

1791. *June 26.**A. against B.*

No. 30.

Found, That possession upon a verbal lease for nineteen years was not sufficient to give any endurance beyond a year. See APPENDIX.

Fol. Dic. v. 4. p. 322.

1804. *July 6.*MACARTHUR *against* SIMPSON.

No. 31.

Evan Campbell (23d March, 1795,) addressed the following letter to James Simpson, glover in Inverness:

A missive letter, not altogether formal, sustained as a lease of an urban tenement for two life-rents.

“ SIR,

Inverness, 23d March, 1795.

“ I do hereby bind and oblige myself, my heirs and successors, to continue you and your wife as tenants and possessors of the room and closet, fronting the east street, in the house belonging to me; bounded on the west by the House-larach belonging to Donald Macintosh, late bulk-master in Inverness, and on the east by the house belonging and presently possessed by John Denoon, messenger there, during all the days of your lives, for the yearly rent of £.2 5s. Sterling, payable by equal portions, at the terms of Whitsunday and Martinmas yearly. And I hereby agree, at my own expense, to strike out a door on the gavel fronting the street, any time you may think the same proper; it being hereby understood, that it is optional to either you or your wife to give up your possession of the said room and closet any time you choose. And I declare this letter to be as valid and sufficient to all intents and purposes, as if the same was regularly wrote on stamped paper, and contained all the formalities required by law, any practice to the contrary notwithstanding. And I am, Sir, your most obedient servant,

His
EVAN E. C. CAMPBELL.
Initials.

Wm. Junken, witness.

Donald Mackay, witness.

To James Simpson, glover in Inverness.”

“ N. B.—The above initial letters, signed by Evan Campbell, and above direction adhibit at his sight, and in his presence, place and date first above written, before and in presence of William Junken and Donald Mackay, both residents in Inverness; this letter and address being wrote by the said Donald Mackay.”

In 1801, Campbell sold the property to John Macarthur, wright in Inverness; who, denying that he had any knowledge of the above missive, brought an action of removing against Simpson, before the Sheriff of Inverness, who, “ in respect