burgh, on the north side of the king's street, between the tenement of Adam Johnston on the west, and that of the late Hugh Howsoun, and the late John Law, otherwise Laird Law, on the east. Done upon the ground of said tenement about the ninth hour before noon of the 5th May 1593, before these witnesses, William Roger, Henry Osburne, Gilbert Makilduff, co-burgesses of Ayr, and John Makgrane, serjeant.

152. ROGER.

Seisin in favour of Helen Roger, one of the two daughters and heirs-portioners of the late Stephen Roger, burgess of Ayr, of a tenement under the same description as that in the preceding instrument: Holding of the king in free burgage. Done at same time and place and before same witnesses as in the preceding instrument.

153. GOTTRAY—BOYD.

Seisin following upon resignation made by discreet persons, George Gottray, skinner, burgess of Ayr, and Janet Rodman his spouse, of unanimous consent, and by way of pure sale, for the special favour and love which they had towards Donald Gottray their eldest son, of all and whole their tenement of land formerly of John Lokhert, fore and back, with garden, etc., lying in the said burgh, on the east side of the king's street, between the tenement of the late William Cuningham in Cloncard on the north, and another tenement of the said George on the south; also of their fore tenement of land, formerly of Gilbert Rodman, with half of the yard thereof, on the head and on the west side of the same yard, lying in the said burgh, in the Sandgate, on the east side of the king's street, between the tenement formerly of David Wallace, now of John Porterfield, minister, on the north, and the tenement formerly of William Gibson on the south; in favour of the said Donald Gottray and Euphame Boyd his future spouse, and their heirs, in virtue of their contract matrimonial: Reserving, however, the frank tenement or liferent of the first-mentioned tenement to the said George Gottray and Janet Rodman spouses; the said Janet giving her great bodily oath in presence of George Cochren, bailie, by touching the holy gospel of God, that she was not forced to the said resignation, but made it of her own proper and spontaneous will. Done upon the ground of the said tenements respectively, about the third hour afternoon of the 16th day of May 1593, the witnesses being George Hamiltoun, James Dunbar, James Boyd, William Cuninghame, shoemaker, John Nevin, waulker, co-burgesses of Ayr, William Ranken, notary, and Andrew Miller, serjeant.

154. ROGER—ROGER.

Seisin following upon resignation made by a worthy man, George Hamiltoun, burgess of Ayr, of an annualrent of ten merks furth of the fore tenement of the late Stephan Roger, lying in the burgh of Ayr, on the north side of the king's street, between the tenement now of Adam Johnstoun on the west, and the tenement formerly of John Law otherwise Laird Law on the east, by way of pure sale, in favour of Margaret and Helen Roger, daughters of the said late Stephan Roger, equally between them, their heirs and assignees heritably, according to the tenor of the

disposition granted to them thereupon by the said George, and that for the sum of 277 merks six shillings and eightpence, instantly paid by them in counted money to the said George: Holding of the king in burgage manner. The Resignation is made in the dwelling-house of Adam Johnstoun, and Seisin is given by the hands of George Cochren, bailie, to the said Margaret and Helen personally, by delivery to them of one penny according to the custom, on the ground of the said tenement, about the eleventh hour before noon of the 17th of May 1593, before these witnesses, Archibald Fergushill, Adam Johnstoun, Andrew Roger, burgesses of Ayr, John M'Cra and Andrew Miller.

155. PEIRSOUN.

Seisin following upon resignation made by a worthy man, John Adam, burgess of Ayr, of his tenement or back houses, with garden, etc., formerly occupied by the late William Arthur: also, his other houses formerly occupied by Alan Adam, Robert Norvell, and Patrick Murdoch, lying in the burgh of Ayr, on the back part of the fore tenement of Alexander Kennedy, in the vennel which leads to the parish church of the said burgh, between the tenement now of Margaret Broun and William Fergushill on the north, the said fore tenement of the said Alexander Kennedy on the east, the said vennel on the south, and other back houses of the said Alexander in the said vennel, on the west, in favour of John Peirsoun in Barmilne, his heirs and assignees heritably, by way of pure sale for counted money, without reversion or regress in time to come: Holding of the king in free burgage. The Resignation was made in the hands of an honourable man, George Cochren, bailie, who also gave Seisin to the said John Peirsoun, on the ground of the said tenement, about the third hour after noon of the 18th of May 1593, in presence of these witnesses, James Lokhert, formerly in Cuning Park, Alexander Mowat, burgess of the said burgh, Archibald Peirsoun in Straythmiln, James Wallace in Ayr, and Mathew Mortoun, serjeant.

156. ADAM—PEIRSOUN.

Seisin following upon resignation made by a worthy man, John Peirsoun in Barmilne, of the tenement described in the foregoing instrument, by way of pure sale, in favour of John Adam, burgess of Ayr, and Agnes Peirsoun his future spouse, in conjunct fee, and their heirs to be lawfully procreated

between them ; whom failing, to the said John Adam, his heirs and assignees whomsoever : Holding of the king in free burgage ; for payment of the burghal fermes used and wont. Seisin is given by George Cochren, bailie of Ayr, on the ground of the said tenement, about the fourth hour after noon of the 18th day of May 1593, before the witnesses named in the preceding instrument.

[Of this second Protocol book of John Mason, there are only nine folios remaining out of 380.]