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Inclusive of Both.

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*By a Minister of the GOSPEL.*

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# Advertisement,

**T**HE Subsequent Abridgement and Index, being calculated for the Benefite of those who desire to consult the Larger Acts of Assembly; I have endeavoured to render the Method of the whole, as Natural and Easie as I could, by dividing and distinguishing Alphabetically the principal Words in each Act, which hath occasioned a large List of Words, in which, by referring from one to another, and consulting the Words referred unto; the Reader may, with small pains, find out the several particular Acts, under their Respective General Heads.

In Consequence of this Method, I have been obliged to make use of some necessary Conventions, which are as follows, viz. (§) signifies Section, made use of for distinguishing the several Heads, to which the References are made. Also, where this (\*) Asterick is found subjoined, it serves to point out to such Acts of Assembly as are only to be found in the Index of Unprinted Acts. Also, Art. signifies Article. Dir. Direction, Dom. Domestick, Eccl: Ecclesiastick, Gen. General, Intit. Intituled, Num. Number, Ov. Overture, Par. Particular, Rem. Remedy.

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The great Care I had upon me, of perfecting  
the Matter, and proportioning its severa  
parts, to that small Compass, to which some  
may perhaps think I have over strictly confin'd  
my self, is my only Apologie for passing over  
with a bare Consult, some Temporary Acts  
which had a peculiar Respect to the Times  
wherein they were framed, and for any unna-  
tural misplacing of Words, and want of Tran-  
sitions, and some little Beauties, belonging to  
this Method of making Collections.

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A List of the several Moderators of the  
Respective Assemblies, from 1638,  
to 1706.

- . Ass. Glasgow, 1638, Mr. Alex. Henderson
- . Ass. Edinburgh, 1639, Mr. Dav. Dickson
- . Ass. Aberdeen, 1640, Mr. And. Ramsay
- . Ass. St. And. & Edr. 1641, Mr. A. Ramsay
- . Ass. St. Andrews, 1642, Mr. Ro. Douglas
- . Ass. Edinburgh 1643, Mr. Al. Henderson
- . Ass. Edinburgh 1644, Mr. Ja. Bonnar
- . Ass. Edinburgh 1645, Mr. Ro. Douglas
- . Ass. Edinburgh 1646, Mr. Rob. Blair
- o. Ass. Edinburgh 1647, Mr. Ro. Douglas
- 1. Ass. Edinburgh 1648, Mr. Geo. Gillespie
- 2. Ass. Edinburgh 1649, Mr. Ro. Douglas
- 3. Ass. Edinburgh 1690, Mr. H. Kennedy
- 4. Ass. Edinburgh 1692, Mr. W. Crichton
- 5. Ass. Edinburgh 1694, Mr. John Law
- 6. Ass. Edinb: 1695, 1696, Mr. Pa. Simson
- 7. Ass. Edinburgh 1697, Mr. Wm. Crichton
- 8. Ass. Edinburgh 1698, Mr. Geo. Meldrum
- 9. Ass. Edinburgh 1699, Mr. G. Hamilton
- o. Ass. Edinburgh 1700, Mr. David Blair
- 1. Ass. Edinburgh, 1701, Mr. Tho. Wilkie
- 2. Ass. Edinburgh 1702, Mr. D. Williamson
- 3. Ass. Edinburgh 1703, Mr. Geo. Meldrum
- 4. Ass. Edinburgh 1704, Mr. Tho. Wilkie
- 5. Ass. Edinburgh 1705, Mr. Wm. Carstairs
- 6. Ass. Edinburgh, 1706, Mr. W. Wiseheart

**ABBOT**, *see* Bishop. §. 2.

**ABSENTS.** §. 1. Absents from the Assemblies Diets, and such as withdraw from the same, without leave, before it be dissolved; are to be suspended by the Assembly, until the Provincial Synod next thereafter following. *Aff: 1647 Sess: 26*

§. 2. *See more, Commission of Aff: § 5. 6 and Assemb: [Gen:] § 4.*

**ABSOLUTION.** *see* Scandals. § 4.

**ACTS of ASSEMBLY,** § 1. Act obliging all Commissioners to the Assembly and all Kirk Sessions, to buy the whole Acts of the Assembly, that they may know how to rule their Judicatories. *Aff: 1638, Sess. 26.* Presbyteries and Synods are appointed to see how this Act is observed. *Aff: 1645; Sess: 18. and Assen: 1700, Sess: 17.*

§ 2. Act appointing the Agent for the Kirk, after the Rising of each Assembly to Transmit Copies of the Printed Acts as many as will serve every Presbytery and Parish, upon the Expense of the Presbyteries and Sessions: and Synods, to mark in their Books how this Act is observed. *Aff: 1705, Sess: ult.*

§ 3. For preventing Innovations, sud-

the General Assembly: *Aff: 1639, Aug: 30*  
 § 2. Appellations *post sententiam*, are to  
 be made within ten days, *Aff: 1643,*  
*sess: 2:* Explain'd thus, That where the  
 Appeal, after Sentence, is not ready to  
 be given in, the Party shall protest for  
 Liberty to Appeal; and accordingly with-  
 in ten days give in his written Appeal to  
 the Judicatory, or the Moderator thereof,  
 otherwise the Appeal falls. *Aff: 1648,*  
*sess: 30.*

§ 3. That Verbal Appellants are to  
 give in their subscribed Appeals within  
 ten days, to the Clerk of the Judicatory  
 appealed from, [ notwithstanding the  
 Judicatory may be up before that time ]  
 and also intimat the same to the Mode-  
 rator, leaving with him an Authentick  
 Copy of the said Appeal, with the Rea-  
 sons thereof, to be Registrated by the  
 Clerk, and Summonds direct thereupon  
 to Parties Defenders, and Extracts there-  
 of, with the Citation foresaid, are to be  
 produced by the Appellants, at the dis-  
 cussing thereof: Declaring, that any Ap-  
 peals, or Insistings thereupon, otherwise  
 made, shall be rejected. *Aff: 1694, Sess: 7.*

§ 4. *see* Transportations. § 1.

ARMINIANISM, *see* Preaching § 3.

ARMY. Act and Recommendation to Ministers, Kirk-Sessions, and others concerned where any of the King's Forces are quartered, to provide them with convenient Seats for hearing Sermon, inspect and notice them, as they do other Parishoners, during their Abode there; and if need be, to apply to the Commanding Officers, for taking care that Inferior Officers and Soldiers attend Ordinances, and walk inoffensively. *Aff: 1697, Sess: 9.*

ARTICLES. Act condemning the five Articles of *Perth*, viz: The Observation of Festival Days, Kneeling at the Communion, Confirmation by Bishops, Private Baptism, and Private Communion; as being all of them contrary to the Confession of Faith, as professed and meant in the Year 1580, 81, 90, 91. *Aff: 1638, Sess: 17, 26. and Aff: 1639, Sess: 7.*

ASSEMBLY [ General ] § 1. Act condemning and annulling the pretended Assemblies at *Linlithgow*, 1606 and 1608, at *Glasgow* 1610, at *Aberdeen* 1616, at *St. Andrews* 1617, and at *Perth* 1618. As being all of them either wrongously Indicted or unlawfully Limited as to their freedom

freedom in Voting and in Electing Members, &c. *Aff: 1638, Sess: 12.*

§ 2. Act restoring Kirk-Sessions, Provincial and National Assemblies, to the full Integrity of their Members, Privileges, Liberties, Powers and Jurisdictions, as constitute by the Book of Policy, Registered in the Books of Assembly 1581, *Aff: 1638, Sess: 21.*

The Assembly declares, That by Divine Ecclesiastical and Civil Warrands, [by which last is meant an Act of Parliament 1592] this National Kirk hath Power and Liberty to Assemble and Convene in Her Yearly General Assemblies, and ofter, *pro re nata*, as Occasion and necessity shall require. *Ibid: Decemb: 20.*

*Item,* It is always free to the Magistrat, to Advise with Synods and Assemblies, and he may by his Authority, occasionally, and *pro re nata*, indict a General Assembly of the Church's delegating and Nomination, *Act: Aug: 27, Sess: 23. Aff: 1647.* As also, 'tis free for Ministers to assemble together Synodically, as well *pro re nata*, as at the ordinary times, upon the Church's Delegation, by the Intrinsical Power received from Christ, in case the Magistrat withhold

his Consent ; the Necessity of Occasional Assemblies being first Remonstrate to him by humble Supplication. *Ibid.*

§ 3. The Representation of the several Presbyteries of this National Church; is to hold proportion to the Number of Parishes in each Presbytrie, wherein are, or ought to be Settled Ministers, *viz.* Presbyteries consisting of 12 Parishes, or under that Number, are to send 2 Ministers, and one Ruling Elder. Where there are 18 Parishes, or under, but above 12, they shall send 3 Ministers, and one Elder: Above 18 and below 24 Parishes, shall send 4 Ministers and two Elders; and all Presbyteries above 24 Parishes, shall send 5 Ministers, and 2 Ruling Elders. *Item*, Collegiat Kirks, *quoad hoc*, are to be understood as so many distinct Parishes. *Aff: 1694, Sess: 3.*

None are to be admitted Members of the General Assembly, but such as are either Ministers or Ruling Elders. *Ibid.*

§ 4. Presbyteries are to chuse their Commissioners to the Assembly, at least 40 days before the Sitting thereof; and the Assembly appoints a Committee of Censures to cognosce thereupon: as also, upon the Attendance of Commissioners, who

who are to be censur'd in case of Absence, as the Assembly shall think fit. *Aff: 1698. Sess: 8.*

§ 5. Commissioners to the Assembly, are to get access to the Assembly-house, by Tickets from the Magistrats of the place. They are to sit unmixt, their seats being rail'd about, and places next hereto, for Persons of Respect to sit in. Also, four Persons of Respect are to have Warrant from the Assembly, to see there be no standing or din, &c. These who prove disobedient are to be publicly reuked, and, if obstinate, removed. *Aff: 1640, Sess: 2. Aff: 1641, Sess: 3. Aff: 1642, Sess: 13. Aff: 1690, Sess: 13.*

§ 6. *See more, Absents, Committee, and Commissions to Aff: § 1, 3, and Oaths, 1.*

ASSOCIATIONS, *see* Presbytries § 4.  
B.

BALLINTRAE, *see* Annexations § 1.  
BANDS, *see* Bonds.

ANNS, *see* Marriage.

APTISM, *see* Articles § 1. Catechising § 5. Sacraments, §. 2.

BARKS. *see* Ships.

BENEFICES § 1. Dilapidation of Benefices, dimitting them for Favour or Money

Money, interchanging, or transporting themselves on that Occasion, without the Knowledge of the Kirk, is to be precisely punished. *Aff: 1596, ratified Aff: 1638 Sess: 23, 24. Art. 9.*

§ 2. See more, Ministers § 9, and Stipends; also Dimission, § 1.

BIGGAR. Act for the present Entry of the new Presbytrie of Biggar. *Assemb 1644, June 3.*

BILLS. All Bills must come to the Assembly *gradatim*, and orderly; and such are to be rejected whereunto all Parties are not cited. *Aff: 1643, Sess: 2.*

BISHOPS,

§ 1. Act declaring Episcopacy to have been abjured by the Confession of Faith, as promised in the Year 1580, 1581, 1590, and determining that all Episcopacy superior to that of a Pastor over a particular flock, was abjured. And further, the Assembly prohibits any to accept, defend, or obey the pretended Authority thereof in time coming, *Aff. 1638 Sess. 16, 26, And Aff. 1639. Sess. 8. Aug. 17.*

§ 2. The Office of Diocesan or Lordly Bishop being abjured, the Assembly also abjures the following Titles of Dignity



y. viz. Chapters, Abbots, Priors, Deans, Arch-deacons, Preaching-deacons, Chanters and Sub-chanters, as favouring more of Popery than of Christian Liberty. *Aff.* 1638. *Sess.* 23, 24. *Et.* 19. *Consult* also *Aff.* 1638. *Sess.* 14. § 4 Act Declaring such incapable of Ministerial Communion for three Years expiciter, and longer also, till they evidence their Repentance, who receive their Licence or Ordination from any of the late Prelates, or any others not allowed by the Authority of this Church, 1701. *Sess.* 18.

A.T.S See Ships.

BONDS, § 1. Act against all Oaths and Bonds in the Common Cause, impos'd without consent of the Church. *Aff.* 1648. *Sess.* 18. *Consult* Also *Aff.* 1648 *Sess.* 26.

BOOKS, § 1. Act condemning the Service-book, Book of Canons, Book of Ordination, and the high Commission, as being all of them Illegally introduced, repugnant to the Confession of Faith, Doctrine, Discipline & Order of this Reformed Kirk and Acts of Parliament establishing the true Religion, and as prejudicial to the Liberties of Christ's Kirk and Kingdom, *Aff.* 1638, *Sess.* 14. *Aff.* 1639, *Sess.* 7

§ 2, The

§. 2. The Session Book of every Parish is to be presented once a year to the Presbytrie, to be tried by them, *Afs.* 1639. *Sefs.* 22.

§. 3. The Books of every Provincial Assembly, are to be produced to each Assembly sent from the Synod Clerks by the Commissioners to the Assembly, under pain of deprivation to the Clerk, and Censure of the Commissioners, who fail. *Afs.* 1642, *Sefs.* 3.

§. 4. Ministers appointed to search for all Books tending to Separation, *Afs.* 1643. *Sefs.* 7; *Afs.* 1647. *Sefs.* 26. and *Afs.* 1701. *Sefs.* 15.

§. 5. Act condemning the Book entitled, *An Apology for M. Antonia Bourignon*, upon an abbreviate of several damnable Errors excerpted out of the said Book, which were read *Coram.* And appoints Presbyteries and Synods to advert to the spreading of these dangerous Errors, *Afs.* 1701. *Sefs.* 15.

§. 6. See more printing §. 1. Catechising §. 3. and Divinity, §. 1.

BOURIGNION [ *Antonia* ] See Books

§. 5. Deposition §. 7.

BOWING [ Ministers ] See Sacraments §. 1.

**BRYDALS** § 1: Ministers are to take special care for restraining abuses at Penny Bridals, *Affs.* 1645. *Sess.* Ult, and *Affs.* 1701. *Sess.* 20.

§. 2. Presbyteries are to apply to the Judges Ordinary for Executing the Laws relating to Penny-Bridals, and the Commission [ upon application from Presbyteries ] are to apply to the Government for obliging the Judges who are recusant to Execute their Office in that matter. *Affs.* 1706. *Sess.* 12.

**BURGHES.** see Commissions [ to Assemblies, ] §. 1.

**BURIALS.** Act discharging Burials and hanging of Honours, Brods, and Arms of any Person of whatsoever quality within the Kirk where the People meet for publick worship. *Affs.* 1643. *Sess.* 9.

**BURSARS,** §. 1. Every Presbytry of 2 Ministers shall maintain a Burfar of Divinity, and where the number is below 12, they shall be Joined with those of another Presbytry where there number exceeds. *Affs.* 1641. *Sess.* 15. *Affs.* 1648 *Sess.* 32.

§. 2. Every Divinity Burfar is to have 100 *Lib:* yearly, to be Collected by the Moderator of each Presbytry, and given  
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by halves at the Summer and Winter Synods: *Affs.* 1645, *Sess:* 14.

§. 3. None but pious Youths of good Expectation and approven abilities are to be admitted Divinity-Bursars. *Affs.* 1649: *Sess:* *Ult.*

Students having the *Irish* Language are to be preferred to Bursaries. *Affs.* 1643: *Sess:* 13.

§. 4. Recommendation to Synods to maintain Bursars of Theology, having the *Irish* Language, off their own proper Money, besides their Ordinary Bursars. *Aff:* 1701, *Sess:* 14.

Act *Aff:* 1704, *Sess:* 10. anent Bursars, explained, as to make the Disposal of the *Irish* Bursaries, to be only in the Power of Synods, and to reach Bursaries now current, or Vacant at the date of the Act as they see fit. *Aff:* 1705, *Sess:* 12.

C.

CALMONEL, *see Annexations*, § 1.

CALLING of Ministers, *see Elections* §. Government §. Kirks §. Transports §.

CAMPVERE § 1. Act for Joining the Scots-Kirk at *Campvere* to the Kirk of *Scotland*, as a Member thereof, this being a good Expedient for Foreign Correspondence. *Aff:* 1641, *Sess.* *ult.* § :

§ 2. The Commission of the Kirk im-  
powered to advise and determine in all  
Affairs, belonging to the Kirk and Con-  
fistory of *Campvere*, as their Immediate  
superior Judicatory: *Aff: 1704, Sess: 14.*

CARDS, *see Ministers* § 1.

CARSFERN, *see Annexations* § 1.

CARRIERS [common] *see Sabbath,*  
2.

CATECHISING, § 1. Every Mini-  
ster is to have Weekly Catechising in  
some part of his Paroch: *Aff: 1639, Aug:*  
*6. Aff: 1646, Sess: 30.*

§ 2. All of every Quality are to be  
examined, of whose Knowledge Mini-  
sters are not certain; and Young Per-  
sons from the time they are capable of  
instruction. *Aff: 1648, Sess: 38. Eccl.*  
*em. 2, 3.*

§ 3. Every Minister is so to order  
his Catechetick Questions, that the Peo-  
ple [who convene but by Turnsto that  
exercise] may at every Diet have the  
chief Heads of Saving Knowledge laid  
before them: *Aff. 1649, Sess: 30.*

Also, Sessions are to take care, That  
every Family there be, at least one  
copy, of the Larger and shorter Cate-  
chism, Confession of Faith, and Directo-  
ry for Worship. *Ibid.*

§ 4. Some Persons may be rebuked at the time of Catechising, who deserve more than a private Rebuke, and yet need not be brought to Publick Repentance: *Afs: 1648, Sess: 38.*

§ 5. Persons to be married, and who have Children to be Baptized [ being very ignorant ] are to be examined in their Knowledge, by the Minister, before the Elder of the Bounds wherein they live; that they may better teach their Families, and train up their Children. *Afs: 1648, Sess, 38: Rem: Dom Art: 3.*

§ 6 Ministers are to Preach Catechetick Doctrine, beside their ordinary work of Catechising, in such manner as they find most conducive to the Edification of their Flocks. *Afs: 1695, Sess: 17.*

§ 7. *see more Ignorance: § 1. Minister § 3*

**CATECHISMS § 1.** Act approving the *Westminster Assemblies Larger Catechism*, as being agreeable to the Word of GOD, and in nothing contrary to the Received Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Government of this Church. *Assen: 1648, Sess: 10.*

§ 2. The *Assemblies shorter Catechism* approved in the same Terms. An

little Catechism, Printed 1647, intit:  
The A,B,C. with the Catechism, &c:  
Discharged, as containing gross Errors,  
in point of Universal Redemption, and  
the Number of the Sacraments; and all  
Printers inhibited to Print the same. *Aff:*  
1648, *Seff:* 19.

§ 3. *see more Catechising*, § 3: *Colleges* § 2.

CENSURES [ Church ] *see Catechis-*  
*ing*, § 4. Fornication at large. Papists,

4.  
CENSURES [ Privy ] *see Presbyteries*  
5. Schools § 3.

CHANTERS *see Bishops* § 2.

CHAPLAINS § 1. Act appointing  
governours, School-masters, Chaplains,  
and Pedagogues, to subscribe the Con-  
fession of Faith, as the Confession of their  
Faith: And Ministers to give in an  
account to Presbyteries every half Year,  
what School-masters, &c. are in their  
respective Parishes; that the Negligent  
scandalous, and Erroneous among them,  
may be proceeded against. *Aff:* 1700.  
*Aff:* 15.

§ 2. *see more Worship*, § 3.

CHAPTERS, *see Bishops*. § 3.

CHARITY, § 1. No Judicatory is to  
give Recommendations for Charity, to  
any without their own Bounds; and these  
Recom-

Recommendations are to be only for a Definite Time. *Aff: 1695, Sess: 17.*

§ 2, *see more* Schools, § 3, 4.

CHARMING, *see* Witches.

CHILDREN, *see* Travelling, § 1.

CITATIONS, *see* Summonds, also Bills.

COLLECTIONS, § 1. Collections for the Poor, are so to be made, as not to disturb Divine Worship. *Aff: 1648, Sess. 40.*

§ 2. *see more* Schools, § 3. CONSULT also *Aff: 1648, Sess: 21.*

COLLEGES, § 1, None are to enter to a higher Class in a College, than that wherein *Greek* is taught; the Student being to proceed orderly, till he finish the common Course of 4 Years; unless pregnant Reasons move the *Faculty of Arts*, to let him over-leap a Mid-Class.

None must enter a Student of the *Greek-Tongue*, but he who can make a congruous Theam in *Latin*, or be able upon Warning, to correct his Mistake.

None who have entred Students at one College, is to be admitted to another, without bringing with him sufficient Testimonials of his good Behaviour in the College where he first entred. *Aff: 1645, Sess. 14. Ov. 3, 4, 7.*



§ 2. All the Universities are to be careful to take an account of their Scholars, both as to the Sermons on the Lord's Day, and as to their Lessons in the Catechism. *Aff: 1647, Sess: 28, Ov: 22.*

§ 3. Overtures anent Colleges to be presented to the Parliament. *see Aff: 1641, Sess: 9.*

§ 4. *see more, Divinity, § 1.*

COLLEAGUES, *see Ministers, § 3.*

COMMISSIONS [ to Assemblies ] §

1. No Commissioner to the Assembly is to be admitted from Burghs, unless approved by the Ministry and Sessions, the persons chosen being always Elders. *Aff: 1648, Sess: 4.*

No Minister or Elder is to be Nominated, as a Member, by any Presbytrie, Burgh, or University, but such as usually reside in, or have a Relation to the Presbytrie, or Place Commissionating them. *Aff: 1704, Act 6.*

§ 2. Commissioners from Presbyteries, and others, are to give in their Commissions to the Clerk of the Assembly, the night before the Sitting down of the Assembly, that the Rolls may be duly made up, and Commissions consider'd, without Interruption; and any others, not

not so delivered, are to be given in only in the Intervals betwixt Dyets. *Aff: 1694 Sess: 2.*

§ 3. Act prescribing a Form for a Directory to Presbyteries, in drawing up such Commissions. *Aff: 1695, Sess 5.*

§ 4, *see more*, Professors, § 1, and Money, § 2:

### COMMISSIONS [ of Assemblies ]

1. A Commission appointed for public Affairs of the Kirk, to meet betwixt and the next Assembly, or any 15 of them whereof 12 are alwise to be Ministers. *Aff: 1642, Sess: 8, Aug: 5.*

*Nota 1st:* Since that time the Number of the *Quorum* of such Commissions, have been changed six times; being at present 21, whereof 15 are to be Ministers.

2d: All of them are strictly prohibited to meddle in any matters not contained in their Commission. And,

Finally, It is still declared, that in, and for all their Actings, they shall be accountable to, and censurable by the next ensuing General Assembly.

§ 2. Act appointing the Proceedings of the Commission, to be first considered in every General Assembly, before any other Matter be handled, and the Actings

Meetings allowed or disallowed : *Afs:* 1648, *Sess:* 6.

§ 3: A Commission given to some Ministers, to go to the North of Ireland, Visit, Comfort, and Encourage the scattered Flocks of CHRIST, to Plant Water Them according to CHRIST's direction ; and if need be, with Concurrence of such of the Ministers of the Army as are there, to Ordain Persons fit for the Ministry ; giving Charge to them to study to approve themselves as the Ministers of JESUS CHRIST, and to be accountable to the General Assembly of this Kirk in all things : *Afs:* 1642, *Sess:* 13.

*Nota: This Commission is founded on the Assembly their Simpathy with the Remote members of CHRIST's Kingdom, and the lamentable condition of the Protestant Plantations there, which is a Branch of the LORD's Church in Scotland.*

§ 4: A Commission appointed for Visitation on the North and South-sides of the River ; with Power to them to give their Opinion to all Presbyteries and Synods, who shall apply for the same, in difficult Cases. And where they do not apply, they are to interpose their Advice, when informed of any Procedure of theirs, which

which may be of ill consequence to the Church. *Item:* They are to take care to purge out all Ministers, who, upon due Trial, shall be found insufficient, supinely negligent, Scandalous or Erroneous; and admit none to a share of the Government, but such as will subscribe the Confession of Faith, and do profess their Submission to, and Willingness to concur with the Presbyterian-Church-Government. ALSO, They are Ordered to proceed very deliberately, and with due Caution, in the Matter of the Censure of the late Conformists. And it is further declared, That this Commission is only given *in hunc effectum, & pro presentis Ecclesiae statu:* *Aff:* 1690, *Sess:* 26, *Act* 15.

§ 5: *Act* Ordaining the Clerks of the Commission, to Record the Lists of the Absents from each Quarterly Meeting, to be sent to the Respective Synods, who are to censure such of these Absents, as are of their Number, as they see Cause; and make Report thereof to the next Assembly: *Afs:* 1703, *Sess:* 7. *Assemb:* 1705, *Sess:* 7.

§ 6: Each Presbytrie is to send in at least, One of their own Number, who are Members of the Commission, to attend

and the Meetings thereof by Turns, and name the Persons thus sent, to the end, that the Negligent may be censured. *Afs: 1705, Sess: 13.*

§ 7: Act Appointing, That in Commissions of the Kirk, the Representation of Presbyteries shall be proportional to the Number of Ministers that are in each Presbytrie, the Old Ministers Ordained before the Year 1662, being always supernumerary: And two or three of the Members of the Assembly in each Synod, are to be a *Committee* to Name the Members of the Commission; which Committee is to be named by the whole Representatives of Presbyteries, in the several Synods of the Assembly, met by themselves *in hunc effectum*. It being also declared, That it shall be free to any Member of the Assembly, to attend the said Committee. As also, 'Tis appointed that Presbyteries defray the charges of their Members of the Commission, and supply their Churches during their Absence at the Commission. *Afs: 1705, Sess: 7.*

**COMMITTEES**, No Motion is to be made in the Assembly, but by the Committee appointed for Matters of that Nature, unless where the Committee refuseth to

Answer the same. *Aff: 1640, Sess; 2 Art: 4. Intit: Overtures for ordering the Assembly-house.*

**COMMUNION** [ Ministerial ] § 1. *Aff: 1640, Sess; 2 Art: 4. Intit: Overtures for ordering the Assembly-house.*  
 empowering the Commission of the General Assembly, to receive into Ministerial Communion, such of the late Conformist Ministers, as having qualified themselves according to Law, apply personally to them, one by one; upon their signing the Confession of Faith, as the Confession of their Faith, owning the Presbyterian Church Government, now settled by Law, to be the only Government of this Church; to which they shall submit, and with which they shall concur, and never endeavour the prejudice thereof: and promising to keep Uniformity of Worship, as at present performed and allowed.

*Item:* None of these Ministers who are not presently in Charge, shall be received into Communion, but by the Commission, or the Presbytrie, or Synod of the Bounds in which they now reside. *Aff: 1694, Sess: 13.*

§ 2. *see more Aff: 1690, Sess: 9, and Commissions [of Assembly] § 4.*

**CONFERENCE**, *see Presbyteries, § 3 and Ministers § 1.* CON

**CONFESSION** [ of Faith ] § 1: Act approving the *Westminster* Confession of Faith, but prejudice to the Truths of **CHRIST**, anent the several sorts of Ecclesiastical Offices & Assemblies, not mentioned in that Confession: And as understanding some parts of Ch: 31 Art: 2. a due Consistency with the Church's intrinsic Power received from Christ. *Assm: 1647, Sess: 23. The Act it self deserves to be read at large.*

§ 2. The said Confession is appointed be Signed by all Probationers, Intrants to the Ministry, and Elders received to Communion with this Church. *Ass: 1690, Sess: 12, and Ass: 1699, Sess: 17. Item, By all Chaplains, Schoolmasters, Governours and Pedagogues. Ass: 1700, Ss: 15.*

*Item, By all Ministers and Elders, Commissioners to the General Assembly. Ass: 1700, Sess: 16, and Ass: 1704, Sess: 10.*

§ 3: *see more*, Deists § 1, Commission of Assemb:] § 4: Communion [ Ministerial ] § 2.

**CONFIRMATION**, *see* Articles.

**CORRESPONDENCE**, § 1. Act for Correspondence of nearest Synodal Assemblies of *Lothian* and *Mers.* Item, of *Dumfries*

*Dumfries, Galloway, Glasgow and Argyle*  
 Item, *Perth, Fife and Angus.* Item, *Aberdeen*  
 and *Murray.* Item, *Ross, Caithness*  
 and *Orkney.* *Afs: 1638, Dec: 17.*

§ 2. Act for Correspondence with the  
 Synod of *Angus* and *Mearns*, viz: Two  
 Ministers to be sent thither from the Sy-  
 nod of *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, three from  
*Perth* and *Stirling*, four from *Fife*, and  
 two from *Aberdeen*; to continue till the  
 Assembly see cause to alter it. *Aff: 1701.*  
*Sess: 13.*

§ 3: Recommendation anent a Cor-  
 respondence to be kept among Presbyteries  
 by Letters, without prejudice of Perso-  
 nal Correspondence, that Presbyteries  
 may be helptull to, and know what one  
 another are doing. *Afs: 1646, Sess: ult*  
*Overt. 1.*

COVENANT § 1. Act for subscrib-  
 ing the Covenant, with the Assembly's  
 Declaration. Every Presbytrie is to have  
 a Copy of the Covenant to be subscrib-  
 ed by each Minister at his Admission.  
*Afs. 1643, Sess: 6.* CONSULT *Assesm.*  
*1639; Aug: 30. and Aff: 1643, Sess: 6*  
*and Aff: 1649, Sess: 31.*

§ 2 He who having signed the Cove-  
 nant, and afterwards speaks against the  
 same



me, if he be a Minister, he shall be de-  
 posed, if any other Man, he is to be  
 held with as perjured: *Aff: 1640 Sess: 5.*

# D.

**DUALRY**, *see Annexations* § 1.

**DANCING** § 1. Act discharging Pro-  
 fane Dancing, and referring the  
 Sentence to the particular Presbyteries *Aff:*  
*1649, Sess: 18. Aff: 1701, Sess: 20.*

§ 2. *see more*, Ministers § 1.

**DEACONS** [Preaching] *see Bishops* § 3.

**DEANS**, *see Bishops*, § 2.

**DEISTS**, Act against the Atheistical  
 Opinions of the Deists, and discharging  
 Members of the Church, to publish or  
 teach any Doctrine, inconsistent with the  
 Confession of Faith of this Church *Aff:*

*1695, Sess: ult: and Assemb: 1697, Sess: ult.*

**DEPOSITION** [ *ab officio* ] § 1. Act ap-  
 pointing Presbyteries to proceed to Ex-  
 communication against Ministers, who  
 being deposed by the Assembly, acquie-  
 sce not, but both refuse to obey them-  
 selves, and draw others from Obedience  
 to the Assembly's Acts. *Aff: 1638. Dec:*

2. No Minister deposed by a Supe-  
 rior Judicatory, can be Reponed by an  
 Infe-

Inferior ; otherwise the Sentence is Null and void in it self, *Aff: 1643, Sess: 10.*

§ 3. No Minister deposed, is to be Reponed again to that place where formerly he served ; this being a thing prejudicial to Private Congregations, and which derogats from the weight of the Sentence. *Aff: 1645, Sess. ult.*

§ 4. Act against sudden admitting Deposed Ministers to particular Congregations. *Aff: 1641, Sess. 8. Aff. 1648. Sess: 11*

§ 5. Act Deposing or Suspending Ministers from Exercising any part of the Ministerial Calling, or introuetting with Stipend, or other Benefits, belonging to the Kirks they served at ; under pain of Excommunication: Always but prejudice to them of their Stipend resting for bygone Service, and Recompence due for building or repairing of the Manse. *Aff. 1648, Sess: 30.*

§ 6. Sentence of Deposition against Mr *John Hepburn*, as being guilty of a continued Tract of Erroneous, Seditious and Divisive Doctrines, and Schismatical Courses, wherein he is obstinate, refusing to be reclaimed. *Aff. 1705, Sess. 10.*

§ 7. Sentence of Deposition against Dr. *George Garden* in *Aberdeen*, as being in Error

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rroneous, and led away by the impi-  
as Tenets of *M. Antonia Bourignon*. *Aff:*  
1601, *Sess.* 15.

§ 8, *see more*, Bishops, § 1. Ministers § 1.

DEPRIVATION, *see* Deposition.

DISMISSING, *see* Ministers, § 1.

DECAPITATION, *see* Benefices, § 1.

DISMISSION, § 1. The Assembly de-  
clares, that old Ministers and Professors  
of Divinity, shall not by their Cessation  
from their Charge thro' Age and Ina-  
bility, be put from enjoying their old  
Maintenance and Dignity : Such Dimis-  
sions being but a Cessation from their  
Charge. *Aff.* 1641 *Sess.* 5.

§ 2 *see more* Benefices, § 1, 2.

DIOCESAN, *see* Bishops, § 3.

DIRECTORY, § 1. Act for preparing  
the Directory for the Worship of GOD,  
*J.* 1643. *Sess.* 12.

§ 2. Act approving the Directory for  
the publick Worship of GOD, provided  
ways, that this be no prejudice to the  
Order of this Kirk, in particulars already  
appointed by the Books of Discipline,  
and Acts of Assembly, not appointed in  
the Directory : Provided also, the Clause  
of the Directory of the Administration  
of the Lord's Supper, about sitting at

the Table, be not interpreted, as if it were indifferent for any of the Communicants not to receive at the Table, or as if we did approve the Distributing of the Elements by the Minister to each Communicant, and not by the Communicants among themselves, *Aff. 1645. Sess. 10.*

Every Kirk and Presbytery appointed to have a Copie of the Directory. *ib.*

§ 2. The due Observation of the Directory for Worship, is seriously recommended to all Ministers & others within this National Church, *Aff. 1705. Sess. 12.*

DISCIPLINE, Every Minister is to have a Session established of the meetest Men of his Congregation; and Discipline is not only to strike upon gross Sins, as Whoredom and Bloodshed, but upon all Sins repugnant to the word of GOD, as Banning, Sabbath-breaking, Disobedience to Parents, also against the Idle and Unruly without Callings, Lyars, Slanderers, and such as make no Conscience of Educating their Children, & such like: *Aff. 1596. Sess. 7. revived, Aff. 1638. Sess. 23, 24. Art. 9.*

DISJUNCTION, *see Annexations.*

DISPUTATIONS, *see Presbytries*

DISSENT, *see* Voting.

DIVINTY, § 1. Professors of Divinity are appointed to send in to the next Assembly; a fair Copie of their D<sup>i</sup>ctates of Divinity, to be Revised by them; to the end that Universities may be kept pure, and Professors provoked to Diligence, *Aff: 1646: Sess: ult. Ov. 5:*

§ 2. *see more* Professors, and Government, § 1.

DOCTOR, *see* Professors.

DORNOCK, *see* Annexations. §. 5.

DUELS, Act Discharging the fighting of Duels and Combats as principals or Seconds, and discharges the carrying or receiving or writing of Challenges: The Contraveeners to be brought in publick twice, once in order to their being re-luked, & once in order to the professing their Repentance, *Assemb: 1648, Sess: ult:*

The Killer in a Duel is to be proceeded against the same way as other Murderers. *Ibid.*

E.

EDINBURGH, § 1. Recommendation to the City of *Edinburgh*, to train up some young Men of excellent spirits either abroad or at home, upon

the Charges of the Town, that the same may be the more easily furnished with Ministers, *Aff: 1642. Sess: 8. Ov: 2*  
 This Recommendation extended to other chief Burghs of the Kingdom, for preventing too frequent Transplantations  
*Ov. 9.*

§: 9. *see more* North, § 3. Transplantations § 1.

EDUCATION, *see* Catechising, § 2  
 5. Discipline § 1. and *High-lands* and large.

ELDERS [ *Ruling* ] *see* Confession of Faith §. Discipline and Worship, § 2.

ELECTIONS § 1. Act anent Election of Ministers by Kirk Sessions at the sight of the Presbytry; ordaining, that when it happeneth, that the Major part of a Congregation Dissent from the Person agreed upon by the Session, the matter shall be judged by the Presbytry, who are in all tenderness to study to bring Parties to an agreement, *Assemb 1649. Sess. 40.*

If the Dissent be well grounded, they are to proceed to a new Election; but if the grounds be not found Relevant, the Presbitry shall go on to the Trials and Ordination of the Person Elected  
*Ibid;* No

No Person under Kirk Censure is to  
 have hand in the Election of a Mini-  
 ster, *Ibid.*

Where the Congregation is dissaffected  
 and Malignant, in that case the Pres-  
 bytery is to provide them with a Mini-  
 ster. *Ibid.*

§ 2. *see more*, Ordination at large, Go-  
 vernment § 1. and Moderator at large.

ELEMENTS [ Communion ] *see* Sa-  
 craments § 5:

EPISCOPACY, *see* Bishops § 2, 3.

ERASTIANISM, *see* Propositions § 1.

ERRORS *see* Traveling, § 1. Preach-  
 ing, § 2. Books § 1, 4, 5.

EXAMINATION, *see* Catechising  
 at large.

EXCOMMUNICATION, § 1, Act ap-  
 pointing such to be Excommunicated, as  
 will not forbear the Company of Ex-  
 communicated Persons. *Aff:* 1569, *Sess:*

Revived *Aff:* 1638, *Sess:* 23. *Art:* 16.

§ 2. If a Minister haunt the Compa-  
 ny of such Excommunicated Persons, he  
 shall be Suspended for the first Fault, and  
 deprived for the second. *Aff:* 1643, *Sess:* ult.

Act anent Application about an Or-  
 der for using Civil Execution, and put-  
 ting to the Horn Excommunicated Per-  
 sons. *Ibid.*

§ 3, 4,

§ 3, 4. In case the Excommunicate Person continue Obstinate after the Sentence is intimated in all the Kirks of the Presbytrie, where the same was pronounced; the Presbytrie is to give an Account thereof to the Synod, who are to appoint the Intimation to be made in all their Bounds: And if need be, the Synod is to bring the Case to the Assembly, that the Sentence may be intimated through all the Churches of the Kingdom; *Aff: 1704, Sess: 10.*

§ 5: Persons guilty of Relapse in Adultery, or who are often guilty of other gross Scandals, are to be more Summarily Excommunicate than in ordinary Process; both for the hainousness of the Sin, and for the Terror to others. *Aff: 1646 Sess: 38.*

§ 6. See more Bishops. § 1. Deposition. § 1: Papists § 4.

EXERCISE and Addition. See Presbyteries. § 2, 5, Tryals § 2.

EXPECTANTS § 1. No Expectant is to Preach in publick, till tried with the accuracy enjoined, *Aff: 1638. Sess: 7, Aff: 1643.* [ for which see the word Tryals *Aff: 1646 Sess: 14: Aff: 1647. Sess: 2*

When an Expectant does Preach,



not be without the bounds of the  
University, or Presbytery, where he past  
Tryals; without carrying sufficient  
Testimonials with him: *Aff: 1641. Sess:*  
*et. 2.*

This Act Revived, with this Additi-  
on, that if they come from a place where  
there is no Presbytry duly Constituted,  
they shall produce Testimonials from the  
next adjacent Presbytery, who are  
to inform themselves about their  
principles and behaviour. *Aff: 1694*  
*. 10.*

By this Act, it is expressly provided and  
declared, that the foresaid Probationers  
not to be Esteemed to Preach by ver-  
ty of any Pastoral Office, but only to  
make way for their being called to a Pa-  
rish Charge. *ibid.*

2. Act against fixing Preachers hav-  
ing the *Irish* Language in the Lowlands,  
without the Consent of the Highland  
Presbytery, where they formerly Resided;  
this Act to continue, till the High-  
lands be Compleatly provided with Mi-  
nisters. *Aff. 1694. Sess. ult.*

3. Act for Enrolling the Names of  
Probationers and Students in Divini-  
ty every Assembly. *Aff: 1697. Sess: 3:*  
§ 3,

§ 4. See more, License, also *North*,  
2. and Preaching.

EXPENCES. see Money.

F

FAMILY. See Catechising, § 5, Wor-  
ship, § 1, 2, 3.

FESTIVALS see Articles, § 1.

FINES, see Penalties.

FISHING see Sabbath, § 1.

FORCES ( Military ) see Army.

FORNICATION § 1. Persons un-  
der publick Scandal of Fornication be-  
fore Mariage, must satisfie publickly in  
the same manner, as if they were ne-  
Married : And that even where the  
Scandal thereof has not appeared before  
Marriage. *Afs: 1646. Sess: 7.*

§ 2. Fornicators are to make public  
profession of Repentance three sever  
Sabbaths; a Trilapse or being once guilty  
of Adultery, 26 Sabbaths in Sackcloth  
Quadrilapse in Fornication, or Relap-  
in Adultery, three Quarters of a Year  
Incest or Murder 52 Sabbaths, in ca-  
the Magistrate do not punish them cap-  
tally. *Afs: 1648. Sess: 38, § 3.* See Sca-  
dals at Large, and Marriage, § 4.

G

GAMING see Ministers § 1.

GARDE

GARDEN [ Doctor ] see Depositi-

§ 7.

GLADSMUIR. Recommendation for  
 nting a Kirk in *Gladmuir*, and the  
 rl of *Hadingtoun* as pretending to be  
 tron, to be spoken to, not to obstruct  
 good work. *Afs.* 1646 *Sess.* 40 \* see  
*Hadingtoun*.

N. B: That this project being Prosecuted by  
 Laird of *Lamingtoun*, *Gladsmuir* was  
 ected into a distinct Paroch from *Hading-*  
*an*, *Tranent*, and *Aberlady*, in the year  
 92.

GOVERNMENT [ Kirk ] § 1: Act  
 proving of the Propositions anent the  
 icers, Assemblies and Government  
 this Kirk, and the Ordination of Mi-  
 nisters: But prejudice to the further Ex-  
 ination of that Article. *viz:* That the  
 ctor or Teacher hath power of the  
 ministration of the Sacraments as well  
 the Pastor. As also, of that Article,  
 the distinct Rights and privileges of  
 esbyteries and People, in calling of  
 nisters: *Afs:* 1645, *Sess.* 16.

§ 2: See Communion [ Ministerial ] § 2:  
 GOVERNOURS, See Chaplains: § 1.

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HADINGTOUN, Recommendation a-  
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ment the Dismembering some part of the Parish of *Haddingtoun*, to be a several Parish in *Afs: 1643*. \* *see more* Gladsmair.

HEPBURN [Mr. *John*] *see* Deposition § 6.

HERESIE, *see* Books, § 4, 5, Traveling § 1.

HIGHLANDS, § 1. Methods for Planting the *Highlands*. *Afs: 1699*, *Sess: 10*.

§ 2. *See more* Bursars, § 3. Expectants § 2: Visitations, § 4. Transportations § 1.

HONOURS, *see* Burials and Transportations § 1.

HOUSE [Assembly] *see* Assembly. I.

IDOLATRY, Act for Demolishing Crucifixes, Images of Christ, *Mary* of Saints departed, and of all other Idolatrous Monuments. *Aff: 1640*, *Sess: 2*.

IGNORANCE § 1. The grossly ignorant, *i: e:* those who profit nothing, and labour not for Knowledge, are to be debarred from the Communion, suppressing their Names for the first and second time, expressing them for the third time and bringing them to profess Publick Repentance for the 4th time. *Aff: 1648* *Sess: 38*.

§ 2: *see* Catechising.

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IMAGES, *see* Idolatry:

INCEST, *see* Fornication.

INDEPENDENCIE *see* Propositions.

INNOVATIONS, § 1. No Novations are to be enacted, till the Motion be first communicate to Synods, Presbyteries and Kirks, and the Matter approved by them. *Aff: 1639, Aug: 30. Aff: 1641, Sess: 14. Aff: 1695, Sess: 7. Aff: 1697, Sess: 6.*

§ 2. *see* Acts of Assembly § 3, 4.

INTRUSION, § 1. Act for applying to the Lords of the Privy Council, to declare the Intrusion made upon diverse Churches illegally, that the Kirks intruded into may be orderly planted. *Aff: 1694, Sess: 14.*

§ 2. Presbyteries appointed to send in the Names of Intruders to the Commission, *Aff: 1701, Sess: ult:*

§ 3. *see* Presentations, § 2.

IRELAND, *see* Commission of Assembly, § 3.

IRREGULARITIES, Act for taking course with Vagrant Unfixed Ministers, for the Irregularities committed by them: and the Commission or Synod to be consulted with anent the Censure. *Aff: 1696, Sess: 18.*

**K**ELLS, *see* Annexations § 1.

**KIRKS** [ Vacant ] anent Planting Vacant Kirks, *see* Plantation and Elections.

*More, anent Kirks, see* Benefices, an Burials, and Transportations § 2;

**KIRKMABRECK** *see* Annexations § 1.

**KNEELING**, *see* Articles.

**KNOWLEDGE**, *see* Catechising a large, and Ignorance at large.

## L.

**L**EAGUE [ Solemn ] *see* Covenant.

**LECTURING**, § 1. Ministers are to Read and Open to the People, some large and considerable Portion of GOD'S Word, for Recovering the Old Customs established by the Directory, *Aff*: 1694. *Sess*: 9.

The Diligence of Ministers in this, to be enquired into by Presbyteries, at their Privy Censures. *Aff*: 1704, *Sess*. 8. And also at Parochial Visitations. *Aff*: 1706, *Act* 10.

§ 2. *see* Tryals, § 2.

**LICENSE** and **LICENSING**, *see* Expectants, Students, Tryals and Bishops, § 4.

**LORD'S**

LORD'S-SUPPER, *see* Directory, § 2.  
 Sacraments.

LAKE-WAKES, All Lake-wakes are  
 discharged, as fostering Superstition and  
 Profanation through the Land, *Aff*: 1645,  
*Aff*: 8, *Aff*: 1701, *Sess*: ult.

M.

MANSE, *see* Deposition, § 5. Resi-  
 dence, § 1.

MARRIAGE, § 1. Mariage without  
 Proclamation of Banns, Discharged, as  
 having dangerous effects; excepting  
 where the Presbytrie, in some necessary  
 exigences, dispense therewith. *Assem*:  
 38, *Sess*: 23. *Art*: 21. *Assemb*: 1690,  
 § 12.

§ 2. Before any Proclamation of Banns  
 made, the Names of Parties and their  
 Parents, Tutors or Curators, are to be  
 given up to the Minister, that the Con-  
 sent of Friends may be known: *Aff*: 1699,  
 § 5.

The Proclamation is to be made be-  
 fore Divine Service begin, for three se-  
 veral Sabbaths; the Parties named being  
 signed as fully, as they use to be in  
 Contracts or Contracts of Mariage. *ibid*:

In Collegiate Churches, the Procla-

mation

mation is to be in every Church in the Town. *ibid*:

§ 3. Act restraining People from passing to *England* to marry. *Afs*: 1639, *Sess*: 22.

§ 4: Overture anent declaring Null such Promises of Mariage, as are given by Ministers, to those with whom they have committed Fornication. *Afs*: 1641 *Sess*: 7:

§ 5: *see* Catechising, § 5: Fornication § 5: MAINTENANCE, *see* Stipend.

MERCATS, Application appointed to be made to the Parliament, for altering all Mercats in Royal Burghs, and other Places, on Saturdays and Monday *Afs*: 1690, *Sess*: 12.

MILLS, *see* Sabbaths, § 1.

MINISTERS, All Ministers, Light and Wanton in their Behaviour, Apparel or Speech, using unlawful Games, and Dancing, Carding, Diceing, &c: not becoming the Gravity of a Pastor, are to be sharply Reproved by their Presbyteries; and continuing therein after Admonition, are to be deprived as Scandalous to the Gospel. *Afs*: 1638, *Sess*: 23, 24 *Art*: 9.

Such Ministers as are given to unlaw



Trades and Occupations for filthy  
 gain, as holding of Ostlaries, and taking  
 taker, beside Conscience and Good  
 laws, are to be censured the same way.

All Ministers are required in all Com-  
 munities to be Spiritual, and to talk of  
 things pertaining to Godliness, as well  
 in Company with themselves, as with  
 others: *ibid.*

§ 2. No Minister is to countenance a  
 publick Offender, challenged by his own  
 Minister for his publick Offence, or bear  
 with him, as if his Minister were too  
 severe upon him, under pain of Rebuke.  
*1596, Sess: 7. Reviv'd Ass: 1638,*  
*1653: 23. Art: 9.*

§ 5. No Minister is to hinder his Col-  
 league from Catechising, and using other  
 religious Exercises, as often as he pleas-  
 eth. *ibid. Art: 19.*

§ 4. Ministers are obliged to give Ad-  
 vice in Matters concerning the Kirk, or  
 Conscience of any whatsoever, to His  
 Majesty, the Parliament and Council, or  
 any Members thereof, for their Resolu-  
 tions, from the Word of GOD: But  
 not to bruick Civil Places and Offi-  
 ces, and to be Justices of Peace, Sit in  
 Council,

Council, Session or Exchequer; Ride or Vote in Parliament: This being incompatible with their Spiritual Function. *Aff: 1638, Sess: 26, and Aff: 1639, Sess: 7*

§ 5. Ministers are to be censured for their Silence, and not speaking to the Corruptions of the Times; such as, Contempt of the Word of GOD, Prophane-ness, &c. And furthwith to Process such as Upbraid, Mock or Threaten, stop or disturb Ministers for Freedom in Preaching, and the Faithful Discharge of their Conscience. *Aff: 1648 Sess: 26.*

§ 6. None allowed to enter the Ministry, under the Age of 25 Years; except such as the Synod or Assembly judge fit for the same. *Aff. 1582, Sess: 7. Revised Aff: 1638, Sess: 7. Art: 13. Assembly 1647, Sess: 26. and Affs. 1704, Sess: 10.*

§ 7. All Ministers, whether the late Incumbents, or others, appointed to obey the Orders of the Church, anent Fast and Thanks-givings, &c. *Affs: 1690, Sess: 11*

§ 8. No Ministers are to remove out of the Kingdom, without Leave from their Respective Judicatories. *Affs. 1690 Sess: 15.*

§ 9. No Minister is to intend a Civil Action at Law, except in small Matters with

without the Advice of his Presbytrie:  
 1638, Sess: 23, 24. Art: 9. Corrupt  
 their Persons, &c:

§ 10. See more, Bishops at large. Com-  
 mensions of the Kirk, § 4. Communion  
 ministerial, § 2. Dimission at large,  
 Government § 1. Irregularities at large.  
 Maths § 1. Ordination at large. Pres-  
 bytries at large. And Petitions at large.

MODERATOR § 1: Provincials at  
 their first Meeting are to chuse their  
 Moderator, making their own List,  
 without Prelimitation by particular Pres-  
 bytries: Aff: 1644, Sess: 7.

§ 2. Act disallowing any private  
 conference, and constant Assessors to  
 the Moderator, Aff: 1638, \*

MONEY § 1. A Representation to  
 the King, anent a Signator of 500 Lib:  
 sterling yearly, dedicated by Him out  
 of the readiest of his Revenues, for Pub-  
 lick, Necessary and Pious Uses of the  
 Kirk. Aff: 1642, Sess: 11.

§ 2. The Expenses of the Commis-  
 sioners to the General Assembly, are to  
 be defrayed by the Parishes of every  
 Presbytrie, who send them in their  
 name; seeing the Errand is common:  
 And those who reap the Benefit of their

Pains, should bear a part of the Burden. *Aff: 1638, Sess: 23, 24. Art. 10*  
Explained *Affs: 1639, Sess. 22.*

§ 3. *see also* North § 1. Visitations and Penalties.

MORTIFICATIONS, *see* Visitation  
ons § 2.

MURDER, *see* Duels at large. Fornication § 2.

N.

**N**ORTH § 1. Act appointing some Ministers Quarterly for Supply of the North; with a Recommendation to Their Majesties Commissioner to give a Maintenance to such, out of the Vacant Stipends of these Parishes, during the time they serve there. It being found in Law, that such as so serve Vacant Congregations, ought to be maintained out of the Stipend, during the time they serve: And also, because it is a most proper and preferable Pious Use. *Aff. 1694, Sess. 14.*

§ 2. All Ministers and Probationers, sent to supply the North, are to Visit and Catechise, no less than Preach, at the Direction of the Presbytrie of the Bounds. *Affs: 1697, Sess. ult. Ov. 2.*

Pres.

3. Presbyteries are to be Censured, who  
 settle any Probationer in the South,  
 who was born on the North-side of  
 [ except it be in the Case of a Call  
 given to such Probationers by the City  
*Edinburgh* ] till they have been twelve  
 months in the North, without receiv-  
 ing a Call there ; in which case they are  
 to come South, and accept of a Call  
 there. *Affs.* 1699, *Sess.* 16.

Any North-Country Probationer o-  
 verways settled, is hereby, *ipso facto*,  
 declared Transportable; and to be sent  
 North by the Commission, who are to  
 transport him thither, if a Call be gi-  
 ven him. *ibid.*

INNOVATIONS, see Innovations.

O.

OATHS, § 1. Act Discharging Sy-  
 nodes, Presbyteries and Sessions  
 all time coming, to take Oaths of  
 the Parties in Tryal of Scandals, that  
 contrary Oaths may be prevented: *Affs.*  
 1742. *Sess.* 11.

3: See Bonds, CONSULT *Affs.* 1638:  
 1713.

DOCKER, See Ministers. § 1.

OFFENDERS, see Ministers, § 2.

OFFICES, [ Civil ] see Ministers. § 4.



ORDINANCES, [ publick ] for  
Worship.

ORDINATION § 1. The Intran-  
to the Ministry is to be posed at his en-  
try as before GOD. *imo.* What move  
him to accept of the Office and Charge  
of the Ministry. *2do.* If by Solicitation  
or Moven, directly or indirectly, he  
press into the Office, and the Sollicito  
to be Repelled. *Aff:* 1596, *Sess:* 7. Ra-  
tified. *Aff:* 1638: *Sess:* 23, 24: *Art:* 9

§ 2. See more Elections.

ORKNEY. See Annexations. § 5.

OVERTURES, § 1: Presbyteries  
when they instruct their Commissioner  
to the Assembly, are carefully to distin-  
guish Overtures, which they propose to  
the Assembly to be Transmitted, from  
Grievances and matters of Complaint  
or things to be Advised. *Aff:* 1700  
*Sess:* 6.

They may give in Overtures an  
matters of Advice to the Committee for  
Overtures, & the rest to the Committee  
for Bills. And in matters of weight, the  
Two Committees are allowed to advise  
with one another. *ibid:*

§ 2. See Committees and Bills, an  
Acts of *Aff:* § 3, 4.

PAPIST

PAPISTS, § 1. Act appointing Presbytries to Conveen known *Papists* their bounds, and oblige them with a Moneth to put from their Company, *Popish* Friends and Servants, and ve their Children above seven years age, to be Educated at their Charge, such Protestant Friends as the Presbytery shall approve; and find Cauti- within three Moneths to bring home ch of their Children as are abroad, to Educated at Schools, at the Sight of e Presbytery: The Obstinate to be ocessed *Instanter*, and these who com- y are to Conlerr with Professors in e next Universitie, in order to their onversion. *Aff: 1642 Sess: 7. Aff: 1648. Sess: 38.*

§ 2. The Names of Papists and their rticular Designations are to be sent the Clerks of Her Majesty's privy ouncil. *Afs. 1704. Sess, 13.*

§ 3. Ministers are to deal wisely ith the Consciences of those who have llen to Popery, for their Recovery: and give up the Names of Popish iests, Jesuits, Trafficquing Papists, and such as have their Children in Po- sh Countrys and Colleges; to be Transmitted

Transmitted in the Terms of the Act  
of Parliament 3 Ch: 2. Ch: 3 Aff: 169.  
Sess: 10:

§ 4. Scandalous Persons turning Po-  
pish, or pretending to do so, to evade  
Censure, shall after due pains to Re-  
claim them, be Excommunicated. Aff  
1704. Sess: § 5.

§ 5. No private Acknowledgment of  
a Papist's renouncing that Religion ver-  
bally, is to be held sufficient to Admit  
them into Church-privileges; but their  
Reception into Church Communion  
must be the deed of a Church Judica-  
tory. Affs, 1700, Sess. 17, not below a  
Presbytrie. Aff: 1703. Sess: 9.

§ 6. The Council to be Supplicate  
for an Act, that in no Regiment that  
goes out of the Kingdom, any Papists  
bear Office, and the Colonel to find  
Caution for this effect, and for main-  
taining a Minister, and keeping of a  
Session in his Regiment Affs: 1642. Sess:  
7. Ov: 6.

PARISHES. See Catechising § 1. De-  
position, § 3, 5. planting of Kirks.

PAROCH, See Parish.

PASTOR, See Ministers.

PEDAGOGUES, See Chaplains.

PENALTIES



PENALTIES, Presbyteries and Ministers are to Report their Diligence to Assemblies in Prosecuting exact Execution of all Acts of Parliament anent lifting pecunial pains for Restraining of Vice, and advancing of Pietie: And also Report their Employing these Penalties upon pious uses. *Affs: 1644. Sess: Affs: 1647. Sess: 25.*

PERTH, *see* Articles:

PETITIONS, Act discharging the signing of the Names of Ministers to any petition, Declaration, or the like, at any time, without their Knowledge, Consent and Assistance; under pain of the highest Censures of the Kirk. *Affs: 1642, Sess: 11.*

PLANTING and PLANTATION  
Kirks § 1, In planting Vacant Kirks there is to be no Restriction to Ministers or Expectants within a Presbytrie, but a free Election. *Affs: 1642, Sess: 8.*  
2: Plantation of Kirks is to be furthered by Presbyteries, their sending in the next Assembly, the Names of all their Parishes, with all their Circumstances of Largeness, Number of Communicants, present Provision, or possible and of further Provision, where there  
is

is not a Competency already. *Aff: 1647*  
*Sess: 26.*

§ 2. *see* Benefices, and Burials, and  
 Transportations.

POESIE, for Remedy of the Deca  
 of Poesie, no Master is to be admitte  
 to teach a School in Burghs, or othe  
 considerable Parishes, unless they be  
 skilled in the *Latin-Tongue* for Verse  
 as well as Prose. *Aff: 1645, Sess: 12*  
*Overt: 2.*

POOR, *see* Collections, and Money

POPERY, *see* Papists:

POWER [ Intrinsic ] *see* Assemblies

§ 2. Confession of Faith § 1. Oaths §

PRAYER, *see* Worship § 1:

PREACHER, *see* Expectants, and  
 Ministers, and Probationers, and Preach  
 ing.

PREACHING § 1. Ministers are to  
 preach every LORD's Day, both before  
 and after Noon, according to former  
 Acts of Assembly; and each Provincial  
 Book is to contain an exact Accompt  
 hereof, *Affs. 1648, Sess: 38.*

§ 2. Ministers who are not given  
 Reading, and care not for Books, who  
 are obscure & too Scholastick in Preach  
 ing, and who Study not to apply the  
 Doctrine

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doctrines to Corruptions, &c: are to be  
ensured. *Aff: 1638. Sess: 23. Art: 9,*  
Corruptions in the Office.

§ 3. Against Preaching, or dissemi-  
nating Erroneous Doctrine, particularly  
*Arminian or Socinian Errors: Aff: 1704*  
*Aff: 10.*

§ 4, See Government, § 1. Expec-  
tants § 1. Ministers. § 5. Propriety  
1.

PRELACY. *see Bishops.*

PRESBYTRIES. § 1. Act Ratifying  
all Presbyteries erected since the year  
1686. *Aff: 1638. Sess: 23, 24.*

§ 2. Presbyteries are to keep their  
meetings weekly, Summer and Winter,  
except in distant places, who are dispens-  
ed with for meeting once in 14  
years, from the Month of *October* to the  
Month of *April*. *Aff: 1638. Sess: 23, 24.*  
All absents are to be Censured, espe-  
cially those who should Exercise and  
Teach. *ibid.*

A Contraverted head of Doctrine is  
to be publicly Disputed every first Pres-  
bytery of the Month. *ibid.*

§ 3. The Moderator is to see that  
nothing be furnished to Godly Confer-  
ence in Presbyteries, even in time of  
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their Refreshment. *Aff: 1646. Sess: 1 Rem. 7.*

§ 4, Act approving the Association of Presbyteries, ay and while their Vancancies be filled ; and declares them have power of Presbyteries, Respectively, notwithstanding the said Ministers Reside in the bounds of different Presbyteries, according to the old plat-form *Aff: 1690. Sess, 12.*

§ 5: Act Recommending it to Presbyteries to set up the use of Exercise and Addition, privie Censures, & maintenance of Bursars of Theology, conform to former Acts of Assembly, *Aff. 16 Sess: 14.*

§ 6, *see Synods and Voting.*

PRESENTATIONS, § 1. He is to be Repelled as *REUS AMBITUS*, who seeks Presentations to a benefice, without advice of the Presbytry, in whose bounds the benefice is. *Aff: 1596. Revived 1638. Sess: 23, Art. 9.*

§ 2, In presenting Pastors, Readers or School-Masters to particular Congregations, none are to be intruded contrary to the will of the Parish to which they are appointed. *Aff: 1596. Sess: 7, Revived Aff: 1638, Sess: 23, Art. 20.*

§ 3, Act anent making Lists of Extantsto the King and other Patrons Presentations. *Aff: 1642. Sess: 7.*

PRINTING. § 1, Act against Printing of Lybels, pamphlets, and pole-micks, to the Disgrace of Religion and Disturbance of the Peace of the Kirk. *J: 1638. Sess: 26.*

The Assembly by their Ecclesiastick Authority, do inhibite all Printers to print any Acts of this or former Assemblies, or any Treatise that may concern this Kirk, without Warrant from the Clerk of the Assembly, Advocate for the Kirk; *ibid.*

§ 2: No part of Ecclesiastical Process to be Printed, in order to its being presented to Church Judicatories, without Allowance; otherwise no regard to be had to these Papers, *Aff: 1700, Sess: 17.*

§ 3. Act for Extracting and causing print such Acts of the General Assembly, as are for the General Use of the Church. *Aff: 1574, Sess: 9. Revived Aff: 1639, Sess: 22.*

PRIORS, *see* Bishops, § 2.

PROCESS § 1. All Processes or Papers to come before the Assembly, must be delivered to the Clerk, in the Interval

vals of Diets ; and such as be otherways given in, shall be laid aside for that Diet, *Aff: 1694, Sess: 5.*

§ 2. Act ordering the Form of a Process, in Judicatories of the Church of Scotland, with Relation to Scandals and Censures, to be printed, and Transmitting the same to Presbyteries, to be considered by them. *Aff: 1706, Sess: 5.*

CONSULT *Aff: 1694, Sess: 13.*

PROBATIONERS, *see* Expectants.

PROCLAMATION, Proclamation of Bans, *see* Mariage.

PROFESSOR [Divinity] § 1, Where Professors of Divinity are Ministers, they may be chosen to the General Assembly either by the Presbytrie as Ministers, or by the University, as Professors. *Aff: 1643. Sess: 3.*

§ 2: *see* Divinity § 1: Dimission § 1: Government § 1.

PROPHANENESS § 1. Act enjoining Ministers to preach plainly and faithfully against Prophanity of all sorts, and exercise Discipline against Scandalous Offenders, and to apply the Civil Magistrate, to get the Acts of Parliament against Prophanity executed, particularly that of the 15 of June 1693, and appoints

oints the said Act to be publickly read  
in all Churches. *Ajs: 1694, Sess: 14.*

Remedies against Prophaneness, *Ajs: 1698, Sess: 15. Ajs: 1699, Sess: 9.*

§ 2. Kirk Sessions, with the Concur-  
rence of their Presbyteries, are to com-  
plain to the Government, upon Inferi-  
or Magistrates, who neglect or refuse to  
execute the Laws anent Prophanity. *Ajs: 1706, Sess: 12. Art. 15.* And this to be  
acquired into at Privy Censures, and Pa-  
rochial Visitations. *ibid: see more Scan-*  
*als.*

PROVINCIALS, see Synods.

PROPOSITIONS, § 1. The Assem-  
bly approves of all the eight General  
heads of Doctrine, contained in the  
11 Propositions, for clearing of the  
truth, against the Errors of Erastianism  
and Independency, *Ajs: 1647, Sess: ult.*

§ 2. see Government § 1.

PSALMS, § 1: Act for examining  
the Paraphrase of the Psalms, and other  
Scriptural Songs, *Ajs: 1648: Sess: 38.*  
The Commission of the Kirk im-  
powered to emit the Paraphrase, and es-  
tablish the same for publick use, *Ajs: 1649. Sess. ult.*

§ 2. Act appointing *High-land Congre-*  
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gations to make use of a Paraphrase of the Psalms in *Irish* emitted by the Synod of *Argyle*. *Item*, to make use of their Translation of the Shorter Catechism of this Church in *Irish*, that there may be Uniformity in Worship, and Catechising, *Aff. 1694, Sess. ult.*

**Q.**  
**QUAKERS**, Act for using due means for reclaiming Quakers, and for Processing the Ring-leaders of them, in case of Obstinacy, *Aff. 1695. Sess. 6.*

**R.**

**READERS**, *see* Schools.

**REBUKE**, *see* Catechising, § and Scandals.

**RECEPTION**, *see* Communion [ Ministerial ]

**RECOMMENDATIONS**, *see* Charity.

**RECORDS**, *see* Registers.

**REFERENCES**, *see* Overtures.

**REGISTERS** § 1. Act approving the Registers of the Assembly from the year 1560 to the year 1590, for Reasons mentioned at large in the Act it *see* *Aff. 1638: Sess. 7.*



§ 2. Provincial Assemblies are to read all their Acts before the dissolving of every Assembly, *Aff: 1646. Sess. 4:*

*Item*, they are to have their Registers written in a good hand, and each page marked by Cyphers; according to their number. *ibid: and Affs. 1698, Sess: 13.*

If any thing happen to be omitted or blotted out as Superfluous; the thing omitted and the Number of the blotted lines is to be marked on the Margin, and Subscribed by the Clerk, at the appointment of the Judicatory, and this Act to reach all Judicatories, *Aff: 1706: Sess: 12: Act 9.*

§ 3. The Revisers of the Commission and Synod Books, are first to communicate their Remarks thereon to the Moderator or Clerk, and failing them, to some other Member of that Judicatory, whose Book is Revised, that nothing be brought in, but what is worthy of Censure, *Affs. 1706: Sess. 3. \**

§ 4. Act anent Revising the Register of Church-Judicatories by a competent Number of Experienced Ministers fit for that Work, and prescribing the form of Attestation, *Affs: 1700. Sess. 5.*

§ 5. Act appointing the same *Formula* prescribed for the Attestation of Synod Books, to be observed in the Approbation of the Registers of the Commissions of Assemblies, *A/s: 1706: Act 8: Sess 12.*

§ 6. Act appointing two Authentic Copies of the Church Registers Signed by the Moderator and Clerk, to be kept in all time coming, one of them to ly in the Clerk's Custody, the other to be Sealed and laid in some secure place in the New Church of *Edinburgh*, or where the General Assembly or Commission thereof shall appoint, *A/s: 1703: Sess. 9: Intit: Act for supplying and preserving the Registers, &c.*

There is also to be a subscribed Extract of the Proceedings of each General Assembly, sent to the several Synods within this Church, to be Recorded by them in a Book. *ibid:*

**REPENTANCE** [ publick ] see **Catechising** § 4. Fornication at large, and Ignorance § 1. and scandals at large.

**REPROOF**, see **Catechising** § 4.

**RESIDENCE**, § 1. Every Minister shall be obliged to Reside in his own Parish, at his ordinary **MANSE**, *conform*

orm to diverse Acts of Assembly. *Aff:* 638, *Sess:* 23, 24. *Art:* 5.

§ 2: Ministers not Resident at their flocks, shall be deposed; otherwise the Presbytrie is to be Censured for their Neglect. *Aff.* 1596, *Sess:* 7. Ratified *Afs:* 1638, *Sess:* 23, 24. *Art:* 9.

ROLLS § 1. Ministers are to have Rolls of their Parish, not only for Examination, but for considering the several Dispositions of the People, that accordingly they may be Admonished, and prayed for by them in secret. *Afs:* 1646 *ess:* 10. *Rem:* 9.

§ 2. *see* Expectants, § 3: Presentations § 3.

S.

SABBATH, § 1. Act Discharging the Breach of the Sabbath day, by the going of Mills, Salt-Pans, Fishing-Salmond and White-fish. *Aff:* 1638. *Dec.* 7. *Aff:* 1639, *Sess:* 21.

This Act extended against Masters whose hired Servants these Sabbath breakers are, *Afs:* 1643. *Sess:* 11.

§ 2. Ministers where Carriers and Travellers dwell, are to cause them bring Testimonials from the place where they Rested for those Lords Days where-

in they were from home; and this for preventing Sabbath-breaking by such Travellers. *Aff: 1648, Sess: 38.*

Elders are to take notice, how such as are within their Bounds keep the Kirk, and how the time is spent before and after Publick Worship. *ibid:*

§ 3. Ministers are to contribute their Endeavours for suppressing gross Profanity on the LORD's Day; especially idle Vaging in the Streets of *Edinburg*, Peer and Shoar of *Leith*, Queen's Park &c. and this by an Impartial and prudent Exercise of Discipline. *Assen. 1700 Sess: 12.*

§ 4: see also Ships.

SACRAMENTS § 1. Anent the LORD's Supper, it is enacted, That after a short Exhortation by the Minister at the Table, there shall be Silence during the Communicants receiving, except where the Minister drops an Expression or two, for quickening their Meditation in the Action. *Aff: 1645, Sess: 14.*

The Bread is so to be prepared, that the Communicants may divide among themselves, after the Minister hath delivered it to the nearest. *Ibid*  
A Psalm is to be sung at the Dissolving and filling of the Tables. *Ibid:* T

The Minister is to have at most two Assistants, and who are to provide their own Parishes at Home with Preaching. *ibid*: There is to be one Preparation Sermon on Saturday, only one before the serving of the Tables, and one of thanksgiving after the Communion is ended. *Ibid*:

Where Parishes are numerous, there is to be Sermon without, in a convenient place, which is not to begin, till the Action Sermon within be ended. *ibid*: None are to be admitted from other Parishes to Communicate, without a Testimonial from their own Ministers and who is not to refuse it, if the Person asking it do Communicate ordinarily at their own Parish Kirk; and is free of scandal at the time. And this but prejudice to any honest Person occasionally in the place, and who by reason of their Ministers Absence or Death, could not have a Testimonial. *Ibid*:

Ministers Bowing in the Pulpit, tho' Lawful Custom, is hereafter to be laid aside, for satisfaction of the Desires of the Divines of the Synod of England, *1645, Sess: 14.*

§ 2. Act discharging the Administration

tion of Baptism in private; *i: e:* in any place, or at any time, when the Congregation is not orderly called together to wait on the dispensing of the Word. *Aff: 1690, Sess: 15.*

Baptism is to be Administred in Face of the Congregation, after the Sermon before the Blessing, that all may hear and see. *Aff: 1645, Sess: 14. Intit: The Opinion of the Committee for keeping Uniformity, &c. Ov: 2.*

§ 3: Act discharging the Administration of the LORD's Supper to sick Persons in their Houses, and all other Uses of the same, except in the publick Assemblies of the Church. *Aff: 1690 Sess: 15.*

§ 4. Ministers who are slothful in the Administration of the Sacraments and Prophaners thereof, receiving the Clean and Unclean, &c. are to be sharply Rebuked, and if they continue are to be deposed. *Assen: 1596, Sess: 7. Ratified Assemb: 1638, Sess: 23. Art: 1.*

It any be found a seller of the Sacraments, he is to be Deposed *simpliciter* and such as collude with Slanderous Persons, in Dispensing and Over-seeing them for Money, are to incur the like Punishment, *ibid.* §

§ 5. Order is to be taken, that the Lord's Supper be more frequently Administred in Burgh and Land-ward. And the Assembly declares, That the Charges for furnishing of the Elements, where the Minister hath allowance only for once in the Year, be rather payed out of that Collection, than the Paroch want the more frequent use of the Sacrament, *Aff. 1638, Sess: 23: Art: 2: Affs: 1701, Act 19.*

§ 6. Ministers are to take strict Trial of Communicants, especially at the first Admission to the Lord's Supper, and instruct them as to the Covenant of Grace, and the End of that Ordinance, as a Seal thereof, Exhorting them to renew the Obligations they be under from their Baptismal Covenant, *Affs: 1706, Act 11: Sess: 12.*

SAILERS, *see* Ships.

SALT-PANS, *see* Sabbath. § 1.

SCANDALS, § 1. Act allowing Presbyteries to send into the Assembly, or its Commission, the Names of Persons of whatever Quality, Guilty of gross Scandals, and Contumacious to Church Discipline, with an Extract of the whole Process, that they may proceed

ceed against them as they shall see cause,  
*Afs: 1700: Sess: 17.*

§ 2. With respect to Scandals whose grossness makes it necessary to bring the guilty oftner than once before the Congregation: Its Appointed, that after they are Convict before the Session, they appear in publick once [ Penitent or no ] to be rebuked for their Sin; and afterwards also, as often as the Respective Judicatories shall find for Edification, *Afs: 1705, Sess. 6.*

If after the publick Rebuke and pains taken to Reclaim them, they continue insensible; the Presbytery is to be Advised with anent pronouncing the Sentence of lesser Excommunication in publick, from which they are not to be Relaxed, till the Session be satisfied with their Seriousness and Reformation. And Ordains the Names of such Excommunicated Persons to be publicly Read out the Lord's Day immediatly preceeding the Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
*ibid.*

§ 3, Overture transmitted to Presbytries anent the Prescription of Scandals if they are to be challenged after the space of 3 Years, *Afs: 1642, Sess: ult.*



§ 4. None falling into publick Scandals are to be received into the fellowship of the Kirk, except his Minister have some appearance and warrant in Conscience, that he hath both a feeling of Sin, and apprehension of Mercy, *Aff: 1638, Sess. 23, 24. Art. 9. Corruptions in the Office.*

§ 5. *see more*, Ministers, § 2 Oaths. § 2 Slander. Papists, § 4. Fornication at large and Prophaneness:

SCHOOLS and SCHOOL-MASTERS, § 1. Every Paroch is to have a Reader, and a School for Learning to Read and Write, and every Burgh and Presbytery-Seat is to have a Grammar School, *Aff: 1642, Sess. 8.*

§ 2. Men who have past their Course at Colleges and taken their Degrees, are to be preferred to teach Schools, before others who have not, *ceteris paribus*, *Aff: 1706, Act 13: Sess. 12.*

§ 3. Every Grammar School is to be Visited twice a Year, by Presbyteries and Kirk Session in Land-ward, and by the Town-Council with their Ministers in Burghs; or by Universities, where they are, with consent of the Patrons of the School, *Aff: 1645. Sess.*

14. *Or:* 1, Synods to enquire into the  
at their Privy Censures, *Aff:* 1700  
*Sess.* 12. *Act* 13.

At the Visitation, Trial is to be taken  
both of the Proficiency of Scholars, and  
of the Diligence of the Masters, Enqui-  
ry to be made, if Masters be diverted  
from due Attendance, by any other  
Employment, *Aff:* 1645, *Sess:* 14.

§ 4. Act for a Voluntary Contribution  
by way of Subscription in each Presby-  
trie, and for gathering what can be had  
from Noblemen, Gentlemen, and other  
charitable Disposed People, for Erecting  
Schools and Educating Youth in the  
*Highlands and Isles.* *Aff:* 1704. *Sess:* 10.

§ 5. Schools are to be erected in eve-  
ry Parish, the Poor to be taught in  
Charity; and none suffered to neglect  
the Teaching of their Children to read.  
*Aff:* 1705, *Sess:* 7.

None are to be taught Latin upon  
Charity, but such as are prompt in Read-  
ing and Writing, and of Virtuous Incl-  
inations. *Item:* Poor Scholars in Gram-  
mar Schools, are to be yearly Examined  
by a Committee of the Presbytrie.  
*Ibid:*

Masters of Colleges are to Laureat  
Bu

arsars, but upon clear Evidence of  
 their sufficient Learning and good Be-  
 haviour. *Ibid.*

§ 6. see Chaplains and Colleges and  
 Presentations.

SCRIPTURES § 1. Of Reading and  
 expounding the Scriptures publicly in  
 the Kirk, according to the Directory.  
*Aff: 1645, Sess: 14.* Opinion of the  
 Committee, *Num: 1.*

§ 2. The Scriptures appointed to be  
 read in Families ordinarily, and good  
 use to be made thereof by way of Con-  
 ference, in all which the Master of the  
 family is to have a chief hand. *Aff:*  
*1647. Sess: 19, Dir. 3.*

SENTENCES. § 1. Act Declar-  
 ing all Sentences past against Ministers  
*et c inde*, by any Church Judicatory,  
 upon the account of the late differences  
 among Presbyterians from the year 1650,  
 and the Introduction of Prelacy, to be of  
 themselves void and Null. *Aff: 1690,*  
*Sess: 25.*

§ 2, See Deposition and Excommuni-  
 cation.

SEPARATION, See Worship. §. 3.

SERMONS, [ Funeral, ] Funeral  
 sermons Discharged as Savouring of  
 superstition. *Aff: 1628. Sess: 23 24.*  
*Sess: 22.* K §.2.

§ 2. See Preaching.

SESSION, [ Kirk ] § 1, The O Session is to Elect the new both Burgh and Land; and fill up Vacancies made by Death or otherwife. *Aff: 1642 Sess: 5.*

§ 2. No Minister is to usurp a Negative over his Session in Voting. And where there are two or more Ministers they are to have equal Power in Voting. *Aff: 1638, Sess: 23, 24. Art. 1.*

§ 3. Anent the Power of Kirk-Sessions, see Assemblies. § 2. and Discipline.

SHIPS. Act for Censuring such Skippers and Sailors, who begin any Voyage, or Loose any ships, Barks, or Boats out of Road or Harboury on the Lord's Day. *Aff: 1646. Sess: ult.*

SKIPPERS, see ships.

SKY, see Annexations, § 4.

SLANDER, All such as slander Ministers, and raise Calumnies on them are to be Processed by Presbyteries and Synods according to the Quality and Degree of the Scandal. *Aff: 1642. Sess: 13.*

SOCIETIES. § 1. Ministers are Advert, that under the Names of Religious Exercises otherwise Lawful, the People fall not to Error, Scandal and

lf conceit, Pressing above the common calling of Christians, usurping what proper to the Pastoral Vocation, contempt of the publick means, Idle and unprofitable Questions. &c: *Aff*: 1641, *ss*: 10.

As also, on the other hand, the Assembly do Exhort all sorts of People, to the duties of mutual Edification, on all occasions offered in providence. *ibid*.

§ 2: See Worship: § 3.

SOCINIANSIM. *see* Preaching. § 3.

SOLICITATION, *see* Ordination.

SONGS, [ Scriptural ] § 1. The Scriptural Songs Recommended to be used in private Families, and an Act anent preparing them for publick use. *Aff*: 706. *Sess*: 4.

§ 2. *see* PSALMS.

SOULDIER, *see* Army.

STIPEND, *see* Benefices, and Deposition, § 5.

MINISTERS, § 9, And Plantation of Kirks.

STRABOGIE, *see* Annexations § 2.

STUDENTS 1. Students are not to be Licensed, till they give Proof of their *Orthodoxy*, by signing the Confession of Faith; of their good Affection to the Government in Church and State,

their Peaceable Principles and Disposition. As also, they are to own the Presbyterian Government of this Church to be agreeable to, and founded upon the Word of GOD, and promise never to do any thing to its prejudice. *Aff: 1705, Sess: 14.*

§ 2. see also Colleges and *Edinburgh* and License, and Schools, and Tryals.

SUMMONDS, see Appeals, and Transportations.

SUPPER [ LORD's ] see Directory and Ignorance, and Sacraments.

SUPPLY, see North.

SUSPENSIONS, see Deposition and Sentences.

SYNODS [ Provincial ] § 1. The Order of Provincial Assemblies, according to Presbyteries, is Recorded. *Aff: 1638, Sess: 23, 24. Art: 24.*

§. see also Annexations and Assemblies § 2. Communion Ministerial § 2. Moderators and Registers, and Voting.

§ 2. The Parish of *Morlith* disjoined from the Synod of *Aberdeen*, and annexed to the Synod of *Murray*, *Aff: 1706, Sess: 6.\**

§ 3. The Synod of *Caithness*, *Orkney*, and *Zetland*, to meet only once in the Year

ear in *Caithness* and *Orkney*, *per vices*.  
 And as they shall see Cause, are to send  
 some of their Number belonging to *Ork-*  
*ney* and *Caithness*, to visit *Zetland*: *Aff:*  
*1706, Sess: 9. \**

§ 4. An Ordinance for suppressing  
 sub-Synods. *Aff: 1643. \**

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**T**ESTIFICAT and TESTIMO-  
 NIALS, §1: No Servants are to be  
 received without Testimonials of  
 their honest Behaviour. *Aff: 1648, Sess:*  
*8, Rem: Dom: Num: 1.*

In giving Testimonials Ministers are  
 to take heed, that the Person be free of  
 holding, swearing, Lying, and such  
 the Common sins, as well as Fornicati-  
 on, and other gross sins. *ib:*

Testimonials are for ordinary to be  
 given in face of the Session, and in case  
 an extraordinary Exigent, they may  
 be given by the Minister, with consent  
 the Elders of the Bounds; wherein the  
 Person to be Testified of hath resided *ib:*

If they have fallen or Relapsed into  
 scandalous sins, their Testimonial must  
 shew both their Fall and Repentance. *ib:*

*Item*, The like Testimonials are to be  
 required of all others, who Flit and  
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Remove from one Parish to another. *Afs.* 1694, *Sess.* 14. Intit: Act against Prophaneness:

§ 2. The Testimonials from Professors of Theology to Students, for entering them on Tryals, are to bear their Pious Carriage, Promising Parts, and good Affection to the Government in Church and State, and Fitness for the Service of the Church. *Afs.* 1705, *Sess.* 7.

§ 3: Beside Testimonials, Probationers are also to bring with them to Presbyteries, a Letter from a known Person. And if need be, the Presbytrie shall enquire into the Verity of the Testimonials, *Afs.* 1695. *Sess.* 12.

§ 4: see also Expectants, and Sabbath and Sacraments, and Schools, and Travelling.

THEOLOGY, *see* Divinity.

TRANSPORTATIONS and TRANSPORTABILITY, § 1. N Transportation is to be granted without Citing of Parties, and the matter is to come first to the Presbyteries seeking and sought from, and if they agree not then to the Synod or General Assembly which of them shall first sit. *Aff.* 4. *Sess.* 8.



A Minister may be Transported from a particular Congregation, where he can only do good to a part, to a place where he may benefit the whole Church, such as *Edinburgh*, each Kirk of which City may be provided of one Minister to be Transported, and the rest are to be filled according to the General Rules of Transportation for other places, or by Agreement with Actual Ministers and their Parishes, with consent of the Presbytery or Synod to which they belong, *ibid.*

Colleges are to be well provided with Professors and Towns where Colleges are, and the College of Saint *Andrews* is to be first served, without taking Ministers out of *Edinburgh*, *Glasgow* and *Aberdeen*, *ibid.*

In Transportations regard is to be had to Parishes, where Noblemen have their chief Residence, and none are to be admitted to Congregations where Popish Noblemen are, but Men skilled in *Controversie*, *ibid.*

Ministers having the *Irish* Tongue are to be Transported from the *Low-lands* to the *High-lands*, provided their condition be not thereby made worse, *ibid.*

In voluntary Transportations no Minister is to agree with any Paroch to be Transported thereto, till he and his Paroch be heard before the Presbytery where he is for the present, *Aff. 42 Sess. 8.*

§ 2. No Vacant Paroch is to call a fixed Minister, till they first follow other means, of providing themselves. And no Presbytery is to concur in any design of Transportation, unless the greater good of the Church be manifestly evident, *Affs: 1694, Sess. 5.*

In pursuing of Transportations their Debatings are to be very short, and managed with calmness and meekness, *ibid.*

Where the Competition is between Parishes within the same Presbytery, the Decision of the Presbytery is to take effect : And likewise that of the Synod, if the Competition is betwixt Presbyteries within their Bounds, because these Judicatories are equally concerned in both, and fittest to judge of all Circumstances, reserving alwise liberty to the grieved to appeal to Superior Judicatories for Redress, and the Appellants to be Censured, if they complain unnecessarily, *Aff: 1694, Sess: 5.*

§ 3. Act allowing the Citation of a Minister to be Transported, to be a valid Citation, if it be given to him *apud Acta*, at the Presbytery, or if absent, by the Presbyteries Letter; ordering him to Cite his own Parish from the Pulpit. But leaving it optional to Presbyteries to follow this course, or give Citation by their Officers, as formerly, *Aff: 1704, Sess: 10.*

§ 4. Some alteration is made in the manner of Transportations from South to North [ which last is to be supplied by 44 Ministers, whereof 22 are Transportable ] only for the present exigence, but to be no precedent for after times. *Aff: 1695, Sess. 12.*

§ 5. *see also* Tryals § 1.

TRAVELING [ Abroad ] § 1. Parents who send their Children abroad to be Taught, are to get the Testimonial of the Presbytry where they reside, to the Presbyteries or Class in *France, England* or *Ireland*: and to report a Testificate at their return from these Presbyteries: And this for preventing Errors and Heresies, *Aff: 1646: Sess: ult.*

§ 2. *see also* Papists, § 1, 3.

TRYALS § 1: Ministers to be Transported are not to be tryed again by the

Tryals appointed for Tryal of Expectants at their Entry to the Ministry  
*Aff: 1642 Sess. 6. Intit: Report of the Interpretation of the Act of Edinburgh, &c*

Act for trying all Ministers or Intrants presented to Kirks, if they be qualified for the places to which they are presented besides the ordinary Trials of the Expectants, *Aff. 1639, Sess: 22. Art. ult.*  
 This Act is explained *Aug: 2, sess: 6: Aff: 1642, thus: That the Presbytrie find his Gift answerable to the Condition of the Parish to which he is presented; particularly his Gift of Preaching, whether Minister or Expectant*

§ 2: Expectants before they enter to the Ministry, are to subscribe the Confession of Faith, Add and Exercise publicly, have a common head in Latin and undergo a Dispute thereanent, Answer Questions of Controversie and Chronologic, and interpret particular place of Scripture, shew their Skill in the Hebrew and Greek, and bring a Testimonial of their Conversation, from the Presbytrie or College where they reside. *Aff: 1638, Sess: 23, 24. Art: 23. Ratified in the Body of an Act: Aff: 1642, Sess: 7*

The said Act's again Ratified, with this Addition, That the Catechetick Try  
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As be not perfunctoriously gone about, but the Students examined *coram*, upon the several heads of Divinity, and the Government of the Church, to know what Reason they can give of their Faith, and they can answer some principal Objections; and that previously to all other parts of their Tryals: *Aff: 1704, Sess: 10.*

A Tryal is to be given to Probationers, of their Gifts as to Lecturing; and the several Synods are to enquire into the Observation thereof at their Privy Censures. *Ibid.*

§ 3: Such as offer to pass Tryals, are to have Testimonials from Universities, of their good Behaviour and Proficiencie. As also, the usual School-degrees are to be enquired after; tho' not made a necessary Qualification. The vain and imprudent, are to be kept back; *i: e:* such as are esteemed by the Generality of Intelligent Persons, who converse with them, to be such. *Aff: 1696, Jan: 4. Intit: Instant Students.* § 4: see also Expectants.

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UNIVERSITIES, see College and Transportation. V.

VACANCIES, see Kirks.

VISITATIONS § 1: Presbyteries  
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and Synods in Visitations of Kirks, and Tryal of Presbyteries, are to make use of the Remedies of the Corruptions of the Ministry; mentioned *Afs: 1646, Sess: 10*

§ 2. Visitations of particular Kirks within Presbyteries, are to be kept once every Year; and Enquiry to be made in them, anent Family worship in the Parish and means used for instructing and Catechising of Youth: *Af. 1638, Sess: 23, 24. Art. 3.*

Enquiry is to be made also anent the Minister's Family, if he use ordinary Prayers, and Reading of the Scriptures; if he instructs all in his Family, and removes such as are offensive: *Aff: 1596, S. 7. Revived Aff: 1638, Sess: 23, 24. Art: 9.*

Also they are to enquire anent Mortifications, and other Money belonging to the Poor, how they have been managed and employed from time to time. *Aff: 1700, Sess: 18.*

Presbyterial Visitations of Parishes are to be frequent. *Aff: 1706, Act 16. Sess: 12.* And the Commission appointed to prepare a Directory for Ministerial Visitation of Families. *ibid.*

§ 3. Schools and Colleges appointed to be visited by way of Commission from the Gen. Assembly. *Aff: 1638, Sess: 23, 24. Ar. 4.*

§ 4. Com-

§ 4: Committees appointed to visit the Highland Parishines, in the several Corners of the Land; with power to them, to do every thing proper for a Committee for Visitation to do: with power also to the Commission of the Assembly, to give them Advice on all occasions, and add to them such of their own Number, as they see fit. *Aff: 1699, Sess: ult: Initit: Ov: for promoting the knowledge of God in the Highlands.*

§ 5: *see also* Lecturing, and Prophane-ness and Worship.

VOTING, § 1. Where Members of Presbyteries & Synods, find the Moderator refuse to put any thing of Importance to Voices, or find any thing determined contrary to the Word of God, Acts of Assembly, and the received Order of the Church; That in these Cases, they urge their Dissent to be marked in the Register; and protest if it be refused: as they would desire to be free of common Censure with the rest. *Aff: 1644, Sess: 7.*

§ 2: *see also* Ministers § 4.

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WITCHES § 1. Ministers are carefully to urge the Acts of Parliament to be Executed against Witches and Charm-ers. *Aff: 1640, Sess: 2.*

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§ 2. Commission for a Conference of Ministers, Lawyers and Physicians, anent the Tryal and punishment of Witch-craft Charming and Consulting. *Aff: 1649, Sess: ult.*

§ 3. Overtures about Witchcraft, *see Affs. 1643, Sess: ult.*

WITHDRAWERS [ from Ordinances ] *see Worship § 3.*

WORSHIP § 1. The Heads of Families who use to neglect Family-worship, are first to be admonished privatly to amend ; and in case of continuing, they are to be Reproved by the Session: And if they still neglect Worship, they are to be suspended from the Lord's Table, till they Amend. *Aff: 1647, Sess. 19. Revived Affs: 1694, Intit. Act against Prophaneness*

§ 2. Act for removing from their Office such Elders and Deacons, as obstinately refuse or neglect Family-worship, by themselves, or others appointed for that End. *Aff. 1697, Sess. 5.*

§ 3: It shall be free to Persons of Quality, to entertain one approved by the Presbytrie to do Family Exercise, and in other Families where the Head is unfit another constantly residing in the Family, approved by the Session, may do it: But



Idle or vagrant Person, under pretence  
of a calling, shall be suffered to do it, that  
Error and Division creep not into Houses.  
*Aff: 1647, Sess: 19. Dir. 4, 5, &c.*

Also, each Family is to keep by themselves,  
not admitting others of diverse  
Families, unless they be lodged with  
them, or otherwise with them on lawful  
occasions: Because, whatever has been the  
fruits of such Meetings in the Times of  
Trouble; yet in time of Peace, and  
of the Purity of the Gospel, such Meetings  
do tend to the prejudice of the publick  
Ministry, Renting of Families, &c. *ib.*

Also, as many as can conceive Prayer:  
ought to make use of that Gift of GOD,  
albeit the weaker may begin at a set  
form of Prayer, yet so, as not to be  
luggish in stirring up in themselves the  
spirit of Prayer, *ibid.*

Also, Withdrawers from the Publick  
Worship in their own Congregation  
except in urgent cases Approven by  
the Presbytery ] are to be admonished  
by the Ministers to whose Kirks  
they Resort, and that both in publick  
Preaching, and also in private,  
showing their Dislike of their withdrawing.  
*Likeas*, The Minister of their  
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own Paroch, is to study by private Admonition to Reclaim them, next the Session is to censure them; and then the Presbytery if need be. *ibid.*

§ 4, Ministers in Visitations of Families are to take account, if Family Worship be observed Morning and Evening, and Children and Servants Catechised at home, by Masters of Families *Aff: 1639. Aug. 30.*

§ 5. *See also, Societies.*

WRITES, all Ministers are to exhibit to their Presbyteries their Decrees of Modification or Locality with all the Emolumentary Writes belonging to the Kirks and Sessions, in order to Registration. This *Or.* Transmitted to Presbyteries by *Aff: 1699, Or: 5.* And the Commission appointed to apply to the Parliament thereanent, *Aff. 1700, Sess. 18. \** Y.

YULE, Act for Censuring Publickly such as commit Abuses, and use Prophanity and Superstitions on Yule Day, and some other Superstitious days following. And for Citing such Masters of Colleges as be accessory thereto, to appear before the General Assembly, *Act Aff. 1645, Sess. ult:* Z

ZETLAND, *see Annexations and Synods* N. I. S.





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