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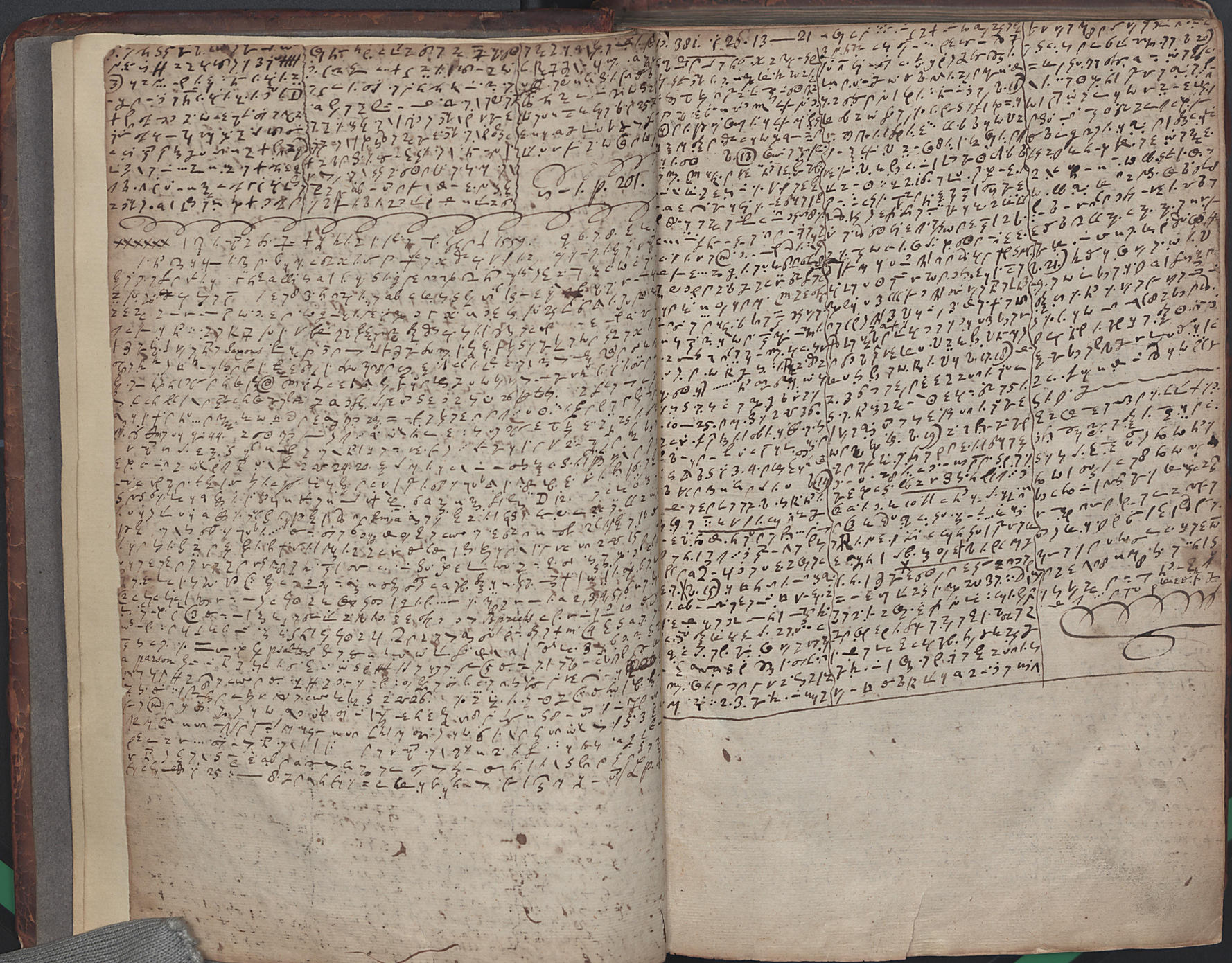

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Presince, *prison.*
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Prief, *proof.*
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Proclamit, *proclaimed.*
Proctours, *procurators, proxies.*
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Promes, promettis, *promise.*
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Paynis, *pains.*
Pyratis, *pyrates.*
Placehalder, *who holds the place.*

Q

Quailit, *quelled.*
Querrel, *quarrel, cause, interest.*
Quhair, *where.*
Quhairas, *whereas.*
Quharintill, *wherein.*
Quhais, *whose.*
Quhame, *whom.*
Quhidder, *whither.*
Quhilk, *which.*
Quhill, *until.*
Quhilum, *sometimes, deceased.*
Quhinger, *hanger.*
Quhow, *how.*
Quitclaimis, *absolves.*

R

Raisit, *rased.*
Raiss, *rose.*
Rakeless, *rash.*
Rakleſt himself, *behaved rashly.*
Rameid, *remedy.*
Ratine, *retain.*
Rawishe, *ravish.*
Rayd, *rode, or expedition.*
Raygne, *reigne.*
Rebellours, *Rebels.*
Recerce, *look after, search.*
Reciproke, *reciprocal.*
Recklessnes, *rashness.*
Recognoscht, *owned.*
Red, *read.*
Reft, *ravaged.*
Refusand, *refusing.*
Regardand, *regarding.*
Reif, *ravage, theft.*
Regentrie, *Regency.*
Reid, *rode.*
Reifeit, *rapine.*
Remanent, *remainder.*
Remit, *Remission.*
Repunge, *impugn.*
Ressait, *Receipt.*
Ressavit, *received.*
Resett, *receive, harbour.*
Resolute, *resolved, consonant, agreeable to.*
Revocalit, *call'd, recall'd.*
Rewne, *ruin.*
Rive, *tear, rend.*
Roose, *praise, commend.*
Rowmit, *settled.*
Roundit, *whispered.*
Rubberie, *robbery.*
Ruit, *Root.*
Ruse, *rose.*
Rycht, *Right.*
Ryns, *runs.*
Ryvar, ryvere, *River.*

S

Sa, *so.*
Saddest, *very sad, or melancholy.*
Sackless, *innocently, without guile.*
Sair, *sore.*
Sarvays, *Service.*
Sark, *Shirt.*
Saule, *Soul.*
Sauiis, *Souls.*
Savily, *safely.*
Sawin, *sown.*
Schaikin, *shaken.*
Schaw, *shew.*
Schawin, *shewn.*
Scho, *she.*
Schot, *shot.*
Schote, *shoot.*
Schrewilly, *shrewdly.*
Schuik, *shook.*
Schuld, *should.*
Schyftis, *shifts.*
Seek, *sick.*
Secriter, *Secretary.*
Seelie, sely, *silly.*
Seidgit, *besieged.*
Seill, *Seal.*
Seillis, *Seals.*
Semblabile, *like.*
Sen, *then, thereafter.*
Sen, sensyne, *since.*
Send, *sent.*
Sensament, *Sentiment.*
Sequence, *Consequence.*
Serk, *Shirt.*
Sers, *search.*
Sew, *saw, sow, disperse.*
Sey, *Sea.*
Seym, *seem.*
Schir, shir, *Sir.*
Sheiris, *Shires, Counties.*
Shored, *threatned.*
Short space, *for a small Way.*
Schaillis, *at Variance.*
Schyris, *Shires.*
Sic, sick, *such,*
Sicht, *Sight.*
Side, *signifies long, when applied to wearing Apparel, and other Furniture.*
Sicklyke, *also.*
Sindered, *parted, separated.*
Singular, *single.*
Sythence, *since.*
Skaithe, *Harm, Prejudice.*
Skippis, *Ships.*
Skaith, *Hurt, Damage.*
Skaithless, *blamless, harmless.*
Slap, Slop, *Breach,* or *broken.*
Sins, *since.*
Sleing, *slaying.*
Slepand, *sleeping.*
Smored, *smothered.*
Smote, *blote.*
Smuike, *Smoke.*
Solemnizat, solempnizat, *solemnized.*
Solempn, *solemn.*
Solist, *solicitous, careful.*
Solisite, *sollicite.*
Solister, *Sollicitor.*
Somer, *Summer.*
Sone, *soon.*
Sotche, *such.*
Soupet, *supped.*
Sowter, *Shoe-maker.*
Spanes, *Spanish.*
Speirit, spirit, *asked, enquired.*
Sperris sperris, *spears.*
Spreit, *Spirit.*
Spulzeit, *spoiled, plundered.*
Stableis, *establish.*
Stabilis, *Stables.*
Stai... *Stones.*
Stane, *Stone.*
Stark, *strong.*
Steik, *shut.*
Steikand, *shutting.*
Stik, *stop.*
Stoir, *Store.*
Stokkit, *trim'd.*
Strakis, Straikis, *Blows.*
Strang, *strong.*
Strykin, *fought.*
The Field was strykin, *the Battle was fought.*
Sturt, *Disturbance, Grief, Trouble.*
Stylid, *stiled, designed.*
Sua, *so.*
Subditis, *Subjects.*
Subscriving, *subscribing.*
Subscrivit, *subscribed.*
Suddarts, *Soldiers.*
Sueir, *swear.*
Suir, *sure.*
Suld, *should.*
Sum, *some,*
Swarttyttars, *Switzers, Swiss.*
Sword-slipers, *Sword-cutlers.*
Syne, *afterwards.*

T

Takinnis, *Tokens.*
Tak leth, *take in ill part.*
Taigill, *retard, hinder, stop.*
Tailleit, *entailed.*
Taille, *Tale.*
Taikinis, *Tokens.*
Takkis, *Leases.*
Take, *taken.*
Tares, *Tears.*
Tarie, *stay.*
Tauking, *talking.*
Teiris, *Tears.*
Tendernes of Blood, *Proximity of Blood.*
Tereit, *tarried.*
Thai, *they.*
Tham, *them.*
Thare, thair, *there.*
Thairfoir, *therefore.*
Thairfrae, *from thence.*
Thear, *there.*
Theiranent, *thereabout.*
Thir, *these.*
Thinkand, *thinking.*
Thocht, *tho', altho'.*
Thole, thoill, *suffer, undergoe, wait.*
Thowes, *those.*
Thrall, *enslave, overcome.*
Throch of Paper, *a Sheet of Paper.*
Thyne, *thence.*
Tickatts, *placarts.*
Till, *to, unto.*
Tint, tine, *lost, loose.*
Tir, *these.*
Tirrit, *teared, stript.*
Tolbuith, *The Prison, the Place where sometimes the Courts of Justice sit.*
Toome, tume, *empty.*
Towarts, *towards, to.*
Traft, *trusty.*
Traift, *trust.*
Treatie, *Treatise.*
Treffoun, *Treason.*
Trim, *genteel, new,*
Trow, *believe.*
Truffit, *stitched.*
Tryift, *Appointment.*
Tryit, *tryed.*
Tryfed up, *trumped up.*
Tryfting, *appointing.*
Tuck, tuick, *took.*
Turnpike, *winding Stairs.*
Twechis, *touches.*
Twitched, *touched.*
Tymous, *betimes, early.*
Tyne, *loose.*
Tynt, *lost.*
Tyran, *Tyrant.*
Tytillis *Titles.*

U

Umquhill, *deceased.*
Underly, *lie under, undergo.*
Unegal, *unequal.*
Unhap, *unhappy, Unhappiness.*
Unknawn, *unknown.*
Unleisum, *unlawful.*
Unvisorit, *unmasked, bare-faced.*
Uphald, *uphold.*
Utheris, *others.*
Utwardly, *outwardly.*
Utwith, *without.*

V

Vaik, *vacant.*
Vairde, *Ward.*
Valiable, *valid.*
Valor, *Value.*
Veray, verray, *very.*
Very, viry, *weary.*
Veseit, *visited.*
Vincust, *vanquished.*
Voce, *Voice.*

W

Wae, *sorrowful, grieved.*
Wait, *wot.*
God wait, *God knows.*
Waight, *wait.*
Walkynit, *awaked out of sleep.*
Wan, *one,*
Wan, *did win.*
Wan-weird, *bad* or *ill Fortune.*
Ware, *were.*
Wardill, Warld, *World.*
Watht, *watch.*
Wappinis, *Weapons.*
Wardit, *in Ward,* or *safe Keeping,* or *Custody.*
Was, in the singular Number, oftentimes for *were.*
Wayit, *weighed, considered.*
Wecht, *Weight.*
Wedder, *Weather.*
Wodset or wadset, *mortgaged.*
Weill, *well, Welfare.*
Weris, *Wars.*
Weirly, *warlike.*
Werray, *very.*
Weruit, *wearied, fatigued.*
Wes, *was.*
Weseing, *visiting, viewing.*
Wessell, *Vessel.*
Weyit, *weighed, considered.*
Wheare, *where.*
While, *until.*
Whilk, *which.*
Whyder, *whether.*
Wiced, wicet, *wicked.*
Wief, *Wife.*
Wily, *cunning, crafty.*
Wit, *know, to wit.*
We do yow wit, *know ye.*
Wod, *mad.*
Wold, *would.*
Wole, *will.*
Worray, *very.*
Wrak, *Wrong, undoing.*
Wretar, *Writer.*
Wryet, *wrote.*
Wyche, *which,*
Wyif, *Wife.*
Wyll, *will.*
Wynd, Wind, *Street, Lane.*
Wycht, *Weight.*
Wyning, *gaining.*
Wyseit, Wysit, *visited, viewed.*

Y

Yai, *they.*
Yairintill, *thereunto.*
Yairof, *thereof.*
Yair, *there.*
Yam, *them.*
Yamselfis, *themselves.*
Yone, *one.*
Yane, *than, then.*
Yat, *that.*
Ydle, *idle,*
Ye, *the, you, yea.*
Yeid, *went.*
Yerne, yrn, *Iron.*
Yet, *Gate.*
Yettle, *expect, aim at, look for.*
Yillis, *Isles.*
Yis, *this.*
Yle, *Isle, Island.*
Ynklyn, *notice, Intillegence.*
Ypocrit, *Hypocrite.*
Ys, *is.*
Ysheare, *Usher.*
Yt, *that.*
Ytt, *it.*
Yuke *Itch.*
Yneuche, *enough.*

Z

Zaird, *Yard.*
Ze, *ye, you, yea.*
Zea, zeal, *yea.*
Zed, zeid, *went.*
Zeires, *Years.*
Zeirly, *yearly.*
Zet, *Gate.*
Zett, *yet.*
Zifternight, *yesternight.*
Zit, *yet.*
Zoung, *young.*
Zoungar, *younger.*
Zouth, *youth.*
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