

Slaughter—Burning of Town of Dornoch.

Feb. 12.—NEILL ANGUSSONE (MACLEOD) in Assent.¹

Dilatit of art and part of the crewall slauchter of vmq^{le} Hutcheoun Angussone his broder, in the Ile of Assent; committit in the moneth of Junij, the 3eir of God I^m.V^c.lxxv 3eiris: AND for the slauchter of vmq^{le} Donald M^cHutcheoun Angussone, brother to the said Hutcheoun; committit at the famin tyme: AND for the tressonabill byrning of the toun of Dornoch in Suthirland; committit in the moneth of Junij, or thairby, the 3eir of God I^m.V^c.lxvj 3eiris;² AND diuerse vtheris slauchteris, as the dittay beris, &c.; specialie, of Duncane M^cRorye.

ASSTSA.

Willeame Suthirland of Evelik,	Adam Bell, in Edinburghe,	Alex ^r . Brodye of that Ilk,
Johne Hay of Park, (Chancellor),	Thomas Frazer, tutour of Lovat,	James Campbell of Archinglas,
Alex ^r . Hay, his broder,	Thomas Robefoun, burges of Ed ^r ,	Alex ^r . M ^c Nachtene of Dundarroch,
Nicholas Rois of Dunkeith,	Johne Rois, prouest of Narne,	Johne Campbell of Inuerlevene,
Duncan Campbell of Both,	Johne Campbell of Caddell,	Alex ^r . Innes of Crummye.

Mr Robert Creychtoun tuke instrumentis of the said Neillis Confessioun, declaring that his sone Tormot slew the said vmq^{le} Hutcheoun and Donald his sone; And that he himself was cumand to Ed^r. to speik my Lord Regentis grace, and to offer him to underly the law, for the saidis crymes, quhan he was tane in the menetyme, be Torquill M^cCloyde apperand of the Lewis, be the way, and incarcerate. And siclyke, that he confessit the slauchtir of the said vmq^{le} Duncane M^cRorie, and that he had his componitour thairfoir:³ And that

¹ This person, according to Sir Robert Gordon, commanded the country of Assint. He was the fifth son of Angus-more, Laird of Assint. The eldest son, Donald-Caim, died of his wounds shortly after being taken prisoner by the Laird of Lewis, (John M^cCorquill M^cLeod,) against whom he had revolted. Tormot, the second son, was slain by his brother Angus-beg, who, in his turn, was slain by his bastard brother Alexander, in revenge of Tormot's death. John-reawich succeeded his brother Angus-beg, (who died without issue,) and governed the country for 16 years. On John's death, he left the government to this Neill-Angus-son; whose younger brother Hucheon, jealous of Neill's prosperity, took him prisoner, and detained him until he forced him into certain terms. In revenge for this act, he killed Hucheon, with his second son Donald, who had come to visit him in the Isle of Assint. 'Wherupon Torquell Conaldagh MacLoyd of the Cogigh pursued the Yle in Assint, and apprehended Neill Angussone, whom he sent to Edinburgh, where he was executed the yeir of God 1581.'—*Gordon's General Account of Earldom of Sutherland*, p. 263.—Neil left his sons John-reawich and Donald-bane, with three bastards, Tormot, Angus, and Alistar. ² Y Macky of Far 'invaded the cuntrie of Southerland after the death of Earl John, wasted the barony of Skibo, came to the town of Dornogh, and, (vpon some privat quarrell betuein himself and the Morrayes,) being assisted by the Laird of Duffus and his freindis, he brunt the said toun, the yeir of God 1567, which was then cheiflie inhabited by the Morrayes.'—*Gordon's Sutherland*, p. 150.—This town was a second time burnt after a siege by the Master of Caithnes and Y Mackay, anno 1570, 'in the night season, which the inhabitants culd no longer defend; yit eftir the toun was lost, and the cathedrall church brunt, except the steiple, they held the castle and the steiple of the church for the space of a weik, the Catteynes continuallie assaulting them, bot in vain without successe.'—*Ibid*, p. 156. ³ i. e. Paid his Assyhtment, and obtained Letters of Slains thereupon.

he was compellit be McKye to pas with him to Dornoch, quhair he and his cumpanye did na thing bot lay on the feildis, &c.—‘*CONUICT. ET DECOLLAT.*’¹

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Feb. 14.—ROBERT HOWSTOUN, broder to the lard of Houftoun, and forty-six others.

Dilatit of art and part of the crewell slauchter of vmq^{le} William Lyndefay, feruitour to James Maifter of Glencarne, in October lastbypast.

Continued to the Justice-air of ‘Renfrew, tertio Itineris, vel super premonitione xv dierum.’²

Slaughter.

Feb. 28.—WILLEAME PORTERFEILD of that ilk.

Dilatit of art and part of the slauchter of vmq^{le} Johnne Birfbane of Middill Walkinshaw; committit in the moneth of Maij 1573 zeiris.

Continued to the 30th March, Plegio, Domino de New-wark-Maxwell.

Mar. 29.—The Laird of McFarlane and James Flemyng de Kilmacolme, become securities for Porterfeild; and, on the following day,

Mar. 30.—The Laird of Knok becomes security to present him at the Justice-air of ‘Renfrew, tertio Itineris, vel super premonitione xv dierum.’

PRELOQUOUTOURIS in defence.

Maister Johnne Schairp, Maister Thomas Craig.

PERSEWAR.

William Birfbane.

The saidis preloquoutouris in defence alledgeis, that thair is na cryme committit, in respect that the said Johnne Birfbane wes slane at the horne, put thairto, be vertew of our fouerane lordis lettres; and thairthrow, being rebell, for ane treasonabill cryme: As the lettres of horning, direct thairvpoune beiris, and produceit presentlie in proces. And siclyke, the said Mr Johnne Schairp produceit the generale band of the Sherefdom of Renfrew. Johnne Hammiltoun of Schawtoun, askit instrumentis of the productione of the saidis Lettres of Horning, and protestit that thay be keipit in proces, as euentis to my Lord Claude Hammiltoun.

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Feb. 28.—JOHNNE CWNINGHAME, sone to vmq^{le} Cwninghame of Clovinbayth, and John Maxwell, broder to Thomas Maxwell of Southbar.

¹ Beheaded. ² Plegiis, Domino de Glengarnok, Dom. de Houftoun et Dom. de New-wark, con-iunctim et diuisim, pro omnibus, tertio Itineris de Renfrew, vel alubi, super premonitione xv dierum. Et postea, viz. xv Feb., Will. Porterfeild de Duchall obligavit seipsum ad relevand. dictos plegios, de prefata cautione penisque omnibus in eadem contentis.