1741. February 25.

CROSBIE against CORBET.

No 228.

A SUPERCARGO, who had been intrusted to employ the proceeds of the outward cargo in tobaccos, and to draw bills for a further sum, but had grossly failed in both parts of his duty, having neither sold the outward, nor purchased the inward cargo, to the great loss of his employers, being pursued in an action of damages, the Lord Ordinary, before whom it came, did, ex proprio motu, 'Find the cause maritime, and remitted the same to the Judge-Admiral.' But the Lords, upon a petition against this interlocutor, without appointing it to be seen, 'Found the cause to be of a mixed nature, which might be pursued either in this or the Admiral Court; and remitted to the Ordinary to proceed accordingly.'

Fol. Dic. v. 3. p. 353. Kilkerran, (Jurisdiction.) No 2. p. 300.

No 229.

1745. January 11.

CORMACK against TAIT.

JOHN CORMACK shipmaster in Burntisland, having pursued Alexander Tait merchant in Edinburgh, for the freight of some goods brought from Holland upon his commission, and that before the Magistrates of Edinburgh, Tait suspended the decreet as exorbitant.

THE LORDS observing this to be a maritime cause; remitted it to the Admiral Court.

Fol. Dic. v. 3. p. 351. D. Falc. v. 1. p. 45.

1750. November 7.

JAMES BUCHANAN against RICHARD HILL.

No 230. The Admiral, in causes mercantile, and not maritime, cannot exact caution judicies sisti et judicatum solvi.

James Buchanan merchant in London, pursued Richard Hill merchant in Virginia, who happened to be at Glasgow, before the Admiral-depute there, for L. 1700 Sterling, without I belling that the debt arose from a maritime cause; but having, in the course of the process, obtained him to be examined on the ground thereof, whereby it appeared to have arisen from foreign commerce, applied by petition that he should be ordained to find caution judicio sisti et judicatum solvi; which was granted, and the defender, upon failure, imprisoned. He thereupon presented a bill of suspension and liberation; for that the act 16th Parliament 3. Cha II. which regulates the Admiral's Jurisdiction, declares only that this caution shall be exacted in causes maritime, to which he is sole judge; and with the decision of which all other judges are forbidden to meddle in the first instance,