

TO THE COUNSELL.

Right, &c.—As we wer pleased to wreat to you before in favours of . . . Maistir James Hannay, minister at our churche of Halierudhous, requiring you to considder of the reasons which wer exhibited unto us in his behalff, and inclosed in our former lettres, concerning the provisione of that churche with ane honest and competent maintenance to the minister, according to the eminencie of the place and greatnes of his charge : And wee being informed that the same could not convenientlie be performed before the pronouncing of our decreitt : Oure plesour tharefore is, and we doe heirby authorise, will, and require you, that now, after the publicatione of our said decree, you tak the said reassones in your serious consideratione, and with all convenient diligence you sette and appoint to the said Maister James and his successouris, ministers at our said Kirk, ane honest and sufficient maintenance as you shall think fitting for the said place and charge.—Whitehall, the seavint of Januar 1630.

TO THE ERLE OF SEAFORT.

Letter to repair to Court, in the usual form.—Whitehall, the 7 of January 1630.

TO THE SESSIONE.

Right, &c.—Whereas there are actiones of law intendit and dependand before you betuix the burgh of Edinburgh and some inhabitantis of Leithe concerning the rightis and priveledges of our said burgh : These are to will and require you with all convenient expeditione to administer justice to both parties in thare actiones, according to thare rightis and the lawes of that our kingdome : Soe we, &c. Whitehall, the 7 of Januar 1630.

TO THE COUNSELL.

Right, &c.—Whereas wee have understood by your lettre of the inconveniences that are like to come to that our kingdome by strangers, whome, planting thameselves in the Ile of the Lewis by means of a patent granted to the Erle of Seafort not as yet exped, wold usurp the benefitt of the fishing in theis seas adjacent thareunto, to the great prejudice of our subjectis wishing that the samen may be prevented : We doe approve your opinione, and have taken another course to our consideratione, whiche, as wee doe conceave, may verie much import the good of that our kingdome : Wherevpon we have required the said Erle and a commissioner for the betowes to repaire unto us at the first of Marche next to come, that after due deliberatione wee may think fitt what is to be done tharein : And in the meantime it is our plesour that you give ordour for stopping the said Erle his patent in Exchequer, or otherwayis, till after the said time you shall heir farther from us, as likewayis that the strangers whoe are alreadye plantid there be made liable to the lawes of the cuntre, and find catione for thare compirance when they shalbe cited to ansuer for transgressing our actis of parliament, and that noe others be suffered to plant there till wee have resolved what shalbe fittest for the publick good of that kingdome.—Whitehall, the 7 Januar 1630.

TO THE ADVOCAT.

Trustie, &c.—Whereas thare hath been ane signatour of some landis belonging to . . . Sir James Oliphant, Knight Baronett, presented to be signed by us, as wee are willing to doe him any lauffull favour,