

Where the court is often continued: a Justice Air being to the Ancient laws of Scotland was held twice by ones on the grass and once on the corn; Stat. Rob. cap. 30 Act 24 Parl. 13. J. 3. Which court was called the Justiciary; the Justice Air or Circuit court, Answering to the Justices of Eyre in England, so termed from the old French eyre iter, because the Judges do beint and punish Crimes in the Countrey passant in the Journey throu it. These Circuits are for the service of the King, by executing his laws, and for the good of the people by Administration of Justice. In term time, the people follow and seek after Justice but in the Circuit Justice followeth and seeketh after the people.

Anno 1672 the Keeping of Circuits was Restrictod to once a Year d. act of Regule of the Justice court art. 5. Hereafter for the better and speedier administration of Justice and further preservation of the Publick peace, the Lord Justice Clerk and other five Commissioners of Justiciary were ordained by two Acts to hold Circuit courts yearly twice a Year in three several Districts in the Month of May and October 6 Anne cap. 6 54. But Now Again Circuit Courts are kept only once Yearly in the Month of May; and None to be held in October, without order from the King by proclamation issued in July proceeding 10 Anne cap. 33.

These Circuit Sessions commences on the first day full day of May.

at the Burgh of Inverness for the  
 Shires of { Inverness  
 Ross  
 Elgin  
 Perth  
 Futhburgh  
 Cromarty and  
 Nairn. } and Stewartries of { Orkney  
 and  
 Shetland. }

At the Burgh of Aird, for the  
 Shires of { Aird and Jurisdiction within the same  
 and  
 Wigton. }

And at the Burgh of Dumfriesshire, for the  
 Shires of { Dumfriesshire  
 and  
 Nithsdale } and Stewartries of { Annandale  
 and  
 Kirkcudbright. }

The Circuit Sessions began on the 10 May, or that being an Unlawfull day, on the next lawfull day thereafter,

At the Burgh of Aberdeen for the  
 Shires of { Aberdeen  
 Kincardine and  
 Bannockburn. }

At the Burgh of Glasgow for the  
 Shires of { Lanark  
 Argyle  
 Dumbartoun  
 Bute and  
 Renfrew. }

And at the Burgh of Perth for the  
 Shires of { Perth  
 Breckinridge  
 Bervick and  
 Peebles. } and Burgh of Newburgh.

The Circuit Sessions Commenced on the 20 May or that being an Unlawfull day, on the next lawfull day

At the Burgh of Perth for the  
 Shires of { Perth  
 Forfar and  
 Gifford. }

And at the Burgh of Stirling for the  
 Shires of { Stirling  
 Clackmannan and  
 Kinross. }

The Judges so paired and Coupled had always Circuit courts together, but change their Districts