

Enactment Book 1758 – 1782

*List of cases, with dates, accused persons, and statements, compiled by volunteer at
Aberdeen City & Aberdeenshire Archives*

- 2** **Date:** [illegible]
Statement: [illegible] [signed by Jean Grant]

- 3** **Date:** 29 March 1758
Accused: Archibald Duncan
Statement: Archibald Duncan, fined for unfit trading, and Robert Duncan, merchant in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full debtor, bound and enacted themselves that Archibald Duncan “shall not in anytime coming trade or exercise any kind of merchandice in time coming within the Burgh”.

- 3** **Date:** 14 April 1758
Accused: Fanny Hall
Statement: Joseph Hall and Hercules Hall, both woolcombers in Aberdeen as cautioners, surety and full debtors for and with Fanny Hall, daughter to the said Joseph Hall, who has several times been accused of “keeping & haunting loose & disorderly company to the disturbance of the neighbourhood”.
Fanny Hall is banished from the Burgh for life.

- 4** **Date:** 14 April 1758
Accused: Mary Grant
Statement: A complaint by Captain George Farquhar of General Leighton’s Regiment against Mary Grant in Cromarr, who has been found guilty of stealing, from an officer of the said Regiment, a gold watch and a purse containing several thirty shilling pieces and some silver.
Mary Grant is banished from the Burgh.

- 5** **Date:** 17 April 1758
Statement: The undersigned coopers of Aberdeen bound and enacted themselves to conform to acts of the Town Council of Aberdeen, dated 9th December 1743, regarding regulation of pork and that they shall not cure or pack any pork that is not weighed in the public weighhouse. Signed by Al Shepherd, Geo Copland, James Tom Tener, Alexr Jopps, Geo Wright, James Bartlett, David [?], James Sim jun and John Bean.

- 6** **Date:** 12 May 1758
Accused: Christian and Isobel Tilleneys

Statement: Christian and Isobel Tilleneys, currently living in The Green, accused by the Dean of Guild for keeping a loose and disorderly house and disturbing the neighbourhood in the night-time, bound and enacted themselves to leave the Burgh, with their goods and effects, never to return.

6 **Date:** 19 May 1758

Statement: John Jack, manufacturer in Gilcomston, in terms of a sentence by the magistrates, bound and enacted himself to make up the road between his feu on the Denburn and the south marches of Gilcomston with a sufficient foot path, and also to put up and fix march stones marked with the letter P at each corner of his feu.

7 **Date:** [no date]

Statement: Alexr Cushnie, junior merchant in Aberdeen, and feuer of a piece of ground on the north side of the Denburn, in terms of a sentence of the Magistrates, bound and enacted himself to put up and fix march stones at each corner of his feu marked with the letter P, and to clean away the rubbish from Bleachfield.

7 **Date:** 26 May 1758

Accused: Katharine McKenzie

Statement: A complaint by William Wishart in Kittybrewster against Katharine McKenzie from the parish of Alves who acknowledged that she broke into the said William Wishart's house in the night-time and stole a gown "plaid and linnen". Katharine McKenzie banished from the Burgh.

8 **Date:** 26 May 1758

Accused: Ann Fraser

Statement: Ann Fraser confessed to stealing a tartan plaid from Marjorie Cock and bound and enacted to instantly remove herself from the Burgh and never to return.

8 **Date:** 26 May 1758

Accused: Anne Stuart

Statement: Anne Stuart, spouse of Alexander Young tinkler soldier in the Second Battalion of General Leghtons Regiment, accused of pick-pocketing in the mealmarket, bound and enacted herself to instantly leave the Burgh and never to return.

9 **Date:** 31 May 1758

Accused: Mary Courties

Statement: Mary Courties, daughter to John Courties a soldier, accused of keeping disorderly company with soldiers and other loose people, bound and enacted herself to leave the Burgh never to return.

- 9** **Date:** 7 June 1758
Accused: Mary Courties
Statement: That the said Mary Courties had returned to the Burgh and been found the previous night walking the streets by the constable and was therefore to be conveyed out of town by the town executioner and banished never to return.
- 9** **Date:** 8 June 1758
Accused: James Bane
Statement: James Bane, mason in Aberdeen, apprehended by the town serjeant and constables walking in the streets under cloud and silence of night, and for and with him William Gordon merchant in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and debtor, bound and enacted themselves that James Bane shall behave regularly, peaceably and discreetly and not walk the streets in the night-time.
- 10** **Date:** 17 June 1758
Accused: Mary Fraser
Statement: Mary Fraser, spouse of Daniel Fraser, soldier in General Anstruther's regiment, who was apprehended for pickpocketing in the meal market and being a person of bad reputation, bound and enacted herself to leave the Burgh and never return.
- 10** **Date:** 23 June 1758
Accused: Isabel Paterson
Statement: Isabel Paterson, resident in Aberdeen, accused of "keeping and haunting loose and disorderly company", together with George Still, merchant in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full debtor bound and enacted themselves that Isabel Paterson will leave the Burgh never to return.
- 11** **Date:** 23 June 1758
Accused: Peter Williamson
Statement: George Macky, mealseller in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself to present the person of Peter Williamson, a vagrant presently lodging in his house, before the magistrates of Aberdeen at any time when called for within six months to answer a complaint given in against him by the Dean of Guild of Aberdeen for "publishing a pamphlet reflecting upon the Town of Aberdeen".
[note in margin] "24 June 1758 delete sentence being pronounced".
- 11** **Date:** 26 June 1758
Accused: Jean Brodie
Statement: Jean Brodie, indweller in Aberdeen, who came from Auchindoon and says she is spouse of David Ferries a soldier now in America, accused of picking and other practices, voluntarily bound and enacted herself to leave the Burgh, never to return.

- 11** **Date:** [no date]
 Accused: Jean Bruce
 Statement: Jean Bruce, late servant to John Ross merchant in Aberdeen, accused of keeping company with the soldiers and other loose and in disorderly company, bound and enacted herself to leave the Burgh, never to return.
- 12** **Date:** 26 June 1758
 Accused: Jean Harvie
 Statement: Jean Harvie, accused of keeping loose and disorderly company, bound and enacted herself to leave and never return.
- 12** **Date:** 29 June 1758
 Accused: Janet Brebner
 Statement: Janet Brebner, accused of keeping loose and disorderly company bound and enacted herself to leave immediately and never return.
- 12** **Date:** 30 June 1758
 Statement: Alexander Bannerman, mason in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself to remove the building and rubbish he has put in on the north side of the burn, immediately above the bridge, which leads from the Womanhill to the steps.
- 12** **Date:** 3 July 1758
 Accused: Helen Law
 Statement: Helen Law, spouse to William Souper woolcomber in Aberdeen, bound and enacted herself to appear before the magistrates at any time when called for, to answer a complaint given in by the Dean of Guilds for buying and receiving stolen goods.
- 13** **Date:** 5 July 1758
 Accused: Peter Robertson
 Statement: Peter Robertson, scavenger or dubraker bound and enacted himself not to carry dung off the Castlegate of this Burgh nor lay down any dung thereon.
- 14** **Date:** 25 July 1758
 Accused: Margaret Stoll
 Statement: Margaret Stoll, relict of Alexandr Gellan, flesher in Aberdeen bound and enacted herself to leave the Burgh after being convicted by her own confession of reselling stolen goods.
- 14** **Date:** 26 July 1758
 Accused: Margaret Nicolson

Statement: Margaret Nicolson, daughter to Alexr Nicolson, hyrer in Elgin who has resided in the city, accused of “keeping loose and disorderly company & was imprisoned on that accot”, voluntarily bound and enacted herself that she shall leave the Burgh, never to return.

15 **Date:** 1 August 1758

Statement: John Mowat, blacksmith in Old Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself to make wheels of sufficient oak wood for each of the three kirk bells “with pullys of bell metal conform to a plan or model instantly delivered to him and to fix the same in such a way that they can be rung in ye bottom of Drum’s Isle”. The said work to be done to the satisfaction of Hugh Gordon, watchmaker in Aberdeen.

16 **Date:** 11 August 1758

Statement: The magistrates take into consideration that the price of oatmeal is six pounds scots per bole. The magistrates “appoint the whole bakers within the Burgh to bake their oat bread sufficiently and that the halfpenny loaf shall weigh ten and a half ounces and the penny loaf in proportion under such penalty as the magistrates shall judge” until the magistrates alter the same.

16 **Date:** 18 August 1758

Accused: Robert Nicolson & Janet Ross

Statement: Considering the complaint of John Ross, it is found proven that Robert Nicolson, weaver in Aberdeen, “broke through the partition wall betwixt his working shop and the loft possessd by the said John Ross and at ten or twelve different times carried out of the said loft severall quantities of raw wool; as also find it proven by the declaration of the said Janet Ross that she bought two parcels of wool from the said Robert Nicolson at two different times”. Robert Nicolson and Janet Ross banished from the Burgh never to return.

17 **Date:** 23 August 1758

Accused: James Philp

Statement: James Philp, resider in Windmillbrae of Aberdeen bound and enacted himself that he shall not be guilty of resetting any strangers or vagrants especially women but such as have proper certificates.

17 **Date:** 28 August 1758

Accused: Mary McKintosh

Statement: A complaint by John Allan, cloath merchant against Mary McIntosh, daughter to the deceased James McKintosh in Comebreck in Strathdon, a vagrant. It is found proven that “she stole upon a market day about three weeks ago from one of the cloth stands at the cross of this Burgh a piece of stripped wollen apron stuff;”. Mary McIntosh is banished from the Burgh never to return.

- 18** **Date:** 31 August 1758
Statement: “William Bruces elder and younger”, quarriers, bound and enacted themselves “that they should quarry and bad sufficient litter stones for facing the Denburn and shall continue in the Master of Kirk & Bridge works service alternatly in quarrying and bading sufficient litter stones for the use of the said Denburn while he shall be pleased to employ them”.
- 18** **Date:** [no date]
Accused: Janet and Mary McIntosh
Statement: From the information of John Allan and John Bruce, huxters, and from a confession of Janet McIntosh regarding the way and manner she came by a piece of “cloath” found in her custody and that as a vagrant she can give no account of herself in her way and manner of life and that “stolen goods of different qualities had been found in her and her sisters custody”, Janet McIntosh is banished from the Burgh never to return.
- 19** **Date:** 11 September 1758
Statement: Colin Allan, goldsmith in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself to “make up the back caseway leading past the south dyke of his garden on the south side of the Castle street of Aberdeen and to fence the north ditch of the shorelands so far as is oposite thereto”.
- 19** **Date:** 15 September 1758
Accused: William Martin
Statement: Alexander Martin bound and enacted himself as cautioner and surety for William Martin, his son, that he shall behave himself regularly and discreetly.
- 20** **Date:** 25 September 1758
Statement: Alexander Edward, John Freeman, William Freeman, John Stevenson, John Ravel and Alexander Tough, all residenters in Aberdeen, bound and enacted themselves to ring the Kirk bells upon Sunday and weekdays and that they should not allow boys or idle people to go into the church or Drum Isle during the time of ringing or any other time.
- 20** **Copy of Advertisement anent the cleaning of the streets**
- 21** **Copy of Advertisement against Barbers shaving and dressing on Sundays**
- 22** **Date:** 9 November 1758
Accused: Elspet Chalmers
Statement: John Sim, dubraker in Aberdeen, voluntarily enacted himself that Elspet Chalmers, his wife, who had been complained upon for keeping a loose and

disorderly house and was formerly banished from the Burgh on that account, shall leave the Burgh never to return.

- 22** **Date:** 9 November 1758
Statement: “Helen Sim daughter to the said John Sim was publicly disgraced by the hands of the common hangman”.
- 23** **Instructions for the quartermaster** regarding local quarters for soldiers
- 24** **Allocation of dung of the different streets and lanes of the Burgh** [naming the specific streets and lanes and those persons to whom they have been allocated]
- 26** **Date:** [no date]
Statement: “For the tenants of the said Captain Hugh Fraser compeard individually and bound and enacted themselves personally each of them for their own parts to perform, observe and obey the rules and regulations following viz”
[Seven rules listed]
- 28** **Date:** 28 November 1758
Accused: Martha Campbell
Statement: Martha Campbell, spouse to Duncan Campbell, surgeon, complained upon by the Dean of Guild for keeping a loose and disorderly house in the Burgh and entertaining disorderly company, in order to save the magistrates further trouble, bound and enacted herself to leave the Burgh never to return.
- 28** **Date:** 9 December 1758
Statement: James Collie, resident of Aberdeen, admitted as “one of the workmen at the shore of Aberdeen” as principal, together with Baillie Andrew Burnett, merchant in Aberdeen, bound and enacted themselves that James Collie shall lawfully and honestly serve the merchants and others “by whom he shall be employed within the Burgh”.
- 29** **Date:** 19 December 1758
Statement: “Received by Mr James Man, “casheer of the workhouse” from the provost twenty eight pounds four shillings sterling being the “produce of the teinds for behoof of the said poorhouse”
- 29** **Date:** 27 December 1758
Accused: Elizabeth Smith, Helen Anderson & Christian Fotheringham
Statement: A complaint against Elizabeth Smith resident in Aberdeen, lately come from the parish of Forgue, and Helen Anderson & Christian Fotheringham also residents in Aberdeen, for being persons of bad fame and character and having no visible method of subsisting themselves. They bound and enacted themselves to

leave the Burgh as follows, Elizabeth Smith with her daughter Margaret Mathieson “with a young child” within fourteen days and Helen Anderson and Christian Fotheringham on the first of January, never to return.

- 30** **Date:** 3 January 1759
Accused: Elspeth Stuart
Statement: A complaint and conviction against Elspeth Stuart of Aberdeen for uttering bad money.
Elspeth Stuart banished from the Burgh.
- 30** **Date:** 3 January 1759
Statement: James Crawford, clerk to the Distillery Company of Aberdeen bound and enacted himself to “remove and cause carry away a large midding of earth lying upon Putachyside opposite to the house of James Smith, maltster”.
- 30** **Date:** 4 January 1758 [sic]
Statement: Alexr Kennedy, mason in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself to remove and cause carry away off the street, the stones and rubbish laid down by him before the new house lately built by him in the Huxter Row.
- 31** **Date:** 12 January 1759
Statement: George Forbes, mariner apprentice for the whale fishing company of Aberdeen as principal, with his mother Isobel Forbes as cautioner, bound and enacted themselves that George Forbes “shall honestly and faithfully serve the said whale fishing company for the space and in terms of an indenture” entered into between John Pirie, clerk and cashier to the said whale fishing company and George Forbes.
- 31** **Date:** 12 January 1759
Statement: George Rae, son to the deceased James Rae in Braes of Crombie, apprentice to the whale fishing company of Aberdeen as principal, with his mother Elspeth Shand as cautioner, bound and enacted themselves that George Forbes “shall honestly and faithfully serve the said whale fishing company for the space and in terms of an indenture” entered into between John Pirie, clerk and cashier to the said whale fishing company and George Rae.
- 32** **Date:** 18 January 1759
Accused: Margaret Downey
Statement: A complaint and conviction against Margaret Downey, spouse to John Elderson, presently residing in Aberdeen, of keeping a loose and disorderly house and entertaining bad company therein. Margaret Downey voluntarily bound and enacted herself to leave the Burgh never to return.

- 32** **Date:** 26 January 1759
 Accused: Jean Mcdonald alias Donaldson
 Statement: A complaint by Aima Caie, servant to Wm Thom, Advocate in Aberdeen, against Jean Mcdonald alias Donaldson, is found proven by her confession to theft and receipt of theft. Jean Mcdonald is banished from the Burgh never to return.
- 33** **Date:** 12 February 1759
 Accused: Robert Brands
 Statement: James Hogg bound and enacted as cautioner and surety for Robert Brands culler in Aberdeen, that Robert Nicol, town drummer, his wife, children, family, servants, goods and gear shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said Robert Brands.
- 33** **Date:** 13 February 1759
 Accused: Robert Mackie
 Statement: A complaint against Robert Mackie, skinner at the Denburn, that the water of the Denburn is spoiled and rendered quite unfit for washing and bleaching by slime and nastiness coming from his tawn or lime pitts. Robert Mackie certain that the nastiness is not coming from his pitts bound and enacted himself that should there be any proof that it is he will move the pitts to some other place.
- 34** **Date:** 21 February 1759
 Accused: James Hamilton
 Statement: At a circuit court of justiciary held at Aberdeen in September, it was adjudged that James Hamilton, tanner in Aberdeen and a prisoner at the Tolbooth of Aberdeen, be banished from Scotland for all the days of his life, and that he was to be detained in the Tolbooth while awaiting transportation to one of His Majestys plantations in America. The magistrates of Aberdeen have, in terms of the sentence, delivered James Hamilton to John Walker, shipmaster of The Lovely Jean of Aberdeen; the said John Walker as principal, and with him John Cord [Cozt], and David Shaw merchants in Aberdeen enacting themselves as cautioners, suretys and full "debtors" regarding his transportation.
- 35** **Date:** 22 February 1759
 Accused: William Stuart
 Statement: A complaint by the Dean of the Hammermen Trade against William Stuart, blacksmith in Aberdeen who was convicted by his own confession of keeping... [entry incomplete]
- 36** **Date:** 23 February 1759
 Accused: Robert Chillas

Statement: Alexander Dyer, merchant in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself that Robert Chillas, merchant in Aberdeen, who was convicted of buying stolen goods at an under value and in terms of the sentence pronounced, will remove himself from the Burgh never to return.

[side note "See enactment 24 August 1759"]

36 **Date:** 26 February 1759

Accused: Alexander Smith

Statement: In the case of Mrs Robertson, keeper of the New Inn, against Alexander Smith, son to John Smith, labourer in Aberdeen, it is found proven by the confession of Alexander Smith that he stole from the New Inn. Alexander Smith banished from the Burgh.

37 **Date:** 26 February 1759

Accused: Alexander Smith

Statement: John Smith, labourer in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself that Alexander Smith, his son, who is convicted of stealing from the New Inn, shall remove himself from the Burgh within 14 days never to return, under the penalty of the said John Smith being banished from the Burgh himself.

37 **Date:** [no date]

Accused: John Tait

Statement: In the case of Mrs Robertson, keeper of the New Inn, against John Tait, son of George Tait, it is found proven by his own confession that he stole some from the New Inn. John Tait banished from the Burgh.

38 **Date:** 27 February 1759

Accused: James McCombie

Statement: James McCombie, blacksmith in Aberdeen, as principal and for and with him John Alexander, advocate in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full "debtor", bound and enacted themselves that "William Johnston of Badiefurrow Pentterer in Aberdeen" shall be harmless and skaithless in his person, bairns, family, servants, goods and gear and no ways troubled or molested by James McCombie.

38 **Date:** 1 March 1759

Accused: George Smith

Statement: A complaint by the Dean of the Hammermen against George Smith for exercising the blacksmith trade within the Burgh without being a freeman. He bound and enacted himself that he would not exercise or work at any part of the blacksmith's trade within the Burgh and that he would remove his utensils and not put up the same again.

- 39** **Date:** 7 March 1759
Statement: Peter Christie, William Henrie, William Merchant, Rachel Broom, Jean Innes spouse to John Riach.
It has been found that the scouring of stockens above the Bowbridge, is a real nuisance spoiling the cascades built on the side of the burn leaving it unusable for bleaching linnen and creating a stench in warm weather. The council resolved and enacted that no person shall practice scouring of stockens upon the Denburn above the Bowbridge. In order that the Ferriers and the tenants who practice the scouring of stockens may not be immediately deprived of their business, “untill otherways provided in houses, the magistrates & council condescened upon their granting the enactment under written, therefore the whole persons mentioned above, named on account of their aforsaid {text crossed out} indulgence bound and enacted themselves their heirs & successors never to scour any woolen stockens upon the said Denburn above the Bowbridge”.
- 40** **Date:** 16 March 1759
Accused: James Milne
Statement: “Compeared James Milne in Maidencraig in the land of Whitemyres and judicially bound and enacted himself to rid and remove himself family, goods and gear furth and from his occupation of the town and lands of Maidencraig precisely at the term of whitsunday next...”
- 40** **Date:** 24 March 1759
Accused: Christian Fotheringham
Statement: John Bean, maltster in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself as cautioner and surety for Christian Fotheringham who lately came to reside in the Burgh from Auchlinnies and has no means to subsist herself and family, that she remove herself from the Burgh never to return.
- 41** **Date:** 24 March 1759
Accused: Marjory Knight
Statement: The magistrates have “dispensed with any further punishment upon” Marjory Knight, relict of John Henderson, merchant in Aberdeen, previously imprisoned for keeping bad company in her house and she “hereby enacts herself to carry and behave regularly and discreetly in time coming during her residence within the Burgh”. Should there be any complaints of bad practices she will immediately remove herself from the Burgh.
- 41** **Date:** 28 March 1759
Statement: Robert Gray, merchant in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself to remove himself, goods and effects from the shop presently possessed by him lying under the Town house and belonging to the Treasurer of Aberdeen.

- 42** **Date:** 29 March 1759
 Accused: James Strachan
 Statement: James Strachan resident in Aberdeen voluntarily bound and enacted himself to remove himself & family from the Burgh. He has come lately out of the Oldtown Parish and has “no visible employment for maintaining him & family” and declares he cannot write.
- 42** **Date:** 30 March 1759
 Accused: Katharin Mill
 Statement: Katharin Mill, relict of Geo Innes, cobbler in Aberdeen, as principal and George Innes shoemaker in Aberdeen as cautioner, bound and enacted themselves that the said Katharin Mill shall not go or be seen in the mealmarket of the Burgh, being accused of pilfering and secreting meal from the said market.
- 43** **Date:** 3 April 1759
 Accused: Peter Clark
 Statement: Peter Clark a beggar boy from Kildrummy who frequented the city, pilfering and thieving and had been previously banished from the Burgh, having been found again in the Burgh, is imprisoned for one day and then banished from the Burgh by the hand of the common hangman never to return.
- 43** **Date:** 6 April 1759
 Accused: Alexander Scott
 Statement: Alexander Scott, journeyman-wright in Aberdeen, in terms of a sentence of the Magistrates of Aberdeen bound and enacted himself not to “incroach upon the privileges of the wright trade of this Burgh in time coming”.
- 43** **Date:** 10 April 1759
 Accused: James Machray
 Statement: James Machray who has come from the Parish of Kemnay “to reside in this place” and for and with him James Sherriffs, vintner in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety & full “debtor” bound and enacted themselves that the said James Machray, his wife, bairns and family shall behave themselves regularly, soberly and discreetly within the Burgh.
- 44** **Date:** 12 April 1759
 Statement: In the presence of the Provost, George Silater of the Parish of Rathven & County of Banff, voluntarily enlisted to serve in the Navy and received one guinea as the town’s bounty to an ordinary seaman.
- 44** **Date:** 16 April 1759

Statement: Andrew Ross, servant to George Middleton of Seaton esq, bound and enacted himself as cautioner and surety for Christian Ross, spouse to Robert Geddes barber on board one of His Majestys ships of War, "presently residing at Elgin and who is coming to reside in this place", that the said Christian Ross and her children and family shall behave themselves soberly, regularly and discreetly during their residence in the Burgh.

Thereafter, James Leiper, merchant in Aberdeen attested the sufficiency of the said Andrew Ross for being cautioner for the said Christian Ross

45 **Date:** 16 April 1759

Accused: George Smith

Statement: John Garden, gardner in Aberdeen and Captain William Lands, master of the whalefishing ship, The City, in terms of a sentence of the magistrates bound and obliged themseves, their heirs, exers & successors that George Smith, mariner in Aberdeen belonging to the whalefishing ship, The City, "shall upon his return from Greenland after this insuing season fishing, deliver himself to up to the magistrates of Aberdeen, Lieut Robt Hay at Aberdeen or other sea-officer belonging to the navy at Aberdeen. In case it shall be found that the said George Smith is a deserter from the navy".

45 **Date:** 16 April 1759

[Previous entry repeated with additional margin note]

"At the special desire of the said John Garden who cannot write as he asserts but by the initials of his name having touched my pen I Alexander Carnegie Notary Publick subscribe for him in supplement thereof Alexr Carnegie NP"

"This enactment delete being fullfilled AJ"

46 **Date:** 27 April 1759

Statement: John Mestine, litster at steps of Gilcomston & William Fiddes, litster in Old Aberdeen, admitted and received as Freeman litsters of the Burgh.

46 **Date:** 30 April 1759

Statement: Andrew Buchan from Corskelly voluntarily entered as a seaman "on board the navy" and having received a guinea as the towns bounty to an ordinary seaman was "delivered over to Lieut Hay".

46 **Date:** 26 April 1759

Accused: Janet Shinie, Mary Duncan, Margt Barrack

Statement: Janet Shinie spouse to Thos Finlay, woolcomber, Mary Duncan servt to Wm Forbes merchant and Margt Barrack, servt to Alex Milne, junr merch, convicted of repeated acts of theft and banished from the Burgh.

47 **Date:** 19 May 1759

Statement: Robert Duncan junr, merchant in Aberdeen, as cautioner and surety for John Strachan, weaver at Peterculter who is to "reside in this town" bound and

obliged himself that the said John Strachan, his wife, bairn & family shall behave themselves soberly regularly and discreetly within the Burgh.

- 47** **Date:** "The said day"
Accused: James Deans
Statement: James Deans, servant to James Cruikshank junr merchant in Aberdeen, previously imprisoned in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen for deserting his masters service as principal, and Christian Deans, servant to John Trail [?] gardner in Aberdeen, his sister, as cautioner for & with the said James Deans bound and enacted themselves that the said James Deans shall serve his said master honestly & faithfully during the space yet to run of his indenture.
- 48** **Date:** 28 May 1759
Accused: Peter Grant alias Moir
Statement: William McIntosh, Ensign in Lord John Murrays Highland Regiment, in terms of the sentence of the Lord Preston Grange, bound and enacted himself that he shall transport the person of Peter Grant, alias Moir, late servant to William Geddes, tenant in Auchmoir in the parish of Fordyce and shire of Banff, present prisoner in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen, and land him in one or other of His Majestys plantations in America and report a certificate of having done so within twelve months.
- 49** **Date:** 30 May 1759
Statement: John Angus from the Parish of Kemnay intending to reside in the Burgh, and for and with him Peter Shuan, stabler in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full debtor, bound and enacted themselves that the said John Angus, his wife & children shall not be burdensome to the Burgh during their residence therein and shall behave themselves soberly, regularly and discreetly.
- 49** **Date:** [no date]
Statement: William Sutherland, indweller, bound and enacted himself to go through the "haill streets of this Burgh and make diligent search for & take up all common beggars and vagrants, men, women & children who shall be found begging in the streets or houses of this Burgh and shall carefully convoy them out of town and in case of their return to bring them to the workhouse to be there put into the correction house for such space as the magistrates shall direct".
- 50** **Date:** 5 June 1759
Accused: Jean Smith
Statement: Jean Smith, spouse to Alexander Mitchell chapman in Aberdeen, accused of beating and abusing May Coutts and disturbing the neighbourhood, as principal and Alexander Mitchell as cautioner, surety and full "debitor", bound and enacted themselves that the said Jean Smith shall not be guilty of maltreating & abusing the said May Coutts or disturbing any of the neighbourhood and that she shall behave herself soberly regularly & discreetly.
- 50** **Date:** 29 June 1759

Accused: William Lamb

Statement: William Lamb, sherrif officer in Aberdeen, in terms of a sentence of the magistrates, voluntarily bound and enacted himself that he shall not in any time coming "harbour or resett" Janet Lamb, his daughter, or any other persons of bad character and that he shall not set any part of his heritage without previously acquainting the magistrates under the penalty of being banished from the Burgh.

51 **Date:** 11 July 1759

Accused: Edward Mowat

Statement: George Garrioch, merchant in Aberdeen, produced an attestation in the hand of Doctor Andrew Skene, physician, certifying that Edward Mowat sailor and present prisoner in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen as an impressed man for His Majesty's sea service, is feverish and complains of an "astmah" which wil render his confinement very hurtful to him. The magistrates agreed to "sett the said Edward Mowat at liberty". The said George Garrioch bound and obliged himself to present Edward Mowat before the magistrates of Abdn at any time when called for that he may be recommitted to prison till he be sent on board any of His Majesty's ships or otherwise disposed of for his Majesty's service.

51 **Date:** 12 July 1759

Accused: Robert Ewing

Statement: Robert Ewing, chelseaman resident in Aberdeen, convicted by his own confession of slandering, insulting & cursing some of the inhabitants, bound and enacted himself to behave soberly, regularly & discreetly in time coming.

52 **Date:** 16 July 1759

Accused: Roderick McLeod

Statement: "Jospeh Abernethie in Lonhead and John Kellie, huxter in Aberdeen and judicially bound and enacted themselves conjunctly & severally as cautioner and sureties for Roderick McLeod, labourer at Lonhead. That Robert Stewart labourer at Lonhead, his wife, bairns, family, servants and other concerns shall be harmless and skaithless in their persons, goods and effects from the said Roderick McLeod...".

53 **Date:** 18 July 1759

Accused: Sarah Cuningham

Statement: John Boyn, custom house clerk of Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself as cautioner, and surety for Sarah Cuningham, spouse to John Stewart, porter at the said custom house, that "Isabel Forbes, spouse to John Wyne boatman of the said custom house and the said John Wyne, their bairns family servants & others shall be harmless & skaithless in their persons, goods and effects from the said Sarah Cunningham & John Stewart....." [difficult to read]

53 **Date:** 20 July 1759

Accused: James Ross

Statement: James Ross, apprentice to John Jaffrey weaver in Aberdeen, who had deserted his master's service, bound and enacted himself immediately to return to his service and serve out his time honestly and faithfully.

- 54** **Date:** 26 July 1759
Accused: Charles Ford
Statement: William Sheepheard bound and enacted himself that his servant, Charles Ford shall appear before the magistrates at any time when called for and stand trial upon the complaint given in against him, at the instance of the masters of the Grammar school, and for his good behaviour in the meantime.
- 55** **Date:** 4 August 1759
Accused: Alexr Clerk, George Robertson
Statement: Alexr Clerk, merchant in Aberdeen & George Robertson, merchant, in terms of a sentence of the magistrates of Aberdeen, bound and enacted themselves each for his own part that they shall behave themselves regularly and discreetly within the Burgh for the space of two years under the penalty of 10 pounds sterling. [note in margin] Ten pounds sterling of fines received form the said Alexr Clerk & Geo Robertson, paid to the Dean of Guild.
- 55** **Date:** 15 August 1759
Accused: William Cruikshank, James Donaldson, John Craighead & James Strachan
Statement: William Cruikshank, James Donaldson, John Craighead & James Strachan, all servants to Robert Joiner, taylor in Aberdeen, complained upon by John Bean, apprentice to the said Robert Joiner, for "seducing and decoying him by causing him buy ale for them & not paying the same", bound and enacted themselves to behave soberly, regularly & discreetly in time coming and that they shall not desire the said John Bean to buy ale for them.
- 56** **Date:** 18 August 1759
Accused: John Reid
Statement: Alexander Bowman, sawyer, bound and enacted himself to present the person of Joseph Reid, woolcomber in Aberdeen, within the Town Clerk's Chamber of Aberdeen "upon Monday next the twentieth instant to stand trial for the crimes specified in a complt presented to the magistrates of Aberdeen by Alexr Grierson, servt to John Dingwall merchant in Aberdeen, and George Bruce, servant to Alexr Clark, mercht in Abdn".
- 56** **Date:** 21 August 1759
Accused: Janet Lamb
Statement: The magistrates having considered the complaint against Janet Lamb, daughter to William Lamb sherriff officer, find that she is a person of notorious bad character and that she has been banished several times from the Burgh and ordain her to be conveyed out of town by the executioner & tuck of drum.
- 57** **Date:** 24 August 1759
Accused: Robert Chillas
Statement: Robert Chillas residenter in Aberdeen, as principal and for and with him James Lickly, merchant in Oldmeldrum as cautioner, surety and full "debitor", in terms of a sentence of the magistrates, bound and enacted to behave honestly,

regularly and discreetly at all times during his residence in the Burgh for the space of two years.

- 57** **Date:** [no date]
Accused: Robert Chillas
Statement: “Copy of the magistrates deliverance upon Robert Chillas petition dated 16th August 1759”. The magistrates having considered the said petition of the said Robert Chillas and that he appears to be sensible of the great trespass and fault he was guilty of and that he offers to find caution for his behaving honestly, regularly & discreetly for the future, therefore the magistrates hereby dispense with that part of the former sentence pronounced against him ordaining him to remove from the Burgh and liberties never to return”.
[note in margin] “the said magistrates hereby allow the said Robert Chillas to return to this town & remain resident therein upon his finding a baill for his behaving himself honestly, regularly & discreetly in time coming and appoints this present sentence to be marked on the margin of the enactment and likewise to be marked at the end of the former sentence signed John Duncan provost, William Thomson baillie, George Raitt baillie.
- 58** **Date:** 17 September 1759
Accused: Andrew Duncan
Statement: Donald McKenzie, post in Aberdeen bound and enacted himself as cautioner and surety that Geoge Linton jun, hirer in Aberdeen, his wife, bairns, family and servants shall be harmless and skaithless in their person, goods and effects from Andrew Duncan, hirer in Aberdeen or others of his causing or hounding.
- 58** **Date:** 25 September 1759
Statement: John Swap indweller in Aberdeen, late merchant in Old Aberdeen received and admitted by the magistrates to be a broker of coals and lime at the shore of Aberdeen, as principal, and for and with him William Thomson & John Ross both merchants in Aberdeen as cautioners.
- 59** **Date:** 3 October 1759
Accused: Helen Mortimer
Statement: Helen Mortimer, present prisoner in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen, previously sentenced at the Circuit Court in Aberdeen, and by judgement of the Lords Auchinleck & Ale Moor at their Council Court, to be banished and transported to the plantations, is now ordained to be set at liberty in consequence of a remit from the Lords of Justiciary. Helen Mortimer therefore enacts herself to depart Scotland within the space of six weeks, never to return.
- 60** **Date:** 19 October 1759
Accused: John Quinton junr
Statement: John Quinton junr, founder at Fuddy as principal and for and with him Alexr Cushnie, merchant in Aberdeen as cautioner, bound and enacted themselves that Alexr Sutherland, mason in Aberdeen, his wife, bairns, family, servants and

family goods shall be harmless kept from the said John Quinton or others of his causing.

- 60** **Date:** 2 November 1759
Accused: Thomas Gordon
Statement: Thomas Gordon, servant to David Lee, coupar in Aberdeen, and for and with him James Burnett, merchant in Aberdeen, bound and enacted themselves that Alexander Angus, servant to James Rose esq of Clava shall be “harmless & skaithless in his person goods and gear” from the said Thomas Gordon and “no ways troubled or molested by him or others of his causing”.
- 61** **Date:** 22 November 1759
Accused: William Fyfe [signed Fife]
Statement: William Fyfe stabler at Woolmanhill, bound and enacted himself instantly to repair that part of the stone dyke on the east side of the gravel walk at the Denburn separating his recess from the gravel walk.
- 61** **Date:** 1 December 1759
Accused: George Scott
Statement: George Scott, student in Marishal College of Aberdeen, as principal and for and with him Mr George Campbell, principal of the said Marischal College as cautioner, bound and enacted themselves that the said George Scott shall appear before the Provost and Baillies of Aberdeen Sherriffs and Justices of Peace within the Burgh at any time when called for within the space of six months, to answer the crimes set forth in a complaint against him given to the said magistrates.
- 62** **Date:** 10 December 1759
Accused: Wm Fleming
Statement: Wm Fleming, shoemaker in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself to kill his dog which had bitten the arm of Nicolas Keith, servant in Aberdeen and satisfy the said Nicolas Keith that he had done so.
- 63** **Date:** 12 January 1760
Accused: John Wattie
Statement: At the Circuit Court held in Aberdeen in September, it was adjudged that John Wattie, lately in Nether Towie and now prisoner in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen be banished from Scotland for life to one or other of His Majestys plantations in America. The magistrates of Aberdeen, therefore, deliver over the person of the said John Wattie to Archibald Greig, shipmaster of the Montrose of Aberdeen. The said Archibald Greig as principal and for and with him Alexander Livingston of Countesswells, merchant in Aberdeen, bound and enacted themselves that the said Archibald Greig shall transport and land the said John Wattie in one or other of the said plantations and report a certificate of his having done so within twelve months.
- 63** **Date:** 17 January 1760

Accused: Elizabeth Sinclair

Statement: Elizabeth Sinclair, late servant to Mr Rock, musician in Aberdeen who says she came from Caithness to Aberdeen but could produce no certificate or attestation of her character or parentage, by her own acknowledgement convicted of having broke open a trunk belonging to Mr Rock and of having left the said Mr Rock's child, committed to her care, in some strangers house where it was in danger of being lost, voluntarily bound and enacted herself to leave the Burgh and never return.

64 **Date:** 15 February 1760

Statement: Alexander Harrow in Petelburn in the Parish of Nigg, "who is to come to reside at this place" as principal, and for and with him William Gavin, taylor in Aberdeen as cautioner, bound and enacted themselves that the said Alexr Harrow, his wife and children shall not be burdensome to the Burgh during their residence therein.

64 **Date:** 15 February 1760

Accused: Jean Innes

Statement: Jean Innes, daughter of the George Innes, cobbler, previously banished from the Burgh for theft, having returned to the Burgh was apprehended and again accused of stealing shirts. Jean Innes to be admitted to the Tolbooth and to be "taken down and conveyd out of town by the hand of the executioner with tuck of drum" and banished never to return.

65 **Date:** 22 February 1760

Accused: Francis Hogg

Statement: Francis Hogg, apprentice to John Hadden, taylor in Aberdeen, who was complained upon by his master for disobedience of his orders and for insulting and abusing him and his family and threatening to leave his master's service before expiry of his apprenticeship and who was committed to prison until he found caution for fulfilling his indentures, was liberated by consent of his master upon granting this enactment. Francis Hogg bound and enacted himself immediately to "enter home to his said master's service and serve him honestly and faithfully during the time yet to run of his indentures" and to behave soberly and regularly during his apprenticeship.

65 **Date:** 20 March 1760

Statement: In the presence of the magistrates, Andrew Prophet, "engaged to apprehend all beggars and vagrants and put thm into Correction house for which the magistates promised him six pence for each person to taken up" to be paid by Mr Man cashier of the workhouse.

65 **Date:** 21 March 1760

Statement: George Ferguson, chelseaman, to apprehend all beggars for which he is to have the same allowances and likewise six shillings per month if he does his duty punctually.

66 **Date:** 11 April 1760

Accused: Isobel Adam, Ann Gillan

Statement: Isobel Adam, relict of John Philp, butcher in Aberdeen, and Ann Gillan, daughter to the said Isobel Adam, bound and enacted themselves that they shall not in time coming trouble or molest Anne Hunter, spouse to John Lundie, plaisterer in Aberdeen, in any manner of way.

66 **Date:** [no date]

Accused: Anne Hunter

Statement: Anne Hunter, spouse to James Lundie, plaister in Aberdeen, bound and enacted herself that she shall not in time coming trouble or molest Isobel Adam, relict of John Philp, butcher in Aberdeen or Ann Gillan, her daughter, any manner of way.

66 **Date:** 19 April 1760

Accused: Peter Cruikshank

Statement: Peter Cruikshank, servant to William Urquhart of Meldrum, who was complained upon for threatening to leave his service, bound and enacted himself to honestly and faithfully serve his said master until the term of whitsunday next and not absent himself from his service until that time.

67 **Date:** 24 April 1760

Accused: Elizabeth Swap

Statement: Elizabeth Swap, residenter in Aberdeen, bound and enacted herself that "she will not be guilty of entertaining or resetting, John Tait, her son who is a banished person".

67 **Date:** 25 April 1760

Accused: John Tait

Statement: John Tait, son of the deceased George Tait, coppersmith, previously banished from the Burgh for theft, having returned from banishment and having being apprehended and incarcerated in the Tolbooth for theft and other bad practices is banished from the Burgh never to return.

68 **Date:** 25 April 1760

Accused: William Mitchell

Statement: William Mitchell in Kirk Town of St Fergus convicted by magistrates of embesling and intromitting with part of the wrecked cargo of the ship the Martha and Mary of Berwick lately stranded near Peterhead, fined in the sum of five pounds and appointed to be imprisoned in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen, now to be liberated upon his granting the following enactment. William Mitchell enacts himself that he shall not be guilty of stealing, embesling or fraudently carrying away or intromitting with any wrecked goods in time coming.

69 **Date:** 6 May 1760

Statement: William Littlejohn, wright, agreed with the magistrates to give a foot more of ground to the new street running from the Gallowgate to the Back

causeway so it may be seventeen feet broad from the entry of the street along the whole thereof to the back causeway.

- 69** **Date:** [no date]
Statement: John Brown and Duncan Robertson, labourers, having refused to work at the “shoar” and repairing the “peer” are no longer to be employed at any of the towns works.
- 69** **Date:** 31 May 1760
Accused: John Smith
Statement: Thomas Mowat resident at Bowbridge, bound and enacted himself that John Smith, also resident at Bowbridge, shall not be found begging within the Burgh.
- 70** **Date:** 9 June 1760
Accused: Henrei Fraser
Statement: Henrei Fraser from the Parish of Old Deer, taken up by one of the town’s constables as being a vagabond and for disturbing the family of John Blackhall, gardner in Hardgate and frightening his wife who was big with child, bound and enacted herself instantly to remove from the Burgh and never to return.
- 70** **Date:** 17 June 1760
Accused: John Martin junr
Statement: John Martin junr, flesher in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself to “carry off the whole dung, rubbish, ashes and nastyness which may be lying upon any part of the Windmill brae or therupon on the highway or at peoples doors, providing the same be not carryd off by the persons who lay the same down everyday before twelve o clock ..”
- 71** **Date:** 19 June 1760
Statement: William Reid, gardner in Gilcomston bound and enacted himself that he shall take care of the gravel walk along the east side of the Denburn from the Bowbrige up to the road passing by the Well of Spaw, including keeping it clean and free of nastiness and to also care for the hedge round the top of the Braes, to cut the grass on the plains on the west side of the burn and keep the canal of the said burn clear.
- Date:** 26 June 1760
Accused: William Chalmers
Statement: William Chalmers, resident in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself to enter back to the work of David Menzies esq in Blairs and continue thereat.
- Date:** 2 August 1760
Accused: James Mcpherson & Christian McCleod

Statement: A complaint against James McPherson and his spouse Christian McCleod of Loanhead, by James Emslie, quarrier at Loanhead, with concurrence of the "Pror fiscal", of insulting, maltreating and blooding the said James Emslie and his wife, and threatening to burn his house. James McPherson and Christian McCleod enacted themselves to remove themselves, bairns, family and effects from the Burgh, never to return.

73 **Date:** 11 August 1760

Accused: John Selbie

Statement: John Selbie, merchant in Aberdeen, complained upon for "labouring up and inchoaching upon the freedom of the Burgh, adjacent to the Croft of Hardward betwixt it & the Denburn", bound and enacted himself not to be "guilty of the same in time coming".

73 **Date:** 14 August 1760

Statement: Robert Duncan and James Robertson, maltsters in Aberdeen, jacksmen of the Town of Aberdeen's milns are bound by their jack of the milns to leave them in as good condition as they were formerly appreciated "in the inventory of the said milns to fifty pound fourteen shilling and four pence sterling". The roof and doors of the windmiln being broken and several parts of the machinery deteriorated, Robert Duncan and James Robertson agree to refer to the magistrates of Aberdeen and to pay to James Allardyce, present treasurer of Aberdeen, the sum required to pay for the deterioration.

74 **Date:** 22 August 1760

Accused: Alexr Gyan [also written Gaian], Alexr Mason, Alexr Webster & John Brydie

Statement: A complaint against Alexr Gyan, Alexr Mason, Alexr Webster & John Brydie all whitefishers in the Cove by the Master of Mortifications for carrying away stones from, and damaging, the harbour in the Cove. The accused bound and enacted themselves to pay the Master of Mortifications the sum the Magistrates of Aberdeen shall deem them to pay for repairing the said damage.

74 **Date:** 1 October 1760

Accused: Robert Ewing

Statement: Robert Ewing, resident in Aberdeen as principal and for and with him Captain Peter Gordon, as cautioner, surety and full "debitor", bound and enacted themselves that Arthur Laing indweller in Aberdeen, his wife, bairns, family, goods and gear shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said Robert Ewing.

75 **Date:** 6 December 1760

"Copy Warrant for poynding the deficients for House and Window duties"

Statement: "Having considered the above list of deficients in payment of the said House & Window dutys within their City and libertys for the half year ending in martinas 1760...", by Francis Forlies "grants warrand to constables & other proper officers to poynd & distraign the goods & effects of the said Alexr Joyner, Alexander Sighton, Francis Ross, surgeon, Alexr Pauton & Robert Robertson deficients for the respective sums as written annexed to their names for the half-years duty

@mentioned as also for the treble values of the said dutys confirm to & in terms of the Acts of Parliament in all points, and impowers the said Francis Forlies collector forsaid to levy & apply the said sums as directed by the said Acts of Parliament”.

75 **Date:** 9 December 1760

Statement: Elizabeth Forbes, relict of the deceased John Strachan, shipmaster in Aberdeen, who was eldest son of the also deceased John Strachan, maltster in Aberdeen, jacksman of the shorelands of Aberdeen, William Ross, maltster in Aberdeen and May Stephen, relict of the deceased William Johnson maltster in Aberdeen, cautioners in the jack of the shorelands granted to John Strachan by the treasuries of Aberdeen, do “renouce quit claim and overgive” to and in favour of Robert Farquhar, present treasurer of Aberdeen and his successors in office, all right and title which they have to the said Jack of the shorelands.

76 **Date:** 12 December 1760

Accused: John Taylor & William Ritchie

Statement: John Taylor, wright in Aberdeen, and William Ritchie, wright at Gilcomston, bound and enacted themselves to remove & carry off a parce of black earth and other rubbish laid down by them upon the high road leading from the Well of Spaw to Gilcomston, opposite to Hardward and to clean the said road.

76 **Date:** 27 December 1760

Accused: John Tough

Statement: John Tough, lintdresser in Aberdeen who was taken up and imprisoned for theft & pickery, to be set at liberty as agreed by the magistrates, and for an with him Peter Forsyth, lintdresser in Aberdeen as cautioner & surety, bound and enacted themselves that John Tough shall behave himself honestly within the Burgh for the space of six months and not be guilty of theft or any other bad practices under the penalty of being banished.

77 **Date:** 10 February 1761

Statement: Alexander Reid, resident in Aberdeen admitted as a workman at the shore of Aberdeen as principal, and for and with him George Collie, maltster in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full “debitor”, bound and enacted themselves that the said Alexander Reid shall faithfully and honestly serve the merchants and others by whom he is to be employed within the Burgh.

77 **Date:** 26 February 1761

Accused: John Fraser

Statement: John Fraser junr, merchant in Aberdeen, as principal and for and with him John Taylor advocate in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety & full “debitor”, bound and enacted themselves that William Leitch, woolcomber apprenticed to Robert Gray, merchant in Aberdeen, his wife, bairns, family, servants, goods and gear shall be harmless & skaithless kept from the said John Fraser and his accomplices.

78 **Date:** 10 April 1761

Statement: The barbers of Aberdeen bound and enacted themselves not to shave or dress any persons on a Sunday, either in their own shops or in the lodging of their customer.

Signed by John Prigg, John Leith, John Copland, Alexr Strachan, John Corkburn, James Prigg, Alexr Smith, Wm Cruickshank, John Crombie, James Dyce, Ja: Thomson, Will: Fitzgerald, the mark of Robert Geddes Alexr Young, Alexr Milne.

79 **Date:** 4 June 1761

Accused: Elizabeth Copland

Statement: William Smith, farmer, of Bethelny “whose mother Elizabeth Copland and her family are come to this Town to reside by, has taken a house from Willm Young merch in Abdn for and in name of the said Elizabeth Copland, as principal and for and with him John Cruickshank, stabler in Aberdeen & [illegible ?James] Marr flesher there as cautioners surety and full debtors” bound and enacted themselves that the said Elizabeth Copland “shall behave herself regularly and discreetly with her family during their residence within this Burgh”

79 **Date:** 15 July 1761

Statement: William Smith, indweller in Aberdeen, as principal and for and with him Alexr Marr, shoemaker, at Woolmanhill as cautioner and surety, “and in regard the magistrates have agreed to allow the sd William Smith to keep a stead for the accomodation of the inhabitants of this Burgh”, bound and obliged themselves that the said William Smith shall serve the inhabitants and others, his employers, honestly and faithfully when employed by them.

80 **Date:** [no date]

Statement: Estimate of the Waterwall of the Mill of Legart

80 **Date:** 23 July 1761

Statement: James Hector bound and enacted himself to perform the whole articles of work contained in the above estimate and to have the work finished by the 23rd day of August next.

80 **Date:** 18 August 1761

Accused: Elizabeth Mcquirach

Statement: Elizabeth Mcquirach, spouse to Alexr Gibb, resider in Abdn as principal and for and with her John Allan, huxter in Aberdeen, as cautioner and surety that Anne Forsyth, indweller in Aberdeen be harmless and skaithless in her person, family, goods and gear from Elizabeth Mcquirach.

81 **Date:** 20 August 1761

Statement: William Baxter, John Baxter & Robert Wales, all whitefishers and pilots in Footdee, Alexr Forbes, Andrew Forbes and Alexander Allan, whitefishers and pilots in Torrie, tacksmen of the “musles” within the river mouth of Dee and on both sides of the harbour, bound and enacted themselves that they shall not lay any “musles” in scaps nor allow any of the fishers in Footie or Torrie to scap the same to their knowledge.

- 81** **Date:** 26 August 1761
Accused: Anne Forsyth
Statement: William Forsyth, residenter in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself as cautioner and surety for Anne Forsyth, his daughter, that Elizabeth Mcquairach, spouse to Alexr Gib, residenter in Aberdeen, her bairns, family, goods and gear shall be harmless and skaithless from the said Anne Forsyth and others of her causing.
- 82** **Date:** 5 September 1761
Accused: Patrick Banon
Statement: William Booth, shoemaker in Aberdeen bound and enacted himself as cautioner and surety for Patrick Banon a watchmaker of Rubislaw that Margaret Taylor shall be harmless and skaithless in her person, family, servants, goods and gear from the said Patrick Banon and others of his causing.
- 82** **Date:** [no date]
Statement: Robert Brands as principal and for and with him William Young, merchant in Aberdeen and James Hector, mason, as cautioners surety and full debtors bound and enacted themselves that the dyke on the east side of the said Robert Brands property which is the west boundary of the fleshmarket shall be upheld and maintained in sufficient repair as far as it bounds the said Robert Brands property and should the dyke suffer any damage that they shall forthwith repair and make the same sufficient.
- 83** **Date:** 10 October 1761
Statement: “Notwithstanding frequent and repeated orders given by them to the town sarjeants for attending upon the townhouse forenoon and afternoon as they are duty bound”, the magistrates are often disappointed of their service and town affairs are neglected by reason on their non-attendance. To remedy this the magistrates ordain that the six town sarjeants shall give punctual attendance every lawful day at the town clerks chamber from eleven o’clock until two o’clock in the afternoon and one of the town serjeants shall attend every day from three o’clock in the afternoon until night. The magistrates also ordain that when not attending the town house they leave notice at their respective homes where they are to be found at any time of the day so that they may be on called to obey their masters. Alexr Simson, town serjeant, to attend the Clerk Chambers in the afternoons of October, Robert Robertson to attend the month of November, William Troup the month of December and Francis Nicol the month of January. Should they neglect any part of their duty they will be deprived of their office.
- 84** **Date:** 24 October 1761
Statement: Gilbert Robertson, taylor in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself as cautioner and surety for Alexander Ferguson who came to reside in the town, that the said Alexander Ferguson and his wife and family shall behave themselves honestly and decently and “be no ways burdensome to the town during their residence therein”.

- 85** **Date:** 24 November 1761
Statement: John Forbes junior, residenter in Aberdeen, admitted as workman at the shore of Aberdeen as principal, and for and with him Ninian Johnston, merchant in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full “debitor”, bound and enacted themselves that the said John Forbes shall honestly and faithfully serve the merchants of the Burgh and all others by whom his is employed including the magistrates of Aberdeen and their officers as required by them.
- 85** **Date:** 27 November 1761
Accused: Anne Manson
Statement: The magistrates, having considered the complaint by Alexander Carnegie, writer in Aberdeen, against Anne Manson, late servant to Mrs Gibson in Aberdeen, for the crime of theft and others mentioned in the complaint and considering the judicial acknowledgement and confession of Anne Manson thereupon, appoint that she be immediately conveyed out of the town by the town officers and banished from the Burgh never to return.
- 86** **Date:** 28 November 1761
Accused: Margaret Michie & Elspet Michie
Statement: Margaret Michie, widow of Peter Bowers, shoemaker residing in Aberdeen and Elspet Michie her sister, presently prisoners in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen, being complained upon for the crime of “Resett of theft”, in order to save the trouble of a judicial trail, bound and enacted themselves to leave the city, never to return.
- 86** **Date:** [no date]
Accused: Peter Clark commonly called Kildrummy
Statement: The Baillie having considered the confession of Peter Clark that he had stolen five shillings and six pence from Jerom Dunbar and also considering that the said Peter Clark was formerly banished from the Burgh for like practices, again banished him from the Burgh never to return.
- 87** **Date:** 4 December 1761
Statement: James Hay, merchant in Aberdeen, who is employed by the magistrates for retailing out three hundred and seventy eight bolls of english coal for the use of the inhabitants at the rate of “fyve shillings and 3 pence per boll” and for which he is to have an allowance for his trouble, as principal and for and with him George Mackie, mealseller in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full debtor, bound and obliged themselves that the said James Hay shall perform the task honestly and faithfully.
- 88** **Date:** 8 December 1761
Statement: “The said day in respect of the magistrates of Aberdden have sett & allocated the dung of the different streets & lanes of this Burgh to the respective persons afternamed for the space of one, two or three years in the option of the said magistrates from and after the day and date of this enactment”

[followed by a list of names and streets and then statements with regard to rules concerning dung collection etc]

- 93** **Date:** 19 December 1761
Statement: John Selbie, who is admitted by the magistrates to be one of the ordinary brokers of coals, lime and others at the shore & port of Aberdeen, as principal and for and with him William Raitt, merchant in Aberdeen and Robert Morison, baker there, as cautioners surety and full debtors bound and enacted themselves that the said John Selbie shall execute and discharge the said office of broker honestly, diligently and faithfully and that he shall obey the magistrates and their officers at all times.
- 94** **Date:** 22 December 1761
Statement: Baillie George Symners in Torrie and William Dun in Cove, in regard that the magistrates and town council have agreed to grant a tack of the Mill of Legart for nineteen years to William and George Dun sons to the said William Dun, bound and obliged themselves as cautioners for the said William and George Dun that they and the said William and George Dun shall enter into a tack with the Master of Mortifications of Aberdeen and that they shall pay at their entry to the said tack one hundred pounds sterling.
- 95** **Date:** 4 January 1762
Statement: Alexr Gyan, whitefisher in Cove, judicially renounced all title & pretence to George Cay as one of the crew of his boats belonging to the town and agreed that the said George Cay should serve for the ensuing year on board John Brydies boat. William Dun in Cove obliges himself as cautioner & surety and George Cay bound and obliged himself faithfully and honestly to serve on board the said John Brydies boat.
- 95** **Date:** 13 January 1762
Accused: John Wilson
Statement: John Wilson, servant to James Milne shipmaster in Aberdeen, who was complained on and convicted by his own confession of fighting and making disturbance on the streets of the Burgh along with some others, bound and enacted himself to behave regularly, peaceably and discreetly in time coming.
- 96** **Date:** [no date]
Statement: A statement to nominate and appoint William Smith, writer in Aberdeen, as Procurator Fiscal considering that Alexander Carnegie late Procurator Fiscal has been elected to be conjunct Principal Clerk of the Burgh of Aberdeen.
- 97** **Date:** 2 February 1762
Accused: James Beg

Statement: James Beg, chelsea pensioner, bound and enacted himself not to trouble, molest or maltreat Christian Gray, his wife, in time coming under the penalty of 20 pounds scots and to allow her to live where she pleases.

98 Date: 10 February 1762

Accused: James Torie

Statement: Charles Tait, writer in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself in the Baillie Court Books of Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full “debtor” for James Torie, a vagrant, present prisoner in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen that the said James Torie shall behave himself regularly and discreetly during his residence within the Burgh and keep the peace for six months.

98 Date: “The said day”

Accused: James Torie

Statement: James Torie, late vagrant, now soldier in Major McLeans Highland Batallion and present prisoner in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen as principal and for and with him Charles Tait, writer in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full debtor bound and enacted that Robert Thomson, “horsehyrer” in Aberdeen, his wife, bairns, family servants, goods and gear shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said James Torie and all of his accomplices.

99 Date: 12 February 1762

Accused: Janet Scott

Statement: Janet Scott servant to William Milne, weaver in Aberdeen, who was complained upon by the procurator fiscal for “haunting loose and disorderly company and being a person habit and repute of bad fame and character” and who is convicted by her own confession of taking a shirt from Alexander Sinclair, writing master in Aberdeen, bound and enacted herself to remove herself from the Burgh never to return.

100 Date: 2 March 1762

Accused: Margaret Fiddes

Statement: Margaret Fiddes, spouse to John Collison, mariner on board the Navy, who was complained upon and convicted by her own confession of receiving in her house Isobel Annand, a thief with some goods stolen by her, voluntarily bound and enacted herself to leave the town never to return.

100 Date: 9 March 1762

Statement: James Pirie, wright in Aberdeen and Patrick Hervie, mason, proprietors of several timber tenements of land lying in the head of the Netherkirkgate of Aberdeen and part of what is commonly know as Jean Thorns Table, which are in a ruinous condition and hazardous to the neighbourhood, bound and enacted themselves to take down the whole of the said timber tenements and rebuild the same in a sufficient manner with stones, bricks and lime.

101 Date: 23 March 1762

Accused: Isobel Annand (alias Allan)

Statement: The magistrates having considered the complaint against, and confession of, Isobel Annand, residenter in Aberdeen, find that she is guilty of theft and also by her confession of “going into the house of Janet Sutherland in Midle Ardo in the Parish of Belhelvie & stole & carryed off from thence a pair of white worsted stockings & some lint”, banish her from the Burgh never to return; to be conveyed out by the common hangman and tuck of drum.

101 Date: 29 March 1762

Statement: James Hector, quarrier in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself to provide twelve hundred good and sufficient stones for the use of the pier and harbour to the satisfaction of James Hector, mason in Aberdeen, and to lay the said stones at the pier from time to time as desired by the masons employed at the said work.

102 Date: 5 April 1762

Accused: Isobel Annand

Statement: “In presence of the magistrates” [Repeating the statement on page 101 regarding the complaint against Isobel Annand and the decision of the magistrates to banish her]

103 Date: 9 April 1762

Accused: Elspeth Stevenson

Statement: Elspeth Stevenson, daughter to William Stevenson indweller in Aberdeen, as principal and for and with her Alexander Stevenson, journeyman shoemaker in Aberdeen as cautioner and “debitor”, bound and enacted themselves that Margaret Ferguson, relict of the deceased Alexr Ferguson merchant in Aberdeen, her family bairns, servants, goods and gear “shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said Elspet Stevenson and her accomplices”.

103 Date: 7 May 1762

Statement: William Esslemont, carter in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself to remove the byre or stable lately built by him on the north end of his houses in the Schoolhill opposite the infirmary gate.

104 Date: 8 May 1762

Statement: James Watson, writer in Aberdeen bound and enacted himself as cautioner, surety and full debtor for Captain James Sutherland of Languell presently residing in Aberdeen “that he shall stand the process presently intended agt him...” “...at the instance of John Sim junior, merchant in Banff for the principal sum of six pounds ten shillings sterling as the value of a parcel of “Hops Lybelled”.

104 Date: 3 June 1762

Statement: William Anderson, stocking dresser in Aberdeen bound and enacted himself to “syth the grass of the bleachfield at the Denburn and cutt the grass on the brea, and also to syth and cutt the said grass as of as necessary thereafter during the

season until michaelmas next and likewise to prune and dress the hedge on the top of the brea in a proper manner”.

- 105** **Date:** 7 June 1762
Accused: William Joyner
Statement: James Christy junior, “hyrer” in Aberdeen bound and enacted himself as cautioner for William Joyner, servant to Donald Mackenzie, hyrer in Aberdeen, that he shall appear before the magistrates of Aberdeen and answer to any complaint that may be exhibited agt him at the instance of the postmaster general or others concerned anent the loss of the Edinburgh Packet from Aberdeen for the previous Tuesday when the said William Joyner rode with the mail to Bervie.
- 105** **Date:** 12 July 1762
Accused: James Rough
Statement: John Kelly, huxter in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself as cautioner, surety and full debtor for James Rough in Cuttlehill, that Thomas Forsyth in Gillohill, late in Cuttlehill, his wife, bairns, family, goods and gear shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said James Rough.
- 106** **Date:** 19 July 1762
Accused: Elizabeth Galloway
Statement: Elizabeth Galloway, imprisoned until she could find “caution to lawborrows to Jean Walker, relict of John Davidson, lintdresser in Aberdeen”, and by consent of the said Jean Walker is liberated, bound and enacted herself that she “shall not trouble or molest the said Jean Walker nor her daughter in time coming”.
- 106** **Date:** 21 July 1762
Statement: John Elphingston, son to George Elphingston, sometime sailor in Aberdeen, apprentice to the poors hospital for learning the busines of heckling, bound and enacted himself to serve the said hospital honestly and faithfully during the space yet to run of his indenture.
- 107** **Date:** 22 July 1762
Statement: Alexander Cairns of Loanhead, John Robertson, Peter Simpson in Forresterhill, Alexander Crombie in Berryhillock, William Thom, John Thom in Hilton, Peter Stephen in Robslaw, Alesander Bannerman in Rotten holes, William Aiken in Schoolhill, Thomas Davison, near Denburn, Willm Anderson in Footdee and Gilbert Thom at Causewayend, all carters, bound and enacted themselves to drive stones in their carts from the top of the stocketmuir, presently quarried by John Black Quarrier, to the shore of Aberdeen for repairing the same.
- 109** **Date:** 22 July 1762
Statement: Information & Presentment agt John Mcintire & Dougall Carmichaell An application for the case against John Mcintire (alias Malcomtyre) and Dougall Carmichael, both soldiers in the Regiment of Highlanders, commanded by Colonel Dougall Campbell, who are prisoners in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen, accused of stealing “three pieces or webs of linen cloth out of nine pieces or webs that were

lying next the riverside at the bleachfield called Gordon Mills Bleachfield, to be transmitted to the Lord Justice Clerk that a criminal indictment may be raised and thereupon to be "inserted in the Porteous roll for the shire of Aberdeen to be tried at the insuing Circuit Court of Justiciary" in the month of September.
[Giving full details of witnesses and evidence against them.]

112 **Date:** 26 July 1762

Accused: Thomas Edminston

Statement: Thomas Edminston, taylor in Aberdeen, as principal and for and with him Andrew Pirie, stabler and Peter Aiken, gardner, both in Aberdeen, as cautioners, sureties and full "debtors" bound and enacted themselves that James Charles, taylor in Aberdeen, his wife, bairns, family, servants shall be harmless and skaithless from the said Thomas Edminston.

112 **Date:** 4 August 1762

Accused: Jean Collie

Statement: William Collie, labourer in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself as cautioner and surety for Jean Collie, his daughter, "a young girl about thirteen years of age who was complained upon and convicted by her own confession, for picking different peoples pocketts on the markt day" that the said Jean Collie would not be guilty of any such practices in time coming but would behave herself honestly, regularly and discreetly.

113 **Date:** 11 September 1762

Accused: Christian Lamb

Statement: Christian Lamb, spouse to John Kemp, brewer in Aberdeen, as principal and for and with her David Kemp, weaver at Denburn as cautioner, surety and full "debtor", bound and enacted themselves that Mary Thomson, relict of William Sangster, in Aberdeen, shall be harmless and skaithless kept in her person, family, goods and gears from the said Christian Lamb and her accomplices.

113 **Date:** 25 September 1762

Statement: James Hay, merchant in Aberdeen as principal and for and with him George Mackie, mealseller in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full "debtor", bound and oblige themselves that the said James Hay, employed by the magistrates, will retail out five hundred and fourty five bolls of english coals received by him into the Towns cellars in the fish market to be sold at the price and quantity as instructed to him and make just reckoning and payment to the treasurer of Aberdeen when sold.

114 **Date:** 30 September 1762

Accused: Thomas Burnet and Alexr Thomson

Statement: Thomas Burnet and Alexr Thomson, sand carriers in Aberdeen, complained upon and convicted by their own confession of destroying the bents and carrying sand by the Bowl road contrary to the repeated acts of council and orders of the magistrates, bound and enacted themselves each for himself not to be guilty of any of the said trespasses in time coming.

- 114** **Date:** 19 October 1762
Accused: Thomas Durie & Robert Burnett
Statement: Alexander Angus, bookbinder in Aberdeen bound and enacted himself as cautioner, surety and full “debtor” for Thomas Durie and Robert Burnett, his servants, that they shall appear before the magistrates of Aberdeen at any time when called for within the space of six months and stand trial for the crimes set in the complaint against them at the instance of John Donald & William Annand, servants to William Johnston, taylor in Aberdeen.
- 115** **Date:** 20 October 1762
Accused: William Michie & Alexander Webster
Statement: Andrew Fowler, merchant in Aberdeen & George Coutts, lintdresser, bound and enacted themselves as cautioners, surety & full “debtors” for William Michie and Alexander Webster, both servants to the said George Coutts, that they shall appear before the magistrates of Aberdeen at any time when called for within six months to stand trial for the crimes set out in a complaint exhibited against them at the instance of John Donald and William Annand, both servants to Will Johnston, taylor in Aberdeen & William Smith, “Pror fiscal” of court.
- 115** **Date:** 17 November 1762
Accused: William Junar
Statement: Copy of a letter from the Earl of Halifax regarding William Junar, “a prisoner under sentence of death in the gaol of Aberdeen” for taking some notes out of the Aberdeen mail, commanding “His Majestys pleasure that the execution of the said sentence passed upon him the said William Junar be respited from the day appointed for the same till further signification of his Majesties pleasure”.
A further note to all it may concern “which reprieve was intimate to the prisoner and execution stopt in consequence thereof”.
- 116** **Date:** 1 December 1762
Statement: William Reid, gardner in Aberdeen, as principal and for and with him John Davidson, feuar at Gilcomston, as cautioner and surety and full “debtor”, bound and enacted themselves that the said William Reid shall plant with firs a piece of the town “commonly lying betwist the lands of Hazlehead and Counteswells”, conforming to a plan made by Mr John Smith, and to build dykes of sufficient dry stone.
- 118** **Date:** 7 December 1762
Statement: James Thomson of Porthlethen as principal and for and with him Alex Thomson of Banchory & Robt Thomson of Badintory as cautioners, bound and enacted themselves that the said James Thomson of Portlethen shall begin to build the piece of ground feued out to him by the Council in the year 1751 at the end of his garden for a “houss”.
- 119** **Date:** 8 December 1762

Statement: Alexander Bower, maltster in Aberdeen, admitted by the magistrates to become one of the ordinary brokers of coals, lime and others at the shore & Port of Aberdeen and for and with him Andrew Fowler merchant in Aberdeen & James Bartlet, cooper there, as cautioners, surety and full “debtors” bound and enacted themselves that the said Alexander Bower shall discharge the said office of a broker honestly, dilligently and faithfully.

120 Date: 11 December 1762

Accused: George Mitchell

Statement: Robert Mitchell, gardner in Aberdeen, and for and with him Alexander Mowat, flesher there, as cautioner, surety and full “debtor” bound and enacted themselves that George Mitchell, son to the said Robert Mitchell, who has been imprisoned for some days for theft and pickery shall remove himself from the City and never return.

121 Date: 6 September 1762 Edinburgh

Accused: Panton

Statement: Relating to the case of Panton who had made an application to the magistrates for liberation on account of his health, the opinion of Mr James Barnet, advocate, relative to the liberation of prisoners on account of sickness is given. He states that as there is no room in the prison of Aberdeen to care for the sick and that Panton should be taken to a house where he can be cared for and bail granted for one month and then be reassessed.

123 Date: 29 December 1762

Statement: George Harrow, indweller in Aberdeen, to be admitted by the magistrates to be an ordinary workman at the “shoar of Aberdeen” and for an with him Francis Leys, merchant in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full “debtor”, bound and enacted themselves that the said George Harrow “shall honestly and faithfully serve the merchants of this Burgh and all others by whom he shall be employed”.

123 Date: “The said day”

Statement: John Logan, indweller in Abdn, admitted by the magistrates to be an ordinary workman at the “shoar of Aberdeen”, and for and with him Alexander Smith, merchant in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety & full “debtor”, bound and enacted themselves that the said John Logan “shall honestly & faithfully serve the merchants of this Burgh and all others by whom he shall be employed”.

124 Date: 27 January 1763

Accused: James Birnie & Alexander Burnet

Statement: James Birnie, tanner in Aberdeen, and Alexander Burnett, tanner there, bound and enacted themselves as cautioners, surety and full “debtors” for James Birnie, son to the said James Birnie, and James Burnett, son to the said Alexr Burnett, that Helen Cuming, schoolmistress in Spittle and Jean Garden, her daughter, shall be harmless and skaithless in their person, goods and gear and in no ways troubled by the said James Birnie younger and James Burnett or their accomplices.

- 124** **Date:** 10 February 1763
Accused: Thomas Forsyth
Statement: Andrew Cumming, tennent in Crabstown as cautioner for Thomas Forsyth in Gillahill, bound and enacted himself that James Rough, in Cuttlehill, his wife, family, goods and gear shall be kept harmless and skaithless from the said Thomas Forsyth.
- 125** **Date:** [no date]
Accused: Isobel Annand
Statement: "Information and presentment against Isobel Annand"
Isobel Annand convicted of repeated acts of theft and banished from the Burgh had returned again and been reported as having broken into the house of Janet Paul, relict of William Dun, in Cookston in the parish of Nether Banchory and stolen clothing. She had also stolen from the house of Helen Colly, relict of Alexr Shinie in Forresterhall, George Tower, merchant in Aberdeen and John Thomson, farmer at Hilltown where she took the property of Thomas Webster and Janet Milne servants to the said John Thomson. She sold some goods to Christian Baxter, spouse to Alexander Main, whitefisher, Anne Guyan, spouse to Peter Main, whitefisher in Footdee, Anne Leiper, Agnes Allan, spouse to Robert Wales younger, whitefisher, Margaret Paterson, spouse to Robert Wales elder, whitefisher, Jean Wales and John Castells sergeant in Collonel Charles Beanclerks regiment of foot. Isobell Annand acknowledged being guilty of the crimes and the stolen goods mentioned lodged in the hands of John Thomson, town serjeand in Aberdeen in order to be presented at her trial.
- 129** **Date:** 19 March 1763
Accused: James Reid
Statement: James Reid, younger son to James Reid in the Parish of Aboyne, apprentice to the master of the workhouse, as principal and Mr Andrew Johnston, Master of the Poors Hospital, as cautioner for him, bound and enacted themselves that the said James Reid shall return to his service which he deserted and serve out his time.
- 129** **Date:** 29 March 1763
Statement: Dougall Mcqueen bound and enacted himself that he shall faithfully and honestly fulfill the office of "keeping this town and liberties thereof free of common beggars, vagabonds" etc and shall behave himself decently during the administration of his office.
- 130** **Date:** 4 April 1763
Accused: John Leslie, William Simson, Margaret Sangster, Ann Sangster
Statement: John Leslie, blacksmith at steps of Gilcomston, William Simson, carter at the Woolmanhill of Aberdeen, & Margaret Sangster, spouse to the said William Simpson and Ann Sangster, residenter in Aberdeen as principals and for and with the said John Leslie, John Craig, indweller in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full

“debitor” for him and also the said John Leslie as cautioner, surety and full “debitor” for the said William Simson, Margaret & Anne Sangster all bound and enacted themselves that William Esslemont, carter at the Woolmanhill of Aberdeen, his wife, family, servants, goods and gear shall be kept harmless and skaithless from them.

130 **Date:** 7 April 1763

Accused: James Birnie

Statement: James Birnie, shoemaker in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself to begin to remove the rubbish stones and others laid out by him on the High Street in the head of the Green.

131 **Date:** 7 March [sic] 1763

Accused: Alexander Garrioch

Statement: George Garrioch, merchant in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself as cautioner for Alexander Garrioch, son to the deceased Alexander Garrioch of Kinslair that he shall appear before the magistrates of Aberdeen and answer any complaint that may be exhibited against him at the instance of William Smith, within the following six months.

131 **Date:** 7 April 1763

Accused: James Cruikshank

Statement: James Cruikshank, stabler and hostler of the stables in the Lodge Walk fined half a crown for allowing boys to ride his horses on the High Streets.

131 **Date:** 7 April 1763

Accused: Alexr Garrioch

Statement: Alexr Garrioch, merchant in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself as cautioner and surety for Alexr Garrioch, son to the deceased Alexr Garrioch of Kinslair “that he shall attend all the dyets of the cause in the complaint agst him at the instance of Wm Smith “Pror fiscal” fiscal.

132 **Date:** 28 April 1763

Accused: John Harris & John Gordon, James Thomson, Urquhart Gillespie, Alexr Barron & Arthur Duff, Alexander Garioch, John Gall, Hugh Lindsay, Alexander Sangster, Charles Cumming, Andrew Ragg

Statement: John Harris & John Gordon, apprentices to Doctor Thomas Livingston, physician in Aberdeen, James Thomson, son to Baillie William Thomson, mercht, Urquhart Gillespie, Alexr Barron & Arthur Duff apprentices to the said Doctor Thomas Livingston, Alexander Garioch, son to the deceased Alexr Garrioch of Kinslair, presently in Aberdeen, John Gall, late apprentice to James Leiper, merchant, Hugh Lindsay, late apprentice to John Clerk of Kincardine advocate there, Alexander Sangster apprentice to Alexr Dyce junior merchant, Charles Cumming apprentice to doctor John Gregory, physician and Andrew Ragg, late apprentice to William Brebner, merchant.

In the terms of the sentence of the magistrates the accused bound and enacted themselves that they shall behave themselves regularly, soberly and discreetly and not be guilty of any breaches of the peace within the City.

- 133** **Date:** 9 May 1763
Accused: Margaret Anderson
Statement: Margaret Anderson, spouse to Hugh Ross, late soldier in the Earl of Sutherlands Regiment and presently prisoner in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen who was convicted by her own confession of stealing at the last old town market, voluntarily enacted herself to leave the City and liberties thereof and never to return.
- 133** **Date:** 23 June 1763
Accused: William Moncurr
Statement: William Moncurr, writer in Aberdeen, as principal and for and with him [no name] bound and enacted themselves that the said William Moncurr shall appear and “stand tryal” before the circuit court of justiciary for the crimes mentioned.
- 134** **Date:** 25 June 1763
Statement: “Compeared Alexander Mitchell, mealseller in Abd and agreed to receive from the Treasuer of Aberdeen ninety bolls of meal of the farms of Castle Fraser and two hundred and eighty bolls of meal of the farms of Pittodrie”.
- 134** **Date:** 7 July 1763
Accused: Benjamin Lumsden, Robert Morison, James Pirie, James Clerichue, John Findlater,
Statement: Benjamin Lumsden, goldsmith in Aberdeen, Robert Morison, baker, James Pirie & James Clerichue, wrights, and John Findlater merchant, all of whom are presently rebuilding tenements to the High Streets and have had repeated complaints made against them that with their stones and rubbish on the High Street it is becoming impassable for wheel carriages or carts and scarcely passable for horses and foot passengers. In remedy the accused enacted themselves that they shall pack up the respective materials belonging to their buildings so as to leave free and open passages on the streets and their masons will pile up the stones so as not to interrupt the passages.
- 135** **Date:** 11 July 1763
Accused: George Ferguson, Anne Ferguson
Statement: Peter Anderson, taylor in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself as cautioner and surety for George Ferguson, residenter in Aberdeen and Anne Ferguson, his wife present prisoners in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen that they shall behave themselves soberly and discreetly within the Burgh.
- 135** **Date:** 3 August 1763
Accused: Andrew Hutcheon
Statement: Andrew Hutcheon, burnman in Aberdeen, in terms of a sentence of the magistrates, bound and enacted himself not to trouble or molest William Smith one of the town’s sledmen at the wells, “nor to turn away his stand from the well”.

- 135** **Date:** 8 August 1763
Accused: Robert Smart
Statement: Robert Smart, flesher in Aberdeen, in terms of a sentence of the magistrates pronounced on the process at the instance of Alexander Innes, commissary clerk of Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself “not to be guilty of locking in any dogs in the flesh mercate directly or indirectly to disturb the neighbourhood”
- 136** **Date:** 8 August 1763
Accused: John Wilson
Statement: John Wilson, hecklemaker in aberdeen, as principal and for and with him John Law, wright burgess of Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full “debitor” bound and enacted themselves that “Agness Keith Lady Keithfeild and Anna Mowat her daughter, spouse to the said John Wilson, shall be harmless and skaithless kept in their persons, families, goods and gear from the said John Wilson and his accomplices or others”
- 136** **Date:** 10 August 1763
Accused: Peter Aiken
Statement: Peter Aiken, gardner in Aberdeen, in terms of a sentence of the magistrates bound and enacted himself not to molest Elisabeth Swap, spouse to Robert Antony, residerter in Aberdeen.
- 137** **Date:** 11 August 1763
Accused: Elisabeth Swap
Statement: Elizabeth Swap, spouse to Robert Antony, mason at the Bowbridge as principal and for and with her David Deuchars, mason in Aberdeen, bound and enacted themselves that the said Elizabeth Swap shall behave herself regularly, soberly and discreetly within this Burgh in time coming and not be guilty of any breaches of the peace or molesting her neighbours, particularly Peter Aiken, gardner.
- 137** **Date:** 19 August 1763
Accused: Peter Cameron
Statement: Peter Cameron in Gaichmore as principal and for and with him James Allardyce, merchant in Aberdeen as cautioner and surety, bound and enacted themselves that the said Peter Cameron shall appear before any judge when called for to answer any complaints that shall be exhibited against him for “uttering old silver spoon & some old artickles suspect to be stolen”.
- 138** **Date:** 27 August 1763
Statement: “Compeared the whole stablers within the Burgh hereto subscribing” who bound and enactd themselves that they shall not “harbour or receipt any meal or seeds coming to the market of this Burgh in time coming and that they shall not keep any malt belonging to the country people for sale after market time of day”. Followed by 18 signatures/initials

- 138** **Date:** 30 August 1763
Accused: Jas Cruickshank
Statement: "Jas Cruickshank, hostler paid 2/- of expenses of the complt agt him for allowing Jas Bruce's son to ride his horses to the water whereby a woman was rode over."
- 139** **Date:** 23 November 1738
Statement: Copy of a Decision anent the Aliment of poor prisoners 23 Nov 1730
- 140** **Date:** 7 September 1763
Statement: John Symon, labourer, is employed by the magistrates "in cleaning the new back causeway from the Nookwell without the Justice Port to the New Street. To the north of the colledge yeard that leads to the Gallowgate with the gutters on both sides of the said street". John Symon bound and enacted himself to clean all the said street and gutters, to carry away the dung and allow no nastiness to be thereon.
- 140** **Date:** [no date]
Accused: David Mowatt
Statement: David Mowatt, mariner on board the Adventure cutter "presently lying in the harbour of Aberdeen" commanded by Lieutennent Robert Hay, as principal and for and with him Andrew Blair, "depute tyde surveyer" at the Port of Aberdeen as cautioner surety and full "debitor", in terms of a sentence of the magistrates of Aberdeen, bound and enacted themselves that the said David Mowatt shall keep the peace for two years.
- 141** **Date:** 23 September 1763
Statement: "Compeared Alexander Marr in Milltown of Murtle, and in respect the master of mortifications has made an agreement".
- 141** **Date:** 14 October 1763
Accused: William Mortimer
Statement: William Mortimer, stabler in the Gallowgate as principal and for and with him Francis Forbes, writer in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full "debitor" for him, bound and enacted themselves that Elizabeth Coutts, residenter in Abdn, her bairns, family, servants, goods and gear shall be skaithless and harmless kept from the said William Mortimer.
- 142** **Date:** 17 October 1763
Accused: Elizabeth Coutts
Statement: Elizabeth Coutts, residenter in Aberdeen as principal and for and with her Arthur Farquhar, white iron smith in Aberdeen, and George Knight, woolcomber there, as cautioners, surety and full "debtors", bound and enacted themselves that William Mortimer, stabler in Aberdeen, his bairns, family, servants, goods and gear shall be skaithless and harmless kept from the said Elizabeth Coutts and John Duncan, taylor in Aberdeen, her son.

- 143** **Date:** 12 November 1763
Accused: William Simpson
Statement: William Simpson, labourer in Aberdeen as principal and for and with him [no name] as cautioner surety and full “debtor” bound and enacted themselves that Alexander Crookshanks, merchant in Forresterhill, his wife, bairns, family, goods and gear shall be skaithless and harmless kept from the said William Simpson.
- 143** **Date:** 19 December 1763
Statement: John Clark, merchant in Aberdeen, possessor of a shop and back room belonging to George Smith, blacksmith in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself that he shall either remove himself from the said shop and back room and deliver up the keys thereof to the said George Smith, or find sufficient security to him for nine pounds scots money as half a year’s rent.
- 144** **Date:** 1 December 1763
Statement: Richard Wallace, town’s plumber, gave in to the magistrates certain accounts for work done by him to the churches & Tolbooth and steeples thereof and the magistrates disputed the accounts as being too high. It was agreed to refer the accounts to two tradesmen, Robert Taylor, wright, named by the said Richard Wallace and William Littlejohn, wright, named by the magistrates and that Richard Wallace and the magistrates bound and enacted themselves to implement, perform and abide by whatever the arbiters discerned and declared regarding the account.
- 145** **Date:** 10 January 1764
Statement: John Robertson, stone cutter in Aberdeen, has agreed to polish a grave stone to be put up on the grave of Parick Duff of Culture esq and to cut an inscription thereon, at the sight and to the satisfaction of Adam Duff, merchant and one of the Baillies of Aberdeen.
- 146** **Date:** 11 January 1764
Statement: George Horn and John Anderson, both residenters in Aberdeen, bound and enacted themselves to go through the whole streets of the town every day for two months to take up and secure in the Poors Hospital all strolling beggars and vagrants whom they shall find thereon and advise the magistrates of every person they apprehend and secure as above, for which the Poor Hospital is to pay each of them six pence sterling every day.
- 146** **Date:** 1 February 1764
Statement: George Ferguson, chelsea pensioner in Aberdeen, engaged and became bound and obliged to take up the beggars that shall be found begging within the City and libertys for which he is to be paid at the rate of ten shillings monthly.
- 147** **Date:** 4 February 1764
Accused: John Cramont
Statement: John Cramont, Corporal in Genll Leighton’s Regiment, recruiting in Aberdeen, is accused, along with others, of breaking into the house of William

Urquhart, hyrer in Abdn, and of abusing the said William Urquhart's wife and children and beating and maltreating them. In obedience to an appointment of the magistrates, John Cramont as principal and for and with him Captain John Kelso of the said Regiment as cautioner, surety and full "debitor", bound and enacted themselves that the said John Cramont shall appear before the magistrates to stand trial for the crimes alleged against him and also that he shall attend "all the dyits of the said course until the issue thereof".

148 **Date:** 6 February 1764

Accused: Laurence Birch

Statement: Lawrence Birch, Sergeant in General Lampton's Regiment recruiting in Aberdeen, convicted of a riot and break of the peace within the Burgh, as principal and for and with him Captain Alex Davidson of the said Regiment as cautioner and surety, bound and enacted themselves that the said Lawrence Birch will keep the peace for two years to come in terms of a sentence of the magistrates.

148 **Date:** 9 February 1764

Accused: John Cramont

Statement: John Cramont, Corporal in General Leighton's Regiment recruiting in Aberdeen, convicted of a riot and breach of the peace within the Burgh, as principal and for and with him Captain John Kelso of the said Regiment as cautioner and surety, bound and obliged themselves that the said John Cramont shall keep the peace for two years to come in terms of a sentence of the magistrates.

149 **Date:** 10 February 1764

Accused: William Cran

Statement: William Cran, son to Andrew Cran, heckler in Aberdeen, as principal and for and with him Andrew Cran, his father, as cautioner, surety and full "debitor", bound and enacted themselves that the said William Cran shall behave himself soberly, regularly and discreetly within the Burgh in time coming and not be guilty of street walking, sabbath breaking, insulting any person or persons on the streets or committing any other indecencies.

149 **Date:** 13 February 1764

Accused: Mary Stewart alias Cooper

Statement: Mary Stewart, alias Cooper, recently arrived from Glenlivet and Parish of Inveraan, convicted on her own confession of stealing a plaid, enacted herself to leave the town, never to return.

150 **Date:** 18 February 1764

Accused: William Strachan

Statement: William Strachan, taylor in Aberdeen, banished by sentence of the magistrates from the Burgh never to return, as principal, and for and with him George Philp, farmer in Gillowhill, and James Beverly, taylor in Aberdeen, as cautioners surety and full "debtors", bound and enacted themselves, in terms of the said sentence, that William Strachan shall never return.

- 151** **Date:** 18 February 1864
Accused: William Stephelnsen
Statement: James Farquhar, shoemaker, in Abdn, John Elrick, weaver & Thomas Kinnaird, brewer bound and enacted themselves to present the person of William Stephelnsen, prisoner in the Tolbooth of Abdn, at any time within six months to answer any complaint that may be given against him for "ryotting, nightwalking, breaking of the town's public lamps and other disorders & breaches of the peace".
- 151** **Date:** [no date]
Accused: Alexander Angus
Statement: Alexander Cuthbertson, merchant in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full "debitor" for Alexander Angus, weaver in Aberdeen bound and enacted himself to present Alexander Angus to answer to any complaint that may be given in against him for "ryoting, nightwalking, braking of the Town's public lamps and other disorders and breaches of the peace."
- 152** **Date:** 5 April 1764
Accused: Alexr Logie, Jean Logie
Statement: Alexr Logie, Heckler in Aberdeen, & Jean Logie, his sister, in terms of a sentence of the magistrates bound an enacted themselves not to molest the person of Mrs Janet Stephens in Aberdeen or the house of Robt Smith, late Conveener of The Trades of Aberdeen.
- 152** **Date:** 20 April 1764
Accused: Alexr Fraser
Statement: Alexr Fraser, fiddler in Aberdeen, convicted by his own confession of being drunk and "making a ryot on the streets of the Burgh", in terms of a sentence of the magistrates, bound and enacted himself to keep the peace and not be guilty of any ryot or disturbance within the Burgh for three years.
- 153** **Date:** 1 May 1764
Accused: Peter Clerk commonly called Killdrimmy
Statement: The magistrates, having considered the complaint against Peter Clerk, a vagrant commonly called Killdrimmy, and with his confession, find that he has been banished several times from the Burgh for theft and pickering, in April 1759 and November 1761, and having returned to the Burgh, he is to be banished again never to return. After being imprisoned in the Tolbooth, he will be conveyed out of the town by the executioner and tuck of drum and "publicly whipt by the executioner".
- 153** **Accused:** William Riddel
Statement: A young boy accused of theft and of being an accomplice of the said Peter Clerk was ordered to be conveyed out of town by the officers with certification"
- 154** **Date:** 8 June 1764
Accused: David Gregg

Statement: Thomas Shepherd, cooper in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself as cautioner, surety and full debtor for David Gregg, his servant, prisoner in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen, that he shall appear before the magistrates when called for, within six months, to stand trial for the crime of “wounding & bruising John Brownie, son to James Brownie, shoemaker in Abdn”

154 Date: 15 June 1764

Statement: William Smith, proprietor of two tenements in Palachieside “which is presently causewaying” with two outer stairs to the upper flats. The outer stairs are “an encroachment on the street and spoils the symetry thereof”. The magistrates of Aberdeen agreed, “in order to make the street regular to pay him fourty shillings sterling for each of the said outer stairs in order to build inner stairs”. William Smith bound and enacted himself to remove the outer stairs instantly so as to give room to causeway the street close to his houses.

155 Date: 25 June 1764

Accused: Janet Nairn, James Collie & James Duncan alias Davidson

Statement: The clerk produced an extract of an act and warrant from the Lords of Judiciary at Edinburgh of 21st June transmitting the persons of Janet Nairn, James Collie and James Duncan alias Davidson, all prisoners in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen and sentenced to banishment to Glasgow.

There was, presented to the Lords a petition for and in the name of John Davidson, writer to the signet, agent for the crown, humbly showing that upon the 20th of May at a circuit court of judiciary held in Aberdeen, Janet Nairn, daughter of George Nairn, at the Chappleton of Strathdon in the shire of Aberdeen, indicted for child murder was upon her own petition banished to one or other of His Majesty’s plantations in America for life,

At a circuit court held at the same place, James Collie, “horse hyrer” in Aberdeen indicted for the crime of “forcibly invading, beating and bruising a woman and lacerating her privy parts” was found guilty and banished to the said plantations for life”.

On the same day, James Duncan, alias Davidson, sometime shoemaker in Cairngrassie in the parish of Fetteresso and shire of Kincairdine indicted for theft was upon his own petition banished to the plantations for seven years. All remanded in prison in Aberdeen until proper opportunity to transport them to one or other plantation.

With prospect of a ship to sail from the River Clyde, but no warrant granted to transmit the prisoners from shire to shire, application is made for such a warrant.

The Lords having considered the petition, grant a warrant to allow them to be transported to Glasgow.

157 Date: 5 July 1764

Statement: John Couper, indweller in Aberdeen, admitted by the magistrates to be an ordinary workman at the shore of Aberdeen as principal and for and with him John Torver, cooper in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full “debitor”, bound and enacted themselves that John Couper “shall honestly and faithfully serve the merchants of this Burgh and also others by whom he shall be employed”.

- 157** **Date:** 27 July 1764
Accused: Margaret Smith
Statement: Margaret Smith, widow of John Duncan, residenter in Aberdeen, complained upon by James Thomson of Portlethen for keeping a “midding of dun in a close in the shiprow, hard by the backwall of Portlethen tenements”, bound and enacted herself to carry off the whole of the said midding of dung on or before the following Monday and not to lay down or collect any dung or rubbish within the said close near to the said James Thomson’s back wall.
- 158** **Date:** 11 August 1764
Accused: Robert Low & Elizabeth Gordon
Statement: John Low, taylor in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself as cautioner, surety and full “debitor” for Robert Low, taylor in Aberdeen and Elizabeth Gordon his spouse, that Alexander Cruickshank, indweller in Aberdeen and Margt Fife, his spouse shall be harmless and skaithless in their family, persons, goods and gear and in no way troubled or molested by the said Robert Low and Elizabeth Gordon.
- 158** **Date:** 11 August 1764
Accused: Elizabeth Gordon
Statement: Elizabeth Gordon, spouse to Robert Low, taylor in Aberdeen, as principal and for and with her John Low, taylor in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full “debitor”, bound an enacted themselves that the said Elizabeth Gordon shall keep the peace and behave herself quietly and discretely in all time coming.
- 159** **Date:** 18 August 1764
Accused: Isobel Philp
Statement: John Grigg, mason in Aberdeen bound and enacted himself as cautioner, surety and full “debitor” for Isobel Philp, spouse to James Sutherland junior, carryer in Aberdeen, that George Ferguson, indweller in Aberdeen and Anne Gail, his spouse shall be harmless and skaithless in their persons, family, goods and gear, and in no way troubled or molested by the said Isobel Philp.
- 159** **Date:** 27 August 1764
Accused: Arthur Duncan, John Horn, Andrew Mackay, George Reid, John Allan & Alexander Melvin
Statement: Arthur Duncan, John Horn, Andrew Mackay, George Reid, John Allan and Alexnder Melvin all journeyman shoemakers, residenters in Aberdeen, in terms of a sentence by the magistrates, bound and enacted themselves that they shall not make any boots, shoes or other new shoemaker work within the Burgh or liberties except when employed by freeman shoemakers of the Burgh.
- 160** **Date:** 5 September 1764
Statement: “Compeared Alexander Dyce youngist mercht in Aberdeen and bound and enacted himself as cautioner for John Crombie master of the sloop the ‘Janet of Montrose’ that the sums and subjects belonging to him and areasted in the hands of Robert Brand mercht in Aberdeen at the instance of William Law and Alexander

Ritchie sailors in Johnshaven in virtue of precepts of arreastment raised upon the processes depending before the Baillies of Aberdeen shall be made furthcoming to them as accords of the law”.

- 160** **Date:** 20 September 1764
Accused: James Auld
Statement: James Auld, baker in Aberdeen, as principal and George Philips, mariner in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full “debitor” for him in terms of a sentence of the magistrates, bound and enacted themselves that Elspeth Sim, spouse to James Dawson, nailer in Aberdeen, shall be harmless and skaithless in her family, persons, goods and gear, and in no ways troubled or molested by the said James Auld.
- 161** **Date:** 5 October 1764
Accused: Thomas Cassie
Statement: Robert Davidson, indweller in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself as cautioner, surety and full “debitor” for Thomas Cassie indweller in Aberdeen, that Janet Linton, indweller in Aberdeen, shall be harmless and skaithless in her person, family, goods and gear and shall be in no way troubled or molested by the said Thomas Cassie.
- 161** **Date:** 12 October 1764
Accused: Jean Weir
Statement: Jean Weir, residenter in Aberdeen, as principal and for and with her, James Sutherland, carrier in Abdn, as cautioner, surety and full “debitor” bound and enacted themselves that Margaret Wright, spouse to Willm Norvall ropemaker in Abdn, shall be harmless and skaithless in person, goods, family and gear from the said Jean Weir.
- 162** **Date:** 23 October 1764
Accused: James Bain & Isobel Kinloch
Statement: Francis Pratt, carpenter in Abdn and William James, weaver, bound and enacted themselves as cautioner, surety and full “debitor” for James Bain, mason in Aberdeen, and Isobel Kinloch, his spouse, that Margaret Simpson, spouse to William Manson, weaver in Aberdeen, shall be kept harmless and skaithless in person, family, servants, goods and gear from the said James Bain and Isobel Kinloch.
- 162** **Date:** “The said day”
Accused: Margaret Simpson, William Manson
Statement: John Milne and Alexander Norie, both journeymen weavers in Aberdeen, bound and enacted themselves as cautioners, surety and full “debitors” for Margaret Simpson, spouse to William Manson, weaver in Aberdeen and also the said William Manson himself, that Isobel Kinloch, spouse to James Bain, mason in Aberdeen, shall be harmless and skaithless kept in their person, family, servants, goods and gear from the said William Manson and Margaret Simpson, his spouse.
- 163** **Date:** 12 November 1764
Accused: James Bishop

Statement: James Bishop, merchant and mealseller, in Aberdeen as principal and for and with him Messrs James Smith & Robt Burn, merchants, as cautioners and full "debtors", bound and enacted themselves that the said James Bishop shall not be guilty of forestalling or buying up any meal or victual upon the road coming in to the market of the Burgh to be sold.

163 **Date:** 9 November 1764

Statement: Following complaints made to the magistrates, of the nastiness of the streets, the magistrates statute and ordain that from henceforth, the inhabitants shall throw out their ashes and other nastiness every lawful day before ten o'clock and shall not under any pretext carry out any nastiness after 10 o'clock of the Saturday forenoon until the Monday morning thereafter. If any persons shall transgress this order they shall be fined and punished. The magistrates will appoint spies and watermen to observe any nastiness being thrown on the streets after Saturday forenoon 10 o'clock. If any nastiness is found lying on the streets on Sunday, the magistrates will oblige the inhabitants of the neighbourhood where such nastiness is found, to depone upon oath, whether or not they had thrown out the nastiness.

165 **Date:** 17 November 1764

Accused: Margaret Main

Statement: Margaret Main, residenter in Footdee as principal and for and with her John Baxter, whitefisher in Footdee, bound and enacted themselves that the said Margaret Main shall not buy up nor forestall any fish either coming to or in the public market of the Burgh.

165 **Date:** 5 December 1764

Accused: Jean McDonald & Isobel Camron

Statement: Jean McDonald, spouse to Alexr Fraser at Loanhead, and Isobel Camron, two vagrants taken up by Ferguson the constable, ordered immediately to be dismissed out of town and if they return will be publicly disgraced and banished.

166 **Date:** 6 December 1764

Accused: James Pirie

Statement: James Pirie, wright in Aberdeen, obliged himself to remove and carry away all the dung and rubbish belonging to him lying in the Broadgate of Aberdeen.

166 **Date:** 10 December 1764

Accused: James Bartlett

Statement: James Bartlett, cooper in Aberdeen, obliged himself to remove and carry off all the rubbish belonging to him, lying at the back of his house near the fish market within the flood mark and "leave a clear passage for lighters and boats coming to the said market."

167 **Date:** 8 December 1764

Statement: “The Magistrates of Aberdeen have sett and allocated the dung of the different streets and lanes of the Burgh to the respective persons afternamed for the space of one two or three year” [a list of streets and names follows]
[The rules and regulations are written out]

173 **Date:** 8 January 1765

Statement: James Hay, merchant in Aberdeen, employed by the Magistrates of Aberdeen for “retailing out to the inhabitants of this Burgh the quantity of three hundred and a half boles of english coals received by him into the Town cellars in the fish market”. Therefore the said James Hay as principal and for and with him George Mackie, meal seller in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full “debtor”, bound and obliged themselves that the said James Hay shall retail the quantity of coals honestly and faithfully and make payment to the Treasurer of Aberdeen.

174 **Date:** 11 January 1765

Accused: James Reid

Statement: James Reid, servant to John Menzies, merchant in Aberdeen as principal and for and with him John Menzies as cautioner, surety and full “debtor” bound and obliged themselves that the said James Reid shall appear and stand trial for the alledged crime of driving his cart over the head of Mary Bisset, daughter to Robert Bisset, gardner in Aberdeen whereby she was crushed to death, at any time within the space of six months.

“And the said John Menzies obliges himself that the said James Reid shall not drive a cart in the Gallowgate where the said accident happened for six months after this date”

174 **Date:** 21st January 1765

Accused: John Lawson

Statement: “Compeared John Lawson, journeyman taylor in Aberdeen, and bound and obliged himself not to encroach upon the priviledges of the taylor trade by making new cloaths or otherwise and that under the penalty of fourty pounds scots.”

176 **Date:** 21st January 1765

Statement: William Young, treasurer in Aberdeen, represented that in consequence of “an Act of this Council” the Magistrates had “purchased for the use of the inhabitants of this Burgh the following quantity of oatmeal crop” [names and quantities given].

178 **Date:** 28 January 1765

Accused: Forbes Tait

Statement: Forbes Tait, son to George Tait, in terms of a sentence of the Magistrates pronounced against him, bound and enacted himself not to “hole any sand within the towns bents”.

- 178** **Date:** 28 January 1765
Statement: Robert Nicol, Town's drummer "agreed to pay William Imry, bellman, one shilling sterling weekly and each week commencing from this date during the said William Imry's life, upon this express condition that the said William Imry shall account for and allow to the said Robert Nicol whatever money he shall hence forth draw from the inhabitants & others for advertisements by the Bell which he obliges himself to go thorow the town with on all occasions when desired not withstanding of the forsaid agreement."
- 178** **Date:** 29 January 1765
Accused: Alexander Gibb
Statement: Alexander Gibb bound and enacted himself not to hole any sand within the Town's bents and that he shall "not carry sand therefrom in time coming"
- 179** **Date:** 30 January 1765
Accused: Elizabeth Swap
Statement: Elizabeth Swap, residenter in Aberdeen as principal and for and with her Patrick Barron, merchant in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full "debitor", and in terms of a sentence of the Magistrates pronounced against her, bound and enacted themselves that the said Elizabeth Swap shall behave herself quietly and discreetly in all time coming.
- 180** **Date:** 28 February 1765
Accused: William Mortimer
Statement: William Mortimer, stabler in Aberdeen, complained against for entertaining disorderly company and disturbing the neighbourhood in the night time, bound and enacted himself "not to be guilty thereof in time coming" and particularly "shall not disturb or abuse Peter Wilson or any of his family in time coming".
- 181** **Date:** 14 March 1765
Accused: John Barnet
Statement: The Lords of Justiciary at their Circuit court held in Aberdeen on 2nd September, "decerned and adjudged John Barnet", late servant to John Innes of Mairyfold, presently prisoner in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen to be banished from Scotland, for the rest of his life, to one of His Majesty's plantations. The Magistrates, delivered John Barnet to George Moir, esquire, of Scotstown, advocate in Aberdeen, and therefore, the said George Moir as principal and for and with him, Alexander Leslie, merchant in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full "debitor", bound and enacted themselves that the said George Moir would transport and land the said John Barnet in one or other of the said plantations and report a certificate of having done so within twelve months.
- 182** **Date:** 20 March 1765
Statement: Alexander Cushnie, forrester at Rubislaw as principal and for and with him James Murray and William Bruce, quarrier, both feuars at Gilcomstone, bound and enacted themselves that the said Alexander Cushnie shall "take care of the two

planted parks or inclosures on the Stockthead belonging to the Town of Aberdeen and that he shall keep up the wole dykes round both the said inclosures”

- 183** **Date:** 20 March 1765
Accused: Robert Massie
Statement: The Magistrates, having considered the complaint at the instance of Robert Rough, stabler in Aberdeen, against Robert Massie, son to George Massie in Banff, for having stole out of the room of the said Robert Rough a pair of blankets, and with the said Robert Massie’s signed acknowledgement, ban him from the Burgh and liberties never to return.
- 183** **Date:** 26 April 1765
Accused: Alexander Collie, John Sharp, Robert Fiddes & Robert Steven
Statement: Alexander Collie, John Sharp, Robert Fiddes & Robert Steven, all servants to James Dyce, barber in Aberdeen, having been complained upon for maltreating Wm Davidson, indweller, a poor blind boy, and for and with them, the said James Dyce as cautioner, surety and full “debitor”, and in terms of the sentence of the Magistrates, bound and enacted themselves that they shall not abuse or maltreat Wm Davidson in time coming and shall behave soberly and discreetly within the Burgh.
- 184** **Date:** 29 April 1765
Statement: John Airth, mason in Aberdeen and John Smart, square wright in Aberdeen, bound and enacted themselves to take down the loft floor of the laigh room of the workhouse which was used for vagrants and lies along the eastside of the mainhouse and to erect a pend all along the length of the said room [building details given] to be finished “betwixt and the first day of June next to come and that for the sum of fourteen pounds sterling.”
- 185** **Date:** 15 May 1765
Accused: John Anderson
Statement: John Anderson, residenter and prisoner in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen, in terms of his own petition and sentence of the Magistrates of Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself to remove himself, wife and family from the Burgh and liberties thereof and from the country of Aberdeen and Kincardine and never return.
- 186** **Date:** 20 May 1765
Accused: James Michie
Statement: James Michie, carter at Stockthead as principal and for and with him Hugh Richmond, landwaiter of the customs at the port of Aberdeen, and James Allardyce, merchant in Aberdeen, as cautioners, surety and full “debtors” bound and enacted themselves, in terms of a sentence of the Magistrates of Aberdeen that James Michie shall appear at any time when called for within the space of six months to answer any complaint that may be exhibited against him as being accessory to the death of Jean Main, spouse to William Arthur Dyker in Spittle of Old Aberdeen,

who was killed on the 18th May by the cart wheel of James Michie going over her body.

186 **Date:** 25 May 1765

Accused: George Cuming

Statement: George Cuming, wright in Old Aberdeen, who was complained upon by the Wright and Cooper trade of the Burgh of Aberdeen for his encroaching upon their privileges within the Burgh in repairing a house at the Well of Spaw within the Freedom of the Burgh and his having employed journeymen and wrights to work there, bound and enacted himself that he shall not in time coming encroach upon the privileges of the Wright and Cooper trade of the Burgh.

187 **Date:** 30 May 1765

Statement: John Madders [signed Meders], maltster in Aberdeen agreed to receive from William Young, treasurer of Aberdeen "one hundred bolls of meal of the quantity purchased from John Forbes of Whitehaugh and bound and enacted himself to receive the said meal in the month of July and to retail the same to the inhabitants at nine pence half penny per peck."

Statement: "George Mackie [Mackay] mealseller in Aberdeen agreed to receive fifty bolls of the said meal and to pay and perform on terms of the above John Madders agreement."

187 **Date:** 8 June 1765

Statement: Robert Duncan, maltster in Aberdeen, and James Gibb, mealseller in Aberdeen agreed to receive from William Young, treasurer in Aberdeen, "one hundred boles of meal of the quantity purchased from John Forbes, Leith of Whitelaugh" and "retail the same to the inhabitants at nine pence half penny per peck".

188 **Date:** 17 June 1765

Accused: William Still, Mordaunt Bannerman, James Young, William Ellis, Thomas Gammack

Statement: William Still, son to George Still, Mordaunt Bannerman, son to Alexander Bannerman, merchant in Aberdeen, James Young, son to Alexander Young, wigmaker in Aberdeen, William Ellis, servant to Doctor Andrew Skene, physician in Aberdeen and Thomas Gammack, servant to Alexander Gammack merchant there as principal and for and with William Still, Francis Leys, merchant, for and with Mordaunt Bannerman, the said Alexander Bannerman, merchant, for and with James Young, Andrew Fowler, merchant in Aberdeen, for and with Wiliam Ellis, Charles Copland, merchant, and for and with Thomas Gammack, Alexander Gammack his master, acting as cautioners, surety and full "debtors" respectfully bound and enacted themselves that the said principals would, in terms of a sentence pronounced against them, keep the peace within the Burgh and liberties for the space of one year.

189 **Date:** 29 June 1765

Accused: John Stephen & William Taylor

Statement: John Steven, servant to Daniel Cargill, merchant of Aberdeen, and William Taylor, servant to Gilbert Gleny, merchant there, as principals, and for and with them the said Daniel Cargill and Gilbert Gleny as cautioners, surety and full debtors and in terms of a sentence of the magistrates, bound and enacted themselves that they shall appear before the said magistrates of Aberdeen at any time when called for within six months from this date to answer to any complaint that shall be exhibited agt them for a "ryot alleaged committed by them within this Burgh & at the Castlehill thereof, last night".

189 **Date:** 20 July 1765

Accused: Charles Watt & John Glass

Statement: Charles Watt and John Glass both woolcombers in Aberdeen and in terms of the Baillies sentence enacted themselves to behave themselves soberly and discreetly to each other and to keep the peace in time coming.

192 **Date:** 23 September 1765

Statement: Compeared the respective retailers of meal afternamed, each bound and enacted himself that he shall not retail meal, less or more, to any person "but to such as bring tickets to them from the magistrates expressing the quantity they are to receive" and the tickets are to be signed by the initial letters of Alexander Carnegie.

Signed by John Morice, John Bain, Geo Mackay, John Meders, James Gibb, George Duncan and [illegible ?Mitchol]

192 **Date:** 12 October 1765

Accused: Elizabeth Linton

Statement: Elizabeth Linton, indweller in Aberdeen, as principal and for and with her Jas Williamson, flesher, as cautioner, surety and full debtor, bound and enacted themselves that Elspet Linton, indweller, shall be harmless and skaithless kept in her person, family, goods and gears from the said Elizabeth Linton.

193 **Date:** 17 October 1765

Accused: Margt Barnet

Statement: Margt Barnet, relict of George Raitt, hyrer in Aberdeen, as principal and for and with her James Bartlet, farmer in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full debtor, bound and enacted themselves that Elizabeth Linton, indweller in Aberdeen shall be harmless and skaithless kept in her person, goods and gear from the said Mgt Barnet.

194 **Date:** 24 October 1765

Accused: Alexander Thomson

Statement: Alexander Thomson, sand carrier in Aberdeen, in terms of a sentence of the magistrates of Aberdeen, relating to the complaint of William Urquhart and William Brown, farmers in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself to keep his horses off his neighbours grounds and not "suffer them to eat or destroy their grass, corn or oats"

- 194** **Date:** 30 October 1765
Statement: Harry Garvock, in Hardgate, bound and enacted himself to keep in good repair the Kingshighway, Abdn, between the top of the Windmillbrae and the house of Hilldowntree, beyond the Bridge of Dee, which is repaired this year and keep the ditches on each side of the said road and to fill up with good gravel the rutts of wheels that may happen on the said road so as water may not stand thereon and to keep the said road free of dunghills, middens, stones and other nuisances to the satisfaction of the magistrates of Aberdeen and Alexr Thomson of Banchory. Harry Garvock obliges himself to perambulate the said road once every week to do what is necessary thereon.
- 194a** **[Additional sheet of paper added into the book]** **Date:** 30 October 1765
Statement: "John Watson for keeping in repair the King's Highway betwixt the top of the Windmill Brae & Heelding Tree, a Bore Barrow a Spade & and pick belonging to the Town of Aberdeen for which I oblige myself to be accountable & to return when demanded" [signed Heri Garvock and Returned].
[On the reverse side] Details of items given to Hary Garvock to complete the work on the King's Highway.
- 195** **Date:** [no date]
Statement: Details of the work of Hary Garvock including payment and items received from John Watson in name of the Master of Kirkworks.
- 195** **Date:** 13 November 1765
Statement: William Dun, farmer in Cove and Andrew Guyan, whitefisher there, have received "two pounds fourteen shills and six pence sterling" from the Mr of Morts for repairs to their boat and they oblige themselves to pay ten shillings sterling yearly until the said sum is paid up.
- 196** **Date:** 15 November 1765
Accused: William Clerk
Statement: William Clerk, sand carrier in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself that William Clerk, his son, who was complained upon for digging up and picking the greenbents for sand, shall not be guilty of any such practices in time coming or drive sand from there or any other parts of the town.
- 196** **Date:** [No date]
Accused: James Thomson
Statement: Anne Smitt, spouse to James Thomson, labourer in Aberdeen, bound and enacted herself for James Thomson her son, "who was complained upon as above" that he shall not be guilty of any such practices in time coming viz digging up and picking the Greenbents for sand.
- 196** **Date:** [No date]
Accused: William Smith, Alexr Gibb, George Sangster, James Garden & John Brown

Statement: Wiliam Smith, blacksmith in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself for William Smith, his son, Elizabeth McCourick , spouse to Alexr Gibb labourer, for Alex Gibb her son, Marjory Morison, spouse to Robert Sangster, labourer, for George Sangster her son, Elizabeth Smith, spouse to Alexander Garden , labourer for James Garden, her son, John Brown, son to John Brown, labourer, for himself that they shall not be guilty of any such practices in time coming viz digging up and picking the Greenbents for sand.

197 Date: 24 January 1766

Accused: Alexander Horn & William Cumine

Statement: Alexander Horn and William Cumine, both burnmen in Aberdeen, bound and enacted themselves not to molest William Smith, one of the Towns slademmen, at the public wells of the Burgh, nor turn away his slade.

197 Date: 27 January 1766

Statement: Details from George Marr, treasurer of Aberdeen, of oatmeal crop purchased by the magistrates for the use of the inhabitants of the Burgh, [also giving details of from whom and where they have been purchased and the retailers to whom they have been sold] in order to ensure they are retailed to the inhabitants at a reasonable rate.

199 Date: 21 February 1766

Accused: Janet Sutherland

Statement: Janet Sutherland, daughter to James Sutherland, elder, carrier in Aberdeen, accused & convicted by her own confession of stealing a watch and several other articles from Francis Smith, "sclater", banished by the magistrates from Scotland upon her own petition for the space of seven years.

200 Date: 5 April 1766

Accused: William Reid

Statement: William Reid, bricklayer in Aberdeen, as principal and William Smith, residenter in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full debr, bound and enacted themselves that Robt Allan, farmer in Spithill, his wife, bairns, family, goods and gears shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said William Reid.

200 Date: 3 May 1766

Accused: William Leiper

Statement: John Trail, gardner in Aberdeen, bound and obliged himself as cautioner and surety for William Leiper, son to Alexr Leiper, mariner in Aberdeen, who was complained upon for insulting and abusing some countrymen upon the Castle Street, who had come into the town with meal and that the said William Leiper will not be guilty of such practices in time coming and that he shall behave himself peaceably and discreetly upon the streets of the Burgh.

201 Date: 9 August 1766

Accused: Christian Air

Statement: “Compeared Christian Air, spouse to William Stewart, blacksmith in Aberdeen, who was imprisoned upon the seventh day of July last for not finding caution of lawburrows to Margaret Stewart, relict of William Thomson, slater in Aberdeen, and because she is not able to find caution to the said Margt Stewart, who has agreed out of compassion to her to accept of the enactment underwritten. Therefore the said Christian Air herby binds and enacts herself to behave and demean herself soberly and discreetly in time coming within this Burgh”.

201 Date: 11 September 1766

Statement: Alexander Naughtie, indweller in Aberdeen, admitted by the magistrates to be an ordinary workmen at the shore of Abdn, as principal, and for and with him William Duguid, “Mintr” in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full “debitor” bound and enacted themselves that the said Alexander Naughtie shall honestly and faithfully serve the merchants of the Burgh and all others by whom he shall be employed.

202 Date: 13 September 1766

Accused: George Harrow & Alexander Reid

Statement: George Harrow and Alexander Reid, two of the porters entered for serving the town of Aberdeen, being often complained upon by their brethren porters that in the summer time they leave their work and go to the salmon fishings, bound and obliged themselves to implement and perform their former enactments and not to leave their work as porters at the shore of Aberdeen at any season of the year.

202 Date: 22 September 1766

Accused: George Coutts

Statement: George Coutts, residenter in Torrie, as principal and for and with him, James Tower, maltster in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full “debitor”, bound and enacted themselves that John Guyan, ferryboatman at Blockhouse, shall be harmless and skaithless kept in his person, family, goods and gear from the said George Coutts.

203 Date: 25 September 1766

Accused: Alexander Harrow

Statement: Alexander Harrow, ferryboatman at Torrie as principal and for and with him Andrew Mackie in Balnagask, as cautioner, surety and full “debitor”, bound and enacted themselves that William Coutts and George Coutts, his son, ferryboatmen at Torrie shall be harmless and skaithless kept in their person, family, goods and gear from the said Alexr Harrow.

203 Date: [No date]

Accused: James Garden

Statement: James Garden, boatman at Torrie, as principal and for and with him Alexr Garden, mercht in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full “debitor”, bound and enacted themselves that William Coutts and George Coutts, his son, ferryboatmen at

Torrie, shall be harmless and skaithless kept in their persons, family, goods and gear from the said Jas Garden.

- 204** **Date:** 25 September 1766
Accused: John Guyan
Statement: John Guyan, ferryboatman at Blockhouse as principal and for and with him Francis Nicol, town "serjeand" in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full "debitor", bound and enacted themselves that William Coutts and George Coutts, his son, ferryboatmen in Torrie shall be harmless and skaithless kept in their persons, family, goods and gear from the said John Guyan.
- 204** **Date:** 17 October 1766
Accused: William Crow
Statement: William Crow, heckler in Aberdeen, as principal and for and with him Donald McKenzie, farrier in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full "debitor", bound and enacted themselves that James Duncan, servant to James Morison, baker in Aberdeen, shall be harmless and skaithless kept in his person, family, goods and gear from the said William Crow.
- 205** **Date:** 17 October 1766
Accused: William Rainie
Statement: William Rainie, sailor in Aberdeen, as principal and for and with him John Menzies, merchant in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full "debitor", bound and enacted themselves that James Duncan, servant to James Morison, baker in Aberdeen shall be harmless and skaithless kept in his person, family, goods and gear from the said William Rainie.
- 205** **Date:** 24 October 1766
Accused: John Craighead
Statement: John Craighead, servant to Jas Morison, Baker in Aberdeen, as principal and for and with him, David Deuchar, mason in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full "debitor", bound and enacted themselves that James Auld, baker in Aberdeen shall be harmless and skaithless kept in his person, family, goods and gear from the said John Craighead.
- 206** **Date:** 4 November 1766
Accused: Charles Duncan
Statement: Chas Duncan, hyrer in Aberdeen, as principal, and for and with him George Duncan, hyrer in Aberdeen, his brother, bound and enacted themselves that David Rainy, apprentice to John Forbes, shoemaker in Aberdeen shall be harmless and skaithless kept in his person, goods, and gear from the said Chas Duncan.
- 206** **Date:** 25 November 1766
Accused: William Hacket junr
Statement: William Hacket junr, coaldriver in Abdn, was complained upon by John Clyne, "masson" in Aberdeen for allowing his horses to eat and destroy his "thail" and also for giving the said John Clyne several injurious names and therefore, in

terms of a sentence of the magistrates of Aberdeen pronounced against him, bound and enacted himself that he shall not allow his horses at any time to enter into the said John Clyne's "yeard" and eat or destroy his "thail".

- 207** **Date:** 27 January 1767
Accused: Jean Mackandy
Statement: Lord Hames, at his Circuit Court held in Aberdeen, adjudged Jean Mackandy, late servant to John Lumsden Esq of Cushnie, prisoner in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen to be banished from Scotland for the rest of her life to one of His Majesty's plantations in America. Using the powers given to them, the Magistrates of Aberdeen, "delivered over the person of the said Jean Mackandy" to Alexander Lumsden, advocate in Aberdeen. Therefore "Alexandr Lumsden as prinl and for and with him William Gray, mercht in Aberdeen" as cautioner, surety and full "debitor", bound and enacted themselves that Alexandr Lumsden would transport Jean Mackandy to one or other of the said plantations and report a certificate of having done so within twelve months.
- 208** **Date:** 5 Febuary 1767
Accused: Elizabeth Shepherd & Elizabeth Livingston
Statement: The Magistrates consider a petition from Elizabeth Shepherd, daughter to George Shepherd in "Frosterhill" and Elizabeth Livingston, residenter in Aberdeen, relict of the deceased James Williamson, drummer in the Regiment of Foot, both prisoners in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen, whereby they acknowledge their being guilty of stealing, carrying away and resetting a piece of linen cloth, the property of Andrew Walker senior, merchant in Aberdeen. The magistrates banish Elizabeth Shepherd and Elizabeth Livingston from the Burgh and also from the Shires of Aberdeen and Kincardine "(to which they consent in their said petition)" for the rest of their lives.
- 208** **Date:** 12 February 1767
Statement: James Chapman, executioner, agrees to accept from the Treasurer of Aberdeen of the sum of fifteen shillings sterling yearly.
- 209** **Date:** 16 February 1767
Accused: John Cameron
Statement: The Magistrates consider a petition from John Cameron, of the Parish of Crathie, prisoner in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen, whereby he acknowledges his being guilty of carrying away in a clandestine manner, quarry tools from the quarry in the Bay of Nigg, property of Alexander Moir, merchant in Aberdeen and William Littlejohn, wright there, and offering the same for sale. The magistrates banish John Cameron from the Burgh and also from the shires of Aberdeen and Kincardine "(to which he consents in his said petition)" never to return.
- 210** **Date:** 25 February 1767
Accused: Alexander Taylor, James Mackdonald and John Paterson
Statement: Copy information and presentment against Alexr Taylor and others and deliverance thereon

A report that on the 18th December 1766 “or upon one or other of the days of that month or of the month of November immediately preceeding or of January immediately following, Alexander Taylor, journeyman mason in Aberdeen, James Mackdonald alias Madconel alias Macdoneldon, apprentice to Alexander Kennedy mason there and John Paterson, journeyman, weaver there, servant to the Gordon Mills manufactuary in Aberdeen, along with a great many other lawless and disorderly persons” did “convocate” on the streets of the Burgh in a riotous manner and under the silence of night broke open the dwelling house and shop of John Bean maltster in the Castlegate, threatening to murder him. They broke the glass windows of his house with a great part of the furniture and effects they found within, and the three persons above named and their accomplices took out meal and money to the value of forty shillings sterling. They also refused to disperse and insulted and threw stones at the military present. A request is made that the information and presentment be “ingrossed in the Porteous Roll for the shire of Aberdeen for the ensuing Circuit Court of Justitiary”.

Witnesses:-

Alexander Carnegie, town clerk, John Paterson, writer, James Walker, writer, Robert Turner esq Sherrif substitute of Aberdeenshire, Edward Brice Dobbs Captain in the Regiment of Foot called the Royal Fusiliers, John Ragg, Lieutenant of Marines, presently residing at Aberdeen, Thomas Woodger, serjant in the Royal Fusiliers, John Clerk of Kincarcine esq, Justice of the Peace of the county of Aberdeen, James Cornwall, soldier in the Royal Fusiliers, Richard Roger, soldier, William Gray, Keeper of the Tolboth of Aberdeen, James Thomson, town serjant in Aberdeen, James Abernethy, merchant, Alexander Burnett, writer, John Bean, maltster, Elizabeth Gow, servant to John Bean, John Sim, servant to John Bean, Alexander Young, merchant, and John Brand, merchant.

212 Date:

Accused: Robert Brands

Statement: Copy Information and Presentment against Robt Brands

A report that on the 24th December 1776 “or upon one or other of the days of that month, or the month of November immediately preceeding or of January immediately following”, Robert Brand, otherwise Brands, coachwright, “having conceived a deadly malice or ill will against the now deceased James Murray, late servant to James Moseley, silk manufacturer”, assaulted the said James Murray on the Broadgate of Aberdeen, near the gate of entry to the dwelling house of Mrs Buthlaw, vintner and with a bayonet screwed upon the muzzle of a firelock, or other lethal weapon, wounded James Murray in the belly, or some other part of the body, of which wound he died within six days and was thereby most cruelly murdered. A request is made that the information and presentment be “ingrosed in the Porteous Roll for the shire of Aberdeen for the ensuing Circuit Court of Justitiary”

Witnesses:-

William Manson, weaver, John Ewen, merchant, Miles Moseley, brother to James Moseley, silk manufacturer in Aberdeen, William Craw, flaxdresser, Alexander Murray, tanner, Janet Buthlaw, vintner, Janet Ross, servant to Janet Buthlaw, Doctor Thos Livingston, physician, Doctor Alexr Robertson, physician, James Allardice,

apprentice to Dr Thos Livingston, James Bentley, merchant, Alexr Duffus, shoemaker, Geo James, cobbler.

- 213** **Date:** 20 March 1767
Accused: John Marnoch
Statement: John Marnoch, incarcerated in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen, regarding a complaint at the instance of Lieut Alexander Dun of Marines against him, bound and enacted himself that he shall behave soberly, quietly and discreetly and keep the peace.
- 214** **Date:** 21 March 1767
Accused: William Nicol
Statement: William Nicol, apprentice to William Forbes, barber in Abdn, incarcerated in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen regarding a complaint at the instance of Lieut Alexander Dun of "Marines" against him, bound and enacted himself that he shall behave soberly, quietly and discreetly and to keep the peace.
- 214** **Date:** 31 March 1767
Accused: John Gardiner
Statement: John Gardiner, coal driver, imprisoned in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen for disturbing his neighbours by cursing, swearing and breaking the public peace, voluntarily enacted himself to behave soberly and discreetly towards all persons.
- 215** **Date:** 4 April 1767
Accused: Janet Lamb
Statement: The magistrates having considered the complaint against Janet Lamb, daughter to the deceased William Lamb, sheriff officer in Aberdeen, find that she has been banished "four several times from this Burgh" under the certification that if ever she returned she would be corporally punished and publicly disgraced, and having returned from banishment and "labouring under a bad character of keeping a disorderly house", banish her again from the Burgh, never to return. She is to remain in prison and then "publicly whipt threw the streets of this Burgh by the executioner with the tuck of drum and then banished as above".
- 216** **Date:** 10 May 1767
Statement: Andrew Pirie, stabler in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself to pay yearly rent for the Windmiln house of Aberdeen "as it presently stands".
- 216** **Date:** 11 August 1767
Accused: Isobel Donald & Jean Reid
Statement: Isobel Donald, residenter in Aberdeen and Jean Reid, her mother, as principal and for and with them, Alexr Kemp and John Revels, weaver in Aberdeen, as cautioners, surety and full "debtors", bound and enacted themselves that Elspeth Watson, spouse to James Charles, taylor in Aberdeen, shall be harmless and skaitless kept in her family, person, goods and effects from the said Isobel Donald and Jean Reid.

- 217** **Date:** 15 August 1767
Accused: John Mackay
Statement: Having considered the petition of John Mackay, prisoner in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen, incarcerated at the instance of Samuel Pillar, stabler in Aberdeen for his alleged guiltiness of stealing and taking away a coat, waistcoat, hat and bible, the property of the said Samuel Pillar, John Mackay is banished from the Burgh of Aberdeen for the rest of his life.
- 217** **Date:** 16 August 1767
Accused: Jean Paul
Statement: Jean Paul, prisoner in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen and daughter to Alexander Paul, wright, at Gilcomston, as principal and for and with her the said Alexander Paul as cautioner, surety and full “debitor”, bound and enacted themselves that the said Jean Paul shall leave the Burgh and not return.
- 218** **Date:** 19 August 1767
Accused: Jean Paul
Statement: Jean Paul, daughter to Alexander Paul, wright at Denburn, who was apprehended and imprisoned on account of her keeping “lewd and disorderly company and walking the streets in the night time” as principal and for and with her Alexander Paul her father as cautioner, surety and full “debitor” voluntarily bound and enacted themselves that Jean Paul shall transport herself to London on board the very first ship, never to return to the Burgh.
- 219** **Date:** 22 August 1767
Accused: Anne Ingram & Anne Gillespie
Statement: The Baillie, having consider the petition of Anne Ingram, daughter to John Ingram, quarrier at Loanhead, and Anne Gillespie, daughter to Joseph Gillespie “in Croft thorn” in the Parish of Strachan, both presently prisoners in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen, banishes them from the Burgh never to return.
- 220** **Date:** 22 August 1767
Accused: James Charles
Statement: James Charles, taylor in Aberdeen, as principal and for and with him Alexander Lumsden advocate in Aberdeen, and Francis Forbes, writer there, as cautioners, surety and full “debitors” bound and enacted themselves that Isobel Donald, residenter in Aberdeen shall be harmless and skaithless kept in her person, goods and effects from the said James Charles, Elspeth Waters his spouse and James Charles their son.
- 220** **Date:** 27 August 1767
Accused: John Sim
Statement: John Sim, son to John Sim, dubraker in Aberdeen, as principal and for and with him John Sim his father as cautioner, surety and full “debitor”, bound and enacted themselves that William Smith, gunsmith in Aberdeen, shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said John Sim younger “in all time hereafter” and that the said John Sim younger shall “demean himself soberly and discreetly”.

- 221** **Date:** 29 August 1767
Accused: Anne Watt
Statement: The Baillie having considered the petition of Anne Watt, daughter to John Watt quarryer at Gilcomston and Christian Mcdonald, daughter to the deceased Robert Mcdonald, sometime gardner at Seaton near Old Aberdeen, both presently prisoners in the tolbooth of Aberdeen, banished the said Anne Watt and Christian Mcdonald from the Burgh, never to return.
- 222** **Date:** 31 August 1767
Statement: Compeared John Selbie Burges of Guild of Aberdeen who was, on the 29th August, admitted by the Town Council of Aberdeen as one of the ordinary "Metsters at the Shoar" in place of John Thomson, deceased, as principal and for and with him Charles Tail, Advocate in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full "debitor", bound and enacted themselves that the said John Selbie shall faithfully and honestly discharge the said office and give due obedience to the Magistrates of Aberdeen and their officers.
- 222** **Date:** 2 September 1767
Accused: George Fraser & Isobel Chalmers
Statement: George Fraser, gun smith in Aberdeen and Isobel Chalmers, his wife as principals and, for and with them, Donald McKenzie, farmer in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full "debitor", bound and enacted themselves that Janet Linton, resident in Aberdeen, her bairns, family, goods and gear shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said George Fraser and Isobel Chalmers.
- 223** **Date:** 3 September 1767
Accused: John Gordon
Statement: John Gordon, prisoner in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen under sentence of death for horse stealing is liberated by virtue of a pardon from the King, under the condition that he leave Great Britain & Ireland within forty days never to return.
- 223** **Date:** 5 September 1767
Statement: Robert Milne, indweller in Aberdeen, admitted by the magistrates to be an ordinary workman at the shore of Aberdeen and for and with him Alexander Smith, merchant in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full "debitor", bound and enacted themselves that the said Robert Milne shall honestly and faithfully serve the merchants of the Burgh, the magistrates and their officers.
- 224** **Date:** [no date]
Accused: Alexr Bough
Statement: Alexr Bough, indweller in Aberdeen, admitted by the magistrates to be an ordinary workman at the shore of Aberdeen as principal, and for and with him James Black junior mercht in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full "debitor" bound and enacted themselves that the said Peter [sic] Bough shall honestly and faithfully serve the merchants of the Burgh, the magistrates and their officers.

- 224 Date:** 12 September 1767
Statement: Alexander Adam, indweller in Aberdeen, admitted by the magistrates to be an ordinary workman at the shore of Aberdeen, as principal and for and with him John Bean, maltster in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full “debitor”, bound and enacted themselves that the said Alexander Adam shall honestly and faithfully serve the merchants of the Burgh, the magistrates of Aberdeen and their officers.
- 225 Date:** 10 September 1767
Statement: George Davidson, farmer at Forresterhill, bound and enacted himself to keep in proper repair “that road lying upon the north side of the Skene road and on the east of Messrs Leys and Milnes Parks which road extends so far as the same is now made out, as also to keep in proper repair the mid road lying east and west of the said Messrs Leys and Milnes Park so far as the same is also now made out”. The town will provide a pick and he is to provide for himself every other utensil fit for keeping the said road in repair for which he will receive “the sum of fifteen shillings sterling in the year”.
- 225 Date:** 24 September 1767
Statement: Compeared James Gibb, mealseller in Abdn and agreed “to accept of two hundred bolls of meal from Thos Cruden late treasr for which he is to pay fourteen shillings sterling per boll payable at Martimas next”.
- 225 Date:** 28 September 1767
Statement: Compeared John Midders, mealseller in Abdn and agreed “to take one hundred and forty bolls of meal from Thomas Cruden late treasr for which is to pay fourteen shillings sterling per boll payable at Martimas next”.
- 226 Date:** 1 October 1767
Statement: Compeared William Mowat, mealseller in Aberdeen and agreed “to take fifty eight bolls of meal from Thomas Cruden late treasr for which he is to pay fourteen shillings sterling per boll payable at Martimas next”.
- 226 Date:** 2 October 1767
Accused: Janet Linton
Statement: “Compeared John Taylor, advocate in Aberdeen as cautioner surety and full “debitor” for Janet Linton residenter in Aberdeen that George Fraser gunsmith in Aberdeen” [end of entry]
- 226 Date:** 6 October 1767
Accused: Anne Ingram & Christian McDonald
Statement: “Anne Ingram daughter to John Ingram, quarrier at Lonhead and Christian McDonald daur to Robt McDonald, gardner sometime in Seaton, near old Aberdeen who were upon their own petition banished from this Burgh and liberties” having been apprehended by the town “serjand” and brought before the magistrates, acknowledge that they were banished as above. They are again imprisoned in the Tolbooth while the magistrates consider a proper sentence against them.

- 227** **Date:** 9 October 1767
Accused: Robert Duncan
Statement: Robert Duncan, candlemaker in Aberdeen, complained upon by “Joseph Farquharson of allanaquoich”, residing in Aberdeen for keeping a mastiff dog and “leaving his coat and throwing him to the ground” bound and enacted himself to keep the said dog under chain in his yard upon his own property so as he may not be hurtful to the said Joseph Farquharson or any other of the neighbourhood in time coming.
- 227** **Date:** 13 October 1767
Statement: Compeared Alexr Mitchell mercht in Aberdeen and agreed “to receive from the Treasurer four hundred bolls of meal for which he is to pay at the term of Martimas next fourteen shillings sterling per boll”.
- 228** **Date:** 13 October 1767
Statement: The Magistrates at the application of several feuars of lands belonging to the Burgh, and at great expense, made out a new road between the Lands of Forresterhill and the lands of Gilcomston for accommodating the adjacent feuars and encouraging them to improve their respective feus. There are two public roads for wheel carriages in the neighbourhood, “yet those who drive stones in their carts from Cairncry and other places neglect the publick roads and drive the stone carts upon the said new road before it is fastened and hardened” thereby making furrows and spoiling the same. The magistrates and commissioners of supply therefore prohibit and discharge all those who drive stone carts from using the new road until they find the road is “proper for driving stone carts”.
- 229** **Date:** 16 November 1767
Statement: Alexander Cruickshank, taylor in Aberdeen, admitted and received as one of the lamplighters of the Burgh, bound and enacted himself to serve the town honestly and faithfully in the said office and conform to a note of regulations and orders for which he is to receive the ordinary allowance.
- 230** **Date:** 9 December 1767
Statement: Details of allocation of dung of different streets and lanes in the Burgh to those named for one year including rules and regulations.
Signed by all recipients
- 236** **Date:** [no date]
Statement: David Primrose, indweller in Aberdeen, admitted by the magistrates to be an ordinary workman at the shore of Aberdeen, as principal and for and with him George Forbes, baker in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full “debitor” bound and enacted themselves that the said David Primrose shall honestly and faithfully serve the merchants, magistrates and their officers.
- 237** **Date:** 2 January 1768
Accused: Bessy Kynoch

Statement: George Duncan, son to George Duncan, horse hyrer in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself that each of James Johnson, stabler in Aberdeen, David Michie, stabler there and Donald McKenzie, hyrer, their bairns, family, goods and gear shall be harmless and skaithless kept from Bessy Kynoch, indweller near the Gallowgate port of Aberdeen.

238 Date: 15 January 1768

Accused: Alexander Anderson

Statement: The sheriff, having transmitted to the magistrates the person of Alexander Anderson, sometime in Burnbrae, in order to be imprisoned, whipped and rebanished in terms of a sentence of the Lords of Justiciary pronounced against him on the 20th September 1754 at their Circuit Court and the magistrates having considered the extract of the foresaid sentence “appoint the foresaid sentence to be this day execute in terms thereof” and after he has been whipped for him to be again imprisoned until he can be rebanished.

238 Date: 13 February 1768

Statement: David Primrose, indweller in Aberdeen, admitted by the magistrates of Aberdeen to be an ordinary workman at the shore as principal and for and with him John Nivie merchant in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full “debitor”, bound and enacted themselves that the said David Primrose “shall honestly and faithfully serve the merchts of Aberdeen”, the magistrates of Aberdeen and their officers.

239 Date: 16 February 1768

Accused: Robert Wales, John & Alison Baxter & Alexander Watson,

Statement: Robert Wales, John & Alison Baxter and Alexander Watson, fishers in Footdee, in terms of a sentence pronounced against them, upon the complaint of John Burnett, merchant in Aberdeen, bound and enacted themselves, that they shall not scalp, gather or destroy any muscles in time coming within the Sandness and to the westward thereof.

239 Date: 23 February 1768

Accused: John Harwell, William Walker & George Smith

Statement: John Harwell, William Walker and George Smith, all apprentices to the owners of the ship the Mermaid, who were complained upon by John Craik, master of the said ship for deserting their service, in terms of a sentence of the magistrates bound and enacted themselves to “repair to the foresaid ship wherever she is” and perform their service in terms of their indentures.

240 Date: 3 March 1768

Accused: James McCombie

Statement: James McCombie, blacksmith Aberdeen, as principal and for and with him Charles Smart, wright in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full “debitor”, bound and enacted themselves that John Dass, resider in Aberdeen, his wife, bairns, family, goods and gear shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said James McCombie.

- 240** **Date:** 11 March 1768
Accused: Isobel Forbes
Statement: Isobel Forbes, late servant to John Mackie, at Justice Milns as principal, and for and with her George Bartlet, upholder in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full “debitor”, bound and enacted themselves that Mary Hay, spouse to the said John Mackie, shall be harmless and skaithless kept in her person, family, goods and gear from the said Isobel Forbes.
- 241** **Date:** 14 March 1768
Advertisement By order of the Honbl Magistrates of Aberdeen
The magistrates acknowledge complaints that “sundry merchants & shopkeepers within this City are in the practice of keeping within shops considerable quantities of gunpowder to the great danger & risque of the inhabitants lives, their property and effects, particularly in the case of accidents by fire”. Therefore they are “strictly prohibiting and discharging all merchants, shopkeepers and others within this city and liberties from keeping within shops or any other place where fire is used any quantity of gun powder and particularly from retailing the same by candle light”. It is noted that “transgressors will be most exemplarily fined and punished” and that there will be regular searches in shops of the city where any gunpowder is suspected to be held.
- 241** **Date:** 21 March 1768
Statement: Robert Nicol, town drummer, declares that he had “six sundry times intimated the above advertisement through the different streets of the town by tuck of drum that none might pretend ignorance thereof”.
- 242** **Date:** 23 March 1768
Accused: Anne Ingram
Statement: The magistrates having considered the situation of Anne Ingram, daughter to John Ingram, quarrier at Lonhead and Christian McDonald, daughter to Robert McDonald, sometime gardiner at Seaton near Old Aberdeen, both prisoners in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen and in respect of the crimes they have committed, viz lewdness, streetwalking and returning from former banishment, banish the said Anne Ingram and Christian McDonald from the Burgh and liberties, never to return and “in order to render this sentence of banishment more effectual, the magistrates order that they remain in prison until an opportunity arises to transport them to one of His Majestys plantations in America.
- 243** **Date:** 15 April 1768
Accused: Alexr Cassie & George Murray
Statement: Alexr Cassie & George Murray, mariners in Aberdeen, in terms of a sentence of the magistrates of Aberdeen “pronounced upon the petition of John Smith Commander of the Ambassador Smack, bound and enacted themselves each under the penalty of five pounds sterling to perform the voyage mention in the said John Smith’s petition for which they are to accuire the ordinary wages from their said master”

- 243** **Date:** 22 April 1768
Accused: James Strachan
Statement: James Strachan, farmer in Links, heritable proprietor of a tenement of foreland in the westside of the Tanneree Street, voluntarily enacted himself that at the term of Whitsunday 1769, he shall pull down the tenement, which is old and in disrepair, and immediately rebuild the same in direct line with the other tenements on each side.
- 244** **Date:** 23 April 1768
Statement: Admitting and receiving James Stewart, weaver burgess of Aberdeen, to be one of the “ordinary town serjeants” of the Burgh in place of the deceased Robert Robertson.
- 245** **Date:** 29 April 1768
Accused: Alexander Fraser
Statement: Alexander Fraser, fidler in Aberdeen, as principal and for and with him Robert Walker and Mathew Troup, fiders, as cautioners, surety and full “debtors”, bound and enacted themselves that James Gibson, butcher in Aberdeen, his wife, bairns, family, goods, gear and effects shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said Alexander Fraser.
- 246** **Date:** 17 May 1768
Accused: James Gibson
Statement: James Gibson, flesher in Aberdeen as principal, and for and with him Alexr Martin, butcher in Windmill Brae, as cautioner, surety and full “debtor”, bound and enacted themselves that Isobel Knowles, spouse to William Anderson, sailor in Aberdeen, her bairns, family, goods, gear and effects shall be harmless and skaithless kept from James Gibson.
- 247** **Date:** 15 July 1768
Accused: Henry or Hary Shaw
Statement: Henry or Hary Shaw, servant to John McGie, vintner in Aberdeen, as principal and for and with him John McGie as cautioner, surety and full “debtor”, bound and enacted themselves that Alexr Fisher, director of a band of music presently residing in Aberdeen, and Alexr Fisher jnr his son, their bairns, family, servants, goods and gear, shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said Henry or Hary Shaw.
- 248** **Date:** 26 July 1768
Accused: John Mcdonald
Statement: John Mcdonald, coal carrier in Aberdeen, as principal and for and with him Alexander Mowat, flesher in Aberdeen, as cautioner and surety, bound and enacted themselves that James Strachan in Links, his wife, bairns, family, servants, goods and gear be harmless and skaithless kept from the said John Mcdonald.
- 249** **Date:** 26 July 1768
Accused: Alexander Sangster

Statement: Alexander Sangster, coal carrier in Aberdeen, as principal and for and with him George Reid, shoemaker in Aberdeen, and Alexander Gray, coal carrier in Aberdeen, as cautioners, surety and full “debtors”, bound and enacted themselves that James Strachan in Links, his wife, bairns, family, servants, goods, gear and effects, shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said John McDonald.

250 Date: 29 July 1768

Accused: George Duncan

Statement: George Duncan, mariner in Aberdeen, as principal, and for and with him Andrew Duncan and James Cook, both workmen in Aberdeen, as cautioners, surety and full “debtors”, bound and enacted themselves that John Harrow, barber in Aberdeen, his bairns, family, goods, gear and effects shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said George Duncan.

251 Date: 1 August 1768

Accused: John Harrow

Statement: John Harrow, barber in Old Aberdeen, as principal, and for and with him William Cruikshank, barber in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full “debtor”, bound and enacted themselves that George Duncan, mariner in Aberdeen, his wife, bairns, family, goods and gear shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said John Harrow.

251 Date: 1 August 1768

Accused: Doctor Samuel Davie

Statement: Doctor Samuel Davie, residing in Aberdeen, as principal, and for and with him James Brands, taylor in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full “debtor”, bound and enacted themselves that John Dass, vintner in Aberdeen, his wife, bairns, family, goods and gear, shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said Samuel Davie.

252 Date: 3 August 1768

Accused: John Dass

Statement: John Dass, vintner in Aberdeen, as principal, and for and with him Thomas Duncan, writer in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full “debtor”, bound and enacted themselves that Dr Samuel Davie, residing in Aberdeen, his wife, bairns, family, servants, goods, gear and effects shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said John Dass.

252 Date: 13 August 1768

Accused: Jean Bowman

Statement: The magistrates have delivered over to Alexander Burnett in Countesswells, the person of Jean Bowman, daughter to Anne Elphinston, indweller in Aberdeen, a girl of about 10 years of age, who is convicted by her own confession of “entering merchant shops and picking money out thereof” and was imprisoned on that account and the said Alexander Burnett voluntarily enacts himself that she shall not return to be seen within the Burgh in time coming.

- 253** **Date:** 22 August 1768
Accused: George Fraser
Statement: George Fraser, residenter in Aberdeen, in terms of a sentence of the magistrates, bound and enacted himself that he shall behave himself soberly and discreetly during his residence in Aberdeen.
- 253** **Date:** 3 October 1760
Statement: John Maders, maltster in Aberdeen, agreed to purchase from the treasurer of Aberdeen two hundred bolls of the town's meal crop "presently lying in the cellar under the town house and to pay nine shillings sterling for each boll".
- 254** **Date:** 5 October 1768
Statement: James Gibb, mealseller in Aberdeen agreed to purchase from the treasurer of Aberdeen one hundred bolls of the town's meal crop "presently lying in the workhouse cellar" and to pay nine shillings and four pence sterling for each boll.
- 254** **Date:** 8 December 1768
Statement: James Naughty, indweller in Aberdeen, admitted by the magistrates of Aberdeen to be an ordinary workman at the shores of Aberdeen, as principal, and for and with him Joseph Donald, maltster burger of Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full "debitor", bound and enacted themselves that the said James Naughty shall honestly serve the merchants of Aberdeen and the magistrates of Aberdeen when required, at all times.
- 255** **Date:** "The said day"
Statement: John Naughty [ie], indweller in Aberdeen, admitted by the magistrates of Aberdeen to be an ordinary workman at the shores of Aberdeen, as principal, and for and with him Alexander Dufus, merchant in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full "debitor", bound and enacted themselves that the said John Naughty shall honestly serve the merchants of Aberdeen, and also the magistrates and their officers when required, at all times.
- 256** **Date:** 15 February 1769
Accused: Isobel Robertson
Statement: Isobel Robertson, spouse to Andrew Leiper, sailor in Aberdeen, as principal, and for and with her John Milne, senior taylor in Aberdeen, and John Jamieson, sailor in Aberdeen, as cautioners, surety and full "debtors", bound and enacted themselves that Isobel Milne, spouse to John Gibson, sailor in Aberdeen, her husband, bairns, family, servants, goods, gear and effects, shall be harmless and skaitless kept from the said Isobel Robertson.
- 257** **Date:** 16 February 1769
Accused: Stewart Sim
Statement: Stewart Sim, Chelsea Pensioner in Aberdeen, as principal and for and with him James Baxter, woolcomber in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full "debitor", bound and enacted themselves that George Forbes, residenter in

Aberdeen, his wife, bairns, family, servants, goods, gear and effects shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said Stewart Sim.

258 **Date:** 21 February 1769

Accused: Isobel Milne

Statement: Deacon Robert Mennis, cooper in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself that Isobel Robertson, spouse to Andrew Leiper, sailor in Aberdeen, her husband, bairns, family, servants, goods, gear and effects shall be harmless and skaithless kept from Isobel Milne, spouse to John Gibson, sailor in Aberdeen.

258 **Date:** 8 March 1769

Accused: George Murray

Statement: George Murray, apprentice to William Fitzgerald, barber in Aberdeen as principal, and for and with him the said William Fitzgerald as cautioner and surety, bound and enacted themselves that the said George Murray shall appear and stand trial at any time within the space of six months relating to any complaint against him at the instance of William Smith, "Pror fiscal" Fiscal, that George Murray was concerned in a mob and breach of the peace that happened on the streets of the Burgh "on Monday night last the sixth instant".

259 **Date:** 8 March 1769

Accused: Charles Gordon

Statement: Charles Gordon, son of Joseph Gordon of Birkhall, presently residing in Aberdeen, as principal, and for and with him the said Joseph Gordon as cautioner, surety and full "debitor", bound and enacted themselves that the said Charles Gordon shall appear and stand trial at any time with in the next six months, relating to any complaint against him at the instance of William Smith, "Pror fiscal" Fiscal, for his being concerned in a mob and breach of the peace that happened on the streets of the Burgh "on Monday night last the sixth instant".

260 **Date:** 8 March 1769

Accused: William Alexander

Statement: William Alexander, apprentice to William Gavin, taylor in Aberdeen, as principal, and for and with him the said William Gavin and Andrew Pirie, stabler in Aberdeen as cautioners, surety and full "debitor", bound and enacted themselves that the said William Alexander shall appear and stand trial at any time within the next six months, relating to any complaint against him at the instance of William Smith, "Pror fiscal" Fiscal, for his being concerned in a mob and breach of the peace that happened on the streets of the Burgh "on Monday night last the sixth instant".

261 **Date:** 8 March 1769

Accused: John Black

Statement: John Black, servant to Provost John Duncan, merchant in Aberdeen, as principal and for and with him the said Provost John Duncan, as cautioner, surety and full "debitor", bound and enacted themselves that the said Charles Gordon shall appear and stand trial at any time within the next six months, relating to any complaint against him at the instance of William Smith, "Pror fiscal" Fiscal, for his

being concerned in a mob and breach of the peace that happened on the streets of the Burgh "on Monday night last the sixth instant".

262 **Date:** 8 March 1769

Accused: John Kerr

Statement: John Kerr, apprentice to James Abernethie, merchant in Aberdeen, as principal and for and with him the said James Abernethie as cautioner, surety and full "debitor", bound and enacted themselves that the said John Kerr shall appear and stand trial at any time with in the next six months, relating to any complaint against him at the instance of William Smith, "Pror fiscal" Fiscal, for his being concerned in a mob and breach of the peace that happened on the streets of the Burgh "on Monday night last the sixth instant".

263 **Date:** 8 March 1769

Accused: Alexander Smith

Statement: Alexander Smith, flesher in Aberdeen as principal and for and with him George Williamson, flesher in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full "debitor", bound and enacted themselves that the said Alexr Smith shall appear and stand trial at any time with in the next six months, relating to any complaint against him at the instance of William Smith, "Pror fiscal" Fiscal, for his being concerned in a mob and breach of the peace that happened on the streets of the Burgh "on Monday night last the sixth instant".

264 **Date:** 9 March 1769

Accused: Patrick Smith

Statement: Patrick Smith, mealseller in Aberdeen, in terms of a sentence pronounced on the complaint against him at the instance of John Montford, master of the ship the Nancy of Aberdeen, with concurrence of the "Pror fiscal" fiscal, bound and enacted himself to answer any complaint that might be brought against him for the crimes charged against him at any time within the next six months.

264 **Date:** 9 March 1769

Accused: Livingston Walker

Statement: Livingston Walker, apprentice to William Reid, gardner in Aberdeen as principal and for and with him the said William Reid as cautioner, surety and full "debitor", bound and enacted themselves that the said Livingston Walker shall appear and stand trial at any time within the next six months, relating to any complaint that may be given in against him at the instance of William Smith for his being concerned in a mob and breach of the peace that happened on the streets of the Burgh "on Monday night last the sixth instant".

265 **Date:** 9 March 1769

Accused: William Nicoll

Statement: William Nicoll, barber in Aberdeen, lawful son to Robert Nicoll, town drummer, as principal and for and with him the said Robert Nicoll and George Nicoll, brickmaker in Aberdeen as cautioners, surety and full "debtors", bound and enacted themselves that the said William Nicoll shall appear and stand trial at any time

within the next six months, relating to any complaint that may be given in against him at the instance of William Smith for his being concerned in a mob and breach of the peace that happened on the streets of the Burgh "on Monday night last the sixth instant".

- 266** **Date:** 11 March 1769
Accused: Janet Abernethy
Statement: Thomas Duncan, writer in Aberdeen, in terms of a sentence pronounced upon information at the instance of George Fowler, merchant in Aberdeen, with concurrence of the "Pror fiscal" against Janet Abernethy, daughter to the deceased William Abernethy in Old Mill of Foveran, bound and enacted himself that the said Janet Abernethy shall stand trial for the crimes of which she is accused at any time within the space of six months.
- 267** **Date:** 22 March 1769
Statement: The magistrates admit and receive Hugh Ross, late in Kamehill, now residing in Aberdeen to be one of the "ordinary town serjeants" and provost's officer of the Burgh during the magistrates pleasure, in place of Roderick McCulloch who resigned due to old age and infirmity.
- 268** **Date:** 25 March 1769
Accused: James Colquhoun
Statement: James Abernethie, merchant in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself that Mary Ruth, indweller in Aberdeen, her family, goods, gear and effects, shall be harmless and skaithless kept from James Colquhoun, ropemaker in Footdee.
- 268** **Date:** 25 March 1769
Accused: Isobel Chessar
Statement: George Gillespie, residenter in Aberdeen, and William Baxter, whitefisher and heritor in Footdee, bound and enacted themselves that Mary Ruth, indweller in Aberdeen, her family, goods, gear and effects shall be harmless and skaithless kept from Isobel Chessar, spouse to James Colquhoun, ropemaker in Footdee.
- 269** **Date:** 27 April 1769
Accused: Isobel Strachan
Statement: Isobel Strachan, late servant to John Ferguson, cooper in Aberdeen, who was complained against for exposing an infant child in this Burgh, bound and enacted herself not to expose the said child again under penalty of being punished and disgraced.
- 269** **Date:** 28 April 1769
Accused: Charles Thomson
Statement: Charles Thomson, weaver in Aberdeen, as principal and for and with him George Morgan, weaver in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full "debitor", bound and enacted themselves that Alexander Kemp, weaver in Aberdeen, his wife, bairns,

family, servants, goods, gear and effects shall be harmless and skaitless kept from the said Charles Thomson.

- 270** **Date:** 20 April 1769
Accused: Christian Tilleray and Mary Keith
Statement: Alexander Logie, sheriff officer in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself as cautioner, surety and full “debtor” for each of Christian Tilleray and Mary Keith, residenter in Aberdeen that Euphemia Bun, spouse to Alexander Anderson, merchant in Aberdeen, her husband, bairns, family, servants, goods, gear and effects shall be harmless and skaitless kept from each of the said Christina Tilleray and Mary Keith.
- 270** **Date:** 9 May 1769
Accused: Christian Air
Statement: William Stewart, blacksmith in Aberdeen, and James Brown “sclater” there, bound and enacted themselves as cautioners, surety and fully “debtors” for Christian Air, spouse to the said William Stewart, that John Cloudsly, sailor in Aberdeen, his wife, bairns, family, servants, goods, gear and effects, shall be harmless and skaitless kept from the said Christian Air.
- 271** **Date:** 31 May 1769
Statement: John Maders, William Mowat, Alexander Mitchell, James Gibb and George Mackie (Mackay), all mealsellers in Aberdeen, judicially acknowledge that they purchased seventeen hundred bolls of oatmeal from the magistrates of Aberdeen.
[Details also given of quantity, retail requirements and payments.]
- 272** **Date:** 8th August 1769
Accused: Isobel Robertson
Statement: John Taylor, advocate in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full “debtor” for Isobel Robertson, relict of the deceased John Ord, shipmaster in Torrie, bound and enacted himself that Marjory Baxter, daughter and sole heiress of George Baxter in Torrie and Tawse Campbell, quarrier in Torrie, husband of the said Marjory Baxter, their bairns, family, servants, goods, gear and effects shall be harmless and skaitless kept from the said Isobel Robertson.
- 272** **Date:** 15 September 1769
Accused: Alexr Calder
Statement: Alexr Calder, servant to James Norval, shoemaker in Aberdeen, who was convicted upon his own confession of stealing books from the shop of Robert Chalmers, bookseller, and in terms of a sentence of the magistrates, bound and enacted himself to remove himself from the Burgh, and not return for twelve months.
- 273** **Date:** 15 September 1769
Accused: George Smith
Statement: Kenneth Kynoch, stabler in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full “debtor” for George Smith, nailer in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself that

Margaret Leith, spouse to James Collie, weaver in Aberdeen, her family, goods and gear shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said George Smith.

273 **Date:** 13 October 1769

Statement: Duncan Anderson, farmer at Forresterhill, bound and enacted himself to keep in proper repair "that road lying upon the north side of the Skene road on the east of Messrs Leys and Milne's parks which road extends so far as the same is now made out. As also to keep in proper repair the Mid road lying east & west of the said Messrs Leys & Milnes park, so far as the same is now made out". He will be provided with a pick and receive 15 shillings sterling for the year.

17 August 1771 "warrd granted for 15/- as Andersons allowance.."

10 September 1772 "warrd granted for 15/- Andrs allowance.."

274 **Date:** 13 November 1769

Accused: Patrick Grant

Statement: Patrick Grant, mercht in Aberdeen as principal and for and with him William Rait, mercht there, as cautioner, surety and full "debitor", bound and enacted themselves that Francis Peacock, dancing master in Aberdeen, his wife, bairns, family, servants, goods, gear and effects shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said Patrick Grant.

275 **Date:** 14 November 1769

Accused: John Milne

Statement: John Milne, gardner in Footdee, who was complained upon by the treasurer for not "oblempering" [complying with] a sentence pronounced by Baillie Duff, for "encroaching upon the Bowl road & Towns common links". "The treasurer has agreed to indulge the said John Milne for a further time to oblemper the said sentence". Therefore the said John Milne bound and enacted himself to "oblemper and fullfil the foresaid sentence relative to the said road and common links in all points".

275 **Date:** 15 November 1769

Statement: Thomas Provan, residenter in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself to keep "the haille arms, belonging to the town of Aberdeen including bayonets and cartridge boxes, which consist of about four hundred stand, in good order and condition". He is to receive two pounds sterling yearly from the Dean of Guild of Aberdeen.

276 [Above entry, page 275, re-written and then crossed out]

276 **Date:** 30 November 1769

Statement: The magistrates have agreed to build a new shop for William Neilson and George Stead, butchers in Aberdeen, "upon the east side of the slaughter yeard of this Burgh" The shop is to be divided between them and each bound and obliged himself to pay to the Dean of Guild yearly rent.

277 **Date:** 26 December 1769

Statement: Charles Matheson, indweller in Aberdeen, admitted by the magistrates as an ordinary workman at the shore of Aberdeen, and for and with him "Patrick Durwend, baker in Aberdeen as cautioner surety and full dr", bound and enacted themselves that the said Charles Matheson will honestly serve the merchants of Aberdeen and also the magistrates of Aberdeen and their officers at all times when required by them.

278 Date: 26 December 1769

Statement: George Smith, indweller in Aberdeen, admitted by the magistrates as an ordinary workman at the shore of Aberdeen, and for and with him, James Smith, merchant in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full "debitor", bound and enacted themselves that the said George Smith will honestly serve the merchants of Aberdeen and also the magistrates of Aberdeen and their officers at all times when required by them.

279 Date: 27 December 1769

Statement: John Milne, indweller, in Aberdeen, admitted by the magistrates as an ordinary workman at the shore of Aberdeen, and for and with him, James Allan, merchant in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full "debitor", bound and enacted themselves that the said John Milne will honestly serve the merchants of Aberdeen and also the magistrates of Aberdeen and their officers at all times when required by them.

280 Date: 16th

Accused: James Durie

Statement: Thomas Storrie, weaver in Aberdeen, and George Main, whitefisher in Footdee, as cautioners, surety & full "debitors" for James Durie, whitefisher in Footdee, bound and enacted themselves that John Baxter, skipper in Footdee, his wife, bairns, family, servants, goods, gear and effects shall be harmless and skaitless kept from the said James Durie.

281 Date: 20 February 1770

Statement: William Fleming, mason in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself to pave or causeway with sufficient causeway stones the back or northside of the quay, as directed by the magistrates of Aberdeen, providing stones, sand and other necessary material together with proper tradesmen and labourers for carrying on and completing the said work, to be paid one pound and ten shillings sterling for each road.

281 Date: 20 February 1770

Statement: Alexr Finnie, residenter in Aberdeen, is nominated and appointed to be keeper of the Town house & clerks chamber "in place of Alexr Donald (who was lately dismissed from that office by the council)" and that the said Alexander Finnie be paid "the ordinary sallary and prerequisites belonging to the said office".

- 282** **Date:** 10 April 1770
Statement: Robert Smith, mason in Aberdeen, agreed with magistrates “to take down and rebuild the west gavel of the tenement of ----[sic] foreland lying upon the southside of the Castle street of Aberdeen belonging to John Findlater merch”. Details of the agreement and building work given, including that elements will be “dressed at least as well as the front of the house upon the opposite side of marischal street belonging to Jas Pirie, wright”. Certain expenses will be paid for by John Findlater, and the treasurer of Aberdeen agrees to pay sixty nine pounds sterling.
- 284** **Date:** 10 July 1770
Accused: Robert Brand
Statement: Robert Brand, coachman in Aberdeen, several times having been complained upon for laying down “a great quantity of black earth and rubbish upon the back causeway opposite to the garden sometime belonging to William Dunward & now to him whereby the street and common road is greatly obstructed”, bound and enacted himself to remove and carry off from the said back causeway and street the black earth and rubbish at his own expense.
- 285** **Date:** 10 August 1770
Statement: The master of mortifications has paid out four pounds sterling for repairing the boat of Alexr Webster, skipper of one of the towns fish boats in the Cove. Alexr Webster bound and enacted himself to maintain and uphold the said boat at his own expense for seven years and to pay the ordinary rent of the said boat during that time.
- 286** **Date:** 10 August 1770
Statement: An agreement with the magistrates by Alexander Smith junr and John Walker, both merchants in Aberdeen, to light and maintain the whole of the towns public lamps “(which at present consist of eight six in number)” during the next winter season for the sum of one pound and one shilling sterling for each lamp. [Details given regarding maintenance of the lamps, crystal globes, ports and irons.]
- 288** **Date:** 20 September 1770
Accused: John Martin
Statement: John Martin, apprentice to James Chalmers and Company, printers in Aberdeen, as principal and for and with him Robert Baxter, flesher in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full “debitor” bound and enacted themselves that Alexr Davidson, journeyman printer in Aberdeen, his wife, bairns, family, servants, goods, gear and effects shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said John Martin.
- 289** **Date:** 28 September 1770
Accused: George Auld
Statement: George Auld, apprentice to James Chalmers and Company, printers in Aberdeen, as principal and for and with him Robert Baxter, flesher in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full “debitor”, bound and enacted themselves that Alexr

Davidson, journeyman printer in Aberdeen, his wife, bairns, family, servants, goods, gear and effects shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said George Auld.

- 289** **Date:** [no date]
Accused: Alexander Davidson
Statement: Alexander Davidson, journeyman printer in Aberdeen, as principal and for and with him Alexr Duffus, flesher in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full “debitor”, bound and enacted themselves that John Martin and George Auld, both apprentices to James Chalmers & co printers in Aberdeen, their family, servants, goods, gear and effects shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said Alexander Davidson.
- 290** **Date:** 20 September 1770
Accused: Alexander Davidson
Statement: [Statement from page 289 repeated]
- 291** **Date:** 24 October 1770
Statement: John Logie of Footdee, sailor there, acknowledged and declared that he has voluntarily engaged and covenanted with John Baxter, whitefisher in Footdee, that he shall go and serve on board His Majesty’s Navy as a man from the said John Baxters fishing boat, and for that end that he shall remain in Footdee until “the Cutter commanded by Captain Leslie come about to the road of Aberdeen to receive him in due form”, in term of His Majesty’s Proclamation, and that he shall not abscond.
- 292** **Date:** 26 October 1770
Statement: John Stewart in Gilcomston, acknowledged and declared that he has voluntarily engaged and covenanted with George Brand, whitefisher in Torry, that he shall go and serve on board His Majesty’s Navy as a man from the said George Brand’s fishing boat, and for that end that he shall remain in Torry “until the Cutter commanded by Captain Leslie come about to the Bay of Aberdeen to receive him in due form”, in term of His Majesty’s Proclamation, and that he shall not abscond.
- 293** **Date:** 31 October 1770
Statement: John Johnston, mariner at Gilcomston, acknowledged and declared that he has voluntarily engaged and covenanted with Alexander Guyan, whitefisher in Cove, that he shall go and serve on board His Majesty’s Navy as a man from the said Alexr Guyan’s fishing boat, and for that end that he shall remain at the Cove “until the Cutter commanded by Captain Leslie come about to the Bay of Aberdeen to receive him in due form”, in term of His Majesty’s Proclamation and that he shall not abscond.
- 293** **Date:** 1 November 1770
Statement: James Hill, mariner in Abd, , acknowledged and declared that he has voluntarily engaged and covenanted with Alexr Duthie, advocate in Aberdeen, that he shall go and serve on board His Majesty’s Navy as a man from the sea town of

Findon in the county of Kincardine, and for that end that he shall “remain at the Cove until the Cutter commanded by Captain Leslie come about to the Bay of Aberdeen to receive him in due form”, in term of His Majesty’s Proclamation, and that he shall not abscond.

294 Date: 31 October 1770

Statement: John Midleton, mariner in the Cove, acknowledged and declared that he has voluntarily engaged and covenanted with Alexander Allan, whitefisher in Cove, that he shall go and serve on board His Majesty’s Navy as a man from the said Alexr Allan’s fishing boat, and for that end that he shall “remain at the Cove until the Cutter commanded by Captain Leslie come about to the Bay of Aberdeen to receive him in due form” in term of His Majesty’s Proclamation and that he shall not abscond.

294 Date: The said day

Statement: John Weatherspoon, residenter at Gilcomston, acknowledged and declared that he has voluntarily engaged and covenanted with Alexander Webster, whitefisher in the Cove, that he shall go and serve on board His Majesty’s Navy as a man from the said Alexander Webster’s fishing boat, and for that end that he shall “remain at the Cove until the Cutter commanded by Captain Leslie come about to the Bay of Aberdeen to receive him in due form” in term of His Majesty’s Proclamation and that he shall not abscond.

295 Date: 7 November 1770

Statement: James Daron in Strathbogie, who declares that during the last war he was on board and served as a mariner in several different ships of His Majestys fleet, acknowledges that he has voluntarily engaged with John Auldjo of Portlethen that he shall go and serve on board his Majesty’s Navy as a man from one of the fishing boats in the sea town of Portlethen and that he shall “remain in Aberdeen until the Cutter commanded by Captain Leslie comes about to the Bay of Aberdeen to receive him in due form” in terms of his Majesty’s Proclamation and that he shall not abscond.

296 Date: 8 November 1770

Accused: Bessy Kynoch

Statement: James Shand, barber in Aberdeen bound and enacted himself as cautioner, surety and full “debtor” for Bessy Kynoch in Aberdeen that William Smart, blacksmith at Loanhead, his wife, family, servants, goods, gear and effects shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said Bessy Kynoch.

296 Date: 12 November 1770

Statement: John Logie, sailer in Footdee bound and enacted himself as cautioner and surety for Charles Low, sailor, presently residing at Giliebrands in the Parish of Fetteresso and County of Kincardine, “who has this day entered as a volunteer with the magistrates as a mariner for His Majesty’s Navy”. In the case of the said Charles Low failing to present himself when called for to enter aboard His Majesty’s fleet,

“that the said John Logie shall pay to the Treasurer of Aberdeen what money he shall advance for the said Charles Low’s maintainance”.

- 297** **Date:** November 1770
Accused: George Smith
Statement: George Smith, servant to James Strachan jnr, flesher in Aberdeen as principal and for and with him [blank] as cautioner, surety and full “debitor”, bound and enacted themselves that William Martine, flesher in Aberdeen, his family, servants, goods, gear and effects shall be harmless and skaitless kept from the said George Smith and all others.
- 298** **Date:** 15 November 1770
Statement: Thomas Fraser, residing at Inverness, declared that “he has voluntarily engaged & intested himself with the Magistrates of Aberdeen to serve on board His Majesty’s Navy” and “that he shall receive one shilling of intesting money” and obliges himself to appear at any time when called for and deliver himself to any of His Majesty’s officers appointed to receiving men for the Navy.
“Thomas Fraser is to be found with William Smith at the Gallowgate head.
- 298** **Date:** 20 November 1770
Statement: John Stewart, residenter in Aberdeen, declared that he has voluntarily engaged and intested himself with the magistrates of Aberdeen to serve on board His Majesty’s Navy. Therefore he obliges himself to appear at any time when called for and deliver himself over to any of His Majesty’s officers.
“This John Stewart is to be found with the @ Wm Smith.”
- 299** **Date:** 16 November 1770
Statement: “John Baxter your” in Footdee, John Baxter elder in Footdee, John Forbes in Torry, Andrew Forbes yor in Torr, Andrew Brands in Torry, George Allan in Torry, William Watson in Footdee, Andrew Forbes elder in Torry, Alexander Baxter in Footdee and Robert Wales in Footdee. All Whitefishers and boatmasters in Footdee & Torry bound and enacted themselves each for his own part “that they shall pay to the Treasurer of Aberdeen at lambas yearly, the sum of ten merks scots due by them and each of them to him for teind of each of their boats”.
“Aberdeen 17th Novr 1770. The above one hundred and tens merks scots paid to”
[list of names given]
- 300** **Date:** 24 November 1770
Statement: John Lawson, late sailor in Fort George, now in Aberdeen declared that he has voluntarily engaged and intested himself with the magistrates of Aberdeen to serve on board His Majesty’s Navy. Therefore, he along with John Ratt, master of one of the shore boards in Torry bound and enacted themselves that the said John Lawson shall appear at any time when called for and deliver himself over to any of His Majesty’s officers appointed for receiving men for the Navy.
- 300** **Date:** 28 November 1770

Statement: James Dawson, mariner in Aberdeen declared that he has voluntarily engaged and intested himself with the magistrates of Aberdeen to serve on board His Majesty's Navy and obliges himself to appear at any time when called for to any of His Majesty's officers appointed for receiving men to the Navy.

301 Date: 1 December 1770

Statement: John Minty, resider in Aberdeen at the house of James Duncan, stabler in the North Street, declared that he has voluntarily engaged and intested himself with the magistrates of Aberdeen to serve on board His Majesty's Navy, and obliges himself to appear at any time when called for and deliver himself over to any of His Majesty's officers appointed for receiving men to the Navy.

301 Date: [1 December 1770]

Accused: Andrew Blair

Statement: John Blair, mason in Aberdeen, enacted himself to present Andrew Blair, sailor, his son before the magistrates on the following Monday to be examined and answer any complaints that shall be exhibited agt him for a "Battery of breach of the peace".

301 Date: 3 December 1770

Statement: William Smith, resider in Aberdeen at the house of James Smith, woolcomber in the Castle Street, declared that he has voluntarily engaged and intested himself with the magistrates of Aberdeen to serve on board His Majesty's Navy and obliges himself to appear at any time when called for and deliver himself over to any of His Majesty's officers appointed for receiving men for the Navy.

302 Date: 13 December 1770

Accused: Alexander Adam

Statement: Alexander Adam at Woodend of Stocket, as principal and for and with him, William Taylor, mercht in Gilcomston, bound and enacted themselves that the said Alexander Adam shall take care of "the two planted parks or inclosures on the Stocked head belonging to the Town of Aberdeen and that he shall keep up the whole dykes around both the said inclosures in all time coming". The Treasurer of Aberdeen to pay Alexr Adam the sum of one pound five shillings sterling yearly for his care and trouble in taking care of the parks.

302 Date: 28 December 1770

Accused: Charles Reid

Statement: Charles Reid, son to Alexr Reid workman in Aberdeen, was "fined in the sum of a crown for riding over a woman in the streets which was given to the woman in order to pay a doctor for dressing the wounds she received by her fall".

- 303** **Date:** 13 February 1771
Accused: John Finlason
Statement: "The said John Finlason, tanner, was liberate from prison and banished the town and liberties upon his own petition".
- 303** **Date:** 25 April 1771
Accused: William Mathews [signed Wilm Mathers]
Statement: William Mathews, shipmaster in Aberdeen as principal and for and with him John Ferguson, cooper in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full "debitor", bound and enacted themselves that George Robertson, mason in Aberdeen, his wife, family, goods, gear and effects shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said William Mathews and Margt Wilson his spouse.
- 304** **Date:** 27 April 1771
Accused: James Pirie
Statement: James Pirie, wright in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself that James Pirie, his son, shall attend the "hail dyets of a criminal process to which he is cited before the magistrates at the instance of William Smith, "Pror Fiscalle of the Burgh of Aberdeen".
- 304** **Date:**
Accused: Lauchlan McQuarry
Statement: "Capt Arthur Gibbon, shipmaster in Aberdeen, cautioner, surety and full debtor for Lauchlan McQuarry, master or mariner belonging to a vessel presently in the Harbour of Aberdeen, and in terms of an interlocuter of this date pronounced in the criminal process at the instance of William Smith, writer in Aberdeen "Pror fiscal" fiscall of the said Burgh against the said Lauchlan McQuarry" bound and enacted himself that the said Lauchlan Mcquarry shall "appear the thirtieth instant and attend the said cause that day with the whole other dyets thereof".
- 305** **Date:** 27 April 1771
Accused: John Philp
Statement: "Compd [blank] as cautioner, surety and full debtor for John Philp, schoolmaster in Aberdeen", and in terms of an interlocuter at the instance of William Smith, writer in Aberdeen, Pror fiscall of the said Burgh, against the said John Philp, bound and enacted himself that the said John Philp "shall appear & answer to the said process and attend all the dyets of the cause".
- 306** **Date:** 30 April 1771
Accused: John Rainie
Statement: John Rainie, late servt to Geo Proctor, flesher in Aberdeen, as principal and for and with him Alexr Gun, residenter in Abdn and Arthur Bennet in the Cove as cautioners, suretys and full "debtors", bound and enacted themselves that

Alexander Wallace, flesher in Aberdeen, his wife, bairns, family, servants, goods, gear and effects shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said John Rainie and that he shall keep the peace for the space of twelve months.

- 307** **Date:** 30 April 1770
Accused: Isobel Mearns
Statement: George Robb, journeyman manufacturer in Aberdeen as cautioner and full “debtor” for Isobel Mearns, spouse to Benjamin Mearns, brewer in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself that Mary McKay, spouse to Angus McKay, residenter in Aberdeen, her husband, bairns, family, servants, goods, gear and effects shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said Isobel Mearns.
- 307** **Date:** [blank]
Accused: Mary Brown
Statement: John Brown, salmon fisher in Abdn as cautioner, surety and full “debtor” for Mary Brown, spouse to Andw Brown, woolcomber in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself that Mary McKay, spouse to Angus McKay residenter in Aberdeen, her husband, bairns, family, servants goods, gear and effects shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said Mary Brown.
- 308** **Date:** 26 May 1771
Statement: John Mackie, millart at the Justice Mills, bound and enacted himself to pay to the Treasurer of Aberdeen the sum of five pounds sterling for the croft of land belonging to the Nether Justice Mill and the said John Mackie hereby becomes bound and obliged to pay to the Treasurer two pounds sterling for the rent of the flour mill and further obliges himself to remove from the aforesaid croft and from the houses presently possessed by him and also from the flour mill at Whitsunday 1772.
- 308** **Date:** 28 May 1771
Statement: Alex Caie & William Caie, fishers in the Cove, bound and enacted themselves to maintain and uphold, upon their own charges and expenses, a new boat furnished them by the Master of Mortifications and, for the space of seven years after, pay twenty pounds scots as the yearly rent.
- 309** **Date:** 24 June 1771
Accused: George Walker
Statement: George Walker, sailor in Aberdeen, as principal and for and with him Jas Carmichael, merchant in Aberdeen, and Alexr Main, whitefisher in Footdee, as cautioners, suretys and full “debtors”, bound and enacted themselves, in terms of a sentence pronounced by Baillie Daniel Cargile upon the petition of Jean Clerk, residenter in Aberdeen, that the said George Walker shall pay his proportion of the

“child bed expenses that will be incurred by the said Jean Clerk in the count of her bringing forth the child of which she is presently pregnant and where of she charges the said George Walker with being the father and also that he shall appear at any time within six months and answer any action that may be brought at the said Jean Clerk’s instance against him respecting the proportion of the aliment of the said child.

310 **Date:** 11 July 1771

Accused: Alexander Jamieson

Statement: Alexander Jamieson, labourer in Fochabers, bound and enacted himself that his son, a prisoner in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen for the crime of pickery and committing outrages on the public streets of the burgh, upon being liberated from prison shall never return to or be seen within the city or liberties after his liberation.

311 **Date:** 11 July 1771

Statement: “The Baillie in respect of the foregoing enactment ordains the Keeper of the Tolbooth of Aberdeen to set the said Alexander Jamieson instantly at liberty.”

311 **Date:** 8 August 1771

Statement: Robert Maitland, merchant in Aberdeen, employed by the magistrates to retail out to the inhabitants of the Burgh “four hundred and fifteen and one half bolls of English coals” received by him into the towns cellars in the fish market to be sold and retailed by him at the price and by the quantities to be mentioned in the instructions to be given him by the magistrates. The said Robert Maitland, therefore, as principal and for and with him Alexr Duffus, merchant in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full “debtor”, bound and enacted themselves that Robert Maitland shall conform to the magistrates instructions, honestly and faithfully.

312 **Date:** 14 August 1771

Statement: Alexander Smith jun and John Walker, both merchants in Aberdeen, agree to light and maintain the towns public lamps, eighty six in number, during the next winter season for the sum of one pound, one shilling sterling for each lamp to be paid to them by the Treasurer of Aberdeen

[further details given with regard to maintaining the lamps, timings and replacing broken lamps etc].

314 **Date:** 29 August 1771

Accused: Jean Fleming

Statement: Anthony Leith residing in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full “debtor” for Jean Fleming, indweller in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself that

Elspet Stevenson, indweller in Aberdeen, her family, servants, goods, gear and effects shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said Jean Fleming.

315 **Date:** 6 September 1771

Statement: The Town have agreed to build a sufficient dwelling house, to the value of six pounds sterling each home, for George Webster, John Guyan and Alexander Craig, all whitefishers in the Cove, who bound and obliged themselves to pay the sum of ten shillings sterling yearly rent for each house and to maintain and uphold the same during their possession.

316 **Date:** 10 September 1771

Statement: Alexr Scott, malster, was approved of by the magistrates as a depute metster at the shore of Aberdeen.

316 **Date:** 17 September 1771

Statement: Duncan Robertson, Hugh Duncan, James Murray and Thomas Stead, residenters in Aberdeen, approved of by the magistrates as depute metsters at the shore of Aberdeen.

316 **Date:** 23 October 1771

Accused: Christian Lindsay

Statement: Alexr Lumsden, advocate in Abdn, bound and enacted himself that Isobel Mason, residenter in Aberdeen, her family, goods, gear and effects shall be harmless and skaithless kept from Christian Lindsay, residenter in Aberdeen.

317 **Date:** 26 November 1771

Statement: James Knowles, indweller in Aberdeen admitted by the magistrates of Aberdeen as one of the ordinary workmen at the shore of Aberdeen and for and with him, George Hay, mercht in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full "debitor" bound and enacted themselves that the said James Knowles would honestly serve the merchants of Aberdeen and all others by whom he shall be employed.

317 **Date:** 16 December 1771

Statement: James Taylor, apprentice to Frances Gordon, shoemaker, bound and enacted himself that he would honestly serve the said Frances Gordon, his master, in every respect as he is bound by indenture.

318 **Date:** 8 January 1772

Statement: David Leask, farmer in Aberdeen "(to whom the magistrates have sett the middle division of the lower floor of the sclated house or chappell at the Castlehill for one year after Whitsunday next)", obliged himself to pay to the Treasurer of Aberdeen the sum of 40 shillings sterling for rent and to remove from

the said house at any time when the magistrates have occasion for the same for any public use.

- 318** **Date:** 21 February 1772
Statement: John Guyan eld, and William Caiy, both whitefishers in Cove, each of whom have had a house built by the Town at the value of six pounds, bound and obliged themselves to pay to the Mr of Mortifications of Aberdeen ten shillings sterling yearly rent for each house and that they shall uphold and maintain the same during their possession.
- 319** **Date:** 2 March 1772
Accused: Alexander Affleck
Statement: John Affleck, hirer in the Windmillbrae of Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself that Alexander Affleck, his son, against whom there is a complaint of “breaking windows &c” and who “is appointed by the magistrates to be incarcerated in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen”, shall appear and answer and stand trial for the crimes mentioned at any time when called for within six months.
- 319** **Date:** [No date]
Accused: James White
Statement: George Molison, baker in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself that James White, son to Daniel White, hooker appointed by the magistrates to be incarcerated in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen for the crime of breaking windows and other riots committed by him, shall appear and stand trial for the crimes at any time when called for within six months.
- 320** **Date:** 12 March 1772
Statement: Robert Smith, George Mathew, William Murchie and James Stead, all merchants in Aberdeen and Gilbert Gronous, agent for Thomas Lovat of London, all voluntarily bound and enacted themselves to remove and carry off from the quay or pier of this Burgh, “the whole stones of every kind belonging to them lying thereon”.
- 321** **Date:** 31 March 1772
Accused: Elspeth Coutts
Statement: James Coutts, mason in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself that Elizabeth Sim, residenter in Aberdeen, her family, goods, gear and effects shall be harmless and skaithless kept from Elspet Coutts his daughter, presently servant with relict of John Rhind, mason in Aberdeen.
- 321** **Date:** 13 July 1772
Statement: George Guyan, whitefisher in Cove, for whom the town is immediately to build a sufficient dwelling house in Cove, to the value of six pounds sterling,

bound and obliged himself to pay to the Mr of Mortifications of Aberdeen the sum of ten shillings sterling yearly rent and to maintain and uphold the property during his possession at his own expense.

322 **Date:** 21 August 1772

Statement: John Inkster, of Bridge end Alford, as principal and James Black jun, merchant in Aberdeen as cautioner and surety for him, bound and enacted themselves that the said John Inkster shall “restore three twenty shilling abdn bank notes, marked as in the margin” which were “found on the streets of this Burgh and are claimed by the said John Inkster as his property, to any person who may afterwards claim the same upon them being advertised and proving the property thereof”. The bank notes are “instantly delivered to the said John Inkster upon his giving oath that he lost three twenty shilling Aberdeen bank notes on the streets of this Burgh”.

323 **Date:** 24 October 1772

Accused: Mary Whiteaker

Statement: Mary Whiteaker, residenter in Aberdeen, enacted herself to leave the Burgh and not return.

323 **Date:** 27 November 1772

Accused: Jean Bowman

Statement: Jean Bowman, residenter in Aberdeen who was complained upon at the instance of the “Pror fiscal” for “picking and other unlawful acts” obliged to remove herself from the town.

323 **Date:** 21 December 1772

Statement: Alexander Sutor, woolcomber in Aberdeen “claimed a share of a silver spoon which was offered by Isobel Brand to Colene Allan, jeweller, for sale of which he was suspicious” and sent the same to the magistrates and, having been publicly advertised several times and no person claiming the same, was appointed to be returned.

324 **Date:** 23 December 1772

Statement: Robert Anderson, indweller in Aberdeen, admitted by the magistrates of Aberdeen as one of the ordinary workmen at the shore of Aberdeen and for and with him, Alexander Jopp, cooper, as cautioner, surety and full “debitor”, bound and enacted themselves that the said Robert Anderson shall honestly serve the merchants of Aberdeen and all others by whom he shall be employed.

325 **Date:** 19 January 1773

Accused: Alexander Main, Isobel Fowler, Andrew Main

Statement: Andrew Forbes, skipper in Torrie X[see below] bound and enacted himself as cautioner, surety and full “debitor” for Alexander Main, whitefisher in Footdee and Isobel Fowler his spouse and Andrew Main, whitefisher in Footdee, brother to the said Alexander Main, that Alexr Baxter, white fisher in Footdee, his family, servants, goods, gear and effects shall be harmless and skaithless kept from each of the above named.

[X note in margin “David Main whitefisher in Footdee, and Charles Irvine, carpenter there”]

326 **Date:** 8 February 1773

Accused: Thomas Shepherd

Statement: James Gerard, cooper in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself as cautioner, surety and full “debitor” for Thomas Shepherd, cooper in Aberdeen, that Jean Baxter, his spouse, her family, servants, goods, gear and effects shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said Thomas Shepherd and that the said Thomas Shepherd shall keep the peace.

327 **Date:** 9 February 1773

Accused: John Forbes

Statement: Andrew Fowler, merchant in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself as cautioner, surety and full “debitor” for John Forbes, mariner in Aberdeen who was complained upon by [left blank] “commanding a party of His Majestys twenty second Regiment of foot at Aberdeen, with concurrence of the “Pror fiscal” of Court, for making an attack upon the quarters of the two of the soldiers in the house of John Mcdonald in North Street last night after they were in bed and threatening to break open the door”, that the said John Forbes shall behave himself soberly and discreetly and not be guilty of any such riots in time coming.

328 **Date:** 12 February 1773

Accused: William McFarlane

Statement: John McFarlane, officer of excise in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself for William McFarlane, his son, complained upon by Sir Thomas Burnet of Leys for striking William Burnet, his son, “several strokes on the head” with a stick, that the said William McFarlane “shall behave himself soberly & discreetly in time coming”.

329 **Date:** 20 April 1773

Statement: John Gibson, gardner in Footdee, agreed to take from the Treasurer of Aberdeen for one year the “Butt of land belonging to the Town of Aberdeen lying on the north side of Garvocks Wynd” and to pay ten shillings sterling in rent.

330 **Date:** 22 May 1773

Statement: James Gibson, resider in Aberdeen bound and enacted himself to maintain and support Alexander Gibson, his son, “in cloths and maintainance” and that he shall be in now ways troublesome to the Town.

331 Date: 24 June 1773

Statement: James Chrystie, mason, “some time residing at Turriff, presently in Aberdeen” bound and enacted himself to act faithfully and honestly in the office as executioner in the Town of Aberdeen and County thereof, to obey the whole orders and regulations laid down or hereafter to be given by the Provost and magistrates of Aberdeen for which he is to be paid the same as James Chapman, former executioner.

332 Date: 12 July 1773

Accused: Jean Bowman

Statement: Jean Bowman, previously ordered to depart from the Burgh and its liberties due to a complaint accusing her of several acts of petty theft on 27th November 1772, was found within the town of Aberdeen. She was ordered to depart from the Burgh and liberties again not to return.

333 Date: 13 July 1773

Accused: Jean Cushnie

Statement: James Bently, merchant in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself as cautioner, surety and full “debtor” for Jean Cushnie, spouse to Alexander Ross, huxter in Aberdeen, “and also the aforesaid Alexander Ross” that Christian McIntosh, spouse to John Sutherland, huxter in Aberdeen, her family, servants, goods gear and effects shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said Jean Cushnie and Alexander Ross.

334 Date: 20 July 1773

Accused: Margaret Ferrier, Elizabeth Ferrier, Marischall Ferrier

Statement: David Ferrier, wright in Spittle, bound and enacted himself as cautioner, surety and full “debtor” for Margaret Ferrier, spouse to Lewis Innes, ropemaker in Aberdeen, Elizabeth Ferrier spouse to George Ferrier, mariner there and Marischall Ferrier, servant to Mrs Janet Fyffe, resider in Aberdeen, that Elizabeth Forbes, spouse to John Cormach, mariner in Aberdeen, shall be harmless and skaithless kept in his person, family, goods and effects and in no way troubled or molested by the said Margaret, Elizabeth and Marischall Ferrier.

335 Date: 20 July 1773

Accused: Elizabeth Forbes

Statement: Joseph Forbes, wright in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself as cautioner, surety and full “debtor” for Elizabeth Forbes, spouse to John Cormach,

shipmaster in Aberdeen, that Margaret Ferrier, spouse to Lewis Innes, ropemaker in Aberdeen, Elizabeth Ferrier, spouse to George Ferrier, mariner and Marischall Ferrier, servant to Mrs Janet Fife, residenter in Aberdeen, their family, servants, goods, gear and effects shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said Elizabeth Forbes.

336 **Date:** 25 September 1773

Accused: Jean Mathers

Statement: James Bently, merchant in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself as cautioner, surety and full “debitor” for Jean Mathers, spouse to Joseph Simpson, residenter in Aberdeen, that Alexander Donald, shoemaker in Aberdeen, his wife, bairns, servants, goods and gear shall be harmless and skaithless kept of the said Jean Mathers.

337 **Date:** 12 November 1773

Statement: Alexr Brands, indweller in Aberdeen, admitted by the magistrates of Aberdeen as one of the ordinary workmen at the shore of Aberdeen and for and with him Alexander Bannerman, merchant in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full “debitor”, bound and enacted themselves that the said Alexr Brands shall honestly serve the merchants of Aberdeen and all others by whom he shall be employed and also the magistrates of Aberdeen, their officers at all times when required.

337 **Date:** 12 November 1773

Statement: Alexr Taylor, indweller in Abdn, admitted by the magistrates of Aberdeen as one of the ordinary workmen at the shore of Aberdeen, and for and with him Francis Logie, merchant in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full “debitor”, bound and enacted themselves that the said Alex Taylor shall serve the merchants of Aberdeen and all others by whom he shall be employed and also the “magts” of Aberdeen and their officers at all times when required.

338 **Date:** 12 November 1773

Statement: George Cumming [signed connon] indweller in Aberdeen admitted by the magistrates of Aberdeen as one of the ordinary workmen at the shore of Aberdeen, and for and with him James Buchan, merchant in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full “debitor”, bound and enacted themselves that the said George Cumming shall honestly serve the merchants of Aberdeen and all others by whom he shall be employed and also the “magts” of Aberdeen and their officers at all times when required.

338 **Date:** 23 November 1773

Statement: William Mackie, mealseller in Aberdeen, agreed to take the Westmost meal seller under the Town house opposite to the Workhouse “intry for one year

from Martimas” and to pay the treasurer of Aberdeen the sum of four pounds sterling rent.

- 339** **Date:** 25 November 1773
Statement: John Deans, indweller in Aberdeen, admitted by the magistrates of Aberdeen as one of the ordinary workmen at the shore of Aberdeen and for and with him Patrick Barron, merchant in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full “debitor”, bound and enacted themselves that the said George Cumming shall honestly serve the merchants of Abberdeen, and all others by whom he shall be employed and also the magistrates of Aberdeen and their officers at all times when required by them.
- 340** **Date:** 26 November 1773
Accused: William Anderson
Statement: Ninian Johnston, mercht in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself, in terms of a sentence pronounced upon a complaint at the instance of William Smith, “Pror fiscal” of court, against William Anderson, carter in Footdee, that the said William Anderson shall pay to William Smith the sum of twenty pounds scots that he was fined by the said sentence and that William Anderson shall behave himself peaceably and quiety for the space of three years.
- 341** **Date:** 29 November 1773
Accused: James Mitchell
Statement: Patrick Burk [signed Bourk] upholsterer in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself as cautioner, surety and full “debitor” for James Mitchell, mariner “presently in Aberdeen”, that he shall appear at any time when called for within the space of one month to answer a complaint against him at the instance of the “Pror fiscal” and the mother of a child said to be his.
- 341** **Date:** 6 December 1773
Statement: Robert Welsh, late in Halside in the parish of Kineff, voluntarily engaged himself as executioner for the City of Aberdeen and bound and enacted himself to discharge all the functions of the said office as he shall be direced from time to time by the Provost & magistrates of Aberdeen or others in authority. The said Robert Welsh is to be paid the ordinary salary and whole other fees and emoliements paid to James Chapman his predecessor.
- 342** **Date:** 10 December 1773
Statement: George Taylor, indweller in Aberdeen, admitted as one of the ordinary workmen at the shore of Aberdeen, and for and with him Patrick Pirie, merchant in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full “debitor”, bound and enacted themselves that the said George Taylor shall honestly serve the merchants of Aberdeen and all

others by whom he shall be employed and also the magistrates of Aberdeen and their officers at all times when required by them.

343 **Date:** 13 December 1773

Accused: Charles Lawer

Statement: William Lawer, taylor in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself for Charles Lawer, servant to Alexr Black, gardner in Aberdeen, who was “yesterday” incarcerated in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen for “committing a violent attack and assault on Robert Welsh, town’s executioner, upon the publick streets”, that the said Charles Lawer shall behave himself soberly and discreetly for the space of twelve months and not be guilty of any riot or breach of the peace.

344 **Date:** 7 January 1774

Accused: Anne Watt

Statement: Charles Watt, woolcomber in Aberdeen, father of Anne Watt, resider in Aberdeen, “who stands incarcerated in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen upon a warrand of law burrows from the magistrates at the instance of William Walker, journeyman manufacturer in Aberdeen”, offered Francis Colly, labourer in Aberdeen, as cautioner and surety for the said Anne Watt. The said Francis Colly bound and enacted himself along with Charles Watt as cautioner, surety and full “debtor” that William Walker, his wife, bairns, family, servants, goods, gear and effects shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said Anne Watt.

345 **Date:** 17 February 1774

Accused: Janet Hary Ferry

Statement: Janet Hary Ferry, resider in Abdn, complained upon by Baillie William Forbes, one of the magistrates, for cursing and abusing him by calling him names at his house, and “the Baillie having agreed to pass from any punishment being inflicted upon her” bound and enacted herself to behave quiet and discreetly and not to molest or disturb the said Baillie Forbes in time coming.

346 **Date:** 8 March 1774

Accused: Mary McLean

Statement: Alexander Logie, sheriff officer in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself as cautioner, surety and full “debtor” for Mary McLean, resider in Aberdeen, that Arthur Scorgie, mason in Aberdeen, his wife, bairns, family, servants, goods and gear shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said Mary McLean.

347 **Date:** 27 April 1774

Statement: William Malcom, Burges of Guild of Aberdeen, admitted by the town council of Aberdeen as one of the “ordinary metsters, at the shoar, in place of Peter Walker, deceast” as principal and for and with him Andrew Fowler, mercht in

Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full “dr”, bound and enacted themselves that the said William Malcom shall honestly discharge the said office and give due obedience to the magistrates of Aberdeen and their officers at all times when called for.

348 **Date:** 21 May 1774

Accused: George Souper, Ann Spark

Statement: Alexander Anderson, gardner in Abdn, bound and enacted himself as cautioner, surety and full “debitor” for George Souper, salmon fisher residing in Aberdeen and Ann Spark, his spouse, that William Troup, “laxfisher on the rake of Dee”, his wife, bairns, family, servants, goods and gear shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said George Souper and Ann Spark.

349 **Date:** 9 June 1774

Accused: John Mcbeth, Margaret Smith

Statement: Robert Morison, baker in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself as cautioner, surety and full “debitor” for John Mcbeth, blacksmith in Footdee and Margaret Smith, his spouse, that Jean Fowler, spouse to George Baxter, mariner in Footdee, her bairns, family, servants, goods and gear shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said John Mcbeth and Margt Smith.

349 **Date:** 9 Jun 1774

Accused: William Thompson

Statement: William Thompson, merchant in Aberdeen, in terms of “a deliverance of this date, pronounced upon the petition of Jas Simpson, mercht in Oldmeldrum, John Elmslie & Sons, merchts there, and James Clark Mercht in Old Aberdeen”, bound and enacted himself to pay to John Cushnie, present shoremaster of the Burgh of Aberdeen, “such weigh house dues as he may be found entitled to for the wool imported by the said James Simpson and others mentioned in the said petition”.

350 **Date:** 10 June 1774

Accused: George Baxter, Jean Fowler

Statement: David Deuchar, mason in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself as cautioner, surety and full “debitor” for George Baxter, mariner in Footdee and Jean Fowler, his spouse, that John Mcbeth, blacksmith in Footdee and Margaret Smith, his spouse, their bairns, family, servants, goods and gear shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said George Baxter and Jean Fowler.

351 **Date:** 28 June 1774

Accused: John Cowie, Helen Miller

Statement: Charles Gibbon, carpenter in Footdee, bound and enacted himself as cautioner, surety and full “debitor” for John Cowie, mariner in Footdee and Helen Millar his spouse, that William Baxter in Footdee, his wife, bairns, family, servants,

goods and gear shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said John Cowie and Helen Millar.

- 351** **Date:** 12 August 1774
Accused: Helen Caddel
Statement: William Smith, sherriff officer in Abdn, bound and enacted himself as cautioner, surety and full “debitor” for Helen Caddel, daughter to John Caddel, labourer in Aberdeen that James Scott, blacksmith in Aberdeen, his wife, bairns, family, servants, goods, and gear shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said Helen Caddel.
- 352** **Date:** 15 August 1774
Accused: Jean Caddel
Statement: Charles Gordon, sherriff officer in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself as cautioner, surety and full “debitor” for Jean Caddel, daughter of John Caddel, labourer in Aberdeen, that James Scott, blacksmith in Aberdeen, his wife, bairns, family, servants, goods and gear shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said Jean Caddel.
- 353** **Date:** [no date]
Accused: Isobel Reid
Statement: Alexander Logie, sherriff officer in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself as cautioner, surety and full “debitor” for Isobel Reid, spouse to John Caddel, labourer in Aberdeen, that James Scott, blacksmith in Aberdeen, his wife, bairns, family, servants, goods and gear shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said Isobel Reid.
- 354** **Date:** 22 August 1774
Accused: Mary Taylor
Statement: William Taylor, carpenter in Footdee, bound and enacted himself as cautioner, surety and full “debitor” for Mary Taylor, spouse to Charles Irvine, carpenter in Footdee, that Mary Abbery, residenter in Footdee, her bairns, family, servants, goods, gear and effects shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said Mary Taylor.
- 355** **Date:** 22 August 1774
Accused: Mary Abbery
Statement: Robert Mason, vintner in Abdn, bound and enacted himself as cautioner, surety and full “debitor” for Mary Abbery, resident in Footdee, that Mary Taylor, spouse to Charles Irvine, carpenter in Footdee, her bairns, family, servants, goods, gear and effects shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said Mary Abbery.

- 356** **Date:** 29 Oct 1774
Accused: John Guyan
Statement: Andrew Guyan, flesher in the Cove, & James Williamson, gardner in Aberdeen bound and enacted themselves as cautioners and sureties for John Guyan, servt to the said James Williamson, that he John Guyan shall appear at any time when called for within the space of six months in order to stand trial for the crime of breaking windows.
- 357** **Date:** 29 November 1774
Statement: James Wood, workman in Abdn, agreed to take a tack of that part of the shorelands lying eastward of the ground lately feued out to James Watson, advocate in Aberdeen, for one year “with reservation to the town of the ridge lying all along betwixt the quay and the south ditch”, for which tack he obliges to pay fifteen pounds and fifteen shillings sterling. He also obliges himself to clean and maintain the stanks, ditches and dykes of the said shorelands as mention in the former tacks thereof.
- 357** **Date:** 30 November 1774
Statement: “John Milne, stabler in Aberdeen, agreed to take a tack of the two ridges of ground upon the westside of the midle road of the shorelands for one year”. To pay twenty pounds scots money of rent.
- 358** **Date:** 20 December 1774
Statement: “Compeared Alexander Duffus farmer in Aberdeen and judicially bound and enacted himself” [entry not completed]
- 358** **Date:** 19 January 1775
Accused: Christian Rainie
Statement: William Watt, mariner in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself as cautioner and surety for Christian Rainie, spouse to Alexr Elmslie, labourer in Aberdeen, that Mary McLean, spouse to Alex Couper, residenter in Aberdeen, her family, bairns, goods, gear and effects shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said Christian Rainie.
- 359** **Date:** [no date]
Statement: The magistrates have agreed to give to John Guyan younger and George Guyan younger, both skippers in the Cove, a fish boat and they bound and enacted themselves to maintain and uphold the boat at their own expense. They obliged themselves to pay twenty pounds scots yearly for seven years to the master of morifications as boat rent.

- 360** **Date:** 3 March 1775
Accused: William Reid
Statement: "William Reid in Westertown Pitfoddles was found guilty of exposing a leporous sevine which was confiscate for the use of the poor".
- 360** **Date:** 6 March 1775
Statement: John Webster in Cove agreed to build a sufficient dwelling house in Cove for each of John Maud and Alexr Robertson whitefishers in Cove to the value of five pounds ten shillings stg for each house. Each house to be built to the same workmanship, quality, materials and dimensions of houses built by John Hogg in [?]inches for George Webster, John Guyan and Alexr Craig whitefishers in Cove. John Webster bound and enacted himself to finish the said two houses to the satisfaction of Robert Taylor, wright, in Aberdeen by May.
- 361** **Date:** 23 March 1775
Accused: Henrietta Medler
Statement: Henrietta Medler, residenter in Aberdeen, incarcerated at the instance of Isobel Horn and the "Pror fiscal", for stealing a woman's petitcoat. She voluntarily enacted herself to remove from the Burgh and liberties and never to return.
- 361** **Date:** 31 March 1775
Statement: John Webster in Cove agreed to build a sufficient dwelling house in Cove for each of John Robertson, whiteifsher in Cove, George Webster, whitefisher there and Charles Smith, whitefisher there to the value of 5 pounds and ten shillings for each house and that each house be built to the same workmanship, quality, materials and dimensions as the houses mentioned in the enactment of 6th March. John Webster bound and obliged himself to finish the said three houses to the satisfaction of Robert Taylor, wright in Aberdeen "against the first of June next".
- 361** **Date:** 1 April 1775
Accused: George Low
Statement: George Low, blacksmith in Aberdeen, in terms of an interloqr in the process against him at the instance of Theophilus Ogilvie, collector of the customs at the port of Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself "for his good behaviour in time coming".
- 362** **Date:** 7 April 1775
Statement: John Glennie, labourer in Aberdeen, agreed to pay to Alexr Cheyne, master of the Guild of Brethrens Hospital of Abdn and his successors in office for "the yeard at Pewcreek to which he is to enter as soon as he pleases, the sum of forty six pounds scots".

- 363** **Date:** 20 April 1775
Statement: "Charles Gordon, messenger in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself in the Baillie Court books of Aberdeen" [end of entry].
- 363** **Date:** 4 May 1775
Accused: James Johnston younger
Statement: James Johnston younger, bleacher at Loanhead, who was complained upon for carting some peat within the bounds of the barkmiln dam, bound and enacted himself that he nor his servant, nor any other person for his account shall in time coming cart or carry away any peat within the bounds of the said dam.
- 363** **Date:** 3 June 1775
Accused: John Law
Statement: John Law, skipper in Johnshaven, complained upon for "forestalling and regreting" fish at the shore of the Burgh, bound and enacted himself to abstain from forestalling and regreting in time coming any fish or other vivers.
- 364** **Date:** 6 June 1775
Accused: Alexr Knowles
Statement: Alexr Knowles, salmonfisher in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself that Alexr Knowles his son, who is complained upon by John Milne, tobbaconist in Aberdeen, for wounding his son, John Milne, in the thigh by a shot from a pistol, shall attend all the "dyets" of the complaint brought against him.
- 364** **Date:** 14 June 1775
Accused: William Keith
Statement: William Keith, carter in Aberdeen, complained upon for driving his cart through the towns public links, contrary to the express regulations and acts of council of the said Burgh, bound and enacted himself not to be guilty of like practises in time coming.
- 365** **Date:** 15 June 1775
Accused: John Neilson
Statement: John Neilson, hatmaker in Aberdeen as principal and for and with him John Findlater, mercht in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full "debitor", bound and enacted themselves that the said John Neilson shall pay whatever sum he may be deemed to pay to James Low, taylor in Aberdeen for an "acct" of taylor work.
- 365** **Date:** 28 June 1775
Accused: Alexander Morison
Statement: A complaint against Alexander Morison by "Agnes Youle her[sic] spouse" that he had threatened to take her life and that she was obliged to leave her own house with her children. It was ordained by Baillie William Young that Alexaner

Morison be incarcerated in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen until he could find “sufficient caution....” “Agnes Youle having this day judicially consented to the said Alexr Morisons liberation upon his enacting himself to keep the peace” “therefore the said Alex Morison, in terms of an interlocuter of this date pronounced on the foresaid complaint judicially binds and enacts himself to keep the peace of this City and particularly that he will not beat and maltreat his wife in time coming” for the space of twelve months

366 **Date:** 15 July 1775

Accused: Robert & John Aulds, Alexr Robertson, James Milne, John & Charles Stewarts

Statement: Having considered the complaint of George Cruden, mercht, with concurrence of the “Pror fiscal”, against Robert and John Aulds, Alexr Robertson, James Milne and John and Charles Stewarts, vagrant boys, of breaking into a cellar and stealing goods belonging to the said George Cruden for which they were committed to prison on the 26th June, together with the consent of George Cruden “grants warrand to the keeper of the Tolbooth to set the @named persons at liberty”.

367 **Date:** 21 July 1775

Accused: Jean Walker

Statement: John Walker, cooper in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself as cautioner and surety for Jean Walker, spouse to Daniel Ross, mariner in Footdee, that Helen Wood, spouse to Robert Wales, fisher in Footdee, and Christian Wood, relict of the deceased John Leiper, fisher in Footdee, their families, bairns, goods, gear and effects shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said Jean Walker.

367 **Date:** 10 August 1775

Statement: “Compeared judicially George Webster younger, whitefisher in Cove, who [end of entry].

368 **Date:** 25 September 1775

Statement: Alexr Cruickshank, indweller in Abdn, admitted by the magts as one of the ordinary workman at the shore of Aberdeen and for and with him John Donald, junr merchant in Aberdeen, as cautioner, surety and full “debitor”, bound and enacted themselves that the said Alexr Cruickshank shall honestly serve the merchts of Aberdeen and all others by whom he shall be employed including the magistrates of Aberdeen and their officers at all times when required.

Date: [25 September 1775]

Statement: John Watt, indweller in Abdn, admitted by the magts as one of the ordinary workman at the shore of Aberdeen and for and with him, Patrick Booth,

merchant in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full “debitor”, bound and enacted themselves that the said John Watt shall honestly serve the merchts of Aberdeen and all others by whom he shall be employed including the magistrates of Aberdeen and their officers at all times when required.

369 **Date:** [25 September 1775]

Statement: John Davidson, indweller in Abdn, admitted by the magts as one of the ordinary workman at the shore of Aberdeen and for and with him, Patrick Walker, merchant in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full “debitor”, bound and enacted themselves that the said John Davidson shall honestly serve the merchts of Aberdeen and all others by whom he shall be employed including the magistrates of Aberdeen and their officers at all times when required.

369 **Date:** 29 September 1775

Accused: The wives of John Sutherland sen and John Sutherland junior

Statement: John Sutherland senr and John Sutherland junior both chelsea pensioners in Aberdeen, enacted themselves for the appearance of their respective wives to answer to a complaint brought against hm by the “Pror fiscal” of court for a breach of the peace “this day on the Castlestreet of this Burgh”.

370 **Date:** 30 October 1775

Accused: Alexander Knowles, Peter Mathers and James McGregor

Statement: Alexander Knowles, Peter Mathers and James McGregor, all mariners in Aberdeen convicted of riot and breach of the peace on the streets of the Burgh, upon a complaint at the instance of William Smith, “Pror fiscal” of court, bound and enacted themselves not to be gulty of any riot or breach of the peace in time coming.

371 **Date:** 25 January 1776

Accused: Alexander Morison

Statement: John Walker, cooper in Aberdeen bound and enacted himself as cautioner, surety and full “debitor” for Alexander Morison, wright in Aberdeen, that Margaret Morison, spouse to George Laurence, resider in Aberdeen, her husband, bairns, family, servants, goods and gear shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said Alexander Morison.

373 **Advertisement**

By Order of the Honourable the Magistrates of Aberdeen

Complaints having been made to the magistrates that notwithstanding all the former orders made by them, the streets have not been kept sufficiently clean or free from

obstruction. An inhabitant has been appointed as overseer, and scavengers under him, who is bound under severe penalties to keep all the streets clean and clear from obstructions at all times.

[Further instructions to inhabitants given]

- 375** **Date:** 5 April 1776
Accused: Nathaniel Taylor & William Melvin
Statement: Nathaniel Taylor and William Melvin both servants to Captain Arthur Gibbons, ship carpenter at Footdee, bound and enacted themselves that they shall appear at any time when called for within six months and stand trial for a “riot & battery”, of which they are accused in a complaint brought against them at the instance of Alexr Cooper residenter in Aberdeen with concurrence of the “Pror fiscal” fiscal.
- 376** **Date:** 19 April 1776
Accused: Jean Ross
Statement: Jean Ross, residenter in Aberdeen, was incarcerated at the instance of Mary Skene at Gilcomston and the “Pror fiscal” for stealing from the said Mary Skene a tartan plaid and other articles mentioned in the precognition there anent. Jean Ross voluntarily enacted herself to remove from the Burgh and never return.
- 376** **Date:** 10 June 1776
Accused: George Smith
Statement: James Strachan junior, flesher in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself as cautioner, surety and full “debtor” for George Smith, flesher in Aberdeen that Elisabeth Milne, spouse to James Gibson, flesher in Aberdeen, her family, servants, goods and gear shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said George Smith.
- 377** **Date:** 23 August 1776
Accused: William Feugh, Elspeth Cushnie
Statement: James Mitchell, woolcomber in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself as cautioner, surety and full “debtor” for William Feugh, shoemaker in Aberdeen and Elspeth Cushnie, his spouse that Margaret Smith, relict of James Hamilton, tanner in Aberdeen, her family servants, goods, and gear shall be harmless and skaithless kept from the said William Feugh and Elspeth Cushnie.
- 377** **Date:** 2 September 1776
Statement: James Robertson, journeyman weaver in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself immediately to enter to work with William Johnston, weaver in Mains of Midmar, and continue in his service as a journeyman weaver “from this date to the term of Whitsunday next”.
- 378** **Date:** 10 December 1776

Statement: Alexr Webster, William Caie, John Guyan and Alexander Guyan, all skippers in the Cove, bound and enacted themselves to pay to the Master of Mortifications of Aberdeen for the time “such a proportion of teind for the whole yoals belonging to them as shall be thought reasonable by the magistrates of Aberdeen”. Alexr Webster, William Caie, John Guyan and Alexander Guyan agree to pay five shillings sterling for each yoal yearly.

379 Date: 13 January 1777

Statement: John Robertson, Andrew Brand, Andrew Forbes, Andrew Allan and John Forbes, all skippers and whitefishers in Torrie, and Alexander Baxter, John Baxter, William Watson and Robert Wales, all whitefishers and skippers in Footdee, bound and obliged themselves to pay to the Treasurer of Aberdeen five shillings sterling yearly of teind duty for each yoal belonging to them.

380 Date: 22 March 1777

Statement: John Roy, skipper of the George Lighter, residing in Torrie, Alexander Reid, Alexander Keith, and George Souper, all likewise residing in Torrie and Donald Robertson in Aberdeen, Robert Mason skipper of the Mary Lighter residing in Torrie, James Allan there, William Nivie there, Donald Sutherland residing in Aberdeen and George Menie there, bound and obliged themselves to serve as Lighter men on board either of the two Lighters or any other Lighter belonging to the town of Aberdeen in the transporting of stones or other materials for the use of the new pier “presently building” at the entrance to the new harbour or any other of the work belonging to the shore as they shall be directed by the overseers of the said work.

381 Date: 14 August 1777

Accused: Alexr Anderson

Statement: Alexr Anderson sometime in Burnt Brae, “banished fourth of Scotland never to return thereto during all the days of his life” as per the sentence pronounced by the Lords Commissioners of Justiciary on their circuit at Aberdeen on the 20th September 1754 was, “on the twelvth instant”, incarcerated in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen upon “Letters of Caption”.

The said Alexr Anderson declared that in the year 1754 he was apprehended upon the accusation of being guilty of the crime of forgery and brought to trial in the September and was, upon his own petition, banished from Scotland for life. Thereafter he was liberated from prison, went to Edinburgh and having made up matters “with Lady Kinmundy the private party”, he returned and has lived in Buchan ever since and that he was “formerly taken up & whipt” for returning from banishment.

[Second entry] In consequence of the above declaration and acknowledgement the said Alexr Anderson was taken from prison and whipt through the town on on 18 April 1777, the first market day after his incarceration, and thereafter returned to prison in order to be again banished in terms of the said sentence.

- 382** **Date:** 27 June 1777
Accused: Mary McLean
Statement: Mary McLean, spouse to Alexander Cooper, sometime residenter in Aberdeen, having been banished by sentence of the magistrates on the “sixth day of August last”, never to return to the Burgh during all the days of her life was apprehended by the Town Guard on the streets of the Burgh on the 18th instant, and committed to prison where she has continued ever since. The magistrates ordered her to be set at liberty from prison and conveyed out of town by the Tuck of Drum and never to return to the Burgh and liberties.
- 383** **Date:** 27 June 1777
Accused: Janet McIntosh, Jean Callum, Jean Ross
Statement: Janet McIntosh, daughter to the deceased William McIntosh, indweller in Aberdeen, Jean Callum, late servant to Mr Paton of Granderne and Jean Ross, daughter to Wm Ross, woolcomber in Aberdeen, complained upon for being street walkers and rioters at unreasonable hours, bound and enacted themselves to behave soberly and discreetly and not be guilty of street walking or rioting in time coming.
- 383** **Date:** 8 July 1777
Accused: John Fiddes
Statement: John Fiddes, junior, silversmith in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself that he shall never trouble or molest John Fiddes musician.
- 384** **Date:** 7 August 1777
Accused: Anne & May Masson
Statement: Ann and May Masson, residing in Aberdeen, grandchildren and heirs of the deceased Alexander Cushnie, sometime at Newbridge, in terms of an act of council of twenty eighth day of July, bound and enacted themselves to “remove and take down a stair to be erected by them, immediately from the road leading from Bow Bridge southward to a house on the northside thereof belonging to them”.
- 385** **Date:** 6 September 1777
Accused: Ann Peter
Statement: Ann Peter, late servant to Robert Bruce in Bridge Ale House, prisoner in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen, having been indicted in September 1776 “for the alleged crime of child murder” petitioned and accordingly sentenced to be banished to the plantations for life, applied by petition to Lord Raines, one of the Lords Commissioners of Justiciary that, having been indicted and banished she remained in prison “where the hardships she suffered would in all likelihood soon put an end to her life” and also procured a certificate from Dr Thomas Livingston, physician in Aberdeen of her situation. Mr William Nairn, His Majestys Advocate Depute “did by hollograph note signed by him, and subjoined to the foresaid petition presented to Lord Raines, give it as his humble opinion that the magistrates of Aberdeen ought immediately to set the said Ann Peter at liberty. The magistrates granted warrant to the keeper of the Tolbooth to liberate Ann Peter and she bound and enacted herself to banish and transport herself in terms of the Lord Gardenstons sentence.

[footnote] Signed on her behalf as she cannot write by William Smith NP and James Strachan NP, witnessed by John Paterson, Charles Gordon, writers in Aberdeen and William Gray, keeper of the Tolbooth of Aberdeen.

387 **Date:** 17 September 1777

Accused: Jean Bowman

Statement: Jean Bowman, residenter in Aberdeen, who was apprehended by officers for being guilty of “theftuous” practices within the Burgh, bound and enacted herself to leave the Burgh and liberties never to be seen therein.

388 **Date:** 21 February 1778

Accused: Daniel or Donald McCombie

Statement: Copy

Information and presentation against Daniel or Donald McCombie, blacksmith, in Aberdeen.

[Full details of alleged crimes of theft and house breaking given.]

A request for insertion in the porteous role for the shire of Aberdeen that the said Daniel McCombie may be tried for the said crimes at the ensuing Circuit Court of Justiciary to be held at Aberdeen.

List of witnesses referred to in the information also given.

392 **Date:** 2 March 1778

Statement: Thomas Gordon, mason in Aberdeen, “agreed to take a lott of the Rigg adjoining to the back of the Quay, being the second lott from the west end consisting of ninety feet in length” for one year and pay rent of twenty shillings sterling to the treasurer of Aberdeen.

392 **Date:** 2 March 1778

Statement: James Harper, mason in Aberdeen, “agreed to take a lott of the rigg adjoining to the back of the quay being the fourth from the west end, consisting of ninety feet in length” and for one year and to pay rent to the treasurer of Aberdeen twenty shillings sterling.

393 **Date:** 7 March 1778

Statement: George Laing, mason in Aberdeen, “agreed to take a tack for one year” of “that piece of ground upon the end of the two riggs upon the east side of the middle road from the shore to the ditch and bounded on the west by the lott belonging to Alexr Milne merchant” and to pay the treasurer of Aberdeen twenty shillings.

393 **Date:** 17 March 1778

Statement: Gilbert Gronous, merchant in Aberdeen, “agreed to take a tack for one year” of that piece of ground from “the back of the shore being the hind lott at twenty shillings sterling of rent”.

- 394** **Date:** 22 April 1778
Accused: Margaret Milne
Statement: Margaret Milne, a vagrant, was complained upon by the “Pror fiscal” for “exposing to sale a parcel of old silver coins and as she can give no good account of herself nor how she came by the said coins she therefore hereby enacts herself to leave this Burgh and liberties this day and never to return”.
- 394** **Date:** 4 May 1778
Accused: Isobel Simpson
Statement: Isobel Simpson, spouse to Alexr Duthie, soldier in the Seventy Third Regiment of Foot commanded by Colonel Gordon was complained upon for stealing a “parcel of cloathes” from Thomas Aiken, gardner at “Robslaw” which were found in her custody. She bound and enacted herself to leave the Burgh and liberties never to return.
- 395** **Date:** 20 May 1778
Statement: James Garden, ferryboatman at Footdee and William Duthie, ferryboatman at Torrie, each for himself and the said William Duthie for Alexander Robertson, partner in the ferryboat with him, bound and enacted themselves to give all due service to the persons employed about the new pier and work belonging thereto and to carry and transport in their different boats anything that may be necessary for the work or as directed by Mr Gwyn or those under his direction for one year and the said James Garden and William Duthie are each to receive from the shoremaster of Aberdeen, for the hire, the sum of Five pounds sterling.
- 396** **Date:** 30 May 1778
Statement: Alexander Leslie, indweller, admitted by the magistrates of Aberdeen as one of the ordinary workman at the shore of Aberdeen and for and with him Alexander Leslie, merchant in Abdn, as cautioner, surety and full “debitor”, bound and enacted themselves that the said Alex Leslie, indweller, shall honestly serve the merchts of Aberdeen and also the magistrates of Aberdeen and their officers.
- 396** **Date:** [no date]
Statement: James Anderson, indweller in Aberdeen, admitted by the magistrates of Aberdeen as one of the ordinary workmen at the shore of Aberdeen and for and with him George Sim, mercht in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full “debitor”, bound and enacted themselves that the said James Anderson shall honestly serve the mechants of Aberdeen and all others by whom he shall be employed and also the magistrates of Aberdeen and their officers.
- 397** **Date:** 10 July 1778
Statement: The magistrates, having considered the petitions of several persons, relating to the vacant office of one of the ordinary town sargeants by the death of

Alexr Hervie, unanimously admit and receive George Hay, merchant in Aberdeen, to be one of the ordinary town sergeants of the Burgh, from the 1st August “during the magistrates pleasure only and his good service and behaviour, and give and grant to the said George Hay the whole ordinary sallary and perquisites of the said office”.

397 **Date:** 11 July 1778

Statement: George Hay “accepted the foresaid office of town serjant”.

398 **Date:** 22 August 1778

Accused: Charles Stewart

Statement: Charles Stewart, who calls himself a gardner and who says he has resided in Aberdeen since May last, brought before the magistrates by the town constable “as falling under the description of the law for being impressed to serve his majesty as a soldier - William Duncan, maltster in Aberdeen appeared and offered to present the person of the said Charles Stewart on Monday next”. The magistrates “ admitt the said Charles Stewart to Baill accordingly, upon condition that the said William Duncan shall present him at the town clerks chamber on Monday next”. William Duncan enacts himself accordingly.

399 **Date:** 24 August 1778

Accused: Charles Stewart

Statement: Charles Stewart, brought before the magistrates by the towns constable as falling under the description of the law for being impressed to serve His Majesty as soldier. William Duncan, maltster in Aberdeen enacts himself to present the person of Charles Stewart at the town clerks chamber upon Thursday next 27th instant.

399 **Date:** 28 August 1778

Accused: John McLeod

Statement: William Findlater, custom house tidesman at the port of Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself to present the person of John McLeod apprehended by the constables as a vagrant, at the town clerk’s chamber on the 29th instant.

400 **Date:** 29 August 1778

Accused: John McLeod

Statement: William Findlater, custom house boatman at the Port of Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself to present the person of John McLeod, apprehended as a vagrant, at the town clerk’s chamber on 1st September.

400 **Date:** 3 October 1778

Statement: Joseph Ellis, apprentice to George Duncan junior, manufacturer in Aberdeen, and “in terms of a sentence of this date pronounced in the process at his instance before the magistrates of Aberdeen against the said George Duncan” enacted himself to perform his service with the said George Duncan, in terms of the indenture between them, mentioned in the said process.

401 **Date:** 23 November 1778

Statement: James Law, goldsmith in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself to remove the whole stones and rubbish laid down by him in the Upper Kirkgate of Aberdeen opposite to his new built house.

401 Date: 8 February 1779

Statement: "Received Aberdeen 8th February 1779 from Lieut Barclay Quarter Master of the 76th Regt of Foot twenty eight thousand musket balls cartiges in fourteen boxes and twlve hundred flints".

402 Date: 12 February 1779

Accused: Margaret Bruce

Statement: Margaret Bruce "who lately came to this place from Perth", apprehended in the town of Aberdeen as a vagrant and gulty of theft for which she was imprisoned in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen, in terms of a sentence of the magistrates, enacted herself to leave the Burgh and liberties and not return in time coming.

403 Date: 19 February 1779

Accused: George Tocher, Isobel Chrystie

Statement: George Tocher, merchant in Aberdeen, and Isobel Chrystie residenter there, complained upon for throwing out nastiness of different kinds from the windows of their houses into the shades of the flesh market enacted themselves that they shall not be guilty of like practices in time coming.

403 Date: [no date]

Accused: John Brown

Statement: John Brown, blacksmith in Aberdeen, enacted himself that neither he nor any of his family shall in time coming, throw nastiness of any kind from the windows of his house which look into the flesh market.

404 Date: 20 February 1779

Accused: Robert Masson

Statement: Robert Masson, merchant in Aberdeen, enacted himself that neither he nor any of his family or tenants in the house presently possessed by him in the Lodge Walk shall in time coming throw out nastiness of any kind from the windows of the said house which look into the flesh market.

404 Date: 27 February 1779

Statement: [entry crossed out and rewritten on the following page]

405 Date: 27 February 1779

Statement: John Norvall, shipmaster in Aberdeen, bound and enacted himself as cautioner and surety for Alexr Bonnar, servant to Alexander and John Guyans, whitefishers in the Cove, that the said Alexr Bonnar shall serve the said Alexander and John Guyans till Whitsunday and not desert or leave the same.

406 Date: 6 March 1779

Statement: Robert Welsh, towns executioner bound and obliged himself to serve as common executioner of the town of Aberdeen in all the different functions of that office, employed and directed by the magistrates for as long as they shall employ him for which he is paid “ten pounds scots monthly by the treasurer of Aberdeen and one pound four shillings sterling yearly by the Dean of Guild, besides 5 pence every Sunday and fast day preceeding the sacrament from the collection at the church doors and one pound yearly for “cloaths” to be paid by the Dean of Guild together with a free house and the butt of land on the north side of Garvocks wynd as presently possessed by him and the perquisites and enrolments following viz – the customs of the fish and fir markets and sixpence sterling for every stranger ship unloading scotch coals in the harbour and the said Robert Welsh further obliges himself not only to keep away from the church doors and church yard all beggars, idle and disorderly persons and dogs but also to prevent idle stragglers and others from stealing coals”. The magistrates have considerably augmented the said Robert Welsh’s salary above what he or any other in that office ever received before and “to what he agrees will be sufficient for supporting himself and his family in a comfortable manner, he therefore hereby obliges himself not to ask or demand hereafter upon any grounds or pretence whatsoever any addition or augmentation to the foresaid salary and perquisites so long as the magistrates shall think proper to employ him”.

408 Date: October 1778

Statement: “Inventory of the Town of Aberdeens engines for quenching fire with their apparatus presently in the possession of Patrick Lyon viz –“

409 Date: October 1778

Statement: “List of ordnance stores sent to Aberdeen in Octr 1778”

412 Date: 19 May 1779

Accused: Andrew Waddel

Statement: Andrew Waddel, dealer of Carlton ware in Aberdeen, and in terms of a sentence of this date pronounced against him upon a complaint at the instance of William Ritchie, Dean of Guild, “judicially binds and enacts himself that he shall not in time coming expose any goods for sale within the town of Aberdeen except on the market day, and in the market place”.

413 Date: 10 August 1779

Accused: George Angus

Statement: George Angus woolcomber in Aberdeen bound and obliged himself to free and relieve the town of Aberdeen of a bastard female child called Isobel Angus begot by William Angus his son on the person of Margaret Reid, and to take the charge of said child in to his own and family custody and that the said child shall be noways bothersome to the town in time coming.

413 Date: 22 September 1779

Accused: Alexander Brander

Statement: Alexander Brander merchant of Aberdeen, who was upon the twenty first admitted by the Town Council of Aberdeen, as one of the ordinary 'metsters at the Shoar', as principal and for and with him Andrew Fowler, merchant, in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full debtor, bound and enacted themselves that the said Alexander Brander shall faithfully and honestly, discharge the said office and give due obedience to the magistrates of Aberdeen and their officers at all times when called for.

414 Date: [The said day]

Statement: Having considered the petitions of several persons "craving to be admitted to the vacant office of one of the ordinary town sarjeants by the death of Alexander Simpson, they unanimously admitt and receive John Smith shoemaker". They "give and grant to the said John Smith the whole ordinary sallary and perquisites of the said office during his enjoyment thereof".

414 Statement: "Thereafter compeared the said John Smith and accepted of the foresaid office of Town Serjeant, and gave his oath..."

415 Date: 25 February 1780

Accused: Robert Ray

Statement: Robert Ray woolcomber in Aberdeen judicially bound and enacted himself as cautioner and surety for Elizabeth Jamieson, his wife, that Hugh Cameron, merchant in Aberdeen, his wife, bairns, servants and whole concerns shall be harmless and skaithless in their persons, goods and effects at the hands of the said Elizabeth Jamieson and shall no ways be troubled or molested therein by her or by others of her causing.

415 Date: 11 March 1780

Accused: Jean Forbes

Statement: Jean Forbes, residerter in Aberdeen, in terms of a sentence of this date pronounced upon the petitions raised against her at the instance of Andrew Angus son to Alexander Angus, bookseller in Aberdeen, with concourse of William Smith, "Pror fiscal" of court, judicially enacted herself that "the said Jean Forbes shall behave herself regularly and discreetly and in particular that she shall noways trouble or molest the said Andrew Angus or his father, family or shop for the space of twelve months from this date".

416 Date: 13 March 1780

Accused: James McPherson

Statement: James McPherson son to Alexander McPherson, wright in Littlejohn.
[end of entry]

416 Date: 26 May 1780

Accused: Robert Davidson and George Simmers

Statement: Robert Davidson in Balnagask and George Simmers in Upper Torrie, “being nominate and appointed, barley men of the lands and barrayony of Torrie belonging to the Master of Mortifications in Aberdeen. They appeared judicially this day and accepted of the said office and gave their oaths...”

416 **Date:** 31 May 1780

Accused: John and James Leith

Statement: John Leith, barber and peruke maker in Aberdeen, judicially bound and enacted himself for James Leith, his apprentice, “who was yesterday incarcerated in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen for riding a horse at full gallop upon the streets of this Burgh to the danger of the lives of the inhabitants”, that the said James Leith shall appear and answer to any complaint that may be brought against him for the said offence within six months and abide by any sentence that may be pronounced thereon.

417 **Date:** 15 July 1780

Accused: Lewis Leslie, John Bisset

Statement: Lieutenant Alexander Reith of the Eighty First Regiment of Foot, commanded by the Honourable Colonel William Gordon, enacted himself in the town court books of Aberdeen, in terms of a warrant of the right Honourable Henry Horne of Raines, one of the Lord Commissioners of Justiciary, to keep the persons of Lewlis Leslie and John Bisset, prisoners in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen, “under a sure guard and transmitt them furthwith till they are brought to and delivered over as recruits to the proper officers of the said Eighty First Regiment of Foot now stationed in Ireland or wherever the said Reigment shall be stationed at the time”.

418 **Date:** 2 September 1780

Accused: Mary Forbes

Statement: Mary Forbes, alias Stewart, relict of Donald Forbes, labourer in Hardgate, incarcerated in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen for stealing a purse containing twenty pounds and twelve shillings scots, from John Low, in the meal market of the Burgh, voluntarily enacted to banish herself from the Burgh within forty eight hours, never to return.

419 **Date:** 25 November 1780

Accused: Stewart Sim and Ann Tolmie

Statement: Stewart Sim, indweller in Aberdeen, and Ann Tolmie, his spouse, bound and enacted themselves to leave the town and liberties therein, within the space of ten days, never to return.

419 **Date:** 29 November 1780

Accused: Isobel Brown

Statement: Isobel Brown, prisoner of the Tolbooth of Aberdeen, incarcerated for stealing “threads from the bleachfield of Miss Low and Jas Johnston” in terms of a sentence of the magistrates upon her own petition, bound and enacted herself to leave the Burgh and liberties within eight days and not to return.

- 420** **Date:** 27 February 1781
Statement: John Selbie, John Moir and Alexander Brander, all “ordinary metsters at the shoar of Aberdeen bound and enacted themselves, each for his own part, that they shall employ no person under them to measure or weigh grain, coals, lime, salt, fruit, or any other article whatsoever in which they are ordinarily employed as ordinary metsters for the town, but such presons who are first approved of by the magistrates and sworn for the faithfull discharge of the trust committed to them under the pain of being dismissed from their offices”.
- 421** **Date:** 27 February 1781
Statement: John Glennie, cowfeeder in Aberdeen, tenant of a yard at Powcreek belonging to the town of Aberdeen, obliged himself to remove from the said yard to the effect that the treasurer of Aberdeen or others in his name may then enter thereto and possess the same in all time thereafter.
- 422** **Date:** 15 March 1781
Statement: John Carnegie, residenter in Aberdeen, admitted by the town council of Aberdeen as one of the “ordinary metsters at the shoar”, as principal and for and with him Alexander Carnegie, town clerk of Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full “debitor”, bound and enacted themselves that the said John Carnegie shall “faithfully and honestly discharge the said office and give obedience to the magistrates of Aberdeen and their officers when called for” and also that John Carnegie shall employ no person under him to measure or weigh grain, coals, lime, salt, fruit or any other articles whatsoever in which he is ordinarily employed as ordinary metster for the town unless first approved by the magistrates under the pain of being discharged from his office.
- 423** **Date:** 24 March 1781
Statement: John Bruce, town sargeant, agreed with the magistrates to take the vicarage teinds of the parish of St Nicholas, belonging to the town of Aberdeen, for one year and to pay the Treasurer of Aberdeen the sum of forty shillings sterling for the said tack.
- 424** **Date:**
Accused: Christian Grant, Ephy Shaw
Statement: Christian Grant, residenter and Ephy Shaw, spouse to Donald McIntoch, labourer in Aberdeen, having been complained upon by John Dawson, labourer in Aberdeen and William Smith, “Pror fiscal of Court for the Publick Interest”, Christian Grant for stealing and carrying off out of the house of John Dawson in North Street, his wife’s “scarlet plaid and several cloth articles of wearing apparel” and the said Ephy Shaw for resetting thereof and Donald McIntoch for his interest. They enacted themselves to leave the Burgh and liberties with their whole families and effects within eight days.
- 425** **Date:** 21 April 1781

Accused: Jean Malcom

Statement: Jean Malcom, common woman and street walker in Aberdeen, incarcerated in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen upon her own acknowledgement for stealing a white cotton quilted petticoat from John Cooper, stabler in Aberdeen, bound and enacted herself to leave the Burgh and liberties within the space of eight days.

426 Date: 12 June 1781

Statement: John Davidson, residenter in Aberdeen, admitted by the town council of Aberdeen as one of the "ordinary metsters at the shore" as principal and for and with him Robert Innes, merchant in Aberdeen as cautioner, surety and full "debitor", bound and enacted themselves that the said John Davison shall faithfully and honestly discharge the said office and give due obedience to the magistrates of Aberdeen and their officers when called for and that John Davidson shall not employ any person under him to measure or weigh grain, coals, lime, salt, fruit or any other articles whatsoever in which he is ordinarily employed as ordinary metster for the town unless approved by the magistrates under the pain of being discharged from office.

427 Date: 24 July 1781

Statement: List of amunition for 12 & 3 pounders at Aberdeen

[Signed Edwd Roberts, bombdr of artillery and Thomas Fraser, storekeeper]

427 Date: 4 October 1781

Accused: Jean Craig

Statement: Jean Craig, residenter in Aberdeen, accused of night walking and theft enacted herself to appear at the town clerks chamber "on Tuesday next" in order to answer any complaint that may be exhibited against her at the instance of William Smith, "Pror fiscal" of Court.

428 Date: 4 January 1782

Accused: Helen Brebner

Statement: Andrew Gray, goaler in Aberdeen, reported that he had received and detained in prison "in virtue of a warrant of commitment by Robert Turner esq sheriff substitute of Aberdeen on 2nd January, the person of Helen Brebner, sometime servant at Miln of Dunindeer in the County of Aberdeen, who was banished for life out of Scotland by a sentence of the Court of Justiciary on 1st October 1779.

Statement: Thereafter the said Helen Brebner being brought before the magistrates and interrogated, acknowledged that she was brought to trial for the alleged crime of child murder and upon her petition was banished from Scotland for life and that she was apprehended on 13th December and committed to prison in Aberdeen. The magistrates cause her to be taken from the Tolbooth on the next market day and whipped through the streets of Aberdeen by the common hangman and set her at liberty in order to be going again into banishment as aforesaid.

- 429** **Date:** 4 January 1782
Statement: “Received up from the clerk of court a silver watch makers name Geo: Dunbar London, No 2076, lodged in the clerks hands the thirty first ulto by William Rainy, keeper of the meal market, which said watch belongs to me Alexander Aiken in Miln of Menie, subscribing servant to William Brown in Miln of Menie”.
- 430** **Date:** 16 March 1782
Accused: Ann Reach
Statement: Anne Reach, late servant to David Midleton, merchant in Aberdeen, accused of theft and in prison on her own acknowledgement, bound and enacted herself to leave the Burgh and liberties thereof within the space of three days.
- 430** **Date:** 22 March 1782
Statement: John Webster in Cove agrees to build a sufficient dwelling house in Cove for Andrew Robertson, whitefisher in Cove, to the value of five pounds ten shillings sterling and that the house shall be equal in workmanship, quality and dimensions with the houses built by John Hogg in Fauchinches for George Webster, John Guyan and Alexander Craig, whitefishers in Cove in September 1771.
- 431** **Date:** 22 March 1782
Statement: [see above] Andrew Robertson, whitefisher in Cove, bound and obliged himself not only to pay to the master of mortifications of Aberdeen the sum of eleven shillings sterling yearly rent for the dwelling house being built for him, but also that he shall during his possession of the said house uphold and maintain the same sufficiently upon his own expense, he further obliges to pay Charles Mathieson, tacksman of the town and lands of Cove any claim he may have for the “stance of said house”.
- 432** **Date:** 30 March 1782
Statement: John Glennie, cowfeeder in Aberdeen, tenant of a yard at Powcreek belonging to the town of Aberdeen, obliged himself to remove from the said yard “after separation of the crop from the ground” to the effect the treasurer of Aberdeen or others in his name may then enter thereto and possess the same in all time thereafter.
- 433** **Date:** 5 April 1782
Statement: James Singer, residenter in Aberdeen, admitted by the town council of Aberdeen as one of the ordinary metsters at the shore, as principal and for and with him Jonathon Forbes esq of Brux as cautioner, surety and full “debitor”, bound and enacted themselves that James Singer shall faithfully and honestly discharge the said office and give due obedience to the magistrates of Aberdeen and their officers when called for and that he shall not employ any persons under him to weigh grain, coals, lime, salt, fruit or any other article whatsoever unless approved by the magistrates under the pain of his being discharged from his office.
- 434** **Date:** 16 April 1782

Statement: James Laing, mealseller in Aberdeen acknowledged that he has taken from Mr William Moir, treasurer of Aberdeen, the cellar under the town house, "lately possessed by Alexander Pyper, mealseller in Aberdeen", for the space of one year and bound and obliged himself to pay rent for the cellar at the sum of two pounds sterling.

435 Date: 17 April 1782

Accused: Margaret McRobb

Statement: William Mitchell, shoemaker in Aberdeen, in terms of a sentence pronounced upon the petition of Margaret McRobb and others, bound and obliged himself, his heirs, executors and successors that the said Margaret McRobb shall not be found within the city and liberties within the space of seven years.

435 Date: 18 April 1782

Accused: Jean Knowles

Statement: George Knowles, residing at Gilly brands, in terms of a sentence pronounced upon the petition of Jean Knowles, and others given into the magistrates, bound and obliged himself, his heirs, executors and successors that the said Jean Knowles shall not be found within the city and liberties for the space of seven years.

436 Date: 20 April 1782

Accused: Jean Malcom

Statement: Patrick Yool, residenter in Aberdeen, in terms of a sentence pronounced upon the petition of Jean Malcom and others given in to the magistrates, bound and obliged himself, his heirs, executors and successors that the said Jean Malcom shall not be found within the city and liberties within the space of seven years.

436 Date: 2 May 1782

Accused: Elizabeth Copeland

Statement: Elizabeth Copeland from Huntly, accused of having a stolen a turkey cock, a cock and a hen and a pint stouss from or near the house of Hugh McLean of Colequin in old Aberdeen, acknowledging the facts, and the said different articles being found in her custody, is banished from the town and liberties not to return under the pain of being corporally punished and ordained to be instantly conveyed out of town with the executioner and tuck of drum.

437 Date: 6 May 1782

Accused: Sophia Nicoll

Statement: John Nicoll, chaisedriver in Aberdeen, in terms of a sentence pronounced upon the petition of Sophia Nicoll and others, given in to the magistrates, the said John Nicoll bound and obliged himself, his heirs, executors, and successors that Sophia Nicoll shall not be found within the city and liberties within the space of seven years.

438 Date: 31 May 1782

Accused: Elizabeth Copeland

Statement: Elizabeth Copeland from Huntly, banished from the City and liberties for the crime of theft, having been apprehended within the liberties of the Burgh and having been brought before the magistrates and convicted of committing various acts of theft since her last banishment, is newly banished from the burgh and liberties never to return.

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Statement: "James Dyce, wigmaker & haircutter in Aberdeen had the front of his house presently rebuilding by him lined out by order of the magistrates & town council of Aberdeen and which tenement so rebuilding lys on the southside of the Castlegate of Aberdeen bounded on the east by the tenement of Mr Menzies of Pitfoddles and on the west by the Trades land presently possess by Alexr Angus Bookseller and the council appoints the face of the forewall of the said tenement presently rebuilding to be measure two feet nine inches within the northwest quinzie of Pitfoddles shop presently possess by Jno Smith merch and the face of the said forewall at the westend to project from the northeast quinzie of the Trades tenement exactly four feet without the same and no further and appoints the said Jas Dyce to observe this boundary along with Alexr Bannerman his masson."