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We are delighted to enclose the *Aberdeen Guild Court Records*, the nominal volume for 2003. Please note, however, that this volume is being published out of sequence.

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INTRODUCTION

1. *The Manuscripts*

The guild records edited here are the earliest of those surviving from the medieval burgh of Aberdeen. They are taken from two volumes of the series of records known as the Aberdeen Council Registers, belonging to Aberdeen City Council, with whose kind permission they are published.¹ The Aberdeen Council Registers are a uniquely valuable source for medieval Scottish urban history, starting as they do earlier than the equivalent records for any other Scottish burgh, and surviving in a well-nigh continuous sequence from 1398 to the present.² The records from 10 July 1437 to 16 December 1440, including a list of councillors elected in 1437 and details of sums received from the admission of new guild members during the provostship of Thomas de Camera in 1438, are taken from volume IV of the Council Registers.³ At this time, the guild records were kept with material from the bailie and head courts of Aberdeen, and the start date is that of the earliest guild court that I have found for Aberdeen. The main part of the edition is of volume V.ii of the registers, covering the period 30 September 1441 until 1467. During this time the guild kept its records separately from those of other Aberdeen courts, although there is the record of a bailies' legal court for 8 May 1469 on the reverse side of a folio recording guild court business from 1448.⁴ Apart from an isolated court record for 14 December 1471,⁵ the latest date in this volume is 3 August 1468 when Richard of Hill and William Joffray made a settlement of their 'partmanschip' before the alderman and bailies.⁶ Towards the end of volume V.ii the guild court records are more sparse, and are sometimes out of chronological sequence. There is also some overlap of period with volume VI of the council registers, in which

¹ The Aberdeen Council Registers (ACR) are kept with the City Archives at the Town House, Broad Street, Aberdeen, AB10 1AQ.

² The only really lengthy gap in the records is that from Sept. 1414 until Jan. 1434. The current archivist, Judith Cripps, undertook a search for the missing volume or volumes in 1980-1 and concluded that these had decayed rather than had been mislaid. Another significant break in the material is in the first volume, between 1402 and 1405.

³ ACR, IV, 103, 115.

⁴ ACR, V.ii, 731-2.

⁵ ACR, V.ii, 841.

⁶ ACR, V.ii, 840.

there are guild court records for 1466, 1467, and 1468.¹ Guild records in volume VI appear, as in the late 1430s, interspersed with those of Aberdeen's other courts. The existence of a separate volume of guild court records for this period seems therefore to be the result of an experiment in record-keeping, which was then abandoned, albeit fitfully.²

The Council Registers are in the form of paper books. Volume V.ii contains 103 folios. The pagination of volume V.ii of the register appears to run on from that of volume V.i, which covers the other burgh courts' business in the period 1448 to 1468. The Arabic pagination was made, perhaps, by William Kennedy when he was working on his *Annals of Aberdeen*.³ Volume V.ii has, therefore, 206 pages numbered consecutively from 645 to 850. This pagination has been reproduced in the edition for ease of reference. It is not clear when the volume was first bound separately, but it has been recently rebound and restored. Each page measures approximately 29.5 cm x 21.5 cm, and the pages of volumes IV and VI are of similar size. Many of the pages of volume V.ii are watermarked, and there is a variety of devices, including a cross, a quadruped animal (possibly a deer), a horned animal head, a pair of antlers, a pair of scales, a sunburst, an anchor, and a mermaid. There has been some limited damage to the manuscripts, particularly wear and tear on the outer edges of each page, as will be evident from the footnotes in the edition, but of the text there is very little indeed that is completely indecipherable.

The records are the work of a number of scribes, as can be discerned from changes in the handwriting, spelling, and practice in use of abbreviation marks. There is a fairly wide degree of diversity among the court hands used here, providing examples of 'free' and 'set' categories in the cursive style.⁴ There are a number of blank and incompletely filled pages, as well as spaces in between entries. Although the overall impression is of a 'no frills', business-like record, there is some decoration. The headings of some of the lists of new

¹ ACR, VI, 1, 34, 77.

² Other fifteenth-century Scottish guild court records are those of Ayr, Dunfermline (the oldest guild court book, beginning in 1433), Edinburgh, Perth, and Stirling: see I. Flett & J. Cripps, 'Documentary Sources', in M. Lynch *et al.* (eds.), *The Scottish Medieval Town*, (Edinburgh, 1988), 24. Those of Ayr, Dunfermline and Perth have been edited: Archaeological and Historical Collections relating to the Counties of Ayr and Wigton, I (1878), 223-30; *The Gild Court Book of Dunfermline, 1433-1597*, ed. E.P.D. Torrie (Scottish Record Society, 1986) and *Perth Guildry Book, 1452-1601*, ed. M.L. Stavert (Scottish Record Society, 1993). The Aberdeen material for 1398 to 1400, a court roll for 1317 and extracts from 1401 to 1407 were published in *Extracts from the Early Records of Aberdeen, 1317, 1398-1407*, ed. W.C. Dickinson (Scottish History Society, 1957). An earlier edition of extracts is J. Stuart (ed.), *Extracts from the Council Register of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1: 1398-1570* (Spalding Club, 1844).

³ A point suggested by W.C. Dickinson in respect of Volume I of the council registers in *Early Records of Aberdeen*, p.vii.

⁴ See G.G. Simpson, *Scottish Handwriting, 1150-1650* (East Linton, 1998), 5.

guild members and burgesses were prepared in an auspicious, calligraphic hand, and there is some decoration of initial letters in court headings. The changes of scribe are most obviously apparent in the lists of those admitted as guild members and burgesses, where we can note the passage of time within each year as different scribes came in and left off. The writers themselves are for the most part anonymous. An exception is the unexplained statement, alone on the folio, among the entries for early 1443 (though the immediately preceding entry is from September 1447) 'Jaims Mengzes with my hand at the pene', in a calligraphic hand, followed by a sign which may be that of a notary.¹ In two other examples, named individuals acknowledged, by their own writing, conditions or debts. On 30 April 1450 Malcolm Forbes was required to give his written consent, in his own hand, to the terms on which the fishing of a half net of the Pott on the Dee was assigned to him.² Finally, on 2 November 1450 when Duncan of Clat, dean of guild, brought into court the chalice for the Eucharist made by Theman Goldsmytht, one Master John of Cadiou became surety for the remainder of the silver which had been handed over to the goldsmith. 'And swa remanys in Themannis handis xxix unce for the quhilk Maister Joh[an]n of Cadiou is becummyn and becummys dettour' be this writ writtin with' his propre hand.'³ This may be the same Master John of Cadiou who occurs on several other occasions in these records and who, as witness to a deed of 20 September 1450, is said to be a notary public.⁴ A Master John Cadiou was appointed one of three commissioners to the general council in 1456,⁵ and the title with or without the name occurs elsewhere in the record in the capacity of witness or surety.⁶ Further, Master John Cadiou, notary public, occurs as a witness to charters relating to St Nicholas' kirk between 1440 and 1460.⁷ One Master John Cadyow was admitted to the guild and as a burgess on 5 October 1442 by reason of his father's liberty, although he said that he was already free; this may be the same person as the John Cadiou who is earlier recorded as having paid 18s. 4d. for admission to the guild.⁸

Several documents recording transactions of burgh property, particularly where women were involved, were drawn up by notaries public. The notaries refer to themselves in the first person, although they do not identify themselves by name and there are no notarial signs.⁹ (In the burgh court book

¹ ACR, V.ii, 677.

² ACR, V.ii, 746.

³ ACR, V.ii, 758.

⁴ ACR, V.ii, 755.

⁵ ACR, V.ii, 796.

⁶ ACR, V.ii, 768, 798, 810, 814.

⁷ *Cartularium Ecclesiae Sancti Nicholai Aberdonensis*, 2 vols, ed. J. Cooper (New Spalding Club, 1888, 1892), I, 10, 87, 94, 101; II., 7, 79, 85, 113.

⁸ ACR, IV., 115; V.ii, 660.

⁹ ACR, V.ii, 686, 699, 703, 753.

for this period three clerks identify themselves by name and with their marks; two of them identify themselves as notaries.¹) All this bears out the view that 'the Scottish notary was a common figure from the fifteenth century onwards ... in late medieval and early modern Scotland he must often have filled the position of the ordinary lawyer in modern times.'²

There are few marginal annotations in the text. Most of those which do occur are notes of sums of money due or received as amercements or as payments for admission as guild member or burghess. Perhaps this was done for ease of tallying up the payments due. Occasionally the scribe made a marginal note of the circumstances of an offence or the outcome of a hearing, of the name of the provost or party involved, or of a statute; and there is an isolated note of the price of wheat made for the purpose of the assize of bread.³ There are occasional pointing fingers to draw particular attention to an entry.⁴ Intriguing are the crosses, horizontal lines, single letters, and points which are a feature of many of the lists of those elected as council members. They seem to have been written deliberately, particularly as not all the names are marked, but it is difficult to understand their meaning. Single letters were also used occasionally to annotate the new guild members, but again with what purpose is not clear.⁵ Guidance for ease of consultation was given more copiously in the form of headings, particularly of court sessions, lists of admissions of guild members and burghesses, and the election of new council members.

Apart from abbreviation marks, the most frequent form of punctuation in the manuscript is the diagonal stroke between two words where we would now use a comma or full stop. There are a few double diagonal strokes indicating a stronger pause. Interlined text is sometimes noted by use of a caret. There are many corrections in the manuscript—of name, spelling, order of word or phrase—which we might characterise as those of a thinking scribe who understood clearly the significance of that which he was writing, but who was also in a hurry. The document is by no means careless; compared to the huge numbers of mistakes noted by the scribes themselves, the number that they did not see seems very small.

The records were made in Latin and in medieval Scots (with one notable exception: a copy of an obligation of Wouter Mychyls of Antwerp, which is written in Dutch⁶). It seems that the more routine business, such as the

¹ E.g. ACR, V.i, 436: document with sign of Henry the clerk, priest and notary public; p. 437: document with the sign of Robert Leis, chaplain, notary public and scribe of the court; p. 483: document with the sign of R. Gillespy, common clerk of the court.

² Simpson, *Scottish Handwriting*, 7.

³ ACR, V.ii, 745.

⁴ ACR, V.ii, 682, 699, 766, 767.

⁵ E.g. ACR, V.ii, 665.

⁶ ACR, V.ii, 714 (see below, with translation, p. 107).

admission of new guild members and burgesses and the prosecution of forestallers, tended to be recorded in Latin. Both Scots and Latin are met in the records of property transactions and disputes. Scots, however, is characteristically favoured for 'one-off' policy decisions by the council on a variety of matters to do with trade, urban security and autonomy, and burgh property, offices, and privileges. There are also a few entries, generally the shorter and rougher sort, which combine Latin and Scots. The impression is of a process of transition, which is in accordance with the fact that the Aberdeen court records at the start of the fifteenth century generally favour Latin, while by the end of the century most of the entries are in Scots.

2. *The framework of the guild court*

These are the records of Aberdeen's guild, that is, the association of those in the burgh who enjoyed high trading privileges, the most important of which were the exclusive right to trade in imports and exports which was sanctioned by royal authority.¹ On one occasion the guild court is called the court of the guild merchant ('curia gilde mercatricis').² The court was by no means concerned exclusively with matters relating to trade, but was involved in a variety of business relating to the burgh more generally. Meetings of the guild court were held in the tolbooth, usually on Fridays, but there were frequently meetings on Thursdays or Saturdays instead and, as is clear from those entries which are individually dated, business was conducted by the council in between the guild court's formal meetings. A statute made by the guild on 7 October 1457 designed to discourage absenteeism set out the procedure as it was then intended to be. Each guild brother who was absent from the fortnightly Friday guild court was to be fined 12d. Councillors who were summoned to come 'for gude cause' on other days and who failed to turn up were to pay 2s. unless they had a good reason. The deadline for being present was nine o'clock or whenever the warning was given.³ In this period, the guild court sessions were presided over by the alderman or provost,⁴ the alderman and the dean of guild together, or the dean of guild.⁵ We are

¹ For the development of the guild and its privileges at Aberdeen, see esp. *Charters and other Writs illustrating the history of the Royal Burgh of Aberdeen, MCLXXI-MDCCCIV*, ed., P.J. Anderson (Aberdeen, 1890), 5-8 (no. 4), *Early Records of the Burgh of Aberdeen*, esp. pp. xc-cviii, and E. Gemmill & N. Mayhew, *Changing Values in Medieval Scotland*, (Cambridge, 1995), 65-6.

² ACR, IV, 124.

³ ACR, V.ii, 801. Names of absentees are in ACR, IV, 121, 124, 143.

⁴ I have generally used the term 'alderman' in discussing this figure because this, with its variants, is the word used in the Scots text, while the Latin uses 'prepositus'.

⁵ In one instance, on 8 May 1440, the court was held in the presence of Gilbert Meigneze, 'presidente sive locumtenente prepositi' (president or alderman's representative): ACR, IV, 169.

sometimes told that a decision had been taken by 'most' of the guild, but it was much more frequently the council, which was elected by the guild in October each year, which dealt with business on behalf of the guild as a whole. The council's size varied from year to year; the highest number of members being 40 (in 1447) and the lowest 12 (in 1455).¹ The guild was also ready to delegate particular kinds of business, such as auditing accounts, leasing burgh properties, and considering matters of burgh security, to *ad hoc* groups of individuals. It was, furthermore, agreed 'per majorem partem gilde' (by the greater part of the guild) on 20 October 1444, in an effort to streamline procedure, that disputes between guild members should be determined by the council 'per sedulas et querelas' (by [means of] documents and pleas) without sureties. Such cases should be heard by the alderman and six other persons of the council each week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays.² On 8 October 1456, in accordance with the act of parliament made in the previous year,³ the council decided that six councillors should each Monday deal with disputes between neighbours involving less than £5.⁴ The council itself seems to have had arrangements for a quorum to assure the quality of decision-making. On 5 October 1442 an entry which is now damaged makes clear that 'na grete mater belangand the communittee' was to be concluded without a quorum of at least thirteen persons of the council; councillors who were summoned and failed to appear were to be suspended.⁵ The thirteen perhaps included the alderman, for on 6 October 1447 the council ordained that the alderman was to conclude nothing without the 'counsaile and assistance' of at least twelve persons of the council "efter the tenour' of the acte made thar'upon of before." It was further noted that by the council's advice the burgh's secret seal was handed over to the custody of John Gray, "to be seelit with' the aldermannys seel in a purse."⁶ Finally, following the list of council members elected on 10 October 1466, the names of six of them were noted as having sworn responsibility for keeping the council's acts "belangande the profyete of merchandise and rewyle of the gilde for' this yere". The alderman was to do nothing without their advice.⁷

As this last entry demonstrates, much of the business of the guild court had to do with matters affecting the guild itself, but the court had power to make decisions affecting the burgh as a whole as well, clear examples being

¹ ACR, V.ii, 721, 789.

² ACR, V.ii, 685.

³ *Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland*, II, 43, c. 9.

⁴ ACR, V.ii, 795. Dickinson, in *Early Records of Aberdeen*, p. cxvii, says 'the records prove that this arrangement and the act itself were soon both dead letters.'

⁵ ACR, V.ii, 659.

⁶ ACR, V.ii, 722.

⁷ ACR, V.ii, 836.

the regulations concerning the provision of food in the burgh¹ or the instructions to different crafts as to which elements of the pageant for Candlemas in 1443 they should provide.² Since these are the records of the 'insiders', those who enjoyed influence, we should not expect to find reflections on the dangers of oligarchy or, indeed, attempts to widen the circle to include others in the burgh. Interestingly there is one occasion on which the craftsmen of the burgh were brought in to advise on their crafts' ability to contribute to the financing of burgh security, but this was exceptional.³ There is no complete list of guild members, although of interest in this connection is the list of 63 men who agreed on 1 October 1445 'avisitli and for gude cause' that the burgh elections should be postponed from the following Monday until such time as a fresh summons was given by the officers or the bell.⁴ The list is not in itself a guide to the total number of guild members, particularly as a very good reason for postponement of elections would be a low turnout of the electorate. There may also be a connection between this and the decision taken by the greater part of the whole guild, 'singillatim interrogati' (asked individually): that they did not want to have a captain apart from the king, the alderman and the officials of the burgh.⁵ This was the guild's reversal of the appointment of Sir Alexander of Irvine of Drum as the burgh's 'captain and governor' in 1440.⁶ Another bid for greater autonomy in the period was on 30 April 1445 when the council decided to try to obtain shrieval jurisdiction for the town.⁷ The influence of lords on burgh affairs was, however, difficult to resist when lords begged favours for their protégés in terms of guild membership and fishing rights,⁸ and noble protection was sought in 1463 when the town entered into a bond of manrent with the earl of Huntly, for ten years.⁹ We also read clearly, on one occasion, that the court feared the practice of maintenance. On 12 August 1447 four men who were summoned to answer for the 'hurtyng and distrobillance' of John Donaldson, the man of Sir Alexander of Irvine, lord of Drum, and of the town. The parties were obliged to compare before the alderman and bailies 'bot honestly and with na lordschipe na rowtis bot humly and mekely til underly the law.'¹⁰

¹ See below, p. 46-7.

² ACR, V.ii, 661. The court date is incomplete.

³ See below, p. 33.

⁴ ACR, V.ii, 704.

⁵ ACR, V.ii, 706.

⁶ M. Lynch & H.M. Dingwall, 'Elite society in town and country' in E.P. Dennison *et al.* (eds.), *Aberdeen before 1800: A New History* (East Linton, 2002), 189.

⁷ ACR, V.ii, 701, and see Dickinson, *Early Records of Aberdeen*, pp. cxl-cxli.

⁸ See below, 15-16, 26-7.

⁹ *Extracts from the Council Register of Aberdeen*, I. 22-3.

¹⁰ ACR, V.ii, 720.

3. *Admissions of new burgesses and guild brethren*

A marked feature of larger medieval towns is the range of wealth and status that they encompassed, from nobles who kept town houses to beggars who had no dwelling at all. Aberdeen's guild records reflect this wide range, for it had dealings with high and low alike. It involved itself both with great affairs of state, and with matters affecting private family life. There were the arrangements for raising the town's contribution to the expenses for the marriage of Elizabeth, James II's sister, to Francis, count of Montfort, who became duke of Brittany in 1442.¹ We note James II's letter of 20 March 1445 to the burghs of Aberdeen and Inverness asking for their help in securing the release of the English hostages who had been captured by the earl of Ross against the terms of the truce, and the town's willingness to accede to the king's request which is evident in the fulsome style of the letter that the alderman and council accordingly wrote to the earl on 14 April.² We read of preparations for the visit of James II in 1448: the council on 1 July agreed to make a propine, or welcome present, to the king of two tuns of Gascon wine, six candles each containing three stones of wax, and twelve half pounds of 'scorchetis' (a sweetmeat, perhaps a little like a fondant, made with sugar and rosewater) or if these were not available, twelve whole pounds.³ These were matters of public interest; but at the other end of the scale matters supposedly private were forced into the public domain, and those involved were shamed as a result. Nicol Club in 1444 was ordered to follow the procession (perhaps the procession to mass in St Nicholas' kirk) 'in his lynnyng clais' for three days and to go down on his knees and ask for forgiveness from his father and mother.⁴ In another example, a memorandum, probably made in 1460, recorded the scandal that Brother David Crag, minister of the Trinitarian Friars of Aberdeen, had pawned a gilded silver chalice for the sum of 5 merks. Gilbert Kintor, into whose possession it had come (we are not told how), had freely given it to Brother Peter of Stirling on condition that no brother should ever do such a thing again, and pawnbrokers were warned.⁵

Such records are eye-catching, but they do not represent the overall character of the business with which the guild usually concerned itself. Among the routine matters dealt with was the admission of new guild members and burgesses, that is, the granting of 'free' status to individuals. Starting in 1442, these grants occur in lists drawn up separately from the main sequence of the courts, under headings, sometimes in book hand, made at the beginning of the year concerned. The lists are divided into two sections: first

¹ ACR, V.ii, 662, 666, 689, 690, and see *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*, V., p. lvii-lviii, 118.

² ACR, V.ii, 700.

³ ACR, V.ii, 731.

⁴ ACR, V.ii, 682.

⁵ ACR, V.ii, 818.

come those admitted as guild members and burgesses, and second those admitted as burgesses only. The heading sometimes refers to the name of the provost for the year and it seems that the lists run from October to October. Not all admissions were recorded within these consolidated lists, particularly in the 1460s when the records become somewhat less clearly ordered. In addition, some admissions within the lists are given their own date. Guild members (who were admitted to the guild and as burgesses at one go) preceded those admitted as 'burgensis tantum' (burgess only) or as 'burgensis simplex' (simple burgess). Thus the arrangement and language of the records conveys a sense of greater importance for those who enjoyed guild membership.

During the period covered by these records, that is, between 1437 and 1467, 315 persons were admitted as members of the guild. Most of these were admitted at the same time as burgesses although, in a few cases, the rites of passage occurred separately.¹ It is noteworthy, especially given the numbers involved and the gathering together in lists in the record, that nearly all admissions were individually recorded, suggesting that admissions were individually made. Without also knowing the death rate of existing members—on which matter the evidence here is very limited—it is difficult to provide an estimate of the size of the guild or burgess community, let alone to draw inferences about the overall population of the burgh.²

The most detailed kind of entry may record the name of the new member, the reason for their admission, the fact that the oath was taken, the sum of money paid for admission, and the name of any pledge or surety given and for what particular purpose. Thus, an entry in the list of burgesses and guild members made in the year of Richard Kintor's provostship, 1460, reads: 'Johannes filius quondam Johannis Thomson' de Culcardy burgensis et confratris gilde huius burghi receptus fuit racione paterne libertatis pro v s' j d' ob', prestito solito juramento, plegio tam pro vicinitate quam pro vino Duncano Alloune'.³ In fact, it is rare to find all this detail. Later in that same list we read 'Magister David Goithry receptus in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde racione paternitatis prestito solito juramento'.⁴ The cases are

¹ The total below of those admitted as burgesses only excludes 7 persons from the lists of burgess admissions who were said to be burgesses already when admitted to the guild: Andrew Thomson, Robert Lorymar, Gilbert Leiche, John Catnes, John Stokar, John Talyhour, and William Duncanson: ACR, IV, 205; V.ii, 665, 708, 710, 718, 740, 773, 774, 785, 796, 819, 820. This is to avoid double-counting.

² See Dickinson, *Early Records of Aberdeen*, pp. xlv–xlvii and Lynch & Dingwall, 'Elite society', 185.

³ John, son of the late John Thomson de Culcardy, burgess and guild brother of this burgh was received by reason of paternal liberty for 5s. 1½d., having sworn the customary oath, surety for neighbourliness and for wine Duncan Alloune; ACR, V.ii, 819.

⁴ Master David Goithry [was] received as a free burgess and guild brother by reason of paternity, having sworn the customary oath.

comparable in the sense that each was admitted for the same reason, but we know much more about the former: the origins of the new member's family, the fact that the father was already dead by the time of his son's admission, the fact that he paid the standard price for admission to the guild, and the name of his pledge who was to guarantee his neighbourliness and the giving of wine (which indicates that in this case the wine was to come later). The amount of detail given seems to depend on the individual clerk's recording practice, and so we cannot assume that, for instance, absence of information about the payment of a sum of money means that no such sum was paid. In many cases, too, the clerk of the court will note the existence of a pledge or surety, but will not tell us the surety's name. In other cases, no such note is made but again we cannot assume that no pledge was given. A record that the 'customary' oath, which will have been the oath of loyalty to the king and the community, was taken, is very frequently recorded, although detail about the actual terms is given only rarely.¹ Nonetheless the fact that we do have individual entries recording the new members' names and at least some detail about the circumstances of their admission makes it possible to conduct an analysis of the new membership.

Of the new guild members, the largest category is represented by one hundred and twenty two, or 38.73 per cent, who were admitted mainly or solely because their fathers had enjoyed the liberty.² In these cases, the sums paid were small: 5s or 5s 1½d. This was about the price of a stone of wool or a fraction of the cost of a barrel of salmon, the stock in trade of many an Aberdeen merchant, and so new guild members who were to engage in overseas trade would not have found it difficult to pay it. We are often told that the money was paid in a white purse, which seems to refer to a symbolic token handed over by the member as part of the fee, rather than a place in which the community was to keep it. We do not know what else the new member had to pay; wine, for instance (which, with spice, was customary at Dunfermline),³ may have been customarily paid as the entry concerning John son of John Thomson above seems to suggest. The sum paid was not fixed in all cases. For example, William Stephinson, admitted by reason of his father's liberty in 1444, had to pay 40s.⁴ More importantly, perhaps, we do not always

¹ The Burgh Laws give a brief form of the oath of the new burghess, while a more lengthy oath to be taken by the new burghess and guild brother is given in *Juramenta Officiarium: APS*, I, 333, c. 2; *ibid.*, 683. Neither document can be dated certainly. The latter oath promised loyalty to the king and community of the burgh, payment of due fermes, obedience to officers, the keeping of the council's secrets and protection of their interests, the giving of counsel and aid as required and the maintenance of burgh customs and laws.

² This includes seven members admitted 'eodem modo' in 1439 and 1440. The phrase seems likely to refer to the fact that previous entries were of sons of guild members. The likelihood is increased because of the low sums of money paid. *ACR*, IV, 183, 203.

³ *Gild Court Book of Dunfermline*, p. xxiv and *passim*.

⁴ *ACR*, V.ii, 695.

know at what stage in the family life cycle the son may have been admitted to the guild. Burgesses, according to the Burgh Laws, were allowed the liberty of their father to buy and sell as long as they were in the same household, but once they set up their own homes they had to buy the liberty.¹ As indicated above, most of those admitted as guild members were admitted at the same time as burgesses, so the admission may mark the setting up of their own households. In one instance we are able to make this connection. William Giffard, son of Walter Giffard, guild brother, was admitted to the guild and as a burghess in the 1451 list. On 15 September 1452, it was recorded that Alexander Blyndseil, one of the bailies, gave William, 'per assignacionem mallii porte' (by giving of the door knocker) possession of the tenement in which his late father had lived as was said to be customary ('moris') in burghs; and the action was witnessed.² In this instance, as elsewhere in the records, we are told that the new guild member's father was already dead, but this was by no means always the case, for the father sometimes acted as pledge. In the 1442 admissions, for example, John Adamson, son of Adam de Ardchery, a guild brother, was admitted for 5 s. 1½ d, and we are told that he was to marry a daughter of a guild member. His father stood surety 'tam pro libertate quam pro aliis' (as well for the liberty as for other things).³

— Other members of the family sometimes supported the new guild member's admission. Andrew Ayncroft, the uncle of Thomas Waldyn, admitted on 31 July 1439 because of his deceased father's liberty, was surety that his nephew would have land and would support the remainder of the burdens due ('pro terra habenda et ceteris oneribus debitis supportandis'). The term 'land' involved a building on that land, which was the burghess' guarantee that he would meet his obligations; according to the Burgh Laws a burghess had to build a tenement within a year of admission.⁴ To have land was an important way of being part of the burgh community and enabled the burghess to be distrained should he owe debts. William Alexanderson, brother of Adam Alexanderson, was admitted as a guild member in the 1443 admissions year. His brother was his pledge for his neighbourliness and that he would not forestall.⁵ In 1444, James Vaus was admitted to the guild at the request of Thomas and Martin Vaus, sons of John Vaus.⁶ The coincidence of names suggests that this was a family affair, but we cannot know whether these were brothers or cousins. We are not told that James was admitted as a son of a guild member. If one was entitled, by reason of parenthood, to such membership, it was sometimes so recorded even if the actual admission had

¹ APS, I, 335, c. 14.

² ACR, V.ii, 767 and 768.

³ ACR, V.ii, 665.

⁴ APS, I, 338, c. 27; *Early Records of Aberdeen*, pp. lix-lxi.

⁵ ACR, V.ii, 669.

⁶ ACR, V.ii, 695.

racione libertatis patrum' [notwithstanding his fathers' (ancestors') liberty]. The admission was for 5s., that is, the level we would expect of admission by reason of parenthood.¹ In a list apparently of 1446 William Cwmyn was admitted at the instance of divers relatives.² James Andreson was admitted in 1452 because of his marriage with the daughter of a guild member. His brother John served as his surety.³

Sometimes two brothers were admitted at the same time, confirming that entitlement to membership of the guild was not restricted to the eldest son. In 1459 Richard Vaus of Fyndon and William his brother were admitted by reason of their father's liberty.⁴ In this example, the relationship is clearly stated, but in other instances we are less certain of a family relationship. In 1447, for instance, Robert and William Lauson were admitted '*racione paterne libertatis*' (by reason of paternal liberty). The admission of the two was recorded in a single entry for a combined payment of 10s.; taken together it seems likely that they were brothers.⁵ In another instance, in 1457, James, Gilbert and David Kintor were admitted in consecutive entries by reason of paternal liberty, but we cannot be sure of their relationship. A warning comes in the same list, in which John Fichet, son of Matthew, John Fichet, son of Nicholas, and John Fichet, son of John Fichet, were all admitted, in consecutive entries, by reason of their fathers' liberty.⁶

Another reason for admission as a free burgess and to the guild was marriage to the daughter of a guild member. There are also two cases in which marriage to another relative of the guild member brought access to the guild. On 14 September 1440 David Farcharson was admitted to the guild for a payment of five merks (£3, 6s. 8d.) for building a gate at the east of Castle Street; the rest was remitted to him as a favour to Sir John Smalee and his sister whom he had married. It is not explicit however that Smalee was a guild member.⁷ In 1445 Andrew Scherar was admitted because he had married a relative of Master Henry Hervy, a guild member; as we shall see this was hedged around with conditions.⁸ Marriage was the main reason for 49 admissions in the 30-year period covered by the records here, or 15.56 per cent of the whole. We are sometimes told that the marriage was with a daughter of a free burgess rather than a guild member. In most cases, the marriage had taken place when the guild member was admitted, but

¹ ACR, V.ii. 803.

² ACR, V.ii, 717.

³ ACR, V.ii. 773.

⁴ ACR, V.ii. 811.

⁵ ACR, V.ii, 725.

⁶ ACR, V.ii, 797.

⁷ ACR, IV. 208.

⁸ ACR, V.ii. 707; see also below, p. 27, for Master Henry Hervy.

daughter of a free burgher rather than a guild member. In most cases, the marriage had taken place when the guild member was admitted, but occasionally it was prospective.¹ In some instances the guild court made provisions relating to the conditions of guild membership in case of annulment, or the marriage not taking place. It was not, of course, the responsibility of the guild to protect either party in the contract of marriage, merely to ensure fairness in policy for admission. The penalty for non-completion of the marriage or annulment was typically £10 and the position seems to have been that the admission would still hold good but the payment due for it would be at a higher rate. For example when William Bird was admitted to the guild in 1442 by reason of marriage to a daughter of Alexander Moyses there was a proviso that if he were to get an annulment then he would have to pay £10.² On occasion, however, if the marriage did not take place then the guild membership was to be cancelled. The example of Andrew Scherar, who was admitted a guild member in 1445, shows the guild's priorities very clearly. If the marriage should be annulled, or if he should transport wool, skins, or hides beyond the Mounth or if he should forestall, then he should pay the community £10 and lose the privilege of the burgh, that is, his guild membership.³

— It was often said that the admission was as a favour to the father in law, and fathers in law often played an active role in securing guild membership for their daughters' husbands. Walter Curtyar was admitted on 6 August 1440 at the instance of Alexander Moyses whose daughter he had married.⁴ Thomas son of John was admitted in 1444 at the instance of John Gray whose daughter he was to marry, under penalty of £10, and John Gray was surety for him.⁵ Acting as surety was a role often taken by fathers in law, considered, perhaps, even as part of the marriage contract. Perhaps it was the same John Gray who was surety for payment of £10 when William Symson, who married his daughter, was admitted to the guild in the following year.⁶ There are other cases in which the surety has the same last name as the father in law suggesting, though not proving, that this was another member of the family.

In a few instances the admission was said to be as a favour to the woman, but only in one example does the woman herself appear to have guild

¹ E.g. ACR, V.ii, 665, 669 (bis), 695, and 708.

² ACR, V.ii, 665. As well as the cases cited below, another reference to a £10 penalty if the marriage did not take place is the example of Richard de Hill, who was admitted to the guild because he was to marry the daughter of John de Mar, senior. If he did not go through with it he would have to pay £10 to the community: ACR, V.ii, 708.

³ ACR, V.ii, 707.

⁴ ACR, IV, 208.

⁵ ACR, V.ii, 695.

⁶ ACR, V.ii, 707. Other examples of fathers in law acting as surety are in ACR, V.ii, 726, 751 (bis).

membership and even here the matter is uncertain for the clerk may merely have meant that the guild membership was conferred in right of the wife: in 1457 John Wilson was admitted by grace of the council 'ratione libertatis sponse sue' for a payment of 5s.¹ It may be that the woman was a widow of a guild member, but at Aberdeen admission to the guild through marriage to a widow is never explicit.² That the right to admission as a guild member could be passed on through a daughter as well as to a son is important when we think in terms of the continuity of families and the presence of extended families within the guild. Of course, there may have been many more cases in which men were admitted to the guild by reason of their father's liberty, but who also married guild members' daughters. The former was usually reason enough. The following entry is interesting: John Adamson son of Adam de Archery, a guild brother, was admitted to the guild in 1442, but we are told also that he was to marry the daughter of a guild brother. His own father was to act as surety for him, 'tam pro libertate quam pro aliiis' (for his liberty as for other things).³ Perhaps the intention was to guarantee that the marriage would take place, or it may have been that the son was within age.

In all the above cases there is a sense in which the guild had an obligation to accept the new member although we are sometimes told that the admission was by grace of the council, suggesting that there was in some circumstances an element of discretion. An even greater element of discretion must have come into play when new blood was being introduced, as when new members were admitted as a favour to named individuals. Allowing people to exercise influence over the composition of the guild membership was the guild's opportunity to reward people for services performed, and, perhaps, to ensure that services and favours would continue to flow. In this period 44 new members of the guild were admitted as a favour to named individuals or at their request.⁴ Prominent among those who requested that their protégés be admitted as burgesses and guild members were members of the nobility and gentry, particularly those influential in the region, and senior royal administrators.⁵ High ranking ecclesiastics also had clients to sponsor: among those who sought guild membership on behalf of others were Sir William de Craufurd and Master Thomas Edname, canons of Aberdeen, Master Henry Hervy, precentor of Aberdeen, the bishop of Ross, Master Walter, steward

¹ ACR, V.ii, 797.

² On admission to the Dunfermline guild through marriage, see *Gild Court Book of Dunfermline*, p. xxiv.

³ ACR, V.ii, 665.

⁴ This includes two cases where the new member was let off part, or all, of the fee at the request of a named individual.

⁵ ACR, IV, 209; V.ii, 669, 695, 708, 717, 751, 762, 773, 824, 827, and 838.

and rector of Kincardine O'Neill, the vicar of Aberdeen, Master Gilbert Forestar, the bishop of Orkney, and the abbot of Arbroath.¹

In one rather spectacular example a whole consortium of important people importuned the town: Thomas Spensar was admitted in 1451 at the special request of the king, William Lord Crichton, the king's chancellor and his daughters the countess of Huntly and Agnes her sister, and Patrick Lord Glamis. Spensar was to give the community 40s. for his forestalling in the past, and John Wood acted as pledge for his neighbourliness and that he would not forestall in future.² In some instances new members were said to be admitted at the instance of nobles and officers or councillors of Aberdeen itself. This seems to have occurred in three successive cases in 1446: John Parfite was admitted at the instance of Duncan Clat, bailie, and Lord Forbes. John Gillespy was admitted at the instance of John de Marr and Lord Gordon, and John Mathyson at the instance of John de Marr, Lord Gordon and Lord Forbes.³ This may have been the John de Marr, junior, who was elected as a councillor in October 1446.⁴ In these cases, perhaps the support of a prominent townsman was enlisted to make the influence of the noble more palatable. Some of those admitted at the behest of nobles and royal ministers seem to have had a history of breaking the burgh's trading privileges: Thomas Mason, a dyer admitted to the guild in 1452 at the request of Master Richard Forbes, then royal comptroller, was probably the same man who, in the guild court held on 3 November 1452, put himself in the dean's and council's will for wrongful occupation of his craft in the past and paid a fine of 13s. 4d.⁵ Alexander de Haya, admitted on 14 December 1461 at the request of William Hay earl of Erroll, had to give a named surety that he would not forestall in the future.⁶

Particularly intriguing are the admissions which took place as a favour, either to third parties or to the new member, for services done or to be done. These are a rich source of information about the cultural life of the burgh, and its building projects. On 4 September 1444 the council granted Sir William Ettale, chaplain and proctor of the Bridge of Balgownie, for funding the repair of the bridge, the right to present a worthy and sufficient person to be given the liberty of the burgh. Laurence Holles was duly admitted to the

¹ ACR, IV, 208; V.ii, 695, 716, 717, 725, 803, 830. Interestingly, Master Gilbert Forestar was admitted to the guild in the previous entry to that in which Thomas Sauchar was admitted as a favour to him. The pattern of influence by prelates and magnates in gild admissions is noted also at Dunfermline and Wester kelsoe: *Gild Court Book of Dunfermline*, p. xxiv and E.L. Ewan, 'The community of the burgh in the fourteenth century', in *The Scottish Medieval Town*, 229.

² ACR, V.ii, 767.

³ ACR, V.ii, 717.

⁴ ACR, V.ii, 715.

⁵ ACR, V.ii, 770, 773.

⁶ ACR, V.ii, 824.

guild, free (apart from his outlay on the bridge).¹ A more continuous arrangement operated in respect of the fee due to the abbot of Bon Accord: on 28 July 1440 Robert John and Angus John were admitted as burgesses and guild members as a favour to Richard de Kyntor, abbot of Bon Accord, for his annual fee. No sum of money is mentioned, so we cannot know whether it was remitted as part of the favour.² Again, in 1445, Thomas Lawson was admitted at the instance of Richard Kintor 'ex eo quod fuit eidem per commune consilium concessus nuper quando fuit abbas de Boneacord pro expensis suis factis in quodam ludo de ly Haliblude luso apud ly Wyndmylhill' (because it was granted to him recently by the common council, when he was abbot of Bon Accord, for his expenses incurred in a certain game of 'ly Haliblude' played at 'ly Wyndmylhill'). Again, no sum of money is mentioned; Kintor was to act as surety.³ This seems to be in pursuit of a grant made to Kyntor on 13 May 1440.⁴ However, the council and many others of the guild agreed on 30 April 1445 to pay no fees to the abbots in future. This was said to be 'for lettyng and stancheing of diverse enormyteis done in tyme bigane be the abbotis of the burgh' callit of bone acorde'.⁵ The trouble apparently caused seems to have rankled, for when the council had to make a decision about paying the fee of the abbot, on 13 December 1448, it said tartly that the alderman in whose period of office the abbot had been appointed should pay it.⁶ However, less than a decade later the office was alive again: in 1456 John Knokynblew was admitted as a burges and guild member by grace of the council and of the abbot and prior of Bon Accord, this time for a fee of 5s.⁷ The alderman used the 5s. fee of Nicholas Benyng, admitted to the guild in 1449, to Walter Balcancole for writing the game for the Corpus Christi feast, an early example of the funding of script writing.⁸ There are further examples of the right to present burgesses and guild members for admission as a reward for services performed. A particularly noteworthy case is that in which Alexander Logy was admitted, first as a burges and then as a guild member in 1457 at the request of Patrick Piot who

¹ ACR, V.ii, 680, 695.

² ACR, IV, 207.

³ ACR, V.ii, 708.

⁴ ACR, IV, 203.

⁵ ACR, V.ii, 701.

⁶ ACR, V.ii, 734.

⁷ ACR, V.ii, 793.

⁸ ACR, V.ii, 751. For the abbot and prior of Bon Accord, and the Corpus Christi celebrations which became ritual in many Scottish towns, see E.P. Dennison, 'Power to the People? The myth of the medieval burgh community' in S. Foster & A.I. Macinnes (eds.), *Scottish Power Centres* (Glasgow, 1998), 113; Lynch & Dingwall, 'Elite society in town and country', 182-4.

had prevented infected outsiders from coming into Green: here, a threat of plague seems apparent.¹

Finally, there were those admitted in view of work they had done or would do for the burgh: John Mason, admitted in 1437 for 40s. plus building a mill and carrying stones at his own cost;² and Master Arnald Hyer, admitted in 1449 for his advice, aid, and support to be given to the burgh.³ Andrew Fowlar, son of William Fowlar, a burgess, was admitted in 1451 for 5s. but he also had to give advice and work for the repair of the bell tower of St Nicholas' kirk, as he was an engineer.⁴ In 1453 part of Andrew de Murrave's £5 admission fee was to be spent by him on buying boards in Prussia for the bell tower.⁵ In 1454 Andrew Chapman staying in Loirston had to light a beacon each night at Loirston cairn until Martinmas; two watchmen were to watch for the English enemies by day.⁶ All this confirms that the guild was by no means exclusively a merchant guild and that the services of skilled craftsmen were welcomed. The records show that two goldsmiths were admitted as members.⁷ The heterogeneity is confirmed by the admission to the guild of notaries, graduates, ecclesiastics, and members of noble families.

The council from time to time passed legislation to restrict the guild membership and admission to burgess status; that this tended to happen in the guild courts held in October suggests that the guild may have reviewed its list of new members each year, to take account of increasing or decreasing numbers, or to watch out for undue influence. Despite some damage to the manuscript, it is clear that a council ordinance of 6 October 1441 was intended to enact that no-one was to be made a guild brother for less than £10 to the common use. This was, it seems, with the exception of apprentices who had dwelt 'ichandly' (continually) in the burgh or those who married neighbours' daughters. In the latter case, it looks as though the admission fee was to be a matter for discretion.⁸ On 6 October 1452 it was agreed by the council that, for a year, no one was to be received as a guild brother except burgesses' sons or men who married freemen's daughters, who would be received by the alderman and dean of guild and at least twelve members of the council. No unfreemen should sail from the burgh except burgesses' sons.⁹ On 7 October 1463 no unfree person was to be made a

¹ ACR, V.ii, 798.

² ACR, IV, 101.

³ ACR, V.ii, 739.

⁴ ACR, V.ii, 767.

⁵ ACR, V.ii, 779.

⁶ ACR, V.ii, 785; on the war with the English, see below, p. 36.

⁷ ACR, IV, 115, 830. James Kemp's intended admission to the guild seems clear from his inclusion in the list of new burgesses and guild members and because an explanation of his qualifications was given. The actual words *confratrem gilde* were omitted in error.

⁸ ACR, V.ii, 648.

⁹ ACR, V.ii, 769.

burgess for a year without the consent of twelve persons of the council at least, unless he were a burgess' son.¹

Part of the role of the guild was to care for its brethren who were in need of help, and the sums that came in from admissions of new members were, in a number of cases, used for charitable purposes. The payment made by James Blindzele for admission in July 1437 was given to Alexander Hannay for redemption of his debts in England.² A somewhat similar case was Donald de Fife, who had been captured in England; on 17 April 1455 the council granted him the right of presenting a suitable person as a burgess and guild brother, 'pro relevamine et redempcione suis' (for his relief and ransom). When Alexander Leche was made a burgess and guild member in 1454 his fee of five merks was paid to Donald, who also acted as his surety.³ Other examples suggest poverty or illness rather than foreign debt. In 1446 Alexander de Wldny's fee was given to Walter Dw as a subsidy; in 1453 Ranald Talyhour's fee of 40s. was granted for the relief of William Banerman, a guild brother; in 1454 the fee of 5s. of John Broune, 'fullo' was given to John Vaus, who was ill; and on 5 February 1462 £3, 13s. 4d. was given to Thomas Donald as a subsidy.⁴ The sum paid by William Matelande, a carpenter, when he became a burgess in 1454 was given to Patrick Wrych' in alms.⁵

The guild's charitable work is found occasionally elsewhere in the records; 20s. was given from the common purse to John Leche, a poor guild brother, for his relief, on 21 November 1438.⁶ On 16 February 1447 the council and part of the guild granted Master Andrew Crondane, born of a guild brother of the burgh, the sum of £4 for his support and relief 'pro labore suo circa predicacionem et doctrinam populi huius burgi' (for his labour over preaching and teaching of the people of this burgh) and the grant was to last during the council's will.⁷ This acknowledgement of the value of Crondane's pastoral role is of interest in its own right and we would wish to know more about him. But these are isolated instances and it does seem as though the main source for the guild's charity was the admission fee. The variability of the sums given is difficult to account for; there is no sense of there being a fixed subsidy.⁸ Perhaps the amounts were intended to reflect the extent of the recipient's need, but it seems possible too that the gifts were made randomly.

¹ ACR, V.ii, 846.

² ACR, IV. 101.

³ ACR, V.ii, 782, 785.

⁴ ACR, V.ii, 716, 779, 785, 824.

⁵ ACR, V.ii, 784.

⁶ ACR, IV. 151.

⁷ ACR, V.ii, 715.

⁸ The compilation *Fragmenta Collecta* suggests a limit of 20s in cases of guild brethren's need: *APS*, I. 719, c. 2.

When we look at the names of those made into 'simple' burgesses, or burgesses 'only' in this period, quite a distinctive pattern emerges.¹ First, the overall number of those admitted as burgesses only, that is, not as guild members as well, is much lower: a total of 94, or rather less than one third of those admitted to burgess status and as guild brethren. (This number excludes those who were explicitly said in the guild admissions to have been earlier made burgesses when they were admitted to the guild.) This compares interestingly with the situation at Dunfermline where a much lower proportion of the male burgesses were also members of the guild.² Of that total, nineteen were admitted by reason of their fathers' liberty. In one or two cases, the claim was made to membership of the guild but was not proven, suggesting that even at the time the guild did not know who all its members were.³ Nine were admitted by reason of marriage with a daughter of a free burgess; ten were admitted as a favour to named people.⁴ This is significantly lower than that in the list of guild members, perhaps confirming what we might expect, that it was easier for those aspiring to be merchants to form connections with influential people than it was for craftsmen to do so. When burgesses were made, however, attention seems to have been paid to which craft they followed. We know, for example, that during this thirty-year period ten tailors, nine bakers, six shoemakers, five weavers, four smiths, three fleshers, two skimmers and one saddler, one surgeon, one carpenter, one pynour (docker), one mummer, one cooper, and one fisherman were admitted as burgesses.⁵

4. *The business of the guild: enforcement of trading privileges*

The second main item of business with which the guild dealt concerned the enforcement of the regulations regarding the burgh trading privileges, and especially those of the guild. First, it was not permitted to anyone to forestall, that is, to go outside town to buy products intended for the market in Aberdeen or for export. Nor were townspeople permitted to sell imported goods in the countryside. Both of these activities undermined the royal burgh's monopoly on trade. Yet, forestalling seems to have been very common: the records are full of convictions and amercements of forestallers.

¹ The procedure in the chamberlain's ayre recognised that a person could be a burgess without being a guild member: *APS*, I, 695, c. 3. On the gradual separation of guild membership from burgess status see *Early Records of Aberdeen*, pp. xc-xcv.

² *Gild Court Book of Dunfermline*, p. xx and E.P. Dennison, 'Power to the People', 119.

³ E.g. *ACR*, V.ii, 751, 767.

⁴ Those admitted as a favour to named individuals are at *ACR*, V.ii, 666, 725, 752, 812, and 831.

⁵ This figure includes William Duncanson who was later admitted to the guild: *ACR*, V.ii, 796, 820.

When specified, the articles forestalled were nearly always wool, hides, or skins, or a combination of these; items regrated were more rarely specified, but when we are told their nature it was usually salt, iron, or tar.¹ Wool, hides, and skins on the export side, and salt, iron, tar, and soap on the import side, were subject to maximum and minimum prices respectively. This was to protect the profit margin of the merchants in the guild, and forestalling and regrating will have made price regulations more difficult to enforce as well as depriving Aberdeen of dues payable on these goods.²

Legislation forbidding forestalling and regrating is very frequent in the records. Sometimes penalties were set according to the type of goods involved. In an ordinance of 6 October 1441 the penalty for forestalling wool was set at five merks, with a further five merks for every sack; the penalty for skins was two merks, and for hides 20s. The fine for skins was reduced to 13s. 4d. in legislation of 20 October 1447, when it was also made clear that the fine for skins and hides was payable on each occasion that forestalling took place.³ Often, however, the legislation does not tell us anything new, but seems to have been intended to ensure that existing and known rules were upheld. Indeed, the wording of some of the ordinances suggests that there was a problem with enforcement, as when on 28 April 1464 it was ordained that the alderman should 'call before him all forestallis bathe to burgh and to lande and accuse thaim for forestalling and to rayse the unlawys of thaim and pay the ewcariste sa farr' as it may draw and this to be doune but ony favouris'.⁴ Perhaps the reference to the Eucharist related to the programme of building up the jewels of St Nicholas' parish kirk. In another instance a forestaller of hides and skins was let off payment of his fine because of a request by the earl of Huntly,⁵ but such an explicit indication of a favour was exceptional. There is one example of a third party trying to hinder the serjeant who was trying to apprehend a forestaller (whose identity does not seem to have been clear); Thomas de Stane on 21 March 1444 was either to swear that he had not done this or was to bring in the man involved to answer the charge.⁶ There are other occasions in the record when it seems that a special effort was being made to crack down on the practice of forestalling and regrating: a few days after the legislation of 6 October 1441 already referred to a forestaller, John Duncaneson of Banff, was fined £5, a much higher amercement than usual. He and others convicted of forestalling ten

¹ ACR, IV, 181; V.ii, 848. There is one example of the forestalling of animals: ACR, V.ii, 757. In an ordinance of 8 Oct. 1462 it was forbidden to tap iron, salt, tar, or broad cloth in the country: ACR, V.ii, 825.

² ACR, V.ii, 654, 679, 702, 757, 824, 837, 846.

³ ACR, V.ii, 648, 722.

⁴ ACR, V.ii, 828.

⁵ ACR, V.ii, 818.

⁶ ACR, V.ii, 679.

days later had to produce sureties who would come up with £20 if they offended again.¹ A serious effort seems apparent in courts held in December 1459 and January 1460 when a series of forestallers were brought to book and fairly high fines set.² Perhaps relevant here is the entry in the court of 11 January when the council agreed to pay the sum of £3, 6s. 8d. to Alexander Douglas, the sheriff's deputy, 'pro laboribus suis penes libertatem burghi et conservacionem nundinarum' (for his labours in respect of the liberty of the burgh and the conservation of the fairs). The council was not however inordinately grateful: it was stated that in future Douglas should be rewarded according to his work.³

An important point is that forestalling was not only carried on not only by the unfree, but also by those who were allowed to trade and wanted to bypass the restrictions. Some forestallers were clearly said to be guild members, and some new guild members seem to have had a history of forestalling because a condition of their admission was that they should give it up. Forestalling and regrating, then, were endemic problems. Perhaps the most damaging abuses were when goods were diverted south beyond the Mounth, or were sold for export via other burghs, or when the free traded with unfree people's money, or smuggled their goods pretending that they were theirs.⁴ Sometimes the motive for abandoning the rules was in order to make a profit: on 25 April 1438 John Lorymer, a guild member, admitted brazenly that he had bought goods from a Prussian ship both at sea and in port because he did not want to lose his own profit for the sake of the provost or bailies.⁵ Other problems encountered by the guild were when people wanted to enjoy the privileges of membership but did not want to live in town. On 4 May 1459 four named men were ordered to come and live in town or else give up sailing abroad to trade; they had to provide sureties that they would do this and the obligation was renewed after 10 July when they returned from Flanders.⁶ Another difficulty was when people tried to practise crafts, such as tanning, which were the reserve of freemen.⁷

5. Administration of town property

Another important item of guild court business was the leasing of lands, fishings, and mills in the burgh. This work often seems to have been

¹ ACR, V.ii, 649.

² ACR, V.ii, 814-15.

³ ACR, V.ii, 815.

⁴ ACR, V.ii, 702, 722, 758, 770, 828, 846, 848, and see Gemmill & Mayhew, *Changing Values*, 67-8.

⁵ ACR, IV, 132.

⁶ ACR, V.ii, 810.

⁷ ACR, V.ii, 747, 770, 782, 815.

delegated to a committee and the town's valuable fishing rights on the Don and the Dee were frequently used as a way of meeting shared financial obligations. Some of these represented 'one-off' investments in good relations with the crown, such as the money propine of 100 merks, or £66, 13s. 4d. which the guild agreed on 16 January 1456 to make for Mary of Guelders, James II's queen, on the occasion of her first visit to the burgh. It was agreed that there should be a lease of waters, lands, and profits, 'ad certum terminum' (for a certain term) to be made at the discretion of nine people.¹ Existing obligations, however, are more commonly met, either to members of the nobility or to the Exchequer. In 1441 the town owed a debt of £220 to Lord Gordon. It was agreed by the alderman and council at the time when the waters were set for that year in order to pay the debt that that no one owing water maill should be set water afresh, and that the water of debtors should be reassigned. This was said to be according to the old statute. It was also agreed in this context that those to whom waters were assigned should pay part of the grassums in advance of the usual terms.² On 12 August 1446 the guild considered various ways suggested by the alderman on behalf of the council of paying the king 'a certane contribucion' owed to him in respect of the salmon custom and custom on English goods.³ The whole guild agreed that the 'gude men' who had waters should continue to have them for a pre-paid rent (in 'formaling') and pay the contribution. Certain men should be chosen to set the vacant waters to the most worthy persons that had none, and should deprive of their waters those who were 'ivil payaris' and reassign them to good ones.⁴ In July 1450 a consortium of people advanced sums to the town to pay off the debts of William Scherar from the offices of 'yhet' (presumably having responsibility for the town ports) and aldermanship; these were to be allowed them in their water maills.⁵ On 6 May 1451 the council and most of the guild agreed to make a lump sum payment of £80 to the earl of Huntly to settle a debt of £100 owed to him. So that this could be done straightaway they decided to raise funds by lengthening the terms of the lease of the waters, and a committee of seven people, including the alderman, John of Scrogs, was chosen to carry this out. The committee had power to assign all waters which were vacant and to 'menys' and less" the maills of any waters as they saw fit and they had similar powers in respect of other tacks of the town.⁶ On 20 September 1457 the alderman, bailies and council leased the fishings of a half

¹ ACR, V.ii, 790.

² ACR, V.ii, 651.

³ For an analysis of royal customs on Scottish imports and exports in the fifteenth century, see A. Stevenson, 'Trade with the South, 1070-1513' in M. Lynch et al. (eds.), *The Scottish Medieval Town* (Edinburgh, 1988), 194-201.

⁴ ACR, V.ii, 714.

⁵ ACR, V.ii, 754.

⁶ ACR, V.ii, 760.

net of Midchannel on the Dee for six years, to Laurence Holle, a burgess. The term was to begin once the existing general letting of fishings ended at Martinmas 1461. They were making the lease in well ahead of time because Laurence had made an advance to enable the town to pay the king's fermes. A debt had arisen because Malcolm of Forbas, a former bailie, had received rent of £14 but it had been 'wastit and disposit in his propre use in gret hendering, schath, lak and danger' of us'.¹ Finally, in an undated ordinance probably made in 1463 it was decided that Andrew Alaneson, to whom Gilbert the Waus had sublet his half net of the Raik should pay the maills owing for the last three terms, £19, 11s. 3d., to pay off the town's debts at the Exchequer. It looks as if Gilbert was in arrears, because in return for taking this on, Andrew was allowed the fishing (for the same maill as Gilbert) until either Gilbert or the alderman and town had repaid him.²

The town was very much aware of the fact that it had responsibility for payment of its ferme at the Exchequer. Aberdeen's feu ferme status whereby it owed a fixed sum to the king in lieu of all burgh customs and dues, except the great customs, had been granted by Robert I in 1319.³ Of course, it made sense not to let maills get into arrears in the first place. A particular consideration when setting the town's fishings was whether potential lessees had met their existing obligations. On 24 January 1457 the council ordained that no-one was to cast their nets on any burgh fishings until they had paid their fermes and maills from previous terms.⁴ Further, on 22 December 1461 it was agreed by the council and most of the commons that anyone in the burgh 'quhat ever he be of state, heyar' or lawar', who did not pay his maill or who withheld his maill or other dues from one term to the next would not be allowed tacks of water or land, or to bear office until he did so, to avoid the town being liable for his debts to the king and others.⁵

The impression is that there was healthy competition for burgh fishings. When deciding who should have them, the credit rating of the potential lessee was one factor; another, as in 1446, was whether he already had fishings. The town realised how valuable its fishings were and did not allow one person to hold too many. On 8 February 1442 it was agreed that Alexander of Chamer who had his father's waters and his own should have as much as any other neighbour of the town and in a place pleasing to him—but he was to have no more than other neighbours.⁶ On 18 February 1443 the council decreed that Andrw Tulydef should keep his tack of the Pot and that

¹ ACR, V.ii, 800.

² ACR, V.ii, 828.

³ Anderson, *Charters and Other Writs*, 12-14 (no. 8), and see *Early Records of Aberdeen*, pp. lxxi-lxxv.

⁴ ACR, V.ii, 796.

⁵ ACR, V.ii, 824.

⁶ ACR, V.ii, 652.

John Blak and Adam Nycholson (who, the inference is, wanted it) should be 'amendit and helpit' with the next vacant fishing that was better than their own. This was said to have been done in the presence of the Lord of Drum and the whole council.¹ Special pleading doubtless went on often. William Scherar showed a fighting spirit in an undated entry between November 1442 and January 1443. He was withholding his ferme because the town owed him money—for the fee of his son, 'dudum prioris' (a reference, seemingly, to the figure of the prior of Bon Accord)—and for his own offering at Candlemas. He was told to pay up, net of the sums owing to him. He then made a case for his son Robert who had been assigned no water in the last letting, but the council ordered him to be silent on that matter because there were no waters vacant. In another special case, the council took into consideration the late Stephen Johnson's contribution to the decoration of the church when it decided on 14 March 1460 to uphold the lease of a fishing which Stephen had made to his son Richard; a condition was that Richard had to pay £3 great Flemish to buy gold-embroidered cloth to make 'ly baudkin commune' (literally, the communal baldachin or altar canopy) for use in Lent.² Legislation was made in the guild court of 10 October 1466 regarding eligibility for fishings: it was laid down that no-one in possession of water should set it to unfree persons and that no-one should cure salmon but guild brethren or their sons living in their households.³

A factor we cannot ignore, however, when seeking to understand policy on the assignation of fishings, was the presence of the nobility. Gentlemen, according to a principle established in 1442, were not allowed to have fishings: on 8 February in that year it was agreed by the alderman 'and the hale commoune counsaile that myght be gottyn present in the toune' that in future no gentleman of the country should have waters or tacks of the town even if they came to dwell within the burgh. It was further agreed that no merchant or neighbour of the town who lived outside the burgh should have such rights, unless they came and lived within the burgh.⁴ But this did not stop lords from exercising influence on behalf of their friends, nor their friends from seeking such help. On 21 October 1446 the council granted Andrew Alaneson, a member of the earl of Crawford's household, and as a favour to him, the next available water of his choosing.⁵ On 4 November 1447 David Meignes brought in a letter from the earl of Huntly, explaining that Andrew Tulidef (perhaps the same man who had earlier come off best in the case involving a fishing in the Pot) had promised him that he would assign his water of the Pott to a friend of his (the earl's), and 'requirand' the

¹ ACR, V.ii, 690.

² ACR, V.ii, 817.

³ ACR, V.ii, 837.

⁴ ACR, V.ii, 652.

⁵ ACR, V.ii, 715.

alderman and council to let David have it. The council (and, as was carefully recorded, the whole council) was prepared to grant the water to David if the obligation was genuine or if the water was vacant and in the gift of the town. It would not however give it out until the return of Andrew. The council did not want to offend the earl by refusing his request, but the next entry makes clear how irksome they found it. We are told that the whole council then present—twenty-four persons—ordained that in future no neighbour was to bring in lords' requests on their behalf in order to obtain tacks of the town on pain of losing their freedom and their existing tacks; the requests would not, of course, be entertained.¹ The intention of the council, expressed with such conviction here, was echoed on 11 December 1447 when twenty one members agreed unanimously that John the Vaus, burgess, 'for his gude meritis done in tyme bigane' could assign the fishing of the half net of the 'Raake' which was set to him 'to quhat frende of his that be speidful thoct til him except lordis' for the term of the lease made to him.²

6. Patronage of altars of St Nicholas' kirk.

Another form of patronage which the guild enjoyed was in respect of St Nicholas' kirk and its many altars. Like other medieval Scottish burghs, there was one main parish kirk rather than many; within it, however, there were by this time many altars.³ This created a sense of a common bond, expressed clearly in the records of the guild when it made grants of money towards the building, repair, and adornment of the kirk. In the guild court on 10 October 1449, for example, the council, with consent of the merchants, agreed that every merchant exporting goods to Bruges shuld give four groats on the sack of wool, the same on the 'clath' (bale?) of skins and one groat on each barrel and each dicker of hides (i.e. ten hides) towards the repair of St Nicholas' kirk. A penny was also to be paid on every barrel going from the burgh to the Firth (of Forth?) or elsewhere, presumably elsewhere in Scotland. The grant was made for four years 'til endure quhil thai be better avisit';⁴ perhaps this was the gift referred to when, on 8 October 1451, the merchants and guild brothers agreed unanimously to continue and confirm the gift which they had

¹ ACR, V.ii, 724; see also p. 728 where Andrew gave his testimony showing that he also enjoyed the patronage of Lord Gordon. There is also a request from the abbot of Arbroath in respect of a half net fishing of 'Furdis'.

² ACR, V.ii, 727. Another possible example of lordly influence is from 1442, when the Lord of Drum was said to be present in court. It was ordained that a judgement against Master John Caydow who had wrongfully removed Adam of Hyll's net should serve as a precedent for similar cases. ACR, V.ii, 664.

³ See *Gild Records of Dunfermline*, p. xxi for a discussion of the Dunfermline guild's support of the abbey and parish church.

⁴ ACR, V.ii, 743.

made earlier towards the repair of the ornaments ('jocalium') of St Nicholas'.¹ Neither did the guild forget the needs of its native kirk when endowing spiritual services abroad, as it did in 1444. On 17 June the council appointed Sir John de Kyndeloch, chaplain, to the chantry of St Ninian's altar in the church of the Carmelite friars in Bruges. With the appointment came the price of the freight of a sarplier (a quantity of wool)² from every ship sailing from Aberdeen to Flanders and Zeeland. That endowment had, it was said, previously been given towards the repair and building of St Nicholas' kirk so, to compensate, St Nicholas was given a levy of two Flemish groats per sarplier, six mites (units of Flemish currency) from every Hamburg barrel, and four mites from every small barrel.³ At the same time, individual townspeople had the opportunity to revere their favourite saints or sacred events by endowing particular altars within St Nicholas' kirk. Moreover the chaplains who served particular altars also had duties in respect of the kirk as a whole, so were part of an integrated spiritual community. We know of the ongoing kirk work because of the references in the records to masters of the kirk work; in the guild court of 4 October 1443, for example, it was agreed that Master David Hardgat should have a reward and 'drynksilver' for 'gude perfurnysing' of the kirk work, although we are not told how much this was to be.⁴ There is also, as shown above, some detailed information about particular projects going on in the form of the services and goods provided when new members were admitted to the guild.

The council also had specific patronage of the many altars in the church which were served by chaplains who either received a fee or the income with which the altar had been endowed. This was an important source of livings to clerks, perhaps especially to those attending school or university. On 18 September 1444 the council granted the request of the rector and university of St Andrews and agreed that Master John Smalee, perpetual chaplain of St Cross' altar, could continue to attend the University of St Andrews so long as a suitable chaplain was appointed to serve the altar in his place; Smalee, with their consent, chose Sir John Gall, chaplain. We are not told how Gall was to be paid.⁵ This was of course before the founding, under the patronage of Bishop William Elphinstone, of Aberdeen's first university (King's College in

¹ ACR, V.ii, 765.

² See Gemmill & Mayhew, *Changing Values*, 404.

³ ACR, V.ii, 680. After John de Kindeloch died, the chaplain of St Ninian's, Sir Thomas Andreson, was granted his land in School Hill to support a yearly mass for his soul—and more if the land would, according to Sir Thomas' conscience, support it: ACR, V.ii, 834. It seems likely that this was the altar of St Ninian's in Aberdeen, which had been endowed in the fourteenth century: *Cartularium Sancti Nicholai*, I. 16–17; II. 14–15.

⁴ ACR, V.ii, 668.

⁵ ACR, V.ii, 681.

Old Aberdeen) in 1495.¹ The guild also kept a record of its right to present to the benefice of master of scholars in Aberdeen. The letter of the chancellor of Aberdeen who insituted Master John Homyll to the post in 1418 on the presentation of the alderman and community, having checked his suitability, was copied into the register among entries for 1451-2 with the heading 'Pro libertate et facultate presentandi magistrum scholarum' (for the liberty and authority of presenting masters of scholars). The marginal note 'Notate' and a pointing hand further suggest a jealously guarded right.² This seems to refer to the grammar school which was attached to the parish kirk by the fifteenth century.³ When presenting to the altars in the kirk, the council seems to have had the discretion to decide how long the residing chaplain might continue in the benefice. In an incompletely dated court of late 1442, it was decided that Sir John Modane, chaplain, should remain in St Duthac's altar until the next Pentecost.⁴ On 3 February 1453 the alderman and council granted to Robert Roule the service and administration of St John the Baptist's altar in the kirk, on condition that he would perform divine service there and in the choir, and that he would vacate the position when he was promoted to another benefice or altar. On the same day, they promised Sir Andrew Thomson, chaplain, the sum of £5 from the community for the year from Pentecost next; this was for service in the daily offices and he was also to have charge of the choirboys. Andrew was also promised, for his service done and to be done, that he should have the next vacant altar in the gift of the community that was acceptable to him.⁵

The impression is that many of the clerks serving the altars were doing so while waiting for a more substantial benefice. One chaplain who received an annual fee was Sir Henry Hervy (probably the same person as Master Henry Hervy, the guild member referred to above), to whom, in 1454, the alderman and council promised an annual fee of twenty merks for his service in the kirk unless and until he received a benefice elsewhere.⁶ Sir Henry Hervy seems to have been highly valued; in an undated entry in the records for 1458-9 is a memorandum that, at the time when the chantry of St Michael's altar was given to him, Master Duncan Scherar' and Andrew Scherar' remonstrated with the alderman and council, saying that they (the alderman and council) had promised Master Duncan the first vacant chantry in their gift and asking that St Michael's be given to him. This was very awkward; the alderman and council felt that they could not do without Sir Henry Hervy's service in the

¹ D. Ditchburn, 'Educating the Elite: Aberdeen and its Universities', in *Aberdeen Before 1800: A New History*, 327.

² ACR, V.ii, 766.

³ S. Vance, 'Schooling the People', in *Aberdeen Before 1800: A New History*, 309.

⁴ ACR, V.ii, 662.

⁵ ACR, V.ii, 771.

⁶ ACR, V.ii, 778.

choir so they got around the problem by persuading Master Duncan and Andrew to settle for the next vacant chantry, either for Duncan himself, or to any of their friends 'that ar' gaynande and sufficiande tharfor.¹

It was not uncommon to make appointments to the next vacant benefice; on 11 May 1461 the alderman, bailies and council granted the next vacant chantry or other benefice in their gift to Sir Alexander Voket, chaplain, for his services done or to be done, even if the benefice did not amount to a whole chantry.² The Scherar family, however, later decided it was worth being in control of ecclesiastical patronage; on 9 October 1458 the alderman, bailies and council granted the patronage of St Duthow's altar to William Scherar and to Master Duncan his son or failing them to Andrew Scherar and his brother Alexander, and to their male heirs. It is frustrating not to know the exact family relationships between the two pairs, but the family's obligations were clear: they were obliged to infest the altar with ten merks as soon as possible. If none of these, or their male heirs, could do so, then the patronage was to revert to the town.³ In accordance with this arrangement, William Scherar endowed the altar with a perpetual chaplain supported by lands and rents in Aberdeen.⁴ Another altar in need of assistance was St Leonard's.⁵ Sir John Gall, its chaplain, came into the court of 10 October 1460 to declare that the altar had no proctors to protect its ornaments and offerings from dilapidation and waste. The council accordingly appointed four proctors during its will, with John's consent.⁶

The guild, as is clear from this, did not use the altars in its gift merely as a means of providing for its protégés. It is clear that it took seriously the responsibility to uphold the purposes for which individuals had endowed the church, to ensure, that is, that the spiritual services were performed. In this period the town authorities claimed a more general right of governing the behaviour of the chaplains. On 6 October 1447 the council decided that the 'feit' chaplains (those paid an annual fee) and the 'fett' chaplains (those who served an infest benefice) should be ruled and corrected by the alderman and council; those who resisted would not be maintained by 'the maisteres', presumably the masters of the kirk work who had responsibility for disbursing burgh funds intended for the kirk.⁷ On 13 December 1448 the council seems to have been putting this sort of provision into practice. On that day, it ordained that David Lichten should have his fee of eighteen merks so long as

¹ ACR, V.ii, 806.

² ACR, V.ii, 822.

³ ACR, V.ii, 834.

⁴ *Cartularium Sancti Nicholai*, I. 19-20 and II. 17-18.

⁵ St Leonard's altar was in existence by 1359 when William de Merenez endowed it with an image of the Virgin Mary: *Cartularium Sancti Nicholai*, I. 17, II. 15.

⁶ ACR, V.ii, 821.

⁷ ACR, V.ii, 721.

he came to the hours (offices) each holy day and every day to the 'Ladymes', this under penalty of 4d. for each office missed. Other decisions made on that day, relating to kirk service, do not specify its nature, and not all of it may have been spiritual. First, David Keniedy was given a booth under the tolbooth until Whitsun next, free, for his service in the kirk. The council decided not to continue Master Andrew Crondane's fee although it was agreed that a reward would be considered if he made 'gude service'. They decided to continue the fees of Sir James Fraser and Sir Andrew Thomson until Whitsun only; thereafter the town should be free to fee whomever it wished.¹

In an ordinance of the council made on 5 October 1453 we are told more about what 'the uphalding and eikyng of Goddis service' in the kirk meant in terms of offices to be performed. All chaplains appointed to endowed altars, or who were paid a fee by worthy men of the town were to come daily for mattins, high mass, and evensong. Any of them who were absent from three of these offices 'continuali' would be excluded from singing mass in the kirk for a year unless they offered an reasonable excuse acceptable to the alderman and the corrector of the choir. The chaplains of infest altars would also lose their benefices; these would be reassigned by the alderman with advice of the council, and presumably those who received fees would likewise lose them.² Those who did well were to be rewarded; the alderman and 'a grete part of the gilde' in consideration of the good observance and service that the vicar and chaplains did in the kirk 'and in hope of gude continuacion' granted that the vicar and chaplains who continued divine service that they should have their place of rest when they died in whichever part of the kirk they liked. It was decided at the same time that, when presenting to benefices in the gift of the community, preference should be given to chaplains who, by the advice of the vicar and chaplains, did the best and most continual service.³

7. *Food, craftsmen, and forestallers*

The items considered thus far may be said to be guild business; but the alderman and the council, which was elected by the guild, had responsibilities over burgh affairs more generally, as may be noted from the matters covered in council legislation. A frequently recurring item was ensuring the adequate supply of foodstuffs to the town. The regulations made on 7 October 1438, 'pro communi utilitate burgi, considerata magna caristia victualium iam regnante' (for the common usefulness of the burgh, considering the great dearth of victuals now prevailing), amounted to a form of rationing in respect

¹ ACR, V.ii, 734.

² ACR, V.ii, 775.

³ ACR, V.ii, 808.

of some commodities, and were intended to prevent profiteering.¹ The council from time to time set the assizes of bread, ale, beer, and mutton and urged the bailies to enforce the assizes, while baking oatcakes, spoiling the market, or buying victual or tallow to sell at a profit were all forbidden in this period.² On one occasion, 4 June 1444, they made a series of detailed regulations concerning the fleshers' craft; as well as setting the assize of mutton, they placed restrictions on the removal of offal and ruled that meat must only be sold and cut in the flesh house which had to be cleaned every Friday. Bakers were told on 29 October 1444 to sell bread only in the booths under the tolbooth.³ The council thus claimed the right to make ordinances affecting individual, organised crafts. Its power over the crafts was shown in an ordinance probably made in November 1442 in which each of the various crafts were told to provide characters for the Candlemas pageant.⁴ However, there are also signs of the crafts having their own representatives in this period. On 17 January 1449 the council and community chose four men to decide how best the town ought to prepare for the imminent war with the English. A representative of each craft was to be present while that craft was assessed for its contribution, presumably to advise on his fellows' capacity to pay.⁵ On 7 November in that year the guild seems to have given new thought to the enforcement of regulations concerning trade and commerce, and how duties ought to be discharged by the serjeants, dean of guild, and bailies. Measures were agreed for the removal of serjeants who did not do their job properly. Following the advice of a committee set up to review the governance of the town, its common profit, and the 'uphaldin of merchandise' the responsibilities of the dean of guild were set out. He was to raise fines from merchants trading on Sundays, and to punish those who broke guild laws respecting the preparation of hides and skins and forestalling. The dean and the alderman together, as indicated above, were to confiscate stocks of tallow bought for trade rather than personal use. The dean was to punish forestallers of the burgh, free men and others, within or without, without partiality. He was to make enquiries into forestalling every fifteen days in the guild court. Neither alderman nor dean of guild were to come to any private agreement with forestallers, and if it were found by the alderman and the council that the dean was negligent in the execution of his duties then he would be fined the same sum that the offenders (whom he had failed to punish) would have paid. Finally, the bailies were told to keep the acts made

¹ ACR, V.ii, 143; also in Gemmill & Mayhew, *Changing Values*, 78.

² ACR, V.ii, 660, 680, 722, 745, 757, 776, 782.

³ ACR, V.ii, 680, 686.

⁴ ACR, V.ii, 661.

⁵ ACR, V.ii, 735.

by the chamberlain in his ayre of 1434 concerning the assize of bread, ale, flesh 'and othis'. The alderman was to make sure that they did.¹

It is possible that this realignment of duties and the provisions against negligence by the officers was in response to some dislocation of central government's responsibility to ensure that burghal officers did their work. The following January, two crafts had deacons appointed. William Atkynsoun and William of Catnes were chosen deacons of their (unspecified) craft by the alderman and council; this was said to be with the advice 'of thar' falowis' and they were to continue until discharged by the alderman and council. On the same day, Robert of Petit and William Huntar were chosen deacons 'and serchearis' of the websters' craft.² The language suggests that a key responsibility was to ensure the good quality of the websters' work, so may be said to be in the interest of the consumers. Other appointments to safeguard the quality of particular products were the four searchers of salmon barrels appointed for a year on 30 April 1445; their task was to check that the barrels were of sufficient measure and that the salmon in them was 'ful rede and swete'. Barrels which passed inspection were to be sealed, and the searchers were to have a fee of 6d. per last of barrels (that is, for every twelve barrels).³ Other officials appointed with responsibility for inspection of particular crafts were the appraisers of meat and the ale tasters.⁴

8. *External relations and burgh security*

Aberdeen was a busy port, and there is a considerable amount of evidence about the ships from abroad coming into harbour. There are, in this volume as elsewhere in the mid-fifteenth century council registers,⁵ lists of cargoes of incoming ships, made, perhaps, for the purpose of calculating the petty customs due. A ship from Stralsund brought in Eastlandboards and rye in November 1444; in spring 1445 'ly Christofer' whose master under God was Bernard Fraser of Danzig brought meal, tar, bear, potash, and variously named timber products. Hans Lubek's ship entered port on 7 August 1455; only the first part of its cargo, meal, was listed. The very last entry in the volume is a note of the salt and wine brought in by Laurence Johneson of Flushing in Zeeland.⁶ Although by no means a complete list of incoming cargoes these are a useful indication of the goods that were regularly imported and of the provenance of the masters and crew.

¹ ACR, V.ii, 744-5. The records of this chamberlain's ayre are in ACR, IV, 33.

² ACR, V.ii, 749.

³ ACR, V.ii, 701.

⁴ ACR, V.ii, 789, 823, 826.

⁵ E.g. ACR, V.i, 642-4; ACR, VI, 10, 16, 18, 30, 59, 60, 120, 258, 292.

⁶ ACR, V.ii, 687, 700, 783, 850.

We are also told about incoming vessels in cases of shipwreck or piracy. Several ships seem to have been wrecked in the autumn of 1444, indicating, perhaps, a bout of stormy weather. On 5 October the council agreed on the remuneration to be given to those who rescued goods from 'ly barge'. The rates of pay are of considerable interest in showing how goods were stowed on board ship, for the rates were set according to the type of container rescued: barrels, pokes for meal, packs for lint, merchants' kists and poor shipmen's kists. Boards were not in containers, of course, so the rate was calculated by the hundred.¹ It is possible that this rescue effort was of the barge 'that brak nocht lang syne beside this havin' and whose master, Henry Raise, and two merchants appeared in the tolbooth on 9 October before the alderman and council and in the presence of the earl of Crawford. Asked formally whether they had anything to complain of about the townspeople in respect of goods withheld from them, and being offered redress if so, they replied that they had been well served, thanked 'hartli' the good men of the town, and asked for any further goods that should turn up to be restored to them. The alderman agreed to do this and asked for 'instrumentis diversis' to be made, so that, presumably, there was a record of what had been done which could be produced in the event of any action being taken against the town. Clais Mollenar, master of a ship referred to as the 'brokin hulk', also appeared with two of his merchants and went through a similar process.² On 16 December, James of Foulfurd, the earl of Orkney's agent, came to claim from the merchants of the town the cost of freight of goods laden in his barge that 'brak at the scaw'. The matter was referred to the next meeting of the commissioners of burghs as the merchants did not know whether they ought to pay and they felt that they should not decide in a matter which directly involved them.³

In these cases, it is clear that the town was at pains to show willingness to help; so too it was where there was suspected collusion with pirates. On 2 January 1445 Nicholas Sarnholt of Lubeck brought in letters on behalf of the community of German merchants in Bruges testifying that a ship laden with merchandise which belonged to Nicholas and his brother had been seized by pirates. Nicholas asked for remedy from the alderman, bailies and council, on the grounds that some of the goods were believed to have been sold in Aberdeen and the ship wrecked there. The reply was that if he wanted to pursue or charge any who could be found within the liberty of the burgh they would do justice to him.⁴ In another example, on 2 September 1456 a committee of eight was chosen to advise on what to do about 'the demanyng,

¹ ACR, V.ii, 681.

² ACR, V.ii, 684.

³ ACR, V.ii, 692.

⁴ ACR, V.ii, 693.

handeling or deliverance' of the ship, men, and goods from Veere which had been taken by neighbours of the town, and to ensure that the town would not be harmed by the deed. Interestingly, it was by consent of 'the maisteres of the schippes and quarter maisteres' as well as the council and 'a grete part' of the guild that the committee was chosen. Perhaps these were the masters and quarter masters of the ships involved in the seizure, although we are not told this.¹

There is evidence in the records of trade with the English. In particular, the town seems to have owed a considerable debt to the London merchant Thomas Bernwale which it had to repay during this period.² This may very well be the same Thomas Bernewell, alderman of London, who was a beneficiary of safeconducts for trade with Scotland from Henry VI's government, including business with merchants from Aberdeen. Bernewell and Thomas Weston were also owners of a cargo of salmon in the 'Nicholas' of Aberdeen, captured by Englishmen in 1434 and taken to Shields.³ Trade between the two countries was protected by safe conducts during periods of truce, though sometimes further arrangements had to be made. In May 1444, for example, special licence was given to a master and crew of a Hartlepool ship to stay in the port of Aberdeen; and in February 1446 two bailies and Gilbert Meignes, said to be 'under awmerale', received under licence Roger Yhong, Englishman and his 'childer'. The latter provision was necessary because of the expiry of Roger's safe conduct to stay in the havens of Scotland under the terms of the truce.⁴ In October 1448, however, by which time the two countries were in a state of open hostility (a situation which Ranald Nicholson has called 'normal conditions in Anglo-Scottish relations'⁵), the town was overseeing arrangements for keeping hostages from Hartlepool.⁶ On 17 January following, a committee, afforded by representatives of the crafts, was to advise on preparing for war with the English. Measures taken at the end of the month to ensure that goods exported to Flanders were matched by imports and to impose a monopoly on the import of salt may reflect worries about provisioning the burgh, and there

¹ ACR, V.ii, 791.

² ACR, V.ii, 675, 723, 731.

³ J. Bain (ed.), *Calendar of Documents relating to Scotland preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office, London, Volume IV, AD 1357-1509: Addenda 1221-1435* (Edinburgh, 1888), 226, and 227, and G.G. Simpson & J.D. Galbraith (eds.), *Calendar of Documents relating to Scotland preserved in the Public Record Office and the British Library, Volume V (Supplementary), AD 1108-1516* (Edinburgh, 1986), 293, 294, 297.

⁴ ACR, V.ii, 679, 712.

⁵ R. Nicholson, *Scotland: The Later Middle Ages* (Edinburgh, 1978), 345.

⁶ ACR, V.ii, 733.

was further anxious talk of an English invasion.¹ Later, in June 1455 an Aberdeen ship had captured an English one.²

The threat from the English was not Aberdeen's only problem; there was also the considerable internal political instability and magnate rivalries during the reigns of James II and James III.³ On 5 October 1442, for example, perhaps in the context of the claims of Robert Erskine to the earldom of Mar and the related dispute between Alexander Seton of Gordon and Alexander Forbes of that Ilk, the earl of Crawford's sheriff depute of Aberdeenshire,⁴ the council agreed that no one was to 'herbery' (give shelter to) men from outside town, without first informing the alderman as to how many and who they were. Those who failed to comply risked banishment—becoming outsiders themselves—and if the visitors did any harm their 'herbryourez' would be implicated.⁵ This was more stringent than the provisions in the Burgh Laws, that no-one should harbour a stranger in his house for more than one night unless he became surety for him.⁶ On the same day, everyone was ordered to close their back gates, if they had them, and to lock their front ones. The whole community—unfree and free men—were to swear to rise with the alderman and bailies in defence of the town and its neighbours.⁷ Further security measures were approved, probably between November 1442 and January 1443. Existing gates that were 'up' were to be 'stekit' (barred) every night; other gates and open places were to be 'stekit' and closed immediately. This was to be paid for out of the town's rental income. Thirty watchmen at least, with harness and weapons, were to watch the burgh each night 'als lang tyme as the cuntreth' is in trubble'; no countrymen were to be part of the watch.⁸ On 21 April 1452 most of the community agreed to fortify and strengthen the town with walls and strengths because of 'perile apperand' 'in all gudeli haste'. The alderman took a group of advisors and workmen to pass about the town and see what had to be done.⁹ It all suggests that Aberdeen felt very vulnerable in the crisis following James II's murder of William, earl of Douglas.

9. *Women in Aberdeen*

¹ ACR, V.ii, 735-7, 741.

² ACR, V.ii, 733, 787.

³ S. Boardman, 'The Burgh and the Realm: Medieval Politics, c. 1100-1500', in *Aberdeen Before 1800: A New History*, 213-219.

⁴ Boardman, 'The Burgh and the Realm', 215.

⁵ ACR, V.ii, 659.

⁶ APS, I, 350, c. 85.

⁷ ACR, V.ii, 660.

⁸ ACR, V.ii, 663.

⁹ ACR, V.ii, 766.

As discussed above, women feature copiously in the records as the daughters of guild brethren and of burgesses, when they brought their fathers' privileges to their husbands or prospective husbands. There is no evidence to suggest that the ability to convey these was limited to one daughter only, or to daughters in the absence of sons, or to heiresses. There are, indeed, a few cases where the daughter is said to be her father's heir, but they are in the minority. The sheer number of instances in which daughters passed on their fathers' rights suggests that all daughters were able to do this. With regard to the sum payable, often it was only the token 5s. as with the sons of existing burgesses, although higher fees are also met. Only on one occasion in the legislation was the daughter's right to convey burgeship regarded differently to the son's right to inherit it, namely, in October 1463 when burgesses' sons only were excepted from the provision that no unfree persons were to be made burgesses for a year without the consent of at least twelve of the council.¹ The decision does not suggest that the husbands of burgesses' daughters were to be excluded, merely that the council would, in such cases, need to consider the matter.

Yet, although women's rights were well-established, the women in these admissions are usually nameless and their role is elusive. It is their fathers who are more often named, and their fathers who were active in the process of seeking admission for their sons-in-law. With the exception of the instances where noble women petitioned for admissions,² there is only one example where a man was admitted to the guild at the request of a named woman: when Mariota de Ruthirford asked for Adam de Spens, a dyer, to be admitted to the guild in 1446.³ There is no evidence in these records to suggest that women were barred from being burgesses or guild members, and indeed the Laws of the Four Burghs imply the existence of women burgesses.⁴ But the evidence here is that women were not usually members of the guild, nor ever councillors or holders of offices in the burgh.⁵

Women do, however, occur from time to time in the guild records as holders of fishings, lands, and other rights. When we are able to establish such women's status, they are usually wives, widows, or mothers, rather than heiresses. Only in one case was a woman given sasine of her father's lands; and the deed was hedged about with conditions because it seems to have been uncertain whether her brother, who was the heir, would return or not. On 21 December 1458 a bailie was ordered to go with Elizabeth, daughter of the late Will Caleman and give her sasine of her father's land on the north of Netherkirkgate. She was not to sell, mortgage, alienate or waste ('mak warr')

¹ ACR, V.ii, 846.

² See above, pp. 13-14.

³ ACR, V.ii, 716.

⁴ APS, I, 356, c. cxvi.

⁵ See Dennison, 'Power to the people', 113-14.

the land and when her brother came home she was to give it to him freely. The woman does not seem to have been acting as her brother's proctor in the usual sense, particularly as it was said that neither she nor anyone on her behalf was to have any 'intromettyng' with the land; instead, the alderman and council would appoint a man to manage it and administer (dispone) the profit by their (presumably the council's) advice.¹

Husbands granted lands and rights in the burgh to their wives, but may have been required to obtain the consent of the council in order to do so. On 14 March 1460 Andrew Culane with consent of the provost and councillors assigned his fishing to his wife Marjorie for the same terms for which it had been set to him; in a consecutive entry, John Voket assigned his fishing to his wife Janet.² More commonly met are cases where wives were jointly infeft in land with their husbands. Such an arrangement was made by Robert de Camera on 16 December 1444 when he resigned his land on the south of Castle Street to receive it back jointly with his wife Janet, widow of Robert Gillespy the older.³ Janet, as the survivor of a previous marriage, perhaps holding lands and terce, may have been in a strong bargaining position to ensure the security of her position. The Laws of the Four Burghs provided that burgesses' widows were entitled, for life, for as long as they remained widows, to the inner ('interiorem') part (the 'flett') of the house, while the heir was to have the other ('ulteriorem') half of the head house if he wanted to live there. If, however, the widow had been given another house as her portion, she should live there, leaving the main ('hevyd') house for the heir.⁴ These minimum rights may, of course, have been supplemented by other grants for life, particularly those made at the time of marriage.⁵ Things were more complicated when others than the sole heir had been given property in which the widow might also have a claim. The case brought on behalf of the grandson of John Scrogs 'the father' concerning the latter's grant of two crofts to his own younger son highlights how property could be fiercely disputed within families. The grandson's claim rested on the law that inherited land in burghs could not be granted out or sold in case of need unless it were offered first to the heirs at three head courts.⁶ The grantor's widow, Marion, came into court on 26 March 1464 and granted to the younger son any right she had in the two crofts 'and put hir' in his will to gif hir' quhat him likis'.⁷

In another case where a widow had remarried, the council was involved in deciding the respective rights and duties of the widow and the heir of her

¹ ACR, V.ii, 809.

² ACR, V.ii, 817.

³ ACR, V.ii, 692.

⁴ APS, I, esp. p. 337, c.23.

⁵ E. Ewan, *Townlife in Fourteenth-Century Scotland* (Edinburgh University Press, 1990), 105-6.

⁶ APS, I, 340-1, c. 42; 351, c. 91.

⁷ ACR, V.ii, 812.

first husband. On 3 December 1445 it was agreed between Margery or Margaret, widow of William Pulty and wife of David Dun, and Andrew Pulty, 'eeme' (uncle or close relative) and tutor to Matthew, William Pulty's son and heir, such that Matthew should be given his father's lands in fee, while Margery was to have a liferent in the land. She was to provide fittingly for her son until he came of age and could work and look after himself; thereafter, so that he should not be a burden to her, she was to pay him 15s. per year from the land and to uphold it sufficiently 'reparalit'.¹ Here, as elsewhere in the records, a male tutor or guardian, very likely a member of the heir's father's family, was appointed to look after his interests during the lifetime of his father's widow. The Laws of the Four Burghs stipulated that a burghess' heir who was a minor was to be in the custody of his mother's family, as were his moveable property; his father's relatives were to have custody of his inheritance, meaning, presumably, his lands.²

Women who were jointly infeft with their husbands in lands or rights were required to give their consent to grants made by their husbands. It is noteworthy that, when they did so, the beneficiary often sought the added security of a notarial instrument. Thus, on 26 October 1444 Thomas de Marr and Helena his wife announced publicly that they had granted land on the west of Gallowgate at feu farm to John Littistar. The land was transferred into the hands of a bailie in order to give sasine to the new owner. Helena, who was infeft jointly in the land and who was said to be clear as to her right ('certa et certificata de iure suo') swore on the Bible that the thing was done with her express consent and that she would not challenge it in future; for complete assurance, the grantee asked for a notarial instrument. In another example, the wife seems to have been the holder of the land, but needed to get her husband's and their son's consent in order to make a grant. Elizabeth Scheves, wife of Patrick Gray, on 8 September 1445 with the consent of her husband and of their son and heir Andrew handed over all her land in Exchequer Row to a bailie to give hereditary sasine and possession of it to John Bertlotson according to the terms of Elizabeth's charter. Again, Elizabeth swore that she would never go back on what had been done, and again, a notarial instrument was drawn up for added security.³ Marjorie, widow of Alexander Fraser, a burghess, on 29 May 1450 appeared personally in court to augment her late husband's gift of an annual rent of five merks for a chantry in the altar of the Virgin Mary in St Nicholas' kirk, by granting the liferent which Alexander had reserved for them and the longer liver of them. The chaplain of the altar, Andrew Seras, requested a notarial instrument

¹ ACR, V.ii, 706.

² APS, I. p. 352, cl. xcvi. Another example of the appointment of a tutor is that of Adam Traile, who was chaplain and tutor of Alexander Traile: ACR, V.ii, 698.

³ ACR, V.ii, 703.

recording all this.¹ This pattern of invoking a notarial instrument bears comparison, perhaps, with the use of burgh seals to affirm transactions in which women were grantors.²

In all these examples, women seem to have appeared personally in court and to have spoken for themselves. The fact that women were able and in certain circumstances required to speak for themselves is encouraging in terms of what we may hope to discover about women in medieval Scottish towns. The ability of women to appear in court may, however, have depended on the circumstances of the case. Burgesses' wives who were defendants were in fact discouraged in the Burgh Laws from appearing in court without their husbands' consent. The husband's liability, if his wife were convicted, was capped at 4d and it was set down that 'he sall chasty hir as a barne wythin eyldre as scho at for faut of knowlege wrocht out of his consale'.³ There are indeed examples at Aberdeen of women appointing representatives to act on their behalf. Mariota, a daughter of the late Adam Kennardy, appointed a proctor and attorney to act in her dispute with her brother in law over her father's land in Green in November 1441.⁴ In another example, a woman, the wife of Matthew Fichet, appeared with her daughter and two proctors in a 1451 guild court to claim that her husband had acted wrongfully regarding her possession of a croft called 'Halylandis' and other lands and annual rents.⁵ In another case, a woman enlisted the help of a lord to support her cause. In the guild court of 7 February 1443 Matthew Fichet, who was perhaps the same man as in the previous case, reported that Marion of Crondane had complained to the lord of Erroll about him, saying that he had deliberately expelled her from her fishing rights 'that he had al the wite and willfully he put hir fra hir watteris the quhilkis scho had of befor'. Fichet, however, was cleared of any wrongdoing.⁶ In the following year Mariota was in dispute with Duncan Patrikson over a half net fishing in Midchannel and a half net in the Pot; this was settled by the council which decided that they should each have the right to fish in each in alternate years, an arrangement which was to last for the remaining period of the letting of the waters, that is, for four years.⁷

There is, finally, a little evidence in these guild records of women's involvement in crafts; such as it is, it suggests that women's position was fragile. An undated, unheaded list of nine petty offenders found among the records for October 1444 includes the names of seven women. Several were

¹ ACR, V.ii, 753.

² Ewan, *Townlife*, 52.

³ APS, I, 356, c. 118; see also 338, c. 31.

⁴ ACR, V.ii, 650.

⁵ ACR, V.ii, 761.

⁶ ACR, V.ii, 689.

⁷ ACR, V.ii, 675. Other cases of women who had fishing rights are in ACR, V.ii, 730.

cake bakers and market spoilers; three of them, including one of whom it was said 'wat nocht quhar on scho lyffis' had left town. One was 'a commoun rebellour' as well as a cake baker and market spoiler; another was a 'resettour' of a falt' (the exact meaning of which is unclear).¹ In an undated list of four unfree weavers fined by the alderman because of having exercised their craft unlawfully one was a woman. The list is undated but occurs among entries for 1450-1.² This evidence, albeit scant, of women's involvement in artisan activities is in accordance with the much more copious evidence in the burgh court records of Aberdeen, which show clearly that women were active as brewsters, bakers of oatcakes, and candlemakers, trades which were often subject to hostile scrutiny by the authorities.³ Finally, the provisions of October 1438 made in time of dearth which forbade women to buy meal in the market and proscribed female regrators (petty retailers) unless their husbands were burgesses confirms that women's economic opportunities were more vulnerable than men's in time of economic difficulty.⁴

10. Editorial practice

The original spellings have been retained throughout. Use of punctuation and capital letters has been modernised, except that I have not introduced apostrophes to denote the genitive case. I have used punctuation fairly generously to help convey the sense, particularly in the more laconic entries or where the syntax is complex. The letters u and v and i and j have been modernised. The thorn and the yogh have been rendered as th and y respectively. Scribal abbreviations have been extended silently, except that apostrophes have been provided where the extension seems uncertain, or where the scribal mark may be more in the nature of a flourish rather than suggesting that contraction or suspension has occurred. The reader will note that some scribes were fond of such flourishes, particularly with words ending with the letter 'r'. There are a very few instances where it really does seem as if the apparent suspension must be in the nature of a flourish, that is, when it is impossible to see how the word as it stands could possibly be further extended. In these very few cases, the word has been left without an apostrophe. Extensions which seem probable but are not certain are shown in square brackets; this will be met most frequently with surnames to avoid an appearance of certainty where none should be. Square brackets have also been

¹ ACR, V.ii, 682.

² ACR, V.ii, 759.

³ Gemmill & Mayhew, *Changing Values*, 42, 51-7; and N.J. Mayhew, 'The status of women and the brewing of ale in medieval Aberdeen', *Review of Scottish Culture*, 10 (1996-7), 16-21.

⁴ See P.J.P. Goldberg, "'For Better, For Worse': Marriage and Economic Opportunity for Women in Town and Country", in *Women in Medieval English Society*, ed. by P.J.P. Goldberg (Stroud, 1997), 111-12.

used where a reading has had to be supplied because of damage to the manuscript. In such cases, the damage is referred to in the footnotes. Sums of money have been rendered as li', s', and d'. Paragraphs have been kept in the main as in the original, except where the layout of the manuscript might cause confusion. In the edition marginal notes appear in angle brackets on the first line of the entry which they accompany; in the original they are normally further down. Later marginal marks have not been included. Text expunged or struck through in the manuscript has been noted in the footnotes, except where the correction is of a single letter or part of a single letter. Corrections of the text by the scribes themselves are very frequent and have been included because they convey the character of the manuscript itself.

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Extract of guild court sessions

[101]

Curia gilde burgi de Aberden tenta per prepositum eiusdem, die Martis x^{mo} die mensis Julii, anno Domini, etc., tricesimo septimo.

Eodem die Johannes Atkinson' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et fratrem gilde huius burgi, qui solvet pro libertate sua septem marcas, videlicet, quadraginta solidos in manu et residuum ad festum Beati Michaelis proxime futurum, plegio Johanne Marr', juniore.²

Item, Johannes Sleith' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et fratrem gilde³ huius burgi ad instanciam communis consilii.

Item, Johannes Mason' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et fratrem gilde huius burgi, qui solvet pro libertate sua quadraginta solidos et residuum dat' ei ad instanciam communis consilii pro edificacione molendini et portabit lapides dicti molendini ex proprio costagio, plegio Willelmo de Kyntor.

Item, Alexander Galt receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et fratrem gilde huius burgi, qui solvet pro libertate sua septem marcas, videlicet, quatuor marcas in manu et residuum ad festum Beati Michaelis proxime futurum. Johannes Galt frater dicti Alexandri plegius, tam pro libertate quam pro vino.

Item, eodem die receptus fuit Thomas Gillespy in liberum burgensem et fratrem gilde huius burgi, qui solvet pro libertate sua *iiij^{or}* libras, dimidietatem in manu et aliam dimidietatem ad festum Beati Martini proxime futurum, plegio, tam pro vino quam pro libertate sua, Roberto Gillespy juniore.⁴

Item, Jacobus Blindzele receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et fratrem gilde huius burgi, et s[umma] eius dat' Alexandro Hannay, filio Johannis Hannay, ad ordinacionem communis consilii, pro redemptione sua debita in Anglia.

¹ Numbers in bold refer to the page number from which the extract is taken.

² Sic.

³ *et...gilde* is interlined.

⁴ Sic.

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Electi ad commune consilium tempore prepositure Johannis de Fyfe, anno, etc., xxxvij^o.

Johannes de Vaus, Gilbertus Meigneze, Thomas de Camera, Ricardus* de Ruthirfurd', Johannes de Scroggis, pater, Willelmus* de Kyntor, Andreas de Ayncroft, Johannes Voket, pater, Andreas de Culane, Johannes* de Marr', Symon Blabre, Stephanus* de Balrony, Angusius* Ade, Andreas* Branche, Willelmus* de Fodringham', Matheus Fychet, Johannes Voket*, filius, Willelmus de Spaigne, Robertus Blyndzele, Alexander* de Kyntor, Duncanus* de Clat, Patricius* de Badynach', Johannes* de Scroggis, filius, Duncanus* Patrikson' et Thomas* Umfraisoun'.¹

Item, Johannes de Marr', junior, electus est decanus gilde ex consensu communis consilii et fratrum gilde.

[Receipts from admissions to burgess-ship and gild membership from the account of Thomas de Camera of his fourth year as alderman.]

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Item, de iij s' iij d' de residuo libertatis Willelmi Baxtar', consanguinei Duncani Patricii.

Item, de xx s' de libertate Roberti Scot facti burgensis.

Item, de xiiij s' iij d' de libertate Johannis tinctoris, dicti Talp.

Item, de vj s' viij d' de libertate Andree Joh[n]n[es]on' dicti Schaklok.

Item, de xxvj s' viij d' de libertate Johannis Thomson', fratris gilde.

Item, de xvij s' iij d' de libertate Johannis de Cadiou de Aberdene, fratris gilde.

Item, de xxxiiij s' iij d' de libertate Willelmi Joh[n]n[es]on' de Overwesterton', fratris gilde.

Item, de xxv s' de libertate Andree Mathison' sive de fine facto cum eodem.

Item, de xx s' vj d' de libertate Alexandri Voket, Willelmi de Buchane, Johannis Henrici de Grene et Ade Liddale, fratrum gilde de novo factorum.

Item, de v li' de libertate Willelmi Coly, fratris gilde.

Item, de iij li' de libertate Willelmi de Rettre, fratris gilde.

Item, de v s' j d' ob' de libertate Henrici Fras[er], fratris gilde.

Item, de xl s' de libertate Themani, aurifabri, fratris gilde.

Item, de liij s' iij d' de libertate Johannis Sleich', fratris gilde.

Item, de quinque libris de libertate Willelmi Donaldi de Marr', fratris gilde.

¹ The names marked with an asterisk have two vertical lines in some cases resembling the letter u, superscript.

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Curia gilde burgi de Aberdene tenta per Johannem de Fyfe, prepositum, et Johannem de Marr', juniorem, decanum gilde, xxij^o die mensis Novembris anno, etc., tricesimoseptimo.

Quo die, secta fratrum vocata, subscripti fratres gilde fuerunt absentes, quorum quilibet in amerciamento propter absenciam, videlicet, Thomas de Crauford', junior, Adam de Ardchery, Andreas Paniter, Henricus Nicholson', Jacobus Watson', Willelmus Symson', gener Johannis Lauson', Johannes de Bernys, Johannes Bertlotson', junior, Johannes Nachtison', Edwardus de Raburn, Jacobus Blyndzele, Andreas Mathison', Robertus de Curtaston', Donaldus de Marr', Thomas Gillespy, Willelmus Roland', Andreas de Kynnore, Walterus Moryson'.

Item, eodem die Edmundus Banerman, plegius Johannis Michelson', foristallatoris, incidit in penam viginti solidorum pro defectu introitus dicti Johannis ad calumpniam prepositi.

Item, Alexander Moyses, plegius Andree Joffraison' et Thome filii sui, incidit penam xl s.

Johannes Blyndzele, yonger, et Willelmus Symson' gener Johannis Lauson' convicti per assisam pro empcione pellium.

Item, Willelmus Jonson' de Overwesterton', Cristinus de Fyntre, Robertus Massy, Johannes Nachtison' et Alexander Crukeschank convicti sunt de communi forestallacione lane, pellium et coreorum.

Item, Willelmus Banerman et Johannes Scherar' de Dunbanan convicti pro pellibus.

Item, prepositus de consensu omnium confratrum gilde premunivit omnes et singulos fratres gilde qui terras distringibiles non habent ad onera debita supportanda, quod citra curiam capitalem post proximam Pascha provideant sibi de terris distringibilibus sub pena juris.

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Curia gilde mercatricis burgi de Aberdene tenta in pretorio eiusdem per Johannem de Fyfe, prepositum, et Johannem de Marr, juniorem, decanum gilde predictae, vicesimo die mensis Decembris, anno, etc., tricesimo septimo.

Quo die, secta vocata, subscripti fuerunt absentes quorum quilibet adiudicatur in amerciamento propter absenciam, videlicet, Andreas de Kynnore, Thomas Harpar', Adam Chepman, Henricus Nicholson',¹ Andreas Mathison', Edwardus de Raburn, Alexander Wicht, Johannes Atkynson', Willelmus Johannis de Overwestirton', Robertus de Curtaston', Donaldus

¹ Followed by *Cristinus de Fyntre*.

de Marr', Andreas de Schibes, Robertus Massy, Willelmus Coly, Willelmus de Rettre, Johannes de Sauchar', Walterus Moryson' et Johannes Scherar' de Dunbanane.

Item, eodem die Johannes Bertlotson', junior, convictus fuit per assisam pro empcione pellium in patria.

Item, Robertus Wilyameson', homo Alexandri de Kyntor, convictus pro pellibus per assisam.

Item, Gilbertus Meignez incidit penam viginti solidorum quia non presentavit Walterum Childe, hominem suum, in presenti curia.

Item, Johannes Scherar' incidit penam quia non presentavit Andream, filium Johannis Thome de Balgurs...,¹ hominem suum, ad hanc curiam.

Item, Alexander Moyses incidit penam quia non presentavit Andream Joffraison' et Thomam Moyses, homines suos, in hac curia.

Item, Thomas Nicholson' incidit penam quia non presentavit Willelmum Petirkyne, hominem suum.

Item, Robertus Scherar' incidit penam quia non presentavit Johannem, filium Sandy Dun, hominem suum.

Item, Georgius, filius Ade de Ardchory, convictus fuit per assisam pro empcione pellium et regratacione denariatorum infra libertatem huius burgi.

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Curia gilde burgi de Aberdene tenta per prepositum et² decanum gilde, xxv¹⁰ die mensis Aprilis, anno, etc., tricesimo octavo.

Quo die Willelmus Trail, junior, posuit se in voluntate prepositi et ballivorum pro injusta verberacione famule sue et tenetur emendare parti lese infra terminum juris.

Item, eodem die Johannes Lorymer', frater gilde, convictus est per assisam quod ipse contra commune statutum burgi temptavit emere victualia unius navis de Prucia tam in mari quam infra portum burgi et quod idem palam et³ coram diversis personis dixit⁴ quod noluit omittere profituum suum proprium pro preposito burgi vel ballivis.⁵

Item, eodem die Andreas Mathison', frater gilde, posuit se in voluntate prepositi et decani gilde pro empcione pellium et regratacione denariatorum extra burgum.

¹ The last part of the name is concealed in the central binding.

² Interlined.

³ Interlined with caret.

⁴ Interlined with caret.

⁵ See Gemmill & Mayhew, *Changing Values in Medieval Scotland*, 30, for a discussion of this entry.

Taxatio¹ amerciametorum foristallatorum infra libertatem burgi de Aberdene facta coram Johanne de Fyfe, preposito burgi, per Gilbertum Meignez, Andream de Ayncroft, Willelmum Scherar', Angusium Ade, Johannem de Scroggis, patrem, Willelmum de Kyntor, Johannem de Straton'.

Primo de Edmundo Banerman, plegio Johannis Michelson', foristallatoris, xx s'.

De Willelmo Symson', genero Johannis Lauson', ceci, convicto pro empcione pellium, xx s'.

<Purgatur> De Johanne Blyndzele, juniore, si non legitime purgaverit se de empcione pellium, xx s'.

De Alexandro Jonson' dicto Moyses, plegio Andree Joffrayson', foristallatoris, xx s'.

De Willelmo Johannis de Overwesterton', burgense et fratre gilde, convicto pro communi foristallacione, xl s'.

De Johanne Nachtison', fratre gilde, communi² foristallatore convicto xl s'.

De Roberto Massy, foristallatore, xx s'.

De³ Johanne Scherar' de Dunbannan convicto pro pellibus, xx s'.

De Willelmo Banerman convicto pro pellibus, x s'.

De Johanne Bertlotson', juniore, convicto pro empcione pellium, xx s'.

De Johanne Scherar' de Deer', plegio⁴ Andree, filii Johannis Thome de Balg[er]sach' foristallatoris, xx s'.

De Thoma Nicholson', plegio Willelmi Petirkyne, foristallatoris, xx s'.

De Roberto Scherar', plegio Johannis, filii Sandy Dun, forisstallatoris, xx s'.

De Georgio, filio Ade de Balchery, convicto pro pellibus et regratacione denariatorum, xx s'.

De Andrea Mathison', ponent[i]⁵ se in voluntate prepositi pro empcione pellium et regratacione, x s'.

De Willelmo Comyne, homine Duncani Patrikson', foristallatore, xx s'.

Item, de Roberto de Curtaston', x s'.

De Johanne Mawmond', plegio Elmysle, hominis sui, xx s'.

De Johanne Voket, patre, plegio Johannis Ade, taillour, foristallatoris, xx s'.

De Johanne Rogerson', plegio fratris sui, communis forisstallatoris, xl s'.

De Roberto Gillespy, juniore, plegio Johannis de Bernys, xx s'.

De Waltero Moryson', foristallatore, xx s'. De Johanne Atkynson', fratre gilde, foristallatore, xl s'.

¹ New paragraph, after a space on the page. It is not clear that this is part of the same court's business.

² Followed by *foristallacione*.

³ Followed by *Roberto*.

⁴ Followed by *Johanne*.

⁵ The last letter is obscured as though it has been corrected.

De Willelmo de Fodringh[a]m[e], plegio Laurentii Thomson', foristallatoris, xx s'. Item, de eodem Willelmo pro fratre vicarii de Meth...¹

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Electi ad commune consilium

Johannes de Vaus		Johannes de Scroggis, pater
Johannes de Fyfe		Willelmus de Kyntor
Gilbertus Meignez	+	Johannes de Marr'
+ Ricardus de Ruthirfurd'	+	Andreas de Ayncroft
+ Alexander de Camera		Angusius Adamson'
+ Johannes de Straton'	+	Willelmus Scherar'
Johannes Vokate, pater		Johannes de Scroggis, filius
Johannes Gray	+	Johannes Burnet
Stephanus de Balrony	+	Patricius de Badynach'
Robertus Wilyameson'		Andreas de Culane
+ Andreas Meignez		Matheus Fichet
+ Willelmus de Spaigne		Thomas de Craufurd'
+ Robertus de Camera	+	Robertus Blyndce

[143]

Curia gilde burgi de Aberdene tenta per prepositum et confratres gilde, die Veneris vij die mensis Octobris, anno, etc., tricesimo octavo.

Quo die pro communi utilitate burgi, considerata magna caristia victualium iam regnante, subsequens ordinacio fuit ex consensu communis consilii facta.

Primo, videlicet,² quod nulla mulier emet farinam in foro sed homines tantum, et quod farina mensurabitur tam cum dimidia ferlota quam peck[is] et dimid[iis] peck[is], et quod nulla regratrix sit in burgo nisi sponsus suus fuerit liber burgensis.

Item, quod nullus qui emit farinam aut alter burgensis quicumque plus habeat de farina³ uno die fori quam potest sibi sufficere ad rationabiles expensas domus sue⁴ usque ad⁵ diem fori proxime inde sequentem.

Item, quod nullus burgensis emet salmones aut alios pisces seu cepum martorum aut multonum a carnificibus burgi⁶ vel aliis, extraneis in una

¹ The remainder of the word is obscured in the centre of the page.

² Followed by *multus*.

³ *de farina* is interlined with caret.

⁴ Interlined.

⁵ Followed by *primum*.

⁶ Interlined.

summa, sed tantum de predictis quantum sibi sufficere potest ad expensas domus sue quousque deserviat vicinis suis de predictis.

Item, quod pistores panis frumenti vendant panes venales in bothis suis propriis, et non regratrix sub pena eschaete dictorum panum et sub pena amerciamenti octo solidorum.¹

Item, Willelmus Malizeson', frater gilde, convictus fuit per assisam de communi foristallacione lane, pellium et coriorum in patria, ac propinacione denariatorum extra burgum.

Item, Willelmus Coly, frater gilde, posuit se in voluntate prepositi et communis consilii pro absencia sua a curiis gilde preteritis et pro communi foristallacione lane, pellium et coriorum ac propinacione denariatorum in patria; plegio dicti Willelmi Duncano Patrikson' pro accionibus antedictis.

Item, Henricus Nicholson', frater gilde, convictus fuit per assisam de empcione pellium in patria, plegio manu sua propria quousque invenerit Adam, fratrem suum, plegium tam pro amerciamento quam pro ceteris oneribus debitis supportandis.

[151]

Curia gilde burgi de Aberdene tenta per prepositum eiusdem, xxj^o die mensis Novembris, anno, etc., xxxvij^o.

Quo die Johannes Bertlotson', junior, posuit se in voluntate prepositi et fratrum gilde pro empcione pellium et propinacione denariatorum in patria.

Item, predictus Johannes convictus fuit per assisam de communi foristallacione lane, pellium et coriorum ac propinacione denariatorum in patria.

Item, Robertus Pratt convictus fuit pro empcione lane, pellium et coriorum in patria.

Item, Cristinus de Fyntre convictus fuit pro empcione pellium et coriorum.

Item, Johannes de Vaus, junior, ex gracia communis consilii receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et fratrem gilde qui solitum et debitum juramentum prestitit et pro ceteris oneribus debitis dedit Andream Branche plegium legalem.

Item, eodem die ex gracia communis consilii concessi fuerunt viginti solidi de communi bursa Johanni Leche, pauperi, fratri gilde huius burgi ad relevamen eiusdem Johannis.

Item, Andreas de Tulach' extendit plegium quod venit ad clameum suum contra et adversus Henricum Banerman qui isto die tanquam termino

¹ These ordinances are also printed in Gemmill & Mayhew, *Changing Values in Medieval Scotland*, 78, and see also *ibid.*, 63, where they are discussed.

peremptorio ad comparendum et respondendum dicto Andree super debito viginti quinque solidorum.

[169]

Curia gilde burgi de Aberdene tenta ibidem coram Gilberto Meignez, presidente sive locumtenente prepositi, viij^o die mensis Maii, anno, etc., tricesimo nono.

Quo die Thomas de Stane devenit plegius pro Johanne Wilyameson' de Spey, homine suo, quod comparebit coram presidente hodie ad quindenam sub pena juris.

Item eodem die Johannes Atkynson' respectuatur usque proximam curiam gilde ad purgacionem suam illo die faciendam; alias solvet penam communis forestallatoris, xl s'.

Item, Johannes Thomson' de Petslogoch' posuit se in voluntate presidentis pro foristallacione burgi, plegio xl s'.

<Remissus ad instanciam domini W. Stewart> Item, Willelmus Coli, burgensis et frater gilde, posuit se in voluntate presidentis pro foristallacione burgi, xl s'.¹

Item Duncanus Symson' posuit se in voluntate presidentis pro velacione et lossyng et ladyng, x s'.

Item, eodem die in curia affirmata coram ballivis Andreas Trail, qui manucepit probare legitime infra annum et diem² quinto die preterito transacto quod ipse Andreas emit alias in Flandria unum dolium de wadd', sex centas libras ferri et dimidiam barellam smigmatis ad usum Gilberti Meignez, sepe vocatus ad dictam probacionem faciendam non comparuit per se vel procuratorem legitimum, unde dictus Gilbertus extendit plegium quod in defectu probacionis predicte provenit ad causam et clameum suum contra dictum Andream de summa precii unius dolii de wadd', videlicet, xix li' xvj s', de quibus cepit de uno dolio recepto a dicto Andrea tresdecim libras tantum. Deinde hora diei legitime exspectata decretum fuit per curiam et datum pro iudicio per os Johannis Henrici de ly Grene, iudicatoris curie, quod dictus Andreas est debitor eidem Gilberto de vj li' xvj s' pro precio dicti wadd' et pro vj^e libris ferri Yspanie ac dimidia barella smigmatis.

[172]

Curia gilde burgi de Aberdene tenta per prepositum, die Veneris xxij^{do} die mensis Maii, anno, etc. xxxix^{mo}.

¹ This entry has been partly struck through.

² Followed by a two-letter word, struck through.

Quo die Robertus Pratt, frater gilde convictus fuit per assisam de empcione pellium.

Item, eodem die.¹

Curia gilde burgi de Aberdene tenta per Gilbertum Meignez, xxix^{no} die mensis Maii, anno, etc., xxxix^{no}.

Quo die Willelmus Rede, homo Ricardi de Ruthirfurd', dedit dictum Ricardum plegium legalem quod ipse Willelmus probabit legitime coram ballivis huius burgi infra annum et diem quod satisfacit Thome de Arthurle burgensi de Edynburgh', aut procuratori suo legitimo, totum debitum quod sibi debuit quod debitum extendit ad xxvij s'.

Item, eodem die Jacobus de Du[m]celyne, burgensis de Hadyngton', dedit Johannem Burnet plegium legalem quod ipse Jacobus comparebit in proxima curia legali huius burgi ad calumpniam Simonis Blabre, procuratoris Andree Marchand commorantis in Moravia,² de summa certa piscium ad valorem quadraginta librarum ad bonum comptum.

[176]

Curia gilde burgi de Aberdene tenta per Gilbertum Meignez, prepositum, ultimo die mensis Julii, anno, etc. tricesimo nono.

Eodem die Thomas Waldy[n] receptus fuit racione libertatis quondam patris sui, Johannis Waldy[n], fratris gilde, qui debitum et solitum prestitit juramentum et solvit v s' iij ob' in alba bursa, plegio Andrea de Ayncroft, avunculo suo, pro terra habenda et ceteris oneribus debitis supportandis.

Item, eodem die Andreas Lorymer' et Johannes Quhite, faber, recepti fuerunt in liberos burgenses huius burgi racione patrum suorum liberorum burgensium, quorum quilibet solvit v s' iij ob' in alba bursa, plegiis pro vicinitate et ceteris oneribus debitis supportandis.³

Determinacio arbitrorum electorum inter Simonem Blabre ex parte una et Alexandrum Johannis dictum Moyses ex altera, quod dictus Alexander solvet dicto Simoni⁴ unam barellam de Hamburgh' sufficientem salmonum salsi citra festum Beati Johannis Baptiste proximo⁵ futurum pro illis quinquaginta duobus solidis et una bolla salis grossi quos dictus Simo' asseruit dictum Alexandrum sibi debere; plegio pro dicto Alexandro manu sua propria extensa coram preposito et fratribus gilde.

¹ Incomplete.

² Moray.

³ No names are given.

⁴ *dicto Simoni* is interlined with caret.

⁵ Sic.

Item, eodem die Donaldus Og,¹ consanguineus quondam Willelmi de Stiklaw, burgensis huius burgi et tutor testamentarius Patricii de Stiklaw exposuit coram preposito et curia quod non habuit de bonis dicti Patricii ad sustentandum et supportandum unum tenementum suum nec ad solvendum annum redditum debitum Andree de Ayncroft qui se extendit ad quatuor marcas, et ideo optulit dictus Donaldus dictum tenementum vendendum cuicumque consanguineo dicti pueri ex parte matris sue, et precipue Johanni Howyson', avunculo dicti Patricii, ex parte matris sue predictae.

Item, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et fratrem gilde venerabilis vir Magister Thomas de Grenlaw, rector de Coubeth' ex consensu diversorum de communi consilio² considerato comodo et utilitate huius burgi qui debitum et consuetum prestitit juramentum.

[179]

Curia gilde burgi de Aberdene tenta coram Gilberto Meignes, preposito³, nono die mensis Octobris anno Domini, etc., xxxix^{no}.

Quo die secta vocata et curia affirmata, absentes patent in rotulo sectarum at amerciamentarum, etc.

Electi ad commune consilium.

Johannes de Vaus	Johannes de Scroggis
Johannes de Fife	Johannes de Marr'
Ricardus de Ruthirfurd'	- Andreas Ayncroft
Johannes Voket, pater	Duncanus de Clat
Johannes Gray'	Andreas Branche
Stephanus de Balrony'	- Patricius de Badenach'
Robertus Williameson'	Andreas de Culane
Andreas Meignes	Matheus Fichet
Rogerus Williameson'	Robertus Blyndseil
Thomas Blyndseil	- Johannes Henrison' Culane
Thomas de Craufurd'	Johannes Voket, filius
Duncanus Patrison'	Walterus Giffard'
- Thomas de Rolland	

¹ Followed by *puer*.

² Followed by *consideracione*.

³ Sic.

<v s' j d' ob'.> Quo die Johannes de Nesbit receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde, prestito debito juramento, plegio pro eo quod faciet debitum suum burgo, Willelmo Scherar' etc. v s' j d' ob'.

[181]
Curia gilde tenta per prepositum in die Veneris, videlicet in die Sancti Romani, episcopi, etc., anni etc., xxxix [23 October 1439].

Johannes Bertlotson', junior, posuit se in voluntate prepositi pro empcione pellium et est ad assisam pro communi forisstillacione et propinacione; et per dictam assisam ipse est convictus de communi forisstillacione lane et correorum et eciam de propinacione salis, ferri et bituminis, xl s'.

<ix s'.> Adam¹ filius Alexandri de Kynnor' accusatus fuit de communi forisstillacione et datur per assisam quod purgabit se per suum juramentum et propositus convenit secum pro ix s'.

Johannes Scherar' de Dunbannane accusatus de forisstillacione quitus est per assisam.

Walterus Muryson'² posuit se in voluntate prepositi pro forisstillacione lane et pellium et Willelmus de Cadiou devenit plegius quod concordabit cum preposito xl s'.

Willelmus Androuson', gener Mawmond', accusatus de forisstillacione; injungitur sibi per assisam quod purgabit se per suum juramentum.

[183]
Curia gilde burgi de Aberdene tenta³ per prepositum eiusdem, sexto die mensis Novembris, anno Domini etc., xxxix^{no}. Quo die.

<v s' j d' ob'.> Eodem die David de Ruthirfurd' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde, prestito solito juramento, pro v s' j d' ob' cum bursa alba, pro libertate patris sui.

<v s' j d' ob'.> Item, eodem modo Alexander de Ruthirfurd' receptus fuit pro v s' j d' ob' cum bursa.

<v s' j d' obl'.> Item, eodem modo Robertus Scherar' receptus fuit pro v s' j d' obl'.

<v s' j d' obl'.> Item, eodem⁴ modo Johannes de Kynnor' receptus fuit pro v s' j d' obl'.

<v s' j d' obl'.> Item, eodem modo Willelmus Voket, junior, receptus fuit pro v s' j d' obl'.

¹ Followed by *de-K.*

² Followed by *pro.*

³ Repeated.

⁴ Followed by *die.*

<v s' j d' obl'.> Item, eodem modo Ricardus Stephani receptus fuit pro¹ v s' j d' obl'.

<v s' j d' obl'.> Item, eodem modo Alexander Blyndseil receptus fuit pro v s' j d' obl'.

<v s' j d' obl'.> Item, eodem modo Robertus de Balrony receptus fuit pro v s' j d' obl'.

Item, eodem die Robertus Massy posuit se in voluntate prepositi pro forisfallacione pellium, x s'.

Item, eodem die Willelmus Nicholson' calumpniatus fuit de communi forisfallacione et convictus fuit per concessionem propriam de forisfallacione pellium, et prepositus dedit sibi in avisamento utrum velit purgare se de forisfallacione lane et correorum, xij s' iij d'; et purgabit se de forisfallacione lane et correorum.

[186]

Curia gilde tenta per Gilbertum Meignes prepositum burgi de Aberdene in pretorio eiusdem xxvij² die mensis,³ anno Domini, etc., xxxix^{no}. Quo die.

Eodem die Ricardus Jakson' in amerciamento curi quia injuste dedit caucionem super Willelmum de Ithane pro injusta mensuracione salis et ipse quitus.

[191]

Curia gilde tenta per Gilbertus Meignes, prepositum burgi de Aberdene, xxix die mensis Januarii, anno Domini etc., xxxix^{no}. Quo die, etc.

Eodem die ordinatum fuit per curiam quod dominus Willelmus Durwart, camerarius monasterii de Ab'brothot⁴ et procurator abbatis et conventus eiusdem, recipiet a Roberto Blyndseil burgense eiusdem burgi pro quinque libris grossorum debitis per eundem Robertum antedicto abbati in plenam solucionem dictarum quinque librarum grossorum xij li' x s', quos idem Robertus in continente in presencia curie dedit et deliberavit antedicto domino Willelmo recipienti et dictum Robertum quitumclamanti per obligacionis sue tradicionem inperpetuum.

<v s' j d' ob'.> Memorandum quod octavo die mensis Februarii, anno Domini, etc., xxxix^{no} Robertus Wormote ob paternam libertatem

¹ Followed by *¶*.

² Corrected in MS from xx.

³ The name of the month has been omitted; 27 Nov. 1439 fell on a Friday so this would be the probable date.

⁴ Arbroath.

receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et fratrem gilde pro v s' j d' ob', qui solitum prestitit juramentum, etc., plegio.¹

[194]

Curia gilde tenta per Gilbertum Meignes prepositum xxvj die mensis Februarii anno Domini, etc., xxxix^{mo}.

Quo die David Kenyach' calumpniavit Willelmum de Lammynton', Johannem Red, Findelaum Fleshowar', Jacobum et Willelmum Alani, carnificos, de injusta detencione xvij li' sibi debitarum pro mutonibus et ipsi denegaverunt dictam summam et sic electa fuit assisa, qui jurati.

Nomina assise: Andreas Branche, Thomas Kynedy, Andreas de Tulydef, Rogerus Williameson', Thomas Blyndseil, Adam de Hill', Johannes de Culane, Johannes de Scroggis, David Clerk, Johannes Voket, pater, Andreas Ayncroft, Matheus Fichet, Walterus Giffard', Thomas Gibson', Alexander Blyndseil, Cristinus de Kynnore, Johannes Gray et Stephanus Johannis.

Item, the sammyn day Sandris of Chamer put til the assise abovin writtyn anence the sclander that was put til him of conspiracion the quhilkis assise fand and decretit that the said Alexander was quyte of sic crime.

[200]

Curia gilde tenta per Gilbertum Meignes, prepositum, iiij die mensis Aprilis anno Domini, etc., xl^{mo}. Quo die.

Item, eodem die Thomas Danaldson' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et fratrem gilde qui solitum prestitit juramentum et dedit pro libertate iiij li', de quibus datur de consensu et mandato communis consilii Unicorn le pursewant,² etc., xl s'.

Item, eodem die Johannes Imlach' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem qui solitum prestitit juramentum et dedit pro libertate xx s', plegio pro eo Johanne de Scroggis, patre.

[201]

In curia gilde tenta per prepositum xxj die mensis Aprilis anno, etc., xl^{mo}, Andreas de Benyng presentavit ballivis unum breve compulsionis capelle domini nostri regis unacum quadam obligacione Johannis Stephani de xxxij li' vj s' viij d', petens a dictis ballivis dictum Johannem ad³ solucionem summe predicte compelli etc., qui Johannes Stephani tunc

¹ No name given.

² Unicorn, the royal pursuivant or herald.

³ Followed by ?d:---.

presens in curia avisatus petit legitimum diem et terminum ad respondendum super dictam obligacione, quem sibi decreverunt ballivi et concesserunt, videlicet xl^{mm} diem immediate sequentem¹ si ipsa dies juridica fuerit et ipsos ballivos sedere contigerit, sinautem proxima die juridica, etc.

[203]

Curia gilde tenta per propositum in pretorio burgi de Aberdene, xij die mensis Maii, anno Domini, etc., xl^{mo}.

<xxvj s' viij d'> Quo die Andreas Thomson' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem tantum² pro xxvj s' viij d' qui solitum prestitit juramentum, plegio.³

<v s' j d' ob'.> Eodem die Walterus de Dumbrek receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde de consensu communis consilii pro v s' j d' cum ob', ob paternam libertatem qui solitum prestitit juramentum, plegio.⁴

<v s' j d' ob'.> Eodem die Thomas de Kintor eodem⁵ modo receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde pro v s' j d' et ob' qui solitum prestitit juramentum, etc., plegio.⁶

<v s' j d' ob'.> Eodem die Ricardus de Kintor eodem modo receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde pro v s' j d' et ob', solito prestito juramento, etc., plegio.⁷

<[v] s' j d' ob'.>⁸ Eodem die Gilbertus Coly eodem modo receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde pro v s' j d' et ob', solito prestito juramento, etc., plegio.⁹

<[v] s' j d' ob'.>¹⁰ Eodem die Edmundus Johannis eciam eodem modo receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde pro v s' j d' et ob', solito prestito juramento, etc., plegio.

<[v] s' j d' ob'.>¹¹ Eodem die Willelmus Alani, carnifex, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem tantum ob paternam libertatem pro v s' j d' ob' prestito solito juramento, etc., plegio.

¹ Followed by ~~scripsit~~.

² Interlined with caret.

³ No name given.

⁴ No name given.

⁵ Followed by ~~die~~.

⁶ No name given.

⁷ No name given.

⁸ The first digit is obscured in the central binding.

⁹ No name given.

¹⁰ The first digit is obscured in the central binding.

¹¹ MS damaged.

Item, eodem die per communem consilium concessus fuit Ricardo Kintor, tunc abbati de Boneacord, unus burgensis futurus faciendus ad libitum suum quodcumque ipsum presentaverit pro expensis suis factis et faciendis in quodam ludo de ly Halibludde ludendo apud ly Wyndmyhill'.¹

[206]

Curia gilde tenta per Gilbertum Meignes prepositum in pretorio eiusdem xvij die mensis Junii, anno Domini, etc., xl^{mo}.

Quo die calumpniatus fuit Willelmus Maliceson' de forisallacione burgi lane, pell[ium]² et correorum ac regratacionem quo neganti positus fuit ad assisam,³ per quam avisatam convictus fuit de forisallacione lane et pellium et quitus de resid[uo].⁴ xl s'.⁵

[207]

Curia gilde tenta per Gilbertum Meignes prepositum in pretorio burgi de Aberdene prima die mensis Julii, anno Domini etc., xl^{mo}.

Eodem die Andreas Makyson' posuit se in voluntate prepositi de forisallacione lane, pellium et correorum et regratacionem denariatorum, etc., x s'.

Curia gilde tenta in pretorio burgi per prepositum, xxviiij die mensis Julii, anno Domini, etc., xl^{mo}.

Quo die Robertus⁶ Johannis et Angusius Johannis recepti fuerunt in liberos burgenses et confratres gilde, prestito ab eis solito juramento,⁷ ob favorem Ricardi de Kyntor, abbatis de Boneacord, pro feodo suo anni instantis.

[208]

Curia gilde tenta per Gilbertum Meignes, prepositum, sexto die mensis Augusti, anno gracie millesimo⁸ quadringentesimo quadragesimo.

Quod die Walterus Curtyar' ad instanciam et ob favorem Alexandri Moyses de consensu communis consilii receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et

¹ See introduction, p. 17.

² Final letters of word are obscured in central binding.

³ Followed by *que avisata*.

⁴ Final letters of word are obscured in central binding.

⁵ Interlined below and bracketed to this entry.

⁶ Followed by *et*.

⁷ Followed by *pro ad instanciam*.

⁸ Followed by *quadringentesimo*.

confratrem gilde, prestito solito juramento, quia filiam eiusdem Alexandri desponsavit¹.

Eodem die Johannes² Og.³

<xx s'.> Item, eodem die Willelmus de Barry receptus fuit in liberum burgensem tantum pro xx s', prestito solito juramento, etc.

<v marc[e] ad portam> Memorandum quod xiiij die mensis Septembris David Farchar'son' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde, prestito solito juramento, et dabit pro libertate sua ad edificacionem porte in fine oriental[i]⁴ vici Castri v marcas et residuum remittitur sibi ob favorem Domini Johannis Smalee et sororis eiusdem quam desponsavit.

<xx s'.> Memorandum quod xvij die mensis predicti Johannes Ettale fuit receptus in liberum burgensem huius burgi pro xx s' et ad requestum Domini Willelmi de Craufurd' et Magistri Thome Edname, canonicorum Aberdonensis ecclesie. Receptus fuit eciam in confratrem gilde, dabitque pro gilda ad fabricam ecclesie Beati Nicholai huius burgi quando super hoc fuerit requisitus dimidiam rude de aslaris,⁵ etc., et prestitit solitum juramentum, etc.

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Curia gilde tenta per Gilbertum Meignes, prepositum,⁶ die mensis Septembris anno gracie millesimo quadringentesimo quadragesimo.

<ij li'.> Quo die Johannes Davidson' de Glaslach' ad instanciam et requestum personalem magistri de Keth⁷ receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde, prestito solito juramento, et dabit eciam communitati ij li'.

Eodem die Angusius Morison de Kynkardyn ad requestum domini de Drum⁸ receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gylde, prestito solito juramento, et dabit communitati v lib', plegio pro eo Thoma Wade, etc.

Eodem die Robertus Carn'ars receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et dabit xx s', plegio Thoma Rollan.

Eodem die Andreas de Ffovern receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gylde et dabit communitati x marcas, inde solvet preposito in manibus xl s'; residuum respectuatur Johanni Turyn, plegio pro eo Alexandro de Camera quod facienda debita, etc.

¹ Sic.

² Interlined above *Willelmus*.

³ Incomplete.

⁴ MS damaged.

⁵ Ashlar, square-cut stones.

⁶ Followed by a blank space, as though for the insertion of the day of the month.

⁷ William, lord Keith, later Earl Marischal.

⁸ Sir Alexander Irvine of Drum.

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Curia gilde tenta in pretorio xvj die mensis Decembris anno Domini etc.,
xl^{mo}.

Quo die assisa ordinavit et decrevit quod ex quo Willelmus Scherar'
dispersionavit prepositum quod ipse Willelmus petet veniam ab eo¹ pro
isto defectu et decetero non faciet simile sub pena.

¹ That is, he should seek his pardon.

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Curia gilde tenta per prepositum, Johannem de Fife, et decanum gilde, Andree de Culane, ultimo die mensis Septembris, anno Domini, etc., xlj^{mo}.

<iij li' vj s' viij d'.> Quo die Laurencius Thomson' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem e[t]² confratrem gilde huius burgi, prestito solito juramento et dabit pro libertate sua iij li. vj s. viij d'; plegio pro eo.³

<v s'.> Eodem die Willelmus filius Johannis Lowson' receptus fuit in liber[um]⁴ burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi, racione libertatis paterne, prestito solito juramento et dabit pro libertate sua v s'; plegio.⁵

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Curia gilde tenta in pretorio burgi de Aberdene per⁷ Matheum Fichet, prepositum, sexto die mensis Octobris, videlicet, die veneris proxima post festum Beati Michaelis archangeli, anno Domini, etc., xlj^{mo}.

Quo die, subscripte persone electe fuerunt in communes consiliarios dicti burgi anni instantis.

Alexander de Camera	Andreas Ayncroft
Johannes Vaus	Andreas Branche
Johannes de Fife	Thomas Blyndseil
Gilbertus Meignes	Robertus Blyndseil
Johannes Scrogs, pater	Patricius Badenach'
Ricardus Ruthirfurd'	Johannes Gray
Simon Blabre	Johannes Voket, filius
Johannes de Marr', junior	Willelmus Spaigne
Willelmus Scherar'	Johannes Henrison' Culane

¹ See introduction, pp. 1-2 for the period covered in this volume.

² MS torn.

³ No name given.

⁴ MS torn.

⁵ No name given.

⁶ Page 646 is blank.

⁷ Followed by *John*...

Johannes Henrison'	Thomas Rolland'
Andreas Culane	Johannes Wood
Johannes Voket, pater	Thomas Kyniedy
Stephanus John[ne]son'	

Eodem die Johannes de Fife,¹ Stephanus John[ne]son' et Johannes Gray elect[i]² fuerunt in magistros fabrice et conservatores bonorum ecclesie parrochialis Beati Nycholai huius burgi, etc.

Alsua John[ne] of Marr' and Androu Ayncroft arr' ordanit keparis and gaderar[is]³ of the profite that may cum of the schippes that⁴ cummys to the toune, that is to say, the fraight of sek and tun to the kirkwerk.

Item, the counsaile has ordanit that na man be made brothir' of the gil[d]⁵ within ten pundeis to the commoune us' out tane prentice ...⁶ that has duelt ichandy in the burgh or thai tha[t]⁷ ...⁸nyghboris dochter the quhilkis sal be modifit be...⁹

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Item, it is ordanyt that na man, freman or othir', by and forisstal woll in the cuntreth' under the payne of v markis unforgivin and give he forisstallis mar' than a sek he sal pay for ilke sek v markis. Item, quha that forisstallis byand skynnys he sal pay ij markis and quha that forisstallis hidez in the cuntreth' sal pay xx s' unforgifin.

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Taxatus per consilium xl s'.

<v li'.> Memorandum quod decimo die mensis Octobris, anno supradicto, Johannes Duncaneson' de Banf convictus fuit per confessionem propriam de foristallacione lane et pellium et invenit Gilbertum Meignes plegium pro v li' pro pena huiusmodi forisstallacione et quod ammodo¹⁰ non forisstallabit sub pena xx li'.

¹ Followed by *et*.

² MS torn.

³ MS torn.

⁴ Followed by ~~cum tunc~~.

⁵ MS damaged.

⁶ MS damaged; two or more words missing.

⁷ MS damaged.

⁸ MS damaged; two or more words missing.

⁹ MS damaged; two or more words missing.

¹⁰ There is, here and in the next two occurrences of this word, a contraction mark over the 'a' before the single 'm', indicating the omission of a letter.

Curia gilde tenta per Matheum Fichet, prepositum, xx^{mo} die mensis predicti, etc.

<Taxatus xl s'.> Quo die Walterus Murison' convictus fuit per assisam de forisstillacione lane, pellium et correorum; plegio pro pena Johanne Stephinson' et quod non forisstillabit ammodo sub pena xx li'.

<Taxatus x s'.> Eodem die Andreas Makyson' convictus fuit per assisam de forisstillacione lane, pellium et correorum ac regratacione denariatorum; plegio pro pena, Johanne Henrison' de Culane et quod ammodo non forisstillabit sub pena xx li.

<v s'.> Johannes Hunter' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem huius burgi, solummodo racione libertatis paterne, prestito solito juramento; et dedit pro libertate sua v s'; plegio.¹

Curia gilde tenta in pretorio per prepositum, xx die mensis Octobris, anno Domini, etc., xlj^{mo}.

Quo die, Johannes Atkynson', accusatus de communi forisstillacione, quitus fuit per assisam.

<Taxatus x s'.> Item, Johannes Adamsson' de Ardchery convictus fuit per assisam de forisstillacione pellium; plegiis pro eo Andrea de Benyne et Waltero Curtyar'.

Item, eodem die Johannes Nesbit convictus fuit de communi forisstillacione lane, pellium, et correorum; plegio pro eo.²

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Curia gilde tenta per prepositum in pretorio, tercia die mensis Novembris, anno, etc., xlj^{mo}.

Quo die, Willelmus Maliceson' accusatus fuit de communi forisstillacione lane, pellium, et correorum et quitus per assisam.

Curia gilde tenta per Matheum Fichet, prepositum, xvij die eiusdem mensis et anno supradicto.

Quo die, Thomas Club, sutor, posuit se in voluntate prepositi de forisstillacione correorum et tannacione eorundem; plegio.³

Willelmus Poyntar' convictus fuit per assisam de forisstillacione pellium; plegio.¹

¹ No name given.

² No name given.

³ No name given.

Memorandum quod antepenultimo die mensis Novembris, anno supradicto, consilium² huius burgi decrevit quod Macolmus filius Willelmi gaudeat terra placitabili³ inter ipsum et Thomam de Marr' secundum tenorem et effectum instrumenti quod inde habet dictus Thomas et quod dicta terra appreciabitur dicto Macolmo ita quod non deteriorabitur in futuro; et pro hoc dabit securitatem sufficientem. Et si reperiatur quod dicta terra deficiat in defectu dicti Macolmi, prepositus et consilium reparabunt dictam terram secundum visum eorum cum firmis eiusdem. Et in continente dictus Macolmus dedit Willelmum Mathousoun plegium quod dicta terra non deteriorabitur ut supra.

Item, eodem die Johannes de Fife, Thomas Kynniedy, Johannes Vaus, Walterus de Du[m]brek, Willelmus Scherar', Duncanus de Clat et Simon Blabre, arbitri electi et jurati in causa mota inter⁴ Jeorgium de Murrefe, procuratorem et attornatum Mariote, unius filiarum quondam Ade de Kennardy ex una et Willelmum de Cowtis, generum dicti⁵ Mariote⁶ partibus ex altera, exstetit terminatum: quod quondam Adam prefatus resignavit terram jacentem infra dictum burgum in ly Grene inter terram tres vias regias ex partibus australi, occidentali, et borealis, et terram heredum quondam Willelmi de Stradee ex parte orientali in manibus ballivi ad dandum saisinam hereditariam⁷ dicto Willelmo de Cowtis de dicta terra cum pertinenciis; et quod dictus ballivus dedit sibi huiusmodi possessionem et saisinam dicto Willelmo de dicta terra cum pertinenciis.

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Curia gilde tenta xvj die mensis Decembris.

Quo die, Johannes Valandy convictus fuit per assisam de forisstallacione pellium in partibus, ijs'.

Item, Johannes Smal eodem modo convictus fuit de forisstallacione, ij s'.

Item, Johannes de Irwyne eodem modo convictus fuit de forisstallacione, ij s'.

Item, Johannes Robertson' eodem modo convictus fuit de forisstallacione, ij s'.

Andreas Bell similiter convictus fuit de forisstallacione, ij s'.

Item, Donaldus Skynnar' similiter convictus fuit de forisstallacione, etc., ij s'.

Item, John[ne] Tod similiter convictus fuit de forisstallacione, ij s'.

¹ No name given.

² Followed by *huus*.

³ Recte *terram placitabilem*?

⁴ Followed by *jeog*.

⁵ Recte *dicte*.

⁶ Followed by *et*.

⁷ Followed by *se*.

Item, Johannes Lammynton' similiter convictus fuit de forisinstallacione, etc., ij s'.

It is ordanit be the alderman and the commoune counsaile in the tyme of the setting of the watteres to termez for the payment to be made to the lord of Gordoune of ij^c xx li', the quhilkis the toune is awand til him that quhat everhebee that is awand ony watter male to the toune of termez bigane sal pay that maalez bigane or ever thar' be made ony new setting til him, or quhat tyme that he haldis his male fra¹ a terme til ane othir' terme unpayit his watter sal vake and it salbe leiful to the alderman and the counsaile to dispone thar'apon as thai think spedful, nocht agaynstandyng the grissome that he has paiit of before, etc., as is contenit in a statute made tharapon lang tyme syne.

Item, the xxj day of Novembre' the yere of grace j^m cccc xlj, the forsaid alderman and counsaile ordanit and decretit for the forsaid payment to be made that thaa persones to the quhilkis the commoune counsaile has sett or sal sett the watterez of this burgh' sal pay a part of² thair' grissomez of the said watterez efter the tax made tharapon be the xx day of Yhule next to cum; and quhasa failyeis it salbe leiful to the alderman to sett thair' watterez as him think spedful, and thai sal pay the tothir' p[art]³ of the grissomez be Sancte John[ne] the Baptistis day⁴ next toc[um]⁵ [...] ⁶ failyeis thair' watterez sal be sett be the alderman as is for [...] ⁷ agaynstandand that thai have paiit the firste grissome [...] ⁸ tyne that grissome paiit, etc.

Item, thir' personez underwritin warr' chosin be the ha [...] ⁹ to see quhat watterez vakit be resoune and to [...] ¹⁰ thoct maste speidful and to the worthiaste per [...] ¹¹

John[ne] of Fife

John[ne] Voket, pater

Androu Ayncroft

John[ne] the Vaus

Gilbert¹³ Meignes

John[ne] of [...] ¹²

¹ Followed by *the*.

² *a part of* is suprascript with a caret.

³ MS torn.

⁴ 24 June.

⁵ MS damaged.

⁶ MS torn; perhaps two words missing.

⁷ MS torn; remainder of this word and one or two further words are missing.

⁸ MS torn; perhaps two words missing.

⁹ MS torn; remainder of this word and up to three further words are missing.

¹⁰ MS torn; up to four words are missing.

¹¹ MS torn; remainder of this word and up to four further words are missing.

¹² MS torn; last name, and perhaps other names, missing.

¹³ Corrected from *John*.

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- Item, for the commoune profite of this toune it was ordanit and decretit the viij day of Februare the yere forsaid be the aldermane, Matheou Fichet, and the hale commoune counsaile that myght be gottyn present in the toune that fra hyne forth'ward na gentil men of the cuntreth' sal have watterez or takis of this toune suppose thai cum to duel within the burgh'.
- Item, that nane othir' merchandman or nyghbor' of this toune that duellis without the burgh' sal have ony watterez or takis of this toune, bot give thai cum and duell within the burgh' continually, etc.
- Item, anence Alexander of Chamer, the quhilkis has now and joysis baath' his fadris watterez and his awne, the said counsaile will that he have alsmykil watter as ony othir' nyghbor' of the toune and quhar' be plesand to him; bot thai will that he have nomar' than othir' nyghboris.

Presentes in consilio supradicto.

Johannes Vaus, Gilbertus Meignes, Johannes de Fife, Ricardus de Ruthirfurd', Johannes de Scrogs, pater, Johannes de Marr', junior, Andreas Culane, Andreas Ayncroft, Johannes Voket, pater, Willelmus Scherar', John' of Culane, Alexander of Kintor, Robert Blyndseil, Johannes Voket, filius, Thomas Rolland, Johannes Henrison' Culane, Patricius de Badenach', Johannes de Scrogs, filius, Thomas Blyndeseil, Johannes Gray, Duncanus de Clat.

- [653]
- Curia gilde tenta per Matheum Fichet, prepositum, ix die mensis Marcii, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo xli^{mo}.

- Quo die, Andreas Childe calumpniatus fuit de communi forisstallacione lane, pellium, et correorum; qui super hoc¹ submitit se ordinacioni et decreto communis consilii.
- Item, Walterus Murison' obligatur ad presentandum preposito hodie ad quindenam famulos suos sub pena amerciamenti.
- Item, iniungitur Thome Rolland ad intrandum Johannem Rolland famulum suum hodie ad quindenam sub pena supradicta.
- David Blabre, Thomas Traile, Willelmus Maliceson', Thomas Nycholson: quilibet eorum in amerciamento quia premoniti non comparuerunt, etc.

- [654]
- Curia gilde burgi de Aberdene tenta per Matheum Fichet, prepositum eiusdem, xxvij^{mo} die mensis Aprilis anno Domini, etc., xliij^o.

¹ Followed by *symb.*

Quo die.¹

The sammyn day for the governance of merchandice it was statute and ordanit be the brethir' of gilde that naman by woll derar' than vj s' viij d' the stane, and give ony man beis taynt byand woll derrar' in contraire of this statute he sal pay to the commoune profite of this ton' but remissioune for ilke tyme that he beis taynt xl s'.

Item, that naman by woll skynnys derar' than x d', schorlyngez vj d', scaldynez iij d', the dusane of lentrinwar' viij d', the dusane of futfellez ij s'; and quhasa dois in the contraire sal every tyme that he trespassis sal pay but remissioune vj s' viij d' to the commoune werk and profite of this toun.

Item, the sammyn day Matheu Fichet alderman become dettour' til John[ne] of Fife of four' pundez, fourtene schillingez for reddying of the balyeis of the yere bipast, with ordinance and consent of the counsaile.

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Curia gilde tenta per prepositum, iij¹⁰ die mensis Junii, anno Domini, etc., xlij^o.

Quo die, Walterus Murison' per confessionem propriam fuit in amerciamento pro infrictione precii pellium.

Item, Jacobus Blyndseil convictus fuit per assisam de infrictione precii pellium.

Rogerus Gillespy convictus fuit per assisam de infrictione precii lane.

Memorandum quod xxij^o die mensis Junii, anno supradicto, Willelmus Birde per confessionem propriam convictus fuit de forisstellacione pellium² et invenit plegium Robertum Blyndseil³ tam pro pena quam quod non forisstellabit decetero sub pena xx li'.

It is to mene apon that the fift day of the moneth' of Julii, the yere forsaid, David Hardgat, David Dun, Robert Mason' and Gilbert Mason' oblist thaim ane as all and all as ane til a⁴ honorable knyght, Sir Williame of Lesly of Balchane⁵ that thai sall fulfill and performyce his⁶ werk efter the tenour' of the endentouris made thar'apon betuex the said Sir Williame and David Hardgat forsaid.

¹ Incomplete.

² Followed by *de*.

³ Followed by *ple...*

⁴ Followed by *no...*

⁵ William Leslie of Balquhain.

⁶ Followed by *sent*.

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Curia gilde tenta per Matheum Fichet, prepositum de Aberdene, in pretorio eiusdem die.

Eodem die Nicholaius Fichet receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi ad requestam specialem Mathei Fichet, tunc prepositi, ex gracia consilii, qui solitum prestitit iuramentum, et plegio pro eo.¹

Item, eodem die Johannes de Spens receptus fuit ex gracia communis consilii in liberum burgensem huius burgi, qui solitum prestitit iuramentum; plegio pro eo.²

Memorandum that the xij day of Septembre the yere forsaid it was decretit and ordanit be the commoune counsaile and divers' of the merchandez of this burgh' that Matheu Fichet, alderman, and Richard of Ruthirfurd' sal pass' for the lousyng and recoveryng of the schippes, merchandez and gudez the quhilkis arr' now of new tane of new by Inglisemen; and because thai have considerit that this is a commoune accioun thai have ordanit the coste of the said passage to be made of the commoune purs[e] of this ton'.

Curia tenta per prepositum, antepenultimo die mensis Septembris, anno supradicto.

<v s'.> Quo die, de consensu communis consilii, Johannes Kyniedy, filius quondam Thome Kyniedy, burgensis huius burgi, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius,³ racione libertatis paterne, prestititque solitum et consuetum iuramentum, et dedit in alba bursa v s'.

<v s'.> Eodem die Johannes Philipson' filius quondam Philippi Andree receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi, racione libertatis paterne⁴ prestito solito iuramento; et dedit in alba bursa v s'.

Item, eodem die Willelmus Fichet, filius quondam Nicholai Fichet, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi racione libertatis paterne, prestito solito iuramento et dedit in alba bursa v s'; plegio.⁵

Item, eodem die Johannes Littstar' de consensu diversorum communis consilii receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi,

¹ No name given.

² No name given.

³ *burgi* omitted?

⁴ Corrected in MS from *patemitatis*.

⁵ No name given.

prestito solito juramento et dabit pro libertate sua iij li' vj s' viij d'; plegio pro eo.¹

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It is sene speidfull to the counsaile that fra hyne furth' thair' be ordanit and chosin twa men of gude cunnyng and knowlage masterez of the commoune werk of the toune, the quhilkis sal raise all the rentaile of the toune, except the rentaile that the balyes sal have to free anerly the pensiones of the toune; and thai sal dispone that gude apou the commoune werk of this toune at the device and as it sall be sene speidful to the alderman and the commoune counsaile, swa that the alderman that beis for the tyme sal entromet with' na commoune gude bot anerly it that cummys of his office, of the quhilk he sall mak lele and trew acompt to the commounes. And quasaever happynnis to be put furth' at litez to be chosin alderman, or he passis furth', he sall swere to keip this statute and alsua to keip and ger' be kept at al his gudely powar' the setting of the watterez made now laste.³

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Curia gilde tenta in pretorio per Johannem de Marr', juniorem, prepositum, die Veneris proxima pos[t]⁴ festum Beati Michaelis archangeli, videlicet, die quinta mensis⁵ Septembris⁶ anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quadragesimo secundo.

Quo die secta vocata et curia affirmata, absentibus, etc.

Eodem die subscripte persone electe fuerunt in consiliarios communes huius burgi pro uno anno, etc.

Johannes de Fife		Alexander de Camera
Johannes Vaus	a	Willelmus Scherar'
Gilbertus Meignes		Andreas Ayncroft
Ricardus Ruthirfurd'	a	Thomas de Craufurd'
Matheus Fichet		Johannes de Scrogs, filius
a Johannes de Scrogs, pater		Johannes Voket, filius
Johannes Voket, pater		Patricius de Badenach'

¹ No name given.

² Page 657 is blank.

³ *Extracts from the Council Register of Aberdeen, 7.*

⁴ MS torn.

⁵ Followed by *Semp...*

⁶ Sic; recte *Octobris*.

ff?	Duncanus de Clat	Walterus Giffard'
a	Andreas Culane	Johannes Gray
n/i	Simon Blabre	Willelmus de Spaigne
	Stephanus Balrony	Johannes Henrison' Culane
a	Thomas Blyndseil	Rogerus Williamson'
	Johannes Blyndseil	Johannes Henrison', senior
	Alexander de Kintor	

Item, eodem die Johannes Vaus et Matheus Fichet electi fuerunt in magistros communis fabrice et depositarios huius burgi pro uno anno.

Item, it is ordanit be commoune consaile that na man of this toune, quhat ever he be, herbery ony man of without the toune bot in continent he sall cum to the alderman and lat him¹ wit of how mony persounez and qu...² persounes thair' under the payne of law and bannysyng; and give ...³ happyn to doo ony schath' thair' herbryourez sal be callit and hald[in]⁴ ... art and parte.

<+> Item, that na grete mater belangand the communittee salbe concludit b...⁵ thar'be present of the counsaile xij persounes at the leeste ...⁶ officiares and he⁷ that is of counsaile and beis summond' to ...⁸ and cummys nocht he sal be secludit fra the counsaile for ...⁹

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Item, al man that has¹⁰ bakyettez close thaim swa that thair' cum na skath' throu thaim to the toune under the payne of acht schillingez and at thair lok thair' foryettez within viij dayes under the sammyn payne.

Item, that al the comunittee alsweile unfree as free men be sworne to rise with' the alderman and balyeis in the defence of the toune and of the nych'borez of the toune; and quhasa will nocht riise and absentis him willfully he sal tyne his fredome and be bannysit oute of the ton'.

Item, that the balyeis keipe the assis[is] of brede, ale and flesche, and at thair' be nane ale sald derrar' than vj d' and at nane brew that bot brethir of the gild, and othiris sell for iij d', iij d' and ij d'. And the penny lafe wey xxiiij uncis of bakin brede at the leste, and forthimar' to mak a pais[e] as the

¹ Followed by ~~with~~.

² MS torn; the rest of this word is missing.

³ MS torn; one or more words missing.

⁴ MS torn; part of this word and one or two further words missing.

⁵ MS torn; remainder of this word and up to three further words are missing.

⁶ MS torn; up to three words are missing.

⁷ Superscript with caret.

⁸ MS torn; up to four words missing.

⁹ MS torn; up to four words missing.

¹⁰ Followed by ~~meth...~~.

cause requiris, and at the baxstarez baake na faigez.¹ And at thai see to prisying of flesche² and at the price be kepit under payne of law.³

Item, that na nychbor' by talch' to send in Flandris na for to tap agayne bot anerly til serve til his propre us[is] under the payne of xl s' to the commoune werk and eschetyng of the gude.

Item, Magister Johannes Cadyow receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde, racione libertatis paterne, qui solitum prestitit juramentum, quamquam asseruit quod antea liber fuit, et dedit quinque solidos in bursa alba.

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Robertus Irwyne invenit Johannem de Scrogs, filium, plegium legalem quod Andreas Walkar' et Fergusius de Skene erunt indemnes de se aliter quam via juris, etc., et idem Fergusius invenit plegium Andream Duncaneson' et quod comparebit ad calumpniam dicti Roberti cum fuerit legitime premunitus.

Curia gilde tenta per Johannem de Marr', prepositum, secunda die mensis anno supradicto.

Quo die Willelmus Coly convictus fuit per confessionem propriam de forisinstallacione pellium.

Thir' craftez underwrittin sal fynd yerely in the offerand of Our' Lady at Candilmes⁴ thir' persounes underwrittin, that is to say:

The littistarez sal fynd

the empriour' and twa doctourez and alsmony honeste squiazez as thai may.

The smythez and hammermen sal fynd

the three kingis of Culane and alsmony honeste⁵ squiazez as thai may.

The talyourez sal fynd

Our' Lady, Sancte Bride, Sancte Helene, Joseph' and alsmony squiazez as thai may.

The skynnarez sal fynd

twa bischopes, four' angelez and alsmony honeste squiazez as thai may.

The webstarez and walkarez sal fynd

Symion and his discip[i]lez and alsmony honeste squiazez, etc.

The cordonarez sal fynd

¹ Fadges, or thick, flat loaves.

² Followed by *et*.

³ This and the preceding two entries are printed in *Extracts from the Council Register of Aberdeen*, 9.

⁴ Candlemas, or the feast of the Purification of the Virgin Mary (2 Feb.).

⁵ Followed by *per*...

the messyngear' and Moyses and alsmony honeste squiare, etc.
 The fleschowarez fynd
 twa or¹ four' wodmen and alsmony honeste squiare, etc.
 The brethir' of the gilde sall fynd
 the knyghtez in harnace and squiarez honestely araiit etc.
 The baxstaris sal fynd
 the menstrualis and alsmony honest squyaris² as thai may, etc., v s'.³

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 Quia Willelmus Scherar' restrinxit in manu sua firmam suam pro feodo filii sui dudum prioris et pro x s' quos dicit se exposuisse in offeratorio in festo Purificationis Beate Marie Virginis, ac pro quinque solidis pro labore suo et quibusdam lapidibus positus super aqueductum huius burgi, consilium decrevit quod idem Willelmus solvet et satisfaciet ballivis de firma sua, exceptis dictis x s' et v s' quae allocantur sibi hac vice. Item, quia idem Willelmus conquerebatur quod Robertus filius suus non habuit⁴ aliquam partem aquarum⁵ in ultima assedacione, consilium imposuit sibi cilencium in illa materia pro eo quod nulle aque reperiuntur vocantes⁶.
 Item, consilium decrevit et ordinavit quod Willelmus Spaigne satisfaciet Waltero Giffard' pro duabus celdris calcis quas emit et recepit ab eodem Waltero ad portam.
 Item, decretum fuit et concessum per consilium quod dominus Johannes Modane capellanus serviet et remanebit ad altarem Beati Duthaci⁷ confessoris usque ad festum Penthecostes proxime futurum.

Simon Blabr', John' of Fyff	Dawy Clerk, Robert
Will' Wokat, John the Wauss'	Williamso[u]n[e]
John' Henriso[u]n[e], Thom Blindzell'	Will' of Spanye, Adam
Will' Scherrar', John' Blindzell'	Nicoll'so[u]n[e]
John Henriso[u]n[e], eldar', Robert	John Kyntor', John Blac'
Sprunt	Robert of Chawmer, Robart
	Blindzell'

Anent the iij lib' giffwyn be
 Mathw Fichet to John' Scrogis,

¹ Followed by *th...*

² Followed by *ter...*

³ See introduction, p. 7. The significance of the five shillings is not clear. This entry is printed in *Extracts from the Council Register of Aberdeen*, 9.

⁴ Followed by *agnas*.

⁵ Followed by *et-petit*.

⁶ Sic.

⁷ Superscript above *Nimiani*.

the fadder, of the contribucion
in Brettan[ne].¹

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It is sene speidful to the commoune counsaile and the gilde for the keypyng and the governance of this burgh' that the yattez at arr' up be stekit ilke nyght and in continent the remanand of yattis and othiris opin placez of the toune be stekit and closit and at the alderman do this with' the eraste pennyes that may be gottyn of the comoune rentaille.

Item, that this burgh' sal be wachit ilke nyght with' thretty men at the leeste, als lang tyme as the cuntreth' is in trubble, and ony man that beis warnyt be the officierez of the toune to the waiche and he compeir' noght at the our' he sall tyne on forgiffin viij s' to be raisit to the commoune werk of this toune; and ony² waicheman that slepis in the nyght or removis fra the waiche quhill the son' rise sal pay vj d' to the seriandez, and at the waicheman be sufficiently boddin with' harnace and wappynnis and at na cuntreth' men be ressavit to the waiche.

Item, because that the balyeis arguet and said thai suld raise the hale rentaille of the toune sen thai have a generale commissioun, the counsaile has ordanit and decretit that the balyeis have anerly sic a propit³ rentaille as thai had of befor, and the remanand salbe raisit at the will of the counsaile to the commoune werk of the toune. Gilbert Meignes, John[ne] of Fife, John[ne] of Scrogs, Matheu Fichet, John Voket, Androu Ayncroft, John Gray, Williame Scherar', Patrik Badenach', Alexander Kintor, John Henrison' Culane, John Scrogs, filius, Adam Nycholson', Thomas Craufurd', Simon Blabre, Thome Blyndseil, Duncane of Clat, Walter Giffard', John Vaus, Stephanus de Balrony, John Wood, Williame Spaigne.

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The xvj day of Januare the comoun consale puttis stilenoe⁴ to Willam Scherar' and to Master John' of Caydow apon the sext parte of j net of the Northwatter and a sext parte of the Creis and thai have ordanit the alderman in the name of the com[mon]is to entromet with the said watteris quhil thai be avisit tharupon.

Curia gilde burgi de Aberdene tenta per Johannem de Marr', prepositum, die xxv^{ma} mensis Januarii, anno Domini, etc., xlij^o.

¹ See introduction, p.8.

² Followed by *man*.

³ Proportionate?

⁴ Stellnet[s], stretched over the river.

It is ordanit be the consale that Master John' of Caydow sal ger put in the net agan in continent¹ in the water in to the ply as he fand it of befor' of Adam of Hyllis and at the said net remayne undistrublit of Master John' under the aldermanis recognicioun til it be determit be the consale.

It is decretit be the comoun consale that for the supprise that Master John' of Caydow did in the outtakyn of Adam of Hillis net sal cum with his bruther befor' the consale [and]² sit downe' on his kneis and his bruther to gydder and ask the alderman in the name of the comownis forgiffnes and the said Master John' sal pay to kyrk werk xl s' unforgiffin, the quhilkis the alderman sal ressave and delyver to the masteris of the kyrk werk and he sal enter the personis at war' with hym at the outtakyn of the net to the alderman this ilke day.

And it is ordanit be the hale consale in presence of the lorde of Drum that giff ony man [d]ois³ sik like case in tyme to cum that he sal pay sik like payne unforgiffin and [ty]ne⁴ his tak to...⁵

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Fratres gilde facti tempore Johannis de Marr', prepositi, anno Domini, etc., xlij^o.

<u> Johannes⁶ Stephani, filius Thome Stephani, confratris gilde, receptus fuit pro v s' j d' ob' in bursa.

<u> Thomas Riburn, racione paterne libertatis, receptus fuit pro v s' j d' ob' in alba bursa.

<u> Johannes Adamson', filius Ade de Archery, confratris gilde, pro v s' j d' ob', et maritabit filiam unius confratris gilde huius burgi; plegio tam pro libertate quam pro aliis dicto patre suo.

<u> Walterus Lyndesay libere receptus fuit per requestum Domini Ingerami, episcopi Aberdonensis,⁷ etc., plegio pro vicinitate eius Duncano de Clat.

Willelmus Banerman' de Kynquddy, filius David Banerman, confratris gilde, receptus fuit pro v s' in bursa ad fraternitatem gilde huius burgi.

Andreas Atkynso[u]n[e], filius Johannis Atkynso[u]n[e], confratris gilde, receptus fuit pro v s' in bursa in fraternitatem gilde.

¹ in continent is suprascript.

² Word at central binding of page difficult to read.

³ MS torn.

⁴ MS torn.

⁵ Entry apparently incomplete. This and the previous entry are printed in *Extracts from the Council Register of Aberdeen*, 7.

⁶ On previous line *Johannes* is expunged.

⁷ Ingram de Lindsay, bishop of Aberdeen 1441-1458.

Alexander de Irwyne, filius domini Alexandri de Irwyne, domini de Drum, militis, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi, racione libertatis paterne, pro v s'.

Die lune xxij die mensis Septembris, anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} xliij^o, Andreas Philpson de Mar receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde et solvet iij lib', vj s' et viij d', plegius pro solucione dicte summe Johannes Ogson.

Eodem die Robertus Mason receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde pro v s' j d' ob', racione paterne libertatis.

Andreas Thomson', qui ante fuit burgensis tantum, receptus in liberum¹ confratrem gilde huius burgi, prestito solito juramento, et dabit xxvj s' viij d'.

Thomas Traile, filius Johannis Traile, confratris gilde, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde, et dedit v s' in alba bursa, etc.

Willelmus Bird receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde in favorem Alexandri Moyses, confratris gilde, cuius filiam desponsavit et prestetit solitum juramentum, et dedit v s' in bursa; et si contingat ipsum procurare in posterum divorcium solvet communitati x li.

<u> Andreas de Marr' receptus fuit racione paterne libertatis pro v s' in alba bursa.

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Burgenses tantum facti tempore Johannis de Marr supradicti, anno Domini supradicto.

Johannes de Fawside, sutor, receptus fuit pro xx s'.

Andreas Bell' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem pro v s', et protestatus fuit² pro libertate patris penes gildam.

Malcolmus Duncanso[u]n[e] receptus fuit pro xx s'.

Fergusius Skene receptus fuit in burgensem huius burgi³ ad instanciam domini comitis de Craufurd'.

Thomas Cordonar' receptus fuit pro xx s', plegio Johanne de Scrogs, patre.

It is ordanit be the consall' as anent the contribucc[iou]n made to our kingis dochter, Elizabeth, in Bretta[n]n[e], that John' of Fiff sall mak with the kingis consall' appoyment and fwl' end forqwy John' of Scrogs the fadder payit xl lib' et to John' of Fyff x lib'; and⁴ to Master Watter Ydyll' xiiij lib'.

¹ Followed by *burgensem*.

² Sic.

³ Followed by a word that has been expunged.

⁴ Written after a space on the line.

And the alderman John of Mar' deliverit thir last twa sowmis abeowyn wirtyn and sal deliver to John of Fiff yet viij lib'. And gif the said John of Fyff may mak the town' qwyt with this sowm well be yt; and gif he may nocht be na way be don' than sall' the said John of Fiff lay down' the tother viij lib' for the town' and mak fwl' the sowm of iiij^{xx} of lib' and¹ than.²

...e³ war of consall' present: the alderman, John of Fiff, John of Scrogis, the fadder, Androu Ayncroft, ...⁴ Blindzell', John Wokat, the son', John of Scrogis, the son', Duncan of Clat, Patri Badena ...⁵ herrar', John of Cwlan', John of Kyntor', Ric' of Kyntor', balye.

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Curia gilde tenta per Alexandrum de Camera, prepositum burgi de Aberdene, in pretorio eiusdem, quarto die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quadragesimo tercio. Quo die subscripti electi fuerunt communes consiliarios burgi pro presenti anno.

Johannes Vaus	a	Johannes de Fife
Gilbertus Meignes	a	Johannes Voket, pater
Ricardus Ruthorfurd'	a	Thomas Blyndseil
Johannes de Marr'	a	Alexander de Kintor
Johannes de Scrogs, pater		Willelmus Voket
Willelmus Scherar'		Willelmus Spaigne
Andreas Ayncroft		Johannes de Kintor
Robertus Blyndseil	a	Johannes Scrogs, filius
Johannes de Culane	a	Johannes Wood
Patricius Badenach'	a	Symon Blabre
Johannes Henrison'	a	Stephanus Balrony
a Robert Henrison'	a	Robertus Williameson'
Robertus de Camera	a	Adam Nicholson'
Walterus Giffard'	a	Willelmus Mathouson'
Johannes Henrison' Culane		Robertus Sprunt
Johannes Blyndseil	a	Andreas de Culane
Patricius Wenton'	a	Duncanus de Clat
Adam de Hill		Matheus Fichet

Subscripti electi⁶ sunt auditores computorum prepositi et ballivorum anni preteriti, etc.

¹ Followed by *the alder*...

² Entry apparently incomplete. This and the previous entry are printed in *Extracts from the Council Register of Aberdeen*, 7-8.

³ MS torn; part of the word is missing.

⁴ MS torn; one word missing.

⁵ MS torn; one word and part of next is missing.

⁶ Repeated.

Johannes de ¹ Vaus	Gilbertus Meignes	Ricardus Ruthirfwrđ'
Johannes de Scrogs	Andreas Ayncroft	Johannes de Cwlan'
Alexander de Kintor	Patricius Badenach'	
Johannes Henrison' Culan	Robertus Sprunt	Sex istorum vel plures
Thomas Craufurd'	Duncanus Clat	habeb[unt] ² plenam potestatem
Willelmus Spaigne	Willelmus Scherar'	ad au[diendum] ³ omnia computa

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Subscripti fuerunt electi commissarii ad pro⁴ proximum consilium generale, videlicet:

Alexander de Camera, prepositus
 Johannes de Fife
 Willelmus Scherar'

It was ordanit that Maister David Hardgate sal have for reward' and drynksilver for the gude perfurnysing of the kirkwerk.⁵

Item, anence the iij lib' of the finance the quhilkis Joh[n]n[e] of Scrogs spendit that quhen Matheu Fichet cummys hame he sal gif his acompt and gif thar restis samykil of the commoune gude in his handis he sal assith it; and gif thar' dois noght it sal be tane of the rest commoune gudez.

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Subscripti recepti fuerunt in liberos burgenses et confratres gilde huius burgi, anno Domini m cccc xliij, videlicet tempore prepositure Alexandri de Camera.

Duncanus de Lundoris receptus fuit pro iij li' vj s' viij d', plegio Gilberto Meignes.

Henricus Prat ob⁶ favorem filie quondam Johannis Betson' quam disponabit ex gracia gilde receptus fuit in burgensem et confratrem gilde pro v s', plegio.⁷

Willelmus Alexanderson', frater Ade Alexanderson', receptus fuit pro iij lib' vj s' viij d', plegio pro eo, tam pro vicinitate quam quod non foris tallabit, predicto Ade fratre suo, etc.

Ricardus de Camera racione paterne libertatis receptus est in confratrem gilde pro v s', plegio.⁸

¹ Followeed by *Fife*.

² MS torn.

³ MS torn.

⁴ Sic.

⁵ Entry is incomplete.

⁶ Followed by *semita*.

⁷ No name given.

⁸ No name given.

Thomas Alexanderson' receptus fuit in burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi ob favorem filie Ingerami de Crois, confratris gilde, quam dispensabit, etc., plegio.¹

Matheus Childe ad specialem requestam domini Alexandri de Forbes receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi, plegio.²

Alexander Modane, filius quondam³ Roberti Modane, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi ratione paterne libertatis pro v s', plegio.⁴

Simon Hob receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi pro liij s' iij d', plegio.⁵

Adam de Cardeny receptus fuit pro iij lib' vj s' viij d'.

Willelmus Ledale ratione paterne libertatis receptus fuit pro v s'.

Matheus Coupar' burgensis ab antiqua receptus fuit in confratrem gilde pro xl s'.

Valendy skynnar' burgensis huius burgi receptus fuit in confratrem gilde pro xx s'.

Willelmus Sprot ad requestam domini comitis de Craufurd' receptus fuit pro v s'.

Thom' John'so[u]n[e].⁶

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Sub scripti facti fuerunt burgenses tantum, anno supradicto.

Patricius de Craufurd', cellarius, receptus fuit pro⁷

Johannes de Skene, pelliparius, receptus fuit pro xx s'.

Gregorius Flegear' receptus fuit pro xx s'.

Johannes Glen receptus fuit pro xx s'.

Thomas Joh[n]n[e]son' receptus fuit pro xx s'.

Johannes Iviot receptus fuit pro xx s'.

Willelmus Lilburn, sutor, receptus fuit⁸

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Die xxj mensis Decembris, anno Domini supradicto, presentibus Johanne Vaus, Gilberto Meignes, Johanne Fife, Johanne de Marr', Duncano Clat,

¹ No name given.

² No name given.

³ Interlined with caret.

⁴ No name given.

⁵ No name given.

⁶ Incomplete.

⁷ Entry is incomplete.

⁸ Entry is incomplete.

⁹ Page 671 is blank.

Johanne Scrogs, patre, Johanne Kintor, Simone Blabre, Johanne Henrison' Culane,¹ Patricio Badenach', Alexandro Kintor, Willelmo Voket, Roberto de Camera, Andrea Tulidef et Alexandro de Scrogs,² duobus ballivorum, ac Thoma Blyndseil.

Molendinum superius assedatur Johanni Gray, Waltero Giffard', et Johanni Traile conjunctim et divisim ad terminum sex annorum a festo Beati Martini ultimo preterito, quolibet anno pro xij li' et pro grissoma vj li' x s' quos dictus Walterus Giffard' calumpniavit sibi deberi pro reparacione eiusdem molendini; et sustentabunt omnia onera et necessaria dicti molendini per dictum tempus et deliberabunt idem molendinum in fine dicti termini sufficienter reparatum ad visum proborum virorum, etc., plegii alter alterius. Et facient expensas pro conduccionem aque etc.

Molendinum inferius assedatur Johanni Mason' ad terminum sex annorum quolibet anno pro sex libris, eisdem condicionibus quibus supra, plegio pro eo.³

Molendinum justiciarie una cum molendino fullonis assedatur Johanni Voket, filio, ad terminum sex annorum pro l s' quolibet anno eisdem condicionibus quibus supra, plegio pro eo.⁴

Rubbislaw assedatur Johanni Henrison' Culane ad terminum sex annorum, quolibet anno pro liij s' iij d', plegio pro eo Johanne de Marr', juniore.

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Copia cedulae dimisse cum Willelmo Voket, uno ballivorum, per Ricardum de Kintor, de quibusdam summis rasantibus⁶ non solutis de rentali huius burgi de termino quo dictus Ricardus et David Ruthirfurd', duo ballivorum eiusdem burgi, levaverunt firmas eiusdem. In primis:

Schethokis ley for a quarter of it,
xvij s' vj d'.

Ricardus Ruthirfurd', xl s'.

Johannes Vaus, x s'.

< Oneratur in computo suo >

Prepositus Johannes de Marr' iij
li' v s', allocat'.

Willelmus Scherar', iij lib' v s'.

Robertus Blyndseil, iij lib' v s'.

Istam precipiebatur per commune consilium Willelmo Voket prefato deliberare ut iste summe levari possent per prepositum et ballivos modernos ad expensas commissariorum mittendorum ad consilium generale. Tamen idem Willelmus recipiet viij lib' viij d' allocatos per idem consilium

¹ Interlined.

² Followed by *duobus*.

³ No name given.

⁴ No name given.

⁵ Page 673 is blank.

⁶ Sic.

Rogerus Williamson', lv s' ij d'.	commune quos solvit de pecuniis
Willelmus Spaigne, lv s' ij d'.	suis quibusdam pensionariis huius
Alexander Kintor, xij s' iij d'.	burgi de eodem termino, etc.
Alexander de Camera, xx s'.	
<[Pre]positus oneratur ut supra>	
Willelmus de Marr', xlvij s' j d',	
allocat ¹	
Andreas Tulidef, viij s'.	
Willelmus Voket, junior, xij s'	
x d'.	
Andreas Meignes, iij lib' v s'.	
Alexander Moyses, iij lib' v s'.	
Th de Kintor, lv s'.	
Johannes Voket, filius, iij lib' x	
s'.	
Sandy Spens, xxxv s'.	

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Vicesimo quinto die mensis Januarii, anno Domini xliij^{to}, ordinatum fuit per commune consilium de consensu Duncani Patrikson' et Mariote de Crondane quod ad usque finem presentis assedacionis aquarum, videlicet, pro quatuor annis proxime futuris, prefati Duncanus et Mariota habebunt² dimidium unius rethis aque de Mydchingil et unum dimidium rethis de ly Pott alternatis annis; et dicta Mariota habebit primo anno dimidium rethis de ly Mydchingil et dictus Duncanus dimidium rethis de ly Pot et secundo anno idem Duncanus habebit dimidium rethis de Mydchingil et dicta Mariota habebit dimidium rethis de ly Pot, et sic consequenter usque ad exitum dicti termini, etc. Et idem consilium promisit dicto Duncano quod non arguetur ammodo super dicta piscaria usque ad³ exitum termini predicti, quamvis non remaneat continue infra hoc burgum et satisfiet sibi de residuo grissime quod satisfecit ultra quam sibi competit, etc.

Item, xxvij die mensis Februarii, anno domini supradicto, prepositus petiit⁴ a David Clerk si vellet submittere se communi consilio super debata et questione motis inter eundem David et⁵ heredem quondam Thome Rolland' penes piscariam dimidii rethis de ly Furdis aque de Dee, qui pro tunc noluit sed⁶ post modicum intervallum dixit se velle submittere se determinacioni eiusdem consilii, jurati specialiter ad decisionem et determinacionem huius accionis, etc.

¹ MS is torn here.

² Followed by *et g---*.

³ Followed by *term---*.

⁴ Followed by *nd*.

⁵ Interlined with caret.

⁶ Followed by *postea*.

Nono die mensis Marcii, anno supradicto, Gilbertus Meignes, Johannes de Fife, Johannes Blyndseil, Adam Nicholson' et Adam de Hill, principales receptores monete domini de Gordoune debite Thome Bernwale de London', submiserunt se determinacioni et decreto Johannis Vaus, Johannis de Scrogs, patris, Andree Ayncroft et Alexandri de Kintor, juratorum ad examinacionem et decisionem huius cause, etc., et dictus Johannes Vaus similiter submitit se pro parte sua eisdem et deliveracioni eorumdem.

Johannes Henrison' Culane, Simon Blabre,¹ Johannes de Scrogs, filius, Thom Blyndseil, Patrik Badenach', Stephanus Balrony, Adam Nicholson', Johannes Blyndseil, Johannes Voket, Willelmus Voket. David Clerk ex una² et Willelmus Rollande ex parte filii fratris sui, quondam Thome Rolland, partibus ex altera, submiserunt se prescriptis personis juratis ad determinandum secundum jura et bonam conscienciam quis eorum habet verum³ jus ad dimidium rethis de ly Furdis aque de Dee, placibile inter eosdem.

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Quarterium Gilberti Meignes.

Andreas Ayncroft, xx d' Inglis, fatetur.

Johannes Voket, pater, iij s' iiij d' Inglis.

Idem pro duabus barellis piscium defectis xj s' iiij d' Inglis.

Johannes Voket, filius, v s' Inglis' pro pena trium barellarum.

Idem for iij barell' of fautive fische, xvij s' Inglis.

Idem debet j barellam salmonum to be deliverit in London', quam barellam asserit se liberasse Ricardo de Kintor.

Andreas Culane debet ij h' b'⁴ cum dimidia salmonum, liberandas in London', et debit' pro pena earundem quia non venerunt primo anno iiij s' ij d'.

Item, Gilbertus Meignes settis apon Androu Culane⁵ forsaid xiiij h' b', and for the payne that thai come noght the first yhere xxij s' iiij d' Inglis.

Item, for three barell' of fautive fische, xx s' Inglis.

Item, his parte of payne of the thre hamburgh' barell'.⁶

Item, on the xx^d day of Septembir' the yere, etc., xlvij, anent the debat mowyt in Gilbert Men'zes quarter et on the deliverance of the monay of

¹ Superscript with caret.

² *ex una* interlined with caret.

³ Followed by *jura*.

⁴ Hamburg barrels. For a discussion of this measure, used for salmon, see Gemmill & Mayhew, *Changing Values in Medieval Scotland*, 387-8.

⁵ Superscript above *Ayncroft*.

⁶ Entry apparently incomplete.

that ilke quarter til Andrw of Cwlan' and wtheris, videlicet M. Fichat,¹ in the said quarter, it is appoynty and accordyt that a certan' persownis of the consall' sall' sit and here all thar resownis and conclud in this caws' qwat et all' that law et richt wald war don'. And thir ar the persownis that sal be on it, videlicet, John' Gray, Androu of Ayncroft, John yunger Wokat, William Scherrar', John of Mar'² Mathw Fichet, Patri Badyenoch, John' of Scrogis, the son', John' of Kyntor', John' Henrison' off Cwlan' and John of Scrogis the fadder apon' the qwilk debat thir persownis befor wirtyn has ordanit the forsaid Andrw of Cwlan' to be persowner til Gilbert Menzes in resawying of als' mekill' mone as the said Gilbert dyd³ et to fre⁴ that quarter⁵ of all' skathis ressenabill' belangand the ferth part.

We fynd thatt the ferde parte of the scathis at belangis to that quarter at Androw Cullan sulde hafé ressavit extendis to xliij s' Ynglis payment and ...⁶ and half a barel of salmond to be delyverit in Lunden.

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Jaims Mengzes with my hand at the pene.⁷

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Curia gilde tenta per prepositum in pretorio huius burgi, xxj die mensis Marcii, anno Domini, etc., xliij^o.

Quo die penes quemdam forisstalatorem vocatem ...⁹ prosecutum per Johannem de Spens, serjendum, et remotum, ut asseritur, per Thomam de Stane, concilium decrevit et ordinavit quod idem Thomas jurabit¹⁰ quod non removet eum, nec impedivit dictum serjendum ad capiendum eundem in fraudem legum vel statutorum huius burgi vel quod intrabit dictum forisstellatorem ad calumpniam prepositi, etc.

Item, penes accionem motam super firma quarte partis terrarum de Schethokisley, idem consilium decrevit quod Johannes de Scrogs, filius, qui dictam quartam partem aliis forensibus assedavit, satisfaciet vel satisfieri faciet de firma eiusdem et si necesse fuerit pro¹¹ eadem, dstringetur, etc.

¹ *videlicet M. Fichat* is interlined with a caret.

² *John of Mar'* is interlined.

³ Interlined with caret.

⁴ Followed by #.

⁵ *That quarter* interlined with caret.

⁶ Followed by two words, expunged and now illegible.

⁷ See introduction, p. 3.

⁸ Page 678 is blank.

⁹ Blank space, but no name supplied.

¹⁰ *quod idem Thomas jurabit* marginated, with + mark in text corresponding to same mark in margin.

¹¹ Followed by a two letter word, or part word, struck through and now illegible.

Item, penes assedacionem.¹

It is ordanit and statute be the commoune counsaile of this burgh' for the gude and availe of merchandice that naman by woll derrar' than v s' the stane and quhasa² biis derar' sal pay to the commoune profite of this burgh' xl s' unforgiffin for ilke tyme that he trespassis agaynis statute.

Antepenultimo die mensis Maii, anno supradicto³, de consensu communis consilii, assecurati fuerunt et licenciati ...⁴ et naute sui, cum nave de Hartilpule in Angliam, ad veniendum infra portum huius burgi et remanendum et ad partes suas ad placitum suum recedendum libere et sine quovis obstaculo.

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Quarto die mensis Junii, anno domini, etc., xliiij¹⁰, per commune consilium ordinatum fuit et statutum, etc.

In the firste that naman, fleschehowar', within' the burgh' or withoute, sell mutoune derrar' than the bouke for ij s' viij [d']⁵, the best that may be gottin, and the remanant thar' efter be the price⁶ under the payne of viij s' unforgivin alsoft as thai trespassis.

Item, that na fleschowar' of within or withoute tak oute of ony mutoune the neris⁷ or the nerecresis⁸ fra the feest of Pasch' to Mychelmes' under payne of eschete of the mutoune to the balyhes, etc.

Item, that na fleschowar' sell flesche na brek⁹ flesch' in ony othir' place bot the fleschous under the payne of viij s' unforgivin alsoft as thai be taynte and eschete of the flesch'.

Item, that the fleschowaris dicht and makclene the fleschous ilke ouke on Friday¹⁰ and at thai remove away the huchez that arr' in to the fleschous under the sammyn payne.

Decimo septimo die mensis Junii, anno supra dicto, per commune consilium concessa¹¹ fuit domino Johanni de Kyndeloch', capellano, illa capellaria capelle Beati¹² Niniani, confessoris, cituate in ecclesia fratrum Carmelitarum ville de Brugis in Flandria et naulum unius sarpellarii de

¹ Entry is incomplete.

² Followed by *dois*.

³ Sic; presumably this is 1444.

⁴ Blank space, but no name supplied.

⁵ Omitted in MS.

⁶ 'be the price' is marginated, with caret in text and corresponding caret in margin.

⁷ Followed by *ef*.

⁸ Kidneys or kidney fat.

⁹ Followed by *?fr*.

¹⁰ That is, a day on which meat would not have been sold, it being a fast day.

¹¹ Corrected in MS from *concessum*.

¹² Followed by an illegible two-letter word, or part word, struck through.

qualibet nave naviganti de isto burgo usque Flandriam et Zelandiam; et quia nulum predictum unius sarpellarii ab antiquo concessum fuit reparacioni et edificacioni ecclesie Beati Nicholai huius burgi, idem consilium concessit Beato Nicholaio et ecclesie predictae ij g' monete Flandrie levandos de quolibet sarpellario, de qualibet barella de Hamburgh' vj mitez, de qualibet parva barella iij mytez, et de qualibet dacra coreorum iij mitez, in recompensacione nauli sarpellarii supradicti.

Quarto die mensis Septembris per commune consilium¹ concessa domino Willelmo Ettale, capellano et procuratori pontis de Pulgovery², ad reparacionem eiusdem libertas gilde huius burgi cuicumque honeste et sufficienti persone per eundem dominum Willelmum adducende, libere sine solucione cuiuscumque pecunie, preter illam summam quam solvet ad³ reparacionem dicti pontis, etc.⁴

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Decimo octavo die mensis Septembris, anno suprascripto, commune consilium, ad instanciam et litteratoriam requestam rectoris et universitatis Sancti Andree, concessit Magistro Johanni Smalee, capellano perpetuo altaris Sancte Crucis, cituati et fundati in ecclesia parochiali Beati Nichalai⁵ huius burgi, liberam licenciam suam et benevolenciam ad standum et remanendum in dicta universitate, dum tamen ydoneum capellanum dicto altari substituat serviturum, qui tunc ex consensu eorundem substituit dominum Johannem Gall, capellanum, presentem et acceptantem, etc, eidem altari serviturum.

Quinto die mensis Octobris, anno supradicto, decretum fuit et ordinatum per commune consilium⁶ penes servicia seu salaria illorum qui bona naufracta de ly barge de mari lucrati fuerunt, etc.

In the first thai sal have for ilke laste of barell' gude vj s'.

Item, for the poke mele like thar' efter; and of pakis of lynt ryght sua.

Item, of the hundreth' burdis, vj s'.

Item, for ilke merchandis kist, ij s'.

Item, for ilke pur' schipmannis kist, xij d'.

...g'led

Thome Jhoneson Thom Wyllamson burgis h[uius] s'.⁷

¹ Followed by *eons...*

² Bridge of Balgownie.

³ Followed by *solucionem*.

⁴ Printed, *Extracts from the Council Register of Aberdeen*, 10.

⁵ Sic.

⁶ Followed by *quod*.

⁷ This entry is at the bottom of the page, after a space, and in a much rougher hand.

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It is ordanit be thir personis under writtynne that is to say Patrik of Badenach', Androu Alansone, Williame of Spangne and Jhone Henrison', arbituris chosin betwix Davy Symsonne and Williame Heworth, Inglisman, apon' the debat of thre barreillis of salmonde in maner and fourme as efter folouis: that gif Thomas Turnkow will swer that thre barreillis of Hamburgh' of salmonde the quhilk the said Williame said was away out of his schip war Davy Symsonis and na notheris the said Williame sal be qwyt and gif the saide Thomas will nocht swer the said Williame sal be dettur' to the forsaid Davy and fynde him souerte for the payment.

[Nomina.]¹ Jonet Joh[n]is dochter a bakar of cakis and spillar of the mercat. Anny Liel a spillar of the mercat and wat nocht quhar on scho lyffis; transeat de villa.

Stevyne Jonsonis land unlachfull.²

Anny Louthane transeat de villa.

Jonet of Strathachyne a cak baxter and a spillar of the mercat.

Thome Walkeris wyf a commoun rebellour' and a cak baxter and spillar of the merkat.

Cristiane of Kennerdy transeat de villa.

Meg Firsale a resettour' of a falt.

Nicol Club sal falow the procession in his lynnyng clais iij dayis and sit on his kneis and ask his fader and his moder forgiffyne.

The xv day of the moneth of March Davy Symsonne brocht certificatione in a letter of Robert Grayis that Thomas Turncow swor that he wist na barrel beande away bot ane, the quhilk Williame Baxtar sald in Orwele³ merkat with the said Williammys awn mark.⁴ And thane Williame Heworth, Inglisman chargit the said Davy to swer that he laid the forme[n]it⁵ salmonde in the said Thome Turncowis schip, the forsaid Williame Heworth suld content the said Davy of the soume of x lib' and xxvij d' of Scotis monee. And in presens of the alderman the forsaid Davy swor, and swa remans the forsaid Williame Heworth dettur of the said soume.

¹ There is a pointing hand drawn against this entry in the margin.

² This entry is on a new line, but may be related to the previous entry.

³ i.e. River Orwell, Harwich.

⁴ For a discussion of merchants' marks, see E. Gemmill, 'Signs and symbols in medievel Scottish trade', *Review of Scottish Culture*, 13 (2000-2001), 7-17, at pp.12-13.

⁵ A variant of *fomemi*?

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Curia gilde burgi de Aberdene tenta in pretorio huius burgi per Johannem Vaus, prepositum, ix die mensis Octobris, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quadragésimo quarto.

Quo die subscripti de consensu totius gilde¹ electi fuerunt in communes consiliarios huius burgi et jurati fuerunt ut moris est, etc.

	Alexander de Camera		Johannes de Scrogs, pater
u	Johannes de Fife	u	Johannes Voket, pater
	Gilbertus Meignes		Johannes de Marr', junior
	Ricardus Ruthirfurd'	u	Matheus Fichet
	Willelmus Scherar'		Alexander of Kintor
	Andreas Culane		Andreas Ayncroft
	Simon Blabre		Thomas Craufurd'
	Johannes Gray		Patricius Badenach'

Liniatores electi et jurati.

	Johannes de Fife		Gilbertus Meignes
	Johannes Henrison'		Johannes de Scrogs, pater
	Johannes Voket, pater	a	Johannes de Marr', junior
a	Johannes Gray	a	Johannes Henrison' Culane
	Johannes Traile		Andreas Ayncroft
	Alexander de Kintor		Willelmus Scherar'
	Sthephanus ² Joh[n]n[e]son'		Simon Blabre
a	Patrik de Badenach'		

Per commune consilium Thomas Blyndseil electus fuit pro isto anno receptor et depositarius bonorum comunium³ huius burgi.

Item, Johannes de Fife erit prout fuit magister fabrice ecclesie et recipiet omnes denarios pertinentes ad eandem.

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The sammyn dai Henric Raise, maister of the barge that brak nocht lang syne beside this havin, and his merchandes, George Logane and Joh[n]n[e] Cutbertson', comperit in the tolbutth' of this burgh' befor the alderman and the counsaile in presence of the erle of Craufurd', and thar' the

¹ Followed by *electus*.

² Sic.

³ Sic.

alderman in name of the ton' askit and sperit at the said merchandis and¹ maister give thai warr' oght playntouse of ony nich'bor' or induellar' of this burgh' of ony of thair gudez, tane or haldin fra thaim, perofferand that give thar' be ony cause of playnt it suld be weil reformyt and amendit; and the said maister and merchandis said thai wyst of na cause of playnt, bot the gude men of the ton' had done right weile to thaim, of the quhilk thai thankit hartli the gude men of the ton', requiryng thaim² of gude continuation give thai may get witting of ony gude that it be restorit. And that the³ alderman grauntit thankfulli to doo and apou this the alderman askit instrumentis diversis.⁴

Item, Clais Mollenar', maister of the brokin hulk, and Joh[n]n[e] Ibiot and ...⁵ merchandis of the said schip, comperit and the alderman perofferit thaim in like maner as is befor writtin and thai ansuerit right' swa; and than the alderman askit of thaim instrumentis, as is forsaid.

It is ordanit that Williame Mathouson' for the surpris done be him to Joh[n]n[e] Galt sal begyn to morue, that is to say, the xv day of the moneth' of Octobre, the yhere forsaid; and⁶ he sal uphald the ladymess' with' note on Twisdai, Thurisdai and Fridai, ilke owke for a yhere. And quhilk of thaim twa that trespassis first til othir' in tyme tocum and distrubilis othir' for this cause in tyme tocum sal pai to the kirk werk x lib' unforgiffin; borgh' for Will' Mathouson' Joh[n]n[e] of Scrogs the son', and for Joh[n]n[e] Galt Joh[n]n[e] of Scrogs the fadre.⁷

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Vicesimo die mensis Octobris, anno supradicto, Thomas de Camera dedit Robertum Wormot plegium legalem quod Jacobus Yhim, magister de ly Craar' et omnes alii advene et alienegene, erunt indempnes et inperturbati pro eo et omnibus adherentibus sibi durante tempore officii sui, etc., et satisfaciet dicto Jacobo pecunias receptas ab eodem, etc.

Eodem die ordinatum fuit quod omnes prepositi et ballivi qui non⁸ reddiderunt compota sua de annis elapsis reddant sua compota et solvant⁹ arreragia eorundem compotorum infra tempus limitatum in statutis scriptis sub communi sigillo sub penis contentis in eisdem.

¹ Followed by *merchan...*

² Followed by *that give*.

³ Followed by *ht...*

⁴ Printed in *Extracts from the Council Register of the Burgh of Aberdeen*, 11-12.

⁵ Blank space for a further name.

⁶ Followed by *the said*.

⁷ Printed in *Extracts from the Council Register of the Burgh of Aberdeen*, 12.

⁸ Interlined with caret.

⁹ Followed by *arreg...*

Item, prepositus et ballivi optulerunt confratribus gilde ad eligandum, si placent, certos alios receptores et depositores bonorum communium huius burgi, etc.

Item, consensum est et statutum per majorem partem gilde huius burgi quod commune consilium determinabit omnes querelas et debatas ortas et oriendas inter confratres gilde per¹ sedulas et querelas absque exstensione aliqua plegiorum, etc. Et tales determinaciones fient per² prepositum et sex personas alias de communi consilio, quos ad hoc invenerit pro tempore, prompctiores, etc.; et sedebunt ad audiendum et determinandum huiusmodi querelas omni ebdomida,³ die Martis et die Jovis, etc.

xxvj^{to} die mensis supradicti, anno quo supra, Ricardus Jakson' asseruit et dixit quod⁴ sigillum suum est ab eo, ipso nescienti, ablatum sive furatum, prout et alias fuit, quare protestatus fuit quod si que litere et evidencie fuerint cum dicto sigillo sigillate sibi aut heredibus suis nullum prejudicium generarent, preter illas evidencias quas ipse confessum fuit se fecisse.

Item.⁵

Item, eodem die Patricius de Badenach', nomina et ex parte domini episcopi⁶ Brechinensis,⁷ presentavit quamdam literam obligatoriam prefati Ricardi de x libris factam Magistro David' Crannoch', fratri germano eiusdem domini episcopi, in qua eciam litera continebatur et idem Ricardus obligatur prefato Magistro David quod non alienabit aut vendet terram suam cuicumque preter sibi, donec fuerit sibi de dictis x libris plenarie satisfactum; quare prefatus Patricius nomine quo supra protestatus fuit quod alienaciones quecumque per dictum Ricardum facte vel faciende prefato Magistro David' nullum prejudicium generaret.⁸

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Item, eodem die comparens in pretorio Thomas de Marr' et Helena sponsa sua asseruerunt publice quod ipsi unanimi consensu concesserunt ad feodofirmam Johanni Littistar' quamdam terram suam jacentem infra istud burgum in vico furcarum ex parte occidentali eiusdem, inter terram Willelmi Sprunt ex parte australi ex una et terram eorundem Thome et Helene ex parte boreali⁹ partibus ex altera, quam quidem terram cum pertinenciis in manibus Johannis Kyniedi, unius ballivorum huius burgi,

¹ Followed by *2000*.

² Followed by *pn*.

³ Sic.

⁴ Followed by *alms*.

⁵ Incomplete.

⁶ Followed by *Aberdonensis*.

⁷ John de Crannach, bishop of Brechin (1426-1453).

⁸ Sic; recte *generarent*.

⁹ Followed by *ex parte*.

resignarunt ad dandum saisinam prefato Johanni secundum tenorem carte sue; et quia predicta Helena erat conjunctim infeodata de predicta terra, ipsa Helena, certa et certificata de jure suo, juravit ad sacra Dei ewangelia quod dicta assedacio facta fuit de ipsius consensu expresso, et quod nuncquam de cetero illam quacumque de causa revocabit aut contradicet super quibus dictus Johannes a me notario publico peccit instrumentum. Testibus: Johanne Vaus, tunc preposito, Johanne de Fife, Gilberto Meignes, etc.

The xxix dai of the moneth' forsaid the hale commoune consale and mony of the gilde¹ it was ordanit and statute that Gilbert Meignes, Alexander of Kintor, Joh[n]n[e] Gray and Duncane of Clat, or ony twa of thaim, sal have ful poware to by to the commoune profite of this² al maner of gudez of aventure that cummys be see to this burgh' and til dispone thaim to the nygh'borez of the ton' as afferis. And nane othiris of this burgh' sal by ony sik gudez quhil the forsaid men have dischargit thaim of the bying of thaim under the payne of the tynsale of the profite of that gudez and xl s' unforgiffin to the commoune profite to be rasit and he sal sit in the tolbutth' for acht daiis.³

Item, it ordanit⁴ that the baxstaris sal sel na brede bot in the bothes' under the tolbutth', and thar' sal be na brede sald in ony othir' placez of the ton' fra Martymes' furth'.

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Memorandum quod vj^{to} die mensis Novembris, anno domini etc., supradicto, comperit Matheus Crukin, maister of schip laddin oute of Strailesounde⁵ and grauntit befor the alderman and the hale consaile that he had sald to the toun al the ry that is in his schip, that is to say, ilke Soundis last for vij lib' x s', and al his burdis, ilke hundreth' for v lib' x s'.

Item, the counsaile has grantit to the man that the alderman sal assigne to deliver the ry and gaddre the silver of it, for his service of ilke barell' j d' and of ilke hundreth' burdis vj d'.

Memorandum that on the xvij day of Novembir' the yere of our' lord j^m iiij^{cccc} and xliij yer comperit John' Gray, burgess' of Abirden' in to the tolbutth of that ilke and wpgeff in to the handis of John the Wauss', than alderman, and to Duncan of Clat, ballye of the said burch, ane annuall' rent of xl d' yerly til Sant John' the Baptistis awtar' of a land lyand in the buth raw on the west sid of the Galowgat between the land of Simon

¹ *beand present* omitted?

² *burgh* omitted?

³ See Gemmill & Mayhew, *Changing Values in Medieval Scotland*, 72-6 for a discussion of this and other examples of 'corporate purchases' in Aberdeen.

⁴ *Sic; was* omitted?

⁵ Stralsund. Interlined above *Pruce-grauntit*.

Blabir' of¹ the suth sid and a bwth² that the ayris of Dawy Trall³ haldis of that ilke land on the north half, the said awtar' haffand the fe of the said xl d', the said John' Gray remaynand with the franktenement⁴ for all' the dayis of his lyffe.

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<Memorandum quod Willelmus de Meldrum contulit istos xiiij s' iiii d' in perpetuam elimosinam altari Beatorum Laurencii et⁵ Niniani, cituato in ecclesia parochiali huius burgi.> Universis hanc cartam visuris vel audituris, Laurencius filius David, burgensis de Aberdene, eternam in Domino salutem. Noverit universitas vestra me⁶ vendidisse, necnon omnino imperpetuum a me quitum clamasse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse Alexandro filio Willelmi, heredi meo apparenti, totum illud croftum quod de mero conquestu procuravi, cum omni jure et clameo quae in dicto crofto habeo, habui vel habere potero in futurum quoquomodo, quod jacet infra burgum de Aberdene in vico de Foty inter terram Ade filii Willelmi versus boream ex parte una et terram Andree Stirk versus austrum ex altera, pro quadam summa pecunie quam predictus Alexander tempore confectionis presentis carte pro toto jure meo et clameo in sicca pecunia⁷ numerata, bene et fideliter michi pre manibus persolvit, unde pro me bene teneo contentum et me pacatum, tenendum et habendum predicto Alexandro heredibus suis et suis assignatis pure et imperpetuum a me libere, quiete, plenarie, honorifice, bene et in pace, reddendo inde annuatim de dicto crofto predictus Alexander, heredes sui et sui assignati Willelmo de Meldrum et heredibus suis, ratione feodofirme, tresdecim solidos et quatuor denarios sterlingorum ad terminos infra burgum usuales, videlicet, ad festa Penthecostes et Sancti Martini in yeme per equales porciones pro omni alio servicio seculari inde facienda, exaccione seu demanda qualicumque. Ego vero predictus Laurencius predictum croftum cum omnibus pertinenciis, libertatibus et aisiamentis, in debita longitudine et latitudine, predicto Alexandro heredibus suis et suis assignatis pro predicta pecunie summa⁸ ut premittitur michi soluta et in meam

¹ Sic.

² Followed by *ef*.

³ The letters is at the end of this name have been struck through.

⁴ Interlined.

⁵ Repeated.

⁶ Followed by *desisse*.

⁷ Hard cash.

⁸ Sic.

utilitatem conversa et pro predictis annuis firmis ut prescripti est annuatim persolvendis contra omnes homines et feminas warrantizabo et imperpetuum defendam. In cuius rei testimonium¹ presenti carte sigillum meum est appensum, necnon et sigilla Alexandri de Nesbit, Johannis Brow, Roberti Bullok, et Johannis Fichet, tunc ballivorum burgi de Aberdene, gracia testimonii apponi procuravi. Dat' apud Aberdene vicesimo die mensis Novembris anno Domini millesimo tricentesimo sexagesimo primo. Hiis testibus: Thoma Merser' tunc aldermanno de Aberdene, Macolmo Wright, Willelmo de Leith', Johanne Crab, Willelmo de Paris', Waltero de Ettale, et multis aliis.

Super istam cartam Johannes Vaus, prepositus dicti burgi, peccit instrumentum quarto die mensis Novembris, anno Domini m cccc xliij, indicione octava, pontificatus sanctissimi domini nostri Domini Eugenii Pape Quarti anno xliij, presentibus Johanne de Scrogs, patre, Simone Blabre, Thoma Blyndseil et Johanne de Scrogs, filio, cum aliis.

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Curia gilde huius burgi tenta per Johannem de Marr', prepositum, vij^{mo} die mensis Februarii, anno Domini, etc., xliij^o.

Quo die Johannes Bertlotson' primo die vocatus ad intrandum coram preposito non comparuit, etc.

Robertus Blyndseil secundo die vocatus ad intrandum Willelmum Bird, hominem suum, etc.

Gilbert Meignes, William Scherar', Thomas Blyndseil and Joh[n]n[e] Gray, arbitra[irs]² chosin betuex³ Williame Voket, eldar' and Gilbert Coly apon the debate movit betuex thaim because of a certane pak of wal[d]⁴ thai have ordanit that how mykil is sald of the said wald the mo[ne]⁵ of it sal be partit evynly⁶ amangis thaim, and the remanand of the wald to be partit right swa and at this be done under gude fai[th].⁷

Item, because that Matheu Fichet⁸ said it was cum til his understand[ing]⁹ that Marioune of Crondane has complengnit to the lord of Erole¹⁰ that he had al the wite and willfully he put hir' fra hir' watt[eris]¹¹ the quhilkis scho

¹ Followed by *sig.*

² MS damaged.

³ Followed by *Joh[an]n-Voket.*

⁴ MS damaged.

⁵ MS damaged.

⁶ Followed by *?agg.*

⁷ MS damaged.

⁸ Followed by *all.*

⁹ MS damaged.

¹⁰ William Hay, lord of Erroll.

¹¹ MS damaged.

had of befor, quhar'for he askit a declaracion of the counsaile quhethir he was cause of the forsaid mater or nocht, and than he removit and the counsaile habely decretit that he had made na sik¹ cause na he had na wite tharof.²

Thir' ar' the names.³

Item, it is ordanit be the consall' that ther men under[wrytyn]⁴ sal be awd...⁵ to John' of Fiffis cwnt off his office of aldermanschip of the yer. In primis John' the Wauss', John' of Scrogis, pater, Thom' Blindzell', A ...⁶ of Ayncroft, John' Gray, John' of Scrogis the son', John' Henrison' Culan' et Patri Badyenach.

Memorandum that anens the contribucion to the⁷ kingis sister in Bretta[n]n[e] the consall' has ...⁸ that the officiaris that intromettyt thar with sal gadder and mak fwill' pa...⁹ for all' thaim that ar' distrenyeabill' and all' tha that ar nocht distrenyeab[jill']¹⁰ sall present the persownis to the alderman and to the comon consall' and that alowit gif it swa be.¹¹

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The xvij day of Februare the yere of grace et¹² xlij anence the remanand of the contribucion to my¹³ Elizabeth' of Britane the hale counsaile has ordanit that it be raisit and thar salbe chosin four discreite persounes to falk the tax of men that has tholit skatht efter as thaim think speidful and than the counsaile chesit Simon Blabre, Joh[n]n[e] Gray,¹⁴ Patrik Badenach'.¹⁵

The sammyn day Williame Scherar was oblist to bryng and present his acompt of the yett be this day xv dayis etc., to thir persounez, auditouris chosin, John of Fife, Ric' Ruthirfurd', John Gray, Simon Blabre, Duncane of Clat, Stephyn Joh[n]n[e]son', and Patrik Badenach'. He consentit to thir' sammyn men.

¹ Followed by *det.*

² Printed in *Extracts from the Council Register of Aberdeen*, 10.

³ Incomplete.

⁴ MS faded.

⁵ MS damaged; *auditouris?*

⁶ MS damaged.

⁷ Interlined.

⁸ Two words illegible; MS faded.

⁹ MS damaged; part of word missing.

¹⁰ MS damaged.

¹¹ Printed in *Extracts from the Council Register of Aberdeen*, 10.

¹² Sic.

¹³ Title omitted here?

¹⁴ Followed by *Patrikso*....

¹⁵ Sic; only three names are given.

It is ordanit be the counsaile and decretit that Androu Tulydef remayne with' the tak that is made him of the Pott, and Joh[n]n[e]¹ Blak and Adam Nycholson' sal be amendit and helpit with' the eraste vacant that fallis suppose it be better than thair' awne, etc. This was done in the presence of the lord of Drum and all the counsaile.

Item, it is ordanyt that David Clerk and² the airis of quhilum Thomas Rolland sal have the half nett of the Furdis that Thomas Rolland hade, betuex thaim, for the termez that it is sett fore.

Item, it is ordanit because Joh[n]n[e] of Sauchar' clamyt to have the half nett of the Pott watter that is sett to Joh[n]n[e] Kyniedy that the forsaide Joh[n]n[e] of Sauchar' sal remayne with' the quarter of a nett of the north' watter the quhilk is sett him and be content, etc.

Item, it is ordanit that William Voket, eldar', sal be content of the tak of the half nett of the Furdis.

Item, the alderman and the balyeis has summytit to the counsaile unsuspect and the debatez betuex thaim to be endit to morue.

[Memorandum] Item, the halle concelle has condiscendit the xvij of Maii that Robert Blindzelle and Will' Woket, ball' and resawaris of the Martymes term that thai sall' pay the xxx lib' to John of Mar' aldermann to wirk the commownn werk and thar wes than present of the consalle xxij persownis.

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Presentes in consilio xiiij^o die mensis Decembris anno Domini, etc., xliiiij^o, videlicet:

Gilbertus Meignes, Johannes de Fife, Ricardus Ruthirfurd', Johannes de Scrogs, Johannes de Marr', Thomas Craufurd', Andreas Ayncroft, Duncanus Clat, Johannes Henrison' Culane, Willelmus Spaigne, Simon Blabre, Stephanus Balrony, Johannes Gray, David Clerk, Johannes Blak, David Ruthirfurd', Johannes Scherar' Dunbanane.

It is ordanit and statute for the commoune gude and quiete of this ton' and for stancheing of trespassours and rebellouris agayne the law that al the induellaris and inhabitantes of this burgh' sal assist to the alderman and officiaris of this burgh' to manteigne the law and punyce trespassouris but favour and quhasa dois the contrare sal be haldin rebell agayne the ton' and that the gudemen of the ton' sal write to the king under the

¹ Followed by ~~Bl~~...

² Followed by ~~th~~.

commoune seel to be punyst be him and als sic rebellours salbe excludit fra al takez,¹ profites, office and worschip of this ton'.

Item, quhasa ever beis convicte thrise for barganyng and tulyheing salbe be haldin for a commoune tulyhour' and rebellour' and send to the king as sic trespassour' and that salbe notifiit under the seel of the ton'.

Item, that the officiaris of the ton' sal punyce trespassouris efter the commoune law and the statutis of this burgh' but favour' and thai sal heir' na requeste of naman for trespassouris quhat degre that ever he be of.²

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Decimosexto die mensis Decembris, anno Domini, etc., xliiiij¹⁰, Magister Johannes de Clat, prebendarius de Glenbervi,³ resignavit quamdam terram quam ex proprio habuit conquestu⁴ jacentem infra burgum de Aberdene in vico Castri⁵ ex parte australi eiusdem inter terram Gilberti de Sauchar' ex parte orientali ex parte una et terram Roberti de Camera ex parte occidentali ex parte altera in manibus Johannis de Scrogs, tunc unius ballivorum huius burgi, ad dandum saisinam et possessionem hereditariam consanguineo suo, Duncano de Clat, burgensi huius burgi, de eadem terra cum pertinenciis; quo facto idem Johannes de Scrogs, ballivus, adhibitis secum diversis convicinis, eandem terram adivit et saisinam et possessionem hereditariam eiusdem eidem Duncano tradidit et deliberavit per terre et lapidem traditionem ut moris est, etc. Testibus: Johanne Vaus, tunc preposito, Johanne de Scrogs, patre, Roberto de Camera, Willelmo de Spaigne, Willelmo de Cadiou, Johanne Voket, David Clerk, Willelmo Mathouson', Roberto Gillespi, Willelmo Banerman, Jacobo Vaus et Alexandro filio Andree, serjendo, cum multis et diversis aliis.

Item, eodem die resignacione facta per Robertum de Camera de terra sua predicta jacenti ex parte australi vici Castri inter terram predictam ex parte orientali ex una et terram quondam Andree Branche partibus ex altera in manibus Duncani de Clat, tunc unius ballivorum huius burgi, idem ballivus saisinam et possessionem eidem Roberto de Camera et Jonete sponse sue relicte quondam Roberti Gillespy, senioris, tradidit et deliberavit salvo jure cuiuslibet; testibus supradictis.

Decimosexto die mensis supradicti, anno Domini, etc., xliiiij¹⁰, anence the fraght' that Jamez of Foulfurd', factour' to the erle of Orkynnay askit at the merchandez of this ton' of the gudez that was in his barge that brak at

¹ This word seems to have been added afterwards as it is in the margin at the start of the line.

² This and the preceding two entries are printed in *Extracts from the Council Register of Aberdeen*, 12-13.

³ Glenbervie.

⁴ Followed by *in manibus Johannis de Scrogs tunc unius*, underlined so as to cancel.

⁵ Followed by *inter-tenam*.

the scaw¹ it was ansuerit to the sammyn Jamez that because it is unknawin to the said merchandez quethir as the case is cummyn and gane thai aw to pay al the fracht' or part or noght' and sen the mater langis thaim thai arr' lath to be jugis in thair' awne cause thai will quhat tyme it be plesand to the said lord erle or at the erast generale counsaile²compeir' befor the commissaris of burowis and than at the ordinance of thaim the fraght' salbe paiit, etc., alsferr' as thai fynd that it is awand, etc.³

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Vicesimotercio die mensis Decembris, anno Domini, etc., xliii^o, Thomas Gibson', burgensis huius burgi, resignavit pure et simpliciter in manibus Johannis de Scrogs, filii, unius ballivorum huius burgi terram suam burgagiam jacentem infra eundem burgum in vico Furcarum ex parte occidentali eiusdem inter terram quondam Willelmi de Stradee ex parte boreali ex una, et terram Ade de Hill ex parte australi partibus ex altera, ad dandum saisinam et possessionem hereditariam Willelmo Woodman, burgensi eiusdem burgi, de eadem terra cum pertinenciis quam eidem Willelmo vendidit pro certa summa pecunie sibi realiter persoluta, etc., eidem Willelmo et heredibus suis et assignatis seundum tenorem carte sue perpetuo remansuram.

Secundo die mensis Januarii anno Domini, etc., xliii^o, Nicholaius Sarnholt de civitate Lubicense presentavit preposito et ballivis quasdam literas testimoniales aldermanni et seniorum juratorum comunium mercatorum nacionis Almanie, etc., Brugis in Flandria residentium quod quidam navis onusta merchandisa fratris sui Henrici Sarnholt et sui⁴ ipsius Nicholai alias per pirones et raptores in mari hostiliter invasa fuerat et rapta ac detenta et quod ipsa navis et merchanse⁵ fuerunt proprie ipsorum Henrici et Nicholai, etc. Et insuper prefatus Nicholaius instetit humiliter preposito et ballivis ac consilio huius burgi quod ex quo asseritur quod alique bona que in dicta nave fuerunt infra istum burgum alias fuerunt vendita et dicta navis periclitata sibi de juris remedio benigne providerent. Qui avisati eidem responderunt quod⁶ si quos pro dictis nave et bonis prosequi vel calumpniare voluerit qui infra libertatem huius burgi reperiri possunt justiciam sibi debitam ministrabunt, etc.

¹ Literally, the rock.

² Followed by *that-sal*.

³ Printed in *Extracts from the Council Register of Aberdeen*, 13.

⁴ Followed by *propri*....

⁵ Sic.

⁶ Followed by *ese-quo*.

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Decimo septimo die mensis Januarii anno Domini, etc., xliiij¹⁰, Thomas Branche ex una et Robertus Blyndseil partibus ex altera penes debatam motam inter eosdem super assedacione piscarie tercię partis rethis aque de ly Mydchingil submiserunt se certis personis infrascriptis, videlicet, Johanni de Scrogs, Andree Tulidef, Johanni de Marr' et Johanni Voket, filio, et promiserunt fideliter se stare arbitrio et¹ determinacioni eorundem. Qui mature avisati consideratis huic inde alligacionibus et racionibus utriusque partis, laudarunt, determinarunt et pronunciarunt quod dictus Robertus Blyndseil habet plenum jus ex assedacione dicti Thome ad piscariam predictam cum pertinenciis pro termino trium annorum proxime futuro, videlicet, pro toto tempore quo predictus Thomas eandem habet ex assedacione communitatis; et dictus Robertus satisfecit dicto Thome pro dicta piscaria pro toto tempore supradicto solvendo solum annuatim preposito et ballivis huius burgi firmam tantam quantam predictus Thomas satisfaceret pro dicta piscaria² communitati huius burgi, etc.

Curia gilde tenta in pretorio per prepositum xviiij die mensis Januarii anno supradicto.

Andreas.³

It is statute and ordanit be the commoune counsaile of this burgh' for the commoune profite of it that fra hyne forth' wartis in tyme to cum thar' be na tug nettis sufferit to fische in ony tyme of the yhere under the payne of eschete of the net to the alderman, etc.

Johannes Traile posuit se in voluntate prepositi pro empcione pellium, et quod publice tenet botham cum non sit liber adhuc.

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Burgenses et confratres gilde facti tempore prepositure Johannis Vaus de anno Domini m cccc xliiij¹⁰.

Magister Jacobus Stewart, decanus Moraviensis, receptus fuit pro v s'.

Magister Walterus Prendirgest, medicus, ex consideratione consilii receptus fuit.

David Blabre, filius Simonis Blabre, receptus fuit racione paterne libertatis pro v s.

Johannes Mathouson', filius Willelmi Mathouson', receptus fuit pro v s'.

¹ Followed by *determinaci*....

² Followed by *pro*.

³ Entry is incomplete.

Thomas Louson', filius Johannis Louson', confratris gilde, receptus fuit pro v s'.

Laurencius Holles ex gracia consilii concessa Domino Willelmo Ettale ad reparacionem pontis de Pulgoveny¹ receptus fuit libere² et absque alia quacumque solucione.

Thomas Ruthirfurd' ex consideracione et gracia consilii et ad cedandum discordiam motam inter eundem Thomam et Johannem Voket, filium, receptus fuit pro v s'.

Johannes Traile filius Johannis Traile, confratris gilde, receptus fuit pro v s'.

Murthacus Glastre ad consideracionem consilii receptus fuit pro v s', Andrea Culan plegio.

Willelmus Stephinson' racione paterne libertatis receptus fuit pro xl s', Johanne Philipson' plegio.

Johannes Androuson' receptus fuit pro iij lib' vj s' viij d', dicto Johanne Philipson' plegio.

Alexander³ Nicholson' receptus fuit pro iij lib' vj s' viij d', Andrea Culane plegio pro omnibus.

Willelmus Preston' ad requestam domini Willelmi de Forbes, militis, receptus fuit pro v s'.

Jacobus Vaus ad requestam et ob favorem Thome et Martini Vaus, filiorum Johannis Vaus, receptus fuit, plegio.⁴

Thomas filius Johannis receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde ad instanciam Johannis Gray et de...⁵ duce contrahet matrimoniam cum filia dicti Johannis sub pena x lib', plegio dicto Johanne Gray.

Thomas Gilrwhth receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi pro v s'.

Macbeth' Alowne receptus fuit pro iij lib' vj s' viij d' plegio Johanne Scherar' Dunbanane.

David Hervy receptus fuit pro iij lib' vj s' viij d' inde solvet tantum ij marcas⁶ ex consideracione consilii, ob favorem Magistri Henrici Hervy, precentoris ecclesie Aberdonensis.

Willelmus Hervy receptus fuit ex consideracione consilii pro xx s' quia disposavit filiam Roberti de Camera confratris gilde.

Johannes Hervy receptus fuit ex consideracione consilii pro xx s', quia disposavit, etc.

Andreas Voket, filius Johannis Voket, racione paterne libertatis receptus fuit pro v s'.

¹ See introduction, p. 15.

² Followed by *et*.

³ Followed by *Nicholse*....

⁴ No name given.

⁵ One letter illegible.

⁶ Superscript, above *et*.

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Burgenses tantum facti tempore Johannis Vaus supradicti.

Johannes Baxstar' receptus fuit pro xxiiij s', prestito solito juramento, etc.

Gilbertus Sclatar' receptus fuit ex certis causis per gratiam consilii, prestito solito juramento.

Thomas Willelmi, baxstar, receptus fuit pro xx s'.

Willelmus Club, baxstar, receptus fuit pro xx s'.

Matheus Sewane receptus fuit pro xx s', plegio Johanne Scrogs pro vicinitate eius.

Johannes de Buchane, scissor, receptus fuit pro xx s'.

Ranaldus Joh[n]n[e]son', scissor, receptus fuit pro xx s'.

Johannes de Spens, scissor, receptus fuit pro xiiij s' iiij d'.

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Antepenultimo die mensis Januarii, anno Domini, etc., xliiiij^o, comparens dominus Adam Traile, capellanus ac tutor legitimus Alexandri Traile, filii et heredis quondam Andree Traile, considerata utilitate eiusdem pupilli resignavit in manibus Johannis Scrogs, filii, tunc unius ballivorum burgi quamdam terram eiusdem Alexandri jacentem in ly Ovirkirkgate ex parte boreali eiusdem inter terram Thome Blak ex parte occidentali et terram Mariote relicte eiusdem quondam Andree ex parte orientali,² ad dandum saisinam et possessionem hereditariam Johanni Valandi burgensis huius burgi de dicta terra cum pertinenciis secundum tenorem carte sue, etc.

Quinto die mensis Februarii anno supradicto Gilbertus Meignes ex una et Willelmus Scherar' partibus ex altera, submiserunt se Johanni de Scrogs, patri, Alexandro de Kintor et Johanni Gray in actione computi inter eosdem.

Item, eodem die Alexander de Camera penes solutionem grissime debitam per eum submitit³ se Ricardo de Ruthirfurd' et Johanni de Scrogs, patri, ad hoc juratis.

Decimo nono die mensis Februarii anno Domini etc., xliiiij^o, comparens personaliter in pretorio huius burgi Willelmus Alexandri filius et heres quondam Alexandri Williameson', burgensis burgi, resignavit in manibus Johannis de Scrogs, filii, unius ballivorum huius burgi, quoddam croftum jacens in territorio croftorum ex parte orientali de Hedownys hill inter croftum Andree Ayncroft ex parte australi ex una et croftum Stephani Joh[n]n[e]son' ex parte boreali partibus ex altera ad dandum saisinam et possessionem hereditariam eidem Stephano Joh[n]n[e]son' de eodem

¹ Page 697 is blank.

² Followed by *ex parte*.

³ Followed by *Ricardo*.

crofto cum pertinenciis secundum tenorem carte sue quam inde habet facte de se. Testibus: Johanne Vaus, tunc preposito, Johanne de Fife, Johanne de Scrogs, patre, Johanne de Marr', Johanne Spens, serjendo cum multis et diversis aliis, etc.

Die nono mensis Marcii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quadragésimo quarto comparens personaliter in pretorio eiusdem burgi frater Philippus Boyle, priour fratrum Carmelitarum de Aberdene' resignavit in manibus Duncani de Clat, unius ballivorum dicti burgi, unam terram jacentem in Futy inter terram Thome Park ex parte boreali ex parte una et terram Johannis Hervy ex parte australi ex parte altera, dandum saisinam et possessionem hereditariam Andree Benyng' de eadem terra cum pertinenciis; et prefatus Andreas solvere debet annuatim predicto priori et conventui octo solidos quam quidem terram prefatus priour recuperavit per processum legalem. Hiis testibus: Johanne Vaus, tunc preposito, Johanne de Scrogs, patre, Johanne Henrisoun Culane, David de Ruthirfurde et Willelmo Scherar', cum multis aliis.

Eodem die predictus Duncanus dedit noticiam prefato Andree de terra sua propria jacentem in vico Furcarum ex parte orientali vici eiusdem inter terram Alexandri Gray ex parte boreali ex parte una et terram quondam hered[um]¹ Alexandri Fraser' ex parte australi et ex parte altera et coram testibus predictis.

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xxij die mensis Marcii, anno Domini supradicto Johannes Traile, filius et heres quondam David Traile, burgensis huius burgi, peccit cum instancia doceri per ballivos ad terras sibi jure hereditario pertinentes ut moris est in burgis; et incontinens Duncanus de Clat tunc unius ballivorum huius burgi adivit secum ad quamdam terram jacentem infra dictum burgum in ly Buth'raw inter terram Johannis Gray ex parte australi et terram Thome Blyndseil ex parte boreali. Et memorandum quod ista terra est dimidia particate et inde solvit annuatim altari Beate Crucis vj s' viij d'; et ad quamdam terram jacentem ex parte occidentali de ly Schipraw inter terram Johannis Rede ex parte boreali et terram Henrici Sclatare ex parte australi et docuit eum coram testibus ad easdem ut moris est, etc.

Secundo die mensis Aprilis, anno Domini, etc., xlv, comparens personaliter Willelmus filius Alexandri,² filius et heres quondam Alexandri Williameson', burgensis huius burgi, resignavit in manibus Johannis de Scrogs, filii, tunc unius ballivorum dicti burgi totum jus et clameum que habuit, habet, vel habere poterit pro se et heredibus suis aliquo modo in

¹ Suspension does not make clear whether several heirs are being referred to.

² Followed by '*filius-et*'.

futuris in vel ad terram que fuit quondam Andree Giffard' jacentem in vico Castri¹ ex parte boreali eiusdem inter terram Cristini Pettalochi ex parte orientali et terram Johannis Watson' ex parte occidentali vel ad aliquos annuos redditus eiusdem in favorem Roberti Blyndseil que jus et clameum predictus ballivus tradidit et dedit eidem Roberto tunc presenti et acceptanti.

Sexto die mensis Aprilis, anno Domini supradicto, personaliter comparens in pretorio Johannes Lowson', filius fratris et heres quondam Thome Louson', burgensis huius burgi, resignavit pure et simpliciter per fustem et baculum in manibus Thome Blyndseil, tunc unius ballivorum huius burgi, totum et integrum illud tenementum suum jacens in vico Furcarum ex parte orientali eiusdem inter terram heredum quondam Johannis Bertlotson' ex parte boreali ex una et terram heredum quondam Patricii Lang' ex parte australi partibus ex altera, ad dandum saisinam et possessionem hereditariam eiusdem tenementi cum pertinenciis Johanni Wod secundum leges et consuetudines burgorum. Testibus: Johanne Vaus, tunc preposito, Alexandro de Camera, Andrea de Tulidef, Johanne Voket, Alexandro Blyndseil, Johanne Spens et Johanne de Tulidef duobus serjendorum huius burgi, cum multis et diversis aliis.

Et² super hoc peciit dictus Johannes Wood peciit instrumentum a me notario publico.

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Introitus navis vocate ly Christofer quam sub Deo gubernat Bernardus Fras' de Danzik.³

Ludowicus Solto
Stult⁴

x lasta cum dimidia farine barell', xvj Nichalaus
barell' pro lasta.
vij lasta bituminis, ij lasta de beir', ij lasta
cinerum.
j^c remi,⁵ iij^{xx} bastyntowez.⁶

Bernardus Freis'

dimidia hundreth' eesterland burdis, vj^c
clapholt.

[Copia litere regis]

¹ Followed by 'im...'.
² Part of a hand is drawn in the margin, pointing to this entry.

³ Danzig (Gdansk)

⁴ The two names are bracketed together in MS.

⁵ From *ramus*, meaning branches.

⁶ Again, some form of timber; the bastyn element refers to a stave.

James be the grace of God king of Scottis to the aldermen, ballyhes and communitie of oure borowes of Aberdene and Invernes greting. For alsmykil as divers' persounes, Inglismen, ar arrestit and withhaldin in the north' partis of oure lande agayne the nature of oure trewis be servitours and men pertenyng to oure derraste cosing the erle of Ross' for the lousing of the quhilkis Inglismen we have writtin to oure said cosing under oure prive seel with' oure servitoure Joh[n]n[e]¹ Scrimgeoure, berare of thir oure lettres: oure will is and we pray yhou effectuosli and alsa chargis that yhe assist forthir and supple the said our[e]¹ servitoure in lousing of the said persounes, Inglismen, as yhe love the gode of oure trewis and furthiring of yhoure self in sic like cas', and under sic charge as eftir may folow. And forthirowre in this mater givis credence to oure said servitoure in it at he schawis yhouin oure name. Gevin under oure signet at Striveling the xx dai of Marche and of oure regne the nynt yhere [Stirling, 20 March 1445].²

Copia litere misse domino comiti de Ross' per prepositum et consilium huius burgi.

Right' myghti' and redoutit lord we commaunde us on to yhou with' al oure harte. And for alsmykil as our' soverane lord the king has writtin to yhour lordschip for the deliverance of certane Inglismen the quhilke ar in yhour warde and keping as yhe knaw, we counsaile and beseikis humeli yhour lordschip with' al instance that for the worschip of the king and the gude of the realme yhe witsauf to louse and deliver frely the said Inglismen for and yhe sulde nocht deliver thaim at the kingis instance and charge it war grete lak and sclandre to the king³ and the realme and lessing of yhour worschip, the quhilke God averte. For sen lovid be God hiddirtillis yhe have al tyme obeit the king alsweil as ony lord of Scotland and keptit ane hale part til him, for the quhilkis God willand yhe sal sone have grete loving and reward. God forbeid that yhe suld for a litil monee that thir Inglismen has promissit yhou warpiss⁴ yhour' gude name and the reward and thank that yhe have deservid and wonnyn of the king. Right' myghti' and redoutit lord almyghti' God conserve yhou evermar' with' encressing of honour and worschip. Writtin at Aberdene the xiiij dai of Aprile.⁵

¹ The last letter of the word is obscured in MS.

² Printed in *Extracts from the Council Register of Aberdeen*, 13-14.

³ Followed by *of the*.

⁴ Throw away.

⁵ Printed in *Extracts from the Council Register of Aberdeen*, 10-11.

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The last dai of the moneth' of Aprile the yhere of grace a thousand four hundreth' fourty and five it was concludit statute and ordanit be the commoune counsaile and mony othir of the gilde for lettyng and stancheing of diverse enormyteis done in tyme bigane be the abbotis of the burgh' callit of bone acorde that in tyme tocum thai will give na feis to na sic abbotis.

Item, it is sene speidful to thaim that for this instant yhere thai will have na sic abbot bot thai will that the alderman for the tyme and a balyhe quhom that he will tak til him supple that faute.¹

Item, thai have chosin Thomas of Kintor, Walter Giffart, Joh[n]n[e] Blak, and David Symson' to be serchearis for this yhere of the barellis of salmond of this ton', and thai sal have a seel made tharfor to seel the barellis that thai fynd sufficient. And thai ar sworn the grete athe to be lele and trew to that office and thai sal seel na barellis bot thai be of sufficient moyson' and ful rede and swete. And thai sal have to thair' fee for sercheing of ilke last vj d'.

Item, it is sene speidful to the counsaile to trete give thai may get the fredome to be schirrefis within the ton' and to mak a coste tharapon.²

[702]

Curia gilde tenta per Johannem Vaus, prepositum, septimo die mensis Maii anno supradicto.

Quo die Henricus Prat per confessionem propriam convictus fuit de forisstillacione pellium et de regratacionē in patria parvorum denariatorum; et quitus de forisstillacione lane et coreorum.

Thomas Alexanderson' per confessionem propriam convictus fuit de forisstillacione pellium et de regratacionē ut supra et quitus de lana et coreorum.

The xij dai of the moneth' of Maii forsaid it was ordanit and statute be the counsaile and divers' of the gilde for gude of merchandice that naman sal by woll derrar' than iij s' the stane at the maste except³ the woll that growis in Marr' for the quhilke thai sal nought exceide v s'. And quhasa dois in the contrair' sal pay unforgiffin to the commoune profite of this ton' for ilke tyme that he trespassis xl s'.

Alsua the alderman and the counsaile has chargit Thom Newman and James Elge of Dundee that thai by na merchandice sic as woll, hide and skin within this fredome under the payne of eschete of the gude. And give ony

¹ This and the preceding entry are printed in *Extracts from the Council Register of Aberdeen*, 14.

² Printed in *Extracts from the Council Register of Aberdeen*, 14.

³ Superscript with caret above and *qrb*-of.

freemen of this ton' sellis to thaim or ony othir men of Dundee or of Perth' ony sic merchandice thai sal pay xl s' unforgiffin to the commoune profite of this ton', etc.

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In pro festo¹ Nativitatis gloriose Virginis Marie, anno Domini, etc., xlv^{to}, Elisabeth' Scheves, sponsa Patricii Gray, de consensu pariter et assensu eiusdem Patricii, necnon Andree Gray, filii et apparentis heredis eorundem, non vi aut metu ducta, nec errore lapsa ut asseruit sed mera et spontanea voluntate sua sursum reddidit pureque et simpliciter resignavit in manibus Thome Blyndseil tunc unius ballivorum dicti burgi totam illam terram suam jacentem infra dictum burgum in ly Chekkare inter terram Johannis Vaus ex parte australi ex una et terram quam tenet Johannes Culane ex parte boreali partibus ex altera ad dandum saisinam et possessionem hereditarias eiusdem Johanni Bertlotson' secundum tenorem et effectum carte sue quam inde habet, etc. Juravitque propterea dicta Elisabeth' se nuncquam contra huiusmodi resignacionem venire aut in prejudicium dicti Johannis Bertlotson' alligare, clam vel palam, et super hoc dictus Johannes Bertlotson' peciit a me notario publico instrumentum. Testibus: Johanne de Fife, Johanne Voket, filio, Willelmo Wodman et David Dun, cum aliis. Dat' in pretorio.

Parva custuma navium assedatur Johanni Vaus pro vj lib' xij s' iij d' annuatim ad terminum quinque annorum a festo beati Martini anni² Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quadagesimo quarto complendorum. Testibus: Johanne de Scrogs, patre, Johanne de Marr', Patricio Badenach'.

Schethokisley assedatur Johanni de Scrogs, filio, ad terminum quinque annorum ut supra quolibet anno pro iij lib' vj s' viij d' annuatim, etc.

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Acta die veneris primo die Octobris anno Domini, etc., xlv^{to}.

Thir' persounes underwrittin consentis avisitli and for gude cause that the chesing of officiaris of this burgh' the quhilk suld be on Monounday next tocum that is to say the feird dai of this instant moneth' of Octobre be continowit quhil it be newlingis warnyt be the officiaris or be the bell.

Joh[n]n[e] the Vaus
Joh[n]n[e] of Fife
Ricardus Ruthirfurd'
Duncane of Clat

Will' Traile
Will Banerman
Andr' Childe
Joffray Burnet

Alexander Cryne
Robert Sprunt
Alex' Blyndseil
David Symson'

¹ Sic.

² Sic.

Joh[n]n[e] Kyniedy	Robert Baroune	John Scherar'
Joh[n]n[e] of Scrogs	Joh[n]n[e] Littistar'	Dunbannane
Robert Blyndseil	Joh[n]n[e] the Vaus ¹ Junior	Willelmus Anderson'
Gilbert Meignes	Will' Wodman	Angus Lilburn
Thomas Blyndseil	Thomas Branche	Alexander Grahame
Robert de Camera	Androu Voket	Alexander Ruthirfurd'
Androu Ayncroft	Joh[n]n[e] Howison'	Jacobus Blyndseil
Simon Blabre	Nichol Fichet	Alexander of Leis
John Gray	Thom Wood	John' Galt
Thomas of Craufurd'	Thom of Chamer	Thom of Craufurd', junior
Alexander de Camera	David Hervy	Androu of Marr'
Joh[n]n[e] of Scrogs, pater	Will' Hervy	Joh[n]n[e] Henrison', junior
Patrik Badenach'	Joh[n]n[e] Hervy	
Willelmus Scherar'	Joh[n]n[e] Thomson	
Joh[n]n[e] Kintor		
Will of Marr'	Joh[n]n[e] of Murrefe	
Ric' Kintor	Simon Hob	
Thom Kintor	Joh[n]n[e] of Buchane	
Ric' Stephinon'	Thom Duncaneson	
	Thom of Both	
	Temannus Goldsmyth'	
	Thomas Goldsmyth'	
	Thomas of Murray	

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Curia gilde huius burgi tenta per Johannem Vaus, prepositum, eiusdem octavo die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quadragésimo quinto.

Quo die per confratres gilde subscripti electi fuerunt in communes consiliarios huius burgi pro uno anno proximo futuro.

Alexander de Camera	u	Johannes de Scrogs, pater
Johannes de Fife		Johannes Voket, pater
Gilbertus Meignes		Johannes de Marr', junior
Ricardus Ruthirfurd'		Matheus Fichet
Willelmus Scherar'		Alexander Kintor
Andreas de Culane		Andreas Ayncroft
Simon Blabre		Thomas Craufurd'
Thomas Blyndseil		Patricius Badenach'
u Duncanus de Clat		Ricardus de Kintor
Johannes Henrison' Culane	u	Johannes Voket, filius
Stephanus ² Joh[n]n[e]son'	u	Johannes Blak Petit
Robertus Blyndseil	u	Adam Nicholson'
Andreas de Tulidef	u	Johannes Kintor

¹ Followed by *senior*.

² After *Joh*....

u David Ruthirfurd'	Johannes Blyndseil
u Willelmus de Marr'	u Walterus Giffart
	u Johannes Kynnynmond'

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Vicesimosecundo die mensis Octobris anno Domini supradicto, maior pars totius gilde congregata in pretorio huius burgi confratres gilde tunc presentes, singillatim interrogati utrum vellent habere aliquem dominum capitaneum huius burgi responderunt omnes et d[i]xerunt¹ quod nullum vellent habere capitaneum preter dominum regem, prepositum et officiales burgi.

Tercio die mensis Decembris anno Domini supradicto betuex Mergare, the spouse umquhile of Williame Pulty with' consent of David Dun hir spous' on that a part and Androu Pulty, eeme and tutor lauchful to Mathou, son' and air' to the said umquhile Williame Pulty on that othir' part, considering the right tha the forsaid Mergarete in to the land the quhilk Williame Pulty duelt in, it was appoyntit and accordit betuex the said partiez with' consent of thaim bath' in maner and fourme as efter folowis, that is to say that the said Matheu, son' to the said umquhile Williame and Mergarete salbe kend be the balyheis and put in possessioun of the fee of the said land, and the forsaid Mergarete sal bruke and jois' the franktenement of the said land for al the daiis of hir live. And scho sal fynd the barne² hir' son' forsaid as afferis on to the tyme that he cum to age that he may travaile and govern him self. And fra thyne furth' that he make hir³ na coste scho sal pay him yhereli owte of the said land xv s' and scho sal uphald the land sufficientli reparalit, etc.

Item, the sammyn dai in continent Joh[n]n[e] Gray ane of the balyheis of this burgh' tuke divers' worthi men of the toune in witnes and passit to the said land and kennyt the forsaid Matheu Pulty as air' and son' to the forsaid umquhile Williame to the fee of the said land in the quhilk the forsaid umquhile Williame duelt with' the pertenance as law and custume of burgh' is.

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Burgenses et confratres gilde facti et recepti in secundo anno prepositure Johannis Vaus supradicti, etc.

Walterus de Ogilvy ex consideracione consilii receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi, prestito solito juramento, etc.

¹ MS torn.

² Followed by *as*.

³ Followed by *ms*.

Willelmus Cummyne, filius Jacobi Cummyne, ex consideracione consilii receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde, prestito solito juramento.

Johannes Rollande ex consideracione consilii receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi, prestito solito juramento, etc., ac eciam pro matrimonio contracto inter ipsum Johannem et filiam Willelmi Westlande, etc.

Willelmus Symsonne ex consideracione consilii receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi pro matrimonio contracto inter ipsum Willelmum et filiam Johannis Gray, plegius Johannes Gray, pro x lib'.

Johannes de Park qui contraxit matrimonium cum filia Johannis Henrison', senioris, confratris gilde,¹ ex consideracione consilii receptus fuit pro v s'.

Andreas Scherar' qui contraxit matrimonium cum consanguinea Magistri Henrici Hervy confratris gilde ex consideracione consilii receptus fuit pro iiii lib',² prestito solito juramento, illis adjectis condicionibus quod si quacumque de causa dimittat vel celebrari faciat seu contingat divorcium inter ipsum et dictam sponsam suam vel transportet lanam, pelles vel correa ultra montes aut foris tallet, solvet communitati huius burgi x lib' et amittet privilegium huius burgi; plegiis pro dicto forisfacto et vicinitate Johanne Scherar' de Deer' et Johanne Hervy.

Walterus Piot qui³ disponavit filiam Johannis Voket patris ex consideracione consilii receptus fuit pro v s', prestito solito juramento, plegio.⁴

Gilbertus Vaus receptus fuit racione paterne libertatis pro v s'.

Patricius de Fife racione paterne libertatis receptus fuit pro v s'.

Henricus de Levington' ex consideracione consilii receptus fuit pro xl s'.

Johannes de Buchane, scissor, qui ab antea factus fuit burgensis ex consideracione consilii receptus fuit in confratrem gilde pro xx s', plegio.⁵

Willelmus de Stradee racione paterne libertatis receptus fuit pro v s'.

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Quo die Johannes Thomsonne ex consideracione consilii receptus fuit in liberum burgensem pro xviii s' ad instanciam Stephani Johannis, etc.⁶

Thomas Malisonne ex consideracione consilii ad instanciam Alexandri de Irwyne receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde, etc.

Thomas Crondane racione paterne libertatis receptus fuit pro v s', plegio.¹

¹ Followed by *reee...*

² Followed by *?pte...*

³ Followed by *disponsabit.*

⁴ No name given.

⁵ No name given.

⁶ This entry is struck through with diagonal lines. In the margin is a cross and to the left of it *scribitur infra.* See below, p. 105.

Johannes Gray filius Johannis Gray racione paterne libertatis receptus fuit pro v s'.

Andreas Patrikson' racione paterne libertatis receptus fuit pro v s'.

Johannes Henrison', filius Johannis Henrison', junioris, receptus fuit pro v s'.

Willelmus WyndSOR' racione paterne libertatis receptus fuit pro v s'.

Johannes Tode receptus in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde pro tribus libris.

Malcolmus de Forbas receptus fuit racione paterne libertatis v s'.

Henricus Gwrlay receptus fuit racione wxoris sue v s'.

Johannes Joffraison' receptus fuit in burgensem et confratrem gilde pro xl s', plegio Johanne Voket.

Johannes Wright' filius Andree Wright' racione paterne libertatis receptus fuit pro v s'.

Johannes Fauside qui antea fuit burgensis nunc ob favorem Johannis Benyng, confratris gilde cuius filiam disponavit, receptus fuit ex consideracione favorabili consilii.

Robertus Lorymar' ex consideracione consilii ex eo quod disponavit filiam unius confratris gile² receptus fuit³ in fraternitatem gilde pro xx s' quia alias eciam fuit factus burgensis et scribitur infra in proximo folio.

Willelmus de Lowask, textor, receptus fit in burgensis et confratrem gilde pro liij s' iiij d', prestito solito juramento, plegio pro eo David Symson'.

Thomas Lawson' ad instanciam Ricardi Kintor receptus fuit ex eo quod fuit eidem per communem consilium concessus nuper quando fuit abbas de Boneacord pro expensis suis factis in quodam ludo de ly Haliblude luso apud ly Wyndmylhill et prestitit solitum juramentum, plegio pro eo eodem Ricardo Kintor.

Ricardus de Hill ex consideracione consilii receptus fuit pro v s' ex eo quod disponabit filiam Johannis de Marr', senioris; quod si non impleveret satisfaciet communitati x lib', plegiis Johanne de Marr', juniore, et Roberto Blyndseil.

Donaldus de Fife, filius quondam⁴ Duncani de Fife, confratris gilde, racione paterne libertatis receptus fuit pro v s', plegio pro eo Johanne de Fife.

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Burgenses tantum facti anno supradicto.

Andreas filius Alexandri, pistor, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem tantum prestito solito juramento et solvit xvij s', plegio pro eo.¹

¹ No name given.

² Sic.

³ Followed by *pro-sec.*

⁴ Interlined with caret.

⁵ Page 709 is blank.

Johannes Thomson', ad instanciam Stephani Joh[n]n[e]son', receptus fuit in liberum burgensem tantum pro xvij s', prestitio solito juramento, plegio.²

Johannes filius Willelmi, textor, receptus est in liberum burgensem tantum pro xx s'.

Robertus Lorymar' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem pro xx s', plegio.³

Hugo Joh[n]n[e]son', carnifex, receptus fuit in burgensem pro xx s', plegio pro eo.⁴

David Clerk, junior, ex consideracione consilii receptus fuit ex eo quod dispensabit filiam Thome Henrison', comburgensis, et prestitit solitum juramentum, plegio pro eo David Clerk seniore.

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The xiiij dai of Octobre the yhere of grace forsaid Androu Alaneson' on that a part and Robert Blyndseil on that othir' part apou the action of injuris movit befor the bischop of Aberdene be the said Androu agaynis the said Robert and apou al othire acciones and clames the quhilkis ar un endit of befor that the said Robert may put to the said Androu thai ar submyttit til thir' persounes underwrittin, that is to say, Maister Jamys Stewart, Maister Henry Hervy, Maister Idil,⁵ Maister Duncane of Lichton' and⁶ Maister Walter Foularton', chanounes of Aberdon' and Joh[n]n[e] the Vaus, Gilbert Meignes, John' of Marr', and Alexander of Kintor, burgez of Aberdene the quhilkis sal be sworn to end the said mater as law and gude consciens will, and the said partiis ar oblist to underly thair determinacion be the faithes of thair' bodiis.

Eodem [die]⁷ Robertus Blyndseil dedit Johannem Voket plegium legalem quod dictus Andreas erit indempnis pro eo et parte sua aliter quam per viam juris.

Et similiter idem Andreas dedit Johannem de Marr' plegium legalem quod dictus Robertu[s]⁸ et pars sua erunt indempnes pro eo et parte sua aliter quam per viam juris.

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Decimoseptimo die mensis Decembris anno Domini m^{mo} cccc^{mo} xlv^{to}, Willelmus Fichet, filius et heres quondam Ricardi Fichet, resignavit in manibus Johannis Gray, unius ballivorum huius burgi, illam terram suam

¹ No name given.

² No name given.

³ No name given.

⁴ No name given.

⁵ Sic.

⁶ Repeated.

⁷ Omitted in MS.

⁸ MS torn.

jacentem in vico inferiori ecclesie ex parte australi eiusdem inter terram Alexandri de Camera ex parte orientali ex una et terram¹ Johannis de Scrogs, patris, ex parte occidentali partibus ex altera ad dandum saisinam hereditariam eidem Johanni de Scrogs de predicta terra cum pertinenciis ad feodofirmam reddendo inde sibi annuatim xiiij s' iiii d'. Teste curia.

The achtandtweenty day of the moneth of Januarii, the yere of our Lord, etc., fowrty and fywe, in presens of the alderman' et in the gild cwrt the ballyeis set the rwde mallis of the town' and of Rwbblislaw' tyll' Alexander Androwson' et to John' of Spens' for the term of fywe yeris for' vj lib' yerly enterand in the said tak at the Martymess' before this dat abeowyn wirtyn, borch for the said Alexander, John of Scrogis and for the said John of Spens, John of Mar' of the Castall' Gat.

The xvij day of the moneth of Februare the yhere of grace etc., xlv⁶⁰, Jhone of Scrogs and Jhone Gray, twa of the ballieis of the burgh of Aberdene and Gilbert Meignes, under awmerale, in name of the toune has resavit in to saufgarde and under thar licence Roger² Yhong, Inglisman and his childer because of scortnes of his condit for the tyme that he bydis or makis residens in the havynnis of Scotlande and this throw vertu of³ the trewis bath schip and gude.

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Apone the debat movit betwix Robert Blindsele, Robert of Chamer and Williame of Cadiou anent the feyng of iij mene a pone a net, it is ordande be the consale with the consent of thaim self that Jhone Somer suld remayne stil at the watter and the tother twa men to be put away and a nother man tobe feyit to Jhone Somer with the consent of thaim all thre. And gif thai wil nocht swa lat ilkeman fynd a man and ilkane helpe othir. Her atour it is acordit be thaim selvyne that Macrow and Bannerman be bath put away and a sufficient man chosin be the consent of the hale cavile.

Anent the accion between John' of Sauchqwar' and Andrw Child of ij lib' g' the qwilk the sad⁴ Andrw Child held in his handis of the fracht of the hwlk, the consalle has ordanit that the said Andrw Child sal deliver the said ij lib' g' to the said John' of Sauchar' or til his merchand in to Flandris, the said John' of Sauchar' findand surte to the said Andrw Child til kep hym skathless' of alle⁵ men that persewis the said Andrw lachfully for the said ij lib' g'.

¹ Followed by *eiusdem-g....*

² Suprascript over *Williane*.

³ Followed by *his*.

⁴ Sic.

⁵ Interlined.

Item, terre de Bogfarlach' assedatur Simoni Blabre et coadjutoribus suis pro termino quatuor annorum, quolibet anno pro liij s' iijj d', plegio pro eo.¹

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The xij dai of the moneth' of August the yhere forsaid the alderman in name of the counsaile for the payment of a certane contribucion acht to the king for the stancheing of custume of salmonde and Inglis gudez perofferit and laid thir' waiis to the hale gild, that is to say.² And syne efter divers' altercaciones it was consentit and concludit be the hale gilde that the gude men that has the watterez sal yheit have thaim in formaling and pay the forsaid contribucion and thair salbe certane men chosin to dispone apon the watteris at vakis be thair athes to the maste worthi persounes that has na watterez, and tha sammyn men sal see quhat persounes has the watterez that ar ivil payaris and dispone apon thaim to gude payaris.

Copia obligacionis Walteri Michaelis de Andwarpia.³

Ic Wouter Mychyels kenne ende lyde dat Ic sculdic byn Jon de Vas, ouldermaen van Aberdyn van gherechtegher scult viij lib' g' Vlems⁴ ghels die teghelden en' tobetalen in Paerys tuschen dit en' Mamysse naest commende sonder erghenlyst tot syne kynderen dewekke die daer now ter tit ligghe ter scoelen. In kennysen der waereit so heb Ic die voors[egde] Wouter Mychiels dit ghescreven met myns self hant en' gheseghelt met myne eyghen sy[g]net. Int jaer ons Heren duserent cccc xlvj den trensten dach Goelyns.⁵

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Curia gilde huius burgi tenta per Johannem de Fife, prepositum, xxj^{mo} die Octobris anno Domini, etc., xlvj^{to}.

¹ Incomplete.

² Names not given.

³ Antwerp.

⁴ Followed by *?gult-ghels*.

⁵ 'I, Walter Mychyels, know and confess that I owe John de Vas, alderman of Aberdeen, in rightful debt eight pounds great, Flemish money, which have to be cashed and paid in Paris between this [date] and [?Martinmas] next coming without fraud to his children who are now for the time being at school there. In acknowledgement of the truth so have I, the aforesaid Walter Mychiels, written this with my own hand and sealed with my own signet. In the year of Our Lord one thousand, four hundred and forty six, the thirtieth day of July.' I am most grateful to Dr Ingrid De Smet, Centre for Renaissance Studies, University of Warwick, for her help with translating this document.

Quo die subscripti electi fuerunt in communes consiliarios huius burgi pro anno presente.¹

	Johannes Vaus	Willelmus Scherar'
	Ricardus Ruthirfurd'	Robertus Blyndseil
u	Gilbertus Meignes	Thomas Blyndseil
	Johannes de Scrogs, pater	Matheus Fichet
	Johannes de Marr', junior	Stephanus Joh[n]n[e]son'
u	Thomas Craufurd'	Johannes Voket
u	Andreas Culane	Patricius Badenach'
	Andreas Ayncroft	Simon Blabre
	Johannes Gray	Robertus de Camera
	Johannes Culane	Johannes Henrison' Culane
	Alexander Kintor	Walterus Giffard'
	Ricardus de Camera	Ricardus Kintor

Item, ob favorem domini comitis de Craufurd' consilium concessit Andree² Alaneson', hospici eiusdem, primam vacaturam aquarum huius burgi que proximo vacaverit quam idem Andreas optare voluerit, etc.

xvj^{to} die mensis Februarii, anno Domini supradicto, ex deliberacione communis consilii et partis gilde concessa sunt quatuor libre usualis monete ad supportacionem et relevacionem Magistri Andree Crondane, nati confratris gilde huius burgi, pro labore suo circa predicacionem et doctrinam populi huius burgi, et hoc durante voluntate consilii supradicti.

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It is to remembir' that oun the ix day of August Andrw Scherrar' put hym in the aldermannis wyll' for forstallyn of wll', hid et skynn and oblisit tyll' ourtak his ent[en]t³ apon' the qwilk the said Andrw has fundyne John Wod borch' til enter on the nest Fryday herefter et to stand to the ordenans' of the commown' consall'.

The actione movit betuix Gilbert Mason' and Gib Bowman of Bamf⁴ anent the lottyn of the saide Gib Bowmannis gudis castine be the awintour' of se is put to the declaracione of Johne' of Marr', Duncane of Clat, Patrik of Badenache and Johne' Howyson' and to thaim that thai willtake to thaim till ende it gif thai kane and gif thai kane nocht to be at the law agayn ilke man at thair' awantage.

¹ Sic; recte *presenti*.

² Followed by *And---*.

³ MS torn.

⁴ Banff.

Confratres gilde tempore Johannis de Fyff.

Andreas Red, dominus de Badfothall¹ receptus est in liberum burgensem et conffratrem gilde racione paterne libertatis v s'.

Alexander de Wldny receptus est in liberum burgensem et² confratrem gilde ad instanciam diversorum vicinorum et dat' Waltero Dw in subsidium suum.³

Adam of Spens, tintor ad instanciam Mariote de Ruthirford, receptus est in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde, xl s'.

Johannes Bwllok ad instanciam episcopi Rossensis et aliorum diversorum vicinorum receptus est in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde pro vino.

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Confratres gilde tempore prepositure Johannis de Pfife

Duncanus Alawne receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi pro quibus solvet quinque marcas, plegio.⁴

Andreas de Fyfe receptus est in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde ad instanciam diversorum vicinorum, etc.

Johannes Redde, litstar', receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde ad instanciam Johannis Waus' pro quadraginta s', plegio.⁵

Andreas Geoffray receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde ad instanciam diversorum vicinorum pro quadraginta s', plegio.⁶

Georgius Adamson' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi pro quinque s'.

Alexander⁷ Rolland receptus est in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde ad instanciam Magistri Walteri seneschalli et rectore⁸ de Kyncardyn⁹ [?etiam]¹⁰ ad instanciam vicarii nostri pro vino.

Johannes Parfite receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde ad instanciam Duncani de Clat, ballivi, et domini de Forbes, pro xl^a s'.

Johannes Gillespy receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi ad instanciam Johannis de Marr' et domini de Gordone' pro xl^a s'.

¹ Badfothel.

² Interlined with caret.

³ Entry apparently incomplete.

⁴ No name given.

⁵ No name given.

⁶ Incomplete.

⁷ Marginated; corrected in MS from *Johannes*.

⁸ Sic; recte *rectoris*.

⁹ Possibly Kincardine O'Neill.

¹⁰ This word is difficult to read because it is suprascript above *vi*.

Johannes Mathyson' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi ad instanciam dicti Johannis de Marr' et domini de Gordon' et domini de Forbes pro xl^a s'.

Walterus de Achneve receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi ad instanciam Johannis Scrogis, patris, pro xl^a s'.

Willelmus Cwmy'n' receptus est in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde ad instanciam diversorum consa[ngui]nium¹ suorum et remanebit in villa et habebit terram infra annum et diem, etc., pro xl s', plegio.²

Walterus Mudy receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde ad instanciam Alexandri de Douglas.

Willelmus Peter receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi pro xl s', plegio.³

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Burgenses tantum tempore Johannis Fyff, prepositi

Johannes Stokar' receptus est in leberum⁴ burgensem, prestito solito juramento, et solvet pro⁵ xx s' plegio.

Johannes Smyth filius Willelmi receptus est liberum burgensem istius burgi prestito solito juramento propter reverenciam Beati Nicolaii et pro factura operis Beati Nicolaii.

Johannes Talyour receptus est in liberum burgensem,⁶ prestito solito juramento, et solvet xiiij s' et iiij d'.

Summa pecunie tam fratrum gilde quam burgensium xxxiiij lib' x s'.

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The xij day of the moneth' of August the yere, etc., xlvij, the alderman and the bailyeis tuk law borowis of Johne' Cheyne of Essilmunde and of Willame Cheyne his son', that is to say that Johne' Cheyne has fundyne Johne' Wode law borche to comperre apon' vj dayis warnyng befor ws to the instans of Sire Alexander of Irwyne for the hurtyng and distrobillance of his man Johne' Donaldson' and of the toune'.

Item, Willame Cheyne his son' has fundyn Androw Rede of Badfothale and Johne' Kynidy law borowis for him to comperre apon' vj dayis warnyng befor the alderman and bailyeis that sall be for the tyme to the instans of Sire Alexander of Irwyne, lorde of Drum for the hurtyne of his man

¹ MS faded.

² No name given.

³ No name given.

⁴ Sic.

⁵ Sic; *pro xx s' plegio* is in a new hand.

⁶ Sic.

⁷ Page 719 is blank.

Johne' Donaldson' and for distroblance done' in the toune' and til underly the law tharapon'.

Item, Poactone' Marschale and Thome Robertson has findin¹ John Wode law borch' to enter apon' vj dayis warnyng befor ws and til underly law in like maner as of befor'.

Item, Johne' Cheyne is cummyne borch' be his hande and his lande oblist thar to in presens of the alderman and bailyeis til Androw Rede and to Johne' Kynidy to kepe thaim scathles of the borowgang that thai ar becummyne for Willame Cheyne his son'.

Item, the parteis ar oblist in presens of the alderman and the bailyeis that thai sall comperere before ws bot honestly and with na lordschipe na rowtis bot humly and mekely til underly the law.

[721]

Curia gilde huius hurgi tenta per Willelmum Scherar', prepositum, sexto die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quadragésimo septimo.

Quo die subscripti electi fuerunt in communes consiliarios huius burgi de anno presenti.

Johannes de Fife		Matheus Fichet	u	David Ruthirfurd'
Johannes Vaus	u	Johannes Voket, pater		Johannes Kintor
Gilbertus Meignes	u	Andreas Culane		Willelmus Voket
u Ricardus Ruthirfurde		Stephanus Balrony		Andreas Alaneson'
u Johannes de Marr'	u	Johannes Scrogs, filius		Willelmus Cadiou
Johannes Scrogs, pater	u	Duncanus Clat	u	Andreas Meignes
u Thomas Craufurde		Alexander Kintor	u	David Meignes
Andreas Ayncroft	u	Thomas Blyndseil		Walterus Giffard'
u Robertus Blyndseil	u	Simon Blabre		Robertus de Camera
Patricius Badenach'		Johannes Henrison' Culane		Willelmus Rolland'
u Ricardus Kintor		Johannes Howison'		Alexander Blyndseil
Alexander Douglas		Ricardus de Camera	u	Johannes Stephynson'
		Macolmus Forbes		Willelmus Wodman
		Johannes Kyrinymond'		
		Joh[n]n[e] Blak		

Item, the sammyn dai the said counsaile has consentit and concludit that alsweil the feit chaplaynis and the feft chaplaynis sal be rewlit and governyt and trespassouris correct be the sight' of the alderman and counsaile forsaid or ellis the agaynstandaris of this statute sal nocht' be mayne tenyt be the maisteres, etc.²

¹ Sic.

² Printed, *Extracts from the Council Register of Aberdeen*, 15.

Nomina auditorum computorum magistrorum fabrice ecclesie

Ricardus Ruthirfurd',¹ Johannes Vaus, Matheus Fichet, Stephanus Joh[n]n[e]son', Johannes Gray, Gilbertus Meignes, Patricius Badenach', Johannes Scrogs, pater, et Johannes Howison', Johannes Marr'.

Et precepitur Johanni Fife, magistro fabrice ecclesie, quod presentet computum suum in scriptis eisdem auditoribus citra festum Beati Martini proxime futurum.

Item, quod presentet computum suum officii sui prepositure infra xl dies.

[722]

Item, it is concludit and ordanit be the said counsaile that the alderman sal conclude na thing belangyng the comunitie of the toune but counsaile and assistance of xij persounes at the leste of the said counsaile efter the tenour' of the acte made thar'apon of before.

Item, the sammyn dai be avise of the said counsaile the secrete seel² was deliverit in keping to Joh[n]n[e] Gray to be seelit with' the aldermannys seel in a purse.

Curia gilde tenta xx^{mo} die mensis Octobris anno Domini supradicto.

The sammyn dai the commoune counsaile³ ordanit and confermyt the actis and statutis made of befor apon forstallaris, that is to say that naman, freman na othir' forstall woll in the cuntreth' under the payne of v markis to the commoune use for ilke sek that he biis, and quhasa forstallis skynnis alsoft xij s' iiij d'.

And⁴ quhasa forstallis hidis alsoft as it be taynt xx s'.

Alsua that naman of this burgh' tak othir' mennys monay in this fredome to waar' under payne of x lib' unforgiffin as is contenit in the actis made thar'apon of befor xv yheris syne.

Item, that the balyheis keip the assise of brede and stanche cakbaris⁵ and spillaris of the merkate and punys' thaim as law and statutis will.

Item, that na ale be sald derar⁶ than vj d' and iiij d' the galoune.

¹ Followed by *Alew... A...*

² Followed by *is*.

³ Followed by *avisit*.

⁴ Followed by *et*.

⁵ Sic; rectius *cakebakaris*?

⁶ Followed by *that*.

[723]

The xxiiij dai of Octobre the yhere of grace, etc., xlvij the hale counsaile ripely avisit has fundin and concludit that Joh[n]n[e] of Fife for a quartare, Joh[n]n[e] the Vaus for a quarter, Gilbert Meignes for a quarter and Joh[n]n[e] Blyndseil and Thom Blyndseil and Adam Hill' for a quarter sal ansuer' and red the toune of the det aucht to Thomas Bernwale of Londone and sal freith' and bryng hame the commoune seel and content the nygh'boris of the toune that thair' gudes warr tane thar'for and allowit be Bernwale. And the alderman sal tak sovertee of the said persounes that thai sal content the thing that awyng¹ to the nygh'boris of the toune betuex this Pasch' next tocum and thai sal deliver the remanant that is acht to Bernwale² to four' lele men to be chosin be the alderman to be kept to Bernwallis availe and that be the sammyn tyme.

Item, the alderman sal gerr' the persounes that has commission' to set the watteres deliver in the thing that thai have done efter as thai warr' ordanit.

[724]

The feird day of Novembre the yhere forsaid the counsaile has chosin as commissaris to pass' with' commissioun til Edynburgh', that is to say, the aldirman, Williame Scherar', Gilbert Meignes and Mathew Fichet and to tak thaire resonable expense of the next Martymes' maalez.

Item, the sammyn dai David Meignes present³ a letter of requeste of the erle of Huntleys makand mensioun that Andr' Tulidef had promissit him til assigne his watter of the Pott til a frend of his quhom that like him and requirand the⁴ alderman and counsaile to admyt David Meignes forsaid to the said watter, the quhilk⁵ oblisying give the forsaid Andr' has made to the⁶ lord or give it be vacand at the disposicioun of the toune the counsaile⁷ has grauntit the said watter to the forsaid David the quhilk sal remayne ungiffin owte to the cummyng of the said Androu of Tulydef. And this the hale counsaile has grauntit.

Item, the sammyn dai the hale counsaile than beand present to the no[wmbre]⁸ of xxiiij persounes has concludit, ordanit and statute that fra hyne furth⁹ na nyghtbor' of this burght sal purchas or bring request of ony lordis for ony takis of this toune and quhasa dois he sal tyne his

¹ Sic; *is* omitted?

² Followed by *fo*....

³ Sic.

⁴ Followed by *ad*.

⁵ Followed by ?*oblisying*.

⁶ Followed by ?*lo*....

⁷ Followed by *except certane persounes*.

⁸ Word partly obscured at centre of page.

⁹ Followed by ?*nan*.

fredome and al othiris takis that he has of this toune and als the requestis sal nocht¹ behard na favourit.

[725]

Subscripti fuerunt facti burgenses et confratres gilde huius burgi tempore prepositure Willelmi Scherar', anno Domini, etc., xlvij^{mo}.

David Meignes receptus fuit racione paterne libertatis pro v s'.

Robertus Sellar' receptus fuit racione paterne libertatis pro v s', plegio.²

Magister Thomas Edname receptus fuit ex gracia consilii pro v s'.

Magister Gilbertus Forestar' receptus fuit ex gracia consilii, etc.

Thomas Sauchar' receptus fuit ob favorem eiusdem Magistri Gilberti.

Alexander Paton'son' receptus fuit ex gracia consilii pro xl s', plegio Johanne Davyson' Glaslach'.

Robertus Lauson' et Willelmus Lauson' recepti fuerunt racione paterne libertatis pro x s'.

Robertus Sillir' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde ex gracia consilii ex eo quod disponavit filiam quondam Alexandri Stane pro xx s', plegio Matheo Fichet.

Johannes Mernath receptus fuit in confratrem gilde pro xl s' ad instanciam Gilberti Megneis, plegio pro sua vicinitate, etc.³

Burgenses tantum.

Andreas Marr' receptus fuit in simplicem comburgensem ad instanciam Roberti Wan', caritative.

Thomas Gray receptus fuit in simplicem burgensem ad instanciam Ricardi de Ruthirfurde pro xx s'.

Thomas Duncani receptus fuit in burgensem racione patris quia pater eius burgensis erat pro v s'.

Johannes Valandy receptus fuit in simplicem burgensem ad instanciam Thome de Kyntor et Edmundi Lousone' pro xv s', plegius Edmundus Louson'.

Thomas Lorymar' receptus fuit in burgensem simplicem pro xx s'.

Henricus Walkar receptus fuit in simplicem burgensem pro xx s', plegio Johanne Blak.

Willelmus Flisch' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem tantum ad instanciam prepositi.

¹ Followed by *behal*...

² No name given.

³ No name given.

Alexander¹ Coupar receptus fuit in liberum burgensem tantum ex eo quod dispensavit filiam Bricii Duncaneson'.

Willelmus Cumyn receptus fuit in simplicem burgensem pro xij s' iij d', plegio Johanne Buchan'.

Alexander Scherrar' receptus fuit in simplicem burgensem pro xij s' iij d', plegius dominus Johannes Petti[n]vy[n].

Johannes Alexandri, pistor, receptus fuit in simplicem burgensem pro xij s' iij d', plegius Gilbertus Vaus.

Johannes Henrisone de Cardeny receptus fuit in simplicem burgensem pro xij s' iij d'.

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Adame Roberti receptus fuit in confratrem gilde ex gracia consilii ex eo quod dispensavit filiam Nicholai Lorymer pro v s'.

Andreas Kay receptus fuit in confratrem gilde ex gracia consilii ex eo quod dispensavit filiam Symonis Blabre pro v s'.

Johannes Alexandri receptus fuit in confratrem gilde ex gracia consilii ad instanciam Andree Meignes pro v s'.

Johannes Baxtar' receptus fuit in confratrem gilde pro xxvj s' viij d', plegio Johanne Scrog'.

Jacobus de Suthirlande receptus in confratrem gilde ex eo quod dispensavit filiam Thome Club pro xl s', plegius Thomas Clube.

[727]

The xj dai of Decembre the yhere of grace, etc., xlvij, the hale counsaile, that is to say Gilbert Meignes, John Fife, Ric' Ruthirfurd', John Scrogs, pater, John Marr', David Ruthirfurd', Alexander Kintor, Duncane Clat, Thom Craufurd', Androu Ayncroft, John Gray, John Voket, Macolme Forbes, Matheu Fichet, John Kintor, Patrik Badenach', Ric' Kintor, Thom Kintor, David Meignes, Ric' Stephinson' and Wills' Rollande avisitly with' a consent grauntit licence and fredome to Joh[n]n[e] the Vaus burges of this burgh' for his gude meritis done in tyme bigane to assigne the fischeyng of the half net of the Raake the quhilk is set til him to quhat frende of his that be speidful thocht til him except lordis enduryng' al the tyme of the assedacion made til him.

Curia gilde huius burgi tenta per W. Scherar', prepositum, xij^{mo} die Januare anno Domini etc., xlvij^{mo}.

Quo die Thomas Maliceson' convictus et per confessionem propriam de forisstatione¹ pellium, correorum et² regratacione denariatorum.

¹ Followed by ?ee....

Eodem die Ricardus Hill convictus fuit de forisstillacione pellium et correorum.

Item, Johannes Anderson' convictus fuit de forisstillacione communi lane, pellium et correorum.

Memorandum de Ja Sathl[e]e et de Jok Sathlee [marginated].

[728]

Item, eodem die comparuit in curia Johannes, filius et heres quondam Willelmi Cowtis et pecii[t]³ cum instancia doceri et assignari ut moris est ad terram que fuit quondam eiusdem Willelmi patris sui; et ideo ex decreto curie iniunctum fuit Johanni Gray, uno ballivorum huius burgi quod vadat⁴ et cognoscat dictum Johannem ad quamdam terram jacentem in ly Grene inter terram hered[um]⁵ quondam Johannis Philipson' ex parte boreali et ⁶ communem venellam ex parte australi, et ly Hur'wynde versus occidentem et equeductum versus orientem, etc.

The fift day of Februare, anno Domini, etc., xlvij^{mo}, Androu Tulidef comperit persounaly befor the aldirman and mony of the brethir' of the gilde of this burgh' and anence the thirdpart of a net of the Pot the quhilke he had of the toune he declarit that quhat tyme that the alderman that was in the tyme gave him his gressome agayne he resignit in his hand the said thirdpart.

xv^{to} die Februarii, anno Domini supradicto, commune consilium recognovit quod alias ad instanciam et requestum domini abbatis de Arbrothot, propter diversos favores eiusdem factos communitati huius burgi concessit dimidiam partem rethis aque de ly Furdis que fuit alias assedata quondam David Clerk pro eisdem terminis pro quilibet fuit assedata eidem.

Item, eodem die consilium ordinavit et decrevit quod Andreas Tulidef satisfaciet pro dimidia parte aque de ly Raak quam habet ad requestam domini de Gordoune talem grissomam qualem alii vicini solvunt, non obstante summa quam de dicto domino de Gordoun' prefato.

Item, the sammyn dai Androu Tulidef be the grete ath' the quhilke he had sworne deponit anence the thirdpart of the net of the Pot the quhilke that he had before that he heght' to the alderman than John' of Fife that he suld resigne to Patrik of Fife that thirdpart and he gave it owre⁷ til the

¹ Followed by *de*.

² Followed by *foris*....

³ MS faded.

⁴ Followed by *ad*.

⁵ Not clear from suspension whether singular or plural intended.

⁶ Followed by *ter*....

⁷ Marginated; replacing *owr*'.

sammyn Patrik that tyme that he gat consent of the lord of Gordoune to the half net of the Raake.

Duncane of Clat and John[ne] of Scrogs, filius, be thair' athes deponit the sammyn in al thing.

[729]

Presentes in hoc consilio Ricardus Ruthirfurd', David Ruthirfurd', Johannes Fife, Johannes Marr', Stephanus Joh[n]n[e]son', Johannes Gray, Johannes Scrogs, pater, Thomas Blyndseil, Andreas Ayncroft, Alexander Kintor, Patricius Badenach', Johannes Scrogs, filius, Willelmus Rolland', Johannes Howyson', Walterus Giffard', Willelmus Cadiou, Simon Blabre, Duncanus Clat, Andreas Tulidef, et Johannes Kintor.

The viij day of Aprile, the yhere of grace a thousande, etc., xlvij, the alderman and ballieis set to David Kynidy the westmast both under the tolboth safande ane for a yhere for a merk of male.

[730]

Quinto die mensis Aprilis, anno Domini, etc., quadragesimo octavo, the quhilk day Williame Scherar', aldermane, Jhone of Scrogs the fadir, Master Thomas Edname, Androu Tulydef, Jhon' Wode, Duncane of Clat, Stevin Jhonson, Androw Ancroft, Patryk of Badienach, Wat Giffarde, Malcolme of Forbes, Jhon' Gray, Jhone' Voket, Thome of Kyntor', Thom Blindsele, Jhon Blak, Jhone Howyson, Symon Blabre, Jhon' Henrisone Culane, Jamez Blyndsele, Jhon' Galt, Will Rollande, Alexander Cryne, Thome of Stane, Alexander Blyndsele, Will Malisone, Robert Baroun', Wat Pyot, Robert Pratt, Thom Andersone, Jhone' of Tulydeff, Jhone' Nachty, Androw Childe, Duncan of Lundoris, Duncane¹ Alown', Will Peterkyne, Androu Panyter', Will Andersone', Alexander Rollande, William of Cadiou, Will Symson, Will Fichet, Androw Sprunt, Jhone of Spens, Will Atkynsone, Paton' Pyot and Malcom' Dacr', serjandis, Mathow Fichet, Jhon' of London', Geoffray Burnat,² Jhone' Hervy.

xvij^{mo} die mensis Maij, anno supradicto, commune consilium huius burgi instante Andrea Alaneson' et considerata promissione facta eidem Andree ab antea, concessit eidem Andree Alaneson' piscariam dimidii rethis de ly Pot aque Dee quam possidebat quondam Agnes Branche in casu quod dicta piscaria inuenietur vacans per illos³ duodecim qui fecerunt dictam assedacionem.

¹ Followed by *Alan*².

² Followed by *444H*.

³ Followed by *seij*-*de*.

Item, eodem die decretum fuit per idem consilium quod Marioria relicta quondam Sellar' gaudebit assedacionem bolle aque usque terminum Beati Martini proximum et¹ inveniet sufficientem servitorem ad ministrandum in officio et dabit pro firma.²

[731]

The firste dai of Julii, the yhere of grace j^m cccc xlviij the commoune counsaile has concludit and grauntit to mak a propyne to our' soverane lord the kingis welcum, quhilk is now to cum, of twa tunnes of Gascoene wyne, sex lichtis of iij stane of wax, and xij half pundis of scorchetis or falyheand thar' of xij hale pundis.³

xxj^{mo} die Julii, anno Domini, etc., xlvij^o, subscripti electi fuerunt ad considerandum summas recuperabiles et non recuperabiles de summis debitis de restancia antike financie, etc.

Johannes de Fife Gilbertus Meignes Johannes de Marr' Patri Badenach'
Johannes Scrogs Duncanus⁴ Clat Matheus Fichet

The xvj dai of August the yhere forsaide the counsaile has fundin and ordanit that sen it is clerly knawin to thaim that Androu Benyng tuke fra Adam of Benyng a certane of Bernwall[is] silver that his land and gudis sal freith' the toune of ij h' barellis of salmond' and xij s' vj d' of silver that remanys unpaiit.

It wes ordanit be the aldermane and the counsaile the xxvij day of September that Robert of Gillaspy suld cum to the tolbutth of the samyn burgh the Fryday next efter to do law and justice to Sir Richard Atkynsone, chaplane, for the annuale of a croft the quhilk the said Robert occupiis and to mak full contentacioun in alsfer' as he has occupiit.

[732]

Curia legalis burgi de Aberden, tenta per ballivos in pretorio eiusdem, octavo die mensis Maii, anno Domini, etc., lxix^{no}.

The samyn day the accione of forthought felny put to Will' of Lammynton and til his son' be Robert Quhitson⁵ is contenutt to the morn' efter the Trinite day next to cum and richt sua of breking of borowys.

¹ Followed by ?jo....

² No sum given.

³ Printed, *Extracts from the Council Register of Aberdeen*, 17.

⁴ Preceded by *Johannes*.

⁵ Followed by *the-decying-of-it*.

The distrubling and disobeying¹ of the bailye Johne' of Kintor and for distrubling of Will' of Lammynton and his son' and breking of borowis on thaim contenuit is in lyke wys' to the samyn day done' be Robert of Aberdour' to thaim and the saide Robert has fundyn Will' Blindsell lawborch' that the saide Will' of Lammynton' and his son' and thair' parties be on scathit of him' bot as curse of common law will'.

Item, Robert Quhitson' has fundin Adam of Crauffurde and Will' Anderson' law borowys that Will' of Lammynton and his son' and thair' inherdance be on scathit of² him bot as curse of common law will' and on the samyn wise Will' of Lammynton' and his son' has fundyn Richart of Kyntor and Gilbert of Kyntor law borowyis that Robert Quhitson' and Robert of Aberdour' and thair' inherdance be on scathit of thaim bot as curse of common law will'.

It is giffin to Jamys Craike to preff on the morne' efter the Trinite day that the some' of vj li' xj s' ix d' ob' clamyt be Henry of Culan be payit til him he is quyt and gif he failyeis of his preff he sal content the said Henry the said some'.

The samyn day Johne' Alexanderson' in amercyment of this curt for the wrangwise distrubling of Johne' Walkar' and his servandis and til amend' til him as law will'.

[733]

Curia gilde burgi de Aberdene tenta in tempore prepositure Johannis de Fif per Duncanum de Clat, decanum gilde, die quarto mensis Octobris, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quadragesimo octavo.

Quo die subscripti electi erant in communes consiliarios huius burgi.

The assise chosin to serve the justice

John' of Fife	Thom Blyndsele	William Scherrar'	Robert Chalmer
Jhon' of Scrogs, pater	Alexander of Kyntor'	Jhon' Gray	Ric' of Chamer
Gilbert Meigneis		John' Howyson	Will' Cadiou
Jhon' of Marr'	John' of Scrogis, filius	Stevin Jonson' ³	
Androu Ancroft ⁴	Mathow Fichet ⁵	Andrew Alanson'	
		Malcolme of Forbes	
Robert Blyndsele	Jhon Scherrar Dunbanan	Alexander of Douglace	
Will Rolande	Thom Nicolson	Wat Giffard	
Will Voket	Robert Gillaspy ⁶	Thom Kyntor	

¹ 'and disobeying' interlined.

² Followed by [?] *thaim*.

³ The names from *Scherrar'* to *Jonson'* are bracketed together.

⁴ The names from *Scrogs* to *Ancroft* are bracketed together.

⁵ The names from *Blyndsele* to *Fichet* are bracketed together.

⁶ These three names are bracketed together.

John' Henrison Culan' John Kynidy
John Kyntor

Patricius de Fife

This is the appoyntment betuex Alexander of Wardlaw, Androu Pulty, Joh[n]n[e] Joffraison', Stephanus Huntar' and Joh[n]n[e] Duncaneson', takaris of² certane men plegis of Hertilpule³ on that a part and Joh[n]n[e] Stephinon' burges of this burgh' on that othir' part, that is to say that Joh[n]n[e] Stephinon' is obliste be the faith' of his bodi to do his lele diligence to keip the said plegis for quhais costis and keypyng he sal have every dai v s' schillingis⁴ of usuale monee of Scotland fra the dai of thair' entre on to the tyme of thair' passage the quhilk monee salbe paiit to the said Joh[n]n[e] of the eraste silver and gold that cummys of the said plegis and or he part with thaim.⁵ And the said Joh[n]n[e] Stephinon' has na perile na aventure of thair' keypyng bot to do his lele diligence as is forsaide. And at he sal noght' deliver thaim bot of charge and consent of al the forsaide men or thair' procuratouris. Attour' thai have promissit to the said Joh[n]n[e] a reward for his keypyng and labour' to be modifiit be Joh[n]n[e] of Fif, alderman and Gilbert Meignes, burges of⁶ this burgh'.

[734]

The xiij day of Decembre the yhere of grace j^m iiiij^c xlvij the counsaile has ordanit that David Lichton' have his fee of xvij markis swa that he cum ilke halidai to the howris and ilke day to the Ladymes' under the payne of ⁷ iiiij d' for ilke howr'.

Item, the counsaile has grauntit to David Keniedy a buth' under the tolbuth' fra hyne to Quhissondai free for his service in the kirk.

Item, the counsaile has concludit that thai will noght' continow to Maister Androu Crondane na fee bot give he makis gude service it salbe considerit be the aldirman and the counsaile to reward him.

Item, the counsaile has continowit to S[ire] James Fraser and S[ire] Androu Thomson' thair' feis of the kirk service on to Quhissondai next tocum al anerly, and fra thyne the toun salbe free to fee quhom thai like, etc.

Item, the half watter boll' vacand be the discess' of Robert of Sellar' salbe reservit in the handis of the dene of the gilde on to the tyme that the counsaile be better avisit how thai will dispone upon it.

¹ These four names are bracketed together.

² Followed by *the*.

³ Marginated; *Quhitby* (Whitby, Northumberland) is struck through in the text.

⁴ Sic.

⁵ Followed by *oute of his hous*.

⁶ Followed by *Ab*.

⁷ Followed by *fo*....

Presentes in consilio

Gilbertus Meignes, Johannes Scrogs, Stephanus Joh[n]n[e]son', Alexander Kintor, Matheus Fichet, Andreas Ayncroft, Walterus Giffard', Adam Nicholson', Simon Blabre, Johannes Blak, Robertus Gillespy, Willelmus Rolland', Murthacus Glastre, David Ruthirfurd', Willelmus Scherar', Johannes Voket et Ricardus Kintor, cum preposito, decano gilde, et ballivis.

Item, penes feodum abbatis de Bone Acorde, consilium ordinavit quod prepositus in cuius tempore electus fuit satisfaciet sibi feodum suum, secundum consideracionem consilii.

[735]

Curia gilde burgi de Aberdene' tenta per consiliarios burgi predicti in pretorio eiusdem die decimoseptimo mensis Januarii, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quadragésimo octavo.

Quhilk day wes chosin be the hale consale and communitie Gilbert Meigneis, Duncane of Clat, Jhone' yong of Scrogs and Mathow Fichet til ordanyt¹ and se how ilke man of this burgh' sal be bodyne anent the apparande wer' tocum of Inglis men the quhilk to do lelely and treuly the forsaid personis has sworn' the gret ath' with out fraud or gile.

Item, it is ordanit that a man of ilke craft sal sytt with the forsaid personis quhile thai of his craft be taxt and ordanit efter the ordinance of the forsaid personis.

And als at the out burgez be warnyt til day and til underly the ordinance of the said personis lyk as dois the inburgez. And this tobe done' under al the hiest pane that thai inryne' and tyne' agaynnis the kingis majeste and this burgh'.

Curia gilde huius burgi tenta per prepositum et decanum gilde ultimo die mensis Januarii anno supradicto.

The quhilke dai it was avisit, concludit and ordanit be the maste parte of the brethir' of gilde of this burgh' for the commoune gude and avale of merchandise that al maner of man that ladis ony merchand gudez owte of this burgh' in Flaundris sal mak fraght' hamwartis in the schippes to be frachtit to this burgh' nygh'bor'like, that is to say, at the leste for three sekis owtwarte twa tonnes hamewartis, and of² othir' gudes right' swa be the valu, bath' of fische and of hidis.

¹ Sic.

² Interlined with caret.

Item, at ilke raise thar' salbe twa of the worthiaste merchandis that sailis chosin be the commoune counsaile of this burgh', quhilkis sal have powar' under the seel of the toune to mak the said statute be execute as afferis, alsweil of gudis set up at the merkate as othiris.

Item, at thaa twa merchandis and nane othiris sal by with' avise of the remanaunt of the merchandis al the salt that salbe boght' to this toune; and at thai sal gerr' the maister of the schip in propre persoune stand by and ressave the salt;¹ and quhat tyme that he cummys heir' he sal or ever he loss' ony gudis enter be his grete ath' to the dene of the gilde how mykill salt he ressavit in his schip; and he sal keip and underly the salt quhil it be deliverit at the key. And of the salt that he deliveris he sal have fracht' and of namar'.

[736]

Item, that al the remanant of the merchandis that sailis sal obey honestli and underly the forsaid twa merchandis in frachting of schippes and al maner of othir' thingis under the payne.²

Item, quhat ever he be that dois the contrare and brekis ony of thir' statutis sal pay to the kirk werk of this burgh' v lib' unforgiffin and give he fautis in fracht he sal pay never the les' idil fraght'.

[737]

It is ordanit and statute be the hale counsaile and mony of the brethir' of the gilde for defens of the toune and invading quhilkis apperis of Inglismen that the aldirman and the dene of the gilde with' othir' discreit persounes quhilkis thai wil tak to thaim sal ordane and provide waiis and mak actis and statutis for defens' of the toune as thaim think speidfull.

[738]

Duodecimo die mensis Junii, anno Domini, etc., xlix^{no}, in presencia Johannis de Fife, prepositi, et Duncani de Clat, decani gilde, ac Andree Alaneson', unius ballivorum,³ ac diversorum de consilio huius burgi, videlicet, Gilberti Meignes, Johannis de Scrogs, patris, Joh[ann]is⁴ de Marr', Thome Blyndseil, Andree Ayncroft, Andree Meignes, Thome Kintor, Willelmi Voket, Edmundi Louson', Johannis Howison', Johannis Blyndseil, Roberti Wormot, et Alexandri Cryne, personaliter comparens Andreas de Tulidef, procurator et procuratorio nomine Ricardi de Camera, burgensis huius burgi, prout de sue procuracionis mandato per suas literas patentes

¹ Followed by an illegible word, struck through.

² Entry is incomplete.

³ ac...ballivorum is marginated; there is a marker to it in the text after gilde.

⁴ No contraction mark in MS.

ibidem ostensas et perlectas satis constabat, virtute eiusdem procuracionis et quarumdem literarum resignacionis eiusdem Ricardi de Camera suo eciam sigillo sigillato, quamdam piscariam tercię partis rethis de ly Mydchingill aque de Dee in manibus prefati prepositi nomine communitatis in favorem Murthaci de Glast' tunc presentis, pure et simpliciter per fustem et baculum sursum reddidit, ac pure et simpliciter resignavit ac totum jus et juris clameum de¹ in dicta piscaria virtute et vigore assedacionis sibi facte per communitatem de eadem habuit vel habere potuit, pro se et heredibus et assignatis suis quibuscumque quietumclamavit imperpetuum. Quo peracto prefatus prepositus cum consensu et avisamento concilii antedicti eandem piscariam cum pertinenciis predicto Murthaco dedit, assedavit et assignavit adeo libere et quiete sicut dictus Ricardus aut alii convicini huius burgi piscarias eiusdem die presenti tenuerunt et possiderunt.

[739]

Burgenses et confratres gilde facti tempore prepositure Johannis Fife, anno Domini m iiij^c xlix^{no}.

Magister Alexander de Guthery ex gracia consilii receptus est, prestito juramento, etc.

Alexander de Sanchar' similiter ex gracia consilii receptus fuit, prestito solito juramento.

Archibaldus Tulach' Leiche similiter ex gracia consilii receptus fuit, prestito solito juramento.

Johannes de Glen'ralvyle receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde ad instanciam Johannis Rede, ex gracia consilii, et quod idem Johannes habeat unam terram infra limites dicti burgi infra annum et diem; pro quinque solidis.

Magister Arnaldus Hyer receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde, ex gracia consilii, pro quinque solidis et pro suis consiliis, auxiliis, et supplemento dicto burgo pro toto tempore vite sue impendendis.

[740]

Johannes de Ketnes receptus fuit in simplicem burgensem pro xx s', etc.

[741]

Nono die mensis Augusti, anno Domini, etc., xlix^{no}, Gilbert Meignes, Androu Meignes, Joh[n]n[e] of Scrogs and Androu Ayncroft for a quartar', Duncane Clat, Robert Blynseil, Joh[n]n[e] of Marr' and Patrik Badenach' for a quartar', Matheu Fichet, Joh[n]n[e] Henrison' Culane,

¹ Sic; rectius *que*?

Androu Childe and Joh[n]n[e] Scherar' Dunbanane for a quartar' and Joh[n]n[e] Howison', Thomas Blyndseil, Will' Rolland and Laurence Thomson' for the feird quartar' has ordanit and made furth' David Meignes in Flaundris in al haste to by a schipfull of salt and fracht a schip to this burgh' of Aberdene and for til bynd thaim til ladyng of the sammyn schip as him think best and maste speidfull; for the quhilkis labour' thai have promist to the said David til his expens' four' pundes grete of the moneth¹ of Flaundris; and because that the forsaid merchandes desirit and procurit² that the said David myght' have a commission' of the hale toune and undre the secrete seel, thai have obliste thaim that thai sall keip the toune and the commounes harmlace and scathlas of al and sindri thingis that the said David sal do or bynd be vertu of the said commission'.

Duodecimo die mensis Septembris, anno Domini, etc., xlix^{no},³ maior pars confratrum gilde huius burgi, matura deliberacione, consensierunt et deliberaverunt pro utilitate tocius communitatis huius burgi quod Johannes de Fife, prepositus, Duncanus Clat, Gilbertus Meignes, Johannes de Marr', Johannes de Scrogs, pater, Andreas Alaneson' et Patricius Badenach' habeant commissionem sub sigillo communi cum omnimoda facultate⁴ decernendi et determinandi super solucione antique reste summe debite de financia quondam regis Jacobi primi⁵ et dubia et questiones eiusdem declarandi necnon terras, annuos redditus et possessiones defunctorum debencium de eadem vendendi et alienandi et generaliter omnia alia, etc.

[742]

Nomina consilii in tempore assedacionis de Garne Richardo de Ruthirfurde, videlicet, Johannes Scrogs, filius, prepositus, Willelmus Scherar', Duncanus Clat, decanus, Murthacus Glastre, Thomas Blendsel,⁶ Patricius Badenach', ballivi, Johannes Kynidy,⁷ Stephanus Balrony, Willelmus Rolande, Johannes Hovysoun, Alexander Blendsel, et Johannes Scherar' de Dunbanene qui concedebant sibi sicut prius fuerat pro vij annis preteritis, etc., erit concessum penultima die mensis Januarii, anno, etc., xlix^o.

Eodem die Sche[...]ley⁸ assidatur Johanni Scrogs, etc., preposito, pro vij annis.

¹ Sic.

² Followed by the *commoune seel* o....

³ Followed by *magna pars consilii*.

⁴ Followed by *et*.

⁵ James I, 1406-37.

⁶ Name inserted between previous councillor's first and last names, and then repeated in margin.

⁷ Followed by *et*.

⁸ MS stained.

Et eodem die Rubislaw assedabatur Johanni Henrisoun pro [?iiij]¹ annis cum consensu consilii antedicti, testibus supradictis eisdem.

Sexto die mensis Februarii, anno supradicto, terre de Bogfarlach' assedatur Simoni Blabre ad terminum quatuor annorum, quolibet anno pro liij s' et iiij d', plegio.²

xvj die Marcii, anno supradicto, Heslihede assedatur Alexandro Kintor ad terminum quatuor annorum, quolibet anno pro liij s' iiij d', plegio.³

[743]

Curia gilde tenta in pretorio eiusdem, die decimo mensis Octobris, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quadagesimo nono; Joanne Scrogs, preposito, et Duncano de Clatt, decano gilde, ut patet in curia subsequente[m]⁴ alterius pagine.

The quhilk day it wes ordanit be hal consale with the consent of the merchandis of this burgh' that ilke merchande man that sendis gud to Brugez sal gif in the honor' of God and Sanct Nicolace our patron' that is to say iiij gret of ilke sek of woll and iiij g' of the clath of skynnis and j g' of ilke barrell' and a gret of ilke dacre of hidis and this tobe disponit upon' the reparacion' of the parise kirk of Sanct Nicolace; and of ilk barrell that passis out of this burgh' to the Firth⁵ or yet ony othir place, j d' of the barrell tobe disponit as is forsaied. And this⁶ wes grauntit with ane assent and tobe put under the comon' sele and for iiij yheris til endure quhil thai be better avisit.

Item, it wes concludit that ilk day that al thai that occupiit the common loch' thai sal red it and be redy in tyme' of yhere with spadis and schulis and othir instrumentis for the reparacion' of it.

Eodem die electio decani gilde continuata fuit usque ad proximam curiam gilde.

[744]

Curia gilde tenta in pretorio burgi de Aberdene', die vicesimo quarto mensis Octobris, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quadagesimo nono.

Quo die Duncanus de Clat electus fuit in decanum gilde pro isto anno.

¹ Numbers are blotted and unclear.

² No name given.

³ No name given.

⁴ Recte *subsequenti*? The reference seems to be to the fact that Duncan Clat was elected dean of guild for the next year in the court on 7 Nov. 1449, on p. 744.

⁵ Possibly the Firth of Forth.

⁶ Interlined.

Curia gilde tenta per Johannem de Scrogs, prepositum, et Duncanum de Clat, decanum gilde, in pretorio huius burgi vij^{mo} die mensis Novembris, anno Domini supradicto.

Quo die consensum fuit, decretum et ordinatum per confratres gilde huius burgi quod si serjendi vel aliqui vel aliquis serjendorum in ministracione officii sui deficiant et de huiusmodi defectu¹ per assisam xij proborum virorum coram preposito convinctantur aut convincatur, licebit ballivis huiusmodi convictos vel convictum officio et administracione privare et alio aut alium eligere et huiusmodi officia conferre probis personis qui huiusmodi officii² gaudebunt pro uno anno integro a tempore introitus suis perimplendo.

Item, the sammyn dai be avise of certane persounes chosin to commoune and conclude apou the governance of this toune and commoune profite of it and for the uphaldin of merchandise it is ordanit and concludit:

In the firste, that na merchand man of this burgh' opin his both' durr' to do ony merchandise, outhir' sell or by apou the Sondai under the payne of a punde of wax or the valu of it to be raisit be the dene of the gild of ilke faute unforgiffin and to be appliit to the kirk werk.

Item, that the dene of the gilde see bath' be seirscheyng and inquisicion and punyce rigorously and but favour' al thaim that in henderyng of merchandise³ schapis and barkis or barkis noght' beand gilde othir' waiis than the law levis.

Item, that he punys' the skynnaris that biis skynnis to pluk or to mak merchandise of othir' waiis than the law levis and the statute of the gilde.

[745]

<Ja' Blyndseil

W. Galt >

Item, that naman by talch' mar' than may suffice his house or mak merchandise of it under the payne of eschete of it to the commoune profite and viij s' unforgiffin in tyme to cum; and it at is boght' in tyme bigane that the alderman and the dene of the gilde pass' to thair' housis that has bocht' it and gerr' it be deliverit to the commouns be the sammyn price that is⁴ was boght'.

Item, that the dene of gilde punys' forstallaris of this burgh' alsweil free men as othiris within the burgh' or withoute efter the ald actes and statutis made thar' apou but favour'. And at he inquire and accuse sic forstalling ilke xv daiis in the gild courte and that nothir' the alderman na he

¹ Followed by ~~comi~~...

² Sic; possible that this is corrected in MS to *officia*.

³ Followed by ~~his~~.

⁴ Sic.

compone na fyne with' ony forstallar'is withoute avise and wittyng of sex persounes at the leest of counsaile and the clerk.

Item, give the dene of the gilde beis negligent in the execucion and punysyng' of thir' forsaid statutis and he be convicte be the alderman and counsaile thar'apon he sal pay the sammyn unlaw and payne that the fautouris suld have paiit, to be raisit of him be the alderman unforgiffin.

Item, that the balyheis keip the actes made befor the chawmerlayne the yhere of grace, etc., xxxiiij last bigane¹ anence the assise of brede and ale and flesche and othiris under the paynez contenyt in the sammyn actis and at the alderman² accuse thaim thar'apon and punyss' thaim as afferis.

<Frumentum vs'.>³

[746]

The xvj dai of Decembre the yhere of grace forsaid, Ric' of Ruthirfurd', Gilbert Meignes, Alexander of Kintor, John Gray, Stephin Joh[n]n[e]son', Thomas Blyndseil, Patri Badenach' and Simon Blabre, audittouris to William Scherar'is cownt of the yhet of the Ovirkirkgate, he swome to underly thair' ordinancez, his cost examynyt and his male that he has haldin in his hand sen the biggyng of the yhet to this dai and the ressait of the contribucion of the said yhet considerit and and allowit, thai fynd William Scherar' forsaid awand to the commownys xxxiiij lib' x s' of the quhilk thai ordane the sammyn William to freith' this⁴ toune and the balyheis of this twa yher[is] last bigane befor Mychaelmes' last bipassit and apou the remanand' the alderman and counsaile sall superseid apou his gude beryng.

Ul[timo]⁵ die mensis Aprilis anno Domini, etc., quinquagesimo, prepositus de consensu consilii communis⁶ concessit Macolmo Forbes illam dimidiam partem rethis de ly Pott aque de Dee⁷ quam quondam David Ruthirfurd habuit in assedacione sub eodem precio de quo idem quondam David illam habuit; et satisfaciendo firmas eiusdem eciam de⁸ terminis preteritis debitis per dictum quondam David et in futuris satisfaciet firmas bene et competenter secundum quod alii convicini facient. Et preterea obligatur dictus Macolmus⁹ predicto preposito et consulibus et fatetur quod si firma

¹ ACR, IV, 33.

² Interlined with caret.

³ A note of the price of wheat, made for the purpose of the assize of bread.

⁴ Followed by a now illegible word which is struck through.

⁵ MS stained.

⁶ Followed by '~~conf...~~'.

⁷ Followed by *que fuit*.

⁸ Followed by *tribus*, interlined with caret.

⁹ Followed by *pro*.

dicte dimidie partis rethis remaneat non soluta de uno termino ad alium ex tunc dicta dimidia pars rethis vacabit libere dispositioni prepositi et communis consilii, et quod eam amplius non calumpniabit se ex nunc prout extunc quitumclamat imperpetuum.

Ego Malcolmus Forbes consentio et subscribo et obligo me ad premissa. Et memorandum quod dicta dimidia pars rethis assedatur dicto Macolmo pro eisdem terminis pro quibus dictus quondam David illam habuit tantum, et non ultra, etc.

[747]

Forisstallatores convicti et confessati tempore prepositure Johannis de Scrogs, Duncano de Clat decano gilde.

Willelmus Gray, convictus pro forisstallacione pellium, finivit pro xiiij s' iiii d', solvendis citra Dominicam Ramarum;¹ plegio Angusio Lilburn.

Johannes de Murreve convictus pro forisstallacione pellium pro quo Johannes Mathei devenit plegius ad intrandum dictum Johannem ante festum Carnis Previi proxime futurum² coram preposito et ballivis.

Willelmus Lamb convictus pro forisstallacione³ pellium et regratacionem finivit pro xx s' solvendis citra Carnis Previum plegio David Symson' et quod amodo non forisstallabit infra libertatem huius burgi sub pena x marcarum.

<Pelliparii⁴>

John Richardson' grauntis plukkyng of schorlingis.

Donaldus Skynnar'

Valandy Skynnar'

Johannes de Skene

Quit' of wolskynnys⁵

Andreas Bell

Johannes Tod

Willelmus Stephinson'

<Non est liber> Ricardus Skynnar'

¹ Palm Sunday, falling on 29 Mar. 1450.

² This term may refer to the first days of Lent, or to Septuagesima or Sexagesima Sunday. The alternative days are, therefore, for 1450, either 1 or 8 Feb. or 18 Feb. (Ash Wednesday) and following.

³ Followed by ?*pli*....

⁴ This marginal word has five lines radiating from it as if to bracket the names from *Richardson'* to *Skynnar'*.

⁵ The names *Donald Skynnar'* to *Richard Skynnar'* are bracketed together to the right, apparently to indicate that this note applies to each of them.

<Sutores>¹ Johannes Joffraison' fatetur quod tannat et utitur arte in voluntate et finivit pro vj s' viij d' et utetur tannacione.

Andreas Thomson' fatetur quod tannat et [utitur]² arte in voluntate.
Johannes Fauside fatetur similiter in voluntate.

<Burgenses tantum>³ Johannes Stokkar' fatetur similiter in voluntate et finivit pro vj s' viij d' et non amodo tannabit sub pena juris, plegio Angusio⁴ Lilburn'.
Jacobus Suthirland fatetur similiter, in voluntate.

<Burgensis tantum>⁵ Willelmus Michaelson' fatetur similiter finivit pro v s' et non amodo tannabit sub pena juris, plegio Angusio Lilburn'.

<Non est liber>⁶ Willelmus Ranyson' quitus de tannacione.
Johannes Ketnys convictus quod tannat et utitur arte convictus; finivit pro xl d' et non tannabit sub pena juris, plegius Gilbertus Vaus.

<Non est liber>⁷ Forsith' quitus de tannacione.
<Quitus>⁸ Johannes Club quitus.
Thom Duncaneson' convictus de tannacione et usu artis.
Thom Club.
Thomas Lambe in voluntate prepositi.

<Non est liber> Johannes Mychailso[u]n[e] convictus pro tannacione et usu artis.
Willelmus Sowtar' convictus pro tannacione et usu artis.
Willelmus Barry convictus pro tannacione dedit Johannem Fawsyd plegium quod non amplius tannabit sub pena juris.

<Non est liber> Willelmus Eddydeach' convictus pro tannacione et finivit pro xl d' et non amodo tannabit, plegio Willelmo Scherar'.

¹ This marginal word has three lines radiating from it, as if to bracket the names from *Joffraison'* to *Fauside*.

² MS stained.

³ This marginal note has two lines radiating from it as if to bracket the names from *Stokkar'* to *Suthirland*.

⁴ Followed by ?*Gilb...*, smudged.

⁵ There is a line from this marginal note to the name opposite.

⁶ There are two lines coming from this marginal note to the names of William Ranyson' and John Club.

⁷ There is a line from this marginal note to the name opposite.

⁸ There is a line from this marginal note to the name opposite.

[748]

Johannes Harpar' fatetur forisstillacionem lane, correorum et pellium, regratacionem ac exportacionem finivit pro xxvj s' viij d', plegio Waltero Murison' quod satisfaciet dictam summam citra festum Pasche proxime futurum et quod amodo non forisstillabit sub pena x lib'.

Thomas Biset confessus est forisstillacionem lane, pellium et correorum ac regratacionem finivit pro xij s' iij d', plegio Duncano Clat.

David Soutar' de Turrefe confessus forisstillacionem pellium finivit pro xx s' solvendis citra festum Carnis Previi, plegio Patricio Badenach'.

Eodem die Thomas Malicesoun

Item Johannes de Glenmanillyng¹

Posuerunt se in voluntate

prepositi pro forisstillacione
burgi

Walterus de Auchneve convictus per assisam de forisstillacione burgi et finivit cum preposito pro xx s' et amodo non forisstillabit sub pena juris.

Andreas Scherar' finivit cum preposito pro forisstillacione burgi pro xl s'.

Thomas Malicesoun finivit pro forisstillacione burgi cum preposito pro xij s' iij d' et amodo non forisstillabit² sub pena juris.

Johannes de Glenmalyng finivit cum preposito pro forisstillacione pro xij s' iij d' et amodo non forisstillabit sub pena juris et plegius pro summa

Walterus Morisoun solvenda ad festum Crucis³ proxime futurum.

Thomas Fif finivit cum preposito pro forisstillacione⁴ burgi pro quinque solidis solvendis ad festum Carnis Previi et Willelmus Symsoun plegius et debitor et non amodo forisstillabit sub pena juris.

[749]⁵

Decimo sexto die mensis Januarii Johannes Scherar' fuit plegius legalis pro Thoma Traile ex parte David Blabre, etc.

Quo die Willelmus Galt fuit plegius legalis pro Johanne Traile ex parte Davide⁶ Blabre, etc.

¹ These two names are bracketed together with lines to left and right.

² Followed by *et-am.*...

³ This may refer to Good Friday (*Adoratio Crucis*, in 1450 on 3 Apr.), the feast of the Finding of the Holy Cross (*Inventio Sancte Crucis*, 3 May), or the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (*Exaltatio Crucis*, 14 Sep.).

⁴ Sic.

⁵ The following heading on this page is struck through: *Burgenses et confratres gilde facti tempore prepositure Johannis de Scrogs filii, anno Domini, etc., xlix^{mo}.*

⁶ Sic.

Eodem die Alexander Culpar' fuit in amerciamento pro conturbacione Thome Gibsoun et emendabit parti lese ad visum proborum.

Eodem die Johannes filius Mathei in amerciamento curie pro perturbacione Johannis Pettynvyne, etc.

The xvij day of the moneth' of Januare the yhere of our' Lorde j^m etc., xlix the alderman and the consaile of the tounne has chousyng Wilyame Atkynsoun and Wilyame of Catnes dekyannis of thar' craft be a vise¹ of thar' falowis and that til endure quhil thai be dischargit of the alderman and the consaile.

Robert of Petit and William Hunter' war sworn and chosin dekyannes and serchearis of all the webstaris craft.

Curia gilde tenta in pretorio burgi de Aberdene xxiiij^o die mensis Januarii anno, etc., xlix^o.

Quo die Richardus Hill finivit cum proposito pro forisstellacione preterita usque ad diem presentem pro x s' solvendis apud festum Pentichostes, plegio Nicholaio Benyng. Et amplius non forisstellabit sub pena juris.

Decim²

Vicesimoquarto die mensis Januarii, anno, etc., xlix^o, Johannes Mathousoun³ fatetur forisstellacionem pellium et coreorum pro qua finivit cum proposito pro xij s' et iiij d' solvendis in presente, plegio Roberto Gillespy, et amodo non forisstellabit sub pena juris.

[750]

Willelmus de Cantuly fatetur forisstellacionem pellium et finivit cum proposito pro xvj s'⁴ solvendis in Flandria, plegio Johanne Scherar'.

Vicesimo septimo die mensis Januarii Robertus Baroun plegius⁵ intrarefaciet Duncanum Mowbray infra xv dies, moniciones ad calupniam⁶ prepositi pro forisstellacione prius calupniata.⁷

Johannes Alexandri finivit cum proposito pro forisstellacione pro x s' solvendis ad festum Phasse,⁸ plegio Willelmo Atkynsoun et amplius non forisstellabit sub pena juris.

¹ Sic.

² Entry is incomplete.

³ *Johannes Mathouso[un]* is interlined with a caret.

⁴ Interlined, replacing ~~octo s'~~ *[rossorum]* *[Flandrie]*.

⁵ Interlined, with caret.

⁶ Sic.

⁷ Sic.

⁸ Sic; an unusual form of Pasche. Easter Sunday fell on 5 Apr. 1450.

Henricus Many confessus foristallacionem pellium et regratacionem denariatorum; finivit pro xv s', et quod non forisstillabit amplius sub pena x marcarum, plegio Thoma Gled, citra medium Quadragesime.

Thomas Wynbrede convictus de forisstillacione pellium et regratacione finivit pro.¹

Robertus Irnside convictus de forisstillacione pellium et propinacione salis et ferri finivit pro xij s' iij d' solvendis citra festum Beate Trinitatis,² plegio Roberto Prat, et amplius non forisstillabit sub pena x marcarum.

<Juravit quod
non habuit in
bonis unde solvat
aliquidam³>

Johannes Michaelson' convictus de forisstillacione pellium regratacione et expo...⁴ finivit pro.⁵

Andreas Fras' commorans apud Fethirressow⁶ finivit cum preposito pro vj s' viij d' quod possit in isto burgo carere, etc., quia quietus factus fuit per assisam de forisstillacione huius burghi.

<Purgavit se> Johannes Broune purgabit se infra xv dies quod non forisstillavit lanam Thome Smyth' aut aliam et hoc per iuramenta duorum proborum virorum, plegio Roberto Sillir'.

Johannes Michelson' callit Thrift posuit se in voluntate pro forisstillacione⁷ pellium et finivit pro xxvj s' viij d', plegio Johanne Nachty.

Willelmus Colison' posuit se in voluntate de forisstillacione lane et pellium et finivit pro xx s', plegio Johanne Mathison' Gillespy quod ammodo non forisstillabit.

[751]

Burgenses et confratres gilde facti tempore prepositure Johannis de Scrogs, filii, anno Domini, etc., xlix^{no}.

Ricardus Modane, racione paterne libertatis receptus fuit, prestito solito iuramento, pro v s'.

¹ Entry is incomplete.

² Trinity Sunday, 31 May 1450.

³ This marginal note is marked by a form of cross.

⁴ Word is lost in centre of page.

⁵ Entry is incomplete.

⁶ Fetteresso.

⁷ Followed by *teme*.

- Willelmus Edyndeach', ex gracia consilii¹ receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde, ex eo quod disponavit filiam Alexandri Moyses, confratris gilde, pro v s'; plegio pro vicinitate Alexandro Moyses.
- Johannes de Narn, ex gracia consilii receptus fuit in liberum burgensem² et confratrem gilde, ad instanciam Andree, domini le Gray, justiciarii, et Alexandri Narn, pro v s'; plegio Andrea Ayncroft.
- David Colyson' receptus fuit ex eo quod disponavit filiam Mathei Fichet, ex gracia consilii, pro v s'; plegio pro eo eodem Matheo Fichet.³
- Alanus Clat, filius Duncani Clat, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde ob favorem et ad instanciam ipsius Duncani, pro v s'; plegio eodem Duncano.
- Thomas Culane receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde racione paterne libertatis pro v s', plegio.⁴
- Nicholaius Benyng receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde, racione paterne libertatis pro v s' quos prepositus dedit Waltero Balca[n]cole pro scriptura ludi in festo Corporis Christi⁵.
- Duncanus Kid receptus fuit in liberum burgensem racione libertatis patris sui, Roberti Kid, et si inveniatur quod dictus pater suus fuit confrater gilde ipse eciam erit confrater gilde, et prestitit solitum juramentum et dedit v s'.

[752]

Burgenses tantum facti eodem anno.

- Johannes Thomson',⁶ textor, receptus fuit racione paterne libertatis, pro v s'.⁷
- Thomas Imlach', pistor, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem tantum, in favorem Ricardi Kintor in compensacionem expensarum suarum alias equitantis versus Edinburgh' ad componendum super quadam financia debita ad expensas ambaxiatorum pro treugis.⁸
- Thomas de Keg, scissor, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem tantum,⁹ prestito solito juramento, pro qua libertate dabit xx s' et laborabit per unam septimanam ad ly Key.

¹ Followed by *et*.

² Followed by *ti*.

³ A name has been expunged following this entry: *D... Clat*.

⁴ No name is given.

⁵ In 1450, 4 June.

⁶ Followed by *textorre*.

⁷ Followed by *j d' o'*, possibly struck through.

⁸ *ER*, V, lxxviii.

⁹ Followed by *pro*.

Thomas Robertson', scissor, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem tantum, prestito solito juramento; pro quo dabit communitati xx s' et unum servientem per unam septimanam ad ly Key.

Thomas Benyng, faber, receptus fuit racione paterne libertatis pro v s'.

[753]

Antepenultimo die mensis Maii, anno Domini m^{mo} cccc^{mo} quinquagesimo, personaliter comparens coram¹ preposito et consulibus burgi Marioria, relicta quondam Alexandri Fras[er], burgensis huius burgi, recognovit quod alias dictus quondam Alexander maritus suus, pro salute anime sue et ob honorem Beate Marie virginis gloriose, dedit, concessit et assignavit altari Beate Marie virginis cituato in ecclesia parrochiali Beati Nicholai huius burgi et capellano ibidem divina celebranti qui pro tempore fuit unum annum redditum quinque marcarum levandum annuatim de quadam terra eiusdem Alexandri jacenti in vico Furcarum in ly Newraw inter terram Willelmi Fodringhame ex parte australi et communem viam regiam ex parte australi² cum pertinentiis; reservando sibi Alexandro et Mariorie et eorum diucius viventi liberum tenementum dicti anni redditus pro toto tempore vite sue: quare ne anime eorum debitis fraudetur obsequiis et ut dicta donacio cicius sorciatur effectum, eadem Marioria, in sua pura viduitate constituta,³ sponte et ex sua libera voluntate dictum liberum tenementum eiusdem anni redditus sibi pro toto tempore vite sue contingens in manibus Johannis de Scrogs, prepositi, nomine tocius communitatis et dicti altaris per fustem et baculum, pureque simpliciter resignavit, ac totum jus sibi inde contingens quietumclamavit inperpetuum; ita quod dictus capellanus eundem annum redditum levare et exigere poterit pro sue libito voluntatis; de et super quibus omnibus et singulis dominus Andreas Seras', capellanus eiusdem altaris, petiit a me, notario publico, sibi fieri publicum instrumentum. Presentibus Johanne de Fife, Johanne de Scrogs, patre, Johanne de Marr' et Patricio Badenach' cum multis aliis testibus.

[754]

The xij dai of Julii, the yhere forsaid the alderman and counsaile underwrittyn, that is to say, Joh[n]n[e] of Fife, Gilbert Megnes, Duncane of Clat, Androu Culane, Joh[n]n[e] of⁴ Scrogs, pater, Stephanus Joh[n]n[e]son', Thom Blyndseil, Matheu Fichet, Macolme of Forbes, Joh[n]n[e] Gray, Sym Blabre, Androu Alaneson', Ric' Kintor, Androu

¹ Followed by *?het*....

² Sic.

³ Followed by *ex*.

⁴ Followed by *Gray*.

Meignes, Murthaw Glastre, Patrik Badenach', Androu Ayncrofft, Joh[n]n[e] Kintor has grauntit¹ and remittit to William Scherar' of certane soumes quhilkis he is fundin awand be the auditouris in his acomptis of the yhet and of his office quhilke he has giffin of aldermanschip² xiiij lib'. And the sammyn William Scherar' has dischargeit the toune and is oblist³ nevermar' to clame the toune of na commoune action bigane. And he is obliste to⁴ freith' the toune and the balyheis at this chekkar' of xij lib' x s'; and fra this furth'wartis he sal pay his fermes and maeles yherely and termely under payne of tynsale of his tak.

Item, because Androu Alaneson' at the will of the counsaile has lent to the payment of the said xiiij lib', iij lib' v s' ij d'; item, John' Kintor and Duncane of Clat iij lib' v s' ij d'; Murthaw Glastre and Ric' Kintor iij lib' v s' ij d'; Androu Meignes and Patrik Badenach' iij lib' v s' ij d', the sammyn counsaile has ordanit thir' said soumes be allowit to the said persounes of the watter male of the next Martymes' terme but langar' dilay.

[755]

The xxviiij dai of Julii the yhere, etc., and fiftee David Dun and David Hervy fand Androu of Buchane and Gilbert Meignes borowes to the aldirman and balyheis of this burgh' that thai sall keip this burgh' hamrlace⁵ and scathtlass' of al...⁶

Vicesimo die mensis Septembris, anno Domini, etc., quinquagesimo, Thomas Blyndseil, burgensis huius burgi, ob honorem Dei omnipotentis, eiusque matris, Virginis gloriose, et omnium sanctorum, ac Beati Petri, apostoli, pro salute anime sue, parentum et prolium⁷ suorum et omnium fidelium defunctorum, dedit, concessit, assignavit et deliberavit ac per manus Ricardi Kintor, unius ballivorum huius burgi, deliberari fecit saisinam et possessionem perpetuam in puram elemosinam altari Beati Petri, apostoli, cituato in ecclesia parrochiali Beati Nicholai huius burgi annuos redditus infrascriptos, videlicet, de uno crofto jacenti prope the F[is]brig vocato ly Halilandis xij s'; de ly Clayhill' xiiij s' iiij d'; de ly Schort Croft et ly twa lang riggis jacentibus in territorio croftorum de Futy xiiij s' iiij d'; de terra quam idem Thomas inhabitavit xiiij s' iiij d'; de tenemento ipsius Thome jacenti in ly Buthraw xiiij s' iiij d'; de terra Willelmi Cowtis jacenti in ly Grene x s'; de terra eiusdem Thome jacenti in ly Nethirkirkgate x s'; de

¹ Followed by *ad*.

² Followed by *as*.

³ Followed by *to freith*'.

⁴ Repeated.

⁵ Sic.

⁶ This incomplete entry has been struck through.

⁷ Followed by *æ*...

terra sua quam Mergareta de Marr' inhabitat vj s' viij d'; de terra¹ Johannis Wood jacenti ex parte orientali vici Furcarum xiiij s'; de terra que fuit Johannis Mersar' xiiij s' iij d'; de terra que fuit Johannis Scherar' apud finem orientalem Vici Castri, v s'; et de terra quam Willelmus Lammynton' tenet ad feodofirmam de eodem Thoma in Vico de Futy, viij s'. Testibus: Johanne de Scrogs, filio, tunc preposito, Willelmo Blyndseil, filio eiusdem Thome, Alexandro Crine, Willelmo Voket, Magistro Johanne Cadiou, notario publico, Thoma Andreson' de Inverowry.

[757]²

Curia gilde tenta per Johannem de Scrogs, prepositum, et Duncanum de Clat, decanum gilde, in pretorio ix^{no} die mensis Octobris, anno Domini, etc., millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo.

Quo die Gilbertus Meignes, Johannes de Scrogs, pater, Johannes de Marr', Johannes de Fife, Johannes Gray et Patricius Badenach' electi fuerunt auditores computorum decani gilde et magistrorum fabrice ecclesie de duobus annis ultimo preteritis.

Thomas Coky posuit³ in voluntate de foris stallacione animalium et finivit pro xx s' solvendis citra festum Nativitatis Domini proxime futurum, plegio Andrea Thomson' de Ponte.

Johannes Chapman et Willelmus Cury commorantes in Brechyne⁴ dederunt Johannem Kyniedy plegium quod ammodo non foris stallabunt infra libertatem huius burghi sub pena juris.

<Statutum> It is consentit, statute and ordanit be the maste parte of brethir' of the gild of this burgh' for commoune profite and uphald of merchandise that na nygh'bor' of this burgh' sell⁵ grete salt⁶ better chape than viij s' the boll', the pynt of terr' vj d', the stane of irn iij s', under the payne of viij s' to be raisit of the fawtouris for ilke faute unforgiffin to the commoune profite of this burgh'.

Item, that naman by hidis derrar' than iij s' the ox hide and the kow hidis for ij s' or within, under the said payne unforgiffin and withoute favour'.

Item, that naman by hidis quhill thai be present to the cors' under the said payne to be raisit als oft as it beis taynt.

¹ Followed by *jacenti*.

² Page 756 is blank.

³ *se* omitted?

⁴ Brechin.

⁵ Followed by *salt*.

⁶ Followed by *deman' than*.

Item, that naman by vitaille to sell derrar' agayne and mak merchandise of it, under payne of eschete of the thing and viij s' unforgiffin.

[758]

Donaldus Donaldson' convictus fuit de forisstillacione lane et pellium ac communi exsportacione ultra montes; et finivit pro xij s' iiij d' solvendis in festo Pasche, plegio Roberto Baroune et quod amodo non exsportabit sub pena omnium bonorum suorum.

Normannus de Edyndeach' convictus fuit de forisstillacione trium petrarum lane et finivit pro v s' solvendis ad festum Purificacionis Beate Marie et amplius non forisstillab[it]¹ sub pena juris, plegio Willelmo Edyndeach'.

Willelmus Alaneson' confessus fuit forisstillacionem pellium et regratacionem et finivit pro.²

Johannes Greison' convictus fuit pro regratacionem denariatorum.³

Johannes Stewart posuit se in voluntate pro forisstillacione pellium et regratacionem et finivit pro xij s' iiij d'.

[Theman Goldsmicht] The secunde dai of Novembre the yhere forsaied Duncane of Clat, dene of gilde presente in the courte the eucariste of silver quhilk Theman Goldsmytht had in making. To the making of the quhilk eucariste the forsaied Duncane deliverit iiij^{xx} iij unce of silver and he paiit in parte of the makyng iiij lib'. And he has ressavit agayne in werk liiij unce, the quhilk he present in the courte. And swa remanys in Themannis handis xxix unce for the quhilk Maister Joh[an]n of Cadiou is becummyn and becummys dettour' be this writ writtin with' his propre hand.⁴

Johannes Harpar' finivit pro forisstillacione sua pro xij s' iiij d' solvendis in festo Pentecostes, plegio seipso.

Huchoune Adameson' posuit se in voluntate de forisstillacione⁵ et finivit pro xx s' solvendis ad festa Carnisprevii et Pasche, plegio quod reintrabit bona sua et pro summa Georgio Adameson', fratre suo.

Ricardus Hill posuit in voluntate de forisstillacione et finivit pro xij s' iiij d' solvendis ad festum Pentecostes proximum, plegio Willelmo de Rettre et quod non remanebit⁶ amodo extra burgum forisstillando sub pena amissionis libertatis sue.

¹ No suspension mark in MS.

² No sum given, and a space has been left, suggesting that the entry is incomplete.

³ A space has been left, suggesting that the entry is incomplete.

⁴ Printed, *Extracts from the Council Register of Aberdeen*, 19.

⁵ Followed by *pro*.

⁶ Followed by *##*...

[759]

<Artifices non liberi finentes cum preposito pro arte>

<Textores>

Anabella dicta Wodcok

Joh[n]n[e] Swan

Joh[n]n[e] Williamson'

Joh[n]n[e] Thomson'

Andreas Murreve convictus fuit per assisam de forisinstallacione lane, pellium et correorum ac regratacionem denariatorum.

Thomas¹ Quhite convictus fuit de forisinstallacione lane, pellium ac regratacionem denariatorum.

[760]

Sexto die mensis Maii, anno Domini, etc., quinquagesimo primo, the counsaile and the maste parte of the gilde avisitli consentit to mak in hand² a finance of iij^{xx} lib' to the erle of Huntlee in full payment of the j^c lib' acht til him to be paiit to him as apperis be the lettres endentit betuex him and the communitie of this ton' for the quhilk finance to be made now hastili thai consent and will that the termes of the watterez be lyn[g]thit and the soume raisit thar'of be the sight' of certane persounes chosin thar'too to the nowmer of vj or vij persounes. The quhilkis soumes salbe allowit to the fermouris of the watterez yherely and termely be the avise of the sammyn persounes. And the hale gilde has chosin thir persounes: Joh[n]n[e] of Scrogs, aldirman, Joh[n]n[e] of Fife, Gilbert Meignes, Scrogs the fadre, Joh[n]n[e] of Marr', Duncane of Clat and Joh[n]n[e] Gray. The quhilke persounes sall have poware to set and dispone apon all watterez vakand be statute or othir' waiis and to menys' and less' the maalez of ony watterez³ sene speidfull to thaim and right swa of al othiris takis of the toune.

[761]

Curia gilde burgi de Aberdene tenta per Johannem Scrogis, prepositum, et Duncanum Clat', decanum, in pretorio eiusdem burgi, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo primo.⁴

Quo die Thomas Litstar' posuit se in voluntate pro injusta ocupacione⁵ artis sui in prejudicio confratrum gilde.

¹ Preceded by '444'.

² *in hand* is interlined with a caret.

³ Followed by *seemd*.

⁴ Day and month not given.

⁵ Sic.

Eodem die intravit uxor Willelmi Fichet et filia cum Gilberto Sal...¹ et² Malcomo Forbas prelocutoribus earundem, qui alligaverunt ipsam habere proprietatem et possessionem unius crofti vocati Halylandis et omnium aliarum terrarum et annui reddituum preter croftum³ de Hedounis Hill, qui protestaverunt quod Willelmus Fichet aliquod injuste operando de dictis terris non faciet id quod accedat sibi in prejudicio sue possessionis dictarum terrarum.

[762]

Burgenses et confratres gilde facti secundo anno prepositure Johannis Scrogs, filii, anno Domini m^{mo} cccc^{mo} quinquagesimoprimo.

Alexander Still, filius quondam Simonis Still, receptus fuit ratione paterne libertatis pro v s' in alba bursa, prestito solito juramento, plegio.⁴ Forsith', sutor, receptus fuit⁵ ex gracia consilii ad personalem instanciam et requestum Magistri Ricardi Forbes, camerarii regis, pro v s', prestito solito juramento, plegio.⁶

[763]

Burgenses tantum facti secundo anno prepositure Johannis de Scrogs.

Thomas Yhule, faber, receptus fuit ex gracia consilii pro labore suo facto circa ferrea communis operis burgi, et prestitit solitum juramentum.

[764]

Memorandum that David Hervy deforssit the sargiandis, videlicet, John' of Spens' and Sandy Andreson', the quhilk wald adistressit for iij lib', forew thir' witnes Alexander Goldsmyth' and Jamys of Mar'.

[765]

Curia gilde tenta per Johannem de Fife, prepositum, in pretorio burgi de Aberdene, viij^o die mensis Octobris, anno Domini m^{mo} cccc^{mo} quinquagesmimo primo.

Subscripti electi fuerunt in consules

¹ Part of name is illegible.

² Superscript above ~~nm~~.

³ Sic.

⁴ No name given.

⁵ Followed by ~~nd~~.

⁶ No name given.

+ Gilbertus Meignes	Johannes de Scrogs, filius
- Johannes de Scrogs, pater	Duncanus Clat
+ Johannes de Marr'	- Willelmus Scherar'
- Andreas Ayncroft	Matheus Fichet
- Alexander Kintor	- Andreas Culane
Robertus Blyndsel	- Stephanus Joh[n]n[e]son'
Ricardus Kintor	- Thomas Blyndseil
- Johannes Voket, pater	Willelmus Voket
- Johannes Voket, filius	Willelmus Rolland
Johannes Gray	Johannes Howison'
- Johannes Henrison' Culane	Robertus de Camera
Patricius Badenach'	+ Walterus Giffard

Quo die Duncanus de Clat electus fuit et continuatus in officio decani gilde, prestito jura[mento].¹

Eodem die mercatores et confratres gilde continuarunt unanimi consensu et confirmarunt illam donacionem quam alias concesserunt ad reparacionem jocalium ecclesie Beati Nicholai huius burgi.

Henricus Scherale, filius et heres quondam Willelmi Serale, burgensis huius burgi, peccit saisinam et possessionem hereditarias secundum consuetudinem burgorum de annuis redditibus de quibus dictus quondam pater suus obiit ultimo vestitus, etc., unde, curia avisata, dederunt in mandatis Johanni Kintor et Alexandro Blyndseil, duobus ballivorum huius burgi, quod vadant cum eodem Henrico et trada[nt]² sibi huiusmodi saisinam de iiij s' annui redditus levandi de terra que fuit quondam Roberti Sprunt, jacens ex parte occidentali vici navium, et residuum petitum per eundem ponitur in dilacione pro maturiore informacione.

[766]

The xxj dai of Aprile the yhere of grace j^m iiij^c fiftee and twa the maste parte of the hale communitie of this burgh' deliverit and consentit all with' ane assent that, because of perile apperand, the toune sal be stryn[g]thit and fortifit with' wallez and strynthez in all gudeli haste; and because this may nocht' be devisit and done with' mony persounes, the alderman sall chese certane weil set persounes to pass' with' him³ abowte the toune and devise quhat maner of strynthing sal be made and in quhat placez and how the coste sal be tane and made. And quhatsumever thing the forsaidez persounes devisez, ordanis and dois, thar' sal naman contrar', agaynecall na

¹ MS torn.

² MS torn.

³ Followed by *and*.

agaynstand under pane¹ that thai sall demanyt as brekaris of comoune ordinance without remyssioune. And the alderman in presence of the sammyne communitie has chosin to pass' with him thir' persounes underwrittin, that is to say, the dene of the gilde, Duncane of Clat, John Scrogs the son', Ric' Kintor, John Howison', and Wat Giffard, with' othiris, werkmen, quhilkis plese thaim to have with' thaim.²

Pro libertate et facultate presentandi magistrum scholarum

<Notate³>

Universis Christi fidelibus ad quorum noticiam presentes litere pervenerint, Duncanus Petit, cancellarius ecclesie Aberdonensis salutem in omnium Salvatore. Quia ad dignitatem cancellarie predictae collatio beneficii magistri scholarum burgi de Aberdene pleno jure noscitur pertinere, et idem nunc de facto vacat per mortem Andree de Syves, quondam vicarii de Bervy,⁴ ultimi magistri scholarum predictarum, honesto viro provido et discreto Magistro Johanni Homyll', michi per prepositum et communitatem dicti burgi in pretorio suo presentato ad beneficium antedictum, et examinato de sua sufficiencia diligenter, repertoque eciam bone vite, laudabilis conversacionis et honeste, magne literature et sciencie, propter quam scienciam non inmerito in artibus graduatur; suis meritis exigentibus per dationem birreti mei contuli beneficium antedictum, ipsum in corporalem et realem possessionem eiusdem investiendo, sibi pro toto tempore vite sue remansuro, supplicans omnibus et singulis quorum interest vel interesse poterit ac autoritate⁵ michi in hac parte commissa precipiens atque mandans quatinus predicto Magistro⁶ Johanni in omnibus et singulis dictum beneficium suum concernentibus pareant, obediant et intendant sub omni pena que competit in hac parte. Dat' sub sigillo meo apud Aberdon', decimo die mensis Octobris, anno Domini millesimo quadringsim⁷o decimo octavo.

[767]

Burgenses et confratres gilde facti tempore presiture⁸ Johannis Fife, anno Domini m^{mo} cccc^{mo} quinquagesimo primo.

¹ Followed by *of*.

² Printed, *Extracts from the Council Register of Aberdeen*, 19-20.

³ Entry is also marked with a pointing hand.

⁴ Bervie.

⁵ Sic.

⁶ Followed by *in omnibus*.

⁷ Ink is smudged.

⁸ Sic; recte *prepositure*.

Thomas Spensar', ad specialem requestam suppremi domini nostri regis, domini Willelmi domini Crighton', cancellarii, domine comitisse de Huntlee, sororis sue Agnetis, et domini Patricii domini le Glammys, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi, prestito solito juramento, et dabit communitati pro forisinstallacione sua ab antea xl s', plegio Johanne Wood pro vicinitate eiusdem et quod non forisinstallabit in posteris.

Walterus Blyndseil, filius Willelmi Blyndseil, receptus fuit in burgensem et confratrem gilde racione paterne libertatis, prestito solito juramento, pro v s' in alba bursa, plegio Johanne Voket, filio.

Alexander de Camera, filius Alexandri, racione paterne libertatis receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde, prestito solito juramento,¹ et solvit v s' in alba bursa, etc.

Gilbertus Gray, filius Johannis Gray, confratris gilde, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde racione paterne libertatis, prestito solito juramento, et dedit v s' in bursa.

Johannes Davidson', filius Johannis Davidson' de Glaslach', similiter receptus fuit pro v s'.

Ricardus Blak, filius Johannis Blak, similiter receptus fuit pro v s'.

Willelmus Giffard, filius Walteri Giffard', confratris gilde receptus fuit pro v s', plegio.²

Thomas Benyng, filius Laurencii, racione paterne libertatis receptus fuit pro v s', plegio.³

Johannes Burnet, filius Fergusii Adamson', confratris gilde, receptus fuit racione paterne libertatis pro v s'.

Johannes⁴ Leis, filius Alexandri Leis, racione libertatis paterne receptus fuit in eandem libertatem quam dictus quondam pater suus⁵ habuit, sive fuerat confrater gilde sive burgensis tantum.

Andreas Fowlar', filius Willelmi Fowlar', burgensis huius burgi, ex speciali gracia consilii receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde pro v s', et obligatur dare suum consilium et operam pro reparacione campanile ecclesie Beati Nicholai huius burgi, cum sit ingeniosus, etc.

[768]

Burgenses tantum facti eodem anno.

Johannes Or, barbitonsor de Francia oriundus, ex gracia consilii receptus fuit gratis in liberum burgensem, prestito solito juramento, etc.

¹ Followed by *pte...*

² No name given.

³ No name given.

⁴ This entry has a hand pointing to it drawn in the margin.

⁵ Followed by *hmins*.

xv die mensis Septembris, anno Domini, etc., lij^o, Alexander¹ Blyndseil, unus ballivorum, tradidit Willelmo Giffard' per assignacionem mallii porte² saisinam et possessionem tenementi in quo quondam Walterus Giffard', pater suus, inhabitavit, ut moris est in burgis; testibus, Andrea Tulidef, Johanne Cadiou cum multis aliis.

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Curia gilde burgi de Aberdene tenta per Johannem Fife, prepositum eiusdem, vj^{to} die mensis Octobris anno Domini m^{mo} cccc^{mo} quinquagesimosecundo.

Johannes Scrogs, pater	Andreas Culane	Electi de consilio
Johannes Scrogs, filius	Willelmus Scherar'	
Johannes Marr'	Andreas Meignes	
Duncanus Clat	Alexander Kintor	
Thomas Blyndseil	Johannes Voket, pater	
a Robertus Blyndseil	Johannes Voket, filius	
Andreas Ayncroft	Ricardus Kintor	
Patricius Badenach'	Willelmus Voket	
— Simon Blabre	Johannes Gray	
— Johannes Kyniedy	Stephanus Balrony	
— Matheus Fichet	Alexander Blyndseil	
Johannes Henrison' Culane	Willelmus Rolland	
Johannes Howison'	Murthacus Glastre	
Robertus Wormote	Robertus de Camera	

Quo die Ricardus Kintor electus fuit in decanum gilde pro anno presenti, prestito solito juramento.

The sammyn dai the hale counsaile has statute and ordanit for a yhere that naman be ressavit in the bruthir' heid of the gilde of this burgh' bot burgez sounnes or men that mariis fremennys doghterez, the quhilkis salbe ressavit be the alderman and dene of the gilde and xij persounes of counsaile at the leest.

Item, that nane unfremen saile owte of this burgh' bot burgez sonnes'.

Auditores omnium computorum

Johannes Scrogs, pater, Johannes Marr', Duncane Clat, Johannes Scrogs, filius, Andreas Meignes, Andreas Ayncroft, Thom Blyndseil, Patricius Badenach', Murthacus Glastre, Johannes Howison'.³

¹ Followed by *by*...

² Literally, the door knocker.

³ Followed by *Johan---*.

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Curia gilde tenta per Ricardum Kintor, decanum¹ xx^o die mensis Octobris, anno, etc., lij^o.

Quo die Willelmus Mychalsoun, sutor, posuit se in voluntate decani pro injusta frequentacione artis sue et finivit pro.²

Eodem die Donaldus Valandy et Andreas de Deir' posuerunt se in voluntate decani pro injusta frequentacione artis sue³ et finiverunt pro.⁴

Et isti⁵ subscripti⁶ persone, videlicet, Valandi Skynnar', Donaldus Skynnar', Willelmus Stewynsoun, Johannes Richardsoun, Johannes Irwyne, Andreas Bel, Johannes de Leis convicti fuerunt per assisam de injusta frequentacione sue artis. Et finiverunt cum decano pro.⁷

Item, Jacobus Blendseil posuit se in voluntate decani pro injusta empcone⁸ sepi et finivit cum decano pro iij s' iij d'.

Curia gilde tenta per Ricardum Kintor, decanum, iij die mensis Novembris, anno supradicto, et.⁹

Quo die Thomas Masoun, tinctor, posuit se in voluntate decani et consilii pro iniusta frequentacione¹⁰ sue artis pro tempore preterito et finivit pro xij s' iij d'.

Eodem die Johannes Stokar' posuit se in voluntate decani pro iniusta tannacione et empcone cori[um]¹¹ lapsa vice et finivit cum decano pro xij s' iij d'; et amplius non utetur talibus sub pena v markis.

Item, eodem die Johannes Fawside posuit se in voluntate decani pro iniusta forisstallacione in empcone coriorum et finivit cum decano pro.¹²

Nono die mensis Marcii anno Domini, etc., lij^o, Thomas Robertsoun confessus fuit de forisstallacione lane et exportacione eiusdem ultra montes et finivit pro x s'.

Andreas Murreve finivit pro forisstallacione communi pro xl s'.

Browny Stewart, forisstallator, finivit pro xx s'.

¹ Interlined with caret.

² No sum is given.

³ Sic.

⁴ No sum is given.

⁵ Sic.

⁶ Sic.

⁷ No sum is given.

⁸ Sic; recte *empcone*.

⁹ Sic.

¹⁰ Followed by *se*.

¹¹ Correction in MS makes this word difficult to read.

¹² No sum is given.

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Tercio die mensis¹ Februarii, anno quo supra, prepositus et commune consilium concesserunt domino Roberto Roule servicium et administracionem altaris Beati Johannis Baptiste cituati in ecclesia parrochiali huius burgi sub ea condicione quod faciat divinum servicium ad idem et in choro ac quod vacabit cum contigerit ipsum ad aliud quodcumque beneficium vel altarem promoveri, etc.

Item, eodem die dictus prepositus et consules concesserunt et promiserunt domino Andree Thomson', capellano, quod habeat pro isto anno² futuro a festo Penthecostes proximo de communitate v lib', pro quibus faciet servicium cotidianum in horis, etc., et habeat regimen scholarum cantancium.

Item, concesserunt et promiserunt eidem domino Andree pro suo servicio impenso et impendendo quod habeat proximum altarem quod vacabit ad presentacionem communitatis quod ipse duxerit acceptandum.

Nono die mensis Marcii anno Domini, etc., liij^o,³ maior pars tocus gilde, videlicet, omnes presentes⁴ decrevit et declaravit quod Robertus de Camera non habet aliquod jus ad aliquam aliam piscariam huius burgi preter illam sibi assignatam et assedatam per illos octo commissarios quibus concessa fuit potestas assedandi redditus burgi sub sigillo communi quod nolunt impugnari, qui commissarii assedarunt prefato Roberto dimidiam partem rethis de ly Furdis et quartam partem rethis aque de ly Pott.

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Curia gilde tenta per Ricardum Kintor, decanum, in pretorio burgi predicti, xxvj die mensis Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo cccc^o, etc., liij^o.

Quo die Johannes Stewart posuit se in voluntate decani pro foris stallacione huius burgi et finivit cum decano pro xx s' pro uno anno futuro.

Andreas Muirref posuit se in voluntate decani pro forestallacione pellium et finivit cum eodem pro.⁵

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Burgenses et confratres gilde facti tempore prepositure Johannis de Fife, anno Domini m^{mo} cccc^{mo} liij.

Thomas Biset, filius quondam Andree Biset, receptus fuit racione paterne libertatis pro v s' j d' ob'.

¹ Followed by *Dece...*

² Followed by *de-communitate*.

³ Followed by *mg...*

⁴ *videlicet... presentes* interlined.

⁵ Entry is incomplete.

Thomas Mason', tinctor, ad specialem requestam Magistri Ricardi Forbes, computorum rotulatoris domini regis,¹ receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde, libere pro vino.

Willelmus² Angusson' ad specialem requestam domine comitisse de Huntlee³ receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde, prestito solito juramento, plegio Ricardo Kintor.

Patricius of Marr' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde ex gracia consilii sibi concessa ex causa uxoris sue, filie liberi burgensis, pro v marcis.

Jacobus Andreson' ex gracia consilii eo quod dispensavit filiam fratris gilde receptus fuit in confratrem gilde et liberum burgensem, prestito solito juramento, et dabit iiii lib', plegio Johanne Andreson', fratre suo.

Alexander de Culane ex gracia consilii et ad personalem instanciam Domini Willelmi, domini Crichton' cancellarii Scocie,⁴ receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde, plegio Murthaco Glastre.

Johannes Litstar' qui dispensavit filiam Willelmi Fichet receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde pro xl s', plegio pro eo Johanne Sauchar'.

Donaldus⁵ Valendi, pelliparius, receptus fuit in simplicem burgensem tantum, prestito juramento, pro xxvj s' viij d' de quibus sibi remissi sunt viij s' causa sue uxoris.

Johannes Robertson' dictus Thrift ex gracia et consideracione consilii receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde ex eo quod dispensavit filiam Alexandri Moyses gilde confratris, pro⁶ v s' in alba bursa, plegio Johanne Moyses sub illa condicione.

<R[icardus] Kintor> Willelmus Cantuli qui dispensavit filiam Stephani Joh[n]n[on]son' confratris gilde ex gracia et consideracione consilii receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde et dabit ij^c lade of cause stans, prestito solito juramento.

Johannes Lip qui dispensavit filiam quondam Simonis Still ex consideracione consilii receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde pro xx s' et ad instanciam M[agistri] Johannis Scheves.

Thomas de Fife receptus fuit racione paterne libertatis pro v s'.

Robertus Lorymar' racione paterne libertatis receputs fuit pro v s'.

¹ Richard Forbes, archdeacon of Ross, comptroller Feb. to Oct. 1453 (and also Oct. 1455 to May, 1456).

² Corrected in MS from *Johannes*. Willelmus is in margin.

³ Elizabeth, daughter of William, Lord Crichton, third wife of Alexander Seton, third earl of Huntly.

⁴ Sir William Crichton, lord of Crichton and chancellor, 1439-44 and 1448-53.

⁵ This entry may have been inserted afterwards, as the spacing is slightly compressed and there are horizontal lines under parts of it, as if to guide the script. There is also an upright cross to the left.

⁶ Followed by *¶*...

Matheus Pulty receptus fuit racione paterne libertatis pro v s'.

< R[icardus] Kintor > David Dun ex gracia consilii receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde et dabit communitati ad fabricam ecclesie unam bonam cordam de l fadomys.

Andreas Gibson' similiter ex gracia consilii receptus fuit ex eo quod dispensavit filiam confratris gilde et dabit xl s' plegio pro eo Duncano de Clat.

Gilbertus Leiche qui alias receptus fuit in liberum burgensem ut patet ex alia parte istius folii nunc receptus fuit in confratrem gilde pro vij marcis, plegio Andrea Tulidef.

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Burgenses tantum facti tempore prepositure Johannis fife, secundo anno.

Gilbertus Leiche receptus fuit in liberum burgensem pro xl s', plegio Andrea Tulidef.

Willelmus Watson', sutor, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem pro xxiiij s', plegio.

Donaldus Valandie, pelliparius, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem pro xvij s'.

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Curia gilde tenta in pretorio burgi de Aberdene v^{to} die mensis Octobris anno Domini m^{mo} cccc^{mo} quinquagesimo tercio, per Johannem de Marr', prepositum eiusdem burgi.

Quo die Ricardus Kintor continuatus¹ fuit in officio decani gilde pro uno anno.

Electi pro communi consilio.

Johannes de Fife	Willelmus Scherar'
Johannes de Scrogs, pater	Robertus Blyndseil
Johannes de Scrogs, filius	Johannes Gray
Andreas Meignes	Willelmus Rolland'
Andreas Culane	Willelmus Voket
Thomas Blyndseil	Stephanus Joh[n]n[e]son'
Matheus Fichet	Johannes Henrison' Culane
Duncanus de Clat	Johannes Howison'
Macolmus de Forbes	David Meignes
Andreas Tulidef	Alexander Blyndseil
Johannes Voket, pater	Robertus Wormot

¹ Corrected in MS from *continuum*.

Johannes Voket, filius
 Andreas Ayncroft
 Robertus de Camera

Alexander Kintor
 Thomas de Camera

Item, it was avisit, statute and ordanit be the said counsaile for the uphalding and eikyng of Goddis service to be done in the parroche kirk of this burgh' that al and sindri chaplans the quhilkis¹ has feft altaris or that ar feit be worthi men of the toun sal cum daili and do divyne service, that is to say, matynys hiemess' and evinsang; and give ony of thaim absentis him fra three of the said howris continuall thai salbe excludit and expellit that thai sal nocht' syng mess' within the said kirk for a yhere bot give thai have sufficient excusacion quhilkis be sene resonabile to the alderman and to the correctour' of the queir'; and the feft chaplans that beis absent as said is sal tyne attour' thair' chaplaniis,² and the alderman sal dispone thar'apon be avise of the commoune counsaile.³

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Curia gilde tenta in pretorio per prepositum et⁴ decanum gilde, Ricardum Kintor, xix die mensis Octobris anno Domini m^{mo} cccc^{mo} quinquagesimo tercio.

This is the ansuer' of the commoune counsaile and divers' merchandis, brethir' of the gilde of this burgh' divisit and concludit⁵ to be giffin to Joh[n]n[e] of Fife and his procuraturis til his clame of xl lib' be ane obligacion of the tounes and of xvij lib' acht til him as he allegis othir'waiis be the communittee that sen the said Joh[n]n[e] of Fife sen the date of the said obligacion divers' tymes and yheris has bene aldirman and had handillyng and governance of the commoune gudez of this burgh' of the quhilkis thai presume that thair' remanys yheit in his handis that may be payment for the said clames thai will with avise of him self cheise a certane of unsuspect[it] persounes to heir' his acomptis and give it be paitt in his hand lat him be content and give it be nocht' in his hand the toun sal content him and redeme the said obligacion in al gudeli haste.

Item, eodem die Johannes de Scrogs, filius, et Johannes Howison' electi fuerunt in magistros fabrice ecclesie parrochialis⁶ Beati Nicholai huius burgi pro uno anno.

¹ Followed by *nr*.

² Sic.

³ Printed, *Extracts from the Council Register of Aberdeen*, 20.

⁴ *prepositum et* interlined with caret.

⁵ Followed by *to*.

⁶ Sic.

The xj dai of the moneth' of Januare the yhere of liij¹ the alderman and consale comoun[e] ordanit at na² querte of beer' besald derrar' than iij d' under the pan' of forfautyng of the beer' and the unlaw of viij s'.

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Curia gilde tenta per prepositum et decanum gilde, primo die mensis Februarii, anno Domini, etc., liij^o.

Quo die Johannes Colbane confessus fuit forisstellacionem pelliū et convictus fuit de forisstellacione correorum, et de aliis quitus, plegio.³

xxvj^{to} die Aprilis anno, etc., liij^{to}, coram preposito et⁴ consulibus huius burgi comparuerunt Johannes Petirson', magister sub Deo cuiusdam navis, Petrus Wiiss' et Cornelius Henricson', naute de Newport in Flandria ex una et David Dun magistrum cuiusdam navis et Thomam Broisour' et Willelmum Dun partibus ex altera.

xxij^o die mensis Maii anno quo supra probi viri de consilio huius burgi promiserunt Johanni de Marr', preposito et custumario regis de salmonis debitis, quod servabunt ipsum indempnem de custuma salmonum exportatorum per Gallicos ex eo quod iidem consules pretendunt, presumunt et alligant quod dicti Gallici non tenentur solvere custumam salmonum.

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It⁵ is grauntyt be the alderman and the mast part of the commone consaile til S[ire] Henry Hervy for this yeris service in the kirke til his fee twenty markis of the usuale monee of Scotlande and gif the alderman and the consaile may get ony service till him in the meyne tyme that sal be alowit to the saide S[ire] Henry in the forsaide twenty markis and the saide S[ire] Henry is oblist to ramayn for the saide fee with ws yerely bot gif it happin him to be benefiiste in ony uthir' place⁶ we oblist to pay him that fee yerly quhil he be benefiiste as saide is.

The samyn day the alderman and consaile has giffin to Johne' of Hill the office of the forstary of wode and myris⁷ of this burgh' for a yere and for the execucione of the saide office the saide Johne' has sworne the bodely athe.

¹ Sic; *grace* omitted?

² Followed by *quer*.

³ No name given.

⁴ Followed by *ballivis*.

⁵ Repeated, and then followed by *ballivis*.

⁶ Followed by *et*.

⁷ Peat, perhaps.

The samyn day has grauntyt the saide alderman and consaile to Johne' Crukschanke the service of the keping of the orlage for this yere and til hafe til his fee for the service off it xl s' and has sworne the gret athe to do his diligent besynes to the keping of it.

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Burgenses et confratres gilde facti tempore prepositure Johannis de Marr', anno Domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinquagesimo tercio.

Johannes Stewart ex gracia consilii receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde ex eo quod Agnetem filiam et heredem quondam Gilberti de Turyne dispensavit.¹ Prestitit solitum juramentum deditque in alba bursa v s'.

Ranaldus Talyhour' qui prius fuit burgensis receptus fuit in confratrem gilde pro xl s' quos consilium concessit Willelmo Banerman confratri gilde in suum relevamen, etc.

Andreas de Murrave de consensu consilii receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde pro v lib', solvendis quinquaginta solidis in manibus et residuo in reventu suo de Prucia; quas quinque libras consilium concessit pro emendis tabulis² in Prucia ad reparacionem campanile Beati Nicholai de Aberdene.

Thomas Alaneson' receptus fuit racione paterne libertatis in burgensem et confratrem gilde pro v s'.

Matheus Culane racione paterne libertatis receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem pro³ v s'.

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Curia gilde tenta per Andream Meignes, quarto die mensis Octobris, anno Domini m^{mo} cccc^{mo} quinquagesimo quarto.

Quo die Ricardus Kintor continuatus fuit in officio decanatus gilde pro isto anno qui solitum prestitit juramentum, etc.

Commune consilium

	Johannes de Marr'	Macolmus ⁵ Forbes ⁶
+	Johannes de Fife	Robertus Blyndseil

¹ Followed by *pro*, apparently struck through.

² Followed by *ad*.

³ Sic; *gilde* omitted.

⁴ Page 780 is blank.

⁵ Followed by *Blyndseil*.

⁶ This name has a vertical line, not a complete cross, in the margin.

Johannes de Scrogs, pater	+	Johannes Voket, filius
Johannes de Scrogs, filius	+	Alexander Kintor
Alexander de Camera		Johannes Kintor
Willelmus Scherar'		David Meignes
+ Andreas Culane		Patricius Badenach'
Duncane of Clat	+	Robertus Wormot
Matheus Fichet	+	Stephanus Joh[n]n[e]son'
Thomas Blyndseil	+	Willelmus Voket
+ Johannes Voket, pater	+	Willelmus Rolland'
+ Andreas Ayncroft		Edmundus Louson'
+ Andreas Alaneson'		David Symson'
+ Murthacus Glastre		

Item, eodem die consilium consensiit,¹ decrevit et ordinavit quod eligantur quinque probi viri de consilio qui habeant inquirere et reformare omnes defectus circa officium et servicium ecclesie et capellanorum; et isti quinque persone habebunt plenam potestatem tocius communis consilii, tam in statutis faciendis quam in delinquentibus puniri faciendis; et consilium promisit de rato. Et electi fuerunt ad hoc:

Preterea consilium decrevit quod eedem persone habebunt inquirere, avisare et ordinare super omnibus communibus operacionibus huius burghi, et prepositus et decanus gilde operare facient secundum eorum avisiamentum, etc.; et predictae persone una cum Patricio Badenach', Johanne Howison' et Alexandro Blyndseil audient omnia computa officiariorum preteritorum.

Johannes de Fife	Johannes Scrogs, filius
Johannes de Marr'	Matheus Fichet
Johannes de Scrogs, pater	

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Undecimo die mensis Novembris anno quo supra it was ordanit be the aldirman and counsaile for the commoune proffit of this burgh' that al the persounes bath' men and wemen the quhilkis ar sclauderit of spillyng of the merkate sal forbere and cum nought in the merkate under the payne of prisounyng the twa first daiis that thai be fundin in the merkate and the third dai of banysing of the toune but othire remissioune.

Curia gilde tenta per prepositum et decanum gilde xv^{to} die mensis Novembris anno quo supra.

¹ Sic.

Quo die Johannes Fauside accusatus de tannacione et operacione manu propria posuit se in voluntate prepositi et decani gilde.

Item, Johannes Club similiter posuit se in voluntate eadem causa.

Item, Johannes Stokkar¹ similiter posuit se in voluntate.

Item, Willelmus Cu[n]tlace² similiter posuit se in voluntate.

Item, Willelmus Michaelson³ similiter posuit se in voluntate.

Item, Willelmus Ranyson⁴ similiter posuit se in voluntate.

xvij^{mo} die mensis Aprilis anno Domini, etc., lv^{to}, commune consilium concessit Donaldo de Fife qui³ captus fuit in Anglia pro relevamine et redempcione suis⁴ ad recipiendum unam habilem personam quem ipse duxerit presentandum in burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi.

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Summa totalis oneracionis computi Duncani de Clat, decani gilde, de anno Domini, etc., lj^{mo}, tempore videlicet prepositure Johannis de Scrogs,⁵ j^c xlvj lib' xij s' ij d'.

<Superexpendit> Summa totalis expensarum eiusdem particulariter examinatarum super computum et allocatarum per auditores, j^c xlvj lib' xix s' x d'. Et sic superexpendit vij s' viij d'.

Summa totalis oneracionis prefati Duncani de anno Domini, etc., lij^o, videlicet tempore prepositure Johannis de Fife, j^c xlix lib' xvij s' x d'.

<Superexpendit> Summa totalis expensarum eiusdem particulariter examinatarum ut supra, j^c lj lib' xiiij s' iiij d'. Et sic superexpendit computans xxxvj s' vj d'.

Summa.⁶

<Debet> Item, memorandum quod facto computo Johannis de Scrogs, filii, prepositi supradicti tam de receptis per eum a dicto decano quam de finibus officii sui, ipse debet de claro communitati xxix s'. Et restant in manibus eiusdem Johannis de Scrogs de grissomis aquarum et terrarum huius burgi receptis per eum ex assedacione facta tempore suo xj lib' x s'. Inde allocat' eidem pro moneta furata ut asserit iij lib'. Et sic restant de claro in manibus suis viij lib' x s'.

<Restant>

<Debet> Summa huius debiti per Johannem de Scrogs supradictum ix li' xix s'.

¹ Followed by *Willelmus Cunterlace*.

² Followed by *Willelmus Michaelson*.

³ Followed by *alias*.

⁴ Followed by *xxx...*

⁵ Superscript; above *Fife*.

⁶ Incomplete.

Introitus cuiusdam navis quam sub Deo gubernat Hans Lubek, vij die mensis Augusti anno et¹ supra lv^o.

In primis, v lasta farrine.

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Burgenses tantum

Johannes Patrikson', pistor, ex gracia consilii receptus fuit ex eo quod dispensavit filiam Walteri² Quhite, confratris gilde, prestito solito juramento.

Willelmus Matelande, carpentarius, ex gracia consilii receptus fuit in simplicem burgensem pro x s',³ qui dabantur Patricio Wrych' pro elemosina.

The xvj dai of Februare the yhere forsaid, it was ordanit be the hale counsail that Joh[n]n[e] Stephinson' suld be the feest of the Purificacion of Our' Ladi next to cum freith', bryng hame and deliver to Joh[n]n[e] of Fife his obligacion the quhilk he send⁴ witht him in his furthirying to Londone or ellis he sal pay him alsmekil⁵ as he tuke in Londone apon his obligacion or apon the traiste of it the quhilkis.⁶

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Burgenses et confratres gilde facti tempore prepositure Andree Meignes, anno Domini m^{mo} cccc^{mo} l^{mo} quarto.

Quo die Johannes Stewart ex gracia consilii receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde ex eo quo idem dispensavit Issabellam, filiam quondam Gilberti Meignes, et prestitit solitum juramentum.

Thomas Raa ex gracia consilii receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde ex eo quod ipse dispensavit Annetam Kintor, filiam Andree Kintor, et prestitit solitum juramentum.

Duncanus Clerk paterne libertatis racione receptus fuit pro v s' in alba bursa.

Alexander Leche receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde pro v marcis que dabantur Donaldo Fif cum consensu consilii, et idem Alexander prestit juramentum solitum, plegio Donaldo Fif pro firma regis, etc.

Willelmus Alaneson' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde racione paterne libertatis pro v s' et prestitit solitum juramentum.

¹ Sic.

² Followed by *de*.

³ Followed by *quos*.

⁴ Followed by *within*.

⁵ Followed by *?be his atthe*.

⁶ Entry apparently incomplete.

Andreas Chapman commorans in Loyrsto[u]n[e] ex gracia consilii receptus est in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde pro xx s' et ipse faciat fieri ignem omni nocte apud cairn de Loyrsto[u]n[e] usque festum Sancti Martini cum duobus in die vigilantibus propter inimcos¹ nostros Anglicos et prestitit juramentum solitum.

Alexander² de Camera receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde racione sue paternitatis pro quinque s' in alba bursa, et dabit x s' ad reparacionem de ly key.

Johannes Broune, fullo, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde racione uxoris sue, filie burgensis liberi, pro v s' in alba bursa qui vero dabantur Johanni Vaus in lucto [etc.], egritudinis jacenti.

Magister³ Johannes Levingsto[u]n[e], vicarius de Inverrugy,⁴ receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde ex gracia consilii pro v s' deliberatis in alba bursa, etc.

Robertus⁵ Leis, capellanus, receptus fuit racione paternitatis in liberum burgensem et⁶ confratrem gilde pro v s' in bursa deliberatis.

Johannes Catnes, sutor, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et comfratrem⁷ gilde ex gracia consilii et⁸ ex eo quod erat prius simplex burgensis et ipse dabit xl s' ad reparacionem clavis eiusdem burgi.

Jacobus Meignes receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde racione paterne libertatis pro v s' in alba bursa, prestito juramento.

Simon Craufurde receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde ex gracia consilii pro v s' in bursa et xij s' iij d' ad reparacionem clavis eiusdem burgi.

Andreas Scherar' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et comfratrem⁹ gilde racione paterne libertatis pro v s' in bursa, prestito juramento solito.

Johannes Stokar' receptus fuit in liberum¹⁰ burgensem et confratrem gilde pro xl s' solvendis ante festum Pasche proxime futuro, et ex eo quod erat prius simplex burgensis, prestito solito juramento.

Andreas Ruthir'furd receptus fuit in librum¹¹ burgensem et confratrem gilde racione paternitatis pro v s'.

¹ Sic.

² In margin opposite this entry is a letter resembling an 'o' with a diagonal line through it.

³ In margin opposite this entry is a letter resembling an 'o' with a short horizontal line through it.

⁴ Inverugie.

⁵ In margin opposite this entry there is a letter resembling an 'o' with a nearly vertical line through it.

⁶ Followed by *fr.*

⁷ Sic.

⁸ Repeated.

⁹ Sic.

¹⁰ Followed by *et.*

¹¹ Sic.

[787]¹

No²

The nynde dai of the moneth' of Junii, the yhere of our' Lorde j^m cccc^o lv^o, comperande in the tolbutth' of the burgh' of Aberdene befoir' the alderman, dene' of gilde and bailzeis of the said burgh' and befoir' divers' of the comoun' consale thir' persownis underwrytyn', that is sai,³ David Dun, maister under God of ane schipe callit [...] ⁴ David Hervy, Androu Gibso[u]n[e], John' Anderso[u]n[e], Thom' Quhelpe, Edmounde Lowson', Angus' Lilburn', John' Gillespy, J[o]h[n] Glenmalyn', Alexander of Culane, Williame' Galt, J[o]h[n] Alowne', Will Maliceso[u]n[e], Wat Blendseil, Androu Patonso[u]n[e], J[o]h[n] Parfite, Gilbert Leche, Will Adameso[u]n[e], George Adameso[u]n[e], and Wil Baxstar' marchandez' of the said burgh' and takaris of ane Inglis' schipe callit [...] ⁵ the quhelk governyt under Gode.⁶

[789]⁷

Curia gilde tenta per Johannem Scrogis, filium, prepositum, x die mensis Octobris, anno Domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinquagesimo quinto.

Commune consilium

Johannes de Fife

Johannes de Marr'

Johannes Scrogis, pater

Duncanus Clat

Andreas Meignes

Willelmus Scherar'

Robertus Blendseil

Andreas Culane

Alexander de Camera

Andreas Ayncroft

Appreciatores carnum

Willelmus Ratre

Johannes Nachty

Johannes Glenmalyng'

Johannes Gillespy

Johannes Stewart

et Ricardus Hill⁸

¹ Page 786 is blank.

² Word stands alone and is smudged; probably with the intention of expunging it.

³ Sic; 'to' omitted.

⁴ A blank space has been left, presumably for the name of the ship.

⁵ A blank space has been left, presumably for the name of the ship.

⁶ No name is given, and the entry is apparently incomplete.

⁷ Page 788 is blank.

⁸ The names are bracketed together with a line to the right.

The xxv die of the moneth' of Octobre the yhere forsaide it was decretit and ordanit be the alderman, bailyeis, consaile and the communitie of this burgh' that na induellar' of this said burgh' of ony degre sal by ony witaile to seil agayne' for wynnyng' to thaim singularely.

Auditores computorum

Johannes de Marr', Johannes de Scrogs, pater, Andreas Meignes, Andreas Ayncroft, Matheus Fichet, Andreas Culane, Johannes Voket, Willelmus Rolland', Johannes de Fife, Patrik Badenach' et Johannes Howison', or v of thir' at the leest.

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xv^{to} die mensis Januarii, anno Domini, etc., lv^{to} omnes confratres gilde huius burgi avisate¹ concesserunt et deliberaverunt quod fiat una propina monete domine nostre supreme regine² nunc in primo adventu ipsius ad istam villam, et quod fiat et extendat ad summam centum marcarum, pro qua vero summa finienda consensierunt omnes prefati confratres gilde quod fiat assedacio aquarum terrarum et proventuum huius burgi ad certum terminum ad visum proborum virorum ad hoc specialiter eligendorum. Et eligerunt personas infrascriptas, videlicet:

<Prepositus ³ > Johannem de Scrogs, filius ⁴	Willelmum Rolland
Johannem de Fife	Johannem Howison'
Johannem de Marr'	Johannem Stephinon' et
Duncanum de Clat	Johannem Andreson'
Matheum Fichet	

Que supradicte persone habebunt sufficientem commissionem sub sigillo communi ad⁵ assedandum piscarias, terras et redditus burgi ut premittitur.

Robertus Logane de Leith' ex gracia consilii receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde prestito solito juramento; et⁶ renunciavit omnibus comoditatibus piscariarum et proventuum huius burgi pro vij annis proxime futuris.

Item, molendina superius et inferius huius burgi assedantur Duncano Macalloune, Johanni Baxstar' de Torry, Willelmo Alaneson' et Gilberto Mason' pro termino trium annorum a festo Penthecostes anni, etc., lv^{ti},

¹ Sic.

² Mary of Guelders, wife of James II.

³ Sic.

⁴ Sic.

⁵ Followed by *satisfac*....

⁶ Followed by *promis*....

proxime et immediate complendorum pro xx lib¹ annuatim et reparabunt dicta molendina sufficienter in omnibus necessariis suis, sumptibus et expensis; plegio Johanne Voket pro Duncano Allon', Alexandro Kintor pro Johanne Baxstar', Willelmo Scherar' pro Gilberto Mason' et Willelmo de Preston' pro Willelmo Alaneson'.

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Secundo die mensis Septembris, anno Domini, etc., lvj¹⁰, the maisteres of the schippes and quarter maisteres and the commoune counsaile and a grete part of the gild consentit that thar' be viij persounes chosin to deliver and advise the best waiis anence the demanyng, handeling or deliverance of the schip men and gudes² of Camfeer³ takin be the nyghboris of this toune and to provide that the toune be scaithlas' of the taking of the said schip and thir' ar the persounes underwritin.

John of Fife, Andre Meignes, John Marr', John of Scrogs, pater, Androu Culane, Ric' Kintor, Matheu Fichet and Robert Wormot.

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Copia

Universis ad quorum noticias presentes litere pervenerint et specialiter marcatoribus⁴ et comburgensibus nostris et eorum servitoribus partes Flandrie exercentibus, prepositus, ballivi et consules burgi de Aberdene' in Scotia salutem in auctore salutis. Quia suppremus dominus noster rex favorabiliter et graciose concesso provido viro Laurencio Pomstrat, incole et burgensi ville de Slusa⁵ in Flandria ut sit hospes et receptor omnium et singulorum marcatorum et legeorum regni sui infra dictam villam de Slusa residencium seu residere valencium temporibus profuturis, noveritis nos de fidelitate industria et experta deligencia eiusdem Laurencii plenam fiduciam optinentes, matura deliberacione prehabita eundem Laurencium in hospicem nostrum burgencium et marcatorum nostri burgi predicti recepisse et admisisse necn[on]⁶ recipere et admittere per presentes. Quare vobis omnibus et singulis marcatoribus et comburgensibus nostris et eorum servitoribus exhortamur et firmiter damus in mandatis quatinus quando vos aut vestrum quemlibet in dicta villa de Slusa aut in confinibus eiusdem venire residere ac moram trahere contigerit hospicium vestrum

¹ Followed by *anno*.

² Followed by *takin*.

³ Veere in Zeeland.

⁴ Sic.

⁵ Sluys.

⁶ MS damaged.

cum dicto Laurencio in domo recipere tenere et observare curetis sibi provid[er]e¹ gratitudines et rectitudines secundum antiquas consuetudines partium Flandree² huiusmodi hospicibus debitis sine quovis obstaculo honesto et hillariter erando et largiendo ad que omniam et singulam premissa inviolabiliter observando vos et vestrum quemlibet astringimus firmiter per presentes; quibus pro nostra voluntate duraturis. In testimonium premissorum sigillum nostrum commune quod ad causas utimur apponi fecimus in pretorio nostro burgi predicti xx^o die mensis Julii, anno Domini, etc., lvj^o.³

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Burgenses et confratres gilde facti tempore Johannis Scrogis, filii, anno etc., lvj^o.

Jacobus⁴ Betson' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde racione paternitatis pro v s' in alba bursa, prestito juramento solito.

Robertus Club receptus fit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde racione paternitatis pro v s' in alba bursa, prestito juramento solito.

Johannes de Strabrok, commorans in Orcadia,⁵ ex speciali gracia consilii receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde, prestito solito juramento.

Willelmus Gray receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde pro v lib', prestito solito juramento, plegio Angusio Lilburn.

David Noith' receptus fuit in librum⁶ burgensem et confratrem gilde pro l s', prestito juramento, plegio pro vicinitate Willelmo Cantuly.

Matheus Crag receptus fuit in librum⁷ burgensem et confratrem gilde pro v s' in alba bursa, prestito solito juramento, racione paterne libertatis.

Johannes Knokynblew ex gracia consilii et abbatis de Bonacorde et prioris receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde pro v s' in alba bursa, prestito juramento solito.

¹ No contraction mark in MS.

² Followed by *eius*.

³ Printed, *Extracts from the Council Register of the Burgh of Aberdeen*, 20-1.

⁴ Followed by *recep*.

⁵ Orkney.

⁶ Sic.

⁷ Sic.

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Patricius Faber ex gracia consilii receptus fuit in simplicem burgensem pro xiiij s' iij d' pro quibus dictus Patricius faciet clavos ecclesie Beati Nicholai et alia necessaria sibi.¹

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Curia gilde tenta per Johannem de Fife, prepositum, viij^o die mensis Octobris, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo sexto. Quo die subscripti electi fuerunt ad commune consilium sive in consules communes, prestito silito² juramento.

Consilium commune

	Andreas Meignes	Johannes de Scrogs, pater
u	Johannes de Scrogs, filius	Johannes de Marr'
	Alexander de Camera	Andreas Culane
u	Willelmus Scherar'	Andreas Ayncroft
u	Alexander Kintor	Ricardus Kintor
	Robertus Blyndseil	Johannes Vokate
u	Willelmus Rolland	Willelmus Vokate
u	Johannes Howison'	u David Meignes
	Johannes Stephinson'	u David Blabre
u	Edmundus Louson'	Johannes Anderson'
u	Thomas Culane	Johannes Henrison' Culane
	Johannes Kyniedy	Matheus Fichet
	Robert Wormot	David Symson'

Item, it is ordanit and concludit be the hale counsaile that ilke Monoundai thar' sal sit vj persounes of counsaile to end al smal complayntis betuex nygh'boris of al soumes that ar within v lib' efter the act' of the kingis parliament and the persounes that sittis sal raise of the wrangar' of ilke punde xij d' and give the soume be less than a punde xij d'; and give Monoundai be is hali thai sal sit on the Tuisdai.

James Clerk qui disponavit filiam Johannis Roberti de Tuligryg receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde ex consideracone³ et gracia consilii pro quinque solidorum in alba bursa, prestito solito juramento.

Auditores computorum

¹ Followed by 'seee....'.

² Sic.

³ Sic; recte *consideracione*.

Andreas Meignes, Johannes de Marr', Johannes de Scrogs, filius, Matheu Fichet, Patricius Badenach', Johannes Howison', Johannes Voket, Robert Blyndseil.

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Comissarii ad consilium generale

Johannes Fife, prepositus, Johannes Marr', Magister Johannes Cadiou.

xv^{to} die mensis Decembris Thomas Pratt ex gracia consilii receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde ex eo quod dispensavit filiam Willelmi Rettree confratris gilde, prestito solito juramento.

Willelmus Duncanson', sutor,¹ receptus fuit in simplicem burgensem ex gracia consilii huius burgi pro x...² s', prestito solito juramento.³

Duncanus Andersoun' ex gracia consilii receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde, prestito solito juramento, pro xl s'.

Magnus Donaldus ex gracia consilii eo quod dispensavit filiam liberi burgensis receptus fuit in simplicem burgensem pro xiiij s' iij d', prestito solito juramento.

The xxiiij dai of Januare the yhere of God, etc., lvj, the commoune counsaile has statute and ordanit that naman of this burgh' nor uthiris streke ony nettis on ony fischeyngis pertenyng to the communittee of this burgh' quhil[e]⁴ thai have owtred and paiit thair' fermes and maeles of al termes bigan[e]⁵ under the payne of tynsale of the takkis and fischeyngis that thai cla[me]⁶ to.

Johannes Fawside, juneor,⁷ ex gracia consilii et quia sponsavit filiam Johannis Williameson', burgensis dicti burgi, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde pro xxvj s' viij d', prestito solito juramento.

Johannes Michaelson', sutor, ex gracia consilii receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi pro utendo arte sua et tannando et non aliis et dabit xl s'⁸ communitati, prestito solito juramento, plegio Willelmo Scherar'.

¹ Interlined with caret.

² MS damaged.

³ Followed by pro ?xl s', expunged.

⁴ MS damaged.

⁵ MS damaged.

⁶ MS damaged.

⁷ Sic.

⁸ Followed by se....

Alexander Fornoght' ex gracia consilii receptus fuit in liberum burgensem tantum pro xiiij s' iiij d'.

Johannes Thomson' de Mungerry receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gild[e]¹ pro liij s' iiij d', plegio Ricardo de Hill pro vicinitate et summa.

Johannes Williamson', Flemyng, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem g[ilde]² pro liij s' iiij d', plegio similiter Willelmo Adeson' ut supra.

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Burgenses et confratres gilde facti tempore Johannis Fife, anno etc., lvij^{mo}.

Dominus Alexander Yhong, prebendarius de Forbes, ex gracia consilii receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde, prestito solito juramento.

Alexander Lyndesai similiter ex gracia consilii receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde pro v s', prestito solito juramento, plegio.³

Jacobus Kintor racione paterne libertatis receptus fuit pro v s'.

Gilbertus Kintor similiter racione paterne libertatis receptus fuit pro v s'.

David Kintor similiter racione paterne libertatis receptus fuit pro v s'.

Willelmus Blyndseil filius quondam Thome Blyndseil racione paterne libertatis recipitur pro v s'.

Robertus Boide ex gracia consilii et racione paterne libertatis receptus est pro v s'.

Johannes Fichet filius Mathei racione paterne libertatis receptus est pro v s'.

Johannes Fichet, filius Nicholai F[ichet]⁴ racione paterne libertatis receptus est pro v s'.

Johannes Fichet, filius Johannis Fichet, racione paterne libertatis receptus est pro v s'.

Adam⁵ Kynnor' similiter racione paterne libertatis receptus est pro v s'.

Ricardus filius Stephani de Balrony racione paterne libertatis receptus est pro v s'.

Johannes Sprunt racione paterne libertatis⁶ receptus est pro v s'.

David Scrogs racione paterne libertatis receptus est pro v s'.

Johannes Wormot racione paterne libertatis receptus est pro v s'.

Johannes Wilson' ex gracia consilii racione libertatis sponse sue receptus est pro v s'.

¹ MS damaged.

² MS damaged.

³ No name is given.

⁴ Surname heavily abbreviated.

⁵ Followed by *K*... Second and third letters of word are illegible.

⁶ Followed by *et*.

Alexander Galregyn racione paterne libertatis receptus fuit pro v s'.

Thomas Kyniedi racione paterne libertatis receptus fuit pro v s'.

Fergusius Williamson' ex gracia consilii receptus fuit pro xxvj s' viij d'.

Alexander Angusson' ex gracia consilii receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde per requestam Magistri¹ Stephani pro v s'.

Johannes Duncani ex gracia consilii receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde;² non edificabit extra portas huius burgi pro iiij marcis.

Michael Blaklug ex gracia consilii receptus fuit pro xl s' donatis abbati et priori de Bonecord.

Dav[i]d³ de Standandstanys receptus fuit pro xl s'.

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Burgenses tantum facti eodem anno.

Johannes de Crag, textor, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem tantum pro xiiij s' iiij d', prestit[o]⁴ solito juramento, plegio Magistro Johanne Cadiou.

Johannes de Diss' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem tantum pro xiiij s' iiij d', prestito solito juramento.

Johannes Swan, textor, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem tantum pro xiiij s' iiij d', prestito solito juramento.

Willelmus de Tulach', textor, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem tantum pro xiiij s' iiij d'.

Willelmus Dog receptus fuit in liberum burgensem tantum racione paterne libertatis, pro v s'.

Johannes Henrison', pynour', receptus fuit similiter racione paterne libertatis pro v s'.

Willelmus Howat receptus fuit in liberum burgensem tantum pro xiiij s' iiij d', plegio.⁵

Patricius Joh[n]n[e]son', sutor, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem tantum pro xiiij s' iiij d', plegio A. Lilbur[n].⁶

Thomas de Spens, pistor, racione paterne libertatis similiter receptus fuit pro v s'.

Andreas Nory, mimus, ex gracia consilii receptus fuit in burgensem tantum, gratis.

Alexander Logy receptus fuit in simplicem burgensem ex gracia consilii per requestam Patricii Piot eo quod dictus Patricius custodiet finem vici Viridis bene ut nulli extranei infirmi intrent dictum; et de post ex favore

¹ Followed by *Step...*

² Followed by a partly illegible word, ending in *it*.

³ MS smudged.

⁴ MS damaged.

⁵ Followed by *A. Lilburm*.

⁶ MS damaged.

consilii receptus fuit in confratrem gilde huius burgi, qui prestitit solitum juramentum.

Johannes Goves ex gracia consilii receptus fuit in simplicem burgensem tantum pro xij s' iij d'.

Johannes¹ Wilboyson², sutor, receptus in simplicem burgensem ex gracia consilii pro xij s'.²

[799]

Memorandum quod prepositus et consules huius burgi concesserunt et assignaverunt domino Johanni de Camera, capellano, pro suo servicio in choro eiusdem burgi et ad altare Beati Jacobi apostoli faciendo illas duas marcas annuatim exeuntes et eidem altari debitas de terra quam nunc inhabitat Johannes Kyniedi jacenti ex parte australi vici Castri inter terram David Meignes ex parte orientali et terram Johannis Bullok ex parte occidentali, cuius quidem³ annui redditus duarum marcarum jus patronatus preposito et communitati huius burgi pleno jure pertinere dinoscitur; unde ipsum prefato domino Johanni ut supra concesserunt durante sua voluntate.

[800]

Copia assedacionis

Till all and sindri to quhais knowlage thir' presentes lettres sacum, the alderman, bailyeis and consale of the burgh' of Aberdene' gretin in Gode. Ffor als[m]jekil⁴ as Malcome of Forbas, the quhilk was in thir' last yheris bigayne ane of the bailyeis of the sammyn burgh', left us and the hale communytee of it awand xiiij lib' of usuale monee of Scotlande to Williame', lord K[eit]h',⁵ marschale of Scotlande, procuratour' in that part and assignais to S[ire] Thomas, Lord Erskyne of that c pundis auch to him yherly of the kingis fermis of the sammyn burgh', the quhilk summe the forsaid Malcome had resavit of our' rentale and wastit and disponit in his propre use in gret hendering, schath, lak and danger' of us; wit yhour' universitee us of digest and ryp dilyverance til have sett and to ferme lattyne and be the tenour' of thir' presentes lettres settis and lattis to ferme to our lovid comburgens', Laurence Holle, the fischingis of half a nett of our' fisching of the Mydchingill of the water of Dee for the terme of sex yheris fra the ischey of this present assedacione of al our' fischingis made, that is to say, fra the fest of Martymes' in the yhere of God jm cccc sextee

¹ On the previous line '*Alexander Ang...*' has been struck through.

² Sic; perhaps *iiij d'* omitted in error.

³ Followed by *amij*.

⁴ MS damaged.

⁵ MS damaged.

and ane next tocum fullely and continually to be compleit and runnyn' but ony interrupcion for the said summe of xiiij lib', the quhilk he has giffin til us as for grissowm the tyme of the makyn' of thir' presentes lettres to be paiit to¹ the said Lorde Keith' and for sic lik mail' and fermez as other nychtbouris paii for sic lik fisching; to be haldin and to be hade al and hale the fisching of the saide half nett of the Midchingil with the pert[inencis] to the forsaid Laurens Hollee and his assignais with al liberteis, commoditeis and aisiamentis to the fischeyng of the said half net with the pert[inencis] pertenande or richtwisely may pertene endurande the forsaid terme but ony revocacione or agayne calling of us or of our' successouris to be mad thar' of ony maner of way in tyme tocum, he and his assignais payande yherely and termely for the said half net sic lik fermes as other nychtbouris sal pay for sic lik fischeyng al anerly for al maner of other grissome or exaccione the quhilk may be askit or requierit of the said fischeing endurand the forsaid termes; and we, the forsaid alderman, baileis and consaile and our' successouris al and hale the said half net of our' fischeyng of the Mydchingill with the pert[inencis] to the said Laurens and his assignais sal warrande, acquite and endurand the saide termes trewly defende. In witnes of the quhilk thing, to thir' presentes lettres our' comoune seele of the said burgh' is appensit the xx dai of the moneth' of Septembre, the yhere, etc., fiftee and sevyn. Witnes, our' self.

[801]

Curia gilde tenta in pretorio burgi de Aberdene per Johannem de Fife, prepositum eiusdem, septimo die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesmimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo septimo.

Consilium commune

Andreas Meignes	Alexander de Camera
Johannes de Scrogs, pater	Johannes de Scrogs, filius
Johannes de Marr'	Willelmus Scherar'
Andreas Culane	Ricardus Kintor
Alexander Kintor	Andreas Ayncroft
Robertus Blyndseil	Johannes Voket
David Meignes	Matheus Fichet
Willelmus Voket	Willelmus Rolland
Johannes Howison'	Edmundus Louson'
Andreas Alaneson'	Patricius Badenach'
David Symson'	Johannes Henrison' Culane
Stephanus John[ne]son'	Johannes Stepkinson'

¹ Interlined.

The sammyn dai it was consentit and statute be the brethir' of the gilde that of ilke brothir' of the gilde that beis absent fra the gild courte ilke xv daiis on Fridai¹ thai sal pay xij d' unforgiffin, and quhat tyme that the persounes that ar of counsaile be warnyt on othir' daiis than the gild dai tocum for gude cause to cum to the tolbutth' and thai compeir' nocht ilke man at is absent sal pay ij s' unforgiffin for thair' contumacie bot give thai have a resonable excusacion and² cause of³ absence that be sene sufficient to thaim that ar present in the tyme; and thir' amerciamentis sal be raisit of thaim that ar nocht' present at nyne howris or at quhat howr' that thai be warnyt and chargit.

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The tende dai of the moneth' of Octobre the yhere of God jm cccc fiftee and sevyn...⁴ Ric' of Kyntor resignit our' his tak of twa yheris on ronnyng fra Quhissondai furth' nex[t]⁵ efter the dat' of this wryt in the alderman and ballyeis handis in favour' of John' Kynidy; and than the said John' Kynidy tuk the said tak ful and fast at the bailyeis for al the termes of the said ij yheris in caise at the said Ric' had richt or nane payand thar' for yherely iiij marcis.

The xxj dai of the moneth' of Octobre the yhere of God, etc., lvij, Williame' of ...stone' and David Dun, skepar', swer' the gret ath til underly the ordinance of the alderman and consail for the disobeyng of officiaris of this burch' quhilk thai war convict[it] in; and this is the ordinance of the saidis alderman and⁶ consail that thai sal never do sic [li]k⁷ in tyme tocum na yet na other disobeyng to na officiaris of the said burgh, the quhilk gif thai do thai sal be put' to the kyng as commoune rabell' agaynis hym and comone ordynance and fra thin furth to haldin⁸ infamus' for ever.

xvij⁹ die mensis Novembris, anno Domini, etc., lvij¹⁰, it was consentit be the counsaile that Davy Dunnys schip sal pass' this viage in Zeland quhill Gilbert the Vaus may procure and get a galey til hir' to cum in the swyn and the sammyn Gilbert⁹ the quhilk is made p[ur]ser' of¹⁰ hir' and Robert Gray the quhilk is made maister of hir' for this viage ar oblist and sworn that thai sal nocht' bryng hir' in the swyn on to that tyme that thai have

¹ Followed by *thai beard with*.

² *excusacion* and interlined with caret.

³ Followed by *ab*....

⁴ MS damaged.

⁵ MS damaged.

⁶ Followed by *?sa*', perhaps struck through.

⁷ MS damaged.

⁸ Sic; *be* omitted?

⁹ Followed by *and Robert*.

¹⁰ Followed by *#*.

gottin hir' a galei for al maner of man and thai ar oblist to bryng hir' hame agayne also¹ free as scho is now, give God sendis gude aventure of see and sand.

The v dai of Maii² the determinacion of debatis betuex David Dun on that a partie and John[ne] Stewart twicheyng the barge on that othir' partie was put to the counsaile of this burgh' than beand present the alderman, John[ne] of Fife, John[ne] of Marr', John of Scrogs, pater, John[ne] of Scrogs, filius, William Scherar', Ric' Kintor, Alexander Kintor, John Henrison' Culane, Stephanus John[ne]son', Patri Badenach', Andr' Alaneson' and Will Voket, the quhilk avisit continowit this mater in sic like ply as³ it is in on to Monoundai efter the Triniteeday next tocum but prejudice of partie; and in the menetyme Ric' of Kintor sal have the governance of the said schip to gerr' los' the schip and keip hir' apone the coste and expens' of the rediaris the quhilkis sal lay doune ilke man his part in hand in redi monee and anence the half schip debat[a]bile⁴

[803]

Burgenses et confratres gilde facti tempore prepositure supradicti Johannis de Fife, anno Domini, etc., lvij^o.

Robertus Culane, filius et heres Andree Culane, receptus fuit racione paterne libertatis pro v s'.

Willelmus de Camera receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde per requestam reverendi in Christo patris, Episcopi Orchadensis, non obstante racione libertatis patrum pro v s', prestito juramento solito.

Edwardus Farquhar'son' ex gracia consilii receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde pro quinque marcis solvendis citra festum Purificationis Beate Marie, prestito solito juramento.

Thomas Smyth' ex gracia consilii et propter diversa obsequia ipsius Thome receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde, gratis, prestito solito juramento, plegio pro vicinitate.⁵

Jacobus Crake ex gracia consilii receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem pro xl s', prestito solito juramento, plegio Gilberto Vaus.

Johannes Gregory similiter receptus fuit pro xl s', plegio eodem Gilberto Vaus, prestito solito juramento.

Johannes Cran ex gracia consilii factus est liber burgensis et confrater gilde pro certa summa quam consilium dederunt ad reparacionem domus fratrum predicatorum, prestito solito juramento, plegio eodem Gilberto.

¹ Sic.

² Followed by *for*.

³ Followed by *in*.

⁴ MS damaged.

⁵ No name given.

Willelmus Stephinson' ex gracia consilii receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde pro liij s' iij d',¹ prestito solito juramento, plegio Willelmo Scherar'.

xij^o die mensis Septembris, anno Domini millesimo, etc., xlvij^o, tarra² de Rubislaw assedatur Johanni Matheuson', burgensi huius pro³ termino quinque annorum integre complendorum pro iij^{or} marcis annuatim solvendis et hoc cum consilio ac assensu maioris partis consilii.

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Burgenses tantum facti eodem anno

Willelmus Andreson', pistor, ex eo quod disponavit filiam burgensis, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem pro xij s' iij d', prestito solito juramento; plegio Johanne Kintor.

The alderman and the consale has grauntyt til Henry of Ruthirfurde for the costis and the scathis that he has sustenyt be Willam Quelp and his modir' anent the half nettis fisching of Done' that he sal hafe the saide water at the usche of his termys furthe in assedacione fre but ony grissum payande til ws bot aneryt the male of the saide water as uthiris nichtburis payis.

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Memorandum⁵ that at the giffin of the chapilnary of Saynt Michallis altar' to S[ire] Henry Hery, Mayster Duncane Scherar' and Androw Scherar' comperit personally before the alderman and consale and declaryt to thaim that thai hade made a promyse and graunt to the saide Mayster Duncane of the erast chapilnary that vakit at was at thair' gift he sulde hafe it and besoucht thar maysterschippis that sen' that chapilnary of Saynt Michallis altar' was than vakande that thai walde kep thair' promyse and graunt til hym tharof. And thar' eftir' the alderman and consale considerande that thai micht nocht gudely forga the service of the saide S[ire] Henry fra the service of the queir' avisitly made instans to the saide Mayster Duncane and Androw at thai walde at that tym supercede and thole thaim to gif the saide chapilnary to the saide S[ire] Henry be cause thai mycht nocht gudly forga him fra the service of the queir' and thai sulde hafe the erast chapilnary that vakyt at war' at thair' gift gif it lykit the saide Mayster Duncan him self til hafe it or gif it pleyisit the saide Mayster Duncane and

¹ Followed by *plegio*.

² Sic.

³ Sic; *burgi* omitted?

⁴ Page 805 is blank.

⁵ Entry has a vertical line to the right of the text.

Androw til gif it til ony uthiris of thair' frenndis that ar' gaynande and sufficiande tharfor.¹

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Curia gilde burgi de Aberdene tenta per Ricardum Kintor, prepositum eiusdem burgi, nono die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimoctavo

Consilium commune

Johannes de Fife	—	Andreas Meignes
Johannes Scrogs, pater		Alexander de Camera
Johannes de Marr'	—	Johannes Scrogs, filius
— Andreas Culane		Alexander Kintor
— Andreas Ayncroft		Matheus Fichet
Willelmus Scherar'		Stephanus Joh[n]n[e]son'
— Johannes Henrison' Culane		Willelmus Rolland
— Robertus Blyndseil	—	Johannes Voket
Andreas Alaneson'		David Meignes
Johannes Howison'		Patricius Badenach'
Thomas Culane		Johannes Stephinson'
Edmundus Louson'		David Symson'
Thom de Camera	—	Johannes Wod
		Johannes Matheuson'

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Item, the sammyn dai the alderman and a grete part of the gilde avisitly considering the gude observance and² service that the vicar' and chaplanys uphaldis and dois in the kirk and in hope of gude continuacion has grauntit to the said vicar' and chaplanys that continowis divyne service that thai sall have thair' lairis quhen thai discess' free in quhat place of the kirk it plesis thaim to ly of thair' devocion.

Item, it grauntit³ give ony chaplanrie or service perpetuale or temporale beyng at the⁴ presentation or disposicion of the communitie of this burgh' happynnis to vake sic chaplanrie or service sal be erast disponit and providit to the chaplanys that kan best and makis maste continiale service in the be⁵ avise and counsaile of the vicar' and chaplanys forsaide.

¹ Printed, *Extracts from the Council Register of Aberdeen*, 21.

² Followed by ?~~divi~~..., interlined.

³ Sic.

⁴ Followed by *presentation*.

⁵ Sic; 'kirk' omitted?

The secundai of the moneth' of Decembre anno supradicto the alderman and the hale counsaile gaderit has chosin Androu Culane John' of Scrogis the son', Androu Alaneson', Matheu Fichet, John' Voket and Will Rollande for til ende and til fynd in quhais handis of the toune' al dettis aucht til oure soverane lorde the kyng alsweil of the reist of the hundreth' lib' g' and the diffrais' of it as of bailyeis comptis to the dai of the date of this writ, the quhilk forsaid persones ar sworn' the gret auth' lelely and treuly to sers' and decerne the said mater efter thar' knowlage be the¹ sicht of Richarde of Kyntor, alderman, sworn' thar' to. And quhat ende at the saide persones makis in the said cause to be kept without ony stoppyn'.

The samyn dai it was appoynttit and fullylly accordit betuex the alderman and the commownne consaile of this burgh' on' that a part and Maister John' of Levingstone', vicar' of Inverrugy on' that other part anens the biggyne of the bryg on' the vater of Dee in maner and forme as efter folowis. That is to say, at the said Maister John' has tane on hande to be maister and governatour' of the said² werk be the sicht' and advise of the alderman' and consail to the quhilk werk the forsaid alderman and consaile sal gif yherely for the termes of ten yheris xx lib' of thar' commowne purse.³

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The xxj dai of Decembre the yhere forsaid it was ordanit that a balyhe sal pass' with' Elisabeth' the dochter of umquhile of⁴ Will Caleman and ken hir' til the fee of hir' fadre land liand on [the]⁵ north' half of the Nethir' Kirkgate with' the pertenancez⁶ under condicion' that scho sal nothir' sell, wedset, analy na mak warr' the said land and quhat tyme that hir' brothir' the quhilk is lachfull air' happynnis tocum hame scho sal freli but obstakil resigne and giveowre the said land with' the pertenancez til hir' said brothir' or his procuratouris; and thar'to scho has fundin William Scherar' borch'. And as for this yhere scho na nane on hir' behalf sal have ony intromettyng with' the said land bot the alderman and counsaile sal depute a man to govern the land and dispone the profite of it be thair' advise.

<No[ta]> Jacobus Crak finivit pro forisallacione pro xiiij s' iiii d'.

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The xiiij dai of the moneth' of Februare yhere of Gode, etc., lviiij, it was accordit and fullylly appoynttit betuex Petir of Strivyling, freir' and minister

¹ Followed by *zif*...

² Followed by *wrech*.

³ Printed, *Extracts from the Council Register of Aberdeen*, 22.

⁴ Sic.

⁵ In MS *the* comes after *north*.

⁶ Followed by *apon*.

of the Triniteis of the¹ burgh' of Aberdene on that a part and S[ire]² Andreow³ Henderson' chaplayne on' that other part anence the chaplaynry of Sanct Nicholace altar' in maner and forme as efter folowis: that is to sai that the said minister sal ger' the saide S[ire]⁴ Androu be content and payit⁵ vj marcis for a yere tocum next falowande the date of thir' presentez in trouth' of concorde to be maide betwex the saide partiis and to se tho evidentis of the saide chaplaynery in the meyn tyme. The quhilk cordance was made be S[ire]⁶ John' of Ogilvy, Maister Walter Idil, officiale' of Aberdon, Ric' of Kintor, alderman, and generally the hale consaile of the saide burgh'.

The ferde dai of the moneth' of Maii, yhere forsaid j^m cccc^c lix^o thir' persones under⁷ writynne war commandit at thai suld nocht seil be Ric' of Kyntor,⁸ alderman, and the hale communittee of this burgh' bot gif thai made residens within the burgh' the quhilk persones fand sickyr' suverte to remane within the burgh' at thar' hame cummyne of this next raise. In the first, James Crak fand John Stewart borgh' under the payne of x mark or ellis to gif oure his fredome. Item, Wil Gray the sammyn vyse fand land and gud. Item, Alexander Leche has fundyne Androu Meignes of the sammyn wyse. Item, John' Gregory has fundyne for hym on the sammyn wise David Blabre.

Item, quhen the said persounes come hame owt of Flaundris the x dai of Julii the yhere forsaid the alderman gert call the sammyn persounes and renewit the borowes and paynis forsaid and thai war oblist to remayne in this burgh' bath' with' thair' bodiis and gudes under the said paynes.

Item, the sammyn dai Thomas Maliceson' fand Maister Joh[n]n[e] of Cadiou borch' that he suld use na merchandise in the cuntreth' under the payne forsaid.

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Burgenses et confratres gilde facti tempore prepositure Ricardi Kintor, anno Domini, etc., quinquagesimo nono.

Reverendus in Christo pater et dominus, dominus Thomas, episcopus Aberdonensis, de consensu confratrum gilde receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde, prestito juramento.

¹ Interlined.

² Interlined.

³ Centred, with caret, above this entry, correcting *Androu*, interlined.

⁴ Interlined.

⁵ Followed by *of*, apparently struck through.

⁶ Interlined.

⁷ Followed by *out burg...* interlined.

⁸ Followed by *and th'*.

Ricardus Vaus de Fyndon' racione paterne libertatis receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde, prestito juramento, pro v s' j d' ob' in bursa.

Willelmus Vaus, frater eius, similiter receptus in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde, prestito solito juramento, pro v s' j d' ob'.

Thomas Symson', qui disponavit filiam Magistri Johannis Wright', confratris gilde, ex gracia consilii receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde, prestito solito juramento, pro v s' in alba bursa.

Thomas de Fif, ex gracia consilii receptus fuit ex eo quod disponavit unam filiam et heredem quondam Cristini Howy, confratris gilde, pro v s', prestito solito juramento, plegio...¹

Andreas Galt receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde pro iij lib' prestito solito juramento, plegio pro eo Waltero Muryson'.

Patricius Johnson' receptus fuit in librum² burgensem et confratrem gilde, racione paternitatis pro v s' in alba bursa,³ prestito solito juramento.

Walterus Strivylyng receptus fuit in librum⁴ burgensem et confratrem gilde ex eo quod ipse disponavit filiam et heredem quondam Johannis Ryne pro v s' in alba bursa, prestito solito juramento, plegio Henrico Vaus, etc.

Willelmus Umfra receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde racione paternitatis libertate, prestito solito juramento, pro v s' solutis in alba bursa.

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Burgenses tantum facti eodem anno.

Robertus Cole receptus fuit pro xij s' iij d', prestito solito juramento, plegio A. Kintor.

Johannes Lundoris receptus fuit pro xx s', prestito solito juramento, plegio Andrea Scherar'.

Duncanus Howison', scissor, receptus fuit pro xx s', prestito solito juramento, plegio Andrea Meignes.

Patricius Broune, coupar', receptus fuit racione paterne libertatis pro v s'.

Item, the xxvij day of Marche the yere of God, etc., lxij yeris al clamys and debatis movit betuix Thome Traile and Thome Club his cosing anent the bying and selling of a lande that Thome Traile induellis lyande in the Scoule Hill' salde be the said' Thome Club to the said' Thome Traile was frely giffin oure on bath' the sydis na nane of thaim to⁵ clame uthir' in tyme to cum of the biyng na selling of the saide landis with the pertinens

¹ Entry is incomplete.

² Sic.

³ Corrected in MS from *bussa*.

⁴ Sic.

⁵ Interlined with caret.

bot the saide Thome Club¹ fully payit of the somys promest him for it and the saide Thome Traile to bruk and joys' the saide lande with the pertinens heritabilly and his airis for evermar' but demawnde of the saide Thome Club or his airis or assignays in tyme to cum.

Johannes Lwndoris suprascriptus ex gracia consilii receptus fuit in confratrem gilde huius burgi, prestito solito juramento, etc.

Decimo nono die mensis Novembris, anno Domini, etc., lix^o, comparens personaliter Johannes de Scrogis, pater, declaravit quod alias inter quondam Alexandrum Scrogis, primogenitum filium suum ex una et Johannem Scrogis, filium secundo genitum partibus ex altera, presente et consensiente eodem Johanne Scrogis, patre, appunctuatum fuit quod ipse Johannes, pater, daret et infeodaret dictum Johannem filium suum de duobus croftis suis jacentis in teretorio croftorum huius burgi unum, videlicet, inter rivulum sive paludem prope domos leprosororum ex parte boriali et croftum Johannis Voode ex parte australi et altrum² inter croftum domus fratrum predicatorum huius burgi ex parte boriali et croftum heredum quondam Walteri Berclai de Garntuly ex parte³ australi ad quam feodacionem faciendam ipse Johannes pater de consensu prefati quondam Alexandri filii sui et apparentis heredis firmiter fuerat obligatus, unde, ipse volens huiusmodi obligacionem satisfacere ipse dicta crofta in manibus Andree Scherar' unius ballivorum dicti burgi per cirothece sue tradicionem sursum reddidit et resignavit ad illum finem quod ipse saisinam eorundem dicto Johanni Scrogis filio suo secundum tenorem carte sue traderet et deliberaret. Testibus: Ricardo Kintor, tunc preposito dicti burgi, Johanne Kynidy et Andrea Ruthirfurd' et Alexandro Scrogis cum multis et diversis aliis.

The xxvj day of Marche the⁴ yere of God, etc., lxij, comperyt Marione the relict' of umquhile of⁵ Johne of Scrogis the fader quham God assoilye and in jugement in presens of Richarde of Kyntor, alderman and bailyeis and pure and simply resignyt and gafe oure to Johne' of Scrogis the son' all richt and clame of richt that sho hade of intfeftment of twa croftis the quhilkis the saide Johne' of Scrogis the son' hade of his fader and put hir' in his will to gif hir' quhat him likis and this was done' in presens of divers' of the commoun consale than beande present.

¹ Interlined.

² Sic.

³ Followed by *et*...

⁴ Followed by *yon[er]*, interlined, and *g*...

⁵ Sic.

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Item, eodem die Dominus Alexander Yhong', canonicus Aberdonensis, prelocutor Thome Scrogs, nepotis¹ et apparentis heredis prefati Johannis Scrogs, patris, tunc presentis, asseruit quod dictus avus suus de jure non debet alienare dicta crofta in exheredacionem et prejudicium ipsius nisi in certis casibus a jure permissis. Et si aliqua necessitate sit compulsus ad huiusmodi croftorum alienacionem faciendam offerebat amicos ipsius² Thome nomine eiusdem illam supplere in quantum de jure sibi incumbit, quam ob rem protestatus fuit nomine quo supra quod predicta resignacio aut alienacio dictorum croftorum inde sequend' nullum eidem Thome prejudicium inferat in futurum, etc.

Item, xxij die dicti mensis comparens in pretorio prefatus Thomas Scrogs cum Willelmo Rede de Coliston', avo suo ex parte matris,³ prelocutore ipsius Thome, idem Willelmus per terras et bona sua optulit se nomine dicti Thome supplere necessitatem prefati Johannis Scrogs, patris, si quam habuit in quantum dictus Thomas ipsius⁴ necessitatem de jure supplere tenetur protestando ut supra. Et ulterius asserens de statuto quodam cavetur quod huiusmodi resignaciones non debeant fieri nec recepti, nisi consules burgi avisaverint an sit talis resignacio admittenda, unde extendit plegium in manibus Thome Donaldson', unius serjendorum eiusdem burgi, quod saisina non debeat super huiusmodi resignacione deliberari per ballivos nisi prius ut premittitur consilium avisaverit an sit legitima vel non, super quibus petiit instrumentum. Testibus: Ricardo Kintor, preposito, Johanne Scrogs, filio, Andrea Meignes et Magistro Johanne Levynston', vicario de Inverugy, cum multis aliis.

Item, xxj^{mo} die mensis Aprilis, anno Domini m^{mo} cccc^{mo} sexagesimo videlicet in curia capitali huius burgi, personaliter comparens prefatus Johannes Scrogs, pater, asseruit et recitavit quomodo alias tam Dominus Alexander Yhong, canonicus Aberdonensis, prelocutor Thome Scrogs, nepotis sui et apparentis heredis q[uondam] Willelmus Rede de Coliston', avus ex parte matris eiusdem Thome, comparens coram preposito et ballivis huius burgi optulerunt eundem Willelmum et alios amicos dicti Thome promptos et paratos ad supplendum necessitatem et indigenciam ipsius Johannis, ita quod non indigeat eundem Johannem terras suas aut hereditatem alienare quovismodo aut alicui propter huiusmodi necessitatem in quam incidit fortuito casu, ut est omnibus vicinis suis manifestum. Et quovis modo dimidia pars anni de post defluxit nullum supplementum percepit ab eisdem et per huiusmodi vana verba et inania non potest comode

¹ Followed by *prefa*....

² Followed by *Alexandri*.

³ Followed by *ipse Willelmejs*. No contraction mark.

⁴ Followed by ? *neeee*....

sustentari aut relevare, quare solempniter protestabatur quod huiusmodi oblaciones que non deducuntur ad effectum aut protestaciones desuper facte sibi aut illis quibus suas terras et possessiones duxerit concedendas nullum prejudicium inferant in futurum aut impedimentum.

[814]

Curia gilde tenta per prepositum in pretorio huius burgi xxj^{mo} die mensis Decembris, anno Domini, etc., lix.

Quo die Johannes de Narn confessus fuit communem forisstellacionem lane, pellium et correorum, necnon de communi regratacione denariatorum, taxatus per consilium v marcas ista vice, et proxima vice solvet x marcas, plegio Johanne.¹

Johannes Gregory accusatus posuit se in voluntate de forisstellacione pellium et correorum ac regratacione² denariatorum, et negavit forisstellacionem lane; taxatus per consilium xxxiiij s' iiij d', plegio Patricio Badenach'.

David Robertson' de Standandstansys posuit se in voluntate pro forisstellacione pellium, et negavit forisstellacionem lane et correorum, et convictus fuit de correis xxxiiij s' iiij d', plegio Matheo Fichet.

Johannes de Du[n]bulg accusatus et convictus fuit de forisstellacione pellium et correorum xxxiiij s' iiij d', plegio Johanne Voket.

David Patrikson' accusatus et convictus fuit de forisstellacione pellium et correorum respectuatur ista vice, plegio Johanne Matheuson'.

Thomas Maliceson' accusatus et convictus fuit de forisstellacione lane, pellium et correorum v marc', plegio Patricio Badenach'.

Jacobus Andreson' accusatus et convictus fuit de communi forisstellacione lane, pellium et correorum iij lib' vj s' viij d', plegio Andrea Culane.

Alexander Leiche accusatus et convictus fuit de communi forisstellacione lane, pellium et correorum, taxatus iij lib' vj s' viij d', plegio Gilberto Leiche.

Johannes Tod accusatus et convictus fuit de forisstellacione pellium et correorum respectuatur, plegio Johanne Cadiou.

Johannes Mungerry accusatus et convictus fuit de communi forisstellacione lane, pellium et correorum taxatus ad iij lib' vj s' viij d', plegio Willelmo Adameson'.

Item, eodem die Duncanus Andreson' et Ranaldus Talyhour quiti fuerunt facti per assisam de omni forisstellacione.

¹ First name only given.

² Sic.

[815]

Curia gilde burgi de Aberdene tenta per Ricardum Kintor, prepositum, xj^{mo} die mensis Januarii, anno Domini, etc., lix.

Quo die Johannes Stokkar' posuit se in voluntate pro indebita¹ tannacione correorum et taxatus ad viij s'.

Willelmus Edyndeach' similiter posuit se in voluntate et taxatus ad iiij s'.

Johannes Michaelson' eodem modo posuit se in voluntate et taxatus iiij s'.

Willelmus Duncaneson' similiter posuit se in voluntate et taxatus iiij s'.

Willelmus Wilboison' similiter posuit se in voluntate et taxatus iiij s'.

Willelmus Umfraisoun' posuit se in voluntate et non taxatur quia pauper.

Willelmus Grai posuit se in voluntate de forisstellacione pellium et correorum et convictus fuit de communi regratacione denariatorum, et taxatus per consilium ad xxxiiij s' iiij d', plegio Johanne Kyniedi.

Jacobus Crak similiter posuit se in voluntate et convictus fuit ut supra et taxatus fuit per consilium ad xxxiiij s' iiij d', plegio Willelmo Maliceson'.

<Solv[i]t clerico> Andreas Galty posuit se in voluntate et convictus fuit ut supra xxxiiij s' iiij d', plegio Gilberto Kintor².

<Solv[i]t clerico> Sandy Angusson' posuit se in voluntate et convictus fuit ut supra xxxiiij s' iiij d', plegio Patricio Badenach'.

Thomas de Fife posuit se in voluntate et convictus fuit ut supra.³ Et quia pauper consilium respectuavit de amerciamento et Johannes Matheuson' devenit plegius quod prefatus Thomas amodo non forisstellabit.

Item, consilium concessit et ordinavit quod daretur Alexandro Douglas, deputato vicecomitis, pro laboribus suis penes libertatem burgi et conservacionem nundinarum iiij lib' vj s' viij d', et amodo ipse contentabitur secundum quod laborabit.

xiiij^o die dicte mensis prepositus et consules huius burgi matura deliberacione prehabita et considerata sollicitacione et solercia quam Johannes Voket fecit penes conquestum terrarum de ly Croes cum pertinenciis a Johanne Banerman, dicti prepositus et consules assedacionem dictarum terrarum cum pertinenciis prefato Johanni Voket⁴ per Edmundum Banerman qui⁵ ab ante habuit dictas terras per impigneracionem ad terminum decem

¹ Interlined with caret.

² Interlined with caret.

³ Followed by *sexxiiij s' iiij d'*.

⁴ Followed by *et assignatis suis*.

⁵ Followed by *in*.

annorum a festo Penthecostes proxime futuro¹ complendorum absque interruptione factam unanimi consensu et assensu approbarunt.

[816]

Curia gilde tenta per Ricardum Kintor, prepositum, xxij die mensis Februarii, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo nono.

Quo die personaliter comparens Willelmus Rede de Coliston' quamdam literam regis sub signeto presentavit in curia prefato preposito et ballivis tunc presentibus huiusmodi sub tenore. James, be the grace of God² king of Scottis, til oure alderman and balyheis of oure burowes of Aberdene and Perth' greting. For alsmekil as we ar infourmyt that Joh[n]n[e] of Scrogs eldar', burges of oure said burgh' schap[i]s him to analy and sellis his landis and annuale rentis within oure saidis burowes in prejudice and disherysing of Thomas Scrogs his so[u]nnys son' apperand aire, the said Thomas beyng in tendir age and sen it affeiris til us of law to defend orphanis and pupillis beyng within age, oure will is and we charge yhou that yhe ressave na resignacion nor give saisying of ony landis or annuale rentis pertenyng to the said Joh[n]n[e] of Scrogs eldar' within oure said burrowez in prejudice of the said Thomas his apperand aire on to the tyme that the said Joh[n]n[e] mak knawin to us the cause quhi he wald anali the said landis or annualez and quhill yhe have speciale charge and licence of us thar[e]apon under al payne and charge that efter may folou deliveryng thir' our' lettres be yhou sene and understandin agayne to the berar'. Gevin under our' signet of the unicorn at Perth' the viij dai of Februaire and of our' regne the xxij yhere [8 February 1460]. Qua quidem litera ut premittitur lecta, prefatus Willelmus Rede presentans et adducens in manu sua dictum Thomam Scrogs, nepotem prefati Johannis Scrogs, et apparentem heredem declaravit publice.

[817]

xiiiij^{to} die Marcii anno Domini, etc., lix^{no}, determinatum fuit et declaratum per commune consilium huius burgi quod nepos quondam Stephani Joh[n]n[e]son' tanquam heres eiusdem nullum habet jus ad piscariam quam habuit ex assedacione communitatis, nec eciam Ricardus filius suus habet jus ad dictam piscariam occasione assignacionis sibi facti, sed tamen ex gracia consilii considerato quod prefatus quondam Stephanus laudabiliter se habuit et gessit circa ornacionem ecclesie et quod dictam piscariam quamvis non sufficienter prefato Ricardo assignavit pro eisdem

¹ Followed by *proxime*.

² Followed by *to*.

terminis pro quibus sibi fuerat assedata, dictum consilium avisate concessit¹ dicto Ricardo filio Stephani dictam piscariam pro termino supradicto sub² ea condicione quod ipse Ricardus solvet et deliberavit³ procuratori communitatis huius burgi in Flandria citra festum Beati Michaelis proximum iii li' g' monete Flandrie pro emendo tantum panni auro contextum⁴ pro faciendo unum ly baudkin commune ad usum ecclesie et communitatis huius burgi in Quadrante conservando.

Item, eodem die Andreas Culane cum consensu prepositi et consulum assignavit piscariam sibi assedatam per communitatem Mariorie sponse⁵ pro eisdem terminis sibi assedatis.

Item, Johannes Voket similiter ut supra assignavit piscariam sibi assedatam Jonete sponse sue, etc.

[818]

Curia gilde tenta per prepositum in pretorio huius burgi xxv^o die mensis Aprilis, anno Domini⁶ m^{mo} cccc^{mo} sexagesimo.

Quo die Willelmus Stephinon' posuit se in voluntate de forisstellacione pellium et de regratacione denariatorum et quitus de residuo et taxatus per consilium ad xiiij s' iiij d', plegio Ricardo Kintor.

Willelmus Gray convictus fuit de forisstellacione pellium et taxatus ad xiiij s' iiij d'.

Andreas Galty posuit se in voluntate de forisstellacione pellium taxatus ad xiiij s' iiij d'.

Jacobus Crak posuit se in voluntate de forisstellacione correorum et pellium et taxacio eius respectuatur propter requestam domini Comitis de Huntlee.

xiiij^o die mensis Maii, anno Domini etc., quinquagesimo, prepositus, ballivi et consules huius burgi assedarunt et ad firmam dimiserunt Alexandro Rolland ly tollis ferlotarum una cum pecunia stallingiatorum pro termino quinque annorum proxime, immediate et absque interrupcione complendorum pro summa xxiiij lib' usualis monete Scotie solvenda annuatim et proporcionaliter ad cuiuslibet anni duos terminos usuales, Penthecostes videlicet et Sancti Martini in yeme, per equales porciones, plegio.⁷

¹ Repeated.

² Followed by *eodem*.

³ Sic.

⁴ Followed by *quantum*.

⁵ *sue* omitted?

⁶ Followed by *et*.

⁷ No name given.

Item, memorandum quod Gilbertus Kintor habuit unum calicem argenteum deauratum quod fuit alias per¹ fratrem David Crag, ministrum domus fratrum Sancte Trinitatis huius burgi, pro quinque marcis impigneratum quem calicem argenteum ipse Gilbertus intuitu caritatis contulit et condonavit libere fratri Petro de Striveling ministro domus supradicte ea condicione quod nunquam futuris temporibus aliquis frater dicte domus dictum calicem impignerare vel alienare poterit quacumque de causa vel² occasione. Et si quis dictum calicem in pignus receperit invalidus erit, et restituetur omnibus excepcionibus remotis ubicumque reperiat, etc.

[819]

Burgenses et confratres gilde facti tempore prepositure Ricardi Kyntor, anno Domini m^{mo} cccc^{mo} sexagesimo.

Johannes Talyhour' qui ab antiqua factus fuit burgensis, prestito solito juramento, ex gracia consilii receptus fuit in confratrem gilde pro xx s'.

Johannes filius quondam Johannis Thomson' de Culcardy burgensis et confratris gilde huius burgi receptus fuit racione paterne libertatis pro v s' j d' ob', prestito solito juramento, plegio tam pro vicinitate quam pro vino Duncano Alloune.

Duncanus Straloch' racione paterne libertatis receptus fuit in burgensem et confratrem gilde, prestito solito juramento, pro v s' j d' ob' in bursa alba, plegio.³

David Qulep' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde ex gracia consilii et ex eo quod ipse disposavit filiam quondam Willelmi Cailman, burgensis, etc., pro v s' in alba bursa, prestito solito juramento.

Magnus Wormot racione paterne libertatis receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde, prestito solito juramento, pro v s' j d' ob' in alba bursa; plegio.⁴

Magister David Goithry receptus in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde racione paternitatis, prestito solito juramento.

Johannes Knowis receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde ex eo quod ipse sponsavit filiam burgensis et ex requesta episcopi, pro v s' in alba bursa, prestito solito juramento.

Thomas Wode conceptus⁵ fuit in liberum burgensem gracia consilii ex eo quod ipse disposabit filiam Andree Browsour', prestito solito juramento.

¹ Followed by *ministrum*.

² Followed by *es...*

³ Incomplete.

⁴ Incomplete.

⁵ Sic.

Andreas Clerk receptus fuit in liberum burgensem ad instanciam rectoris de Forbes et solvet fabrice Sancti Nicholai xij s' et iij d', prestito juramento solito domino nostro regi et communitati ville, etc.

xxv die mensis Septembris anno Domini millesimo cccc^{mo} lxj Alexander Howyson, Willelmus Kryne et Andreas Kyntor ipsorum quilibet receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde racione libertatis patrum suorum et eorum quilibet presentavit preposito v s' in alba bursa.

[820]

Burgenses tantum facti eodem anno, videlicet anno lxj.

<Secundo die mensis Octobris, anno, etc., lxj.>

Gilbertus de Chamour receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde racione paterne libertatis et solvit v s' preposito in alb[a bur]sa,¹ prestito juramento solito, etc.

Eodem die Alexander Westland receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde racione paterne libertatis et solvit preposito v s' in alba bursa, prestito solito juramento, etc.

Eodem die Johannes Penny, piscator, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem tantum, prestito solito juramento et solvet x s'. Residuum remittitur ad instanciam consilii.

Eodem die Willelmus Duncanson receptus fuit in confratrem gilde quia fuit ab antiqua burgensis, prestito solito juramento et solvet xxxij s' et iij d.

Tercio die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo cccc^{mo} sexagesimo primo Thomas Andirson devenit debitor Ricardo de Kyntor, preposito, pro una barella salmonum quam barellam solvet pro Ada Caidow et ad hoc obligatur sua fide ad solvendum infra huic et festum Sancti Petri quod dicitur Advinclia proxime futurum.

Eodem die Johannes Fechet devenit debitor Alexandro Blynshel pro j barella salmonum nomine et ex parte Ade de Caidow, quam barellam obligatur satisfacere infra huic et festum Penthacostes proxime futurum et ad hoc fidemedia² obligatur coram preposito Willelmo Scherar' et Andrea Scherar' et Johanne Voket.

[821]

Curia gilde burgi de Aberdene tenta per Ricardum Kintor prepositum eiusdem burgi decimo die mensis Octobris anno Domini m^{mo} cccc^{mo} sexagesimo.

Consilium commune

¹ MS damaged.

² Marginal text.

	Johannes de Fife	–	Alexander de Camera
+	Andreas Meignes		Matheus Fichet
	Johannes de Marr'	–	Alexander Kintor
–	Johannes Scrogs	–	Johannes Voket
–	Willelmus Scherar'	–	David Meignes
	Andreas Culane		Patricius Badenach'
–	Andreas Ayncroft	–	Gilbertus Vaus
	Johannes Henrison' Culane	–	Johannes Andreson' ¹
	Willelmus Rolland		Thomas de Camera
–	Robert Blyndseil		David Symson'
	Johannes Kyniedi		Robert of Culane
	Alexander Blyndseil		Robert Wormote

Item, eodem die personaliter comparens Dominus Johannes Gall, capellanus, declaravit publice quomodo altare Beati Leonardi cituatum in ecclesia parrochiali huius burgi cui ipse Dominus Johannes deservit de presenti bonis indiget procuratoribus ne ornamenta eiusdem et oblaciones futuris temporibus delapidentur et devastentur, unde ipse humiliter supplicavit preposito et consulibus huius burgi quod de remedio desuper providere vellent oportuno. Et ipsi prepositus et consules, suis justis supplicacionibus non immerito inclinati attendentes devocionem, David Symson', Willelmi Rettree, Thome Quelp et Johannis Gillespy penes dictum altare ipsos procuratores eiusdem cum consensu supradicti Domini Johannis fecerunt et constituerunt durante voluntate consilii.

[822]

Curia gilde tenta per Ricardum Kintor, prepositum, xxvij^{mo} die mensis Novembris anno Domini m^{mo} cccc^{mo} sexagesimo.

Quo die Johannes Stokkar' posuit se in voluntate de tannacione et forisstallacione.

Willelmus Watson' posuit se similiter in voluntate.

Willelmus Edindeach' similiter posuit se in voluntate.

Johannes Michaelson' similiter posuit se in voluntate.

Willelmus Duncaneson' similiter posuit se in voluntate.

Willelmus Wilboison' similiter posuit se in voluntate.

Johannes Fauside, junior, similiter posuit se in voluntate.

Thom Club similiter posuit se in voluntate.

Willelmus Umfraisson' similiter posuit se in voluntate.

¹ On the next line, *Johannes Stephinsson'* has been struck through.

<Voket> Undecimo die mensis Maii anno Domini etc., lxj^o, prepositus, ballivi et consules huius burgi concesserunt proximam capellaniam vacantem vel vacaturam ad eorundem donacionem spectantem domino Alexandro Voket, capellano, pro suis serviciis factis vel fiendis vel quamcumque aliam augmentacionem ecclesiasticam contingentem et ad¹ suam ut prius donacionem spectantem quamvis non extendatur ad integram capellaniam.

Curia gylde de Abirden' tenta per Andream Menzeis prepositum eiusdem burgi ix die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo cccc^{mo} sexagesimo primo. Quo die subscripte persone electe fuerunt in comunes consiliarios dicti burgi anni instantis.

Ricardus de Kyntor	Johannes Henrison Cullan
Johannes Fyff	Willelmus Rolland
Willelmus Scherar'	Edmundus Lowson
Johannes Mar	Johannes Wode
Andreas Cullan	David Menzeis
Johannes Scrogis, junior	Davyd Symson
Robertus Blynschel	Thomas de Camera
Andreas Ayncrofft	Andreas Alanson
Alexander Blynschel	Johannes Andree
Johannes Voket	Johannes Mathison
Alexander Chamour	Robertus Cullan
Alexander Douglas	Willelmus Lowson
Matheus Fechet	Thom Quelp

[823]

Electi per commune consilium ad audiendum compota Ricardi de Kyntor de suo officio prepositure et ad audiendum compotum Johannis Scrogis, magistri fabrici ecclesie.

Johannes Fyff quia Kyntor quo ad compotum Johannis Scrogis.
 Johannes Scrogis
 Willelmus Scherar'
 Johannes Mar
 Andreas Cullan
 Johannes Voket
 Alexander Blynschel
 Alexander Chamour

¹ Followed by ?*nostram*.

The hale consale hase consentit and ordanit that all the actis at ar made of before belangyng the commoune profite of this burch' be kepit under the payn of law.

Als' that all commoune forstallaris be punysit and forbodden to forstall' fra hyne furth' under the payn of the actis before writtin, bath' for woll', hide and skyn.

Appreciatores carniūm

Gustatores de ly Crukit quarter

Johannes Gillespy

Andreas Mare

Johannes de Strabolgy

Johannes Myll'

Willelmus Adamson

Walterus Achneffe

Gustatores de ly Grene

Willelmus Atkynson

Alexander Rolland

Johannes Crag, Henricus Walkar

Johannes Ervyn

Willelmus Stevynson

Gustatores cervisie pro via

Castri pro quarterio de Futy

Et pro parte boreali vie Castri

Johannes Gyркиn

Willelmus Serra'

Thomas Tailyour¹

Willelmus Modane

[824]

The xxj day of the moneth' of October' the yhere, etc., sixty and ane it is ordanyt and concludyt be the hale counsale wiht the hale consent of the merchandis of this burgh' that na man' sall sell salt les' than' viij s' the boll and als oft as ony man' or' woman' beis tayntyt and fundyne sellande withtū viij s' thai sall pay furth wiht in continent ane unla[w]² of viij s' unremyttt to be lystyt and rasyt be the alderman and balyeis and na request to be herde thar' wpon'.

<Andree Meignes, prepositi> xiiij¹⁰ die mensis Decembris anno Domini m^{mo} cccc^{mo} sexagesimo primo, tempore et a[nno]³ prepositure Andree Meignes, Alexander de Haya receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde ad instanciam et requestum domini Com[itis] de Eroll et solvit in bursa alba v s', prestito solito juramento, plegio pro eo Willelmo⁴ quod non foristallabit in futurum.

¹ These two names are bracketed together on right.

² MS damaged.

³ MS damaged.

⁴ Only the first name of the pledge is given.

The xxij day of Decembre the yhere of oure Lorde a thousand four' hundreth' sexti and ane it is ordanit and concludit be the hale comon' consale and be avise, consent and ordinance of the maste parte of the comownis of this burch', Alexander of Chamour that day beand forspekare for the comownis and merchandis than beand present, that ony man quhat ever he be of state, heyar' or lawar, duelland with in this burch' at pais nocht his male or at he withhaldis in his handis unpait fra a terme til ane uthir his male or ony other silver other of tax or of ony revenowis quharthroch' it may ryn to hendryng or prejudice to the toun' at that man of quhatsumever degre he be sal nocht hafe tax' of wateris nor' of land na yet sal be chosin in tyme to cum to ber' ony officis with' in this burch' quhil the tyme at he freith' hym selff and kepe the toun' unscathit anentis the kyng and all other men of all dettis and chargis acht be hy[m].¹

<Tempore prepositure A. M.> Eodem die Robertus Pret receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde, pro quibus solvet quinque libras prestite² solito juramento.

Quinto die mensis Februarii, Johannes de Hyll receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde pro quibus solvet iij li' xiiij s' et iiij d' quam summam consilium optulit Thome Do[naldi]³ in suum subsidium, prestito solito juramento, plegio pro solucione dicte summe, Willelmo Lowson.

[825]

Curia gilde tenta in pretorio burgi de Aberdene per Ricardum Kintor, prepositum huius burgi, octavo die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quadingentesimo sexagesimo secundo.

Quo die subscripti electi fuerunt in communes consiliarios huius burgi et jurati fuerunt ut moris est.

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|---------------------|----------------------------|
| • Andreas Meignies | Henricus Waus |
| • Johannes Fif | • Johannes Henrici Cullane |
| Willelmus Scherare | • Willelmus Voket |
| • Alexander Chamour | • Davit Symson' |
| • Johannes Marr' | Matheus Fechet |
| Johannes Scrogs | Johannes Andree |
| Andreas Cullane | |
| Andreas Alaneson' | |

¹ MS damaged. This entry is printed in *Extracts from the Council Register of Aberdeen*, 22.

² Sic.

³ Last name is heavily abbreviated.

Johannes Voket

Gilbertus Waus

- Johannes Kinidy
- Robertus Blindsele

Subscripte persone sunt electe ad audiendum comptum Johannis Scroggis magistri fabrice ecclesie.

Alexander Chamour

Johannes Fyff

Johannes Marr

Willelmus Scherar'

Andreas Cullan

Johannes Voket

Alexander Blynschel

The hale counsale hase consentit and delyverit that all the actis at ar made of befor in this buke for the comoun' profite of this burch' be keptit and observit under the payn of law, and at all thai at tappis to landwart marchandice other yrne, salt, ter or brade clath' be punysit and forboddin to tap ony gudis in tyme tocum under the payn of law as it is contenit in the actis of before.

[826]

Appreciatores carniū pro presenti anno.

Duncanus Androson'

Duncanus Tailyeoure

Alexander Rollande

Thomas Necolson'

Willelmus Stevinson', pelliparius

Johannes Irewyn, pelliparius

Gustatores servicie

Andreas Maar'

Johannes Myll, pistor¹

Thomas Tailyeour²

Willelmus S[er]jef

Henricus Walkar'

Johannes Crag, textor

Johannes Gregory, sertor

Thomas Lytstar'

Curia gilde tenta in pretorio burgi de Abberdene per Ricardum de Kyntor, prepositum dicti burgi, xxvij^o die mensis Januarii, anno Domini m^{mo} cccc^{mo} sexagesimo secundo.

¹ These two names are bracketed together on the left.

² Followed by heavily abbreviated word, indecipherable.

Quo die Magister Duncanus Lichtoun' cancellarius Abberdonensis solempniter protestatus est quod omnes alienaciones, inpigneraciones¹ terrarum et croftorum vendiciones infra dictum burgum facti per Johannem Blindsele a tempore dat' carte sue quam habet de eodem Johanne Blindsele de uno annuo redditu duarum marcarum de duobus croftis ut habet in eadem carta non redundaret sibi in prejudicium quoquo modo sue gravamen [ad...²] etiam quod nullus in iudicio audiatur contra ipsum penes dictum annum redditum donec fuerit legitime ad hoc vocatus et summonitus.

Curia gilde tenta in pretorio burgi de Aberdene per Ricardum Kintor, prepositum dicti burgi, iij^{to} die mensis Marcii, anni supradicti.

Quo die Johannes Hill accusatus de foristallacione convictus fuit ut foristallans pro lana, coreis et pellibus.

Item, Alexander de Haya convictus fuit similiter pro foristallacione lane, pellium et coreorum.

Item.³

Item, Willelmus Gray convictus fuit similiter.

Jacobus Craik convictus fuit pro foristallacione pellium,⁴ lane et coreorum.

Johannes Stewart convictus fuit similiter.

Alexander Leich' convictus fuit pro foristallacione pellium.

Thomas Philipi similiter pro foristallacione pellium, lane et coreorum.

Fergusius Chapman convictus fuit similiter.

Jacobus Clerk confessus est de pellibus.

[827]

Curia gilde tenta in pretorio de Aberden per Ricardum Kintor, prepositum dicti burgi, xij^{mo} die mensis Marcii, anno supradicto.

Quo die subscripti accusatione precedenti convicti fuerunt pro foristallacione lane, pellium et coreorum modo quo subscribitur.

Thom Malisson' convictus pro lana, pellibus et coreis pro anno precedenti.

Robertus⁵ Pret pro lana, pellibus⁶ similiter.

Johannes Glenmaling in omnibus similiter pro anno precedenti.

Ricardus Hill in omnibus similiter.

¹ Followed by *et*.

² Word difficult to read; ?*adiunget*.

³ Incomplete.

⁴ Followed by *tantum*.

⁵ Marginated; corrected in MS from 'Thomas'.

⁶ Followed by *et-coreis*.

Walterus Ach'nef pro pellibus tantum.
 David Paterson' pro¹ pellibus et coreis.
 Androu Baxter in omnibus.
 Johannes Gregory pro pellibus et coreis.
 Johannes Ach'nahuf in omnibus.
 Andreas Walkar' pro pellibus.
 Willelmus Stevinson' in omnibus.

Curia gilde tenta in pretorio burgi de Aberdene per Ricardum Kintor, prepositum dicti burgi, xvij^o die mensis supradicti, anno quo supra.

Quo die Andreas Murray, accusatus de forisstillacione, convictus fuit pro forisstillacione lane et pellium.

Willelmus Ratre pro forisstillacione lane et pellium similiter.

Johannes Mar'bec pro forisstillacione pellium.

xxj^o die Marcii, anno supradicto, Johannes Synclar' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem, prestito juramento, et solvet preposito xx solidos, plegio Johanne Voket et levanda ad voluntatem consilii de eodem.

Item, Umfridus Anderson' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde pro quinque marcis, prestito juramento, plegio Davit Farquhar'.

Decimo die mensis Maii, anno Domini, etc., lxij^o, Willelmus Stradachin receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde pro quatuor marcis prestito juramento, plegio Duncano Alon.

Henricus Ramsay receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde et hoc gratis ad requestam providi viri Magistri David Guthery, thesaurarii supremo domino nostro regi.²

Item, Henricus Ruthirfurd' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde racione paterne libertatis pro v s', etc.

[828]

Memorandum that it appoyntyte and fullylly accordyt in presens of the aldirman and the maste part of the consale betuix Andrew Meignes and Johne Litstar' anent the tak of the Garown' in this maner'. That is to say that the saide Johnne Litstar' sall ger' teill and eir' furthe with' his pluche the lande als ferr' as he gudely may for' thaim bathe and for the quhilkis the saide Andrew Meignes sall content and pay³ for his hering and teling to Johne' Litstar' alsmekill as it is⁴ sene worthe be the sicht and ordinance of the alderman and his consale and quhat that the alderman ordanyt to

¹ Followed by *in*...

² David Guthrie of Kincaldrum, treasurer 1461-8.

³ Followed by *him*.

⁴ Interlined with caret.

pay Willame of Seton' is oblist be the fathe of his body to filfull and undirly but ony stopping.

Item, it was ordanyt and deliveryt be the alderman and the mayst part¹ of consale that in defaute of payment of Gilbert the Waus' maile of the half net of the Raike the quhilk he has of the towne' in tak that be cause that Androw Alaneson' has the saide half net in governance and tak² of the saide Gilbert that he sal lay doune and pay the malys bygane of thre yeris termys of that half net, the quhilk extendis to xix pundis, xj s' iij d' for frething of the towne' at the chekar'. And the saide Androw sal hafe and bruke³ the saide half nettis fisching quhil he be payit of the saide soume othir' be the saide Gilbert or be the alderman and the towne' without ony impediment for sic like maile as the saide Gilbert has the saide half net of the towne'.

Curia gilde tenta per Ricardum de Kintor, prepositum huius burgi, xxviiij^{vo} die mensis Aprilis, anno Domini, etc., lxiiij^{to}.

Quo die Johannes Browne Stewart devenit plegius pro Thoma Law, chapman, ad intrandum ipsum coram preposito hodie ad quindenam ad subeundum justiciam pro foristallacione lane, pellium et coriorum.

Item, the samyn day it is ordanyt be the avise of the hale consall that the alderman sall call before him all forstallaris bathe to burghe and to lande and accuse thaim for forstalling and to rayse the unlawys of thaim and pay the ewcariste sa farr' as it may draw and this to be doune but ony favouris.

Curia gilde tenta per Ricardum de Kyntor, prepositum huius burgi, decimo quinto die mensis Novembris, anno, etc., lxiiij^{to}.

The samyn day it is ordanyt and statut be the alderman and the mast part of the counsale that fra hyne furth' na fre man na unfre turss' na hafe to the Monthe⁴ nothir' woll, hide na skynnys to sell out of the fredoume na yeit to by na wollin clath' out of Dundee, Brechine na out of nane uthir' place beyounde the Monthe to sell agayn under the paynys of eschete of the gudis.

[829]

Curia gilde tenta per Ricardum de Kintor, prepositum huius burgi, quarto die mensis Octobris, anno Domini, etc., lxv^{to}.

¹ *alderman...part* interlined.

² *and tak* interlined.

³ *and bruke* interlined.

⁴ The Mounth.

Quo die electi fuerunt ad audiendum computum dicti Ricardi de suo officio.

In primis, Johannes de Marr'
 Andreas filius Alani
 Matheus Fechat
 Alexander Blindsele
 Willelmus Rolande
 Patricius Badenache
 David Simson'.

Et isti prescripti¹ recipient et audient computum dicti prepositi et ecclesie et aliis compotis dicti burgi ad proficium spectantibus et ad hoc sunt jurati ad finiendum dicta computa fideliter juxta ipsorum discreciones.

Item, prefatus prepositus cum consensu et assensu communis consilii² ordinarunt³ quod missa ad magnum altare Beati Nicholai cum cantu continuabitur pro anno sequenti simili modo quo fuit in anno preterito.

Item, it is statut and ordanyt be the alderman and his haile consaile that the actis made of before of the forstallaris be conservit and kept in tym to cum but ony remissioune.

Donaldus Litstar' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi ex favore consilii quia dispensavit filiam liberi burgensis, qui prestitit solitum juramentum et dedit Alexandrum de Camera plegium pro se pro terra distringibili habenda infra burgum, etc., infra annum.

Thomas de Schethin receptus fuit in liberum burgensem huius burgi et confratrem gilde pro iij libris preposito et pro x s' in vino qui prestitit solitum juramentum et dedit Walterum Moryson' et Walterum de Achneff plegios pro se pro terra distringibili habenda infra burgum infra annum et diem, etc.

[830]

Burgenses et confratres gilde

xxviii^o die mensis Augusti, anno Domini m^{mo} cccc^{mo} lxiij^{to} Petrus Kynidy receptus in liberum burgensem et comfratrem⁴ gilde, causa paterne libertatis, qui prestitit juramentum solitum et solvit preposito quinque s' in alba, etc.

¹ Sic.

² Followed by *et*.

³ Interlined.

⁴ Sic.

Eodem die Johannes filius Andree, chapman, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde causa paterne libertatis et ad hoc prestitit solitum juramentum qui solvit preposito quinque solidos in alba bursa, etc.

Decimo sexto die mensis Septembris anno quo supra Willelmus Andreson' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi ad instantiam reverendi in Christo patris Abbatis de Arbrothok qui prestitit pro fidelitate sua conservanda solitum juramentum.

Vicesimo tercio die mensis Septembris anno quo supra Adam filius Andree cum consensu tocuis consilii receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi ob favorem Johannis de Kynnor' quondam patris uxoris dicti Ada[e]¹ qui prestitit solitum juramentum et solvit preposito quinque s'.

Eodem die Willelmus Scherar' filius et heres quondam Johannis Scherar' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi ratione paterne libertatis qui prestitit solitum juramentum et solvit preposito quinque solidos in alba bursa.

Item, Jacobus Kemp, aurifaber, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et² huius burgi qui solvit preposito xx s' et non ultra causa quod fuit servus Themanni Goldsmicht septem annis et nutritus fuit in villa a juventute qui prestitit solitum juramentum.

Johannes de Marr', filius Johannis de Marr' dicti Betson' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi causa paterne libertatis qui dedit quinque s' in alba bursa preposito et prestitit solitum juramentum.

David Githane receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi pro quinque marcis et xl^a denariis inde ad vinum x s' qui prestitit solitum juramentum et dedit Gilbertum Leiche pro terra distringibili habenda infra annum et diem infra dictum burgum.

Alexander Johnneson' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi ex favore consilii quia disposnavit filiam liberi burgensis et prestitit solitum juramentum et dedit Andream Alani plegium pro terra distringibili habenda infra annum et diem, etc.

[831]

Burgenses tantum

Vicesimo octavo die mensis Septembris anno Domini, etc., lxiiiij^{to} Patricius Baxtare receptus fuit in liberum burgensem huius burgi qui solvet pro sua

¹ Ada with horizontal line in MS.

² Followed by a blank space in MS, as if for *confratrem gilde*.

libertate preposito xx s' inde x s' in manu et alios x s' ad festum Natalis proxime inde sequens¹ qui prestitit solitum juramentum.

Item, eodem die Alexander filius Willelmi, sissor² receptus fuit in liberum burgensem huius burgi ad favorem consilii quia dispensavit filiam liberi burgensis qui solvet preposito pro sua libertate x s' et prestitit solitum juramentum.

Item, eodem die Walterus filius Andree, faber, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem huius burgi ad instanciam domini cancellarii Aberdonensis quia operarius est, et solvet preposito pro libertate predicta xx s' et qui prestitit solitum juramentum.

Item, Willelmus Champane, pistor, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem huius burgi causa paterne³ libertatis qui solvit preposito v s' in alba bursa et prestitit solitum juramentum pro fidelitate.

Item, Laurencius Faber receptus fuit in liberum burgensem huius burgi ad instanciam et requestum⁴ Magistri Gilberti de Haya, rectoris de Turreff,⁵ et solvet preposito xij s' iiij d' et prestitit solitum juramentum.

Item, Johannes de Hill' nuncupatus Johannes Sardar' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem huius burgi ad instanciam communis consilii qui solvit preposito xij s' iiij d' et prestitit solitum juramentum.

Johannes de Mernys, scissor, factus fuit liberum burgensem huius burgi causa paterne libertatis qui solvit preposito quinque s' in alba burssa,⁶ prestito solito juramento.

Nicholayus Flegiar' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem huius burgi causa paterne libertatis qui solvit preposito quinque s' in alba bursa, prestito solito juramento.

Johannes Scherar', carnifex, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem huius burgi pro xij s' iiij d' ex favore consilii quia dispensavit filiam liberi burgensis et prestitit juramentum solitum.

[832]

Vicesimo tercio die mensis Septembris, anno Domini, etc., lxiiij^{to}, per commune consilium huius burgi subscribe persone electe fuerunt ad audiendum computum Andree Meignes, prepositi, videlicet:

Johannes de Ffyfe
Johannes de Marr'
Willelmus Scherar'

¹ Sic; recte *sequentem*.

² Sic.

³ Followed by *paterne*.

⁴ Sic.

⁵ Turriff.

⁶ Sic.

Andreas de Culan
 Patricius Badenache
 Alexander Blindsele
 Johannes Vokate

Burgenses et confratres gilde anno lxxj^o.

Duodecimo die mensis Septembris anno Domini, etc., lxxj, Alexander Meignes et David Howyson' recepti fuerunt in liberos burgenses et confratres gilde huius burgi causa paterne libertatis qui solverunt x s' in alba bursa preposito et presteterunt solitum juramentum.

Johannes Brys' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi causa paterne libertatis qui solvit quinque s' in alba bursa et prestitit solitum juramentum.

Patricius Andreson' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi racione paterne libertatis qui solvit preposito in alba bursa quinque s' et prestitit solitum juramentum.

Thomas Broysour' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi racione paterne libertatis qui solvit preposito in alba bursa quinque s', prestito solito juramento.

Johannes Huchonson' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi racione paterne libertatis qui solvit preposito in alba bursa quinque s', prestito solito juramento.

David Robertson' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi ex gracia consilii quia disposnavit filiam liberi burgensis et prestitit solitum juramentum.

Johannes Stewinson', filius
 Alexander de Kintor
 Alexander Nachty
 Ricardus de Culan
 Willelmus More¹

Recepti fuerunt in liberos
 burgenses et confratres gilde

[833]

Burgenses tantum.

Andreas Cumyn, sissor, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem huius burgi qui solvit quinque s' in alba bursa preposito causa paterne libertatis et prestitit solitum juramentum.

¹ These five names are bracketed together by a line to the right.

Thomas Quhit, sutor, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem huius burgi causa paterne libertatis qui solvit quinque solidos in alba bursa et prestitit solitum juramentum.

Henricus Quhitbrow receptus fuit in liberum burgensem huius burgi causa paterne libertatis qui solvit preposito quinque s' in alba bursa et prestitit solitum juramentum.

Primo die mensis Octobris anno Domini, etc., lxxj^{to}, Johannes Scot, scissor, receptus fuit in liberum burgensem huius burgi ex gracia consilii quia dispensavit filiam liberi burgensis et solvet preposito xvj s', prestito solito juramento.

Eodem die Alanus Faber receptus fuit in liberum burgensem huius burgi ex gracia majoris partis consilii et prestitit juramentum solitum et solvet preposito pro dicta libertate x s'.

[834]

The xij day of Septembre the yere of God, etc., lxxj, the alderman with' the consent and assent of the maste part of the counsale has giffin and grauntyt to S[ire] Thomas Andreson', chaplane of Saynt Ninyanis altar, of the feftment of Willam of Meldrum all and hale the lande with' the pertinens of quhilum S[ire] Johne' of Kindelochis, vicar' of Kinerny',¹ lyande at the Scoule Hill' of the burgh' of Aberden on the north' syde of that ilke betuix the scoule lande on the west syde and the lande of umquhile Duncane of Buchan on the est syde for' all the dayis of his lyve, he doande yerely ane obbyt of² S[ire] Johne' of Kindelochis' saule mess' and quhat that the saide S[ire] Thomas findis that the saide lande is better yerely to pray for' the saule of the saide S[ire] Johne' of Kindeloch' efter the entent of his awin consciens. And the saide S[ire] Thomas sal uphalde suffyciandely the saide lande for' his tyme and this we have giffin and grauntyt to the saide S[ire] Thomas for' his tym as we that ar' patronys of the saide lande with' the pertinens and may dispone yar' apon' quhen ever it vaikis.

Item, the alderman, the bailyeis and the hale consaile avysitly has giffin and grauntyt to Willame Scherar' and to Mayster Duncane Scherar' his son', the patronage of Saynt Duthowys altar' stedyt in the parochekirk of Saynt Nicholace of this burgh', and failyeande of the forsaidis Willame and Mayster Duncane til Androw Scherar' and Alexander Scherar' his brothir' and to thair' airis maile ffor the quhilkis thai ar oblist with' the grace of God to feft the saide altar' of ten' markis of the usuale payment of Scotlande perpetually in all possibill haste. And failyeande of the forsaide Willame, Mayster Duncane, Androu, and Alexander and thair' airis maile

¹ Kinnernie.

² Followed by *his*.

the saide patronage to retour' agayn to the gift of the alderman, bailyeis and consale and communitie of the saide burgh' but ony questione or demawnde.

[836]¹

Curia gilde tenta per Ricardum de Kintor, prepositum, in pretorio huius burgi x^{mo} die mensis Octobris, anno domini, etc., lxxj^o.

Eodem die subscripti electi fuerunt in communi consilio.

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| - Johannes de Fyfe | - Gilbertus de Kintor |
| Willelmus Scherar' | - Johannes Mathouson' |
| Alexander de Camera | - Henricus Ruthirfurde |
| Johannes de Marr' | - David Colyson' |
| Andreas Alanson' | - Gilbertus Waus' |
| Johannes de Scrogis | Willelmus Vokat |
| Matheus Fechat | - Jacobus Meignes |
| Andreas de Culan | - Alexander Howyson' |
| - Petrus Kynidy | - David Blabir' |
| - Alexander Blindsele | - David Mathouson' |
| Patricius de Badenach' | - Edmundus Louson' |

Johannes Andreson'

Johannes Wode

- David Simson'
- Adam de Craufurde
- Johannes Henrici de Culan
- Robertus Blindsele
- Robertus de Culan
- Thomas de Fyfe

Matheus Fechat	Thir' personys forsaide sal observe and
Alexander Blindsele	kepe all actis made be the comon' counsale
Johannes Mathouson'	belangande the profyte of merchandise and
Gilbertus de K[in]tor ²	rewyle of the gilde for' this yere to the
David Colyson'	quhilkis thai ar' sworne'; and that the
David ³ Simson ⁴	alderman sall do na thing but the advise of

¹ Page 835 is blank.

² MS is smudged.

³ Followed by *Mathe*....

⁴ These 6 names are bracketed to the right.

thaim and tharto he to be sworne' to the execucione of this the fornemnyt vj persounis and the alderman has sworne' and oblist be the fathis of thair' bodiis.

[837]

It is fundin profitabill for the commone profite of merchandice of thes' burgh' be the alderman and the hale commone counsale that the alde actis made tharapoun be observyt and kept for' this yere.

Item, we ordane thir' sex persounys befor' exprimyt til set with' the alderman ilke xv dayis and to punys' the brakaris of thai actis efter the tenouris of thaim, and that all merchandis warnyt to the saide curt sal be thar' under the payn of ane unlaw of viij s' unforgiffin. And gif it befundyn that thir' sex personys be negligent in the persecucione and keping of thai actis thai sall be punyst tharfor' be the ordina[u]nce of the common consale.

Item, it is ordanyt be the avise of the mast part of the merchandis and the hale consale that for' this yere that na merchande sell salt better chape na vj s' the boll' and v d' the pek and the pynt of ter for' vj d' and the stane of Spanye irine for xxxij d' the stane' and quha that brekis this price he beande convickyt tharof sall pay viij s' on forgiffin als' oft as ony be convickyt for sic trespassis and this unlaw the forsaide persounys sall rays' and mak compt thar of and the ferlot for xx d'.

Item, it is statute that na merchande for this yere sal by woll' derrar' than vj s' viij d' under the forsaide payn contenyt in the alde actis of v merkis on forgiffin.

Item, it is statute that na man haffande water sal set his water til unfremen fra hyne furth' under the payn of xl s' to be raysit on forgiffin.

Item, it is statute that² na man corff³ fische' of salmunde bot brethir' of the gilde or thair' so[u]nys beande in houshalde with' his fadir' under the payn of eschet of the salmunde.

Item, it is statute that the alderman na Johne' of Scrogis sall nocht intromett with' na common gude nothir' of the burgh' na of the kirke onto the⁴ thair' comptis be endyt be the auditoris.

Item, it is ordanyt the mess' with' note of the sacrament at the hee altar' be continuit and doune for this yere like as of befor'.

Item, it is ordanyt be the hale consaile that David Blabir⁵ salbe collector til Saynt Thomas hospitale of all procuracionys belangande to the said' hospitale for' this yere.

¹ Sic.

² Followed by *man*.

³ Cure.

⁴ 'tyme' omitted?

⁵ Followed by *col.*...

[838]

Vicesimo die mensis Februarii, anno domini, etc., lxxvj^{to}, Donaldus de Tulche receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi ex favore domini comitis de Huntle, et solvet preposito sex marcas qui prestitit solitum juramentum et dedit Johannem Stewart plegium pro terra distringibili habenda infra burgum infra annum et diem a data presencium et pro ceteris oneribus supportandis.

Sexto die mensis Marcii, anno domini quo supra, Godardus Wymers' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi ex speciali favore tocius consilii pro suis benemeritis nobis factis et eciam quia disponavit filiam liberi burgensis et confratris gilde, qui prestitit solutum¹ juramentum et dedit Alexandrum de Camera plegium pro terra distringibili habenda in dicto burgo infra annum et diem, suppremo domino nostro regi responsurus et pro ceteris oneribus supportandis.

Item, Robertus Alexanderson' receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi ex gracia consilii, eo quod disponavit filiam liberi burgensis et confratris gilde, Galfridi Burnat; qui prestitit juramentum solitum.

Item, Willelmus de Haya receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde huius burgi ad requestum domini de Gordon', qui prestitit solitum juramentum et dedit Andream Alaneson' plegium ad habendum terram distringibilem infra burgum infra annum et diem a data huius scripti ad respondendum domino nostro regi pro suis americiamentis et pro ceteris oneribus supportandis infra burgum.

[840]²

Richarde of Hill', burgess' of this burgh', comperit in the tolbutth' befor' the alderman and bailyeis and ressavit fra Willame Joffray his partman in the tyme xxxviij s' for his part; the quhilkis he delyveryt til him be the gret athe sworne that the saide so[u]me was his lele and trew part but fraude or gile. And thar' in presens of the saidis alderman and bailyeis he quitclemyt and dischargit the saide Willam Joffray of all partmanschip and of al uthir' intromettingis betuix thaim the day of the makyn of this write, than and for ever in tyme to cum. This do[u]ne and endit the iij day of August the yere of god a thousande four' hund[e]r sixty and viij yeris. Thir' witnes: Alexander of Chawmer, alderman, Androw Scherar', Thomas of Chawmer, twa of the bailyeis, Edmunde Louson', Johne' Chapman, Duncane Allone', Gilbert of Chawmer, Thome Broysour', Thome Wode and Johne' of Tulydef, serjande, with uthir' sindry.

¹ Sic.

² Page 839 is blank.

[841]

Curia gilde tenta in pretorio per Ricardum de Kintor, prepositum, decimo quarto die mensis Decembris anno domini, etc., lxxj^o.

Eodem die Willelmus S...¹ in amerciamento curie quia non comparuit coram preposito, ut obligatur, pro foristallacione.

Johannes Litstar' de Grene' in amerciamento curie quia non intravit unum foristallatorem pro quo devenit fidejussorem.

Gilbertus Leche in amerciamento curie quia non intravit Andream Burges et Alexandrum Glenny coram preposito pro foristallacione pro quibus devenit fidejussorem.²

Johannes de Kintor in amerciamento curie quia non intravit unum foristallatorem coram preposito pro foristallacione pro quo devenit fidejussorem.

Ricardus de Culan

Willelmus Maliceson'

Willelmus Mor'

Johannes Nachty

Jacobus Craike

Johannes³ Gle[n]malyne

Patricius Faber

Johannes Chapman

David Bog

[844]⁴

Burgenses et confratres gilde facti tempore prepositure Ricardi de Kintor, anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo secundo.

Davit de Ach'nahuf receptus fuit in liberum burgensem et confratrem gilde ad instanciam Willelmi Fodringham, burgensis istius burgi et commorantis in villa de Perth, cui promissum fuit habere libertatem burgensis ratione quorundam laborum alias factorum per ipsum Willelmum concernentium istud burgum, plegio Adam Craufurde quod non forisstabit⁵ privilegium burgi.

Eodem die Jacobus filius Andree posuit se in voluntate prepositi pro foristallacione lane et pellium.

¹ Ink is smudged; most of the name has been obliterated.

² Sic; recte *fidejussor*?

³ Followed by *Gilbe'*.

⁴ Pages 842 and 843 are blank.

⁵ Sic; recte *forisstallabit*.

[845]

Duodecimo die mensis Octobris anno domini, etc., lxiiij^o, Angusius Lilburne' devenit plegius pro Alexandro Balcromby, foristallatore, preposito et ballivis ad intrandum se coram preposito pro foristallacione die veneris xxviiij^o die mensis antedicti ad subeundum legem pro predicta foristallacione.

[846]

Curia gilde tenta per Ricardum de Kintor, prepositum huius burgi, in pretorio eiusdem, septimo die mensis Octobris anno domini, etc., sexagesimo tercio.

Quo die subscripte persone electe fuerunt in communi consilio.

Alexander de Camera	Andreas filius Alani	Andreas Rede
Andreas Meignes	Matheus Ffechat	Johannes Knoll'
Johannes de Fyffe	Johannes Henrici de Culan	Jacobus Meignes
Johannes de Marr'	Johannes Vokate	Willelmus Vokat
Johannes Scrogis	Willelmus Rolande	Robertus de Culane
Andreas de Culane	Patricius de Badenache	David Simsone'
Willelmus Scherar'	Henricus Ruthirfurde	Adam de Craufurde
	Gilbertus Waus'	David Blabir'

The samyn day it ordanyt¹ and decretyt be the alderman and the hale consale and merchandis for the profite of merchandice that na merchande man tap na sell salt, irine, terr', and sape better chape na it is statute, that is to say, the pek of salt for vj d' and the less' mesuris thar eftir'; the boll of salt for vj s' viij d'; the stane of irine for xxxij d' and it be salde in gret as the merchande kan accorde, the pynt of terr' for vj d'; the punde of sape for iij d' and be the dusan for iij s' and na less'. And quhat merchande that be taynt be his nichburis brekande this statute he sal pay viij s' on forgiffine til ane unlaw and that als oft as he be taynt. And quhat nichbur' that presentis the taynt on his nichbur' to the alderman or to the bailyeis he sal hafe ij s' of his unlaw til his rawarde als oft as he presentis ony taynt of breking of this fforssaide statute. And the alderman and bailyeis sall tak inquisicione ilke lachfull day gif ony merchandis be brekaris of the saide statut.

Item, it is ordanyt that na hukstaris tape in thair' buthis salt under the payn of eschete of it.

Item, it is ordanyt and statute be the alderman and hale counsale that na unfre man occupy merchandise in bying nor selling nothir' to burgh' nor lande under the payn of eschete of his gudis.

¹ Sic; *is* omitted?

Item, that na freman duellande within the burgh' occupy utow the burgh' merchandice othir' in bying or selling na to bruke na takkis of the burgh' under the payn forsaide.

Item, that thar' be na unfre man made burges for a yere but the consent of xij personis of the counsale at the leste bot gif he be a burges son'.

Item, that na freman colour' within the burgh' na unfre mennys gudis under the payn of v merkis on forgiffine.

Item, it is ordanyt be the hale counsale that quhat tyme the alderman has ado with' thaim for the common' profite of the toune and sendis for thaim and warnys thaim the nicht befor', quha beis absent and cummys nocht on the morne' he sall pay unforegiffin xij d' to the lafe of the consale bot gif thai hafe lauchfull essionze.

[847]

Die Lune proxima post festum Beati Michaelis archangeli, videlicet, secundo die mensis Octobris anno Domini, etc., lxiij^{to}.

Quo die Ricardus de Kyntor electus fuit in officio prepositure huius burgi pro anno sequenti, ad quod fideliter juxta posse faciendum prestitit juramentum solitum.

Item, eodem die Andreas Scherar', Alexander Blindsele, Thomas de Camera et Johannes de Kyntor electi fuerunt in officio ballivorum huius burgi pro anno sequenti, ad quod fideliter faciendum juxta posse ipsorum quilibet ipsorum prestitit juramentum solitum.

Item, eodem die Alexander Andreson', Johannes Waus', Willelmus Atkinson' et Laurencius filius Thome electi fuerunt in officio serjandorum huius burgi, etc., qui prestiterunt solita juramenta.

Curia gilde tenta in pretorio huius burgi per prefatum prepositum sexto die mensis Octobris anno, etc., lxiij^{to}, quo die subscribe persone electi sunt in communi consilio pro anno sequenti.

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| • Alexander de Camera | • Matheus Fechat |
| • Andreas Meignes | • Johannes Henrici de Culan |
| u Johannes de Fyfe | Johannes Vokate |
| • Johannes de Marr' | • Willelmus Rollande |
| • Johannes de Scrogis | • Robertus de Culan |
| • Willelmus Scherar' | • David Simson' |
| u Andreas de Culan | • David Blabir' |
| • Andreas filius Alani | • Adam de Craufurde |
| • Johannes Mathouson' | |
| • David Colyson' | |
| • Gilbertus de Kyntor | |

[848]

Forisstallatores

Item, Andreas Birde convictus¹ fuit per assisam pro empcione lane et pro vendicione salis et pro empcione pellium posuit se in voluntate prepositi.

Item, Andreas Willamson' convictus fuit per assisam pro empcione lane et posuit se in voluntate prepositi pro empcione pellium.

Item, Johannes Patrikson' apud Fyvy² convictus fuit pro empcione lane et vendicione salis et bituminis et posuit in³ voluntate prepositi pro empcione pellium.

Item, Johannes Andreson' apud Rayne posuit se in voluntate prepositi pro empcione pellium.

Subscripte persone sunt electe per commune consilium⁴ ad audiendum computum Andree Menzes de officio prepositure et computum ecclesie a Johanne de Scrogis, videlicet:

Johannes de Fyfe	Andreas Meignes
Andreas filius Alani	Johannes Henrici Culan
Andreas de Culane	Matheus Fechat
Johannes de Scrogis	Patricius de Badenach'
David Simson'	Willelmus Rollande

Item, it is⁵ ordanyt and statute be the alderman and the hale consale that the forstallaris bath' to burgh' and lande be punyst eftir' the alde actis made of befor' but remissioune.

Item, ony merchande man that conselys or puttis furthe ony unfremannys gudis sal be punyst eftir the alde actis on the samyn wyse.

Curia gilde tenta per Ricardum de Kintor, prepositum, in pretorio huius burgi xxvj^{vo} die mensis Aprilis anno domini, etc., lxx^{vo}.

Quo die⁶ Thomas Maliceson' convictus fuit per assisam pro foristallacione lane et pellium.

Eodem die prepositus et consules concesserunt Willelmo de Lammynton, carnifici, firmam suam de pretorio unius anni, allocando Andree Scherar', ballivo, in computo suo.

¹ Corrected from *convictus* in MS.

² Fyvie.

³ Sic; *se* omitted?

⁴ Followed by *and*....

⁵ Superscript.

⁶ Followed by *444*....

[849]

Eodem die Willelmus Gray

Alexander de Haya

Johannes de Hill'

Adam Andresson'

Johannes Gregory

Jacobus Clerke

et David de Hill'

Prescripte persone sunt convicti pro foristallacione lane et pellium per bonam
assisam.

[850]

Introitus bonorum [?Laurentii]¹ Johneson' de Flisching in Zelandia ...² anno
Domini etc., lxx^{to}.

In primis, vj^c salis. Item, iij pipis vini.

¹ MS faded.

² MS damaged; several words apparently missing. Flushing in Zealand.

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116th ANNUAL REPORT

*Presented to the Annual General Meeting,
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During the course of this year Julian Goodare retired as Honorary Publication Secretary after 13 years of service. Ulrika Morét also reluctantly retired due to relocation in Berlin. Sharon Adams (University of Edinburgh) has agreed to take over from Ulrika and has already been involved quite heavily since taking office.

At the time of writing, *Scotland and the Americas, c.1680-1939*, edited by Allan Macinnes, Linda Fryer and Marjory Harper is already with the printer and will hopefully be sent to members early in 2003; almost ready to be submitted to the printers (subject to final indexing) is *Minutes of Mid and East Lothian Miners' Association, 1894-1918*, edited by Ian MacDougall. The next volume that will be undertaken is Miscellany XIII, the material for which is now in an advanced state. During the course of 2003 it is hoped also to publish *Scottish Evangelical Piety and Life-Writing, c.1660-c.1700*, edited by David G. Mullan.

The following volumes are also in preparation: *The Black Book of Coldingham, 1298-1430*, edited by Joseph Donnelly; *The Scots and the French Army, 1548-1559: French Military and Financial Documents Concerning Scotland During the Reign of Henri II*, edited by Elizabeth Bonner; *Fifteenth-Century Aberdeen Guild Records*, edited by Elizabeth Gemmill; *Letters of Sir Donald MacDonald of Sleat, c.1665-1718*, edited by Donald William Stewart; *On Tour in Scotland: Tourist Journals, 1788-1881*, edited by Alastair Durie; and *Scottish Evangelical Piety and Life-Writing, c.1660-c.1700*, edited by David G. Mullan. A new volume on curling in 19th century Scotland, featuring the *Minutes of the Kilmarnock Curling Club*, to be prepared by Sheriff David B. Smith, has been approved by Council. It is hoped that the first volume of the *Scottish Chronicles* series, the *Melrose Chronicle*, may appear as early as 2004.

At its March meeting Council authorised the Chairman and other office bearers to undertake a review of the Society's operations in the light of falling membership and the resignations of two of the publications' secretaries. The review is still underway, but three

recommendations were put to and agreed by Council at the October meeting:

1. That the new membership secretary (Dr Louise Yeoman) should take responsibility for publicising the activities of the Society while membership as such should be the responsibility of the Treasurer
2. That as subscription income does not cover the cost of producing volumes, institutional subscriptions should be substantially increased but individual subscriptions held at the present level until the publications' programme is back on schedule
3. That the Society should explore ways of lightening the load on the publications' secretaries, including the possibility of entering into a partnership with a commercial publisher.

A rough version of the Society's website is now active (although further development work is required) and can be viewed at <http://www.scottishhistorysociety.org/>.

The following members of Council retire by rotation: Dr Alastair MacDonald and Dr Louise Yeoman (who is to replace Dr Irene Maver as Membership Secretary). To fill their places, Council recommends Dr Ronnie Johnston, Glasgow Caledonian University and Dr John Scally, National Library of Scotland, for election.

Membership of the Society now stands at 296 individual and c.150 institutional members.

The Society's financial position remains reasonably healthy, but Council recommends an increase in the institutional subscription rate.

Roger A. Mason, Chairman
November 2002

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2001		2002
£		£
7431.40	Subscriptions	4923.23
384.00	Tax recovered on Gifts in Aid	655.77
309.42	Sales of Past Publications	465.50
-150.00	Less: Honorariums	-190.00
3717.00	Interest on Bank Premier Account	1980.96
79.54	Interest on Bank Current Account	39.18
11771.36	NET INCOME	7874.64
	Cost of Year's Publications	0.00
-8925.00	Printing <i>Clan Campbell Letters</i>	0.00
-10049.00	Printing <i>George Buchanan's Political History</i>	0.00
0.00	Printing <i>Religious Controversies</i>	- 8191.00
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-3307.08	Postage & Packing	-1608.05
-600.00	Publication Secretaries' Honorarium	-600.00
-670.49	AGM Expenses	-924.43
-103.70	I.T. Expenditure	-328.67
-26.26	Postage & Stationery	-391.43
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-11978.02	CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICIT(-)/SURPLUS	-4269.80
-811.87	Removal of Stock of Back Numbers	0.00
0.00	Settlement of Prior Years' Tax Claims	351.68
15.00	Bequests, Donations, etc.	15.00
-12774.89	NET DEFICIT FOR YEAR	-3903.12

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2001		2002
£		£
1.00	Stocks of Unsold Publications	1.00
2000.00	Income Tax Recoverable	0.00
0.00	Other Debtors (receipts after date)	0.00
78629.77	Bank – Premier Account	77610.73
3234.31	Bank – Current Account	2138.36
-811.87	Creditors (payments after date)	-600.00
83053.21	NET CURRENT ASSETS	79150.09
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95828.48	Balance at 1st October 2001	83053.21
-12774.89	Deficit(-)/Surplus for Year	-3903.12
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I have audited the above financial statements in accordance with approved Auditing Standards and it is my opinion that the financial statements which have been prepared under the historical cost convention give a true and fair view of the state of the society's funds at 30th September 2002 and of the income and expenditure in the year to that date.

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SCOTTISH HISTORY SOCIETY

REPORT

117th ANNUAL REPORT

*Presented to the Annual General Meeting,
Saturday 6th December 2003*

Council is pleased to note the publication, early in 2003, of *Scotland and the Americas, c.1680-1939*, edited by Allan MacInnes, Linda Fryer and Marjorie Harper. This was published out of sequence as vol. XIII (2000) of the Society's Fifth Series; vol. XII (1999), *Minutes of the Mid and East Lothian Miners' Association, 1894-1918*, edited by Ian MacDougall, is with the printer and publication is expected in December 2003/January 2004. Volume XIV (2001), *Miscellany XIII* and Volume XV (2002), *Piety and Life-Writing in Early Modern Scotland, c.1670-c.1712*, are both at an advanced stage and will go to press early in 2004.

Council has received no new proposals for publication in 2003. However, there is a considerable backlog of accepted volumes, some at advanced stages of preparation. In addition, Council has agreed that the *Melrose Chronicle* should be published in three volumes rather than two; the first volume will be ready to go to press early in 2004. There is therefore a strong likelihood that the publication programme can be brought up to date in the course of 2004-2005.

Following discussion at the last AGM of the possibility of the Society entering into partnership with a commercial publisher, Council met with representatives of Edinburgh University Press at its spring meeting. EUP expressed strong interest in taking on publication of the Society's volumes and, in the constructive discussion that ensued, it became clear that there would be distinct advantages to the Society in terms of marketing, finance (maintaining subscriptions), distribution and general administration. All these tasks are currently undertaken by the office-bearers (primarily the Secretary and Treasurer) and it is proving increasingly difficult to perform them efficiently on a voluntary, part-time basis. Council was satisfied that, were the Society to enter into partnership with EUP, editorial control would remain with the Society. However, it would effectively lose control over subscription rates (which would probably increase on an annual basis). On balance, Council took the view that, subject to the approval of the 2003 AGM,

it was well worth pursuing this option and drawing up a formal set of proposals that could be circulated to members of the Society in advance of the 2004 AGM.

Council has received a proposal from TannerRitchie Publishing to digitise SHS volumes and make them available on CD-Rom. Council welcomed this idea, but felt that further discussion of both the technical and financial arrangements was required and that the views of members should be canvassed at the AGM.

At the time of writing the Society's website (www.scottishhistorysociety.org) is being redesigned. The Chairman will report progress at the AGM.

Dr Steve Boardman has intimated to Council his decision to step down as Secretary after eight years of service. Dr Michael Penman has agreed to take his place. Likewise, Dr Alastair Durie has intimated his decision to step down as Treasurer after four years in the post. Four members of Council retire by rotation; Dr Sonja Cameron, Mr Martin Tyson, Dr Graeme Morton and Dr John Young.

Membership of the Society stands at 314 fully paid up individual or joint subscribers and 94 institutional subscribers.

Roger A. Mason, Chairman
November 2003

Scottish History Society
REGISTERED SCOTTISH CHARITY NO. 005043

INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR TO 30th SEPTEMBER 2003

2002		2003
<i>£</i>		<i>£</i>
4923.23	Subscriptions	5488.11
655.77	Tax recovered on Gifts in Aid	896.98
465.50	Sales of Past Publications	215.00
-190.00	Less: Honorariums	0.00
0.00	Interest on Bond	849.09
1980.96	Interest on Bank Premier Account	916.18
39.18	Interest on Bank Current Account	44.79
7874.64	NET INCOME	8410.15
	Cost of Year's Publication	-11187.88
-8191.00	Printing <i>Religious Controversies</i>	0.00
0.00	Printing <i>Scotland and the Americas</i>	-9167.00
-85.00	Artwork, Illustrations, etc.	-85.00
-1608.05	Postage & Packing	-18388.83
-600.00	Publication Secretaries' Honoraria	-600.00
-924.43	AGM Expenses	-200.00
-328.67	I.T. Expenditure	-100.00
-391.43	Postage & Stationery	-130.08
-15.86	Scottish Archive Network	0.00
-4269.80	CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICIT	-3807.81
351.68	Settlement of Prior Years' Tax Claims	0.00
15.00	Bequests, Donations, etc.	15.00
-3903.12	NET DEFICIT FOR YEAR	-3792.81

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2003

2002		2003
£		£
1.00	Stocks of Unsold Publications	1.00
0.00	Other Debtors (receipts after date)	0.00
0.00	Bank – Bond	30000.00
77610.73	Bank – Premier Account	40526.91
2138.36	Bank – Current Account	5429.37
-600.00	Creditors (payments after date)	-600.00
79150.09	NET CURRENT ASSETS	79357.28.
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
83053.21	Balance at 1st October 2002	83053.21
-3903.12	Deficit for Year	-3792.81
79150.09	Balance at 30th September 2003	75357.28

BLACKFORD, 14 October 2003

I have audited the above financial statements in accordance with approved Auditing Standards and it is my opinion that the financial statements which have been prepared under the historical cost convention give a true and fair view of the state of the society's funds at 30th September 2003 and of the income and expenditure in the year to that date.

H.B. PEEBLES, CA, ACMA
Auditor



