

MONDAY, 10th February 1913.

Mr JAMES CURLE, W.S., in the Chair.

The following Donations to the Museum and Library were laid on the table, and thanks voted to the Donors :—

(1) By Rev. P. H. RUSSELL, Olaberry, Shetland.

Small Circular Weight Box of Brass, with Hinge (lid wanting), found at Olaberry, Shetland.

(2) By SPENSER G. PERCIVAL, Clifton, Bristol.

Leaden Cross, 1½ inches in length, found in excavating at Bristol Post Office in 1908, and Two Cores of Horns of Sheep or Goat, found in excavating in Temple Street, Bristol.

(3) By WILLIAM MOIR BRYCE, F.S.A. Scot.

Leaden Seal—SIGILLVM LEPROSORVM round a bust in centre ; *reverse* LAZARI IHERVSALEM round a bust of a Bishop in attitude of blessing, found under an old house near Holyrood.

(4) By GEORGE HADDOW, Summit Public School, Crauford.

Hanging Candle-holder of Iron, with Sliding Rod and Hook, from Douglas, Lanarkshire.

(5) By JOHN FLEMING, F.S.A. Scot.

Nineteen Charters and other Documents mostly on parchment, and some on paper ; chiefly of the sixteenth and seventeenth Centuries. The following Inventory of these Documents has been made by Dr J. Maitland Thomson :—

## 1. 17th January 1519-20.

Instrument of Sasine taken 17th January 1519[-20], in the hands of Andrew Blinsele of St Andrews diocese notary public, in favour of Isobel Chalmer spouse of John Cochrane of Petfour, of 13s. 4d. annual rent furth of the tenement of Robert Robertsons *alias* Wynrame lying on the east side of the Kirkgate of the burgh of Perth (betwixt the land of the chaplain of St Joseph confessor on the north, and the land of umquhil Alexander Pullour on the south). Sasine given by Alexander Chalmer one of the bailies of said burgh, conform to charter thereof to be made to her. Witnesses, Robert Robertsons and James Mernys serjeants, John Arnot.

## 2. Scots, on paper. 11th July 1536.

Contract betwixt George Abercromy of Petmedene and Mr Alexander Ogilvy in Glassacht. The parties submitted themselves to the arbitration of Alexander Ogilvy of that ilk, touching a ward lately "biggit" by Mr Alexander upon the lands and his tack of Cultaine, alleged by George to be "biggit" upon the commony of his wadset lands of Deskfurd; and anent certain dykes "biggit" by George and his servants about the common gate in "striping" the same, where Mr Alexander and his servants had been wont to lead their fuel from the ground of Deskfurd to the town of the Glassacht; together with all other debates betwixt the parties before the date hereof. Which office the arbiter took upon him, and swore to give decret before . . . next to come. Meanwhile George should tolerate a loan for Mr Alexander and his tenants' goods to pass to the ford of Classindamme through his lands of Clascindamme, without pasturing therein; and Mr Alexander should tolerate that Tom Vilsone and the tenants of Arbrago should loan their goods betwixt Rob Cuik's corns and Tom Vilson's fold; without prejudice to the rights of parties. On which both parties asked an Instrument. At the Bog of Finlatter, 11th July 1536. Witnesses, Alexander Abercromy in Reidhicht, William Mortimar, Thomas Henre. Attested by Sir John Robertsons notary public.

## 3. 16th September 1555.

Instrument of Resignation and Sasine taken on 16th September 1555, in the hands of James Ros clerk of Glasgow diocese notary public, upon the resignation made by Thomas McGe into the hands of Sir John Rais prebendary of the third stall of the collegiate kirk

of Mayboill as overlord, of a tenement with houses and yard thereof and arable lands adjacent thereto, lying in the town of Mayboill (betwixt the lands of James Richart on the west and of Sir Fergus McMirie chaplain on the east), and that in favour of John McTeir, to whom the overlord gave sasine accordingly. Witnesses, John Fergusson, James Bard of Drummelling, John McIlvane junior, John McIlvane senior, Sir John Kennedy chaplain.

4. 25th December 1573.

Instrument of Sasine taken on 25th December 1573, in the hands of John Bonkil clerk-depute of the city of St Andrews notary public, upon the sasine given to Christian Yuill relict of Patrick Ogilvie citizen of St Andrews, for her lifetime, of her terce of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  acres of arable land in which said Patrick died vest and seized, viz.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  acres in the territory called Kennis Bank (betwixt the acres of John Wod on the east, the land of Thomas Faber [?] on the west, the lands of Kennis on the south, and the acres of Grisel Sibald, Robert Craig, Thomas Broun, David Gled, Elizabeth Baxter, and Mr Alexander Jarden on the north), and 2 acres in the territory called Ester Ruffat (betwixt the acres of Alexander Russel on the east, of Robert Ade on the west, the common road leading to the bridge of Ballone on the south, and the common road leading to Cupar on the north). On Precept of Clare Constat by Robert commendator of the priory of St Andrews and convent thereof, dated at the city of St Andrews, 4 December 1573. Sasine given by George Saige, bailie in that part. Witnesses, Robert Ywil maltster (*brasifactor*) citizen of St Andrews, James Myllar serjeant of the said city.

5. 18th July 1600.

Instrument of Sasine taken on 18th July 1600, in the hands of James Anderson clerk of court of the burgh of Cupar clerk of St Andrews diocese notary public, upon the sasine given to Thomas Barclay burgess of Cupar and Margaret Petersone his wife, and the longer liver of them in conjunct fee, and the heirs begotten or to be begotten betwixt them, whom failing, Thomas' heirs and assignees whomsoever, of those 4 acres of arable land called Sanct-Katheringis-hauch, lying beside the burgh of Cupar (betwixt the water of Eden on the west and north, the lands of Lytill Tervet called the Hippehill on the east, the common road from the bridge of Eden to Ballas and St Michael's Kirk [*templum*] on the south), in the sheriffdom of Fife. On Precept

of Sasine under the Quarter Seal, addressed to the king's bailies of Fife and to George Anderson, sheriff in that part, following on Great Seal Charter (granted with consent of Mr John Prestoun of Fentounbarnis, collector general and treasurer of new augmentations), which proceeded on the resignation of Thomas Williamsone burges of Cupar, John Williamsone his eldest son, and Margaret Peage John's wife. Precept dated at Holyroodhouse, 7th March 1600, *anno regni* 33. Sasine given by George Anderson burges of Cupar, sheriff of Fife in that part. Witnesses, Mr Alexander Strauchane minister of the burgh of Cupar, Robert Williamsone, George Mous, Andrew Nore, burgesses of said burgh.

Recorded in the Secretary's Register for the sheriffdom of Fife by John Makesone clerk depute thereof, at St Andrews. 4th August 1600.

6.

19th May 1608.

Precept of Clare Constat by Robert Innes of Invermarkye, addressed to John Lesleye in the college of Elgin bailie in that part, for giving sasine to Isobel Innes, as heir of her deceased brother german John Innes lawful son of umquhil Robert Innes of Orblestoun, of the town and lands of Orblestoun, in the earldom of Moray and sheriffdom of Elgin and Forres, held of the granter in feu. Precept written by George Annand burges of Elgin notary public. At Plewlandis, 19th May 1608. Witnesses, William Makintosche of Beandacher, Robert Innes the granter's servitor, Michael Rawsone in Petruiffnye, James Thayne in Plewlandis.

Signed by granter and witnesses.

7.

25th March 1609.

Charter of Sale by Thomas Barclay burges of Cupar, with consent of Isobel Smythe his spouse, in implement of Letters Obligatory of same date, granting to James Barclay and David Barclay lawful sons of umquhil David Barclay the granter's brother german, equally betwixt them, their heirs and assignees whomsoever, irredeemably, 4 acres of arable land called Sanct-Katherenis-hauche lying beside the burgh of Cupar (bounded as in no. 5 *supra*), in the sheriffdom of Fife. To be held *a me* of the king, coming in place of the Friars Preachers of St Andrews. Feu duty 4 bolls of wheat, at Candlemas. With Precept of Sasine addressed to William Chrystesone burges of Cupar. Charter written by David Anderson notary public. At Cupar, 25th March 1609. Witnesses, Robert Robertstone merchant

burgess of Cupar, David Robertstone his lawful son, Alexander Smythe burgess of said burgh, James Smythe his lawful son.

Signed by granter and witnesses. The granter's spouse signs with hand at the pen led by David Andersone and William Christiesone notaries public.

8.

1st July 1618.

Charter of Sale by James Hammiltoun merchant burgess of Edinburgh, with consent of Jonet Gillaspie his spouse, in implement of Letters dated at Edinburgh, 25th December 1617, and for £1000 Scots paid to them, granting to Andrew Clerk glassenwright, and Elizabeth or Bessie Clerk his spouse, and the longer liver of them in conjunct fee, and the heirs begotten or to be begotten betwixt them, whom failing, to Andrew's heirs or assignees whomsoever, irredeemably, that half dwelling house containing hall, chamber and study (*museolum*) at the north end and kitchen at the south end thereof, then occupied by Matthew Barnis, together with hall and chamber then occupied by George Patersoun merchant, lying immediately below said dwelling house and entering on the south side of the door of the said tenement of that great tenement of umquhil James Cant son of umquhil Thomas Cant of Sanctjeilligrainge, thereafter of umquhil John Cant brother and heir of umquhil George Cant son and heir of said Thomas, then of granter and his spouse, lying on the south side of the High street of said burgh (betwixt the tenement of umquhil Alexander Elphingstoun on the west, the tenement of umquhil John Carmichaell on the east, the High street on the north, and the waste land of umquhil Thomas Sommervell on the south). To be held *a nobis* of the king in free burgage. Rendering service of burgh ought and wont. With clause of warrandice, specially from annual rents of 80 merks, 2 merks and £16 due furth of said whole tenement. At Edinburgh, 1st July 1618. Witnesses, Alexander Patersoun, James Lennox, and Alexander Makcainay servitor of Mr Alexander Guthrie common clerk of Edinburgh (writer of the charter).

Signed by granter and witnesses.

9.

10th November 1629.

Instrument of Cognition and Sasine taken on 10th November 1629, in the hands of John Merser clerk of St Andrews diocese notary public, narrating that Alexander Peblis provost of Perth cognosced and entered Mr Alexander Christiesone minister of Logybryd, eldest

son of umquhil David Chrystesone merchant burges of Perth, as his father's heir in an annual rent of £10 Scots wadset by umquhil Thomas Gaw notary burges of Perth and Isobel Blair his wife, with consent of umquhil Oliver Makesone merchant burges of Perth, for £100 Scots to be repaid to the said Oliver and the heirs of his marriage with umquhil Agnes Billie, furth of that tenement of land fore and back nether and upper and south part of the yard thereof extending in breadth to  $13\frac{1}{4}$  ells, lying on the east side of the Watergate of said burgh (betwixt the land sometime of umquhil Richard Ros and the north part of said yard pertaining to said Oliver on the north, said Oliver's other land and the yard of umquhil Gilbert Ray on the south, the water of Tay on the east, and said Watergate on the west). Witnesses, Robert Arnott, John Maxtoun, bailies, William Hall elder, David Grant merchant, David Chalmer, Henry Bröun, notaries, Patrick Brusone writer, burgesses of Perth, George Robertstone and Donald Read serjeants of the said burgh.

10. Scots, on paper.

1st and . . . April 1630—recorded 25th April 1633.

Extract Contract of Marriage betwixt James Cummyng of Freifeild on one part, and Alexander Gordoun in Elgin for himself and taking burden for Christian Gordoun his eldest lawful daughter, and said Christian for herself with her father's consent, on the other. James to marry Christian in face of Holy Kirk betwixt and . . . 1630. Alexander to procure himself to be infet in a rood of land on the south side of the burgh of Elgin (betwixt the lands pertaining sometime to Helen Lesley at the east, the lands pertaining to the heirs and successors of Thomas Ritchartsone burges of Elgin at the west, to the king's High street of said burgh at the north, and the back passage of the same at the south), with houses and yards thereof, lying within the burgh of Elgin and sheriffdom of Elgin and Forres, and that betwixt and . . . next to come; and to dispone it, with the whole timber plenishing within the same, to said James and Christian in conjunct fee and liferent, and heritably to the heirs of the marriage, whom failing, to James' heirs and assignees whomsoever, to be held of the king for payment of the land mails used and wont, and of such annual rents as were in use to be uplifted therefrom; and to resign the same in the hands of the provost or one of the baillies of Elgin in favour of the spouses. For a "meeting" to which, James to bestow 1000 merks Scots upon land wadset or annual rent where it might be most

commodiously had, to be furthcoming heritably to the heirs of the marriage; should James predecease Christian leaving no surviving issue of the marriage, Christian to have the liferent of said sum; should Christian predecease James leaving heirs of the marriage, James to pay them the annual rent of said sum during his life. Further, James with his spouse's consent set in tack to Alexander the said rood &c., excepting only the uppermost laich chamber in the close and the fore booth, for one year from Whitsunday next, and thereafter from year to year so long as it should please Alexander to possess it himself during his lifetime, he paying yearly 50 merks Scots. Alexander to make no disposition of the moveables of which he might die possessed, to the prejudice of his two daughters. Each party bound himself to fulfilment of the above under penalty of 500 merks Scots, to be paid by the party breaking the contract to the party observing it; and both parties consented to registration in the Books of Council and Session or the Commissary's Books of Moray, and thereto appointed James Innes notary public (burgess of Elgin) their procurator. At Elgin, 1st and . . . April 1630. Witnesses, James Gordoune of Dawoche, Robert Gibsone of Linkwoodis, Alexander Cummyng sometime of Thornhill, Ninian Dunbar of Ruiffis, Alexander Cummyng in Elgin (writer of the contract). Alexander Gordoun and his daughter signed with hands at the pen led by James Innes and William M<sup>c</sup>Kenzie notaries public.

Recorded in the Commissary's Books of Moray by authority of Mr John Hay commissary, 25th April 1633; and extracted therefrom by Mr Robert Gardin commissary clerk.

11. 26th February 1631.

Instrument of Resignation and Sasine taken 26th February 1631, in the hands of Mr Alexander Guthre common clerk of Edinburgh notary public, upon the resignation by George Tailyeour writer, procurator for George Smith merchant burgess of Edinburgh, into the hands of Gilbert Achesoun one of the bailies of said burgh, of a tenement of land fore and back upper and lower, which formerly pertained to the earl of Gowrie lord Ruthven and Dirleton, thereafter to umquhil John Fentoun one of the clerks of Exchequer, by whom it was sold to umquhil Jonet Fockert relict of William Fouller merchant, then pertaining to umquhile Jonet Fouller spouse of John Baillie of Braidschaw, and by him and her sold to umquhil William Fouller merchant, and by him disposed to Hercules Crawmond elder merchant, thereafter pertaining to Thomas Crawmond son of said

Hercules, and by him sold to said George Smith, lying in the Overbow of said burgh on the west side of the passage thereof (betwixt the tenement of umquhil James Lawsoun thereafter of umquhil James Inglis merchant on the north, the tenement of the heirs of umquhil John Fawsyid on the south, the passage of the Overbow on the east, and the lands of said James Inglis on the west),—and in warrandice thereof, of another tenement of land of said William Fouller on the north side of the High street of said burgh (betwixt the tenement of umquhil Thomas Diksoun then of umquhil John Coupar tailor on the west, the tenement of umquhil Donald Kyle then of umquhil Adam Thomesoun apothecary on the east, the lands of umquhil Robert Mar on the north, and the High street on the south);—and on the sasine thereof given to Captain Thomas Sandersoun, brother german of Raleigh Sandersoun agent for the king at the court of Sweathland, his heirs and assignees whomsoever. Reserving the liferent of both tenements to said Hercules. Witnesses, James Moubray skinner, Alexander Makcainay the notary's servitor, Alexander Mure merchant, Alexander Glen lister, James Grahame merchant, William Thomesoun merchant, Robert Gibsoun, Robert Notmane, Robert Myllar, James Cochrane, John Clerk and John Jaksoun serjeants of said burgh.

12.

10th July 1636.

Precept of Clare Constat by John earl of Traquair lord Lyntoun and Caberstoun, addressed to Hector Douglas portioner of Lyntoun bailie in that part, for giving sasine to James Douglas then of Stanypeth, only son and nearest heir male of umquhile Mr Thomas Douglas of Stanypeth, of the lands of Stanypeth in the sheriffdom of Peebles; held formerly of William earl of Mortoun lord Dalkeith for three suits at the three head courts of Dalkeith in name of blench ferme, then of the granter for three suits at the three head courts of the barony of Lyntoun. At Edinburgh, 30th July 1636. Witnesses, John Murray, Robert Vaitche and Mr John Lawsons, servitors of the granter.

Signed by granter and witnesses.

13.

3rd September 1670.

Instrument of Sasine taken 3rd September 1670, in the hands of Robert Hamilton clerk of Glasgow diocese notary public, upon the sasine given to John M'Quhirtur of Grimett and Mary Sinclair his spouse, of 2 roods of land lying contiguous, with one tenement built

upon them, with waste land adjoining, with houses and yard (lying betwixt the lands of umquhil William M<sup>c</sup>Murrie in Dromebane on the east, the lands of umquhil James Ritchart on the west, and common roads on the south and north), in the burgh of Mayboill, earldom of Carrick and sheriffdom of Ayr; and in special warrandice thereof, a tenement under and upper, fore and back, with yard thereof, in said burgh beside the kirkyard, then occupied by Katherine Kennedy relict of Hugh M<sup>c</sup>Quhirtur in Mayboill. On Precept in Charter granted by John earl of Cassillis lord Kennedy to said John and his spouse and the longer liver of them, and the heirs begotten or to be begotten betwixt them, whom failing, John's heirs and assignees whomsoever, dated at Mayboill, 28 April 1670. Witnesses to Charter, John Schaw of Grimet, Robert Hamiltone writer in Mayboill, John M<sup>c</sup>Colme his servitor (writer of the Charter). Sasine given by John M<sup>c</sup>Murrie of Cultizewn bailie in that part, to Thomas M<sup>c</sup>Colme merchant in Mayboill as attorney for the grantees. Witnesses, John M<sup>c</sup>Colme writer in Mayboill, Thomas Smith son of James Smith merchant in Mayboill, John Girthrige and Andrew M<sup>c</sup>Colme there.

Presented by Robert Hamilton bailie clerk of Carrick, and recorded in the Particular Register of Sasines for the sheriffdom of Ayr by Charles Dalrymple clerk depute thereof, 6th September 1670.

14. English, on paper. 24th January 1679-80.

Letter by the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury to Sir Robert Howard knight, auditor of the receipt of Exchequer, directing him to issue £2000 to the Navy, and £2000 to Mr Pepys for the service of "Tanger," out of the loan of £4000 which he was to receive that day of Mr Kent and Mr Duncombe. Whitehall Treasury Chambers, 24th January 1679[-80].

Signed Hen : Guy.

15. 24th February 1686.

Charter of Sale and Novodamus by Hugh Rose of Kilraik, granting to Alexander Rose of Clava, his heirs male and assignees whomsoever, irredeemably, the towns and lands of Mid Fliness, the town and lands of Athabrait, the mill of Fliness and mill lands with multures and sucken thereof, in the sheriffdom of Nairn; whereof Hugh Rose of Clava died vest and seized at the faith of King Charles II., Alexander being his eldest son and heir. To be held *de me.* Rendering one penny Scots in name of blench duty. With Precept of Sasine addressed

to Robert Cuming in Mid Fliness. At Kilraik, 24th February 1686. Witnesses, Mr John Dunbar and William McKenzie the granter's servitors, James Rose sheriff clerk of Nairn (writer of the Charter). Signed by granter and witnesses.

16. On paper. 30th July 1691.

Account of James earl of Panmuir, as having right to the feufermes and other duties of the subjects underwritten, rendered by Mr Robert Innes W.S. in his name, 30th July 1691, of all his receipts and expenses since 31st July 1690.

Charge. Blench duties of the feufermes and other duties of the lands and barony of Barrie and office of bailiary thereof (and that for relief of lord Balmerino of that part of the blench duties of the whole erected lordship of Balmerino), £36. Which sum was paid to Patrick Murray receiver of the king's fermes. *Et sic eque.*

Signed by J. Balfour els. reg., and Tho. Moncreiffe.

17. 18th October 1695.

Feu Charter by James earl of Galloway lord Stewart of Garlies and Glasserton, in implement of an Obligation, granting to John Ross in Carnebrock, his heirs and assignees whomsoever, the 20 shilling land of old extent of Carnebrock, and the 40 shilling land of old extent of Balsarroch, being parts of the lands and barony of Corswall, in the parish of Kircume and sheriffdom of Wigton. To be held of the earl. Rendering for Carnebrock £3 Scots, for Balsarroch £6 Scots, in name of feu duty; and doubling the duty at each heir's entry; and relieving the earl of the vicarage teinds due furth of said lands to the minister of Kircume. The feuars and their tenants to compear at the earl's head courts of said barony, and at all other courts thereof when lawfully summoned. The feuars to pay for Balsarroch to the earl's mill of Corswall the multures and other dues ought and wont, as paid by Hugh Campbell their predecessor, and fulfilling all that they ought to fulfil to the earl by his disposition thereof. With Precept of Sasine. At Clary, 18th October 1695. Witnesses, Robert McDouall younger of Loggane, John Stewart of Phisgill, John Murdoch the earl's servant, David Stewart writer in Edinburgh (writer of the Charter).

Signed by granter and witnesses.

18. English, on paper. 19th March 1698.

Letter from Jo: Hareson (?) to Mr. Patrick Craw of Heughead, at Dudistoun, stating that the riding horse of Sir Patrick (Home of

Renton ?) was inclined to a "reiff," and asking his correspondent to go to one Niccoll a smith about Musselburgh, who used to cure horses of scab, procure a recipe and give it to John Gibsone the hind, then at Brunstoun, with order to get the particulars and fetch them out. Dated Cold[ingham ?], 19th March 1698. "I speak all english having been at newcastle this week."

On the back.

21 March '98. A cure for scabed horse from Nicol Grinlay.

To let blood and kep it and rub him over with it mingled well with salt.

Then get a muskin of train oyll (and within a day efter he is let blood) and a little stuleing about a pynt mixed wt the oyll, a pund of black soap half a pund gun powder then a qrtter pund of bruntstone and beat it small mingle ym all together and boyll them in a pan and yn rub ym over with it against ye hair.

Within 4 or 5 days efter rub ym over wt sea water and keep ym warm wt cloths.

Efter bleeding give a mask of malt.

19. English, on vellum. 11th March 1828.

Certificate by King George IV., addressed to the Peers of Scotland to be assembled at Holyrood House 10th April next for election of another peer to sit and vote in the House of Peers in room of Thomas earl of Kellie deceased; bearing that Eric lord Reay had that day appeared in the Court of Chancery and taken the Oaths of Supremacy, Allegiance and Abjuration. At Westminster, 11th March, 9th year of the king's reign (A.D. 1828).

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The following communications were read :—