The Oliphants

Mr Oliphant live at Lauriston House Edinburgh. He was a Writer to the Signet.

A Writer to the Signet, in Scottish law, is also called “the clerk to the Signet” they derive their name from that they were historically in the office of the secretary of state, by whom writs were prepared and issued under the royal signet or seal; and when the signet became employed in judicial proceedings they obtained a monopoly of the priviledges of acting as agent or advocate before the court of session.