

contentione with our said cousine, he did forgoe a greater benefeitt likelio to have arrisine unto him by his pouare of Adminaltie from our cousing the late Duke of Richemond, and specialie by a commissione which wee of late wer pleased to grant him, whareby he was to be Judge himself of all prises taken by that means, Wee, in our princelie judgment, think itt fitt that all differences heirin be removed; and to that effect that, according to the saidis articles, you deput the saidis Maister Thomas Nicolsone to judge these prises, admitting him for the better doing thareof to hold courts, sieing it was soe concluded by our directione, and by such advice and mutuall consent, that the said Maister Thomas should be only judge tharto, and that the said Erle should have full right to the profiteitts of all such prises: Soe wee, &c.—Whitehall, the 10 December 1629.

## TO THE COMMISSIONERS FOR SURRENDERS.

Right, &c.—Understanding that Sir Andro Ker, Maister of Jedburgh, whoe by us was added unto our number of theis Commissioners of Surrenders, is now dead, and that pouare is in us to supplye any place vaikin by deathe, or otherwayis with any persone thought fitt by us; And knoweing the abilitie and affectione to our service of . . . the Lord Erskyne, Oure pleasoure is, and wee doe heirby will and require you, that you admitt him to be one of your nomber according to any course accustomed by you in the like causes: And for your soe doing theis presentis shalbe your warrand.—Whitehall, 10 of December 1629.

## TO THE ADVOCAT.

Trustie, &c.—Whereas . . . the Erle of Carrike, in regard of satisfacione given by us to him, is willing to surrender upp unto us all title, right, and clame whatsoever he hathe to the Erledome of Orkney: Oure pleasoure is, that you draw up a sufficient surrender of the same, to be signed by him as you shall think requisit for our suretie, whareby wee and our successouris in all time coming may be fullie secured from all titill, right, and clame whatsoever he hathe to the fairsaid Erledome, reserving always to him the landis that he hathe purchased thare.—Whitehall, the 10 of December 1629.

## TO THE EXCHEQUER.

Right, &c.—Whereas for the better obteyning of such debtis as wer due unto . . . the Erle of Annandale by the Lord and Maister of Hereis, whoe at his instance wer put to the horne and denounced our rebellis, wee formerly pleased to grant unto him thare escheattis and lifrentis: And haveing to this purpose signed a signatour unto him of new, oure pleasoure is, that you eaus exped the same under our privie seall with all convenient diligence, taking suche assurance for the use of the saidis Lord and Maister of Hereis and ther other creditouris (the said Erle being secured or payed of what by them is justlie due unto him) as you shall think fitt for the good of our service, or as is accustomed in cases of the like nature: Soe wee bid you fareweell.—Whitehall, the 10 December 1629.

## A PRECEPT.

Whereas formerlie wee directed a precept unto Sir James Baillie, Knight, that haveing the same charge in our service, wharewith you are now intrusted to pay unto Sir William Alexander, Knyght, oure principall secretaris for Scotland, the soume of sex thousand poundis sterling out of our parte of the prise moneyis which the saidis Sir James was then ordaned to resave, and are now appointed to come unto the