## SHERIFF COURT

## Lord President's Direction

## No.1 of 2020

## **Exception to electronic signatures and transmission of documents**

1. Under and by virtue of the power conferred on me by sub-paragraph 1(5) of schedule 4 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 ("the Act") I hereby direct that, in respect of commissary business,

(i) an order, warrant, sentence, citation, minute or any other document produced by a court;

(ii) an extract of any such document;

(iii) any document that an enactment requires be given to a person in connection with, or in order to initiate, proceedings,

is not to be regarded as being mentioned in sub-paragraph 1(4) of schedule 4 of the Act.

2. In this Direction, "commissary business" means the business conducted prior to the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1876 in the commissary courts and transferred by that Act to the sheriff court.

CJM Sutherland

Lord President

Edinburgh 09 April 2020