1628. March 17.

A. against B.

No 18.

If a party compear once before a Commissary and propone defences, although he be absent when sentence is pronounced, and so the decreet given for not compearance, yet he cannot be holden thereafter to reduce that decreet, or allege the same to be null, as given non suo judice, for upon matter not consistorial, seeing he once compeared and omitted this defence.

Auchinleck, MS. p. 113.

1628. December 6.

MAXWELL against Laird of Minto, and Hamilton against Swyne.

No 19.

Degree obtained before inferior judges from Lammas to November, except they bear dispensation, are null; but if the said decreets be given in foro contradictorio, and the declinator omitted by the defender, the not inserting of the dispensation cannot be objected by the said defender, either by way of suspension or reduction.

Fol. Dic. v. 1. p. 493. Auchinleck, MS. p. 56.

*** Durie reports this case:

In this pursuit, a decreet given by the Commissary in time of vacance, being quarrelled by the suspender by way of suspension, because the judge had not a dispensation to sit in that feriat time, the decreet, notwithstanding, was sustained, because it was given against him compearing; so that he not proponing the same before sentence, videbatur consensisse in judicem, and he could not now propone that which he then omitted.

Act. Stuart & Burnet.

Alt. Nicolson & Baird.

Clerk, Gibson.

Durie, p. 406.