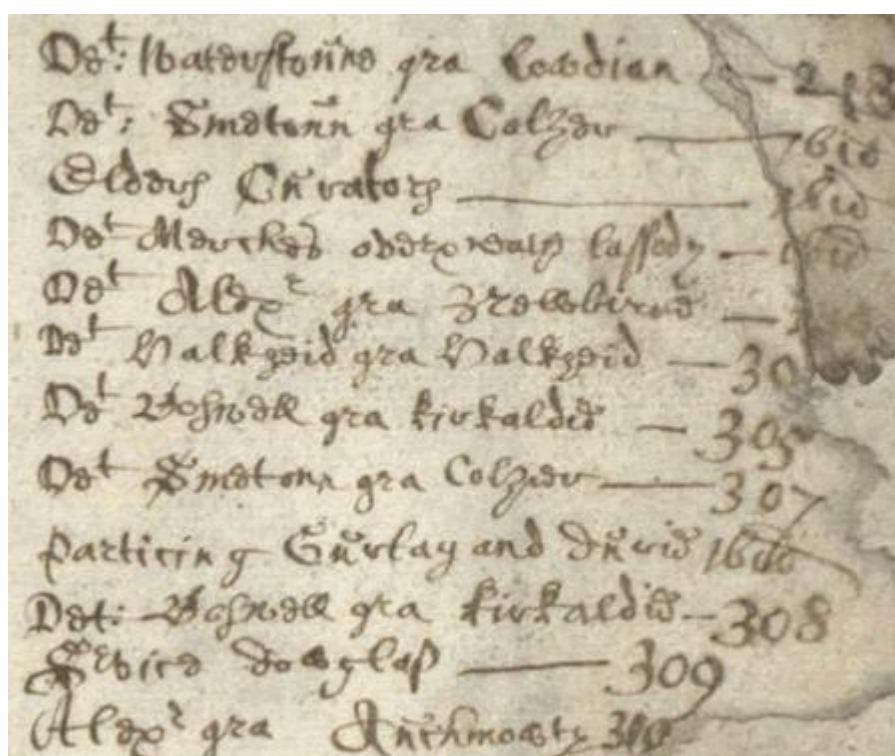


## Poser 364 - Dunfermline Regality Court register, circa 1605

This week's poser is an extract from the index to a Dunfermline Regality Court register c.1605 (National Records of Scotland, RH11/27/16 page 7).

Notice the use of the *con-* contraction in the word *contra* meaning against. An example of this would be the 3rd word on the first line. Also prevalent is the contraction *Det* for *decreet* (or *decree*). The clerk makes good use of tittle marks to indicate the letter *u* and superscript letters for some of the contractions. The numbers at the end of the line are the original page numbers, unfortunately some of the numbers are not fully visible owing to past damage to the original page.



### This week's question:

Can you transcribe the list of cases and can you work out what the word is that, in some cases, replaces page numbers?

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**Answers:**

The word replacing the page numbers is 'ibid', which is from the Latin 'ibidem' meaning in the same place ie on the same page. This word is still used by academics in citing sources.

**Transcription**

De[cree]t Waterstoune [cont]ra Lowdian - 218  
De[cree]t Smetoun [cont]ra Colzeir - ibid  
Elders Curators - ibid  
De[cree]t Merches over & neath[e]r lassody - ibid  
De[cree]t Alex[ande]r [cont]ra Newbirne - 3[-]  
De[cree]t Halkheid [cont]ra Halkheid - 30[-]  
De[cree]t Bosuell [cont]ra Kirkaldie - 305  
De[cree]t Smetoun [cont]ra Colzier - 307  
Particing Gurlay and durie - ibid  
De[cree]t Bosuell [cont]ra Kirkaldie - 308  
S[e]rvice dowglas - 309  
Alex[ande]r [cont]ra Auchmowty - 310

**Glossary**

decreet - decree  
contra - against  
curators - an administrator of another person's affairs  
ibid - on the same page, from the Latin ibidem - in the same place  
particing (sometimes partising) - formal division of lands and goods into shares or portions

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