

question ; and therefore they decerned for payment, in terms of the libel. It seemed that, in pronouncing this decision, the late Act, limiting the duration of bills to six years, had a great influence ; and, in general, the Lords seemed of opinion, that extraordinary privileges ought to last for the same period ; though, at present, they did not go that length.

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1774. *June 30.* JOHNSTON *against* MURCHIE.

WHERE a bill is dishonoured, notification of the dishonour must be made, in order to preserve recourse. But, *Quere*, To whom must this notification be made, in order to preserve recourse against the drawer and all prior indorsers ; and will notification to the last indorser have this effect ? This point occurred in the case of *Thurot's* bills ; and again, 30th June 1774, in the case of Johnston against Murchie. But, in both cases, the decision went off upon other points.

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1777. *July 25.* BLANDS *against* EWING and COMPANY, and DINWIDDIE.

IN Thurot's case, the Court called for the opinion of merchants ; and they differed in opinion.

The general point was again argued, in the case, Messrs Bland against Ewing and Company, and Robert Dinwiddie, but still not determined,—having gone off on other points. It again occurred, 25th November 1779, *Allan Marlan and Company* against *Laurie, &c.*, and a hearing ordered.

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1778. *December 15.* CAMPBELL *against* M'TURNER.

USURY is not pleadable against an onerous indorsee to a bill, no party to the usury.

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1774. *February 8.* REYNOLDS *against* SYME.

IN a case, Reynolds against Syme, &c., with regard to the notification of the dishonour of a bill drawn from Scotland upon England ; the Lords pronounced this interlocutor, (8th February 1774,) :—“ In respect that, by the practice of merchants, not denied by the pursuer, the dishonour of bills drawn from Scotland upon England is in use to be notified within three posts after the dishonour ; therefore the Lords find, That the dishonour of the bill in question was not duly notified, and that no recourse lies thereon ; sustain the defences, assoylie the defenders, and decern.”