

my enemies could throw in my way, he acted a most candid and ingenuous part.

After a short dependence, the cause at last came to be advised in course, before the Court of Session, by Memorials on the proof; when, after hearing of parties at the bar at full length, their Lordships were pleased, on the 2d of February 1762, to pronounce the following Interlocutor:

“ The Lords having advised the state of the process, testimonies of the witnesses adduced, writs produced, with the memorials given in *hinc inde*, and having heard parties procurators thereon, find the libel relevant and proven; and find the defenders, conjunctly and severally, liable to the Pursuer in damages, and modify the same to the sum of 100 £. Sterling, and decern; and find the Defenders also, conjunctly and severally, liable to the Pursuer in the expences of this process, and of the extract of the Decreet, as the same shall be certified by the Collector of the clerk’s fees; for which the Lords declare the Defenders to be personally liable, and that the same shall be no burden upon the town of Aberdeen; and ordain an account of the said expences to be given in; and ordain the account-book mentioned in the State, and produced upon oath by Walter Cochran, and signed by the Lord President, of this date, to remain in the hands of the clerk of this process, till further order of the Court.”

Against this Interlocutor, the Magistrates presented a reclaiming Petition, craving either to be absolved from the Process; or, at least, that the damages awarded should be modified. To this Petition is subjoined the following curious letter.

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