

Chambers where they do their business, and Young Gentlemen  
 pretend to follow the Employment of an Advocate or Writer,  
 the Signet are generally Concealed and ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> admitted in the absence  
 of Style, they are not called the Master and order of the Ancient  
 and form under the name of Deprivation del 19 April 10 p.  
 And to keep them in Mind thereof they are annually fed in  
 Black gowns before the Court in presence, and Enjoyed by the  
 President to keep the Old Style & Form in custom <sup>Lawyers</sup>  
 in among the servants of writers to the signet of the habit, and  
 Master Subscription to Bills usually drawn by writer, &  
 practice was discharged under the pain of false hood and  
 = gory del of Decr. 31 July 1675.

Some of the writers to the signet are appointed by the  
 secretary of State at pleasure, to be of his own call or called  
 imparters of the signet, of whom five with one of the People  
 keepers are a grievous law behind it to manage affairs of  
 the Society, and five double the habit to form and style and to  
 Direct writers in their duty. It is not to insert many bills to  
 the signet. More precept decrees contracts or obligations than  
 one, or many letters of honoring more decrees or bonds than  
 one. All the precepts of superior courts contain more bonds and  
 Decrees than one's and to feel that every morning have a  
 rate capion and that each protested Bill of Exchange or  
 precept have a separate morning and Dejection, about the  
 profits may happen to contain more Bills or precepts than  
 one, excepting bonds and Decrees, bills and precepts not exceed  
 40 pound of principal in each of them, and bond or  
 bills and precepts granted by the same debtor to the same creditor,  
 not being an act, given, whereof two or three or more may  
 be put in the same morning and compounded for at the signet  
 but of the writers to the signet 19 March 1722. Not to put  
 any writ peculiar to the writer to the signet, that are not  
 written by themselves or their actual servants and appren-  
 tices serving in their own Chambers, except such as the  
 be subscribed for Brethren writers to the signet conform  
 to their written warrant to the brother signing for another  
 to which the brother signing for another must subscribe  
 and subscribe a note of the letters summons precepts  
 and others to be signed by him, and the warrant is to be  
 shewed to the under keeper of the signet, when such letters  
 and others are given to be signed. But the  
 of Advocacion and his penhony signatures and precepts  
 must be drawn by the absent brother or by the signet, and

and written by the servant of the absent brother. A  
 warrant given by absent brother to sign for them endure  
 for three months, and may after expiring be renewed  
 for other three months, and if their absence continued longer  
 than three months, the keeper and Commissioners may, upon  
 or application made to them, prorogue their power of granting  
 warrant for three months longer. Not yet many  
 writer to the signet to subscribe any writ peculiar to writer  
 to the signet for less than the price of the habit by law,  
 except at the instance of those whom he is allowed to have  
 gratis, viz. the secretaries of State and their Deputies, Lords  
 of Session, Advocates, Clerks of Session, Clerks of the Bills and  
 their Deputies, Lord and Clerks of Treasury, keepers and  
 writers to the seal, writers to the signet, Clerks and keep-  
 ers of the General Register of homings and sailing  
 Masters before the Lords of Session, privy Council and  
 Exchequer, and the writers own apprenhies and servants  
 they not being assignays, and those in the poor Roll, or  
 such as are known to the writer to be so. A Writer  
 transgressing or contravening any of those injunctions  
 is to be suspended for three months, and to pay to the  
 treasurer of the Society 40 pound for the first fault,  
 and to be suspended for six months for the second fault,  
 and pay 80 pound of fine before the suspension be  
 moved. This each writer to the signet must upon the  
 first Mondays of July and December clearly oral  
 least within 30 days of the said respective first Mondays,  
 made oath that he hath not contravened or broken any of  
 the injunctions afore said in any point before the keeper  
 and Commissioners of the Society for the time being  
 of them, otherwise their letters are to be stayed at the  
 signet till they purge themselves by such an oath. If  
 any Member be suspended upon Malverse before a  
 bare omission, he shall not only pay his fine before  
 he is restored to the Exercise of his office, but also be  
 lifted out of the Roll of the writers for the time  
 del of the warrant to the signet 19 Feb. 1722.

In General Meetings of the Society the Commissioners  
 are necessary Members in order to make Rules for the  
 better Discharging the duty of writers to the signet, to judge  
 and try their styles and good manners, and punish  
 delinquents according to the degree of their offence to the  
 Signet.