

for and from the burgh, which includes a case relating to the privilege of parliament, the same is hereby to receive no determination, of consent and at the desire of both parties. And also Decerns and ordains the minutes of council to be read and signed in open council, the next council day immediately after they shall have received a second reading. And, touching the office of Convener, and the meetings of Deacons and Craftsmen among themselves, finds the office of Convener has the authority of too long usage and has been too much admitted by the magistrats and council to be at this time called in question, and that the meeting of the Deacons has been also long practised; But that by the sett of the town, neither the merchants among themselves, nor the Crafts and their Deacons and visiters, can have, or make any particular or general conventions, as Deacons with Deacons, Deacons with their Crafts, or Crafts among themselves, without the advice and consent of the provost and council, excepting the cases in the said sett particularly excepted; and that the meeting shall to be frequently held the first Tuesday after Michaelmas, in the manner, and with the circumstances the same is particularly set forth in the Declarator of the merchants, can in no ways be contained in the said exceptions. And finds, decerns and declares, That by-laws made by the incorporations for themselves are of no force unless they are ratified by the magistrats and council. But Finds, That the said magistrats and council have no power to make by-laws, where by the said Incorporations and their successors can be bound to admit all such persons as shall request the same, and shall appear to the magistrats and council to be well skill'd and qualify'd to occupy and practice in their Crafts, upon payment of such valuable consideration as should be rated and determined by the said magistrats and council. And likewise Finds, That they have no power to constrain the members