1700. January 26. The Earl of Dundonald against The Town of Paisley.

[See the prior part of this case, supra, page 466.]

The Lords, in the mutual declarators pursued by the Earl of Dundonald and Town of Paisley, anent the right of the moss, having declared the property in favours of the town, as having prescribed the right; though the charter to them by Abbot Shaw in 1494 only gave them a servitude et jus lucrandi focalia, and that the contract betwixt them seemed only relative to the former rights and possession before 1658, which is the date of that contract:—there is a protestation, for remeid of law, to the Parliament, given in by the Earl against this decreet of declarator; which was only signed by Kilmarnock, one of his curators.

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1700. January 31. Agnes and William Patersons against Burnet of Barns.

Agnes and William Patersons being creditors to the deceased Burnet of Barns, they convene this Barns as representing him passive, in so far as he accepted a disposition with the burden of all his debts, and a faculty reserved, in case he should return to the kingdom, or have heirs of his own body; and repeated a reduction thereof as gratuitous and prejudicial to them, who were anterior lawful creditors. And the cause of the disposition being referred to his oath, he deponed he had it for several onerous causes, but shifted to answer that interrogatory, if they were adequate; but he offered to count and reckon, and instruct the onerosity, and, in so far as he fell short, he was content to be liable.

Some were for holding him as confessed, that the cause was not adequate to the value; and that any entering by such a disposition was a kind of heir and successor, and liable personally in valorem. Others thought he could not be reached himself; but only the heritage and estate was affected to the creditors, in quantum he was lucratus, or the value exceeded the onerous cause. But it came not to be decided at this time.

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1700. February 15. JEAN MACADAM and DAVID LOGAN against QUINTEN MACADAM.

David Logan and Jean Macadam, his wife, pursue Quinten Macadam in Waterhead of Girvan, her brother, for her legitime and bairns' part of gear; which she alleged was the half, seeing there were but two bairns, and the relict was excluded by her provision in her contract-matrimonial.

ALLEGED,...By the same contract, the conquest was provided to the heir-male; and, conform to that destination of succession, his father had disponed to him his haill goods, with the burden of 2000 merks of portion to the said Jean; and