

heat of a dispute, over a glass, and severely wounded him in the head; and Mair having brought an action of damages directly before the Court against Shand; and it being objected that the action was of a criminal nature, and not competent before this Court in the first instance,—the Lord Elliock, Ordinary, 26th February 1777, found so, and dismissed the process. But, on advising a reclaiming petition and answers, the Lords were of a different opinion; sustained their jurisdiction, and found the action competent before them even in the first instance. This cause returned in reviewing the Ordinary's interlocutor giving damages. The Lords, in conversation, seemed to doubt their former interlocutor.

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1778. *July* . The JUDGE-ADMIRAL *against* SIR LAURENCE DUNDAS.

WHETHER the jurisdiction of the Judge-Admiral, Mr Philp, extends over the Islands of Orkney and Zetland, was debated in memorials betwixt him and Sir Laurence Dundas, but not yet determined.

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1778. *November 14.* FERGUSON, &c. Writers at Ayr, *against* DALRYMPLE and KEEPERS of the REGISTER of SASINES for that shire.

THE Keeper of the Register of Sasines at Ayr, having notified his resolution to raise the fees of registration, rather according to the value of the subject in the sasine, than the length and quantity of writing, the writers at Ayr remonstrated against it, but in vain; whereupon, in March last, they petitioned the Court: and answers having been given in for the keeper of the register, wherein he past from his intention, and agreed that the fees should be continued as formerly, the Lords ordained that it should be so, and gave the expense of the application.

They seemed inclined to have done so, whether the keeper had consented or not.

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1776. *March* . FORSYTHS *against* SHANK.

MARITIME causes cannot be advocated from the High Court of Admiralty; but it often comes to be matter of dispute, what are maritime causes,—what not?

AN action of damages was brought before the Judge-Admiral against certain defenders. It set forth, that they, having freighted a ship belonging to the pursuer, to bring timber from Gottenburgh, &c. had under that cover imported in