were all at the head burgh of the shire, at least of that ward, the Sheriff cannot remove the court to the said head burgh. And the Lords thought that the Sheriff, (yea and all Sheriffs,) have power over the jails and court-houses in burghs of Regality within their jurisdiction.—Adhered.

No. 22.

1741. June 17. BARBARA NEWLANDS against NEWLANDS and Roy.

No. 23.

UPON a complaint of subornation of perjury, the Lords having granted summary warrant to apprehend one Newlands, and not being found, they granted warrant to charge him to compear under the pain of rebellion and putting him to the horn; and upon a reclaiming bill, founded on the novelty and want of powers, they refused it. (See Dict. No. 69. p. 7331.)

1741. June 23. Procurator-Fiscal of the Justices of Haddington.

No. 24

However Justices of Peace may stop building pigeon-houses, when contrary to law as a public nuisance, they are not competent judges to demolish them after they have been built and possessed many years.

1741. July 2. ORD and FOORD against ROBERTSON.

No. 25.

A BARON and his Bailie fined L.50 sterling for an oppressive imprisonment.

1742. February 26.

MASTER of the MINT against Francis STUART and OTHERS.

No. 26.

Some tradesmen who had been employed by Mr Bruce deceased, Master of the Mint, to make reparations, pursued Bothwell the present Master, who annually receives from the Crown money to pay salaries and other charges by way of imprest, and to account for payment of these reparations. We pretty unanimously, found that we had no jurisdiction in the process. (See Dict. No. 71. p. 7337.)

1742. July 24. Skippers of Irvine against Hamilton.

No. 27.

THE Lords found, at least agreed, that by the law every Judge-Ordinary may punish the importation of Irish victual by fine and imprison-

No. 27. ment. 2do, They found that the act 1703 did not communicate to them the powers given the Council by the act 1672, nor any other powers, except that of transportation of transgressors under the degree of heritors; and of consequence they found the clause and trial within six months extended only to that single case. They also found that this crime was not proveable by oath of party, notwithstanding the clause, to be proven pro ut de jure. They adhered to that part of the interlocutor, finding the trial was limited to six months only with respect to the superadded penalties of

(See Dict. No. 70. p. 7335.)

1744. February 11. COMMISSARY CLERKS against PRINGLE.

No. 28.

COMMISSARIES are competent to incident reductions or defences against testaments, on the head of incapacity alleged incidenter in the process of confirmation. Advocation refused, though the nearest of kin had already raised a reduction before this Court. (November 29th 1743, Justice-Clerk Reporter from the bills. And the testament being upon proof sustained by the Commissaries, the executor insisted to be assoilzied from the reduction in this Court, and craved warrant to transmit the proof; which the Commissary-clerk opposed, unless he would extract, though he had extracted his confirmation;—but we granted the warrant.

transportation; but altered the other part with respect to oath of party, and found that it might be so proven. On a second petition they adhered.

1744. July 8.

PROFESSOR CRAIGIE against PROFESSORS of New College of St. Andrews.

No. 29.

THE Lords found that they had no jurisdiction to give a Professor in an University an equal salary with the other Professors, or more than he was in possession of or was entitled to by the foundation, or by some Royal visitation, even supposing the revenues of the College could bear it.

1744. July 17. Sheriffs-Depute of Edinburgh, Supplicants.

No. 30.

On the death of the Earl of Lauderdale, Sheriff-Principal of Edinburgh, the Lords, on a petition of his deputes, authorized them to continue in their offices till another Sheriff was named. (See Dict. No. 153. p. 7433.)