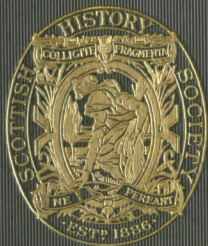


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## FOREWORD

*The Buik of the Commoun Comptis of the Commoun Gude of the Burgh of Air* is a volume consisting of title-page, 139 leaves written on both sides, and 15 blank leaves at the end; the page-size is 11½ by 15 inches. Although the accounts were *bundin and put togidder in ordour* in 1603 by the then Town Clerk, John Masoun, they have been brought down to the year 1624 and re-bound at a much later date in their present *format*—half brown suède with marbled-paper boards.

The accounts for the years 1541-47 were written in ink which has remained very dark, but elsewhere it has faded to a medium brown. The buff-coloured paper has suffered badly in places from damp and, at the lower corners, is often rubbed away, stained, brittle or otherwise damaged; and the edges have been cut at least once.<sup>1</sup> On the other hand, the margins, though variable, are frequently wide; and there is a good deal of formal and repetitive matter. As a result, singularly little is irretrievably lost or wholly indecipherable, and the value of the MS. is hardly affected by the toll of the years.

The accounts are in three different hands. Those for the years 1534-47 were made out and written by Henry Prestoun<sup>2</sup> (who signed many of them<sup>3</sup>) for the audit, which normally took place shortly after the close of the year of account. For the next fifteen years, 1547-62, a different method was adopted: a single audit was held for all of them, on Jan. 6, 1562/3, and they were written

<sup>1</sup> P. 186 n. 2.

<sup>2</sup> P. 104 n. 1.

<sup>3</sup> E.g. p. 29.

down together by Mr. Michael Wallace,<sup>1</sup> the Town Clerk at that time. These 28 years, occupying 59 leaves of our present MS., seem to have formed the earliest *buik*.<sup>2</sup> There is a blank of 12 years—1562-74—though these were probably the accounts for the hearing of which a writer was brought from Edinburgh.<sup>3</sup> The accounts for the last fifty years, 1574-1624, were all written and mostly signed by the perennial Town Clerk, John Masoun, whose period as a writer of compts runs for slightly less than 39 years—from Oct. 1586<sup>4</sup> to May 1625.

Of the value of the present record there can be no doubt. There are earlier sources (some of them printed<sup>5</sup>) than the Ayr MS., but a competent critic, after a careful search and survey of Scottish burgh archives, concluded that 'this is probably the most complete set of early Town Accounts extant in Scotland.'<sup>6</sup> We have here, with only a single gap of twelve years, a continuous and comprehensive record of the normal financial workings of an important Scots burgh during the ninety years stretching from the middle period of James V's personal rule to near the close of James VI's reign. While Council Minutes and Court Books cast many a side-light on the financial system of the burghs, that system, in its entirety, can be reconstructed only from the evidence offered by a complete record of the year-to-year raising and spending of the municipal revenues and of the conciliar control of the responsible magistrates.

<sup>1</sup> He signed a *Memorandum* on fol. 38 v., and his handwriting is unmistakable; but Thomas Cranstoun is mentioned in 1551-52 as *ordouring* compts; p. 114 n. 2.

<sup>2</sup> P. 135 n. 3.

<sup>3</sup> P. 136 n. 1.

<sup>4</sup> The compts for the eleven years 1574-85 were all audited in April 1587.

<sup>5</sup> Esp. for Aberdeen (*Extracts*, 1398-1657, in *Spalding Club Misc.*, V); a few fragments or whole accounts of other burghs are included in volumes of Burgh Records, e.g. *Lanark Recs.*, 1-2.

<sup>6</sup> Anna J. Mill, *An Inventory of the MS. Records of the Older Royal Burghs of Scotland* (St. Andrews Univ. Publication No. XVII, 1923), 9.

Despite the obvious value of the MS., considerations other than sheer bulk (it runs to something like 300,000 words) render it undesirable to present all the accounts *in extenso*. For the first five years (1534-39) the auditors considered, in addition to the intromissions of the three or more spending magistrates, the current financial relationship between *the town* and all private burgesses who held any part of the burghal property and revenues, and the balance between the parties was entered in every case. While this unique feature of the Ayr MS. is worth stressing, the fact that the substance of these private compts reappears in the Treasurer's Charge or elsewhere argues against printing them in full for each year.<sup>1</sup> The formal nature of the headings of the compts, the verbiage of many items both of Charge and Discharge, and the annual repetition of the details of *Dependentia*, are further pointers towards the advisability of economy and compression.

The continuity and completeness of the accounts would, however, be sacrificed by the adoption of the old method of printing a selection of extracts. A volume constructed along these lines would be virtually valueless to the student of burgh finance, and might, since the selection must be to some extent arbitrary, exclude the very items of interest to those wishing to consult the record for any other reason. The full compts for four selected years, together with several additional compts of special interest, have, therefore, been printed *in extenso* as specimens, and more especially to show the methods of accounting and auditing. For the remaining 74 years, the accounts are given in abstract, all formal and repetitive matter being suppressed, but all items of Charge and Discharge presented in compressed form; significant, peculiar or obscure words,

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<sup>1</sup> The private compts for 1536-37 occupy fourteen pages of print (3-16).

phrases or passages are reproduced in the original of the text. I have made a virtue of the necessity of compression by arranging the various items, especially of the Treasurer's Discharge, under sub-headings, wherever the nature of the items made this course possible and their number made it advisable; the reader will, of course, understand that the *Exoneratio* of the text shows no trace of any such systematic arrangement, and that it is here adopted only for convenience.

In the transcription of the text, I have followed the modern practice of expanding all abbreviations (*dni.*, *diti.*, *pns.*, *lre.* and so forth) and all the customary symbols (*e.g.* those for *con*, *per*, *pre* and *pro*, the superscript *r* for *ur* and *t* for *th*, the apostrophe for *er*, the superscript dash for *m* or *n*). A few departures from convention and orthodoxy must, however, be noticed, since not all palaeographers would approve. The final *ss* has been rendered *ss* or *ssis*, as the sense seemed to demand. Punctuation has been modernised, though with the minimum of change; so, too, with capitals, since there seemed no object in preserving such anomalous and purely accidental forms as *In*, *Irn*, *robert* or *jamesoun*. A similarly haphazard use of *u* and *v* has been corrected, as a rule, in the same way, so that forms like *Davidsonne*, *serviuce*, *Brovne* and *vp* are rendered *Davidsonne*, *service*, *Broune* and *up*. In clearly established cases of the erroneous and casual use of *w* for *u* or *v*, or *vice versa*, I have made changes; *e.g.* from *Villiame* to *Williame*, from *vyne* to *wyne*, from *wncomptit* to *uncomptit*, and from *wantage* to *vantage*; but, wherever the use of *w* might be regarded as more than the mere whim of the scribe, it has been retained (*e.g.* in *yowth*, *dwm*, *lownis*).

The old practice of using the letter *y* for *th* in words like *the*, *that* and *thair* offers no difficulty to the modern tran-

scriber; few would nowadays defend the employment of any special symbol for what was *th* in fact, and fewer still would countenance the corrupt and meaningless forms *ye*, *yat* or *yair*. It is, therefore, not easy to explain why a similar rule should not apply to the exactly parallel case of the old letter-form *ȝ*. Sometimes, in modern transcripts, this form is retained as a special letter, more often it is equated to *z*—in either case, quite erroneously. There was no such letter as *z* in the normal alphabet of Middle Scots, and *ȝ* was simply the consonantal form of *y*—as appears plainly from the forms *ȝe*, *ȝour*, *ȝouth*, *ȝole* (Yule), etc. The letter *y* is, of course, by no means unique in respect of multiformity; the alternative versions of *r* and *s* survive in contemporary calligraphy. Confusion has arisen through sustained mistransliteration of *ȝ* as *z* instead of *y*, so that corrupt forms of proper names are now established, and the pronunciation changed accordingly—Mackenzie for Mackenyie, Cockenzie for Cockenyie; in other cases the original sound of the letter has been retained despite mistaken orthography, as in Dalzell or Menzies. I have followed what seems to me the only logical and consistent course, and rendered *ȝ* as *y* in all cases, *e.g.* *yow*, *yett*, *yeid*, *yeir*, *cunyie* and *spulyeit*.

To Professor J. D. Mackie I owe an irredeemable debt of gratitude for my introduction both to the study of Scottish history and to research on the Scottish burghs; I can only express my very sincere thanks for his unfailing interest and help, and my hope that the present volume will be found not utterly unworthy of the high standard of historical scholarship which he inculcates upon his pupils. My best thanks are likewise due to the Town Council and Town Clerk of Ayr, whose unfailing courtesy rendered it possible for me to transcribe their valuable manuscript in my own time. I trust that repeated revisions have

reduced to a negligible amount the number of minor errors, arithmetical slips and infelicities of expression; the complete elimination of such blemishes in a work of this nature is something to be hoped for rather than expected.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

- A.P.S.* . . . . *Acts of the Parliament of Scotland*, 13 vols. (Record Series).
- Aberd. Recs.* . . . . *Extracts from the Council Register of the Burgh of Aberdeen*, 2 vols., 1398-1570 and 1570-1625 (Spalding Club).
- Aberd. Recs. (Burgh Recs. Socy.)*. . . . *Extracts from the Burgh Records of Aberdeen*, 2 vols., 1625-42 and 1643-1747 (Burgh Records Society).
- Annals of Banff* . . . . *Annals of Banff*, 2 vols. (ed. W. Cramond for New Spalding Club).
- Ayr Charters* . . . . *Charters of the Royal Burgh of Ayr* (Ayrshire and Galloway Archæological Association).
- Burgh Recs. Socy. Misc.* . . . . *The Miscellany of the Burgh Records Society*.
- Cupar Charters* . . . . *Charters and other Muniments belonging to the Royal Burgh of Cupar, 1363-1595*.
- Dumb. Recs.* . . . . *Dumbarton Burgh Records, 1627-1746* (Dumbarton Town Council).
- Dunfermline Recs.* . . . . *The Burgh Records of Dunfermline, 1488-1584* (ed. E. Beveridge).
- Edin. Charters* . . . . *Charters and Documents relating to the City of Edinburgh, 1143-1540* (Burgh Records Society).
- Edin. Old Accts.* . . . . *Edinburgh Old Accounts*, 2 vols., 1544-1567 (Edinburgh Corporation).
- Edin. Recs.* . . . . *Extracts from the Records of the Burgh of Edinburgh*, 7 vols.—1403-1528, 1529-57, 1557-73, and 1573-89 (ed. Sir J. Marwick for Burgh Records Society); 1589-1603, 1604-26, and 1626-41 (ed. Marguerite Wood for Corporation).
- Elgin Recs.* . . . . *Burgh Records of Elgin, 1234-1800*, 2 vols. (ed. W. Cramond for New Spalding Club).
- Exch. Rolls* . . . . *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*, 23 vols. (Record Series).
- Fasti* . . . . *Fasti Ecclesiae Scoticanæ*, by Hew Scott (new ed., 7 vols., 1915-28).
- Glas. Charters* . . . . *Charters and Documents relating to the City of Glasgow*, 3 vols., I (i) and (ii), and II, 1175-1707 (Burgh Records Society).
- Glas. Recs.* . . . . *Extracts from the Records of the Burgh of Glasgow*, 4 vols., 1573-1642, 1630-62, 1663-90 and 1690-1717 (Burgh Records Society).



- Lan. Recs.* . . . . *Extracts from the Records of the Royal Burgh of Lanark, 1150-1722* (ed. R. Renwick).
- MS. St. And. Accts.* . . . *The Accounts of the Treasurer of St. Andrews from 1611 to 1627* (MS. in University Library, St. Andrews).
- Muniments of Irvine* . . . *Muniments of the Royal Burgh of Irvine, 2 vols.* (Ayrshire and Galloway Archæological Association).
- Pais. Recs.* . . . . *Charters, Documents and Extracts from the Records of the Burgh of Paisley, 1163-1665* (Paisley Town Council).
- Peeb. Recs.* . . . . *Charters and Extracts from the Burgh Records of Peebles, 2 vols., 1165-1652 and 1652-1707* (Burgh Records Society).
- Recs. Conv. R. B.* . . . *Extracts from the Records of the Convention of Royal Burghs, 4 vols., 1295-1597, 1597-1614, 1615-76 and 1677-1711* (ed. Sir J. Marwick for the Convention).
- Reg. Mag. Sig.* . . . . *Registrum Magni Sigilli Regum Scotorum* (Record Series).
- Reg. Privy Coun.* . . . *Register of the Privy Council of Scotland, First, Second and Third Series* (First Series referred to unless otherwise stated). (Record Series.)
- Stir. Charters* . . . . *Charters and other Documents relating to the Royal Burgh of Stirling, 1124-1705* (Stirling Town Council).
- Stir. Recs.* . . . . *Extracts from the Records of the Royal Burgh of Stirling, 2 vols., 1519-1666 and 1657-1752* (Glasgow, Stirlingshire and Sons of the Rock Society).
- Warden, Burgh Laws* . . . *The Burgh Laws of Dundee* (ed. A. J. Warden).

## INTRODUCTION

### I—THE BASIS OF BURGH FINANCE

THE financial system of the Scots burghs rested on two principles which were adopted in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries—the grant of feu-ferme tenure, which gave something like fiscal autonomy to all<sup>1</sup> the royal burghs and to many of the more important burghs of regality and barony,<sup>2</sup> and the substitution of the method of co-optation for more or less free election in the choosing of magistrates and councillors, which vested municipal authority in a narrow oligarchy of ‘the better sort.’ With only minor modifications,<sup>3</sup> the system of local administration and finance which thus came into being lasted until the Burgh Reform Act of 1833 heralded the approach of democracy to these citadels of privilege and monopoly.

The revenues of royal burghs were, in origin, Crown dues, royal officials collecting the rents of the tenements from each burghess or Crown vassal, and also receiving the

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<sup>1</sup> English practice was not nearly so uniform. As with other peoples, the desire to exclude outside officers was powerful—powerful enough to induce some boroughs to undertake the payment of fee-farms beyond their means. But what Maitland called ‘tenurial heterogeneity’—intra-burghal ‘liberties’ belonging to baron, bishop, abbot, etc.—meant that the exclusion of the Crown official did not imply financial autonomy. Hemmeon, *Burghage Tenure*, 72-3, 156. Tait, *Study of Municipal Hist. in Eng.*, 7. Madox, *Firma Burgi*, 164, 184, 187, 214, 232-42. Maitland, *Domesday Book*, 181-2, 208, 210; *Township and Borough*, 182, n. 1.

<sup>2</sup> The burgh-ferme, of course, went to the overlord. D. Murray, *Early Burgh Organisation*, I, 145-8 and foot-notes. *Pais. Recs.*, 35, 248. *Rentale Sancti Andree*, 89. *A.P.S.*, IV, 517. But in sixteenth-century Arbroath the Abbot’s granitar was still collecting fermes from the individual burghesses: Hay, *Hist. of Arbroath*, 123.

<sup>3</sup> *E.g.* the Act of 1822 enforcing public roups and the posting of accounts, and empowering Exchequer to adjudicate in disputes: 3 Geo. IV, *cap.* 91.

court-fines and the petty customs or burghal tolls. As the burghs, especially after acquiring commercial privileges like weekly markets and annual fairs, developed local self-consciousness, they obtained short leases of their own fermes at an annual *reddendo* which then bore some relationship to their actual income, and, one by one, beginning with Aberdeen (1319) and Edinburgh (1329), they changed this into perpetual feu-ferme tenure in accordance with charters of new infeftment.<sup>1</sup> From the earliest<sup>2</sup> of the relevant Exchequer rolls, we get an idea of how the burgh-fermes or burgh-mails were paid in the years 1327-32, before feu-ferming was at all common. Payments were made by the *prepositi* for rents, fines and customs *per firmam dicti burgi* or *de exitibus dicti burgi*, and often expressly *ex assedacione camerarii*. Though items like mill-rents, fishing-cobles, escheats and fines imposed locally at the Chamberlain Ayre were often regarded as supplementary to, or even quite distinct from, the main burgh revenues,<sup>3</sup> and the *reddendo* of many burghs varied from year to year, about an equal number of burghs show returns of some regularity. Perth's £160 and Inverkeithing's £15 were constant, and Linlithgow, in 1330, paid £6, 10s. *per gressumam*<sup>4</sup>—*i.e.* to renew a lease. The devastating effect of the warfare of the early part of David's reign is reflected in the falling away of burgh revenues in the next period (1338-43), in non-payments *quia in manibus inimicorum*,<sup>5</sup> in the elimination of Berwick and Roxburgh, and in the return to direct fiscal relations between Crown and burghess at Perth, the revenues being

<sup>1</sup> *Exch. Rolls*, I, lxxxvi-lxxxvii. *A.P.S.*, I, 478. *Edin. Charters*, 16-17.

<sup>2</sup> The very partial roll of 1311-12 (when 7 burghs paid fermes to Edward II), with its castle-wards and escheats for whole counties, must be regarded as highly abnormal: Bain, *Cal. of Docs.*, III, 432-4.

<sup>3</sup> *Exch. Rolls*, I, 59, 165, 268, 354, etc.

<sup>4</sup> *Ib.*, 94, 301.

<sup>5</sup> *E.g.* Dundee, 1336-39, and Haddington, 1342.

collected by a *receptor firmarum—villa existente in manu regis*.<sup>1</sup>

After 1357 recovery and greater regularity are to be noted in the Exchequer payments, and feu-farming went on apace. Dundee, after paying 20 merks for a number of years, achieved feu-ferme tenure in 1365 at a *reddendo* of £20, and Montrose, after a five-year lease at 10 merks per year, had its payment fixed at £16. Inverness was raised, *ex assedacione sibi facta in feodo*, from £40 to 80 merks, Perth from a sum varying between £26 and £54 (instead of the earlier £160) to £80, and Banff to 50 merks from slightly less.<sup>2</sup> Ayr generally paid about £10 as burgh-ferme in the late fourteenth century,<sup>3</sup> and this was the duty fixed by feu-charter in 1400<sup>4</sup>; the addition of £10 for the barony of Alloway<sup>5</sup> brought the total burgh-mail up to £20.<sup>6</sup> The process of transforming short leases into feu-fermes, normally<sup>7</sup> at a slightly enhanced *reddendo*, went on continuously during the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, with occasional remissions, partial<sup>8</sup> or complete,<sup>9</sup> and irregularities, like the leasing of mills apart from ordinary fermes<sup>10</sup> or the payment of dues to *ballivi ad extra*, nobles or other royal deputies.<sup>11</sup> Eventually

<sup>1</sup> *Exch. Rolls*, I, 473, 484-5, 518, 524.

<sup>2</sup> *Exch. Rolls*, II, 154, 204, 391, 491, 495, 540. It was now *ballivi*, not *prepositi*, who answered for the fermes: *ib.*, I, 609-10, 618.

<sup>3</sup> *Ib.*, II, 486, 573, 590; III, 24, 129, 158, 306.

<sup>4</sup> *Ayr Charters*, 25-6.

<sup>5</sup> *Ib.*, 9-10, 21-2.

<sup>6</sup> *Exch. Rolls*, IV, 22.

<sup>7</sup> But not always. Thus new charters eased the payments of Cupar (1428) and Renfrew (1436, 1453). *Ib.*, IV, 426, 487; V, 158-9, 563.

<sup>8</sup> North Berwick, much raided, was let off in 1480 with £1 *ex tolerancia domini regis*: *ib.*, IX, 90.

<sup>9</sup> Selkirk was long exempt, and when it resumed (1425) its mail was based on the old burghal assessment (5d. per rood), then raised from £2, 11s. 8d. to £3, 6s. 8d., and finally to £5. *Ib.*, IV, 419, 460, 520; VII, 515; VIII, 206; XI, 383-4.

<sup>10</sup> *Ib.*, IV, 27.

<sup>11</sup> *Ib.*, VI, 195, 347 (Wigtown and Kirkcudbright); VII, 517 (Elgin and Forres); XII, 607, 609 (Lochmaben and Kintore).

all the royal burghs held of the Crown by charter of feu-ferme.

At the time the policy of feu-ferming offered obvious advantages to the Crown, through the transference of responsibility for collection to the burgh magistrates and the augmentation of the actual fermes; indeed, during the later years of David's reign, it seemed to be driving hard bargains with struggling communities. But local rents, especially when payable in kind, were capable of tremendous expansion, and new sources of revenue could be exploited, while the successive devaluations of Scots currency (in which burgh-mails were paid) reduced it, by 1600, to one-twelfth of the value of sterling. A belated realisation of its loss led the Crown, at the end of the sixteenth century, to demand payment of the burgh-fermes in sterling.<sup>1</sup> This demand evoked consternation and opposition in the towns.<sup>2</sup> Unable or unwilling to press its case against the smaller and poorer burghs, the Exchequer was prepared to compromise but insisted on larger payments from the more important towns, and in the end, thanks to increases in the fermes of Edinburgh, Haddington, Linlithgow, Lanark, Perth, Dundee and Montrose, it more than doubled its total revenue.<sup>3</sup>

Inadequate as they were, burgh-fermes were not paid outright to the Exchequer. By royal grant a system of local appropriations grew up, whereby payments were made directly by the burghs to the Church, nobles and lairds, hospitals and the poor, for education or other purposes.<sup>4</sup> As early as 1400 the Exchequer itself could

<sup>1</sup> *A.P.S.*, III, 561. *Edin. Recs.*, V, 79. *Muniments of Irvine*, I, 7. *Lan. Recs.*, 122, 328-30.

<sup>2</sup> The controversy is mentioned in the Ayr Accounts: *infra*, 204.

<sup>3</sup> Ayr was among those which successfully resisted any increase.

<sup>4</sup> *Reg. Mag. Sig.*, I, 299, 648, 762, 820, 1740. *Lan. Recs.*, 310-11. *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 16.

claim only 13s. 4d. out of Aberdeen's 320 merks.<sup>1</sup> Perth's £80 went mostly to local clergy, and the residue was devoted to the upkeep of the Tay bridge, while Cupar's 26 merks and Ayr's £20 went entirely to the Church. The pre-Reformation Church was the chief beneficiary under this local 'ear-marking' of fermes: in 1557-58 practically £300 went to it out of a total of less than £700, nearly £130 to poor relief and education, and only £183, 9s. 8d., or just over a quarter of the whole, to the Comptroller.<sup>2</sup> After the Reformation the shares allotted to schools, colleges and hospitals were increased to about one-third of the total, but the Crown itself made a greater advance, drawing roughly one-half of its nominal revenues by the end of the century.<sup>3</sup> At best, of course, it had a poor return for the valuable local revenues which it had alienated.

There were local variations in the nature of the revenues thus heedlessly transferred to the burghs, but they all included the three categories of land-rents, burgh-court fines (unlaws) and petty customs (*parva custuma*)—the great customs being retained by the Crown, collected by customars at the chief ports, and accounted for to the Comptroller. Petty customs might be augmented by royal grant of the right to impose special tolls for the upkeep of local institutions.<sup>4</sup> The fees for making new burgesses were added by a statute of 1503/4 to the resources of all burghs.<sup>5</sup> Local ingenuity found all sorts of revenue awaiting exploitation: the ferry-mail of the Deveron provided at one time the largest item in Banff's income,<sup>6</sup> the use

<sup>1</sup> *Exch. Rolls*, III, 554.

<sup>2</sup> Figures based on *Exch. Rolls*, XIX, 39-47.

<sup>3</sup> Based on payments in 1598-99: *ib.*, XXIII, 322-31.

<sup>4</sup> *Infra*, xlvi-xlvii.

<sup>5</sup> *A.P.S.*, II, 252. Cf. Maxwell, *Hist. of Dumfries*, 316 n. κ. J. Napier, *Notes on Partick*, in *Trans. Glas. Archæol. Socy.*, I, 165-8.

<sup>6</sup> *Annals of Banff*, I, 59.

of a funeral pall or mortcloth was a revenue-producing enterprise in several burghs,<sup>1</sup> and the old custom of ringing hand-bells at burials suggested the idea of letting them to tacksmen—a practice followed at Ayr and Banff.<sup>2</sup>

It is clear from the earliest records that the payment of the burgh-mails left a margin for burghal concerns, and Parliament decreed that this surplus, the Common Good, be devoted to the town's common works and common affairs.<sup>3</sup> The Convention confirmed the rule by insisting that national taxation should not be defrayed from that fund, but raised by the burghesses' contributions, *and the commoun guid maid fre thair of to be imployit upoun the commoun werkis*.<sup>4</sup>

By well-established usage the burghs, instead of administering the Common Good directly,<sup>5</sup> leased it in lots for private use. The common lands were not always reserved as 'commons,' but let to individual occupiers on various tenures, including feu-ferme. Mills, fishings and petty customs were leased to tacksmen who hoped for a private profit from the collection of the actual dues. Revenue items were normally leased by way of annual roup,<sup>6</sup> conducted as fairly and as publicly as possible.<sup>7</sup> Only burghesses, indwellers and men of substance were allowed to bid,<sup>8</sup> and they must produce, in some cases, a

<sup>1</sup> *E.g. Lan. Recs.*, 187, 198.

<sup>2</sup> *Infra*, 8, 22, 71. *Annals of Banff*, I, 53, 176.

<sup>3</sup> *A.P.S.*, II, 252; IV, 30.

<sup>4</sup> *Recs. Conv. R. B.*, I, 475.

<sup>5</sup> Direct collection of Common Good dues (*e.g.* multures) was sometimes undertaken, to ensure that tacksmen were not making excessive profits. *Edin. Recs.*, V, xviii, 38, 166. *Cf. infra*, xl n. 1, for mills, xli n. 6, for fishings and xlvi n. 5, for customs.

<sup>6</sup> The Act of Parliament of 1593, already cited (IV, 30), gave implicit recognition to the local custom of rousing.

<sup>7</sup> Banff revenues were *roupit at the maist patent window of the Tolbooth*: *Annals of Banff*, I, 90. The rousing at Irvine was proclaimed with tuck of drum and timed by sand-glass: *Muniments of Irvine*, I, 126-7.

<sup>8</sup> *Lan. Recs.*, 243. *Edin. Recs.*, I, 50.



*borch* or pledge—another burges or private property.<sup>1</sup> There is evidence of real bidding taking place before the assedations were made<sup>2</sup>; indeed, over-bidding *out of prejudice and invy* (in the hope of later relief through a *bill of ease*) was not unknown.<sup>3</sup>

The roup-and-tack system was open to obvious abuses,<sup>4</sup> and some higher control was desirable. The Chamberlain Ayre<sup>5</sup> and the Court of the Four Burghs<sup>6</sup> made recommendations and perhaps exercised supervision, though not of a very stringent kind. These duties were inherited, in course of time, by the Convention, which did not scruple to command and punish. Aberdeen was disciplined in 1590 because the Common Good had not been rouped for thirty years, but retained by the magistrates and their friends, so that the burgh had been, in effect, *thrallit to serve ane raice of pepill, as it war ane burch of baronaye*.<sup>7</sup> During the next few years the burghs were required to show diligence in rousing lands and realising the utmost profit *be setting the samin ather in tak or few*, Inverkeithing was fined £20 for failing to make augmentation of rents when granting nineteen-year leases, and fines were laid down for burghs that let customs for longer than a year, or mills and fishings for longer than three years.<sup>8</sup> The Convention's most ambitious attempt at control came in

<sup>1</sup> *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 125. *Edin. Recs.*, I, 15, 18, 50. Cf. *A.P.S.*, I, 719.

<sup>2</sup> *Vide Stir. Recs.*, I, 6-7, for three instances of out-bidding. Cf. *Glas. Recs.*, I, 206, for the year-to-year increases in tack-duties.

<sup>3</sup> *Stir. Recs.*, II, 18. And yet tacksmen took their tacks *with all adventures . . . quhidder thai tyne or win thairupoun*: *Edin. Recs.*, V, 55.

<sup>4</sup> Edinburgh town council found it necessary in 1553 to warn any magistrate who set *ony pairt of the commoun geir* at a lower price than the accepted offer that he would be held responsible for the difference: *ib.*, II, 178.

<sup>5</sup> *A.P.S.*, I, 681.

<sup>6</sup> *Recs. Conv. R. B.*, I, 501-5.

<sup>7</sup> *Ib.*, 312-5, 318-9, 320-2, 324-6, 328-9, 332-3, 335-7, 338, 383-7.

<sup>8</sup> *Ib.*, 361-2, 396, 430-2. Only waste lands should be feued or let on long lease.

1691, when its visitors toured all the royal burghs, examining accounts, collecting data on trade and shipping, inquiring into payments of stents and the activities of 'unfree' places, and compiling detailed reports.<sup>1</sup>

The Exchequer endeavoured, during the sixteenth century, to establish a right to audit and supervise burgh accounts,<sup>2</sup> but without any success; and Parliament's claim, implicit or (as in 1693) explicit, to control burghal finance,<sup>3</sup> was too vague and spasmodic to have much effect. Except, therefore, that grave abuses might be reported to, and corrected by, the Convention, municipal finance was entirely a local concern.

The earliest burgh magistrates were the bailies, *the kyngis bailyeis*,<sup>4</sup> collectors of Crown rents, fines and customs, who answered the Chamberlain as to all matters of local import; the burghs-oath was taken to the King, the bailies and the community.<sup>5</sup> Less often there is mention of a single chief magistrate, the alderman or burgh-grieve,<sup>6</sup> but we hear of his existence from law-codes rather than as an actual official in being. The vernacular term *provest* displaced *alderman* much later,<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Burgh Recs. Socy. Misc.*, xxxviii-xxxix, 53-157.

<sup>2</sup> *A.P.S.*, II, 349; III, 43. *Edin. Recs.*, II, 258-9.

<sup>3</sup> *A.P.S.*, IV, 30; VII, 510; IX, 309. Cf. Erskine, *Inst. of Law of Scot.* (ed. 1838), 235.

<sup>4</sup> Generally rendered *ballivi*, but sometimes *prepositi*. *A.P.S.*, I, 436, 720-1. *Reg. Vetus de Aberbrothoc*, I, 55. Hay, *Hist. of Arbroath*, 104. *Glas. Charters*, I (ii), 19. At Aberdeen, though the bailies are *prepositi* in the thirteenth century, they are *ballivi* as early as 1310. Kennedy, *Annals of Aberd.*, I, 14. *Reg. Epis. Aberd.*, I, 41. Cf. the change in the Exchequer rolls, noted *supra*, xvii n. 2. Murray, *Early Burgh Organisation*, I, 163 n. 4, notes a similar change at Glasgow.

<sup>5</sup> *A.P.S.*, I, 333, 337, 356, 680-3, 704.

<sup>6</sup> Here, too, the Latin term is normally *prepositus*. *Ib.*, 333-4, 336, 339-40, 344, 348, 353-4. But *superior burgi* and *aldirmannus* are each used once: *ib.*, 355, 693.

<sup>7</sup> At Glasgow in 1453 (Marwick, *Early Glasgow*, 17-8); at Edinburgh in 1456 (*Edin. Recs.*, I, 41); in the *Acts of Parliament* in 1503/4 (II, 244-5). The term *alderman* survived at Ayr and Selkirk till the reign of James V.

and, whereas all burghs had bailies, quite a few dispensed with the higher dignitary.<sup>1</sup> Indeed, though the office and functions of bailie were clearly defined and uniform throughout Scotland, those of provost were liable to vary widely from place to place and from time to time. Several burghs, instead of electing a burgher provost, bestowed the title of 'lord provost' on a powerful neighbour lord or laird, like the Hamiltons at Lanark,<sup>2</sup> the Hays of Yester at Peebles,<sup>3</sup> the families of Menzies and Gordon at Aberdeen,<sup>4</sup> the Roses of Kilravock at Nairn,<sup>5</sup> the Learmonthes of Dairsie at St. Andrews,<sup>6</sup> and the Scotts of Buccleuch at Selkirk.<sup>7</sup> Even at Edinburgh the provostship was bestowed (though not as a regular practice) on barons like Hailes, Angus or Home, who, themselves uninterested in municipal affairs, appointed a burgher 'president' to execute the office.<sup>8</sup> Burntisland fluctuated between burgher provost and lord provost, and, when a stranger was given the honour, chose an additional bailie.<sup>9</sup>

The germ of the idea of the town council is no doubt to be found in certain expressions used in the *Leges Quattuor*

D. M. Lyon, *Ayr in the Olden Times*, 48, 54. J. Paterson, *Hist. of County of Ayr* (ed. 1847), 179. Craig-Brown, *Hist. of Selkirkshire*, II, 31-2.

<sup>1</sup> Cullen, Crail, Pittenweem, Kilrenny, both Anstruthers, Dysart, Inverkeithing, North Berwick and Lauder; Selkirk later joined this group. *Burgh Recs. Socy. Misc.*, 159-295.

<sup>2</sup> *Lan. Recs.*, 95, 98, 107, 113, 115.

<sup>3</sup> *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 217, 225, 285, 290, 296, 350. The Hays stood *gud afald and kyndelie freindis* to the town.

<sup>4</sup> *Recs. Conv. R. B.*, I, 313, 321. *Aberd. Recs.*, I, 214. Kennedy, *Annals of Aberd.*, II, 74-5. Watt, *Hist. of Aberdeenshire*, 132-3.

<sup>5</sup> Bain, *Hist. of Nairnshire*, 285. Rampini, *Hist. of Moray and Nairn*, 255-7. *Family of Rose of Kilravock* (Spalding Club), 25 *et seq.*

<sup>6</sup> Cf. Rait, *Parliaments of Scot.*, 295-6.

<sup>7</sup> Craig-Brown, *op. cit.*, II, 43.

<sup>8</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, I, 52, 144, 146. Cf. Marwick, *High Constables*, 64. Later in the century a nobleman was sometimes appointed both constable of the castle and provost of the burgh (*ib.*, 7), though this practice had been declared illegal in 1469: *A.P.S.*, II, 95. The Crown sometimes named all the magistrates, the city protesting but obeying: *Edin. Recs.*, VII, 149-50.

<sup>9</sup> *Burgh Recs. Socy. Misc.*, 277.

*Burgorum*—thruch the consaile of the gud men of the toune the quhilk aw to be lele and of gud fame—thruch ordinans consaile and dome of the gude men of the toune—at the sicht and be the consaile of the communitie of the burgh. Who the gud men or the communitie were, we do not know; but they were not a standing council, since four liners (*lineatores*) were chosen to measure the marches, and a special assize (*xij* of the *lelest burges* and of the *wysast*) sworn to administer justice.<sup>1</sup> Before the days of regular councils an assize or inquest was appointed for special purposes—to fix prices of grain, malt and ale, to serve heirs, to adjudicate in disputes over lands or debts—and liners continued to be chosen. An *ad hoc* assize was appointed *de precepto ballivorum* at Aberdeen in 1317, but in 1398 a *commoun consaile* of twenty-four was elected.<sup>2</sup> At Edinburgh from 1403 (when the records begin) councillors were chosen at the Michaelmas head-court.<sup>3</sup> Elsewhere evolution seems to have been slower. At Peebles only the bailies and serjeants, along with ale-tasters and flesh-prisers, were chosen at Michaelmas, while, throughout the fifteenth century, an *assys*, *qwest*, *inquest*, *inquisicioun*, or *dousan* was often appointed *ad hoc*<sup>4</sup>; a regular council was not established until 1503/4.<sup>5</sup> Even after the adoption of conciliar government, several burghs continued the use of special assizes or inquests to fix prices or try important cases,<sup>6</sup> while at Aberdeen the early custom of summoning the *haill toune* or

<sup>1</sup> *A.P.S.*, I, 347, 353-4, 355. The *Statuta Gilde*, *cap.* xxxvii, suggests an elected council of 24 at Berwick under Alexander III; if so, Berwick was far in advance of other Scots towns. *Ib.*, 436.

<sup>2</sup> *Spalding Club Misc.*, V, 11. *Aberd. Recs.*, I, 374.

<sup>3</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, I, 1-4. They were the *duodene burgi*, the *duodecim consules et limitatores*—*i.e.* descendants of the early *dosane* and liners.

<sup>4</sup> *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 121, 124, 128, 130, 133, 138, 147, 150, 164, 166, 184.

<sup>5</sup> *Ib.*, 199. The *consaile* mentioned in 1468 (*ib.*, 158-9) and again from 1481 on does not seem to have been a regular body.

<sup>6</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, I, 61, 79, 107, 110. *Stir. Recs.*, I, 11, 24, 89-90. *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 293.

*haill communitie* survived into the seventeenth century as an emergency measure.<sup>1</sup> Thus in most burghs a standing council seems to have evolved during the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries from variously named *ad hoc* committees and from special officials like liners, ale-tasters and flesh-prisers—all of whom would be, in effect, named by the bailies, perhaps with the approval and acclaim of the *haill toun*.

It was, therefore, no very ancient institution that was affected by the Act of 1469, nor was a pure democracy superseded by an oligarchy. The Act ordained that, to eschew tumults, the old council should choose the new, and both together elect the magistrates and officers; one member of each craft should have voice in the elections.<sup>2</sup> Though the Act was not immediately effective in all burghs,<sup>3</sup> it became the basis of all the later burgh setts. Parliament and Convention confirmed the trend to uniformity by enacting that magistrates should be substantial merchant-burgesses,<sup>4</sup> that part of the old council should be re-elected,<sup>5</sup> and that the crafts should be represented for elections by their deacons or visitors.<sup>6</sup> Co-option became universal, and the principle that retiring members should give the incomers the benefit of their experience was everywhere interpreted as sanctioning the custom of allowing a few councillors to drop out each year and naming a corresponding number of congenial guild-brethren to take their places. Magisterial office (except, often, that of provost<sup>7</sup>) rotated, but generally

<sup>1</sup> *Aberd. Recs.*, II, 62, 334.

<sup>2</sup> *A.P.S.*, II, 95.

<sup>3</sup> *Burgh Recs. Socy. Misc.*, lxii *et seq.*

<sup>4</sup> *A.P.S.*, II, 244. *Recs. Conv. R. B.*, I, 511.

<sup>5</sup> *A.P.S.*, II, 107. *Recs. Conv. R. B.*, I, 3.

<sup>6</sup> *A.P.S.*, II, 298.

<sup>7</sup> Thomas Menzies of Pitfodells, Provost of Aberdeen for 28 years (Kennedy, *Annals*, II, 74-5; Watt, *Hist. of Aberdeenshire*, 132-3), may be

around a small circle of the wealthier families, so that the *lelest and wysast*, in the eighteenth as in the thirteenth century, 'managed a' the toun's affairs in a bit quiet chat.'

The office of treasurer appears later than those of provost and bailies.<sup>1</sup> The early law-codes mention no such official, and the bailies handled all finance. Aberdeen, advanced in other respects, had no treasurer in 1392, and the intervention of the King and the Lord Chancellor was required in 1487 and 1492 to persuade the burgh to make the appointment and so put an end to the bailies' intromissions.<sup>2</sup> The Peebles pursemaster of 1456 was a mere assistant of the bailies, and a treasurer was not elected until 1498,<sup>3</sup> while the Lanark *rentmaister* of 1488 was simply a treasurer with an archaic title.<sup>4</sup>

Local practice varied in respect of other magistrates and officials. The office of dean of guild, head of the merchants,<sup>5</sup> was established at an early date in some burghs,<sup>6</sup> but it was by no means universal. Many smaller burghs, with little trade, had no dean of guild, and even important towns dispensed with the office until fairly late—Dundee till 1515,<sup>7</sup> Glasgow till 1605,<sup>8</sup> and Haddington till 1657.<sup>9</sup>

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compared with Provost Pawkie of Gudetown in Galt's novel, or with the 'perpetual' provost of *The Auld Scottish Brugh* (quoted in Mackay, *Hist. of Fife and Kinross*, 323).

<sup>1</sup> Marwick (*Scot. Hist. Rev.*, I, 130) suggested that the office 'must also have existed from the earliest times,' but there is nothing to warrant such a thesis.

<sup>2</sup> The alderman and bailies were sometimes assisted by masters of common work. *Aberd. Recs.*, I, 7, 393-4, 415, 421. Kennedy, *Annals*, I, 32, 85. Cf. Maitland, *Township and Borough*, 205-9, for the division at Cambridge between 'Old Revenue' (in the hands of mayor and bailiffs) and the two treasurers' 'New Revenue.'

<sup>3</sup> *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 123-5, 130, 195-8.

<sup>4</sup> *Lan. Recs.*, 2.

<sup>5</sup> He must be *ane merchant trafficquand*: *Recs. Conv. R. B.*, II, 81.

<sup>6</sup> E.g. at Ayr as early as 1325: *Ayr Charters*, 22.

<sup>7</sup> Warden, *Burgh Laws*, 93-6.

<sup>8</sup> Murray, *Early Burgh Organisation*, I, 484 *et seq.* Here the delay may have been due to Glasgow's earlier non-royal status.

<sup>9</sup> *Ib.*, 492.

Dumfries had a dean, *who is not a dean of guild, it not being a gild town*.<sup>1</sup> The deacons of crafts, though called in for the annual Michaelmas elections, were not (as the dean of guild was) burgh magistrates or even *ex officio* members of the council. Many burghs had masters of common work, hospital-masters, kirk-masters, pier-masters, brig-masters, and so on.<sup>2</sup> The twelfth-century flesh-prisers, wine-tasters and ale-tasters survived in many towns for hundreds of years,<sup>3</sup> and to these were added fish-prisers (*visitouris and jadgeris of fische*),<sup>4</sup> timber-prisers,<sup>5</sup> and various visitors of markets.<sup>6</sup> The functions of the specially appointed liners, carried out with formal ceremonies, were another picturesque as well as useful survival from the past—to settle disputes between burgesses, prevent encroachments by greedy neighbours, and preserve rights of commons and public paths.<sup>7</sup> Water-bailies are found at the larger burghs, such as Edinburgh,<sup>8</sup> Aberdeen,<sup>9</sup> Glasgow,<sup>10</sup> Ayr<sup>11</sup> and Irvine<sup>12</sup>: their duties were to attend at the harbour, see that all goods were duly entered for payment of customs, punish fraudulent sales, maintain perches, and prevent the

<sup>1</sup> Cf., Macdowall, *Hist. of Dumfries*, 368-9.

<sup>2</sup> Aberdeen had eventually four such 'masters'—for the kirk and brig, the hospital, the shore, and the *mortified money*: *Burgh Recs. Socy. Misc.*, 167.

<sup>3</sup> *Aberd. Recs.*, I, 375. *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 111. The *cunnisters* at Nairn had to taste the ale in the public street, as a pledge of good faith: Bain, *Hist. of Nairnshire*, 333.

<sup>4</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, I, 1, 26. *A.P.S.*, III, 302.

<sup>5</sup> *Ib.*, 451. Here burgh officials co-operated with barons and Privy Council nominees.

<sup>6</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, II, 87. *Glas. Recs.*, I, 26. *Lan. Recs.*, 149.

<sup>7</sup> *Aberd. Recs.*, I, 374. *Edin. Recs.*, I, 2, 126. *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 125, 181. *Glas. Recs.*, I, 13-4. At Arbroath *dyke prysseris* were appointed to see that the boundary walls were kept in good order: Hay, *Hist. of Arbroath*, 112-3.

<sup>8</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, I, 59, 90, 193; II, 238-47; V, 249; VII, 200-1.

<sup>9</sup> *Aberd. Recs.*, II, 77-8.

<sup>10</sup> *Glas. Recs.*, I, 24. A *wattir serjand* acted as his officer.

<sup>11</sup> *Infra*, 238.

<sup>12</sup> *Muniments of Irvine*, II, 130, 168.



casting of stones or ballast into the channel.<sup>1</sup> Burghs with important 'unfree' suburbs or subject-lands had special bailies to look after them—Edinburgh for the port of Leith,<sup>2</sup> Glasgow for the Gorbals,<sup>3</sup> and Lanark for the lands of Corselaw and Bankheid.<sup>4</sup> The paid servants of the town always included officers or serjeants, and generally some others—drummer, fifer or piper, knock-keeper, bellman or sexton, and (in the larger burghs) a lockman or executioner.

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<sup>1</sup> The emoluments of the office sometimes transformed this official into a tacksman of part of the Common Good, rather than a burgh magistrate: *infra*, xlv.

<sup>2</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, IV, 53-4, 94, 294, 354. For the division of duties between bailies of Leith and water-bailie, *ib.*, V, 263-4.

<sup>3</sup> *Burgh Recs. Socy. Misc.*, 174.

<sup>4</sup> *Lan. Recs.*, 233-4.

## II—THE TREASURER'S REVENUE

In the early law-codes the burges is essentially a landholder, paying 5d. per rood each year *pro burgagio suo*; burges-right went with the burgage.<sup>1</sup> Regulations were later relaxed, but a distinction remained between indwellers and landward men; occupation of burgh land absolved men from the charges often made against landless folk—*vagabundis and idyll levaris, hurdaris of thiftis, pykries, adultereis and druckines*<sup>2</sup>—and was the badge of respectability as well as the proof of solvency.

Land rents were likewise an important part of the burgh revenues. The early division into burgage (*terra burgalis*), arable (*terra campestris*) and commons (*terra communis*)<sup>3</sup> became obscured when the authorities permitted and encouraged individual occupation of land by tack, lease or even feu; and the totally inadequate rate of the early burgh-mails was compensated for by the exaction of annuals or ground-annuals,<sup>4</sup> which originally, at least, belonged to the burgh. With milling and fishing integral parts of the *dominium*, the varied revenues exigible from the land were bound to be of great value; they actually provided well over half the total resources of many burghs, even such as were closely concerned in trade.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *A.P.S.*, I, 333, 721.

<sup>2</sup> *Stir. Recs.*, I, 59, 137. *Edin. Recs.*, IV, 402.

<sup>3</sup> Murray, *Early Burgh Organisation*, I, ch. IV. <sup>4</sup> *Ib.*, 150, 156-7.

<sup>5</sup> *E.g.* over half at Edinburgh, with its five mills, in 1552-53: *Edin. Old Accts.*, I, 69-70. Over £500 out of a total of £614 at Arbroath in 1605-06: Hay, *Hist. of Arbroath*, 148-9. Nearly £3378 at St. Andrews in 1618-19, all remaining items (other than a loan of 2000 merks), only £466: *MS. St. And. Accts.*, fol. 37r, 38r. Over half at Glasgow (1630-31), Peebles (1651-52), Irvine (1664-65) and Brechin (1690-91): *Glas. Recs.*, II, 501; *Peeb. Recs.*, II, 191; *Muniments of Irvine*, II, 235-6; *Burgh Recs. Socy. Misc.*, 101-2. The reverse case—of customs, burges-entries, unlaws, etc., outweighing revenue derived from land, mills and fishings—though exceptional, is not unknown. It was perhaps the case

Ayr was unusually fortunate in respect of land-ownership. The charter of erection (1202×1207) had conveyed to the burgh a large tract of land between the Rivers Ayr and Doon, which came to be known as the Burrowfield and was roughly equal to the original parish of Ayr.<sup>1</sup> In 1236 Alexander II gave the burgesses the lands of Alloway, Cortoun and Carcluie in feu<sup>2</sup>; these lands, forming the old parish of Alloway, were later (1325) erected into a barony.<sup>3</sup> In 1236, too, all the fishings of the Rivers Ayr and Doon were given to the burgh.<sup>4</sup> The possession of two whole parishes, extending to more than seven square miles, along with all royal rights of milling and fishing within the area, made Ayr a wealthy town.<sup>5</sup>

By the sixteenth century the original burgh-mails payable by individual burgesses had become almost valueless in most burghs, partly through habitual non-payment or remission, but even more through monetary depreciation, which rendered these small ancient fixed charges negligible. As early as 1479 the Edinburgh council decreed that *the burrow maill be ungadderit of the nichtbouris . . . and at it be allowit of ilk land in thair awin handis*; the Exchequer dues were paid by the treasurer from the ordinary revenue.<sup>6</sup> Another case of total remission is recorded at St. Andrews in 1538, where Cardinal

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at Lanark in 1488-89 (the statement is incomplete), and certainly at Banff (1626-27) and Stirling (1634): *Lan. Recs.*, 1-2; *Annals of Banff*, I, 59; *Stir. Recs.*, II, 299.

<sup>1</sup> *Ayr Charters*, 1-2. Murray, *Early Burgh Organisation*, II, 304, 379-80.

<sup>2</sup> *Ayr Charters*, 9-10. Murray, *op. cit.*, 385-8. He gives the area of the two parishes, exclusive of the town, as 4614 acres: *ib.*, 389-90.

<sup>3</sup> *Ayr Charters*, 21-2. Murray (*op. cit.*, 575) thought this might be a mere recognition of already existing baronial rights, but there seems no reason to suppose so.

<sup>4</sup> *Ayr Charters*, 14.

<sup>5</sup> It stood tenth among the royal burghs in 1535, ninth in 1557, fifth in 1575, sixth in 1578, and, for a long time from 1583, eighth. *Vide stent-rolls in Recs. Conv. R. B.*, esp. I, 48, 73-4, 246-7, 514-5, 525-6.

<sup>6</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, I, 36; IV, 191.

Beaton, moved by the poverty resulting from pestilence that year (as Kings were sometimes inspired to similar generosity by the distress occasioned by war, fire or plague), forgave the whole fermes.<sup>1</sup> At Ayr a sum of £3 was due each year from the bailies, but this was normally in arrears.<sup>2</sup>

Annuals were fixed rents payable to the burgh in respect of burghal lands and tenements, on a rather higher scale than the early burgh-mails<sup>3</sup>; they came to be regarded primarily as suitable endowments for the chaplains, who, in each burgh church, served the numerous altars dedicated to special cults—Our Lady, the Holy Rood, the Holy Blood, or one or other of many saints.<sup>4</sup> The burgh itself might found an altarage and appoint the chaplain *to say mes efter the valow of the rentis . . . gefyn tharto*,<sup>5</sup> but it was commoner for a private individual, into whose possession some annuals had come, to make the mortification in return for the chaplain's obligation to say an *obit* and a *requiem* for the donor's soul after his death<sup>6</sup>; though annuals were generally small sums, running from 1s. to £1 and only occasionally more, the conveyance of several of them to one chaplainry might make a handsome bequest.<sup>7</sup> Even then, the burgh would normally become, immediately or ultimately, the patron,<sup>8</sup> not only making suitable appointments, but also devoting, if need be, some burghal revenues to the augmentation of the priests' fees.<sup>9</sup> Hence,

<sup>1</sup> *Rentale Sancti Andree*, 89, 110.

<sup>2</sup> *Infra*, 32, 37, 60, 83 n. 2, 101, 189, 212.

<sup>3</sup> *Infra*, 81, for several annuals due to the burgh from *places* at Ayr.

<sup>4</sup> MacDowall, *Hist. of Dumfries*, 146. *Dunfermline Recs.*, xxxviii-xl. *Stir. Recs.*, I, Index *sub voc.* 'Altars.' *Peeb. Recs.*, I, liv. St. Andrew's Church at Peebles was served by a provost and twelve prebendaries in charge of twelve altars.

<sup>5</sup> *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 11, 21-4.

<sup>6</sup> *E.g. Glas. Charters*, I (ii), 45-52.

<sup>7</sup> *Ib.*, I (i), 75-6. *Dunfermline Recs.*, fol. 65. *Stir. Recs.*, I, 298-300.

<sup>8</sup> *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 20-1, 50. *Glas. Charters*, I (ii), 101-5, 107-9.

<sup>9</sup> *Stir. Recs.*, I, 23. *Aberd. Recs.*, I, 18. *Glas. Charters*, I (ii), 109-12. *Edin. Recs.*, II, 59. *Cf. infra*, lviii n. 4.

in several ways, the annuals of pre-Reformation days represent lost resources rather than actual burghal revenue.

Soon after 1560 altarage annuals and friars' lands within burghs were conveyed to them for the support of the ministry, the schools and the poor.<sup>1</sup> These aims were complied with at an early date in Edinburgh, where Trinity College Church was converted into a hospital for twelve aged and impotent persons, and a collector of annuals appointed to attend to the proper allocation of these rents.<sup>2</sup> The grammar schools of Irvine and Paisley were maintained, in part, by altarage annuals and similar dues, while at Glasgow both the ministry and the College benefited from friars' rents, chaplainries and teind-sheaves.<sup>3</sup>

At Ayr, after the gap in the Accounts for the years 1562-74, we find the burgh in possession of the Blackfriars annuals, the feu-duties of the Blackfriars yards and the Chorists' annuals<sup>4</sup>; items ranging from 1s. to 25s. were due from tenements in the Sandgate, the Boat Vennel, Kirk Vennel and elsewhere, and from the *bornes*, or barns of Ayr.<sup>5</sup> To these rents were added the feu-duties of the Greyfriars yards and the annuals of three altars (Our Lady, the Holy Rood and St. Nicholas).<sup>6</sup> The treasurer had difficulty in collecting these small dues; they were often heavily in arrears, and the words used in 1613-14 are significant—*of sic tenentis as ar now in use of payment and*

<sup>1</sup> *Reg. Privy Coun.*, I, 202, 497-8. Life-interests in chaplainries were sometimes reserved in favour of conforming clergy. *Edin. Recs.*, III, 245. *Glas. Charters*, I (ii), 129-31.

<sup>2</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, III, 243; IV, 77, 99-100, 241.

<sup>3</sup> *Muniments of Irvine*, I, 211 *et seq.* *Pais. Recs.*, 129-37. *Glas. Charters*, I (ii), 129-31, 137-40, 149-62, 415, 418-23. *Glas. Recs.*, I, 132, 419.

<sup>4</sup> *Infra*, 135, 138.

<sup>5</sup> Pp. 38-9.

<sup>6</sup> Two others, St. Michael's and St. Peter's, are included in the charge for 1585-86 (p. 152), but the treasurer seems never to have received any annuals for them; arrears of annuals owed to St. Michael's occur in 1536-37 (p. 17).

*upliftit*.<sup>1</sup> These revenues of the old Church eventually<sup>2</sup> reached the sum of £81, 2s. 9d.—or normally rather less than 5 *per cent.* of the treasurer's charge in the first quarter of the seventeenth century.

A vastly more important question for all burghs than the collection of small fixed duties like burgh-mails and annuals was involved in their use of the common lands, for herein lay possibilities of great wealth. The burghal economy adumbrated in charters of erection and early land-grants stresses the communal use of burgh lands; strips of arable, cultivated by the universal open-field system, should rotate among the burgesses, pasture being used for their cattle, and muirs and waste lands at their free disposal, to be put to the best and most profitable use. Traces of this primitive economy lingered on everywhere for centuries. The sharing out of *soums*, or grazing-units, among the burgesses, the appointment of common herds to lead out their cattle in the morning and bring them back in the evening, to take them to the summer grass (generally hills) and keep them from trampling corn till after harvest, and the payment of the herd by those who 'soumed'—these practices were common to the burghs<sup>3</sup> and survived into the eighteenth or even nineteenth century.<sup>4</sup> Analogous to common pasturage were the burgesses' rights of quarrying stones, of gathering peats, heather, moss and rush from the muirs, and even of drying clothes on greens and commonties.

Alongside common privileges and rights of user, however, private occupation of parts of the common lands and

<sup>1</sup> Pp. 38-9, 56, 247.

<sup>2</sup> In 1615-16: p. 260.

<sup>3</sup> *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 168. *Stir. Recs.*, I, 72. *Annals of Banff*, I, 27. *Dumb. Recs.*, 31. *Glas. Recs.*, I, 7, 131. *Lan. Recs.*, I, 6, 98. *Infra*, 179. Murray, *Early Burgh Organisation*, I, 130 *et seq.* MacDowall, *Hist. of Dumfries*, 529. Hay, *Hist. of Arbroath*, 114. Cf. Innes, *Scotch Legal Antiquities*, 268-9, and Jamieson, *Etym. Dict.*, *sub voc.* 'soun.'

<sup>4</sup> For Glasgow and Ayr, *vide* Murray, *op. cit.*, I, 133 n. 3; II, 499 n. 3.

burghal property was permitted from fairly early times. Booths and cellars under the Tolbooth, and market-stances in the streets, were let to various craftsmen and vendors of produce. Booth-rents were relatively small. The booth under the Tolbooth stair at Ayr brought, in pre-Reformation days, one merk, and the other three, £2, 10s. between them.<sup>1</sup> In 1536 the Edinburgh fleshers were ordered by the council, under pain of suffering the competition of *land flescheouris*, to take stands in the flesh-house at £2 each,<sup>2</sup> but, even at Edinburgh<sup>3</sup> and Glasgow,<sup>4</sup> booth-mails were a secondary source of revenue.

The leasing or feuing of burgh lands was a different matter. It is true that there were precedents for the splitting up of wastes and woodlands; by the terms of Ayr's charter, each burghess might appropriate six acres of the common lands, provided he cleared them of wood.<sup>5</sup> A Convention ruling of 1594 confined the process to waste lands.<sup>6</sup> Infringements of the rule, or at least very lax interpretations of it, were common,<sup>7</sup> and perhaps before, but certainly during, the sixteenth century, much of the Burrowfield at Ayr had slipped into private possession. The feus of the Burrowfield amounted to only £10, and, like all such ancient dues, tended to fall into arrears through the carelessness or indolence of bailies and officers.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Infra*, 3, 11, 18, 25, 81. The rent of the little west fore-shop of the Tolbooth rose from 13s. 4d. to £1, 6s. 8d., and eventually to £4 (in 1609-10): pp. 179, 219, 239, 243. The historic *Auld Tour* in the High Street was possessed by the laird of Kerse: p. 199.

<sup>2</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, II, 76. *Cf. ib.*, V, 230.

<sup>3</sup> In 1552-53 the flesh-house, shops and booths brought in less than £100 out of a total revenue of nearly £1800: *Edin. Old Accts.*, I, 69-70.

<sup>4</sup> The flesh-market was let, in 1630-31, for 250 merks, and the three booths for £100; the total charge was nearly £12,000: *Glas. Recs.*, II, 501.

<sup>5</sup> *Ayr Charters*, 2. *Cf. Murray, op. cit.*, II, 383.

<sup>6</sup> *Recs. Conv. R. B.*, I, 432.

<sup>7</sup> Inverkeithing was fined soon after and ordered to revise the leases of burgh lands which had been let *far within the valour*: *ib.*, 445, 494-5. *Cf. supra*, xxi.

<sup>8</sup> *Infra*, 18, 31, 81, 83 n. 2, 101, 214.

The rent-roll for 1539-40 shows other parts of the burgh lands in feu—lands called the Twa Stane Cross, Southern Holme, Strangman's Thorn, the Garrotrodding, Clongall, and so forth,<sup>1</sup> and by no means all were either explicitly waste or known by such self-explanatory names as the Little Moss and the Quarry Hole.<sup>2</sup> About the middle of the century a portion of the sands was broken up into acre-lots, let on nineteen-year leases, and finally (1557) feued, mostly for £2, 10s. per acre as feu-entry and 1s. per year feu-mail.<sup>3</sup> Like the burgh-mails and annuals, the feus of the sands were often in arrears,<sup>4</sup> and already by 1603-04 the occupiers of 58 of the 144 acres *is nocht weill knawin*.<sup>5</sup> Not all the common lands were feued,<sup>6</sup> but as the century wore on the trend was in that direction.<sup>7</sup>

The problem was everywhere similar in Scotland—whether to split up waste lands for the relief of the common burdens, or to leave them unprofitable and in danger of being encroached upon, *utterlie wraikit, eittin up and distroyet*. Decisions to break up moors and other wastes are recorded at Edinburgh in 1583/4,<sup>8</sup> at Dumbarton in 1636,<sup>9</sup> at Lanark in 1659<sup>10</sup>; the common grass of Banff

<sup>1</sup> *Vide* Murray, *op. cit.*, II, 322-31, for some account of the burgh lands.

<sup>2</sup> *Infra*, 81.

<sup>3</sup> *Infra*, 116, 127, 182-3. The 19-year leases seem to have run for only 4 years before being converted into feus.

<sup>4</sup> *E.g.* in 1592-93 only £1, 1s. were received, instead of £7, 4s.: p. 178. Cf. p. 185.

<sup>6</sup> P. 221.

<sup>6</sup> *E.g.* the grass of the out-hills or south hills brought varying sums between 1583-84 and 1616-17—£10, 20 merks, £18, £12, £15, £20 (pp. 149, 152, 160, 162, 166, 265); and the grass of the Quarry-hole doubled between 1594-95 and 1603-04 (pp. 182, 223).

<sup>7</sup> *E.g.* the Freirland in 1581-82 (for 4 merks per year), Freris Dalkeyth (Dankeith) in 1585-86 (4 bolls meal, 4 bolls bere), the *Freris aikeris* (£6, 1s. 8d. with £100 as feu-entry), Castlehill (£6, 14s. 4d. with £100 as feu-entry) and Sipplinhill (53 merks as feu-entry)—the last three in 1592-93 (pp. 147, 152, 174, 175). Feu-entries of 80 merks and 10 merks respectively were paid for Waterheid and Clerkisfauld in 1598-99 (p. 195).

<sup>8</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, IV, 315-6. Thereafter such decisions were common: *e.g. ib.*, V, 74.

<sup>9</sup> *Dumb. Recs.*, 49.

<sup>10</sup> *Lan. Recs.*, 173.



was roused in 1702, instead of being kept as pasture for the burghesses' cattle.<sup>1</sup> The alienation of common lands during the eighteenth century is a notorious theme satirised in Galt's *The Provost*.

When common lands were *reivin furth and put to proffeit*, the burgh's choice lay between yearly tacks,<sup>2</sup> leases of three, five, twelve or nineteen years,<sup>3</sup> and feus, either for a money duty<sup>4</sup> or *for the maist yeirlie ferme beir that may be gotten*.<sup>5</sup> In addition to the usual terms of feu-ferming (large cash payments as feu-entry and double duty for an heir's succession), special conditions were often laid down—compulsory manuring and fallowing, prohibition of sub-infeudation, preservation of the burghesses' rights of quarrying, digging peats, coal and limestone, pulling heather, and *reservand the use in tyme of pest*,<sup>6</sup> or occasional local stipulations such as building butts at Clydesholm (Lanark) or maintaining malt-kilns and barns (Edinburgh).<sup>7</sup> For the burgh's financial well-being, much the most satisfactory of all methods of breaking up the commons was that of feuing for a victual-ferme. Thus the common lands of North Haugh, South Haugh and Pilmuir, at St. Andrews, were feued in lots owing from 2 to 20½ bolls of bere; in 1622-23 the 158 bolls, 3 firlots, 1 peck, 3 lippies brought in £1112.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Annals of Banff*, I, 173.

<sup>2</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, IV, 506. *Lan. Recs.*, 114, 185.

<sup>3</sup> *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 138-9, 160-1. *Annals of Banff*, I, 87. *Lan. Recs.*, 264. *Edin. Recs.*, III, 231.

<sup>4</sup> *Stir. Recs.*, I, 84. *Glas. Recs.*, I, 124-5. The Glasgow craftsmen successfully protested against further feuing of common lands in 1600: *ib.*, 206.

<sup>5</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, IV, 466-71. *Cf. Lan. Recs.*, 15-6. Or the feuars might pay a small duty in money and a fixed grain-duty in lieu of multure: *ib.*, 110.

<sup>6</sup> *E.g. Glas. Recs.*, I, 205. *Aberd. Recs.*, I, 341. Craig-Brown, *Hist. of Selkirkshire*, II, 69-71. *Edin. Recs.*, V, 57.

<sup>7</sup> *Lan. Recs.*, 113. *Edin. Recs.*, I, 189-90; II, 56; IV, 4.

<sup>8</sup> *MS. St. And. Accts.*, fol. 2r, 70r.

The feuing of the greater part of the lands of Alloway falls within the period of the Ayr Accounts, and forms perhaps the most interesting financial transaction recorded. Since the tenure of Alloway was barony, not burghage, these lands were not liable to the restrictions imposed on the use of burgh lands; and the burgh commissioner in 1594 protested that the Convention's Act of that year should not prejudice *the ancient custome of setting in rentall* the lands of Alloway.<sup>1</sup> Alloway was reckoned an eighty merk-land,<sup>2</sup> and the tenants, until near the close of the sixteenth century, paid one merk yearly per merkland. In 1595, however, feu-ferming started with John Speir's mailing of one merkland, at the greatly enhanced duty of one boll of bere per merkland.<sup>3</sup> In 1599 Robert McMillen paid feu-ferme of 3 firlots for his ten shilling-land in Cortoun.<sup>4</sup> John Hunter's ten shilling-land was feued in 1603.<sup>5</sup> In 1607-08 great progress in feu-ferming took place, the feuars paying *entres and rentell silvir* in respect of more than thirty merklands.<sup>6</sup> From then on, the distinction was drawn in the Accounts between the Alloway ferme-bere (always at the rate of one boll per merkland) and the barony-mail *as yit nocht set to ferme*, and the former gained steadily until, by 1622-23, 56 merklands were feued and only 24 *unfermit*; in that year, with grain-prices high, Alloway's ferme-bere was worth £504, 11s. 3d., and the money rent £16<sup>7</sup>—instead of £53, 6s. 8d. altogether, as it had been until less than thirty years before.

<sup>1</sup> Murray, *Early Burgh Organisation*, II, 499. The Barony tenants 'were rentallers or kindly tenants': *ib.*, 575.

<sup>2</sup> Though described in 1236 as five penny-lands (*quinque nummatas terre*). *Ayr Charters*, 9. Murray, *op. cit.*, II, 382-5, 574.

<sup>3</sup> *Infra*, 187, 191, 192, 195-6. The ferme was 2 bolls from 1603-04, but the mailing was then described as a two merkland: pp. 218, 230.

<sup>4</sup> P. 199. The ferme was raised to 3 firlots, 1 peck in 1601-02, and to 6 firlots, 2 pecks in 1605-06: pp. 208, 227. It was then a 21s. 8d. land: p. 234.

<sup>5</sup> P. 230.

<sup>6</sup> P. 234.

<sup>7</sup> P. 278.

A fluctuating revenue was derived from casualties. The most important were grassums, payable at the rate of one merk per shilling-land<sup>1</sup> on the succession of an heir to a lease, the double of the feu-duty paid on the succession of an heir to a feu,<sup>2</sup> and payments, of an arbitrary amount, on entry to a new feu. When the Greyfriars yards at Ayr were feued, in the years 1575-77, feuars paid 40 merks, £40 and £60, in each case for 2 roods; and three booths at the Tolbooth, feued at the same time, were rated at £20, £20 and £10.<sup>3</sup> On the other hand, in 1607-08 new feuars of Alloway paid feu-entries at the rate they had been accustomed to pay as grassum, when they were mere rentallers—one merk per shilling-land.<sup>4</sup> An unusual casualty occurs in 1622-23, when £20 were received from an Alloway tenant for license to sell his two merkland there.<sup>5</sup> On occasion the *causaliteis of rentellis* could bring in nearly or fully half the town's revenue,<sup>6</sup> and in 1616-17 the combined total of casualties and burgess-entries<sup>7</sup> exceeded £1116. Foremails and wadsets were given when funds were especially low; thus some lands were foremailed at Peebles in 1469,<sup>8</sup> and at Stirling in 1522 and again in 1604,<sup>9</sup> while Edinburgh's booths were often wadset.<sup>10</sup> A meadow was foremailed at Ayr in

<sup>1</sup> Sometimes reckoned as exactly 13 merks per merkland (p. 113), but more often as 13 merks 4s. or some such figure as 13 merks 4s. 5d. (*i.e.* £8, 17s. 4d. or £8, 17s. 9d.) per merkland (pp. 116-7, 147, 187). Exceptionally, only a rough approximation was made—£10 for a 16s. land in Meikle Cortoun, or 20 merks for a 21s. 4d. land in Little Cortoun (pp. 97, 117).

<sup>2</sup> Pp. 86, 218.

<sup>3</sup> Pp. 138-9, 140.

<sup>4</sup> Pp. 234-5.

<sup>5</sup> P. 278.

<sup>6</sup> In 1552-53 and 1574-75: pp. 116-7, 135.

<sup>7</sup> These items were grouped together during the last ten years of the Accounts: p. 263.

<sup>8</sup> *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 159-61.

<sup>9</sup> *Stir. Recs.*, I, 15, 109.

<sup>10</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, I, 194-7; II, 4, 74, 93-4, 95. Outright sales of land, however, were rare. One such is recorded at Lanark in 1689: *Lan. Recs.*, 232. Edinburgh sold the laird of Merchiston, in 1583/4, a *littill peice waist*

1539-40, and £200 were raised by wadsetting three booths under the Tolbooth in 1601-02.<sup>1</sup>

The great value of burgh mills depended on the fact that the monopoly was complete—all *burgessis within this burgh hes evir bene, ar, and suld be, thyrilit to the commoun mylnis, grynd thair quheit, malt and uther cornys at the samyn, pay thair gyrst and multer to the fermariris or thesaurer of the gude toun for the tyme, under the pane of tynsale of thair fredomes.*<sup>2</sup> New holdings (e.g. when muirs were divided for cultivation) came automatically within the sucken,<sup>3</sup> and the use of hand-mills was forbidden by an early statute.<sup>4</sup> Rates of multure varied locally,<sup>5</sup> and the town councils laid down rules *till eschew and ceis murmure and discord.*<sup>6</sup> Fines, plus the payment of multure or double multure, were exacted from those who tried to defraud the mills.<sup>7</sup>

Convention's ruling was that mills and fishings should be let for three years at most,<sup>8</sup> and prudence ordinarily induced the burghs to obey the law; Peebles, with five-

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and unprofitable roum, desired by him to round off his own lands in just proportioun of the four nuikis thair of: *Edin. Recs.*, IV, 329.

<sup>1</sup> *Infra*, 81, 209.

<sup>2</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, IV, 48. Regulations for burgh mills are included in both the *Articuli Inquirendi* and the *Modus Procedendi*: *A.P.S.*, I, 682, 698.

<sup>3</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, II, 82-3. The reverse case, that of cancelling knaveship or thirlage, is rare, but it is recorded at Glasgow in 1581 (on account of the inadequacy of the common mills): *Glas. Recs.*, I, 85-8.

<sup>4</sup> *Statuta Gilde*, xxii: *A.P.S.*, I, 435.

<sup>5</sup> Already under King William, five rates were recognised: *ib.*, 381-2.

<sup>6</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, II, 59. Here the rate decreed was 1/48—a peck in 3 bolls—but we find 5/96 at Aberdeen, 1/20 at Dumfries, 1/25 at Irvine. *Aberd. Recs.*, I, 161. MacDowall, *Hist. of Dumfries*, 371 n. *Muniments of Irvine*, II, 79-86.

<sup>7</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, II, 87. *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 302. Warden, *Burgh Laws*, 53. *Lan. Recs.*, 182. MacDowall, *Hist. of Dumfries*, 371. But the large number of surviving querns implies considerable and successful evasion. Cf. Maxwell, *Hist. of Dumfries*, 238.

<sup>8</sup> *Recs. Conv. R. B.*, I, 432.

and seven-year leases and even life-renting,<sup>1</sup> was exceptional.<sup>2</sup> Annual tacks or three-year leases were common, and the farmers of the mills<sup>3</sup> paid either a money-rent or a fixed rent in kind<sup>4</sup>—malt, meal or bere. In such diversified burghs as Edinburgh, Glasgow, Peebles and Brechin the mill-rent approximately equalled all other revenues,<sup>5</sup> while at St. Andrews in the years 1618-23, when the mill-ferme varied between 23 and 27 chalders of multure-malt, and prices ran as high as £10 per boll,<sup>6</sup> the proceeds of the rousing of the mill-malt easily exceeded all other items of the *patrimoine and commoun guid*.<sup>7</sup>

The corn-mills of Ayr (Over and Nether) when first mentioned<sup>8</sup> paid a money-rent; they were foremailed for four years in 1576-77 for £302, 10s., and they paid an annual ferme of 80 merks six years later.<sup>9</sup> From 1583-84 a victual-ferme which fluctuated widely (19, 25, 33 and 50 bolls) was received by the treasurer, the minister getting another portion as victual-stipend<sup>10</sup>; during the last period of the Accounts (from 1605-06 on) 80 bolls, half malt, half meal, were due, but the treasurer received 27 bolls of malt and 13 bolls of meal, and the minister the

<sup>1</sup> *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 139-41, 176, 302. The common kiln was let in heritable feu-ferme: *ib.*, 191-2. In another way Peebles was exceptional, for, in 1555, it experimented with the direct collection of multure-malt by two councillors, with fairly good results: *ib.*, 203, 211, 220.

<sup>2</sup> Edinburgh departed from annual tacks only in unusual circumstances of heavy debt or exceptional work at the mill: *Edin. Recs.*, I, 22-3, 111, 129.

<sup>3</sup> The surname Millar was usual in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

<sup>4</sup> The Stirling miller paid a weekly quota of malt: *Stir. Recs.*, I, 229, 308 n. 3.

<sup>5</sup> *Edin. Old Accts.*, I, 69-70. *Glas. Recs.*, II, 501. *Peeb. Recs.*, II, 191. *Burgh Recs. Socy. Misc.*, 101-2.

<sup>6</sup> In the Candlemas term, 1622.

<sup>7</sup> *MS. St. And. Accts.*, fol. 37r to 70r, Treasurer's charge; e.g. 1621-22, multure-malt, £3277, 15s. 4d.; total revenue, £5097, 16s. 3d.

<sup>8</sup> There is no mention of them in the pre-Reformation accounts.

<sup>9</sup> *Infra*, 35, 140.

<sup>10</sup> Pp. 149, 152, 179, 192, 203, 213, etc.

remainder.<sup>1</sup> The malt and meal were payable at two or three terms, and the prices varied greatly.<sup>2</sup> The Alloway mill<sup>3</sup> paid £40 before the Reformation,<sup>4</sup> but during the seventeenth century the farmers of the mill owed 40 merks (raised to 80 merks in 1617-18), and the Barony tenants 220 merks as dry multures. Thus the burghal monopoly of milling in Alloway was worth, in the 1620s, £200, a sum which, though it greatly exceeded the old *silvir maill* of the Barony (80 merks), normally<sup>5</sup> fell short of the victual ferme due from the feuars.

On account of their smaller value, the burghs were less careful to obey the Convention's rule for fishings than for mills. Fishing-rights were seldom administered directly<sup>6</sup>; the yearly roup and tack were preferred. Stirling's fishings of Forth rose steadily from £10 in the early sixteenth century to 650 merks at the Restoration, and then declined to £80 at the Union.<sup>7</sup> The fishings of Deveron, belonging to Banff, illustrate the wisdom of the annual tack, for long leases led to their being feued, with royal consent.<sup>8</sup> The normal fishing-unit was the net or coble, though Aberdeen, with fishings on Dee and Don, preferred the frequently forbidden use of salmon-cruives.<sup>9</sup> Ayr's fishings on the Rivers Ayr and Doon were split into salmon-cobles and

<sup>1</sup> E.g. p. 56.

<sup>2</sup> E.g. £3, 3s. 4d. per boll in 1587-88, £16 in 1596-97: pp. 158, 191.

<sup>3</sup> There was also a waulk-mill at Alloway, let for £2: pp. 12, 81. The Blackfriars mill, *sumtyme ane walk myll*, later the Over-mill, paid 5s. duty at this time: pp. 13, 81.

<sup>4</sup> Pp. 24, 81.

<sup>5</sup> Not always. In 1620-21, with the boll at £3, the mill-revenues exceeded the land-rents: p. 274.

<sup>6</sup> It was done at Banff in 1549, when eight watermen were appointed to fish on behalf of the community, not *at their awne hand*; they were paid 8d. per day, in kind if they caught fish, in money if not: *Annals of Banff*, I, 23.

<sup>7</sup> *Stir. Recs.*, I, 305-8; II, 410-1.

<sup>8</sup> *Annals of Banff*, I, 20, 21 n.; II, 248, 385-8.

<sup>9</sup> *Aberd. Recs.*, I, 286-7. Kennedy, *Annals of Aberd.*, I, 106. Cf. Innes, *Scotch Legal Antiquities*, 236-7, and Index vol. to *A.P.S.*, *sub voc.* 'Cruives.'

were worth £5 and 5 merks respectively during pre-Reformation times.<sup>1</sup> The Doon fishings were feued to the laird of Waltersan in 1592 for a feu-entry of £200 and an annual duty of 20 merks.<sup>2</sup> The coble-mails of the Ayr (£1 before the Reformation, £2 thereafter) were often in arrears.<sup>3</sup>

The distinction between great and petty customs was sharply drawn in Scotland,<sup>4</sup> because the former were retained by the Crown and the latter gifted to the burghs by their charters of feu-ferme. The *magna custuma*, collected by royal custumars at the sea-ports mainly interested in foreign trade, was 'great' in the sense that it was a fairly heavy<sup>5</sup> export duty on staple wares like wool, cloth, wool-fells and hides, whereas the *parva custuma* comprised a series of burghal tolls very small in themselves; and yet the much wider range of the petty customs (they affected virtually every transaction, on land or by sea, of burghal trade) made them ultimately comparable in gross value to the duties retained by the Crown.<sup>6</sup> It is, indeed, not unlikely that the whole petty customs of the country at times exceeded the great customs as a source of revenue.<sup>7</sup> The system of trade-precincts, by which most

<sup>1</sup> *Infra*, 3, 4, 12-3, 15, 25, 81.

<sup>2</sup> Pp. 175, 178, 182. Cf. Lyon, *Ayr in the Olden Times*, 38.

<sup>3</sup> E.g. *infra*, 32, 37, 60, 191, 196.

<sup>4</sup> English distinctions between national, semi-national and local customs were much less clear: cf. Gras, *Early Eng. Customs*, 21-37, 74-5, 194, 199.

<sup>5</sup> Quadruple custom, imposed in order to help to pay for David II's ransom, was retained as a permanency: *Exch. Rolls*, I, xcix.

<sup>6</sup> Even at Edinburgh (with foreign trade far in excess of that of other burghs) the custumar collected £1773, os. 9d. in 1557-58, while the city treasurer was charged with £937, 12s. 10d. as local customs. *Exch. Rolls*, XIX, 37-8. *Edin. Old Accts.*, I, 231.

<sup>7</sup> The great customs were leased in 1582 for £4000 per year plus 30 tuns of Bordeaux wine—say £6400 in all (a fair average for James's reign before the introduction of a national tax on imports in 1597/8): *Exch. Rolls*, XXIII, xlviil-1, 681-4. *A.P.S.*, IV, 118. Edinburgh's local customs were already approaching £1000 before the Reformation (prec. note).

burghs claimed a monopoly of trade over wide areas, often co-extensive with the shires,<sup>1</sup> had grown up since the reign of William the Lion, had been endorsed by the general charter of 1364,<sup>2</sup> was recognised specifically and in detail in later charters,<sup>3</sup> and inspired the royal burghs' attitude to landward areas.<sup>4</sup>

Burghal tolls on loads, grain, animals and many kinds of market goods, and for ships' anchorage, date back to the years before the War of Independence,<sup>5</sup> and their evolution was towards constant diversification. The most primitive was the *ladle* duty on grain,<sup>6</sup> later commuted to a money-payment, but retaining, at Glasgow and Stirling, a connexion with its original purpose of providing a fund for *gait dighting*, or cleaning the calsays.<sup>7</sup> With the need for greater exactitude came the standard weights and measures, the stone-weight, the pint-stoup, the firloft and the ell-wand, kept by Lanark, Stirling, Linlithgow and Edinburgh, *quhilkis hes the just mesouris*,<sup>8</sup> and from which

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Glasgow's were £240 in 1582: *Glas. Recs.*, I, 94. Even a small inland burgh like Lanark, twenty-fifth on the burghs' roll, received 110 merks from this source in 1592: *Lan. Recs.*, 103.

<sup>1</sup> A. Ballard, *Scot. Hist. Rev.*, XIII, 16-17. W. C. Dickinson, *Sheriff-Court Book of Fife*, 384-5. G. S. Pryde, *Jurid. Review*, XLVII, 279-80.

<sup>2</sup> *Recs. Conv. R. B.*, I, 540.

<sup>3</sup> E.g. *Cupar Charters*, 6-8. Cupar had a free port near Leuchars. Cf. *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 85-6.

<sup>4</sup> In 1627 the Dumbarton council decided to *tak up the pettie customis throw all the pairtis of the sheriffdome quhair mercatts ar*, since this was the practice of other burghs: *Dumb. Recs.*, 17. Cf. Ayr's attitude to *chepmen at landwert kirakis* (*infra*, 78), to the *unfre clanchane* of Maybole (pp. 200, 257) and to the men of Largs and Saltcoats (pp. 231, 235).

<sup>5</sup> *Assise de Tolloneis and Custuma Portuum*: *A.P.S.*, I, 667-72.

<sup>6</sup> Linked at Glasgow with the *neiffull of ilk wecht of woll*: *Recs. Conv. R. B.*, I, 433.

<sup>7</sup> *Glas. Charters*, I (ii), 164-7. *Stir. Recs.*, I, 174. The *ladill of the corne and maill marcatis* was a regular item in the treasurer's charge at St. Andrews: *MS. Accts.*, *passim*. But Edinburgh's *gait dighting* and *dewteis thairof* were distinct from *ladle*; these were set, *with the escheatt of the middingis*, for £28 in 1525: *Edin. Recs.*, I, 224, 232.

<sup>8</sup> *Recs. Conv. R. B.*, I, 2. Later standards included the Aberdeen salmon-



new models must be got when required.<sup>1</sup> Since cloth must be measured, wool, cheese, iron, etc., weighed, and grain reckoned justly, these standard measures made possible the institution of further local tolls—*met silvir*, tron-custom, and customs of the firlots and pecks. Instead of administering directly its monopoly of weights and measures, the burgh treated it as a right to levy dues for the use of the official standards, and roused this right, along with the rest of the Common Good, to tacksmen; and, by a later refinement, it permitted the burning or sealing of burgesses' private firLOT and peck measures, for a duty payable to the tacksmen.<sup>2</sup> Strangers bringing weighable goods came to the tron, and landward cloth-makers to the common mett,<sup>3</sup> but the early monopoly was relaxed or modified in favour of burgesses<sup>4</sup>; though fines were imposed for the possession of false measures or for defrauding the tacksmen by giving measures to landward men.<sup>5</sup> Stallages or booth-fees were as old as the *Leges Quattuor Burgorum*,<sup>6</sup> and continued to be exacted from all the unfree hucksters whose crames and booths lined the burgh streets on market-day; and all strangers and unfree chapmen paid duties on loads, whether of man or beast, passing through the ports or over the bridges.<sup>7</sup>

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barrel and the Edinburgh herring-barrel. *A.P.S.*, III, 302-3. *Recs. Conv. R. B.*, I, 100. *Cf. infra*, 255, for a salmon and herring gauge brought from Edinburgh.

<sup>1</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, IV, 195-7, 199-203, 207. *Recs. Conv. R. B.*, III, 71. *Cf. infra*, 271, for Ayr's renewal of all four traditional standards.

<sup>2</sup> *Aberd. Recs.*, II, 103-4. *Stir. Recs.*, I, 154. At St. Andrews each firLOT-burning cost £1: *MS. Accts.*, fol. 38r, 48r.

<sup>3</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, I, 35; II, 166; IV, 415; VI, 169.

<sup>4</sup> *Aberd. Recs.*, I, 270.

<sup>5</sup> *Annals of Banff*, I, 148. *Dumb. Recs.*, 47-8. *Glas. Recs.*, I, 260-1.

<sup>6</sup> *Cap. xxxvii*: *A.P.S.*, I, 339.

<sup>7</sup> The chapmen at Lanark paid 1d. each market-day for their stalls, or 1s. per year: *Lan. Recs.*, 71. At Edinburgh all pedlars and vendors of produce were expected to become burgesses if they were able to do so, and, if not, to pay the annual stallage: *Edin. Recs.*, I, 36, 41. The Stirling

From earliest times harbour dues were levied from both ship and cargo<sup>1</sup> under the varying names of anchorage, haven-silver or shore-silver<sup>2</sup>; anchorage-dues were graded according to the size and type of the vessel (forecastled ships, barks, barges, row-boats),<sup>3</sup> and were exigible at a river-port like Stirling<sup>4</sup> as well as at sea-ports. Such duties were sometimes associated with the office of water-bailie, who attended to the upkeep of channel-perches and ballast-perches in the harbour,<sup>5</sup> and that is why we find the water-bailiery roused to a tacksman at Edinburgh, Ayr and Irvine.<sup>6</sup>

With local variations,<sup>7</sup> these tolls formed the normal content of the petty customs, but special tariffs were imposed against unfree traders and foreign merchants. The most striking of these, in name and value, were the *wyld aventuris* of Edinburgh, or *customes of the adventures of schippis*, exacted only from strangers and unfreemen; their ships paid special anchorage-dues, their imports, such as wine, timber, oil, canvas and iron, were charged heavily, and their exports of staple wares (wool, hides, cloth, skins, salt and coal) paid duty in addition to the great customs.<sup>8</sup> Prizes taken at sea were dutiable; in

fish-shambles (really a kind of stallage) were roused separately: *Stir. Recs.*, I, 231, 237, 308.

<sup>1</sup> If the ship were driven by stress of weather to seek safety, the cargo was exempt, even when landed: *Recs. Conv. R. B.*, I, 389-90.

<sup>2</sup> St. Andrews used the strange term *toust* or *towst*: *MS. Accts.*, Charge, *passim*.

<sup>3</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, I, 3-4, 25.

<sup>4</sup> Stirling's shore was near Cambuskenneth: *Stir. Recs.*, I, 104.

<sup>5</sup> *Muniments of Irvine*, II, 130. Cf. *supra*, xxvii, xxviii.

<sup>6</sup> *Muniments of Irvine*, II, 168. *Edin. Recs.*, IV, 145. *Infra*, 238. The *pirche penney* was held by a tacksman in 1536-37 for 13s. 4d.: p. 9.

<sup>7</sup> E.g. the custom of the Sheriff's gloves and of the Provost's ox (special fair duties). *Edin. Recs.*, III, 265-6; IV, 90, 309; V, 102, 115. *Lan. Recs.*, 112, 161, 262-3. Also Stirling's Fairs and Staigs, let separately because of the great importance of the local horse-fairs: *Stir. Recs.*, I, 196, 301-4; II, 406-9.

<sup>8</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, I, 42, 66; II, 167-8, 226-7; V, 45. *Edin. Old Accts.*, I, Treasurer's charge, *passim*. In a charter of 1482 they are called the *grete*

1548/9 a sea-captain paid 60 merks *to thole him dispone upoun his said guidis, quhilkis wer the thrid pairt of the guidis*.<sup>1</sup> The Ayr Accounts give a clear picture of this type of burghal discrimination against outside or *adventure* trade. The commonest case was the payment by the merchant of a sum of money (£2, 4s., £5, £8, £12, etc.) for license to sell his wares. Corn and other grain were brought, usually by English and Irish merchants, but also occasionally by Glasgow, Largs and Salcoats men.<sup>2</sup> Licenses to sell hides and Dutch and Irish timber occur,<sup>3</sup> and payment is twice recorded as having been made in kind (timber and bere).<sup>4</sup> There is frequent mention of the *vantage* or profit on roused wine, iron, timber, salt and hides<sup>5</sup>—*i.e.* the price received for the sale of the portions of foreign cargoes retained as license or custom. At Ayr we may note an approach to the Edinburgh nomenclature in the record of receipts of *od adventure salt* and *od salt of ane aventure schip*.<sup>6</sup>

Though the burgh might 'impose rates or burthens to answer the exigencies of the borow for the common utility, and therewith affect the burgesses as to their traffick,'<sup>7</sup> it was a practical necessity<sup>8</sup> to get Convention's consent to *impetrat* the King and Privy Council or Parliament for

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*custumys and dewiteis that the thesaurare . . . takis of strangearis and unfremen of schippis and guidis cumand in at the port of Leith : Edin. Charters, 168-9.*

<sup>1</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, II, 145. Cf. *ib.*, 123.

<sup>2</sup> *E.g.* pp. 56, 192, 214, 218, 223, 243, 254.

<sup>3</sup> *E.g.* pp. 56, 234, 262.

<sup>4</sup> Pp. 218, 273.

<sup>5</sup> *E.g.* pp. 30, 32, 129, 133, 147, 243, 247.

<sup>6</sup> Pp. 175, 190. Cf. p. 65—the *townis od daillis*.

<sup>7</sup> Bankton, *Institute of the Laws of Scotland* (ed. 1751-53), II, 577.

<sup>8</sup> Convention records show the vetoing or re-drafting of local imposts, instructions to burgess M.P.s to procure suspension of grants, and the fining of burghs for purchasing renewals without its consent: *Recs. Conv. R. B.*, I, 116, 123, 337, 349, 375-6, 399-400, 403-4. Convention also insisted on strict appropriation: cf. *Edin. Recs.*, IV, 2.

the gift of a special impost—the right to levy tolls at a bridge or harbour for its upkeep. These local imposts became very popular in the late sixteenth century.<sup>1</sup> Haven-imposts comprised graded duties on ships and specific charges on salt, fish, grain, wine, timber, etc., especially those belonging to unfreemen.<sup>2</sup> Brig-imposts included tolls on cattle, horses, sheep, packs and loads passing over the bridge.<sup>3</sup> Later on, the success of the royal excise led some burghs to *impetrat* for the gift of local customs on wine and excise on malt or ale and beer.<sup>4</sup>

The yearly roup-and-tack was almost universal for the customs; Edinburgh sometimes tried direct collection, without any marked advantage,<sup>5</sup> and on one occasion the council decided that this course could not be followed *but multitude of servandis and grit expens.*<sup>6</sup> The yearly bids varied considerably, so that the roup seems to have been a genuine auction.<sup>7</sup> Financial straits induced some burghs to fore-mail the customs<sup>8</sup>; this was often done at

<sup>1</sup> Twenty-four petitions were approved in eight years (1589-96); among them, Dundee's example led St. Andrews, Crail, Dysart and Kirkcaldy to seek similar gifts: *Recs. Conv. R. B.*, I, 299, 389.

<sup>2</sup> E.g. Crail (*ib.*, 440-1), Whithorn (*ib.*, 471-2). Irvine got an impost (1596) to enable it to make a new harbour in Little Cumbrae: *Muniments*, xxxviii, 84-6.

<sup>3</sup> E.g. Stirling (*Recs. Conv. R. B.*, II, 36; *Stir. Recs.*, I, 91, 132); Lanark (*A.P.S.*, XI, 66; *Lan. Recs.*, 272).

<sup>4</sup> Kennedy, *Annals of Aberd.*, II, 247-8. *Muniments of Irvine*, I, 112. Such imposts can, of course, be paralleled in foreign countries, e.g. Ireland. Cf. Gale, *Inquiry into Ancient Corporate System*, 117 *et seq.* Local imposts, approved by Convention, should not be confused with the general burghal customs occasionally imposed by Convention itself and collected at individual burghs on its behalf: *Recs. Conv. R. B.*, I, 140 *et seq.*; II, 509. Cf. *ib.*, I, 52-3, 217 *et seq.*, 259, 269-72, 465-6.

<sup>5</sup> During the twelve years of the *Edin. Old Accts.* the wild adventures were collected by the treasurer in four years (1552-53, 1557-58, 1559-60 and 1564-65) and gave an average yield of just over £466; when rouped, the average was £503, 6s. 8d.

<sup>6</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, III, 60.

<sup>7</sup> E.g. *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 119, 125, 131, 139, 142, 151. *Glas. Recs.*, I, 248, 264. *Annals of Banff*, I, 52, 53, 57, 60.

<sup>8</sup> *Stir. Recs.*, I, 112. *Lan. Recs.*, 64-5.

Ayr after 1580 with the tron-custom, the tacksman paying for five-year periods.<sup>1</sup> Merchants who attempted to evade customs were, like those great enemies of burghal monopoly, the regraters and forestallers, heavily fined,<sup>2</sup> while both extortion and slackness on the part of the tacksmen were discouraged.<sup>3</sup> The tacksman, of course, took the risk *with all aventure*, though defalcations might be made for such unforeseen occurrences as the occupation of Leith in 1560, the visitation of the pest at Stirling in 1607, or Argyle's rising in 1685<sup>4</sup>; but these rebates were of grace, not of right.

The diversity of the local tolls made possible all sorts of divisions and combinations for the purpose of the roup and tack. At Edinburgh in 1457 there were three lots—petty customs of the city, petty customs of Leith (including *met sylver*), and *heavin sylver*. The wild adventures introduced a new element.<sup>5</sup> At pre-Reformation Ayr there were five lots—the petty customs, the firlots, the tron-custom, the nolt (cattle) custom, and the custom of sheep and cloth—which accounted for £32, 1s. in all.<sup>6</sup> Further sub-division and new tolls, as well as increased receipts, appear later—the wool-tron and iron-tron, the boat-customs, the impost on *the outgait of coles* (in 1600-01),<sup>7</sup> and the *impost of*

<sup>1</sup> *Infra*, 55, 146, 250, 264, 266, 278.

<sup>2</sup> *Dumb. Recs.*, 32. Warden, *Burgh Laws*, 54.

<sup>3</sup> *Stir. Recs.*, I, 61. *Dumb. Recs.*, 17. *Annals of Banff*, I, 52. *Cf. Recs. Conv. R. B.*, I, 2-3, 10-11.

<sup>4</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, III, 61-2. *Stir. Recs.*, I, 115; II, 47. *Cf. Dumb. Recs.*, 28; *Lan. Recs.*, 219.

<sup>5</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, I, 16, 38, 41-2. For later arrangements of customs, *ib.*, V, 324; VI, 9, 10 (6 lots at Edinburgh, 2 at Leith).

<sup>6</sup> *Infra*, 81. This was nearly one-seventh of the year's revenue (excluding arrears). There were seven tacksmen in 1536-37—Thomas Ker, William Ker, John Kennedy, William Neisbit, John McWatte, John Cunynghame and Nichol Blair: pp. 5-9, 22-3.

<sup>7</sup> Pp. 204, 264, 266, 277. The petty custom (in the hands of two tacksmen) brought in £36 in 1603-04, and the tron-custom £170 in 1608-09: pp. 218, 239. For the special export-duty on coals, *cf. Edin. Recs.*, VI, 121.

the *Brig*,<sup>1</sup> which, from 1589 on, was let to tacksmen for sums running from £160 to £260, 13s. 4d.<sup>2</sup>

Dumbarton, with more than one trading 'front' and a special impost to preserve the town from inundation, divided its tolls into four groups in 1635—(i) the petty custom and impost on horses and cattle; (ii) ladle and the rest of the petty customs in the burgh and the River Leven, and the anchorages of boats without masts; (iii) the rest of the impost in the burgh and the River Leven; (iv) petty customs of the River Clyde.<sup>3</sup> Stirling shows the most minute sub-division of local customs; in 1660 there were no fewer than nine tacks—petty customs and new impost at the Brig (for north of Forth), the same at the Port (for south of Forth), the pecks and firlots, the tron-custom, ladle and gait-dichtings, the fish-shambles, stallage, the malt-impost,<sup>4</sup> and shore-mail and anchorage.<sup>5</sup> In sharp contrast St. Andrews customs were set all together to one tacksman (usually for about £400 in the early seventeenth century)—*the small kustum ladill mailmarcatt and toust of the schor*.<sup>6</sup>

Burgess-entries, or fines for the admission of new freemen, were a later source of burghal revenue. The earliest aspect of burgess-ship was territorial: a heritable burgage of at

<sup>1</sup> The impost was granted by the Crown on July 10, 1588, and comprised dues on animals and packs crossing the bridge, and on ships and boats entering the harbour: *Ayr Charters*, 55-7. Cf. Paterson, *Hist. of County of Ayr*, I, 186.

<sup>2</sup> *Infra*, 41-2, and treasurer's charge from 1592 on. Between Martinmas 1606 and Whitsunday 1607 the impost was not roused, but collected by the treasurer: p. 230. There would be little traffic during these months—hence the meagre sum (£19, 15s.).

<sup>3</sup> *Dumb. Recs.*, 46-7.

<sup>4</sup> Stirling had a malt impost as early as 1616, to compensate it for the lack of common mills: *Stir. Recs.*, I, 143-4. It acquired two mills in 1652: *ib.*, 204, 211. Its customs (no doubt on account of its nodal position in Scotland) formed much the greatest part of its revenues: cf. *ib.*, II, 299.

<sup>5</sup> *Ib.*, I, 308.

<sup>6</sup> *MS. St. And. Accts.* (1619-20), fol. 47v.

least one rood was indispensable,<sup>1</sup> and it was in respect of these burgages that the characteristic duties of *scotting and lotting, walking and warding*, were performed.<sup>2</sup> With the passage of time and the increase of the burghs' population, this essential feature of burgess-ship became obscured by two new developments. In the first place, *outlandmen* or landward burgesses, who obstinately refused to become indwellers (to *hald stob and staik*), became a source of anxiety to all burghs and inspired legislation, the very frequency of which argues its ineffectiveness.<sup>3</sup> Secondly, burgess-right, instead of being confined to the heirs of existing freemen, was conferred on strangers for the payment of a fee or fine, without reference to burgages. The retention of the old hereditary principle alongside the new monetary one meant that new burgesses might belong to one of several groups—sons<sup>4</sup> or sons-in-law<sup>5</sup> of burgesses, who paid small entry-fees, strangers who paid the full fine, and *gratis* burgesses, distinguished visitors or faithful servants, to whom the freedom was given in much the same way as

<sup>1</sup> *A.P.S.*, I, 342. Cf. Murray, *Early Burgh Organisation*, I, 15-16, 20-1.

<sup>2</sup> *A.P.S.*, I, 349, 695; IV, 71. *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 125. The original duty of maintaining a constant watch was modified in later days, when burgesses served in turn or commuted by money-payment to keep a *watche of feyit men*. *Edin. Recs.*, I, 85, 157; II, 131-2; III, 267-8, 271; IV, 358, 429, 457; V, 199, 298. *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 304, 336. *Lan. Recs.*, 41, 63, 205-6. *Dumb. Recs.*, 80. Burgesses, when mounting guard at Selkirk, should not *gae to the potatioun and drink*: Craig-Brown, *Hist. of Selkirkshire*, II, 17.

<sup>3</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, I, 172; II, 71. *Recs. Conv. R. B.*, I, 3-4. *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 222-4. Warden, *Burgh Laws*, 41. *Lan. Recs.*, 39. In 1594 an Edinburgh burgess lost his freedom by moving to Ayr: *Edin. Recs.*, V, 120, 124.

<sup>4</sup> At St. Andrews in the early seventeenth century eldest sons paid 10s., second or third sons £2, strangers £10 or £20: *MS. Accts.*, *passim*. John Thom was entered to *his faderis fredoume* at Stirling in 1526 with the proviso that he should surrender it to his elder brother if he were still alive: *Stir. Recs.*, I, 27.

<sup>5</sup> *E.g.* at Glasgow an heir or a man married to an heiress paid £5, other sons or men married to other daughters, 10 merks, strangers £20: *Glas. Recs.*, I, 59, 110.

still obtains.<sup>1</sup> Further distinctions might be made between those who intended to become simple burgesses, those who wished to enter a craft, and those who aspired to be guild-brethren<sup>2</sup>; apprentices to a craft paid smaller fees than unskilled unfreemen.<sup>3</sup>

Multiplicity of rates, as well as discrimination against the stranger, is illustrated in the Ayr Accounts. The earliest and uniform rate was 2 merks, but this came to be known as *the auld price* and was reinforced by others (2½ or 5 merks, £5, £10, etc.); mariners, and men from Kilmarnock, Saltcoats or Dalmellington, paid the full fee.<sup>4</sup> As in other burghs<sup>5</sup> the rates were raised very steeply during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries; but special efforts were also made to enrol new freemen,<sup>6</sup> so that entry-fees occasionally provided one-third of the year's revenue.<sup>7</sup> On the whole, however, the admission of burgesses was primarily a formal ceremony designed to check abuses and to ensure responsibility, rather than a source of revenue<sup>8</sup>;

<sup>1</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, I, 8, 112-3; II, 72. *Stir. Recs.*, I, 75. *Glas. Recs.*, I, 19, 58, 70, 100, 194, 202, 211, 225; II, 20. Warden, *Burgh Laws*, 39, 61-2. Murray, *Early Burgh Organisation*, I, 271-2. Bankton, *Institute of Laws of Scot.*, I, 56. *Infra*, 240, for several visitors, including a German count, being admitted to the freedom of Ayr; cf. Murray, *Legal Practice in Ayr*, 7. Honorary freemen were entered during the King's visit to the capital in 1617, and a bookbinder was admitted *gratis* in 1619: *Edin. Recs.*, VI, 163, 186.

<sup>2</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, I, 112-3. Warden, *Burgh Laws*, 44. In 1699 Stirling burgesses who were to enter a craft paid £12, simple burgesses £24, guild-brethren £30; the craftsmen, in addition, paid *booth-upsets* to their incorporation: *Stir. Recs.*, II, 91-2.

<sup>3</sup> Warden, *Burgh Laws*, 55-6. For the entries of guildry apprentices, *vide Edin. Recs.*, III, 188. *A.P.S.*, III, 363-4.

<sup>4</sup> *Infra*, 24-5, 106, 148, 170, 218, 223. Six different rates are given in 1591-92.

<sup>5</sup> E.g. £5 in 1520 at Stirling, £60 by 1605: *Stir. Recs.*, I, 2, 113. £10 in 1590 at Dundee, £100 in 1644: Warden, *Burgh Laws*, 44, 56.

<sup>6</sup> John McKnedar was paid £5 in 1588-89 *for his help to get out monie burgessis*: *infra*, 161. Cf. p. 149.

<sup>7</sup> Pp. 144, 234.

<sup>8</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, II, 71; IV, 140, 459, 473. Cf. Dundee's *Lockit Buik* with the burgesses' names: Warden, *op. cit.*, 16, 52.



for the fees would not normally exceed four or five *per cent.* of the burgh's income.

Among miscellaneous revenues may be reckoned the profits arising from communal purchases of strangers' goods ; the greater sea-port burghs, Edinburgh,<sup>1</sup> Aberdeen<sup>2</sup> and Dundee<sup>3</sup> were wont to buy entire ship's cargoes of Continental merchandise, especially wine, iron and timber.<sup>4</sup> The profit or loss of the transaction fell either to the town<sup>5</sup> or to the individual merchants.<sup>6</sup> Burgh-court fines generally accrued to the bailies,<sup>7</sup> but sometimes the treasurer uplifted *unlawis* or *censure silvir* at Ayr.<sup>8</sup> Unusual payments include timber provided by a burghess of Irvine for the damage done by his ship to the quay at Ayr, £8 from two men for license *to big furth thair galleryis*, the tack-duty of the great customs of Ayr (granted by the King for the town's support), large sums from Maybole following a decret, money got by hiring out the horses of Alloway, and revenue from the sale of part of Carcluie Wood.<sup>9</sup>

The appreciation of the Common Good at Ayr during the period of the Accounts is noteworthy, since it more than counter-balanced the devaluation of the currency, whether measured in terms of silver content or of sterling

<sup>1</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, I, 154-5 ; II, 1, 126, 129-30.

<sup>2</sup> *Aberd. Recs.*, I, 220-1.

<sup>3</sup> Warden, *op. cit.*, 105, 154-5, 160, 162.

<sup>4</sup> Dumbarton seems to have made a tidy profit from timber in 1627 : *Dumb. Recs.*, 16, 19.

<sup>5</sup> Hence the reference (*infra*, 86) to the sale of a hogshead of the town's wine.

<sup>6</sup> In this case the burgh was simply overseer or umpire. At Ayr the treasurer sometimes paid for watching the town's wine, and also for deficiencies in the individual shares (pp. 104 *bis*, 114-5, 116, 118) ; when the French merchant was defrauded by a local man, the town *for thair honour* made good his loss (p. 100).

<sup>7</sup> *Cf. infra*, xcvi *et seq.*

<sup>8</sup> Pp. 77, 175, 234, 247.

<sup>9</sup> Pp. 47, 143, 209, 213-4, 234 (*ter*), 243, 250.

equivalent.<sup>1</sup> For the years 1534-62 revenue was fairly steady, varying as a rule between £200 and £300<sup>2</sup>; the average yield was £249, 7s.<sup>3</sup> For the next period, 1574-1600, there were wide fluctuations,<sup>4</sup> and the average rose to £639, 4s. After 1600 the revenue never fell below £1000, and three times<sup>5</sup> exceeded £2000; the average was £1630, 10s. In contrast, therefore, to a fall in money to one quarter of its earlier value, the rise in revenue at Ayr during these three generations may be roughly expressed by the formula  $1 : 2\frac{1}{2} : 6\frac{1}{2}$ .

<sup>1</sup> The ounce of silver made 15s. in 1525, £3 in 1601; *i.e.* it was worth one quarter of its former value. In 1500 1d. Eng.=3½d. Scots, and in 1601 1d. Eng.=12d. Scots; *i.e.* it was worth less than one-third of its old value. J. M. Henderson, *Scottish Reckonings of Time, Money, Weights and Measures*, 9, 15-6.

<sup>2</sup> The extremes were £137, 15s. 9d. (1534-35) and £366, 1s. 5d. (1552-53).

<sup>3</sup> These calculations are based on corrected totals, not on totals as given in the MS.

<sup>4</sup> Between £241, 19s. 2d. (1584-85) and £1429, 2s. (1596-97).

<sup>5</sup> In 1616-17, 1622-23 and 1623-24.

## III—THE TREASURER'S EXPENDITURE

Though, as noted already,<sup>1</sup> the Common Good was explicitly granted to the burghs for the maintenance of their common works, the burgesses were not thereby exempted from the obligation to work in person. At different times the indwellers of Peebles were required to labour at the bridge (1465-66), to give loads of lime, sand and stones (1571), to repair the town walls (1621), and to bring clay or stones to the burial ground (1652).<sup>2</sup> Stirling burgesses might be warned *to wirk and labour for strything of the touin in all sortis as salbe devisit and commandit*, or to provide servants to carry away *red*.<sup>3</sup> At Edinburgh the reverse of the hasty building of the 'Flodden wall' is seen in the demolition, by forced labour, of the walls of Leith in 1560, to prevent foreign enemies from holding out there in the future.<sup>4</sup> The townsfolk of Paisley and Lanark must carry stones for the *calsays* or work with their own implements, under pain of fine.<sup>5</sup> The Friar Wynd, the Cowgate, and other Edinburgh streets were repaired through the heritors of adjoining property, each paying for the section *fornent thair landis*.<sup>6</sup>

Another device was to lease part of the Common Good to a contractor in return for his undertaking some specific work. In 1569/70 two men of Peebles were given a thirteen years' lease of the two corn mills to rebuild the burgh walls,<sup>7</sup> and, just two years later at Lanark, a five years'

<sup>1</sup> *Supra*, xx.

<sup>2</sup> *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 154, 327, 361, 395.

<sup>3</sup> *Stir. Recs.*, I, 51, 114.

<sup>4</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, III, 69.

<sup>5</sup> *Pais. Recs.*, 268. *Lan. Recs.*, 156.

<sup>6</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, II, 193; III, 26-7; IV, 204; V, 215. 'Statute labour or the conversion thereof' survived as a normal expedient for road-building till the late nineteenth century.

<sup>7</sup> *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 316-7.

lease of the customs, *plus* £40, was given for the rebuilding of the north wall of the Tolbooth and of eight vaults under it.<sup>1</sup>

Again, master-craftsmen might be appointed, at a yearly fee, to maintain part of the town's works and carry out repairs as they arose. Stirling had a master mason in 1529,<sup>2</sup> Aberdeen had a *cassay makar* and a *knockmacker*,<sup>3</sup> and Dumbarton a workman whose duty it was to preserve the Hospital from the flooding of the River Leven<sup>4</sup>; Glasgow borrowed Dundee's *calsay maker* in 1577/8.<sup>5</sup> A master mason was appointed at Ayr for *uphalding of the key*.<sup>6</sup> The master of common work, on the other hand, might be a regular magistrate.<sup>7</sup>

The standard method of performing common works, however, was by direct payment by the treasurer from his general revenues, for materials, implements and wages, at Tolbooth, harbour, bridge, street or wherever occasion demanded. The constant repairs carried out by all burghs suggest conditions of chronic dilapidation. In 1546-47 part of the haven-work at Ayr *past away with the storme*,<sup>8</sup> in 1607-08 there was a consultation *anent the bulwark for repairing thair of being than in danger*,<sup>9</sup> three years later the Sea Port had to be taken down, *being ruymous*,<sup>10</sup> and in 1615-16 part of the Tolbooth stair was *blawin down be storme of weddir*.<sup>11</sup> Local masons, wrights, smiths, glaziers, slaters, quarrymen and carters were employed in digging the mill-lade, pointing walls, timbering the kirk-lofts, repairing the bridge, mending sections of the bulwark at the harbour, supplying new windows and *theiking the faltis* at the Tolbooth. There was a steady outflow for timber,

<sup>1</sup> *Lan. Recs.*, 64-5.

<sup>3</sup> *Aberd. Recs.*, I, 241; II, 358.

<sup>5</sup> *Glas. Recs.*, I, 64, 69. Cf. Marwick, *Early Glasgow*, 155.

<sup>6</sup> *E.g. infra*, 57.

<sup>8</sup> P. 101.

<sup>9</sup> P. 236.

<sup>2</sup> *Stir. Recs.*, I, 35-7.

<sup>4</sup> *Dumb. Recs.*, 79.

<sup>7</sup> *Infra*, xci.

<sup>10</sup> P. 248.

<sup>11</sup> P. 261.

stones, lime, sand and iron-work, for wages, *bounteth* and *drinksilver*; in these respects conditions at Ayr were very like those in other Scottish towns.

From time to time works other than mere repairs were undertaken. The new Tolbooth (in the Sandgate) seems to have been built in 1574 and 1575,<sup>1</sup> to replace the old one in the High Street; the former then became the High or Over Tolbooth,<sup>2</sup> while the latter was the building referred to as the Laigh-house.<sup>3</sup> In 1604 a new Hospital for the poor was built.<sup>4</sup> In 1590 and 1591 a *gobar* or lighter was hired to transport stones for the quay<sup>5</sup>; the Alloway horses usually sufficed for this work, being hired at about 2d. per day in the early years, 4d. later on. New wells were sometimes dug.<sup>6</sup> The town occasionally looked beyond local resources and local labour for its works. In 1558-59 the knock or town clock was taken to Edinburgh to be mended by a knock-maker there,<sup>7</sup> and in and after 1613 a *snappmaker* called John Smyth made a new knock, mended the 'Moon' under it, repaired the town's muskets, cast a new bell, redecorated the globe and made a cock for the new *pricket* or spire of the Tolbooth.<sup>8</sup> In 1595-96 a calsaymaker was brought from Glasgow, and in 1623-24 another professional was employed for the same purpose.<sup>9</sup> In 1605-06 fifteen new iron weights were bought in Flanders and brought home.<sup>10</sup> The upkeep of the Tron and the two Crosses (Malt and Fish), of the firlots, pecks and stoups, of the jougs and the Thieves'-hole or dungeon, of the town's drums and standard, meant recurring expenditure. Scavenging occurs spasmodically; the invaluable Alloway

<sup>1</sup> Pp. 136-7, 138, 139, 142.

<sup>2</sup> P. 219.

<sup>3</sup> Pp. 157, 190.

<sup>4</sup> Pp. 220, 222, 229-30.

<sup>5</sup> Pp. 165, 168, 177. For the *cabar* or *gabbert* kept (for ballasting) at Leith harbour, *vide Edin. Recs.*, VI, 56; VII, 186, 198.

<sup>6</sup> Pp. 26, 181, 224.

<sup>7</sup> P. 130.

<sup>8</sup> Pp. 255, 260-1, 263, 264.

<sup>9</sup> Pp. 188, 281.

<sup>10</sup> P. 228.

horses carried away the *red* from the streets, the Sandgate was cleared of blown sand,<sup>1</sup> the *middings* were occasionally removed, and *pulder*, *red* and sea-wrack spread on the hills.<sup>2</sup>

The amount of revenue devoted to common works varied greatly from year to year. During the early period of the Accounts it might drop as low as 11 *per cent.* of the actual expenditure (as in 1536-37), or rise as high as 66 *per cent.* (in 1541-42); the average at this time was nearly 30 *per cent.* The proportion continued to fluctuate, and towards the end of the record the extremes are represented by 5 *per cent.* (in 1623-24) and over 40 *per cent.* (in 1618-19); the average was then 21 *per cent.* of the total.<sup>3</sup> These figures suggest that, though in theory common work was a first charge on the Common Good, other objects were in fact given preference, and only the balance devoted to the more pressing needs; thus Ayr, like other towns, was obliged, from time to time, to undertake major repairs and costly new construction that could no longer be postponed.

The other charges on income were associated with religion, education, law and burgh commissioners; and the ear-marking of local funds for special purposes is particularly noteworthy in respect of the pre-Reformation Church. Ayr's ecclesiastical establishment was considerable, and the burgh contributed much to its maintenance.

<sup>1</sup> *E.g.* p. 139.

<sup>2</sup> *E.g.* pp. 244, 248, 262.

<sup>3</sup> The actual proportions during the first and last ten years of the Accounts were:—

1534-35, 19%	1538-39 (missing)	1541-42, 66%
1535-36, 12%	1539-40, 40%	1542-43, 29%
1536-37, 11%	1540-41, 22%	1543-44, 34%
1537-38, 32%		
1614-15, 25%	1618-19, 40%	1621-22, 18%
1615-16, 31%	1619-20, 9%	1622-23, 18%
1616-17, 20%	1620-21, 14%	1623-24, 5%
1617-18, 27%		

The Blackfriars' annual alms were usually £11, 5s.,<sup>1</sup> and gifts of money, wine or salt were made to the Greyfriars (a later and smaller house). A yearly rent of £8, 19s. was due from the Alloway barony-mail to St. Ninian's chapel, at the Cruives of Cree, in Wigtownshire.<sup>2</sup> Eight chaplains<sup>3</sup> served the altars in the burgh's kirk of St. John the Baptist, and they received, in addition to their obits and confessional fees, fixed stipends and occasional augmentations<sup>4</sup> from the burgh revenues. Two sangsters had also regular claims on local funds. The duties of these clergymen, it should be remembered, extended beyond strictly spiritual functions. One of the chaplains kept the vestry and the books of the kirk, and even found the communion elements.<sup>5</sup> Another, Mr. Patrick Andersoun, is the earliest schoolmaster mentioned in the Accounts,<sup>6</sup> and Robert Patersoun, in addition to singing in the choir, played the organs and taught the *sang scule*.<sup>7</sup> Such arrangements were usual in the burghs. One chaplain at Peebles was *tutour and oursear* of the town's alms-house, another was chosen for his *knowlege to be sculemaster and to tech barnis*, and all of them should be able *to syng playn syng at the leste*.<sup>8</sup> Burghal control over the chaplains might extend to deprivation for absence without cause<sup>9</sup> and to prosecution for non-performance of the customary services.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Ayr's entire burgh-ferme (£20) was payable to them; and the alms were apparently paid *to fill furth the burch maill with*: *infra*, 71.

<sup>2</sup> The mortification was made in 1508 by Sir John Kennedy of Blairquhan, who had built the chapel on his lands of Myrtoun: *Reg. Mag. Sig.*, II, 3245.

<sup>3</sup> Plus one other, serving the crafts' altar: Paterson, *Obit Book of Ayr*, viii-ix.

<sup>4</sup> *Ib.*, ix-x. Augmentations were of grace, not of right, and might be suspended for misbehaviour, or if the common works were deemed more pressing. *Cf. Stir. Recs.*, I, 23.

<sup>5</sup> *Infra*, 27, 82.

<sup>6</sup> Pp. 82, 84-5.

<sup>7</sup> *Obit Book of Ayr*, ix. *Cf. infra*, 71.

<sup>8</sup> *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 126, 146-7, 180-1.

<sup>9</sup> *Glas. Charters*, I (ii), 101-5.

<sup>10</sup> *Lan. Recs.*, 30.

The Church, receiving as a rule between £50 and £100 from the burgh, cost Ayr, on an average, about 41 *per cent.* of its income.<sup>1</sup> This expenditure ceased at the Reformation, but not all at once. Payments to the Greyfriars and the Cruives of Cree went on until 1557-58, and to the Blackfriars until the following year; the number of priests receiving fees dropped to three in 1559-60, and to one in 1561-62.<sup>2</sup> Two Dominicans, John Rollie and David Allasoun, had a *provisioun* or life-rent of £16 each per year *furth of the Blakfreris rentis*,<sup>3</sup> which they continued to draw until 1582 and 1618 respectively.

The establishment of Protestantism is foreshadowed in the Accounts before 1560. The minister's *chalmer male*, or room-rent, occurs as early as 1557-58, and *ane precheour* was brought to Ayr in the following year.<sup>4</sup> In 1559-60 typical payments commence—for bread and wine for communion, for the minister's gown and shoes, for his room-rent, coal and candles, and for his travelling expenses.<sup>5</sup> Next year the minister was given black clothes with black silk buttons, shirts and a canvas gown, and in 1561-62 the modest stipend of £10 was paid to Robert Achesone.<sup>6</sup> The next minister, James Dalrymple, promoted in 1568 after serving as reader, was paid by the burgh a yearly salary of just over £26 until his death in 1580.<sup>7</sup> John Porterfield, who succeeded him, got varying contributions (£10, £40,

<sup>1</sup> These figures include the schoolmaster's salary. The extremes were 67 *per cent.* (£91 out of £135 in 1548-49) and 18 *per cent.* (£50 out of £281 in 1541-42).

<sup>2</sup> Excluding the schoolmaster, who must have conformed.

<sup>3</sup> *Infra*, 143, 254, etc.

<sup>4</sup> Pp. 128, 130.

<sup>5</sup> Pp. 30-1, 33-4. Two ministers are mentioned, Christopher Guidman and Robert Achesone, of whom only the former is given in the *Fasti*.

<sup>6</sup> Pp. 132, 134. Achesone succeeded Guidman when the latter went to St. Andrews (1560).

<sup>7</sup> Dalrymple was also given the parsonages and vicarages of both Ayr and Alloway. *Cf. Fasti*, III, 5. His total stipend varied between £100 and £150: J. H. Pagan, *Annals of Ayr*, 8, 10.



100 merks, etc.) from the treasurer towards his stipend.<sup>1</sup> By 1601-02 he was *the auld minister*, and his assistant and successor was already installed.<sup>2</sup>

With this successor, John Welsh (Welche), John Knox's son-in-law, the burgh entered on a troubled time. Porterfield is described as being 'easy in his disposition, even going to bow-butts and archery on the Sabbath afternoons,'<sup>3</sup> but the next two ministers, John Welsh (1600-07) and George Dunbar (1607-11 and 1619-24), were men of a more resolute and militant character, leaders in the Kirk's struggle against Jacobean Erastianism. Warded at Blackness in 1605, Welsh was banished in 1606,<sup>4</sup> while Dunbar, in full sympathy with the views of his predecessor, was committed to ward at Dumbarton in 1611, and, eleven years later, after failing to conform to the Five Articles, was ordered into ward at Dumfries, and finally into exile in Ireland.<sup>5</sup> (Between Dunbar's two terms, William Burnie or Birnie had a fairly peaceful pastorate.) Welsh and Dunbar were powerful and popular preachers, with an enthusiastic local following, but their Covenanting ardour imposed a heavy financial liability on the burgh. By this time the burgh was responsible for the minister's large stipend of 400 merks in money, and 40 bolls of victual from the mill-ferme—in all, about £500. For several years the full stipend was sent to Welsh, an exile in France; he received his share of the mill-ferme in 1609-1610, and £200 in 1610-11.<sup>6</sup> Meanwhile, his successor, Dunbar, got 400 merks for the year 1609-10, and the full stipend in 1610-11,<sup>7</sup> so that there was some overlapping between them. Further, the burgh paid many additional

<sup>1</sup> Pp. 48, 146-7, 148, 149, 187, 199. His stipend was £200 in all: Pagan, *op. cit.*, 13.

<sup>2</sup> P. 210.

<sup>4</sup> Young, *Life of John Welsh*, 222-47, 270-6.

<sup>6</sup> Pp. 231, 235, 239, 243, 249.

<sup>3</sup> *Fasti*, III, 5.

<sup>5</sup> *Fasti*, III, 5-7.

<sup>7</sup> Pp. 243, 247.

expenses incurred through the ministers' combativeness—for ministers to supply during vacancies, for travelling expenses (including those of Mrs. Welsh, who visited her husband), for compearances before the Privy Council and conferences over the succession with the Archbishop and Synod of Glasgow as *lordis of platt*.<sup>1</sup> When, finally, in 1624, the Privy Council insisted that William Annand be given the charge, Thomas Foster, who *suld haif bene minister heir*, was paid no less than 640 merks for waiving *his rycht thairof*.<sup>2</sup>

Though Ayr was distinctly unlucky in the troubles of its clergymen, its record in other ways is typical. Stipends everywhere rose steadily during the first two generations after the Reformation; during the years 1611-27 St. Andrews paid Joshua Dury 650 merks, his successor (David Barclay) £500, and the next incumbent (John Douglas) £600.<sup>3</sup> Ministers were generally paid partly from ordinary revenues, and partly from special appropriations. Contributions to stipend were made at Peebles from the parsonage rents,<sup>4</sup> at Stirling from mortifications and from guildry and craft funds,<sup>5</sup> at Edinburgh by Lords of Session and advocates,<sup>6</sup> and at Dundee from hospital and craft revenues.<sup>7</sup> The minister of the Scots kirk at Campvere, the staple-port in the Netherlands, was paid in bere and wine from the excise collected by the Conservator.<sup>8</sup>

Incidental expenses connected with the kirk at Ayr

<sup>1</sup> Pp. 68, 225, 252, 276, 278-81.

<sup>2</sup> P. 281. Foster (or Forrester) seems to have suffered from the backwash of resentment over the treatment of the popular Dunbar: Pagan, *op. cit.*, 19.

<sup>3</sup> *MS. St. And. Accts.* For the raising or temporary augmentation of ministers' salaries, *cf. Edin. Recs.*, IV, 45, 448; V, 31, 33, 57, 111, 147, 202.

<sup>4</sup> *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 263.

<sup>5</sup> *Stir. Recs.*, I, 185-6, 225.

<sup>6</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, V, xiv, 149, 190, 263.

<sup>7</sup> Warden, *Burgh Laws*, 60.

<sup>8</sup> *Recs. Conv. R. B.*, I, 344 *et seq.*, 408-9.

included the payment of the minister's *chalmer maill* (50 merks in the seventeenth century), the provision of bread and wine for the four communions (at Hallowmas or Martinmas, Candlemas, Beltane and Lammas), travelling expenses, transportation of goods, and the supplying of suits of clothes and bibles.<sup>1</sup> Sums of 10 or 20 merks or £20 were paid for reading in the kirk<sup>2</sup> or taking up the psalms,<sup>3</sup> and latterly these duties fell to either the schoolmaster or the music-master.<sup>4</sup> Ayr's ecclesiastical expenditure is typical of burgh finance in general.<sup>5</sup>

The minister's stipend was positively very much larger than the payments to pre-Reformation priests and chaplains; from 1605 on it fluctuated with grain-prices around £400-500. By that time the total upkeep of the Protestant faith at Ayr may be put at £500-600,<sup>6</sup> or about one-third of the burgh's income, *i.e.* a relatively smaller proportion than in the years before 1560.

One of the chaplains at Ayr acted as schoolmaster in 1540, and another taught at the *sang scule*.<sup>7</sup> The tendency of education to come under burghal control appeared much earlier,<sup>8</sup> even in the cathedral towns of Glasgow and Aberdeen.<sup>9</sup> The town council appointed one or more of the chaplains to attend to the teaching of burgesses' children.

<sup>1</sup> *Infra*, 30-1, 132, 133, 147, 211.

<sup>2</sup> Pp. 153, 175, 196, 204, 278, 280.

<sup>3</sup> Pp. 161, 201, 218, 249.

<sup>4</sup> Pp. 204, 260. During the last years of the Accounts the kirk-session contributed 50 merks to the music-master's stipend: pp. 267, 270, 274, 278, 280. *Cf. infra*, lxiv.

<sup>5</sup> *Cf.* for fees for reading, etc.: *Stir. Recs.*, I, 74, 160, 241; *Edin. Recs.*, IV, 339-40, 373; V, 191. For travelling expenses, *Edin. Recs.*, III, 129; IV, 131; *Annals of Banff*, I, 74. For the communion elements, *Aberd. Recs.*, II, 115.

<sup>6</sup> For the exceptional year 1610-11, when payments to Welsh and Dunbar overlapped, £200 must be added to the sum. Prior to 1604 the Kirk cost the burgh very little.

<sup>7</sup> *Supra*, lviii.

<sup>8</sup> J. Grant, *Hist. of the Burgh Schools*, 29-32.

<sup>9</sup> Marwick, *Early Glasgow*, 59-60. Watt, *Hist. of Aberdeenshire*, 104, 198-9.

One such appointment was made at Peebles as early as 1464, though no salary was paid in this case to augment the pupils' fees.<sup>1</sup> The burgh was paying the schoolmaster's stipend at Ayr in 1519.<sup>2</sup> During the last two decades before the Reformation the Accounts mention five successive schoolmasters and the salaries paid to them: Patrick Andersoun (from 1540), £10; Neill Or (from 1547), William Nedry (from 1551) and John Buchane (from 1553), each 20 merks; and John Or (from 1559), £20.

The expectation of the reformers was that royal grants from the revenues of the old Church would make possible a great advance in education; actually James Grant noted only seven Crown appropriations, in the reigns of Mary and James VI, in favour of burgh schools—at Dundee, Irvine, Renfrew, Elgin, Dunfermline, Paisley and Musselburgh.<sup>3</sup> Occasional gifts and mortifications were made,<sup>4</sup> but on the whole the burgh schools, fore-runners of our academies and high schools, had to be maintained from burgh revenues and scholars' fees.<sup>5</sup>

From 1574 the master of the grammar school had £20 per year, to which were added, from 1585-86, 10 merks for reading the prayers in the kirk. In the 'nineties he got £40 (40 merks as salary, 20 for reading), but from 1607 £80 were regularly paid. A doctor was appointed as his assistant, at first occasionally, then regularly; his remuneration rose from 10 merks in 1575-76 to £30 in 1607-08.

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<sup>1</sup> *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 152.

<sup>2</sup> D. Patrick, *Air Academy and Burgh Schule*, 24.

<sup>3</sup> Grant, *op. cit.*, 447-8. For Irvine (1572), *vide Muniments*, I, 211 *et seq.* For Paisley (1577), *Pais. Recs.*, 129-37. Glasgow College got some of the local rents of the old church: *supra*, xxxii.

<sup>4</sup> *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 392. *Lan. Recs.*, 187-8.

<sup>5</sup> Grant, *op. cit.*, 444-56. The Convention interested itself in such matters as recommending and adopting a grammar book. *Recs. Conv. R. B.*, I, 411-2; IV, 527, 532. *Dumb. Recs.*, 41. *Stir. Recs.*, I, 171. *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 373.

Near the close of the sixteenth century burgh pupils paid the master £1, the doctor 8s. per year; but from landward scholars (whose parents contributed nothing to the Common Good, from which salaries were defrayed) £2 and 14s. 4d. were due respectively.<sup>1</sup> A *sang scule* or music school, at which English was taught (Latin was the province of the grammar school),<sup>2</sup> developed at this time, continuing the pre-Reformation tradition. The master's stipend rose progressively from a mere £5 until it was on a par with that of his colleague at the grammar school; indeed he was latterly paid more—£100 from the burgh, and 50 merks from the kirk-session (for acting as reader and precentor).<sup>3</sup> School-fees in 1601 were 10s. per quarter for music, 5s. for English (or Scots).<sup>4</sup>

Additional expenditure on education was slight, but not without interest. The schoolmaster was sometimes reimbursed for the transportation of himself and his goods,<sup>5</sup> and sometimes given a new gown or suit of clothes.<sup>6</sup> An allowance for house-mail was made eventually to all three teachers. Envoys were occasionally sent to other towns, such as St. Andrews, *to seik ane sculemaster*.<sup>7</sup> An additional payment of £20 *of gratificatioun* is recorded,<sup>8</sup> and the dominie might be compensated *for feyis awand to him, or in respect of the derth of that yeir*.<sup>9</sup> In 1621-22 a fourth teacher was engaged, though apparently for that

<sup>1</sup> Patrick, *op. cit.*, 28.

<sup>2</sup> Reading, writing, singing and playing on instruments were taught at the Edinburgh sang school (1593): *Edin. Recs.*, V, 106.

<sup>3</sup> *Infra*, 267, 270, 274. Patrick, *op. cit.*, 31. The conjunction of the offices of schoolmaster, reader, precentor and session-clerk was common from Reformation times. *Edin. Recs.*, IV, 407-8; V, 50, 191; VI, 10; VII, 216. *Annals of Banff*, II, 166-8. Grant, *op. cit.*, 298-301.

<sup>4</sup> Patrick, *op. cit.*, 29.

<sup>5</sup> *Infra*, 130, 256, 262.

<sup>6</sup> Pp. 201, 256. Cf. Patrick, *op. cit.*, 29.

<sup>7</sup> Pp. 183, 247.

<sup>8</sup> P. 183.

<sup>9</sup> Pp. 149, 214.

year only—Mr. David Broun, *professour of the art of ortografie and fair wrytting*.<sup>1</sup>

The general impression conveyed by these transactions is the pleasing one of a community with many other interests and commitments yet finding the will, the time and the money to maintain its own schools and provide a decent competence for the teachers whom it employed. The picture is typical of the Scots burghs' work in education. A few years after the Reformation Edinburgh was paying its schoolmaster £80, the singing master 40 merks, and the master of the French school £20.<sup>2</sup> The Lanark dominie's stipend rose from 5 merks in 1570 to £60 in 1615, by which time he was assisted by a doctor, with £40.<sup>3</sup> The Stirling schoolmaster was receiving 100 merks in 1602, but four times as much in 1662.<sup>4</sup> At Banff the town council and kirk-session found the schoolmaster's salary between them.<sup>5</sup> House-mail was an almost universal perquisite, and *burde and intertenement* (in turn from the pupils' parents) not uncommon.<sup>6</sup> Retiring pensions might be given.<sup>7</sup> A standard scale of quarterly fees was usual, varying from a shilling to several pounds,<sup>8</sup> but sometimes the teacher was authorised to take his *venter* or *aventuris* from different categories of pupils—*uttounes barnes*, music

<sup>1</sup> P. 277. An Englishman was permitted to open a writing-school in Edinburgh in 1601: *Edin. Recs.*, V, 282.

<sup>2</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, III, 157; IV, 23, 128. For Edinburgh's schools during the reign of Charles I., *ib.*, VII, xlviiii-xlix.

<sup>3</sup> *Lan. Recs.*, 36, 79, 91, 100, 108, 122-3, 203.

<sup>4</sup> *Stir. Recs.*, I, 101, 131, 160, 238.

<sup>5</sup> *Annals of Banff*, II, 166 *et seq.*; 388 *et seq.*

<sup>6</sup> Grant, *op. cit.*, 486-92. *Stir. Recs.*, I, 101. *Lan. Recs.*, 108.

<sup>7</sup> Aberdeen, in pensioning the grammarian, David Wedderburn, in 1640, stipulated that it might still avail itself of his services—a clause worthy of that careful community: *Aberd. Recs. (Burgh Recs. Socy.)*, I, 231-2. Cf. Grant, *op. cit.*, 290. *Edin. Recs.*, IV, 330.

<sup>8</sup> E.g. *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 386-7. *Annals of Banff*, II, 166-8. *Edin. Recs.*, V, 106.

scholars or *gentill mennes bairnes*.<sup>1</sup> The liberality of burghs like Lanark and Dumbarton went so far as to provide bursaries to enable poor boys to go to Glasgow College.<sup>2</sup>

In addition to ministers and schoolmasters, the burghs' professional employees included legal officials. The procurator-fiscal's duty was *to persew and defend in thair commoun actiounis and previlagis, . . . with the puneissing of sic as transgressis thair actis and statutis*; his fee might be £2, £4, 10 merks, 16 merks, or some such figure.<sup>3</sup> A number of advocates acted as assessors to the Edinburgh town council, in addition to the procurator-fiscal.<sup>4</sup> At Ayr, before the Reformation, George Gude was paid an annual fee or pension of £3, apparently as the town's man of law in Edinburgh.<sup>5</sup> From 1574 the burgh employed various Edinburgh writers, as well as local lawyers,<sup>6</sup> and the establishment eventually included an agent (with £12 per year), two procurators (each 20 merks) and the procurator-fiscal (5 merks). The suitor-fee was a small sum paid each year *for keiping of the townis suttis to the schiref*; it rose from one merk to £4,<sup>7</sup> and, during the last ten years of the Accounts at least, it was paid to the officers.

Fixed salaries were, however, a small portion of a burgh's legal expenses; one or more costly law-suits were a perennial occurrence. Threatened infringements of cherished privileges induced a constant state of vigilance, and involved Ayr in travelling expenses for magistrates, the hire of lawyers and scribes, and the purchase of writs, letters

<sup>1</sup> *Lan. Recs.*, 79, 108, 123. *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 244. *Stir. Recs.*, I, 132, 160.

<sup>2</sup> *Lan. Recs.*, 182. *Dumb. Recs.*, 85.

<sup>3</sup> *Stir. Recs.*, I, 78; II, 25, 312. The fee, like most others, was increased from time to time; at Stirling he was receiving £58 in 1679. *Edin. Recs.*, III, 228.

<sup>4</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, II, 254; III, 153.

<sup>5</sup> *Infra*, 12 (*bis*), 76, 82.

<sup>6</sup> *Infra*, Index, *sub voc.* John Haliday, William Scott, Hew Dunbar, Ninian Reid, Robert Leirmont, Alexander King, Alexander Cuningham.

<sup>7</sup> Pp. 135, 243, 274.

and other *evidentis*, to meet the rivalry or hostility of neighbouring burghs like Irvine and Dumbarton, the cloth-makers of Stewarton and the unfreemen of Largs and Saltcoats.<sup>1</sup> Disputes could be protracted, as was the action against the Sheriff of Ayr,<sup>2</sup> and might lead to bloodshed—at different times an officer and a bailie were attacked and injured in Maybole.<sup>3</sup> Danger or loss sometimes threatened from nearer home, from local lairds like Greenan, Lee, Bargany and Kerse, and more especially from the farmers of burgh property, such as Kennedy of Waltersan (Baltersan) and Wallace of Dalkeyth (Dankeith), who were often in arrears with their payments<sup>4</sup>; in 1602 letters of lawburrows were taken (by both sides) in simultaneous actions between Ayr and three lairds.<sup>5</sup> When the *honest men* or the *juges* were put to the horn for withholding their Exchequer dues or their quota of a stent, they tried to ensure that sheriffs and pursuivants should *stand freindlie to the toun*: hence casual payments to such officials, to the Privy Council clerk or the burghs' agent.<sup>6</sup> Incidental expenses were incurred for letters, copies and summonses, for writing the town's acts, warnings and executions, to discharge contracts, take instruments or arl ships, for summoning assizes and *futing* the burgh's Exchequer compt. Items of this kind shade into petty routine and office expenses—paper and ink *for to mak sang bukis*,<sup>7</sup> the writing of compts and rentals, wax to seal commissions, payments to messengers coming and going,<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Pp. 33, 35-6, 36-7, 153; 90, 231, 235.

<sup>2</sup> Mentioned almost continuously from 1546-47 to 1557-58: pp. 99-100, 103, 116-7, 119, 121-2, 124-8.

<sup>3</sup> Pp. 176, 219.

<sup>4</sup> E.g. pp. 167, 170, 175-7, 180, 182, 184, 188.

<sup>5</sup> P. 214.

<sup>6</sup> E.g. pp. 36, 117-8, 146-7, 159.

<sup>7</sup> P. 85.

<sup>8</sup> E.g. the pursuivant in 1543 who brought Arran's charge to use the scripture in *Inglis* (p. 90); 5s. for a pair of shoes for a messenger to run to Edinburgh in 1583-84 (p. 149); £8 in 1589-90 to two posts *that ran still in winter to Edinburgh sex sindrie tymis* ament the town's law-suits (p. 165);



or reading proclamations through the town,<sup>1</sup> coals and candles for the Council-house, 8s. for the printed Acts of Parliament in 1541-42,<sup>2</sup> 5s. for a horse to bring in the poinds in 1561-62,<sup>3</sup> £2, 14s. for collecting the town's dues in 1578-79,<sup>4</sup> and 4s. for riding the marches in 1582-83.<sup>5</sup>

The items relating to burgh justice, though petty in terms of finance, have both historical and human interest. The regular employment of a paid executioner was, here and elsewhere, a late development. From 1599 the lockman at Ayr received £5 per year, from 1619, £10. In 1605 a condemned thief was made hangman at Glasgow, consenting that, if he failed in his duty, he should be *hangit to the deid, but ane assyse, quhairver he may be apprehendit*.<sup>6</sup> There was an *executor* at Perth in 1622,<sup>7</sup> and one at Stirling in 1650.<sup>8</sup> In the larger burghs, at least, the office was no sinecure. At Ayr he was paid a few shillings when (it was no rare occurrence) he scourged offenders—thieves, *the wyfe that fenyeit hirself dwm, ane houssie Agnes Benot and ane fallow*.<sup>9</sup> Punishments other than scourging are implied in references to the Thieves'-hole and fetter-locks, the stocks, joughs and cuck-stool, a burning-iron to brand thieves, a tree for the gibbet, a *kneyheid* to mend the gallows and the posting of the hand of *the fals queryeour*.<sup>10</sup> Thieves and adulterers were hanged.<sup>11</sup> Three witches who were

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10s. for taking letters round the coast in 1592-93 about resetting stolen goods from Arran (p. 176).

<sup>1</sup> *E.g.* the peace [*scil.* of Cateau-Cambrésis] was proclaimed by a herald in 1559 (p. 127), and a proclamation was brought anent *the festivall day* (August 5) in 1601 (p. 205).

<sup>2</sup> P. 87. *Cf. Stir. Recs.*, I, 88.

<sup>3</sup> P. 134.

<sup>4</sup> P. 144.

<sup>5</sup> P. 36.

<sup>6</sup> *Glas. Recs.*, I, 223-4. *Cf. Marwick, Early Glasgow*, 291.

<sup>7</sup> He came to St. Andrews and was given 16 merks for beheading *the man that slew Johnne Jak*: *MS. Accts.*, fol. 63r.

<sup>8</sup> *Stir. Recs.*, II, 312.

<sup>9</sup> *Infra*, 60, 111, 141, 142, 214, 224, 236, 243.

<sup>10</sup> Pp. 58, 125, 136, 154, 210.

<sup>11</sup> Pp. 58, 167, 176, 188, 214. Capital punishment was also inflicted on those who *brak rewll in the tyme of the pest*: p. 102.

burned are mentioned by name, Marion Greiff (1594-95), Jonet Young (1599-1600) and Maly Wilsoun (1617-18), but their gruesome end is best suggested in the details of an earlier burning (in 1586-87), when £7, 3s. 8d. went towards *expenssis sustenit in the burning of the witche of Barnweill, in candillis, hir meit and drink, pyk barrellis, colis, rosat, heddir, treis and utheris necessaris*.<sup>1</sup> Warding, the primitive Scottish substitute for imprisonment, involved the provision of food and drink for the captive, and sometimes for those who guarded him<sup>2</sup>; among those detained there appears (most improbably) an Englishman *quha fenyeit him his name to be callit Stewart*.<sup>3</sup> Other aspects of burgh justice are suggested by the slaughter of swine (found roaming the streets unattended) and the impounding of regraters' butter.<sup>4</sup>

The dividing line between legal and commissioners' expenses cannot be sharply drawn. Minister, bailies or other representatives often journeyed to Edinburgh in connexion with judicial matters, such as the town's action against the Sheriff, its answer to a summons for intercommuning with rebels, or simply *for advising anent William Mure and Besse Bell adulterouris*.<sup>5</sup> The burghs felt impelled to protest against excessive customs-dues,<sup>6</sup> against proposed creations of new burghs, royal or baronial,<sup>7</sup> and against Crown interference with free elections.<sup>8</sup> They sought exemption from, or commutation of, military

<sup>1</sup> Pp. 156, 183, 200, 202, 267. Two other suspects (including a man) are mentioned: pp. 268, 280-1. Cf. *Edin. Recs.*, V, 333-4.

<sup>2</sup> Pp. 111, 141, 149, 156, 176, 200, 249. At Glasgow the gaoler received 40 merks per year from the town, 2s. per day from each burgh in ward, and 4s. from each landward man: *Glas. Recs.*, I, 358-60.

<sup>3</sup> Pp. 267-8.

<sup>4</sup> Pp. 111, 122.

<sup>5</sup> Pp. 57-8, 110, 116.

<sup>6</sup> E.g. Glasgow's protest against Dumbarton's new impost (1600): *Glas. Recs.*, I, 210.

<sup>7</sup> E.g. of Fraserburgh: *Aberd. Recs.*, II, 279-84; of Paisley: *Dumb. Recs.*, 76-7.

<sup>8</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, IV, 86; VII, xiv, 149-50.

obligations,<sup>1</sup> they met to discuss grievances, they owed attendance at J.P. courts,<sup>2</sup> and they must enter their yearly Exchequer compt. Hence many occasions arose for the despatch of commissioners, apart from the regular summons to Parliament, Convention of Estates, Convention of Royal Burghs and (after 1568) General Assembly.<sup>3</sup> Now, the burghs' own Convention met three or four times a year, and, since the Estates came together much less frequently, the commissioners found it convenient to assemble beforehand, as a Convention, and prepare the policy to be pursued by them as an 'estate.' In this way the double obligation was discharged, expenses were saved, and the burghs' estate tended to become almost identical in personnel with the burghs' Convention.<sup>4</sup> Commissioners were often appointed expressly to do double duty—to attend Parliament and Convention, Parliament and Assembly, Convention and Exchequer, and also to see to any legal business that was pending.<sup>5</sup>

The conjunction of commissioners' duties appears clearly in the Ayr Accounts. In 1583-84 the two burgh M.P.s were allowed additional expenses for procuring, in succession, a commission anent thieves and letters for the collection of the town's rents.<sup>6</sup> In July 1618 John Osburne kept the burghs' Convention at Dunfermline and went on to attend to the town's affairs in Edinburgh.<sup>7</sup> In July 1624 James

<sup>1</sup> *Aberd. Recs.*, II, 230-4.

<sup>2</sup> *Glas. Recs.*, I, 232. *Recs. Conv. R. B.*, III, 91, 107.

<sup>3</sup> Commissioners sat for the *counsall and kirk of thair awin townes*: *Booke of the Universal Kirk*, I, 124. Cf. *Stir. Recs.*, I, 181-2, for the appointment by town council and kirk-session, sitting together, of *thair lauchfull commissioner* (1638).

<sup>4</sup> J. D. Mackie and G. S. Pryde, *The Estate of the Burgesses in the Scots Parliament and its relation to the Convention of Royal Burghs* (St. And. Univ. Publications, XVII).

<sup>5</sup> *Glas. Recs.*, I, 162, 184, 194, 247, 250. *Recs. Conv. R. B.*, II, 528-9. *Exch. Rolls*, XXIII, 322, 511. *Dumb. Recs.*, 34. *Annals of Banff*, I, 91.

<sup>6</sup> *Infra*, 149.

<sup>7</sup> P. 267.

Blair went from the burghs' Convention at Linlithgow to the Convention of Estates at Edinburgh, and there saw to the *futing* of the Exchequer compt.<sup>1</sup>

Payment of commissioners' expenses varied from place to place, and from time to time, but there is sufficient evidence to suggest that many burghs, and perhaps all, had a fixed scale of daily allowances. In 1554 it seems to have been 3s. 4d. per day for the Peebles commissioners at Edinburgh, and 4s. 10d. while Parliament was actually sitting.<sup>2</sup> Two years later the allowance at Stirling was 6s. 8d. per day.<sup>3</sup> After the Reformation these payments, like all others, rose steeply. The rate at Glasgow in 1595 was 2 merks *during their remanyng afeild*,<sup>4</sup> but in 1600 it was £2 *plus* horse-hire.<sup>5</sup> The Banff allowance for General Assembly in 1642 was £2, 6s. 8d. for each day *furth and hame*<sup>6</sup>; it was £3 for Monk's Convention in 1659, but only £2 for the burghs' Convention in 1665.<sup>7</sup> In 1660 and again in 1690 the Lanark commissioners were limited to £1 per day *plus* horse-hire.<sup>8</sup> The Stirling rate in 1691 was £12 for going and coming, and £4 for each day of the session, including adjournments up to six days.<sup>9</sup> Thus, in the seventeenth century, when meetings of many kinds became frequent and protracted, the burghs had to find large sums for their missions—230 merks to an Aberdeen Burgess in 1604-05,<sup>10</sup> over £333 to Edinburgh's commissioners at Perth for the burghs' Convention in 1628,<sup>11</sup> £400 for all Stirling's needs in 1635 and £600 in 1645.<sup>12</sup>

<sup>1</sup> P. 280.

<sup>2</sup> *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 410-1.

<sup>3</sup> *Stir. Recs.*, I, 70.

<sup>4</sup> The commissioners were afterwards allowed 10 merks as *superexpenditure*: *Glas. Recs.*, I, 168-9.

<sup>5</sup> *Ib.*, 210.

<sup>6</sup> The commissioner was also given £51, 6s. for his clothes. *Annals of Banff*, I, 83, 87.

<sup>7</sup> *Ib.*, 141, 149.

<sup>8</sup> *Lan. Recs.*, 184, 236.

<sup>9</sup> *Stir. Recs.*, II, 65. Cf. Rait, *Parliaments*, 274.

<sup>10</sup> *Aberd. Recs.*, II, 279-84.

<sup>11</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, VII, 46.

<sup>12</sup> *Stir. Recs.*, II, 300, 301.

A regular daily allowance at Ayr is implied by the wording of the entry of £17 in November 1582 as commissioner's expenses (*remaning thairupoun xvj dayis*), and again of £42 in 1586-87 (*awaiting thairon the space of ane moneth*)<sup>1</sup>; the rate is expressly stated in 1600 as £2 per day for the commissioner, his man and his horse.<sup>2</sup> A common device was to grant the representative a sum of money before his departure (*at his afeild passing*), and, after his return, to give him the balance due for additional expenses (*quhairin he wes superependit . . . according to his compt futit befor the counsale*).<sup>3</sup>

Some of the occasions, other than formal meetings of estates, burghs or kirk, on which Ayr sent commissioners, are worth noting. In 1543 the burgh did its best for Friar John Routh when he was hailed before the Regent Arran.<sup>4</sup> In 1578-79 exemption was sought from a Border raid, and in 1594 from the muster at Aberdeen.<sup>5</sup> In 1582-83, and again three years later, commissioners were sent to obtain the suspension of a commission procured by Dumbarton *in the hurt of the remanent west burrowis*<sup>6</sup>—a characteristic manifestation of inter-burghal jealousy. In 1603 the minister and a burgesse waited on the King *anent the toun afoir his Majesteis passing to Ingland*.<sup>7</sup> In July 1612 Scots burgesses in general were concerned about the duties laid down in the new Book of Rates.<sup>8</sup> The troubles of Mr. George Dunbar, already mentioned,<sup>9</sup> and the perennial

<sup>1</sup> *Infra*, 36, 156.

<sup>2</sup> P. 202. Since the commissioner was the dean of guild, this item appears in his compt instead of the treasurer's.

<sup>3</sup> *E.g.* pp. 175, 180, 183, 188, 204, 209, 227.

<sup>4</sup> P. 90. *Cf.* Knox, *Hist.*, I, 96-7, 105, 187 n. 1, 193.

<sup>5</sup> Pp. 143, 180. *Cf. infra*, civ-cv.

<sup>6</sup> Pp. 36-7, 153. A convention of western burghs at Glasgow is mentioned in 1594-95: p. 183.

<sup>7</sup> P. 214.

<sup>8</sup> P. 251. *Cf. Reg. Privy Coun.*, IX, lxvi-lxvii, 199-200. *Recs. Conv. R. B.*, II, 329, 340. *Edin. Recs.*, VI, 83.

<sup>9</sup> *Supra*, lx.

interest in the Kirk's *constant platt*, bulk large in the missions of later years.<sup>1</sup>

Legal expenses and commissioners' allowances inevitably fluctuated greatly,<sup>2</sup> but they represent, over a number of years, a steady and considerable charge on local resources. Not that *the honest men* were unduly litigious. It was simply that Ayr, as one of the first ten towns in Scotland, was interested in every kind of national assembly and strong enough to resent affronts and resist encroachments, whether by other burghs, by lairds or by the Crown. In the first year of the Accounts £4, 2s. were spent at Parliament, £10, 3s. on law-suits<sup>3</sup>—in all, about one-eighth of the total expenditure. This may be taken as a fair average for the pre-Reformation period, for though the proportion was often much lower, it was considerably higher in each of the years from 1552 to 1557 (when the town had its suit with the Sheriff of Ayr),<sup>4</sup> and again in 1558-61 (when the Reformation meant much coming and going).<sup>5</sup> Later on, legal and commissioners' expenses more than kept pace with expanding revenue. Though they occasionally (as in 1575-76 and 1618-19) dropped almost to vanishing point, they once (in 1578-79) accounted for more than half the income<sup>6</sup>; the average was about 20 *per cent.*

Magistrates' fees were a small but regular item of burghal expenditure.<sup>7</sup> In the capital, as early as 1479, the provost

<sup>1</sup> Pp. 243, 267, 278.

<sup>2</sup> The factor of distance was important in determining the expenses of commissioners to burgh conventions. Thus, between 1604 and 1614, £80 were allowed for the convention at Kirkcaldy, £60 for Crail, £28 for Dumfries, £8 for Rutherglen and £4, 4s. for Irvine (two commissioners): pp. 60, 224, 227, 239, 243.

<sup>3</sup> *Infra*, 71-2.

<sup>4</sup> Pp. 117-8, 119-20, 121-2, 124, 125-6.

<sup>5</sup> Pp. 30-1, 130, 132.

<sup>6</sup> Pp. 139-40, 143-4, 270-1.

<sup>7</sup> *Item for my pains and travellis tain in the towns effaris conforme to custowme observit to utheris, x lib. : MS. St. And. Accts. (1611-12), fol. 8v.*

got £20 per year,<sup>1</sup> but this was unusually high for that time. At Ayr, before the Reformation, the provost got £5, the treasurer and master of work £2 each, and the clerk £4.<sup>2</sup> From the 1570s the treasurer was allowed £5 and the master of work 5 merks. In the late sixteenth century the Lanark treasurer received only £1,<sup>3</sup> in 1651 the Stirling provost got £10 and the bailies and treasurer £4 each,<sup>4</sup> and in 1663 the provost's fee at Dumbarton was raised from £10 to £20.<sup>5</sup>

The small fees paid to the four serjeants or officers at Ayr were typical<sup>6</sup>—£5 between them *for bering of thair halbertis*, later raised to £10,<sup>7</sup> plus the fee already mentioned for keeping suit at the sheriff-court.<sup>8</sup> Their casualties and perquisites were everywhere considerable—for poinding, charging and taking into ward, for reading proclamations, collecting rents and running errands. Drummers, pipers and fifers, who patrolled the town morning and evening,<sup>9</sup> were maintained by the inhabitants, taking their meat and drink at each house in rotation. At Ayr the burgesses provided dinner at noon and supper at seven o'clock.<sup>10</sup> The town minstrel must be employed for weddings and feasts,<sup>11</sup> and any burghess refusing to supply food in turn was liable to a fine.<sup>12</sup> Only gradually were these fines changed

<sup>1</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, I, 37-40.

<sup>2</sup> This last is stated in 1578-79 as *the clerk fe for papir and ink*: p. 143. He was paid, too, for *instrumentis, evidentis and utheris writingis*, for binding books and making rent-rolls: pp. 15, 77. At Glasgow the clerk was allowed, in 1612, one merk for registering a seisin, two merks for extracting one, 3s. 4d. for enrolling a confession or an oath, 10s. for a decree: *Glas. Recs.*, I, 334. Cf. *Edin. Recs.*, VI, 35.

<sup>3</sup> *Lan. Recs.*, 35, 95.

<sup>4</sup> *Stir. Recs.*, II, 312.

<sup>5</sup> *Dumb. Recs.*, 82.

<sup>6</sup> Cf. *Stir. Recs.*, II, 312. *Edin. Recs.*, IV, 389.

<sup>7</sup> The feus of the Burrowfield were allowed to the officers as fees.

<sup>8</sup> Cf. *supra*, lxvi.

<sup>9</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, VI, 138.

<sup>10</sup> Lyon, *Ayr in the Olden Times*, 62-3.

<sup>11</sup> Craig-Brown, *Hist. of Selkirkshire*, II, 40.

<sup>12</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, I, 52. Cf. *Aberd. Recs.*, I, 452.

into regular payments,<sup>1</sup> and the supporting of pipers and drummers out of the Common Good is a later development.<sup>2</sup> Hence, though there were special payments to the Ayr minstrels for *passing with the town* to army musters,<sup>3</sup> and for skins, for *heidung* the drum, for new drums and trumpet-drums,<sup>4</sup> no annual fees were payable by the burgh. In the later Accounts, however, the officers were allowed new coats<sup>5</sup> each year, and the drummer was occasionally given a suit of clothes.<sup>6</sup>

The keeper of the knock got £2 per year at fifteenth-century Aberdeen, and at pre-Reformation Ayr and Stirling.<sup>7</sup> The payment rose at Ayr to 5 merks (1560-61), 10 merks (1574-75), £10 (1604-05) and £20 (1617-18).<sup>8</sup> The duty of ringing the curfew bell came to be joined to that of keeping the knock. The burgh also paid 10 merks to the beadle or bellman for keeping the kirk and ringing the bells. The poinder was given an annual fee, rising from 6s. 8d. to £8, for keeping the hills, *i.e.* for keeping cattle from the sand-hills during the summer months, when grass and other vegetation must be encouraged to prevent or diminish the damage inflicted by blown sand.<sup>9</sup> Other

<sup>1</sup> *Glas. Recs.*, I, 18. *Dumb. Recs.*, 46.

<sup>2</sup> *E.g.* the drummer at St. Andrews was paid £20 by the town (*MS. Accts.*, fol. 40v.), at Stirling, £64 (*Stir. Recs.*, I, 184).

<sup>3</sup> *Infra*, 88, 91, 104, 281.

<sup>4</sup> Pp. 30, 93, 231.

<sup>5</sup> Described in 1605-06 as *thair coittis of thair reid skarlet and blew hoys*: p. 229. The sixteen Edinburgh officers in 1641 had coats with *velvet pasmentis*: *Edin. Recs.*, VII, 249.

<sup>6</sup> Pp. 60, 231.

<sup>7</sup> *Aberd. Recs.*, I, 20. *Stir. Recs.*, I, 53. *Infra*, 27, 82.

<sup>8</sup> Pp. 132, 135, 223, 267. In the early seventeenth century 20 merks were paid for this duty at Aberdeen and at Banff; 5 merks were forfeited at Banff *giff the knock happin to be ane quarter ane hour out of temper*: *Annals of Banff*, I, 53, 55; *Aberd. Recs.*, II, 297. At Edinburgh, in 1619, an annual fee of £100 was paid for the *tempering* of the three town clocks, so that *thai answer ane to ane uther in streking of the hour*: *Edin. Recs.*, VI, 196.

<sup>9</sup> *E.g.* pp. 26, 78, 108, 114, 139, 143, 156, 188. Corn was sown on the hills *quhar the sand blew* in 1535-36: p. 76. Sea-wrack, *red* and *fuilye* were often spread there: pp. 75, 80, 171, 244, 248. Cf. Paterson, *Hist. of the*



paid officials included the lockman, the mason of the quay, the glazier of the kirk (paid by the dean of guild) and the calsay-cleaner.<sup>1</sup>

The burghs participated in the public celebration of State occasions, and this involved payments for wine, ale and bread, for coals, sticks, tar-barrels and even gunpowder (to make *benfyres*). Such rejoicings are recorded at Ayr to mark James V.'s return from France in 1537, the *triumphe* of the birth of a prince in 1540, Queen Mary's marriage to the Dauphin in 1558, her homecoming in 1561, *his Majesteis coronatioun king of England*, and Guy Fawkes' day in 1614.<sup>2</sup> At Edinburgh a puncheon of wine was *run at the croce the tyme of the Princes birth* in 1566.<sup>3</sup> The Union of the Crowns was celebrated at Aberdeen with *all godlie mirrines and pastyme*, and wine and spices were supplied, with *a numer of glassis to be cassin*.<sup>4</sup> In 1612 St. Andrews commemorated the Gowrie Plot as follows:—

*Item to ane Heland pyper that pleyd throuche  
the toun the v day of August* xij s.

*Item for thrie quartis wyne wes drukin at the  
cros that day at command of the provest and  
bailyeis* xlviij s.

*Item for ane pund candill wes brunt that  
nicht* iiij s.<sup>5</sup>

*County of Ayr*, I, 197 (where the position is misunderstood); *Lyon, Ayr in the Olden Times*, 13; Murray, *Early Burgh Organisation*, II, 492-3.

<sup>1</sup> Pp. 57, 255, etc. £3 were paid to Laurence Porter for cleaning the calsays in the Whitsunday term of 1613; thereafter £6 per year were regularly given.

<sup>2</sup> Pp. 26, 82, 128, 132, 215, 258. Edinburgh burgesses were liable to fine for not lighting bonfires on Nov. 5, 1608: *Edin. Recs.*, VI, 46.

<sup>3</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, III, 219. Such celebrations were naturally more frequent and more costly in the capital than elsewhere. Cf. *op. cit.*, esp. for 1558 (Queen's marriage), 1561 (her return) and 1579 (King's entry).

<sup>4</sup> *Aberd. Recs.*, II, 236-7.

<sup>5</sup> *MS. St. And. Accts.*, fol. 8r.

Bonfires, wine and ale, the beating of drums and the firing of cannon marked the Restoration.<sup>1</sup>

Similar expenses were incurred for purely local celebrations, which included, before the Reformation, annual Robin Hood plays.<sup>2</sup> In 1540-41 gipsies (*Egyptianes*) *dansit to the baillies*.<sup>3</sup> A merk (later 5 merks) was allowed for the bailies' supper (*collatioun*) after the Michaelmas election.<sup>4</sup> A hogshead of wine was drunk in 1546 at the departure of the burgesses' quota for the army.<sup>5</sup>

Though the Robin Hood plays went out with the old Church, burghal festivities of many kinds continued after the Reformation; indeed an entry of 1561-62 proves that the famous *disputatioun* between John Knox and Ninian Winyet had its lighter side, since the treasurer supplied wine for the meeting.<sup>6</sup> The excuses for libations were numerous and varied<sup>7</sup>—when State officials or nobles were admitted as burgesses,<sup>8</sup> when the General Convention met at Ayr,<sup>9</sup> at wappinchawings, magistrates' banquets and trysts with local lairds,<sup>10</sup> when noblemen and gentlemen gathered in Ayr in 1593 *anent the religioun*,<sup>11</sup> when Bargany

<sup>1</sup> *E.g. Dumb. Recs.*, 78-9. *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 424.

<sup>2</sup> *E.g. infra*, 72, 85, 90, 100, 111, 120. *Cf. Paterson, Hist. of County of Ayr*, 190.

<sup>3</sup> P. 85.

<sup>4</sup> *E.g.* pp. 25, 31. *Cf. Peeb. Recs.*, I, 415, and *Dumb. Recs.*, 83, for similar practices.

<sup>5</sup> P. 100.

<sup>6</sup> P. 134.

<sup>7</sup> Edinburgh's hospitality was naturally even more notable; *e.g.* in 1598 a banquet was given to the Duke of Holstein (the Queen's brother), and the High School pupils gave a play and were allowed a gallon of ale: *Edin. Recs.*, V, 218, 362-4, 365.

<sup>8</sup> Pp. 141, 240, 265, 268.

<sup>9</sup> In 1583 and 1602. On the former occasion no less than £120 were paid to one-tavern keeper, Sibell Howsoun, for the banquet: pp. 37, 211. In June 1596 the burgh commissioners at Aberdeen were given a supper *as hes bene done in conventiounis of burrowis . . . in tymes bygane*: *Aberd. Recs.*, II, 136.

<sup>10</sup> Pp. 35, 143, 157.

<sup>11</sup> P. 181. In 1543 wine had been given to the town's friends who rallied to its aid at a riot caused by a Friar's preaching: p. 90. *Cf. Murray, Legal Practice in Ayr*, 38-9.

was buried or Blairquhan married,<sup>1</sup> when a new minister was admitted or visiting ministers supplied during a vacancy,<sup>2</sup> when a new schoolmaster was engaged or the town's debtors paid their dues,<sup>3</sup> and when distinguished visitors (including a German Count) attended the Golden Bell horse-race on May 10, 1609.<sup>4</sup> In 1595 and again in 1596, and regularly from 1609, a sum of £5, £6 or 10 merks was allowed *for the bend of the papingo*,<sup>5</sup> *i.e.* for the sash of coloured taffetas awarded as a prize at the annual archery contest held by the young men of the town—a *papingo* or wooden popinjay (parrot) serving as the target.<sup>6</sup> The function was of a semi-festive, semi-military character.

In addition to breakfasts, dinners and liquor for immediate consumption, gifts or *propines* of wine, ale and *aquavita*,<sup>7</sup> of wheaten bread, baked meats and *comfeittis*, of almonds, pears, raisins and figs, of herring, butter, cows and even money were presented to a great number of people—the King, Queen or Regent, nobles from all over Scotland and most of the lairds of Ayrshire, bishops and ministers, the Chancellor, Justice-clerk and Lords of Session, the Comptroller, the Constable of Dumbarton, a French captain on his way to Haddington (1548) and the Lieutenant of the King's Guard, the Sheriff of Ayr and justices of the peace, the town's lawyers, provosts, bailies

<sup>1</sup> Pp. 228, 258.

<sup>2</sup> *E.g.* pp. 232, 251-2, 255, 279, 281.

<sup>3</sup> Pp. 184-5.

<sup>4</sup> P. 240. *Cf.* pp. 176, 244. Murray, *op. cit.*, 7. When another distinguished visitor (the Lord President) was in Ayr in August 1601, a pitcher of ale, containing fifteen Scots pints, was drunk: p. 206. This would be equivalent to about forty-five Imperial pints: Henderson, *Scottish Reckonings of Time*, etc., 7.

<sup>5</sup> Pp. 185, 186, 241, etc.

<sup>6</sup> The same custom prevailed at Kilwinning: Jamieson, *Etym. Dict.*, *sub voc.* 'bend,' 'papejay.' *Cf.* Lyon, *Ayr in the Olden Times*, 8, where the author is in error through the misreading of *bend* as *beird* (=bird). Pagan, *Annals of Ayr*, 78, repeats and embellishes the mistake; for *bend* he has *beird* (=beard)! The custom is mentioned in *Old Mortality*, ch. II.

<sup>7</sup> It was no less than £1 per pint in 1609—twice as much as wine: p. 240.

and commissioners from Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dumbarton, Lanark and Irvine, the synodal assembly and presbytery, the stenters and the auditors of compts, officers, workmen and the lockman, commissioners to Parliament before their departure, an Irish merchant selling timber, or the young men *directit furth* in 1590 to catch Irish pirates. The reason behind all this hospitality is clear and sometimes explicit. A gift was made to Thomas Murray, the King's Master Farrier, *to haif his gude report*<sup>1</sup>; recipients of wine and sweetmeats were *the townis freindis, or gudexwillaris of this toun*, and were favoured *for thair gude will manifestit to the toun.*<sup>2</sup>

Public hospitality became such a regular feature of municipal life that the tavern-keeper would present periodic accounts for entertainments<sup>3</sup> and be paid by the treasurer *conforme to hir tickettis presentit thairupoun—be compt and rekning—as comptit and futit with hir.*<sup>4</sup> The price of wine followed the general upward movement: it was 1s. 8d. per quart before the Reformation,<sup>5</sup> but usually £1 in the early seventeenth century.<sup>6</sup> The proportion of revenue devoted to entertainments might rise as high as one-third<sup>7</sup> or fall to a negligible fraction<sup>8</sup>; the average was over five *per cent.* for the period before 1560, and thereafter just over nine *per cent.*<sup>9</sup>

<sup>1</sup> P. 160.

<sup>2</sup> Pp. 228, 240, 255. *Nocht of dewty bot of guid will*: cf. *Glas. Recs.*, I, 192.

<sup>3</sup> Agnes Campbell presented five compts for the period from May 1614 to Sept. 1615: p. 258.

<sup>4</sup> Pp. 206, 252, 281.

<sup>5</sup> In 1540-41 and apparently in 1552-53: pp. 85, 117. It was 2s. in 1547-48: p. 104. Malmsey was 8s. 8d. in 1554-55: p. 122.

<sup>6</sup> Pp. 215, etc. It had been 13s. 4d., 16s. and 18s. in 1600-02: pp. 206, 211.

<sup>7</sup> In 1582-83 (when the Convention met at Ayr) and in 1585-86 (when many visitors were entertained): pp. 35-7, 153-4.

<sup>8</sup> E.g. in 1535-36 (*nil*), 1545-46 (*nil*—a plague year), 1556-57 (11s. 4d.), 1578-79 (*nil*) and 1617-18 (£4. 4s. out of over £1680).

<sup>9</sup> These calculations omit the customary gifts of wine to the Friars, and the provision of communion wine and bread after 1560 (supplied by the

Poor relief was, by custom or statute, the province of the Church, and essentially a minor branch of burgh finance. In Romanist times particular chaplainries were associated with the distributing of alms<sup>1</sup> and the overseeing of alms-houses,<sup>2</sup> and after the Reformation altargedues were sometimes annexed to the upkeep of hospitals.<sup>3</sup> Though, in general, the Kirk, through the First Book of Discipline, undertook the whole burden of poor relief, in the burghs it was often the town council and kirk-session, in a joint meeting, that *took order anent the poor*,<sup>4</sup> or the magistrates, quartermasters and officers might act as tax-gatherers on behalf of the minister, elders and deacons.<sup>5</sup> From the early seventeenth century justices of the peace and their constables were responsible for expelling and punishing idle and masterful beggars and sorners<sup>6</sup>—an important, if negative, aspect of poor relief.

The parish was the normal unit for poor administration; yet the burgh could help very materially. Its powers of taxation implied greater authority than the kirk, with its free-will offerings and voluntary contributions, could enjoy. Further, since town council and kirk-session were similar in personnel,<sup>7</sup> it might be convenient to transact parochial business through the burgh.<sup>8</sup> Hence, both before and after

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taverners along with wine for secular uses), as being essentially ecclesiastical expenditure.

<sup>1</sup> Renwick, *Hist. of Glasgow*, 258.

<sup>2</sup> *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 146-7. Cf. *supra*, lviii.

<sup>3</sup> *Aberd. Recs.*, II, 22-3. *Glas. Recs.*, I, 147.

<sup>4</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, IV, 77, 153; VI, 226. *Aberd. Recs.*, II, 359-61.

<sup>5</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, III, 102-3; IV, 39, 42.

<sup>6</sup> Cf. Rogers, *Social Life in Scotland*, I, 262-7. *Edin. Recs.*, VI, 77, 78.

<sup>7</sup> Eight of the *eldaris and senioris* chosen at Peebles in Feb. 1561/2 were councillors: *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 275-6. Cf. *Lan. Recs.*, 34. *Stir. Recs.*, II, 68-70.

<sup>8</sup> In the last year (1623-24) of the Ayr Accounts, *the townis servand anent the pure* was given a coat (p. 281); he was calsay-cleaner and may also have been kirk officer. The Edinburgh town council presented the session-clerk to the kirk-session, *to be resavet and acceptit be thame*: *Edin. Recs.*, IV, 339-40, 373; VII, 216. The two bodies co-operated to elect elders and

the Reformation, the burghs practised all three traditional methods of poor relief—licensed begging, alms-giving (our 'outdoor relief'), and hospitals (or poor-houses). As early as 1503 begging at Edinburgh was forbidden except to those who bore the town's *leidin taiknis*<sup>1</sup>; at Ayr the treasurer paid for lead stamps or tokens for the poor folk, in 1536-37 and again in 1601-02.<sup>2</sup> The town council might set aside fines for the use of the poor<sup>3</sup> or allow poor children free schooling or free medical care,<sup>4</sup> poind for non-payment of the poor's tax or even ward the recalcitrant.<sup>5</sup> Institutional relief virtually depended on the town councils—they made provision for housing the indigent,<sup>6</sup> ordained that they must be decent, well-behaved, devout and economical of their pittances,<sup>7</sup> fixed the allowances of coal and candle in summer and winter,<sup>8</sup> and forbade extravagance on the part of the hospital-master.<sup>9</sup> And, when a new hospital had to be built, as was the case at Ayr in 1604,<sup>10</sup> it was almost inevitable that a burgh magistrate should undertake the expense and oversee the work of masons, slaters, wrights and smiths.

Apart from local poor administration, the burghs did a good deal towards relieving the misfortunes and miseries

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deacons, to put down the *filthy vice of harlotry*, etc.: *ib.*, VI, 36, 292. Town councils, too, made regulations anent the ringing of the kirk-bells, and the use of the mortcloth or hand-bells. *Stir. Recs.*, II, 74. *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 370-1. Cf. Craig-Brown, *Hist. of Selkirkshire*, II, 81.

<sup>1</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, I, 97.

<sup>2</sup> *Infra*, 25, 211.

<sup>3</sup> Warden, *Burgh Laws*, 28, 30, 33, 47-8, 50, 515. An Act of Parliament of 1579 ordered that *sic as tynis thair pley within burgh* should pay 1s. in the £ to the poor: *A.P.S.*, III, 147. Cf. *Edin. Recs.*, IV, 548; VI, 12.

<sup>4</sup> The town council made good the loss of fees to the teacher or surgeon: *Edin. Recs.*, IV, 407-8, 535.

<sup>5</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, III, 191-5; IV, 39, 42.

<sup>6</sup> The west vault under the Tolbooth at Peebles was set aside in 1561 for the *ressait of pure folkis, decrepit bedellis, to be harbyrit thairintill*: *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 272-3.

<sup>7</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, IV, 564-7.

<sup>8</sup> *Pais. Recs.*, 88-92. *Stir. Recs.*, II, 11.

<sup>9</sup> *Stir. Recs.*, II, 39-40.

<sup>10</sup> *Infra*, xcv, 220, 230.

of what must have been a large drifting mass of cripples, defectives, homeless vagrants and unemployable strangers. The capital was especially exposed to the visits of such hapless wanderers; assistance was given in the years 1584 and 1585, for example, to two Flemings, six *schipbrokin* Englishmen, three boys and two destitute English *tymmermen* from Norway, to *Blynd Jame* and a nameless half-wit.<sup>1</sup> Though the burgh records show many examples of sheer altruism,<sup>2</sup> expediency as well as pity may have inspired some of these gifts, which were sometimes expressly given to the sufferer *for halding him frome the gaitt, or to carrie him af the toune.*<sup>3</sup>

Most of the items of poor relief at Ayr are of this casual kind. Among those assisted were many Irishmen and Englishmen,<sup>4</sup> a Norwegian and a Frenchman,<sup>5</sup> two Dutchmen,<sup>6</sup> some shipwrecked Bretons,<sup>7</sup> a Hungarian,<sup>8</sup> and some wandering Greek scholars.<sup>9</sup> At Ayr, as elsewhere,<sup>10</sup> meat, drink, shoes and lodging were provided for *pure Spainyardis* after the Armada.<sup>11</sup> Among the Scottish cripples, orphans and *failyeit auld folkis*, were two men *quha wer spulyeit be the clan Donnald (1602-03)*,<sup>12</sup> three men from Kirkcudbright, and one from Aberdeen (recommended by the kirk to the burgh).<sup>13</sup> Local persons received relief, when they were sick, aged or indigent (especially anyone who had served the town in the past or been noted as an *honest levar*); they included a guild-brother, a waulker and

<sup>1</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, IV, 326, 338, 351, 357, 428.

<sup>2</sup> Many burghs voted money for the ransom of prisoners from the Turks. *Edin. Recs.*, VI, 135; VII, 213-4. Kennedy, *Annals of Aberdeen*, I, 175-6. Lyon, *Ayr in the Olden Times*, 98.

<sup>3</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, IV, 428. *MS. St. And. Accts.*, fol. 60v.

<sup>4</sup> *Infra*, 122, 154, 160, 185, 206, 212, 216, 245.

<sup>5</sup> P. 143.

<sup>6</sup> Pp. 185, 225.

<sup>7</sup> P. 206.

<sup>8</sup> P. 212.

<sup>9</sup> P. 245.

<sup>10</sup> Cf. *Edin. Recs.*, IV, 531-2, 542.

<sup>11</sup> P. 161.

<sup>12</sup> P. 216.

<sup>13</sup> Pp. 147, 197, 245.

a mason,<sup>1</sup> the piper,<sup>2</sup> the drummer,<sup>3</sup> two officers,<sup>4</sup> and Stephen Prestoun,<sup>5</sup> town clerk for many years and almost certainly at one time a well-to-do burghess. Sums of money up to £20, and, less often, food, drink and clothes, were given; on two occasions the charity was the last service that could be offered—a winding-sheet.<sup>6</sup> Though in some years<sup>7</sup> between £20 and £30 went towards alms (once<sup>8</sup> as much as £60), burghal poor relief was too casual to amount, as a rule, to even one *per cent.* of the revenue.

A few miscellaneous and non-classifiable<sup>9</sup> expenses are of interest. An acre of land at the Over-mill was bought for the burgh in 1602-03, and in the same year an old ship was acquired for the harbour, perhaps to serve as a landing-stage, perhaps for storing ballast.<sup>10</sup> The right of admiralty of the burgh and its waters was bought for £100 from the Admiral-depute in 1614-15.<sup>11</sup> A cook and a mason were cured, at the burgh's expense, by a *medicinar* and the surgeon.<sup>12</sup> 50 merks were given towards the support of the harbour of Musselburgh in 1616-17, and, two years later, 94 merks to relieve the distress caused by fire at Cupar<sup>13</sup>—evidence, by no means unique,<sup>14</sup> of the burghs' ability to take a wide view of the national welfare.

<sup>1</sup> Pp. 122, 265.

<sup>2</sup> Pp. 109, 122.

<sup>3</sup> P. 197.

<sup>4</sup> Pp. 185, 268.

<sup>5</sup> Pp. 30-1.

<sup>6</sup> Pp. 122, 216.

<sup>7</sup> E.g. 1586-87 (£29, 2s.), 1598-99 (£25) and 1616-17 (£20, 13s. 4d.).

<sup>8</sup> In 1609-10; but even this was only one-thirtieth of the total expenditure: p. 245.

<sup>9</sup> Most items are quite explicit, but occasional entries are in terms too vague to permit even a guess as to their nature, e.g. unexplained payments to unidentifiable persons, *ane ticket in the townis effairis* (p. 145), and the wholly exceptional summaries of expenditure on common work, *in the lawis*, etc., given in 1596-97 and 1597-98 (pp. 191-3).  
<sup>10</sup> P. 216.

<sup>11</sup> P. 258. A yearly duty of 10 merks is mentioned in the following year (p. 262).

<sup>12</sup> Pp. 262, 268.

<sup>13</sup> Pp. 265, 271.

<sup>14</sup> E.g. Glasgow devoted considerable sums to the repair of decayed bridges at Cathcart (1623), Denny (1636) and Kilsyth (1638): *Glas. Recs.*, I, 341, 378, 389. In 1624 Edinburgh made a voluntary contribution to the victims of a fire at Dunfermline: *Edin. Recs.*, VI, 253-4.



The allocation of burghal revenue varied widely from year to year with varying needs, but spending at Ayr, on the average, was according to some such pattern as this :—

	Pre-Reformation %	Post-Reformation %
Common Work . . . . .	30	21
Religion . . . . .	} 41	33 <sup>1</sup>
Education . . . . .		6
Legal & Commissioners' Expenses	13	20
Magistrates' & Officers' Fees . . . . .	5	7
Hospitality & Festivities . . . . .	5	9
Miscellaneous . . . . .	6	4

<sup>1</sup> This figure applies only to the period 1604-24; payments to the Reformed Kirk before then were very small and spasmodic.

## IV—OTHER SPENDING OFFICIALS

(a) *The Dean of Guild*

A burgh magistrate as well as head of the merchants, the dean of guild had, at least in the greater sea-ports, distinctive financial functions. His revenues came from several sources.

(i) *Guild-entries*: At Ayr, before the Reformation, a guild-brother's heir succeeded to his rights on payment of only 5s.,<sup>1</sup> but other entrants were charged 5 merks, £5 or 10 merks—the last-named sum, apparently, being payable by craftsmen who wished to trade.<sup>2</sup> At Edinburgh the full fee at this time was £10.<sup>3</sup> In the course of the period 1574-1624 the top price at Ayr rose successively to £10, £20 and £40, and at Edinburgh to £100.<sup>4</sup> The full rate at Ayr was exacted from many indwellers of neighbouring towns, such as Maybole, Stratton, Newton-upon-Ayr, Mauchline, Cumnock and Dailly,<sup>5</sup> though 5s. was retained as the charge for a son or brother on his succession.<sup>6</sup> The revenue derived from entries was often large; in 1608-09, a special effort having been made by the dean *in seiking out of gildis*, £335 were received.<sup>7</sup>

(ii) *Guild-court fines*: These were due mostly for offences against the merchants' privileges, especially such as were committed by *unfremen occupyaris of merchandice*.<sup>8</sup> Dundee merchants in 1570 were liable to unlaws ranging from 2s.

<sup>1</sup> *Infra*, 127, 131. In 1548-49 heirs are given as *born wele*: p. 107.

<sup>2</sup> Pp. 131, 134.

<sup>3</sup> *Edin. Old Accts.*, II, 146-50.

<sup>4</sup> *E.g. Edin. Recs.*, VI, 275.

<sup>5</sup> *Infra*, 43, 62, 151, 186, 216, 253, 275, 282.

<sup>6</sup> P. 241.

<sup>7</sup> Pp. 241-2.

<sup>8</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, III, 39. In 1614 the Edinburgh dean of guild received unlaws collected by the provost of Dunbar from unfree herring fishers: *ib.*, VI, 118-9.

to £10 for selling wool privately instead of in open market, or buying foreign wares from unfreemen, for trading without the dean's ticket or acting as factors for unfreemen; hucksters and all users of false weights and measures were also fined.<sup>1</sup> Regraters of the guild, as well as those who failed to take round the collection-plate,<sup>2</sup> were fined at Ayr. Another function of the dean of guild (and the only one surviving to-day) is suggested by an Edinburgh guild-unlaw of £1 for *breikin of the act maid for nychtborheid*.<sup>3</sup>

(iii) *Church Casualties*: An assortment of revenues accrued to the dean of guild from his special connexion with the Church. Collections by plate (*bred sylvir*) realised about £5-7 at Ayr, and ten times as much at Edinburgh, though there was a steep decline in both towns in the years immediately preceding 1560. Easter 'fines' were imposed at Ayr for the upkeep of the choir, and lairs or plots in the burial-ground brought in 2s., 5s. or 6s. 8d. each. Fees were charged at Edinburgh for the use of the golden and silver candlesticks, and at Ayr for the hand-bells, for private services and funerals. There were over twenty booths or shops in the Edinburgh kirk-yard, for which rents of 20-30s. were due to the dean.<sup>4</sup> Most of these revenues disappeared with the fall of Romanism, and church collections went to the kirk-session for the use of the poor;

<sup>1</sup> Warden, *Burgh Laws*, 114-8.

<sup>2</sup> *Infra*, 83.

<sup>3</sup> *Edin. Old Accts.*, II, 92. Cases of building and repairing houses to the detriment of neighbours (the basis of the dean's aedilic jurisdiction) were tried at Edinburgh as early as 1553: *Edin. Recs.*, II, 182. Neighbourhood fines during the reign of Charles I were imposed for such offences as leaving chimneys unswept, keeping middens in the streets (*to the reprotche of the town*), and negligently starting fires: *ib.*, VII, 61, 121, 223-4. For the late development of this kind of jurisdiction at Glasgow, *cf.* Murray, *Early Burgh Organisation*, I, 494-5.

<sup>4</sup> For all these items, *infra*, and *Edin. Old Accounts.*, II *passim*. For markets in Edinburgh kirk-yard long after the Reformation, *cf.* *Edin. Recs.*, V, 276.

but at Dundee mortcloth-dues (for funerals) continued to be received by the dean of guild.<sup>1</sup>

(iv) *Freights and Merchandise*: In the mid-sixteenth century the dean of guild at Edinburgh received 14s. for each freighting.<sup>2</sup> At Dundee the guildry had extensive and financially valuable powers of regulating trade; it exercised to the full the customary right of first option on all strangers' merchandise<sup>3</sup> and collected guildry-dues from all goods arriving at or leaving the harbour.<sup>4</sup> This was probably exceptional.<sup>5</sup> The dean of guild's functions, as expressed in an Edinburgh memorial of 1625-26,<sup>6</sup> included, in addition to the maintenance of the kirk and the preservation of *nichtbourheid*, the supervision of weights and measures and the prevention of trading abuses, but there is nothing to indicate that direct profits from trade were a normal source of revenue. Where collective purchases were made, the gain generally went to the treasurer.<sup>7</sup>

The guildry had the right to assess the merchants for guildry purposes, and especially for the help of *thair failyeit brether, thair wyffes, children and servands*,<sup>8</sup> but this was a power that was sparingly used. At Ayr advances

<sup>1</sup> They amounted to £89, 19s. 8d. in 1645: Warden, *op. cit.*, 153. In 1609 the Edinburgh mortcloth-dues were allocated to the maintenance of the Town's College: *Edin. Recs.*, VI, 49.

<sup>2</sup> *Edin. Old Accts.*, II, 118. Cf. *Edin. Recs.*, II, 60-1.

<sup>3</sup> Warden, *op. cit.*, 105, 155, 159, 161, 162-3.

<sup>4</sup> *Ib.*, 126, 130-1, 137-8, 140-1, 157.

<sup>5</sup> Cf. Murray, *Early Burgh Organisation*, I, 474 *et seq.*, for an extreme view of the limitation of the guildry's powers.

<sup>6</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, VI, 332-3.

<sup>7</sup> Cf. *supra*, lii. There is one possible exception in the Ayr Accounts (p. 72): the dean of guild received 15s. in 1534-35 for the *wisdome* (? profit, or freight) of a cargo of hides. In the dean of guild's compt for 1619-20 £86, 8s. are entered for two Dutch merchants' licenses to sell here; but the licenses were paid in 1622, when James Blair was no longer dean—i.e. this was not a guild revenue.

<sup>8</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, IV, 397-8.

by the treasurer or allocations from the Common Good were sometimes made when kirk-work was heavy<sup>1</sup>; otherwise the dean of guild, after the Reformation, came to depend almost entirely on guild-entries. The loss of Church casualties after 1560 was easily made good by the raising of the rates of entry. The pre-Reformation average revenue was £27, 9s., for the period 1574-1600 it was £68, 9s., and for the years 1600-24, £161, 9s. A comparison of these figures with those of the treasurer<sup>2</sup> shows a very similar degree of appreciation; at all three periods the dean of guild's revenue averaged about one-tenth of the treasurer's.

The special province of the dean of guild as a spending magistrate was the maintenance and repair of the kirk,<sup>3</sup> and the Reformation made little difference in this respect. The kirk is once spoken of as partially ruinous,<sup>4</sup> and the constant purchases of stones, timber, slates, sand, lime and glass, the re-slating of the roof and the repairing of interior wood-work, suggest something like chronic decay. Some expenses (oil and rope for the bell, linen altar-cloths and books, candles to enable the organist to play in winter) represent normal upkeep; but doors and windows, stalls and forms, pulpit and lectern, roof, lead spouts and steeple, kirk-yard dyke and stile—one or other, or several at a time, required attention. A glazier and a slater were paid retaining fees (£1 or 2 merks before the Reformation, 5 merks, £4 or £5 later), but they were also paid for actual work

<sup>1</sup> Over £13 from the treasurer in 1537-38 (p. 79); arrears of Lee and Cartland in 1552-53 (p. 118); £40 from the treasurer and 21 merks of arrears of mill-ferme in 1602-03 (p. 216); 43 merks from the treasurer, £20 in burgess-entries, and a loan of 175 merks in 1609-10 (p. 245); £65 from the treasurer in 1612-13 (p. 256).

<sup>2</sup> *Supra*, liii.

<sup>3</sup> His revenues were specifically *the kirk gair* (gear): *infra*, 21, 80. At Edinburgh the town council directed the dean of guild to carry out any needful repairs, *e.g.* to the lofts, the kirk-wall and the steeple: *Edin. Recs.*, VI, 26, 113, 193, 331-2.

<sup>4</sup> *Infra*, 249.

done. In 1601-02 some finery was provided for the pulpit—green cloth with silk fringes, black buckram and *gilt tackettis*.<sup>1</sup> Next year, at the re-building of the two lofts,<sup>2</sup> an old stair was taken down and a new one made.<sup>3</sup> Large sums of money were sometimes needed—nearly £293 in 1608-09 for the repairing of the north aisle, and £45 in 1615-16 for the freight of two boats carrying slates.<sup>4</sup>

Other church expenditure, prior to 1560, included payments for binding the mass-book (to a monk of Kilwinning), for ringing the bells on the King's return from France in 1537, for drawing the town's guns out of the kirk (in 1544-45), and for taking down the broken images.<sup>5</sup> The religious change did not loosen the bond between guildry and kirk, for the dean sometimes contributed to the salaries of minister and precentor,<sup>6</sup> and continued to pay for work and petty expenses of all kinds.

Elsewhere a like close connexion obtained. Both before the Reformation and in the reign of Charles I it was the dean's duty at Edinburgh to see to the *keiping* of the kirk and the *dichting* of the gutters.<sup>7</sup> In the years 1560-62 he paid part of John Knox's salary (which was £500 per year), house-mail, and household gear, and he built a study for the great reformer.<sup>8</sup> At Stirling and at Dundee the dean of guild contributed to the minister's salary.<sup>9</sup> The Dundee guild-court imposed fines for absence from prayers, for Sabbath trading, and for failure to attend funerals of the brethren.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>1</sup> P. 212.

<sup>2</sup> The council's loft and the lords' loft. Other accommodation included the scholars' seat, and the women's seats before the desk: pp. 213, 221.

<sup>3</sup> Pp. 216-7.

<sup>4</sup> Pp. 242, 263.

<sup>5</sup> Pp. 20, 73, 96. The images were probably broken at the moving of the guns, and not by Protestant zeal.

<sup>6</sup> Pp. 40, 44, 147, 151, 164, 172.

<sup>7</sup> *Edin. Old Accts.*, II, 16. *Edin. Recs.*, VI, 332-3.

<sup>8</sup> *Edin. Old Accts.*, II, 115, 153-4.

<sup>9</sup> *Stir. Recs.*, I, 185-6, 225. Warden, *Burgh Laws*, 60.

<sup>10</sup> *Ib.*, 132-6.

Other normal guildry expenses included the dean of guild's fee (£2, rising to 5 merks and £5 at Ayr),<sup>1</sup> routine charges like the tipping of the guild-wand (with silver-gilt or brass),<sup>2</sup> and, in accordance with the practice laid down in the *Statuta Gilde*,<sup>3</sup> the maintenance of *honest decayit burgessis of gild* or the widows of brethren.<sup>4</sup> The Ayr Accounts record payments of alms or *support* to decayed burgesses or widows,<sup>5</sup> some or all of which may belong to the class of guild charity. After the building of the Hospital the dean of guild provided coals for the inmates, and paid for the making of two *mort kistis* for the poor in 1623-24.<sup>6</sup>

But the division of expenditure, whereby the dean of guild devoted his revenue to the upkeep of the kirk, and so relieved the Common Good, was not rigidly observed. The treasurer regularly paid the bellman's fee *for keiping of the kirk*, and sometimes paid for work at the kirk and even the glazier's fee<sup>7</sup>—which normally fell to the dean of guild. On the other hand, when guild-entries were many and the Common Good heavily burdened, the dean of guild would supply timber for the haven or slates for the Tolbooth,<sup>8</sup> contribute towards the new knock or the new steeple,<sup>9</sup> defray commissioners' expenses (especially when he was himself the commissioner),<sup>10</sup> provide a new gown for the schoolmaster, parchment for the drum, or halberts for the officers,<sup>11</sup> give wine, *comfeittis*, or a barrel of herring to the *townis freindis*,<sup>12</sup> or pay for the Robin Hood play or

<sup>1</sup> Cf. *Edin. Old Accts.*, II, 16, and Warden, *op. cit.*, 124, 154. Fees were also paid to the guild-chaplain and officers at Edinburgh, the collector, clerk and officer at Dundee.

<sup>2</sup> *Infra*, 75, 123, 213.

<sup>4</sup> *Aberd. Recs.*, II, 155. Warden, *op. cit.*, 147, 153, 156.

<sup>5</sup> *Infra*, 112, 122-3, 137, 147, 162. <sup>6</sup> Pp. 263, 266, 282.

<sup>7</sup> *E.g.* pp. 254, 257. <sup>8</sup> Pp. 83, 137.

<sup>9</sup> Pp. 263, 266. <sup>10</sup> Pp. 120, 154, 202, 273, 275 (*bis*).

<sup>11</sup> Pp. 186 (*bis*), 273. <sup>12</sup> Pp. 44, 162, 164, 186, 266.

<sup>3</sup> *Esp. cap.* xii.

the archery of the *papingo*.<sup>1</sup> Sometimes, indeed, part of the dean of guild's revenue was paid directly to treasurer<sup>2</sup> or master of work.<sup>3</sup> It was simply a matter of convenience—the most readily available funds were used for the most urgent needs.

(b) *The Master of Work*

Masters of work were often special functionaries, appointed *ad hoc* or with limited responsibility. The official appointed to build the Edinburgh College in 1585 (with existing and future College revenues)<sup>4</sup> conforms to this type, as do the Dundee piermasters (who received harbour casualties as well as grants from the Common Good)<sup>5</sup> and, at Dumbarton, various overseers of work at the bulwark, bridges, streets and manse.<sup>6</sup> Lanark, on the other hand, had an annually elected magistrate, who, when any work had to be done, was instructed to *agree with warkmen for that effect*.<sup>7</sup> The Ayr Accounts record the financial transactions of just such an official with unusual, perhaps unique, clarity.

The office of *magister communis operis* at Ayr rotated, exactly like the other magistracies, among the leading councillors; the fee was £2 up to 1547, and thereafter 5 merks. He was, in the main, a spending officer, receiving grants from other magistrates' revenues, and accounting for his intromissions at the annual audit. There is one cryptic reference to the *unlawis and casualiteis* of the office<sup>8</sup>; and he was occasionally charged with mill-stones from the town's quarry sold by him, and with timber<sup>9</sup>—which may be the casualties referred to. Apart from these

<sup>1</sup> Pp. 84, 186.

<sup>3</sup> Pp. 40, 80, 137, 164, 207, 253, 273.

<sup>5</sup> Warden, *Burgh Laws*, 20.

<sup>7</sup> *Lan. Recs.*, 146, 188, 237.

<sup>9</sup> Pp. 79, 80, 88, 274.

<sup>2</sup> Pp. 137, 207.

<sup>4</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, II, 74; IV, 431.

<sup>6</sup> *Dumb. Recs.*, 26, 38, 67-8.

<sup>8</sup> *Infra*, 226.



isolated entries, the record shows the master of work as handling specific grants *to be imployit upoun the townis commoun workis*. His duty was to be on the spot as supervisor; in 1598-99 he was allowed, in addition to his fee, £20 *for his panis* and 5 merks per week for twelve weeks for *awayting and ourseying of the work*, and, in 1612-13, 20 merks as *bounteth for his greit travell and panis*.<sup>1</sup> There was no clear distinction between his common works and those attended to by other magistrates. In 1613-14 he was given £132, but a note at the end of the year's compts gives a total expenditure on common works of £671, 12s. 8d.; in 1617-18 he received £160, but the work at the shore alone cost £420 that year.<sup>2</sup> As a rule, the treasurer's expenses for common work were heavier than the master of work's, the dean of guild attended to most, though by no means all, of the kirk-work, and several others (bailies, clerk, etc.) sometimes took a hand. Incidental considerations, such as the need of personal supervision of certain types of work, must have determined the division of labour. At times the master of work answers for major expenses; at others he spends *in small rewardis, in careing of tymmer, making of barrowis and paying of the barrowmen and uthcris small comptis*.<sup>3</sup>

There is, therefore, no system about the allocation of revenue to the master of work. Grants by the treasurer supplied, as a rule, most of his receipts, but he might also receive sums from the dean of guild,<sup>4</sup> the provost,<sup>5</sup> a bailie,<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Pp. 196, 198, 255. Cf. pp. 253, 258, for further bonuses for services. He is *ovirsear of the townis commoun work* on p. 162, but on p. 161 there is an *ovirsear of the townis work*, employed at the bridge, who was not master of work. On p. 196 George Tennent, as well as the master of work, was rewarded *for his awayting and oursicht of the townis workis*. Such *ad hoc* appointees correspond to the Dumbarton overseers of work.

<sup>2</sup> Pp. 63-4, 66, 268, 269.

<sup>3</sup> P. 246. Cf. p. 248.

<sup>6</sup> P. 80.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. *supra*, xci.

<sup>5</sup> P. 115.

the tacksman of the Brig-impost<sup>1</sup> or collectors of stents<sup>2</sup>; or specific items of revenue might be paid directly to him—burgess- and guild-entries,<sup>3</sup> the mill-ferme,<sup>4</sup> or merchants' licenses to sell their goods.<sup>5</sup> He was charged with the rents he owed, as an ordinary burgess, to the town,<sup>6</sup> or with the balance due from him for some previous magistracy,<sup>7</sup> or, again, he received nothing and spent his own money on the town's works in order to wipe out his arrears of rent.<sup>8</sup> Three times the treasurer was also master of work,<sup>9</sup> but during four separate years there were two masters of work.<sup>10</sup>

The absence of the master of work did not necessitate a stoppage of common works,<sup>11</sup> and sometimes compts were never presented, though the usual grants by the treasurer were made.<sup>12</sup> Though some attempt was made, on the whole, to balance revenue to needs, there is sometimes a wide disparity between receipts and expenditure.<sup>13</sup> The master of work's charge, therefore, varies greatly—between *nil*<sup>14</sup> and £310, 13s. 4d.<sup>15</sup> His average receipts were £30, 4s. for the period 1534-62, £78, 16s. for 1574-1600, and £67, 2s. for 1600-24; that is, they were rather like those of the dean of guild, except that the latter did not fall away in the seventeenth century.

The details of expenditure on common work do not differ greatly from those of the treasurer. The quay and

<sup>1</sup> Pp. 164, 168, 173, 194, 198, 233.

<sup>2</sup> Pp. 46, 47, 51, 63-4, 164, 194, 198, 202, 208, 233.

<sup>3</sup> Pp. 107, 164, 173, 217.

<sup>4</sup> P. 168.

<sup>5</sup> Pp. 213, 233, 246.

<sup>6</sup> Pp. 18, 73, 75, 79.

<sup>7</sup> Pp. 80, 133, 190.

<sup>8</sup> Pp. 131, 155.

<sup>9</sup> In 1555-56, 1560-61 and 1592-93.

<sup>10</sup> In 1541-42, 1590-91, 1591-92 and 1607-08.

<sup>11</sup> Pp. 34, 229.

<sup>12</sup> Pp. 98, 139, 141, 145, 150, 159, 248, 276-7.

<sup>13</sup> Pp. 91-2, 97, 101, 112-3, 172-3, 202.

<sup>14</sup> On three occasions, other than those when he owed arrears (*supra*, n. 8), he received nothing—in 1547-48, 1552-53 and 1561-62.

<sup>15</sup> P. 198.

bulwark required timber, mason-work and freights of stones (sometimes brought by *gabbar* or lighter), the calsays needed *redding* (once from snow<sup>1</sup>), the workers at the bridge were given copious draughts of ale with their dinners, and used a pump to dam the water,<sup>2</sup> the horses of Alloway or the Burrowfield brought turf to the butts, the forester of Dalrymple Wood cut rushes,<sup>3</sup> the quarrymen hewed stones and the barrowmen brought them, the Tolbooth roof was slated, the windows mended and the Thieves'-hole door made fast, the kirk-dyke was built at £5 per rood in 1591-92, tools were made and mended, the knock 'tempered,' *cukstulis* built for flyting women,<sup>4</sup> a perch was set up in the harbour, a mooring-post for boats on the shore,<sup>5</sup> and a *bowat* on a post for *mirk nychtis*,<sup>6</sup> the arms of the King, the Queen, the burgh and the Earl of Morton were hewn and painted at the Brig-port,<sup>7</sup> the school got a schoolmaster's desk and the Tolbooth *ane dry previe* (made out of a barrel),<sup>8</sup> a master-wright was brought from Leith to help with the work at the quay, and *ane Eistland man* made a *bwk* or cart for the town.<sup>9</sup> Wages rose as money-values fell. Before the Reformation a master-mason got 3s. 4d. a day or £1 per week, quarriers 10s. per week, barrowmen and day labourers from 6d. to 1s. 6d. a day.<sup>10</sup> At the end of the century a master-mason had £3, 10s. per week, and barrowmen up to £1, 10s.<sup>11</sup>

Occasionally the master of work paid small items outside his own province—the Blackfriars' arrears,<sup>12</sup> the fee for

<sup>1</sup> P. 165.

<sup>2</sup> P. 169.

<sup>3</sup> P. 19.

<sup>4</sup> P. 75. A cuck-stool was set up in Edinburgh in 1597: *Edin. Recs.*, V, 197.

<sup>5</sup> P. 155.

<sup>6</sup> P. 169. For street-lighting in Edinburgh by means of private *bowatt licht*, vide *Edin. Recs.*, V, 50, 102.

<sup>7</sup> Pp. 172-3. Cf. Lyon, *Ayr in the Olden Times*, 38-9. Indoor workmen surmounted their difficulties by breaking a hole in the house to *schaw licht*.

<sup>8</sup> P. 217.

<sup>9</sup> P. 233.

<sup>10</sup> Pp. 18-9, 89, 112-3, 115.

<sup>11</sup> Pp. 176, 178, 198.

<sup>12</sup> P. 80.

keeping the hills or part of a chaplain's fee.<sup>1</sup> Twice he allowed himself commissioner's expenses,<sup>2</sup> but only once (1589-90) did he make any considerable share of the payments usually made by the treasurer—magistrates' fees, commissioners', messengers' and legal expenses, and poor relief (to *twa honest lyk pure men suldartis come out of France*)—as well as common works. Since in that year the master of work had received over £211 from various quarters,<sup>3</sup> it is clear that this allocation of burghal finance was wholly abnormal.

(c) *The Provost*

The provost had normally no fiscal responsibilities; it is true that, during the first five years of the Ayr Accounts, his compt was entered, but this was done in respect of the rents he owed the town, not because of his tenure of office. It was only for exceptional transactions that the provost intromitted with burghal monies; three such transactions are recorded during this time at Ayr. In 1597-98 Provost David Fergushill, instead of the treasurer, received the mill-ferme (£225), and this sum he disbursed on repairs at the mill, the quay and elsewhere, on legal affairs in Edinburgh, and for his own expenses as commissioner to Parliament.<sup>4</sup> The building of the Hospital was begun in 1604,<sup>5</sup> but mostly carried out under the supervision of Provost Fergushill (1605-06),<sup>6</sup> who required, to buy timber, stones and lime, and to pay the wages of the mason, wrights, slater, smith and others, the sum of £357; he therefore received two sums of money due to the town, amounting to £273, 6s. 8d., and £100 from *the kirkis silvir*, *i.e.* the poor's fund. The unspent balance of more than £15 was handed over to the kirk-session. In 1617 Provost

<sup>1</sup> P. 108 (*bis*).

<sup>4</sup> Pp. 194-5.

<sup>2</sup> Pp. 123, 155.

<sup>5</sup> P. 220.

<sup>3</sup> Pp. 164-6.

<sup>6</sup> Pp. 229-30.

John Osburne claimed over £150 for attending Parliament in Edinburgh (including £64 for his mantle). He received 350 merks for the foremail of the wool-tron custom, and other advances to bring the total above £320. His discharge was completed by expenditure on work at the Tolbooth and in preparation for the expected visit of the Lord Treasurer of Ireland (who, after all, did not come).<sup>1</sup> Hence in the Scots burghs it was only by exceptional allocations from the Common Good that the provost exercised any financial functions.

(d) *The Bailies*

The bailies, unlike the provost, had a distinct financial province. From early times it was they who collected the burgh-fermes or mails,<sup>2</sup> and it was in their name that payment was made to the Exchequer. Further, the burgh-court was the bailie-court,<sup>3</sup> and the unlaws went to the bailies. Fines were exigible for breaking the prices fixed at the assizes, for absence from burgh-court,<sup>4</sup> council-meeting<sup>5</sup> or even burials,<sup>6</sup> for *trubulance*, drawing a weapon or striking any one (blood-unlaws),<sup>7</sup> for defamation of

<sup>1</sup> P. 266.

<sup>2</sup> The Edinburgh bailies kept *thair quarter buikis of the mailles*: *Edin. Recs.*, V, 153, 159.

<sup>3</sup> Jurisdiction was vested in the magistrates, not the council: Bankton, *Institute of the Laws of Scotland* (1751-53), II, 577. The head-courts (Michaelmas, Yule and Easter) were held for recurrent and formal business, especially the assizes: *Edin. Recs.*, I, 61, 79, 110. Cf. Bateson, *Borough Customals*, II, cxlv-cxlvii, 50-5. In 1624 the Edinburgh bailie-court sat three times per week, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, for criminal causes: *Edin. Recs.*, VI, 283. Commissions of judiciary were got for important cases. *Stir. Recs.*, I, 24, 42, 53, 71. *Edin. Recs.*, II, 150-1. *Muniments of Irvine*, Nos. 27, 31, 36, 38, 40. Cf. *infra*, 102 (to punish breakers of the pest regulations) and 224 (to try incestuous women).

<sup>4</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, I, 59, 90; II, 50.

<sup>5</sup> *Stir. Recs.*, I, 41. *Glas. Recs.*, I, 145. *Aberd. Recs.*, II, 378.

<sup>6</sup> *Annals of Banff*, I, 147, 156. *Lyon, Ayr in the Olden Times*, 34.

<sup>7</sup> *Aberd. Recs.*, I, 228. *Edin. Recs.*, III, 242; IV, 218-9; VI, 43, 150, 154. *Lan. Recs.*, 154. Hay, *Hist. of Arbroath*, 153.

character, disobeying or failing to assist an officer, for bad *nichtbourheid* or seeking the protection of a laird,<sup>1</sup> being *fund drukkin* or insulting a bailie, selling books without permission, grinding at extra-burghal mills or blocking public passages.<sup>2</sup> The Edinburgh bailies rendered yearly compt of their unlaws, which went to relieve the Common Good, *e.g.* by maintaining the calsays<sup>3</sup>; fines were payable by maltmen and candlemakers for convening unlawfully.<sup>4</sup> Each bailie of Dundee answered for the fines from his own quarter, and a register was used as a tally.<sup>5</sup> In 1641 the Glasgow bailies were instructed to exact full fines from fleshers, and not to take compositions.<sup>6</sup> The frequent orders to bailies to devote the profits of justice to objects of common welfare<sup>7</sup> may reflect suspicions as to the uses to which they were put. In 1607 a compromise was adopted at Paisley, whereby blood-unlaws were to be *imployit haillilie for the commoun weill of this burgh*, and all others to be paid, two-thirds to the treasurer, one-third to the bailies for their fees, which should amount to £20.<sup>8</sup> Collectors of unlaws were sometimes appointed to assist the bailies,<sup>9</sup> and many fines were specifically allocated to the use of the poor.<sup>10</sup>

The fines formed the bulk of the bailies' revenues in all the burghs except the capital, where the complexities of life brought far more duties to these magistrates than was

<sup>1</sup> *Aberd. Recs.*, I, 380-2. Kennedy, *Annals of Aberdeen*, I, 86. *Lan. Recs.*, 242, 251. *Edin. Recs.*, III, 77-8; IV, 181.

<sup>2</sup> *Ib.*, V, 58, 222, 278, 305, 324-5.

<sup>3</sup> *Edin. Old Accts.*, I, 13-4. *Edin. Recs.*, IV, 161, 201, 207, 236.

<sup>4</sup> *Ib.*, VI, 48, 49. Cf. Marwick, *High Constables of Edinburgh*, xiv-xv.

<sup>5</sup> Warden, *Burgh Laws*, 47.

<sup>6</sup> *Glas. Recs.*, I, 433.

<sup>7</sup> *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 157. *Lan. Recs.*, 73. Cf. *infra*, cxxii.

<sup>8</sup> *Pais. Recs.*, 284.

<sup>9</sup> *Glas. Recs.*, I, 239. *Lan. Recs.*, 152-3. *Edin. Recs.*, IV, 265-75, 294, 327. *A.P.S.*, III, 263-4.

<sup>10</sup> Warden, *Burgh Laws*, 15, 33. *A.P.S.*, III, 147. *Aberd. Recs.*, II, 34. *Edin. Recs.*, IV, 548.

the case elsewhere. Not only were the bailies responsible for unlaws; they usually collected stents<sup>1</sup> and watch-money, the payments by the neighbours to raise a feed-watch or burghal police, a system which alternated at Edinburgh in the seventeenth century with periodic returns to the primitive burgher-watch.<sup>2</sup> Thus the bailies submitted annual accounts of three kinds—for fines, stents, and watch-money.<sup>3</sup>

At Ayr the bailies were responsible for the burgh-mails (£3) and the feus of the Burrowfield (£10), but these ancient dues were normally in arrears. Only one *compt of the unlaws* is included in the Accounts, showing three blood-unlaws and one fine for a *cuff* or blow—all paid to Bailie John Osburne (1603-04).<sup>4</sup> No reason appears for the omission of other bailies' compts; if fines were not regarded as a regular department of the Common Good of Ayr, no doubt they were still collected by the bailies, and annually expended on works and other common affairs of the burgh, as in the one surviving compt. From time to time, however, special revenues were allocated to the bailies, so that several extraordinary compts are included in the Accounts. The bailies received £1, 10s. for each of 141 acres of the sands leased in 1553,<sup>5</sup> roughly half the grasssums that fell due that year,<sup>6</sup> and feu-duties in 1557,<sup>7</sup> 1559-60<sup>8</sup> and 1591-1592.<sup>9</sup> Other receipts included profits of rouns,<sup>10</sup> a merchant's license,<sup>11</sup> sales of the burgh's timber<sup>12</sup> and portions of stents.<sup>13</sup> The feu-duties of 1591-92 went entirely on work at the quay (for which purpose the feus were given), and the revenues of 1613-14 paid for work at the bridge;

<sup>1</sup> *Infra*, cix-cx.

<sup>2</sup> For the paid watch, *Edin. Recs.*, VI, 34, 46, 66; VII, 234. For the burgher-watch, *ib.*, VI, 282-3; VII, 240-1.

<sup>3</sup> *E.g. ib.*, VI, 270-1.

<sup>4</sup> *Infra*, 53.

<sup>5</sup> P. 116.

<sup>6</sup> Pp. 118-9.

<sup>7</sup> P. 127.

<sup>8</sup> P. 33.

<sup>9</sup> P. 174.

<sup>10</sup> P. 32.

<sup>11</sup> P. 53.

<sup>12</sup> P. 65.

<sup>13</sup> Pp. 33, 65.

otherwise the bailies simply spent their revenues on the normal affairs of the burgh—chaplains' fees, gifts to lawyers, shoes for the minister in 1559-60, and so forth.

(c) *The Clerk and Others*

In the early Ayr Accounts Stephen Prestoun, town clerk, owing rent for a fishing, cancelled out his obligation by professional services to the town—writing, making out commissions, taking instruments, drawing up a rental, and binding the compt-book. Half a century later John Masoun, who then held the office, was in demand as a collector of stents.<sup>1</sup> These intromissions were accidental, and normally the common clerkship carried no fiscal duties.

In the years 1534-39 private burgesses accounted for their dues to the town, but these were not true compts in the sense in which those of the magistrates were. In 1587 John Lokhert, burgess, was charged with nine years' arrears of rent, and showed that he had over-spent the sum due in affairs of the town; his position was exceptional, in that he was able to provide funds at a time when they were lacking.<sup>2</sup> In 1591 William Hammiltoun, tacksman of the Brig-impost, instead of paying his tack-duty to the treasurer, spent it for the most part directly on repairs at the bridge—almost certainly by order of the town council.

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<sup>1</sup> Pp. 15, 76-7; 45-52.

<sup>2</sup> Pp. cxxi; 151-2.



## V—EXTRAORDINARY FINANCE

The even course of burghal finance might undergo violent change, on the one side, through the abnormal expenses called for by the visitation of the plague or the threat of war, and, on the other, through the expedients of stents or loans to raise revenue.

(a) *The Pest*

The measures adopted by the burghs to deal with the menace of universal disease and death are well known—the setting of a strong watch over the ports at the first rumours from other towns, the building up of the yetts, the vennels and the back-dykes, the appointment of quartermasters to see that rules were obeyed, the isolation of infected persons in *luges* or wooden shelters on the foul muir outside the town, the boiling of infected clothes and goods in cauldrons, the feeing of *clengers* or cleaners to tend to the sick and feed them, and the belated adoption of elementary sanitary measures.<sup>1</sup> The Accounts show how burgh finance, like every other aspect of local life, was shattered by the dread scourge.

At Midsummer 1539 rumours must have reached the town, for the ports were watched, the waste entries closed, and the yetts repaired.<sup>2</sup> Six years later the threat became a reality. In 1544 the gates were built up,<sup>3</sup> and next year the ports were watched daily,<sup>4</sup> the vennels closed, and *thornis and stakis* fixed in *the oppin partis of the toun*.<sup>5</sup> From September 1545 to March 1546 the pest must have been to the inhabitants a fact of infinitely greater importance

<sup>1</sup> For the burgh's methods, *vide* Lyon, *Ayr in the Olden Times*, 15-7, 18-25.

<sup>2</sup> The master of work paid for these services : p. 80.

<sup>3</sup> Pp. 94-5.

<sup>4</sup> P. 96.

<sup>5</sup> P. 97.

than the distant war against the English. Half the treasurer's revenues were paid to William Neisbit, *kepar of the town and furnissar of the seik folkis upoun the mure*, and some rents were remitted.<sup>1</sup> Further sums went to Neisbit next year, payments were made to other five men for their services *in the last pest*, the Brig-yett was guarded, the muir and the streets cleaned; half the dean of guild's rents were in arrears.<sup>2</sup> In January 1548 an account was rendered of the expenses of William Neisbit, himself dead by then, probably of the pest; he is styled vice-provost and president. He spent over £243, mostly in attending to the sick on the muir and in the town, and also for locks and repairs at the ports, a lodge at the bridge, and a commission *to justefy thame that brak rewll*<sup>3</sup>—a grim reminder of the rigid discipline necessary at such a time. Until 1550 the treasurers were still paying in arrears for services rendered during these terrible six months, including the fees of the night-watch, compensation to a burgess for the burning of his house, and to the schoolmaster for the school-fees lost *quhen the scule held not*.<sup>4</sup>

At intervals between 1584 and 1588 the plague was raging in various Scottish towns, the usual precautions were taken at Ayr, and some success seems to have been achieved.<sup>5</sup> The ports were closed with cabers in 1585.<sup>6</sup> During the year 1587-88 a boy was sent to Cumnock for news of the pest, the ports were mended, and a suspect was *inclosit* and fed.<sup>7</sup> Again in 1601-02 vennels and ports were closed, an officer sent to Maybole to get tryell anent *the infectioun*, two men directed to keep poor strangers away, and a poor woman confined in the Thieves'-hole.<sup>8</sup> In 1603-04 and 1604-05 the customary expenses were incurred

<sup>1</sup> P. 98. The master of work was probably one of the victims.

<sup>2</sup> Pp. 100-1.

<sup>3</sup> P. 102.

<sup>4</sup> Pp. 104, 106, 109.

<sup>5</sup> Cf. Lyon, *op. cit.*, 15-7.

<sup>6</sup> P. 154.

<sup>7</sup> Pp. 159, 160.

<sup>8</sup> P. 211.

at the vennels, dykes and ports.<sup>1</sup> There was a *visitation* in 1606-07, a huge kettle was used on the foul muir to disinfect clothes, rents were unpaid, the master of work presented no compt for 1605-06 on account of his absence in connexion with the pest, and the deans of guild for that year and the next both died, probably of the plague, before presenting theirs.<sup>2</sup> The workmen specially hired for the quay left the work *be intervening of the pest*.<sup>3</sup> In 1608 the plague was still in the neighbourhood (at Kilmarnock), while belated payments were being made for services during the recent visit.<sup>4</sup>

The extreme danger of ministering to infected persons meant that such servants were paid unusually high wages,<sup>5</sup> and in several ways prevention, rather than cure, must have had an economic as well as a humane appeal to the burghs. The attitude towards the unhygienic conditions which made possible the terrible ravages<sup>6</sup> of the plague was, as all burgh records show, casual in the extreme.<sup>7</sup> In 1607, obviously as a direct result of the visitation of 1606-1607, Ayr engaged a town surgeon, James Harper, at a yearly fee of 50 merks<sup>8</sup>; in this respect the burgh was about a generation behind the chief towns in Scotland, but well in advance of the smaller burghs. Glasgow's

<sup>1</sup> Pp. 220, 222, 224, 226.

<sup>2</sup> Pp. 229, 232.

<sup>3</sup> P. 233.

<sup>4</sup> Pp. 236, 240, 241.

<sup>5</sup> At Edinburgh (1568-85) *clene* and *fowle clengeris* and distributors of food got £6, £8 or £10 per month: *Edin. Recs.*, III, 254; IV, 30, 419, 426.

<sup>6</sup> Mortality at Edinburgh was high enough in 1597 to induce the town council to forbid burials *with ane hist*: *Edin. Recs.*, V, 196. For pest expenses then and in 1602, *ib.*, 360-1, 375-6.

<sup>7</sup> *E.g. infra*, 114, 176, 248, 251. From 1613 a regular calsay-cleaner was employed: *supra*, lxxvi n. 1. In 1591 the inhabitants of Edinburgh were expected to remove middens and clear their house-fronts *ilk Setterday at evin*: *Edin. Recs.*, V, 38. The lockman was supposed to keep the High Street clear of middens and swine: *ib.*, 93.

<sup>8</sup> It is first referred to as allowance for house-mail (pp. 232, 237), but later as a stipend (p. 239, etc.). He was also the town barber: Pagan, *Annals of Ayr*, 66.

first town surgeon, Alexander Hay, was engaged in 1577,<sup>1</sup> Edinburgh's, James Henrysoun, in 1585<sup>2</sup>: in each case the stipend was £20. In 1637 Dumbarton appointed a surgeon with £40 per year, a house and yard, and his burgess-entry *gratis*, for practising the science of *phisik, pottingerie and chirurgerie*.<sup>3</sup> But, even if every barber was not a surgeon,<sup>4</sup> the unholy alliance shows that the profession was not generally held in high repute; in 1614 Thomas Richie, *sururigane* at St. Andrews, was paid £5 *for mending the drum and putting in twa heidis thairin*.<sup>5</sup> Sheer neglect of public hygiene constituted a standing invitation to the periodic visits of the pest during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, just as the evils of the Factory Age supplied cholera and typhus with ideal breeding-grounds.

#### (b) *War and Military Expenditure*

The military obligations of burgesses applied in law to all, but in practice the Crown ordered a certain number of soldiers to turn out: *becaus we wald be laith to truble the haill inhabitantis of our burrowes being subject . . . we haif thoct guid to certifie yow that ye sendand unto us ane hundreth and thre scoir habill hakbutteris provydit to remayne with us for the space of ane moneth. . .*<sup>6</sup> The Convention claimed that the duty did not extend to *Wairdan or Lieutennend raidis*, but existed only *quhair the Kingis awin proper persoun past himself, or quhen the haill body of the realm war chairgit to pas aganis forain ennemeis*<sup>7</sup>; but

<sup>1</sup> *Glas. Recs.*, I, 58.

<sup>2</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, IV, 420-1. Cf. *ib.*, V, 306. Henrysoun was himself infected and lost his wife in the plague of 1585: *ib.*, IV, 436.

<sup>3</sup> *Dumb. Recs.*, 52.

<sup>4</sup> The Edinburgh surgeons strove to keep the mere barbers from practising surgery: *Edin. Recs.*, V, 228-9; VI, 19.

<sup>5</sup> *MS. St. And. Accts.*, fol. 20v.

<sup>6</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, II, 58; IV, 260, 322 *et seq.*

<sup>7</sup> *Recs. Conv. R. B.*, I, 68.

the distinction was lost when a crisis arose. Thus the burgesses of Ayr were liable for service or taxation, not only during the great English attack of 1544-50, but also when Argyle,<sup>1</sup> Bothwell<sup>2</sup> or some lesser commander led a national force against internal disturbers of the peace. Among these domestic enemies were Bothwell himself in 1593,<sup>3</sup> the popish lords in 1594,<sup>4</sup> and several bands of thieves and pirates, Scots, English and Irish.<sup>5</sup>

From time to time Acts of Parliament specified the arms to be borne by burgesses,<sup>6</sup> and the Accounts tell us something of Ayr's military equipment. The town's muskets and spears were taken out, cleaned, and repaired or sharpened,<sup>7</sup> a burgh standard (*handseneye*) and several banners (*pensales*) made,<sup>8</sup> a trumpet or trumpet-drum (*swysche tabroun*) provided,<sup>9</sup> and a minstrel paid for *passing with the toun* to the muster.<sup>10</sup> In the years between 1542 and 1550 military expenditure was heavy, for six guns were bought at a cost of over £133,<sup>11</sup> gunners were employed,<sup>12</sup> gun-wheels and gunpowder bought,<sup>13</sup> and the guns taken out of the kirk, which must have served as the arsenal.<sup>14</sup> These expenses were spread over several years, as and when funds were available.

In the national emergency of 1542 the burgh contributed both men and money,<sup>15</sup> but in lesser crises the choice lay between these two kinds of service. In 1578-79 a commissioner was sent to the Privy Council at Stirling anent the proposed Border raid, *to se gif the toun culd be dischargit thair of, or utherwyiss gif men or money wald serve*.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>1</sup> P. 122.<sup>2</sup> P. 165.<sup>3</sup> P. 176.<sup>4</sup> The raid of Aberdeen : pp. 180, 190.<sup>5</sup> Pp. 163 (*bis*), 241, 262.<sup>6</sup> *E.g. A.P.S.*, II, 10 ; IV, 169.<sup>7</sup> Pp. 93, 281.<sup>8</sup> Pp. 89, 96, 125.<sup>9</sup> Pp. 30, 89, 93, 96.<sup>10</sup> Pp. 88, 91.<sup>11</sup> P. 102.<sup>12</sup> Pp. 96, 102 n. 2.<sup>13</sup> Pp. 93, 104, 126.<sup>14</sup> P. 96.<sup>15</sup> Pp. 87-8. The bailies took first a detachment, then *the haill toun*, to Lauder.<sup>16</sup> P. 143.

This entry is typical of the attitude of the burghs in general to military affairs. True, periodic wapinschaws were held,<sup>1</sup> all fensible men were obliged to attend,<sup>2</sup> and the piper and drummer turned out<sup>3</sup>; the weapons then shown—*hakbuttis* or muskets, spears or pikes, swords, staves, and even bow and arrows<sup>4</sup>—must have presented a fearsome, if motley, array. On the other hand, drinks were provided at the public expense,<sup>5</sup> and it may be presumed that, except in times of actual warfare, the burgesses did not take these semi-social gatherings too seriously. Then, as now, civilian and pacifist sentiment was strong. The burgesses were ready to furnish boats for Argyle's army, wine and gunpowder for the young men sent to chase Irish pirates, muskets for the King's guard or wages for the King's soldiers.<sup>6</sup> They would levy a stent *to hald men of weir upoun the bordouris* or for some similar object.<sup>7</sup> Above all, however, they preferred to negotiate with the Crown for an exemption (*ane eiss*) from service; there are no fewer than six such attempts recorded in the Accounts.<sup>8</sup> After the termination of the last English war in 1550 the *honest men*, essentially anti-militarist, took the minimum of interest in the warlike activities of the kingdom.

### (c) *Taxation*

Early records of taxation—William the Lion's of 1190 and 1211,<sup>9</sup> the *decimus denarius* of 1326,<sup>10</sup> the *contribucio*

<sup>1</sup> *A.P.S.*, II, 10-1. *Edin. Recs.*, II, 199; VI, 30.

<sup>2</sup> *Lan. Recs.*, 244.

<sup>3</sup> *Infra*, 181, 281.

<sup>4</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, II, 203. *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 339-41. *Lan. Recs.*, 75-7. *Annals of Banff*, I, 56, 176. *Dumb. Recs.*, 46, 55.

<sup>5</sup> *Infra*, 237.

<sup>6</sup> Pp. 122, 163, 201, 225, 241, 262.

<sup>7</sup> Pp. 87, 91, 130, 190.

<sup>8</sup> Pp. 87 (Gladsmuir), 143 (Borders), 159 (Hamilton's raid), 165 (against thieves), 176 (Bothwell), 180 (Aberdeen). Cf. *supra*, lxxii.

<sup>9</sup> *Exch. Rolls*, I, xc. *A.P.S.*, I, 66. Bower, *Annals*, cap. xxi (*Historians of Scotland*, IV, 269).

<sup>10</sup> *A.P.S.*, I, 475-6. *Exch. Rolls*, I, lxxxv, lxxxix-xci; and rolls for 1327-29.

*pro pace* of 1328,<sup>1</sup> the levies for David's ransom in 1360-61,<sup>2</sup> 1364/5 and 1366,<sup>3</sup> and the stent of 1s. in the £ for James's *costage* in England (1424)<sup>4</sup>—yield little evidence of systematic assessments, and not till 1467 was each estate asked to contribute a fixed quota (in this case £1000 each).<sup>5</sup> For seven out of nine taxes voted between the years 1478 and 1493, the clergy paid two-fifths, the barons two-fifths, and the burghs one-fifth.<sup>6</sup> After forty-two years' silence on the part of the records, *the auld use and consuetude* in 1535 was to the effect that the clergy paid one-half, the barons one-third, and the burghs one-sixth.<sup>7</sup> This proportion served as a guide (with the exception of two minor taxes raised in 1578<sup>8</sup>) throughout the remainder of Parliament's existence,<sup>9</sup> temporal lordships being stented with the clerical estate, and, after the abolition of ecclesiastical representation, the shires paying five-sixths, the burghs one-sixth.<sup>10</sup>

Perhaps from 1424,<sup>11</sup> and certainly from 1483,<sup>12</sup> the burghs used a stent-roll to determine each burgh's quota. The royal burghs were divided into two groups in most<sup>13</sup> of the

<sup>1</sup> *Ib.*, I, cvi-cx; 85-94, 113, 206.

<sup>2</sup> *A.P.S.*, I, 491, 517. *Exch. Rolls*, II, xxxvii-xl, xlii, xliv, lxxii, lxxiii; 73-6, 109, 171.

<sup>3</sup> *A.P.S.*, I, 496, 498.

<sup>4</sup> *Ib.*, II, 4-6. *Exch. Rolls*, IV, cxxx-cxxxiv; 639-71. *Rotuli Scotiae*, II, 246.

<sup>5</sup> *A.P.S.*, II, 90. The same arrangement was made in 1471: *ib.*, 99.

<sup>6</sup> Equal shares were borne for the two remaining taxes (very small ones—£300 and £270). *Ib.*, 102, 122, 134, 170, 182, 207, 230, 234.

<sup>7</sup> *Ib.*, II, 342. *Recs. Conv. R. B.*, I, 514-5.

<sup>8</sup> For these two stents the clergy paid 4/11, the barons 4/11, the burghs 2/11, and the feuars and occupiers of Crown lands 1/11. *A.P.S.*, III, 108. *Reg. Privy Coun.*, III, 46, 121.

<sup>9</sup> *E.g. A.P.S.*, II, 460, 608; III, 189, 424-5, 498-9, 523-4; IV, 143, 292. *Recs. Conv. R. B.*, I, 518, 524; II, 487-8. *Reg. Privy Coun.*, II, 468; IV, 344-5. *Cf. Rait, Parliaments*, 493-4.

<sup>10</sup> *A.P.S.*, VI (i), 18, 27, 35, 701; (ii), 811, 837.

<sup>11</sup> *Recs. Conv. R. B.*, I, 502.

<sup>12</sup> *Ib.*, 543.

<sup>13</sup> Not all; that of 1535 lists all together: *ib.*, 514-5.

early rolls, those north of Forth paying one-half, and the remainder the other,<sup>1</sup> but after 1556 only general rolls are found. The list was frequently revised, and occasionally greatly modified for a special purpose; in 1587 a particular roll was drawn up for the *inlaik of customes stent*, in which Edinburgh, most of the Fife burghs and some other seaports were rated higher than usually, since this was a matter primarily affecting the towns most concerned in foreign trade.<sup>2</sup> The Convention itself imposed burghal taxes, especially to defray the costs of embassies sent to foreign countries to secure the reduction of tariffs.

Local stents were commoner than the national cess or general burghal levies, and they were imposed especially to defray military charges—to build the ‘Flodden wall’ at Edinburgh,<sup>3</sup> to compound for service in the field during the War of 1544-50,<sup>4</sup> to equip forces during the Wars of the Congregation,<sup>5</sup> or to *remane and bide at hame* from the numerous raids of James VI.’s reign.<sup>6</sup> When local affairs required funds and *thair wes na money to be gottin of the commoun gude*,<sup>7</sup> a stent was collected. Common works were often the object—the parish kirks of Aberdeen (1567)<sup>8</sup> and Glasgow (1587),<sup>9</sup> the harbours of Ayr (1599, 1600)<sup>10</sup> and Stirling (1603),<sup>11</sup> the Tolbooth (1653), calsays (1654) and Meal-market (1671) of Banff.<sup>12</sup> Taxes, too, were laid down to defray legal costs—to protect Lanark’s common lands against local lairds,<sup>13</sup> and to conduct Ayr’s law-suit

<sup>1</sup> *Aberd. Recs.*, I, 55-6. *Recs. Conv. R. B.*, II, 488.

<sup>2</sup> *Ib.*, I, 207, 246-7, 253-4.

<sup>3</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, I, 146.

<sup>4</sup> *Aberd. Recs.*, I, 243, 251-2, 262.

<sup>5</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, III, 58-9, 63.

<sup>6</sup> *Ib.*, III, 198, 201; IV, 60. *Infra*, 176, 190.

<sup>7</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, III, 140.

<sup>8</sup> *Aberd. Recs.*, I, 363-6. For lists of 131 local stents imposed there between 1408 and 1707, *vide* Kennedy, *Annals of Aberdeen*, I, 104-5, 189-90, 277-8.

<sup>9</sup> *Glas. Recs.*, I, 140-1.

<sup>10</sup> *Infra*, 45, 46.

<sup>11</sup> *Stir. Recs.*, I, 105.

<sup>12</sup> *Annals of Banff*, I, 274.

<sup>13</sup> *Lan. Recs.*, 30. This tax was to be imposed only when the Common Good was exhausted.



against Maybole,<sup>1</sup>—to *propine* distinguished visitors to Aberdeen with wine, spices and sweetmeats,<sup>2</sup> to put down the thieves who infested the roads about Lanark,<sup>3</sup> to pay expenses incurred during the pest of 1607 at Stirling,<sup>4</sup> and to discharge burghal debts.<sup>5</sup> Taxation became normal and annual at Edinburgh during the seventeenth century,<sup>6</sup> but elsewhere it was resorted to only when the town council knew *na bettir nor uther meane . . . nor be uplifting ane stent*.<sup>7</sup>

The amount required for a parliamentary tax was often *eikit* to provide a surplus for local purposes, so that some stents were of a mixed nature: £372, 1s. were raised at Ayr in 1601, to pay the burgh's quota (£240, 14s. 9d.) and leave a balance for work at the quay, the salary of the song-school master, and commissioners' expenses.<sup>8</sup> This practice was very common at the capital,<sup>9</sup> and Glasgow supplies an example (1601) of a combined national, burghal and local stent: 800 merks were collected, partly to pay the burgh's share of a national tax of 100,000 merks (which would be 500 merks), partly for the *j<sup>m</sup> merkis sett doune upoun the burrois for directing to Flanderis and utheris* (which would amount to 30 merks), and partly for the repair of the grammar school (*i.e.* a balance of 270 merks).<sup>10</sup>

After deciding to impose a stent, for whatever purpose, the town council chose a small committee of stenters, to draw up a just stent-roll, and one or more collectors, to receive the sums due; the magistrates were empowered *to pas incontinent compel distreyne all and syndre the personis*

<sup>1</sup> *Infra*, 45.

<sup>2</sup> *Aberd. Recs.*, I, 298-300; II, 37-8.

<sup>3</sup> *Lan. Recs.*, 69.

<sup>4</sup> *Stir. Recs.*, I, 118.

<sup>5</sup> *Infra*, 51-2. Warden, *Burgh Laws*, 57.

<sup>6</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, VII, xlv-xlvi; and the annual notices of the bailies' accounts.

<sup>7</sup> *Stir. Recs.*, I, 118.

<sup>8</sup> *Infra*, 49-51. For a similar transaction in 1618, *cf.* pp. 269-70.

<sup>9</sup> *E.g. Edin. Recs.*, IV, 196, 200, 281, 318, 329, 402-3, 474. Miss Wood regards the practice as one of dubious legality: *ib.*, VII, xl-xliii.

<sup>10</sup> *Glas. Recs.*, I, 218.

*that ar extentit . . . for thair pairtis thair of.*<sup>1</sup> At Ayr the town's *pailyeoun* or tent was taken out for the stenting, and the stenters got breakfast or dinner and drinks.<sup>2</sup> Expenses of collection must be allowed for,<sup>3</sup> and there was always some default or deficiency—*dependand in desperat handis sic as ar nocht payabill, . . . nocht responsabill and partlie departed and partlie af the toun and swa nocht gettabill, . . . inlaikit in the pures handis, . . . debursed for the inlaik of licht gold.*<sup>4</sup> For these reasons, and also because there were other unconnected expenses that might be met from the stent (payments to commissioners and messengers, legal costs, cloth for the officers' coats), the stenters assessed for more than was required.

The tax-payers were normally divided into groups, the landward men and the indwellers, and the latter again into merchants, craftsmen, and, perhaps, the unfree stallangers;<sup>5</sup> each group might have different stenters and collectors.<sup>6</sup> At Ayr one collector answered for the Burrowfield,<sup>7</sup> another (the officer of Alloway) for the Barony tenants,<sup>8</sup> and each craft paid through one of its members, probably the deacon.<sup>9</sup> The old Edinburgh rule whereby the merchants paid four-fifths and the craftsmen one-fifth was abrogated by the decret arbitral of 1583, which ordered all burgesses to be assessed according to *thair habilitie and substance*<sup>10</sup>; thereafter stenting in the capital differed from that elsewhere, in that the bailies regularly attended to it as one

<sup>1</sup> *Aberd. Recs.*, I, 363-6. *Dumb. Recs.*, 23. *Edin. Recs.*, I, 95. *A.P.S.*, III, 42; IV, 51.

<sup>2</sup> *Infra*, 50, 52, 92, 159 (*bis*). Cf. *Edin. Recs.*, V, 216.

<sup>3</sup> Pp. 109, 146.

<sup>4</sup> Pp. 46, 49, 51, 52, 117.

<sup>5</sup> *Dumb. Recs.*, 23, 63-7. *Annals of Banff*, I, 162, 274. *Lan. Recs.*, 244.

<sup>6</sup> *Stir. Recs.*, I, 87, 112. *Infra*, 159.

<sup>7</sup> Pp. 15, 23, 50, 64, 65, 269.

<sup>8</sup> Pp. 50, 67, 269.

<sup>9</sup> Pp. 67-8, 269.

<sup>10</sup> *A.P.S.*, III, 363. *Edin. Recs.*, IV, 272.

of their normal functions, each of them keeping the rent-roll of his own quarter as a permanent guide.<sup>1</sup>

A graded poll-tax was occasionally adopted as an alternative to a more systematic stent-roll, the burgesses being classified in three or four groups.<sup>2</sup> Sectional assessments were sometimes imposed for special purposes: the Edinburgh brewers paid for the common wells, the merchants for the suppression of piracy, the tenants of adjoining lands for calsay-building, and the heritors of Banff for the kirk-yard dyke.<sup>3</sup> To guard against partiality, the stenters' own quotas were fixed by others,<sup>4</sup> and the exemption sometimes accorded to magistrates<sup>5</sup> was declared by the town council at Glasgow in 1630 no longer to cover ex-magistrates, as had been done in the past *aganst all reason and equitie*.<sup>6</sup>

Stents should not be paid from the Common Good, but *be commoun contributioun amangis the nichtbouris*.<sup>7</sup> At Ayr many *bona fide* stents were imposed, though the treasurer often paid sums of money *to fill furth the stent that culd nocht be gottin in*.<sup>8</sup> In the years 1591-95 the burgh owed £6, £3, 4s. and £4 respectively as its share of three Convention taxes of £300, £160 and £200: these petty obligations were simply paid by the treasurer from the Common Good,<sup>9</sup> as were the £10 voted for the Brig of Perth in 1583-84, and Ayr's quota of 500 merks for the support of Irvine (included

<sup>1</sup> *Ib.*, V, 187, 215. Cf. *supra*, xcvi. It was probably the bailies' earlier association with the burgh-mails that led to their custody of a rent-roll that was also a stent-roll.

<sup>2</sup> Craig-Brown, *Hist. of Selkirkshire*, II, 36. *Dumb. Recs.*, 23. *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 382-3, 385, 390.

<sup>3</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, I, 67; II, 95; III, 15. *Annals of Banff*, I, 156.

<sup>4</sup> *Stir. Recs.*, II, 378. *Edin. Recs.*, IV, 25; V, 45, 212, 215.

<sup>5</sup> The bailies of Edinburgh were exempted for *thair laubouris done for ingadderding*: *ib.*, II, 259.

<sup>6</sup> *Glas. Recs.*, I, 375.

<sup>7</sup> *Recs. Conv. R. B.*, I, 475.

<sup>8</sup> Pp. 72, 74, 78, 106, 109, 114, 117, 122, 124, 140, 212. The dean of guild once paid a deficiency of this kind: p. 246.

<sup>9</sup> Pp. 171, 182, 185. At this time Ayr paid £2 out of every £100 raised by the burghs: *Recs. Conv. R. B.*, I, 365-6, 451-2.

with the commissioner's expenses).<sup>1</sup> The treasurer's payment of £39, 15s. 4d. in 1558-59 for a tax for the Borders is not so excusable,<sup>2</sup> since this sum was over one-sixth of the whole revenues for the year; but that is an exception to the fairly well obeyed rule of a *commoun contributioun* for all important parliamentary taxes.

#### (d) *Loans*

As early as the fifteenth century some burghs were borrowing money<sup>3</sup> for one or other of the reasons usually advanced—the exhaustion of the Common Good,<sup>4</sup> inability to refund a magistrate's credit balance,<sup>5</sup> abnormal costs of common works,<sup>6</sup> or by way of anticipating taxation.<sup>7</sup> Town councils sometimes borrowed from the kirk-session, *i.e.* the poor's fund.<sup>8</sup> The usual rate of interest in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries was 10 *per cent.*, though towards 1700 it dropped to 5 or 6 *per cent.*<sup>9</sup>

Before the Reformation Ayr's debts were small, and were paid off soon after they were incurred<sup>10</sup>; interest was only 5 *per cent.* in 1559-60.<sup>11</sup> £34 were borrowed in 1578 for military expenses, and the principal was unpaid in 1586, though the yearly interest was 12 *per cent.*<sup>12</sup> Small debts were paid off in 1590<sup>13</sup> and 1592,<sup>14</sup> and rents were being allocated at this time to the town's creditors.<sup>15</sup> In 1593 a

<sup>1</sup> Pp. 150, 227.

<sup>2</sup> P. 130.

<sup>3</sup> *E.g.* *Peeb. Recs.*, I, 186. *Aberd. Recs.*, I, 56-7, 66.

<sup>4</sup> *Lan. Recs.*, 249.

<sup>5</sup> *Infra*, 169, 173, 179.

<sup>6</sup> *Aberd. Recs.*, I, 56-7. *Lan. Recs.*, 268.

<sup>7</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, III, 202, 207; VI, xli, 46, 99. *Glas. Recs.*, I, 212-3. Edinburgh borrowed in 1603 to help finance King James on his journey to England: *Edin. Recs.*, V, 318-9.

<sup>8</sup> *Infra*, 252. The treasurer of St. Andrews owed the kirk-session £800 in 1614: *MS. Accts.*, fol. 16r. By 1691 the debt had risen to 8000 merks: *Burgh Recs. Socy. Misc.*, 70.

<sup>9</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, VI, 350-5. *Lan. Recs.*, 199, 249.

<sup>10</sup> *Infra*, 83, 128.

<sup>11</sup> P. 34.

<sup>12</sup> Pp. 151-2.

<sup>13</sup> (David Craufurd), p. 163.

<sup>14</sup> (William Knox), p. 171.

<sup>15</sup> Pp. 161-2, 163, 168, 177.

debt of 250 merks was acknowledged to Alexander Lokherth, as heir to his father, who had been out of pocket during his three years' tenure of the office of master of work.<sup>1</sup> About this time the burgh started wadsetting some of its property, so that the town's annual burden of debt (at 12 *per cent.*) was £37.<sup>2</sup> The wadset of a booth was redeemed, apparently in 1599,<sup>3</sup> other small debts were contracted and repaid from time to time,<sup>4</sup> but fresh wadsets were given in 1601 and 1602,<sup>5</sup> and debts cost the town, from 1603 to 1607, the sum of £54, 17s. 4d. per year.<sup>6</sup> The redemption of the petty customs, which had been alienated, cost 200 merks, and from 1607 new and heavy obligations were undertaken.<sup>7</sup> From 1613 the town owed Adam Richie no less than £1100 (at 10 *per cent.*), and in 1617-18 other 2500 merks (at 6 *per cent.*) were added<sup>8</sup>; part of the loan was repaid, but from 1619-20 the balance, transferred to his son-in-law, John Osburne, was £2000 (at 10 *per cent.*),<sup>9</sup> and this sum represents the town's indebtedness at the close of the Accounts.

Thus, prior to 1590 Ayr was practically a debt-free town, but in the course of the next thirty years the process of borrowing on the security of the Common Good<sup>10</sup> went on apace, until, by 1620, all outstanding obligations had been gathered into one debt, the interest on which cost the burgh about one-tenth of its yearly resources.

<sup>1</sup> P. 179.

<sup>2</sup> Pp. 177, 181, 193, 201, 212, etc.

<sup>3</sup> The last payment was in 1598-99: p. 197.

<sup>4</sup> Pp. 185, 212, 215-6, 221, 228. A debt of over £540, incurred in connexion with the common clerkship, seems to have been paid off (largely by stenting) in 1601: pp. 51-2.

<sup>5</sup> Three booths brought in £200, and cost the town £20, 3s. per year: pp. 208-9, 215. The Castlehill wadset cost £6, 14s. 4d. per year: p. 212.

<sup>6</sup> Pp. 220-1, 225, etc.

<sup>7</sup> Pp. 232, 237, 241, 244-5. The dean of guild borrowed 175 merks for the kirk-work in 1609-10: p. 245.

<sup>8</sup> Pp. 252, 255, 268.

<sup>9</sup> Pp. 273, 277, etc.

<sup>10</sup> Mills were especially favoured as security. Cf. *Edin. Recs.*, V, xviii.

During the seventeenth century most of the royal burghs became deeply involved in debt, and the reports presented to the Convention in 1691-92 offer a striking lesson on the ways of the improvident. At Perth nearly two-fifths of the revenue went to the payment of interest (at 6 *per cent.*) on debts, at Dundee over two-thirds were similarly mortgaged. Aberdeen's obligations greatly exceeded the value of its Common Good, Dysart's loans were *all yeit resting and eight or ten years annual rent therof*, Jedburgh's mills were wadset to some of its creditors, and its other revenues *will not defray the annualrents of the rest of ther debts and pay the publict burdens, by fyve hundreth pounds yearly, which they will be obliged to borrow.*<sup>1</sup> So the vicious circle of loans, interest, deficit and fresh loans was completed. No doubt something must be discounted from these gloomy pictures, for it was to the interest of the impoverished burgh to make out a strong claim for relief, but clearly many towns had got their finances into a sorry muddle; already the state of affairs which led to the eighteenth century alienations was foreshadowed.

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<sup>1</sup> *Burgh Recs. Socy. Misc.*, 58-65, 82-3, 105.

## VI—THE KEEPING OF ACCOUNTS

The standards of professional accountancy do not apply to the methods of presenting the burgh compts. Periodic attempts to enforce central supervision<sup>1</sup> failed completely before the nineteenth century, and burghs were left to their own devices. Few if any of them, apart from Edinburgh, could boast, in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, of public officials, other than the town clerk, who were qualified to write out compts with the customary formalities; to him, therefore, fell the task.<sup>2</sup> The auditors were usually the provost, bailies and council.<sup>3</sup>

The Edinburgh treasurer, at the period of the Reformation, divided his expenditure into *discharge ordinar* (fixed salaries, fees and pensions), *discharge be preceptis* (for which only the date of the order need be cited), and *discharge extraordinar* (day-to-day items like common works, payments to messengers, alms and street-cleaning).<sup>4</sup> At Irvine expenditure ought to be either in compliance with a precept, signed by a magistrate and the clerk, or vouched for by written receipt.<sup>5</sup> The audit should be held annually, soon after the close of the year of account, and all balances paid up then and there.

<sup>1</sup> *A.P.S.*, II, 349; III, 43. *Aberd. Recs.*, I, 415. *Edin. Recs.*, II, 258-9.

<sup>2</sup> An Edinburgh writer was once brought to Ayr and paid for *attending upoun the townis comptis and hering thairof* (*infra*, 136), but this is the only instance of such outside help being sought.

<sup>3</sup> *Infra*, 41, 45, 50, 52, 53, 65, 67. The town council comprised provost, two bailies, dean of guild, treasurer, ten merchants and two craftsmen (*Burgh Recs. Socy. Misc.*, 237), and, though the formula sometimes includes the *communitas* (*infra*, 55, 61, 63), the lists of auditors show that the meetings were, in personnel, simply council meetings, except in the first six years (*e.g.* p. 3), when some outsiders were present.

<sup>4</sup> *Edin. Old Accts.*, I, *passim*.

<sup>5</sup> *Muniments of Irvine*, II, 73, 74, 239-40.

Even at the capital, however, this methodical arrangement was not always followed. The bailies of 1540 were ordered to submit their compts in 1554,<sup>1</sup> the bailies of 1549-50 claimed, after a lapse of three years, that such balances as were due consisted of arrears owed by individual burgesses, a *superplus* of £10 due from a bailie of 1551-52 was remitted after ten years, and balances from the 1540s were *resting unpayit* in 1563.<sup>2</sup> Similar conditions marked the financial transactions of the smaller towns. At Lanark in 1553 the auditors, having drunk part of one treasurer's balance, simply discharged other three for *thair yeris of rentmasterschip—and sa syk eque*.<sup>3</sup> Debts at St. Andrews were frequently written off because the debtor *diet ane begger*, or *wes wardit and dimittit as ane begger*, or *being wardit thairfoir and non solvendo brak waird and wes fugitive fra this citie sensyne*.<sup>4</sup> Some accounts were audited three times, at intervals of several years, the ex-treasurer claiming that the council should *defass* certain sums as additional items omitted from his first compt, and discharge arrears as bad debts, since he had, without effect, used all diligence to exact payment.<sup>5</sup>

The Ayr Accounts, by virtue of their completeness and continuity, reveal the methods of accounting, such as they were, more clearly than any other collection of burgh records. There is no parallel to the custom followed for the years 1534-39, when balances were struck between the town and all burgesses who owed rents for parts of the Common Good, whether lands, mills, fishings or customs. The accounts of the three spending magistrates, and any others that fell due, were presented at a *compt*, or formal meeting of the council for auditing, soon after the

<sup>1</sup> *Edin. Recs.*, II, 165.

<sup>2</sup> *Edin. Old Accts.*, I, 7, II, 12-4.

<sup>3</sup> *Lan. Recs.*, 21.

<sup>4</sup> *MS. St. And. Accts.* (1621-22), fol. 66v, 67r.

<sup>5</sup> *Ib.* (1611-12) fol. 9r, (1612-13) 15r, (1618-19) 45rv, (1621-22) 66v, 67rv.



close of the financial year, which ran from Michaelmas to Michaelmas, and comprised the Martinmas and Whitsunday terms. This compt, held, say, sometime between November and June, considered receipts and outgoings, struck a balance, and ordered the payment of the sum owed to or by the compt.

Important exceptions to these orderly rules must be noted. Four times accounts were allowed to accumulate over a number of years. Three years' intromissions were considered on July 18, 1544, other three years during four days<sup>1</sup> in January 1547/8, no less than fifteen years on January 6, 1562/3, and, again, eleven years during a fortnight in April 1587; thus auditing was subject to very serious delays in respect of thirty-two of the seventy-eight years covered. Next, from the end of the sixteenth century, though no further accumulation of compts of this kind occurred, years instead of months were allowed to intervene between the close of the account and the audit.<sup>2</sup> Further, sometimes the magistrate did not hand over his *rest* to his successor, but retained it because of additional expenses not included in his compt. This is especially true of the years 1542-47, when the English war and the pest meant abnormal expenses; the auditors, in January 1547/8, reconsidered the whole question of balances due in the light of belated payments for guns and similar claims for relief.<sup>3</sup> Though in general each year's intromissions formed a definite unit, these delays in auditing resulted in the entering of both receipts and expenses out of their proper years; the treasurer for 1614-15 paid for common work done in the summer of 1616, and the treasurer for 1616-17 included sixteen additional items of expenditure

<sup>1</sup> On this occasion coal, peat and candles cost 14s. 3d.: p. 104.

<sup>2</sup> The longest delay was in respect of the treasurer's compt for 1617-18, which was presented on December 9, 1623—over five years later: p. 267.

<sup>3</sup> Pp. 102-3.

incurred *sen the geving up of his first compt*.<sup>1</sup> While, on the whole, the method of auditing was not so dilatory at Ayr as at St. Andrews, several compts were submitted to two successive audits, the compt being *gevin up first* on one date, and then, some months or even years later, *reiterat*, or *last futit and endit*, or *maid and perusit . . . of new*<sup>2</sup>; one compt was presented three times before the treasurer was *swa eque*.<sup>3</sup> The provost's exceptional compt for the building of the Hospital was audited first by the town council, and, nearly six months later, by the council and kirk-session.<sup>4</sup> A magistrate might recover a credit balance from the revenues collected during a different magistracy.<sup>5</sup>

Control of the burghs' expenditure was secured, or attempted, in various ways. The Aberdeen council sometimes sought the consent of the 'community' for great undertakings,<sup>6</sup> and at Stirling it was decreed in 1683 that no money might be spent without the council's consent, or, in emergencies, that of four magistrates, together with a merchant and a craftsman councillor.<sup>7</sup> The Ayr Accounts refer now and then to *tikattis*, or warrants for expenditure,<sup>8</sup> and once certain items were disallowed *because the comptler*

<sup>1</sup> Pp. 258, 259, 264 n. 3. Cf. for revenues, p. 155 (1587 rents charged in 1585-86), pp. 239, 242 (treasurers charged with tron-custom for following year) and *supra*, lxxxvii n. 7 (dean of guild's receipt of bere); and for expenditure, p. 93 (incurred when the King went to the Isles—but the King was dead before the start of the year), p. 104 (refund to treasurer for item of expenditure from nine years before), p. 120 (payment to master of work for following year), pp. 251, 261 (common work during following year), p. 272 (minister's stipend for 1621 paid by treasurer for 1619-20).

<sup>2</sup> Pp. 86 and n., 186, 225, 232, 238, 241, 264 n. 3, 279.

<sup>3</sup> P. 262.

<sup>4</sup> Pp. 229-30.

<sup>5</sup> The treasurer for 1548-49 paid his fee as master of work in 1559-60 (p. 106). A bailie of 1556-57 paid his credit balances as treasurer in 1551-52 and as master of work in 1553-54, and, showing a fresh credit balance, was instructed to recover it from arrears of his treasurer'ship: pp. 115, 121, 127.

<sup>6</sup> *Aberd. Recs.*, I, 72.

<sup>7</sup> *Stir. Recs.*, II, 39-40.

<sup>8</sup> Pp. 108, 111, 145 (*bis*), 154 (four entries).

*hes no tikattis*.<sup>1</sup> Regulations aiming in these ways at control of spending were no doubt counsels of perfection, and effective supervision would be, in the main, retrospective: the auditors could, and did, deny the validity of some items, or, on the other hand, they might allow rebates which seemed to them just.<sup>2</sup>

The Ayr Accounts are no more free from errors in figures than are those of other burghs.<sup>3</sup> Many mistakes are no doubt due to faulty transcription from rough originals,<sup>4</sup> but some at least can be attributed to sheer bad arithmetic<sup>5</sup>; the use of Roman numerals, and the fact that figures were not set down in columns, would explain, and almost excuse, minor slips. However caused, the errors are numerous, and some of them large enough completely to invalidate the statement of the year's transactions.<sup>6</sup>

The delay in striking a balance was generally due to the perennial occurrence of arrears; the treasurer's revenue automatically included a fixed rental, so that it was nominal rather than real, and a considerable deduction had to be made from the balance due.<sup>7</sup> The details of the *dependentia* show that, as already mentioned, small fixed dues of long standing, like the burgh-mails, feus of the Burrowfield, and Chorists' and Blackfriars' annuals, were

<sup>1</sup> P. 105.

<sup>2</sup> Thus the tacksman of the Brig-impost (1589-91) was allowed a rebate of nearly £100 because the herring fishermen had evaded payment of duty (the dues were assigned to the town): p. 42.

<sup>3</sup> For some obvious slips, *cf. Edin. Old Accts.*, I, 69-70 (total 5s. short); *Stir. Recs.*, II, 299 (total 2s. too much); *Lan. Recs.*, 21 (balance 8d. too much).

<sup>4</sup> *Cf.* the clearly accidental omission from the treasurer's charge (p. 123); and October 23 (p. 238) becomes October 13 (p. 241).

<sup>5</sup> *E.g.* the reckonings on pp. 169, 197, 225.

<sup>6</sup> For major mistakes (£100 and over) *vide* pp. 127, 235, 265 n. 3, 271, 279; and *cf.* p. 32, where the total given is less than half the correct amount.

<sup>7</sup> *Dependentia* sometimes amounted to more than half the revenue: pp. 134, 150.

particularly liable to fall into arrears<sup>1</sup>; already by 1603 (within half a century of the feuing) the occupiers of the acres of the sands *is nocht weill knawin*,<sup>2</sup> and in 1592-93 only £1, 1s. out of £7, 4s. were paid to the treasurer.<sup>3</sup> The custom of the firlots was in arrears *in the pest yeir* (1606-07).<sup>4</sup> Sometimes the treasurer pointed for his back-rents,<sup>5</sup> once, at least, the town's debtors were warded in the Tolbooth,<sup>6</sup> and, in general, the magistrate was expected *to do his diligence to bring in the dependentis sa far as gudelic may be gottin*<sup>7</sup>; only if payment were impossible should the town *tak the tinsale thair of*.<sup>8</sup> There are actually many instances of the payment of arrears<sup>9</sup>; alternatively, a magistrate's own arrears of rents could be balanced against his claim for expenditure, or a credit balance ordered to be defrayed from the *redyest dependentis*.<sup>10</sup> When really large revenue items were in arrears—the Dalkeyth ferme-bere (a chronic case), the Doon fishings, or the mill-ferme—legal action for recovery was taken<sup>11</sup>; and the tenants of the valuable farms in the Barony were put under warning.<sup>12</sup> On the other hand, many petty arrears were liable to be *dischargit for evir for povertie*,<sup>13</sup> or remitted as alms,<sup>14</sup> or written off on account of death or the visitation of the plague<sup>15</sup>; indeed, most of the petty items of the yearly *dependentia* were probably bad debts, entered in the compts, allowed by the auditors, and never again heard of.

<sup>1</sup> E.g. pp. 37-9, 60-1.

<sup>2</sup> P. 221.

<sup>3</sup> P. 178; *supra*, xxxv n. 4.

<sup>4</sup> P. 232.

<sup>5</sup> E.g. pp. 17, 229.

<sup>6</sup> P. 87.

<sup>7</sup> E.g. pp. 111, 134, 154, 189.

<sup>8</sup> Pp. 94, 281.

<sup>9</sup> Pp. 114, 152, 187, 198 n. 1, 213, 238.

<sup>10</sup> Pp. 115 (*bis*), 122, 131, 151, 155.

<sup>11</sup> (Dalkeyth fermes) pp. 180, 184, 195, 196; (Doon fishings) p. 188; (Alloway ferme-bere) p. 200; (farmers of mills) pp. 210, 224. Cf. *supra*, lxvii.

<sup>12</sup> Pp. 210, 216, 219, 221.

<sup>13</sup> Pp. 85, 88, 212, 222.

<sup>14</sup> P. 212.

<sup>15</sup> Pp. 98, 194, 229.

The lack of ready money, which would naturally be the chief reason for the incidence of arrears, is suggested by two payments in kind in pre-Reformation days, when debts to the town were discharged by the delivery to the treasurer of oxen and sewing-silk respectively<sup>1</sup>; mill-stones<sup>2</sup> and timber<sup>3</sup> seem also to have been acceptable substitutes for currency. More commonly, monetary obligations would be remitted in return for services done or to be done to the town, which included the writing of formal documents,<sup>4</sup> legal services,<sup>5</sup> the promise to *gif stanis to the town*,<sup>6</sup> providing a horse for the burgh commissioner,<sup>7</sup> performing the duties of town surgeon,<sup>8</sup> or working at the quay.<sup>9</sup> Similarly, a new Peebles burghess in the fifteenth century *sal mak for his fredom a rud cassa* (a rood of calsay), give a bow and arrows, build a dyke, make a butt for archery, supply timber or lime for the bridge, iron-work or thatch for the steeple, or oil for the knock<sup>10</sup>; the practice survived till 1610.<sup>11</sup> A Glasgow burghess was entered in 1590 on his promise to supply, each year at Eastern's E'en for the rest of his life, *sex guid and sufficient fut ballis*, and another, four years later, gave his drum, with new heads, to the city.<sup>12</sup> Stirling burghesses, in addition to money, made payments in kind which varied from period to period—wine and wax, stones for the town's marches, and guns for the magazine.<sup>13</sup>

The shortage of money applies to the burgh itself as well

<sup>1</sup> Pp. 4-5, 28, 74, 77.

<sup>2</sup> Pp. 234, 270.

<sup>3</sup> P. 196.

<sup>4</sup> P. 144.

<sup>5</sup> P. 194. Cf. p. 145 (mason's burghess-entry remitted for work to be done).

<sup>6</sup> *Peeb. Recs.*, I *passim*.

<sup>7</sup> *Glas. Recs.*, I, 149, 158.

<sup>8</sup> *Stir. Recs.*, I, 2, 7, 18; II, 29, 91, 323. Burghesses and guild-brethren of Dundee and Ayr in the mid-seventeenth century gave muskets, bandoliers and pikes, in addition to their entry-fees. Warden, *Burgh Laws*, 59. Pagan, *Annals of Ayr*, 64.

<sup>2</sup> Pp. 80, 84, 88.

<sup>4</sup> P. 15; cf. *supra*, xcix.

<sup>6</sup> P. 141.

<sup>8</sup> P. 221.

<sup>11</sup> *Ib.*, 360.

as to the burgesses. A loan was contracted in 1578 for the express purpose of paying commissioners' expenses,<sup>1</sup> and at this time John Lokhert, a burgher who held burgh lands and fishings, more than liquidated his debts by defraying many of the town's charges (for wine, stones, iron-work, paint, taxation, etc.) *because the town had no money.*<sup>2</sup>

It was the possibility of a deficiency of money in hand that led to the 'ear-marking' of specific items for specific purposes. The bellman of Ayr was latterly allowed the malt-custom (10 merks) as his yearly fee, the knock-keeper got the sheep-custom (£10), and the officers the feus of the Burrowfield (£10), while a booth-mail, which rose to be £4, was set aside as suitor-fee.<sup>3</sup> Apart from these permanent allocations, burgher- and guild-entries sometimes helped to pay the schoolmaster's salary, bought a new standard, or defrayed common works.<sup>4</sup> Arrears of rent, instead of going to the treasurer, were once paid directly to the bailies of Ayr, then visiting Edinburgh, to finance the town's law-suit against the Sheriff.<sup>5</sup> The barony-mail and the mill-ferme helped to pay for a banquet given to the burgh commissioners in 1583.<sup>6</sup> Two feu-entries, amounting to £200, were ordained in 1592 *to be employit upoun the reparing and bigging of the key*, and the credit balance for the work was to be refunded *in the first end of the impost of the Brig.*<sup>7</sup> Next year a windfall in revenue (the feuing of the Doon fishings) was not paid to the treasurer but, along with the Brig-impost, was spent directly in the town's affairs.<sup>8</sup> In the years 1598-1601 the Brig-impost, the mill-ferme and other rents went largely to the direct purchase of lime or the payment of the calsaymaker and

<sup>1</sup> P. 142.

<sup>3</sup> Pp. 219, 243, etc.

<sup>5</sup> P. 126.

<sup>7</sup> P. 174.

<sup>2</sup> Pp. 151-2. Cf. *supra*, xcix.

<sup>4</sup> Pp. 141, 151, 164, 196.

<sup>6</sup> P. 37.

<sup>8</sup> P. 177.

the workmen at the quay<sup>1</sup>; meanwhile, John Broun, officer of Alloway, was neatly accounting for most of one term's barony-mail by paying his daughter, Agnes Broun, for wine supplied to the town's guests.<sup>2</sup>

The allocation of revenue-items to specific purposes was common to all the burghs. The Glasgow council, after admitting a burghess, voted his fine at once to the burgh works, the minister's stipend, poor relief, riding expenses, medical attendance for a poor burghess, compensation for theft, or some such object.<sup>3</sup> In 1627 the receipts for the customs of horse and cattle at Dumbarton went to *the use of the watter wark*.<sup>4</sup> Dundee fines were devoted to the upkeep of the kirk, except blood-unlaws (which were spent on common works in general) and fines for leaving *redd* in the streets or fighting at the harbour (which helped to maintain the haven).<sup>5</sup> A quarter's unlaws at Lanark were voted in 1563 to *the bigin of the cassay*.<sup>6</sup> The custom of 'ear-marking' local revenues,<sup>7</sup> and the lack of ready money from which it arose, were universal features of the old burghal economy.

<sup>1</sup> Pp. 196, 201, 205.

<sup>2</sup> Pp. 200, 201.

<sup>3</sup> *Glas. Recs.*, I, Index, *sub. voc.* 'Burgesses admitted.'

<sup>4</sup> *Dumb. Recs.*, II.

<sup>5</sup> Warden, *Burgh Laws*, 15, 18, 20. Cf. the arrangements for using the unlaws at Paisley: *supra*, xcvi.

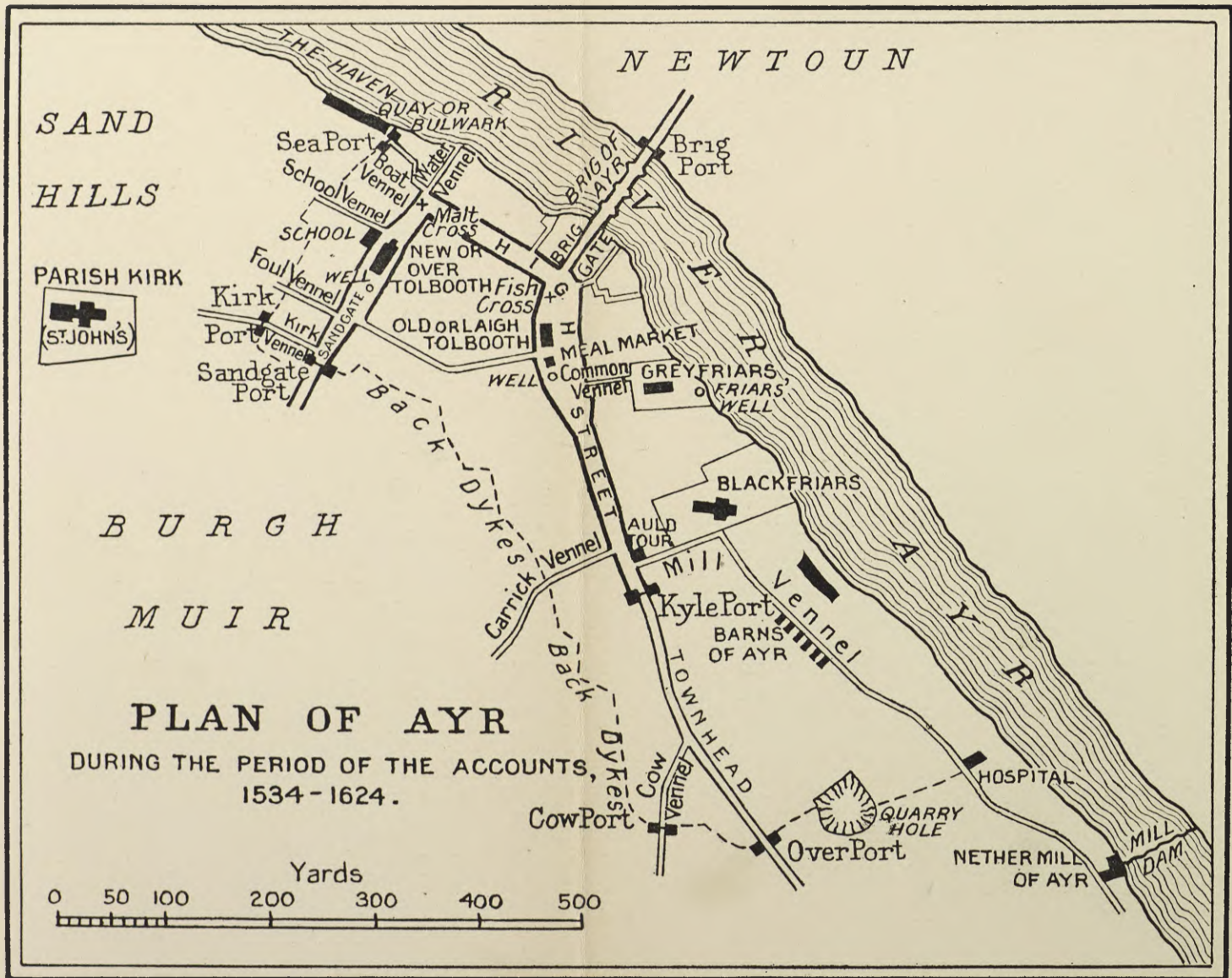
<sup>6</sup> *Lan. Recs.*, 32.

<sup>7</sup> The practice was, of course, by no means confined to the Scottish towns; e.g. the Earl of Ormond's charter of 1500 to the burgesses of Carrick reads:—*Volumus etiam quod omnes denarii, exitus, et profite . . . ad edificacionem, reparacionem, et sustentacionem murorum et turrium ville nostre predicte disponantur et expediantur.* *Brit. Mus. MSS., Cott., Titus B XII, fol. 76v, 77r.*











## NOTE ON THE PLAN OF AYR

SOME of the older features of the burgh of Ayr survive to-day—the general line and (to a lesser degree) the proportions of its two main streets, the High Street and Sandgate, the Old Bridge, the Boat Vennel and Loudoun Hall,<sup>1</sup> the Mill Vennel and the Nether Mill of Ayr. Under heavier disguise, the 'island' sites in the High Street suggest the Old Tolbooth<sup>2</sup> and Meal Market, and the many closes on the east side of the same thoroughfare recall the narrow tortuous wynds and vennels that led down to the river.

Old maps and plans help towards a reconstruction of the town's ancient appearance. The earliest is Tessin's of 1654, prepared at the time of the building of the fort.<sup>3</sup> Slezer's two views of Ayr, though of no great use for detail, do show the extent and general plan of the town.<sup>4</sup> The Town Clerk has an interesting eighteenth-century map, which he very kindly permitted me to use; to him, also, I am indebted for the loan of a complete set of the earlier editions (of the 1850s) of the 25-inch and 5-foot Ordnance Survey sheets, which are most suggestive, and for topographical information.

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<sup>1</sup> This fine building, typical of post-mediaeval urban architecture, though internally dilapidated, is at the time of writing threatened with demolition; it is to be hoped that some means will be found to avert yet another deplorable act of vandalism.

<sup>2</sup> Its remains were taken down in 1810: Pagan, *Annals of Ayr*, 54. Title-deeds of houses in the southern half of 'the Island' refer to the property as 'of old called the Old Tolbooth': *Register of Sasines of the Burgh of Ayr* (Town Clerk's office), Book 84, fol. 135v.; Book 78, fol. 142v.; Book 94, fol. 49r.

<sup>3</sup> Reproduced in Firth, *Scotland and the Protectorate* (Scot. Hist. Soc.), xlviii.

<sup>4</sup> *Theatrum Scotiae* (ed. 1693); reproduced in *Ayr Charters*.

Though local historians are in agreement on the general lay-out of the town, there are wide divergencies on such details as the number and names of the ports, or town-gates. Thus Paterson<sup>1</sup> and Pagan<sup>2</sup> each give four—the Bridge Port, Kyle Port, Carrick or Sandgate Port, and Sea Port. Lyon<sup>3</sup> makes them five by differentiating between the Sandgate and Carrick Ports,<sup>4</sup> and placing the latter in Carrick Vennel (now Kyle Carrick Street), while Murray imagined that the Sandgate was ‘closed by a port known as the Barres Yett.’<sup>5</sup>

Actually the Ayr Accounts prove beyond a doubt that there were several ports other than the four main ones<sup>6</sup> (the location of which is clearly established in each case).<sup>7</sup> There is a general reference to the vennel yetts,<sup>8</sup> and three of these barriers are mentioned by name—the Cow Port or Cow Vennel Port,<sup>9</sup> the Over Port<sup>10</sup> and the Kirk Vennel or Kirk Port.<sup>11</sup> The Cow Vennel is Alloway Street, and

<sup>1</sup> Paterson, *Hist. of County of Ayr*, I, 159.

<sup>2</sup> Pagan, *op. cit.*, 50.

<sup>3</sup> Lyon, *Ayr in the Olden Times*, 39.

<sup>4</sup> He may be correct, but Tessin gives no port in Carrick Vennel, and I prefer to follow the majority in regarding the two names as referring to the one port. Only a thorough examination of the very full burgh records would clear up the point.

<sup>5</sup> Murray, *Early Burgh Organisation in Scotland*, II, 326. This is clearly an error, and a surprising one for Dr. Murray to have made. *Barres yett* is a generic term, applicable to the *yett* or door in any port. For examples of the use of the word, *vide infra*, 93, 97, 102, 155.

<sup>6</sup> All of them are mentioned in the Accounts, the Brig Port (the only entry to the town from the north and much the most important of all) very frequently (*vide Index*); Sea Port, pp. 102, 211, 248; Carrick or Sandgate Port, pp. 102, 220; Kyle Port, pp. 49, 206.

<sup>7</sup> The Brig Port and Sea Port were respectively at the north end of the Brig of Ayr and the mouth of the Boat Vennel; Robertson's evidence fixes the position of the Sandgate and Kyle Ports: Paterson, *op. cit.*, 159 n.†.

<sup>8</sup> P. 101.

<sup>9</sup> P. 220 (*bis*).

<sup>10</sup> P. 101.

<sup>11</sup> Pp. 170, 195. The fact that these entries are in the years 1591-92 and 1597-98 (neither of them plague years) shows that this was no mere temporary barrier to keep out strangers suspected of carrying the pest.



offers no difficulty. The Over Port was in all probability in what is now Kyle Street; Tessin's plan shows a barrier here. The Cow and Over Ports may be regarded as outposts of the Kyle Port, covering the southward growth of the burgh towards the Townhead. Before the building of the 'Old Church' (on the site of Greyfriars), the Kirk Vennel must have led to St. John's Kirk (now represented by Fort Castle); *i.e.* it must have been somewhere near the line of St. John Street. There may have been other subsidiary 'yetts'; it is certain that Ayr had at least the four major ports and three lesser ones.

The Old Tolbooth was the Laigh-house,<sup>1</sup> and one may therefore confidently identify the Over or High Tolbooth<sup>2</sup> with the newer building in the Sandgate. The name Foul Vennel was, in later days, applied to Carrick Vennel,<sup>3</sup> but it seems at an earlier date to have denoted a lane leading westward from the Sandgate<sup>4</sup>; it would thus be parallel to the Kirk Vennel. The traditional site of the Grammar School is on the Sandgate, near the head of School Vennel (now Academy Street).<sup>5</sup> The old Poorhouse (part of it now incorporated in the Slaughter-house) was built in 1755, and it almost certainly replaced the Hospital of 1604.<sup>6</sup> The early Ordnance Survey maps may be relied upon for the locations of Blackfriars, the Barns of Ayr, the Quarry Hole and several old public wells. The sites of the Fish Cross and Malt Cross are marked by stones in the High Street.

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Pagan, *op. cit.*, 54.

<sup>2</sup> *Infra*, 58, 219.

<sup>3</sup> Pagan, *op. cit.*, 55.

<sup>4</sup> I follow Murray (*op. cit.*, 325) in this respect.

<sup>5</sup> Pagan, *op. cit.*, 52; cf. Patrick, *Air Academy and Burgh Schule*, 17 *et seq.*

<sup>6</sup> Pagan, *op. cit.*, 60.



THE BUIK OF THE COMMOUN COMPTIS  
OF THE COMMOUN GUDE OF THE BURGH  
OF AIR, BEGINNAND IN THE YEIR OF  
OUR LORD 1535.

Bundin and put togidder in ordour  
be Johnne Masoun clerk

Anno 1603

*Vincit tandem  
veritas*

J. MASOUN.





THE COMMOUN COMPT of the burgh of Air haldin in the Tolbuth of the samyn the vij day of Januare the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris before thir auditouris of compt undirwrittin, that is to say Ritchard Bannatyne provest, George Wallace Alexander Lokart baillies, Johnne Craufurd of the Drongane, Thomas Broun thesaurar, Charlis Tait, Johnne Kennedy, Johnne Dalrimple, Andro Willok eldir, Williame Neisbit, Thomas Schankis, Thomas Stenenson, Williame Nychole, Alane Boyman, Robert Neill, Johnne Martene, Johnne Gilleiss, Mathow Ard, Williame Ker, Johnne McQuhale, Andro Cochrane, Johnne Herroun, Quintyne Cuninghame and Donald Campbell.

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### Oneratio Johannis Dalrimple

IN PRIMIS that he restit awand at the compt maid the xvij day of Aprile the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris de claro, xlij s. ix d. obolus. Item plus for the maill of his medow besyde Sanct Leonardis of the termes of Witsoneday and Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris, x s. Item for his part of the fyschyng of the wattir of Air the samyn termes, xx s. Item for the maill of his buthe undir the Tolbuthe the samyn termes, xvj s. Item plus that he restit undeliverit to the thesaurar of the stent send

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into France to the kingis grace quhen he rasavit the townis part of the samyn de claro, iij lib. v s. iiij d.

SUMMA totalis onerationis dicti Johannis, vij lib. xiiij s. j d. obolus.

THE QUHILK he payit to Thomas Broun thesaurar and maid him sic eque, and the said Thomas to be chargit thairwith at his nixt compt.

### Oneratio Jonete Clerk

IN PRIMIS that scho restit awand at the compt maid the xviiij day of Aprile the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris de claro, xxxiiij s. ij d. Item for the few of the Litill Moss of the termes of Witsoneday and Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris, xxx s. Item for hir part of the fysching of the wattir of Doune the samyn termes, xxxij s. iiij d. Item for the few of the land befor hir yett of the samyn termes, xxx d.

SUMMA totalis dicte onerationis dicte Jonete, v lib.

OFF THE QUHILK scho payit to Thomas Broun thesaurar at the Witsoneday court last bypast, xxxj s. viij d. Item plus that scho deliverit to the said Thomas at this present compt, xl s. And sa the said Jonete restis awand at this present compt de claro, xxviiij s. iiij d.

AND the said Thomas Broun thesaurar to be chargit wyth the saidis xl s. at the nixt commoun compt, becaus he hes maid na compt thair of at this present compt.

### Oneratio Johannis Mwr

IN PRIMIS that he restit awand at the compt maid the xviiij day of Aprile the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris de claro, v lib. xij s. vj d. Item for the few of his fald of the termes of Witsoneday and Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris, x s.

SUMMA dicte onerationis, vj lib. ij s. vj d.

FOR THE QUHILK he gaif vj oxin to Thomas Broun thesaurar on this conditioun, that gif he failyeit to pay the said rest betuix and Witsounday nixt to cum, the said Thomas suld broke the saidis oxin as his awne propir gudis for the samyn. And the said Johnne sic eque.

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### Oneratio Ade Dunbar

ITEM in primis that he restit awand de claro at the compt maid the xviiij day of Aprile the yeir of God abonewrittin for the annuell of his place, xx s. Item plus for the annuell of the said place of the termes of Witsoneday and Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>c</sup>xxxvij yeiris, xl s. Item for the few of his land besyde the Litill Moss of thir thre termes last bypast, xij d.

SUMMA dicte onerationis, thre lib. xij d.

ET SIC RESTAT.

### Oneratio relicte quondam Thome Ker

(8v.)

IN PRIMIS for hir part of the small custum of the termes of Witsoneday and Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>c</sup>xxxvij yeiris, v markis ij d.

THE QUHILK scho payit to Thomas Broun thesaurar and maid hir sic eque and compt maid thairof.

### Oneratio Willelmi Ker

IN PRIMIS for his part of the small custum of the termes of Witsoneday and Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>c</sup>xxxvij yeiris, v markis ij d. Item that he restit awand de claro at the compt maid the xviiij day of Aprile the samyn yeir, vj s. ix d.

SUMMA dicte onerationis, thre lib. xiiij s. vij d.

THE QUHILK he payit to Thomas Broun thesaurar and maid him sic eque. And compt maid thairof.

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### Oneratio Johannis Kennedy pellionis

IN PRIMIS that he restit awand at the compt maid the xviiij day of Aprile the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris de claro, v markis ij d. Item for his part of the small custum of the termes of Witsoneday and Martymes the samyn yeir, x markis iiij d.

SUMMA totius onerationis, x lib. vj d.

OFF THE QUHILK he payit to Thomas Broun thesaurar v lib. xiiij s. And sa the said Johnne restis awand at this present compt de claro, iiij lib. vj s. vj d.

### Oneratio Johannis Martene

FOR the few of the Dogland Schankis of the termes of Witsoneday and Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris, xij d.

THE QUHILK he payit to Thomas Broun thesaurar and maid him sic eque. And compt maid thair of.

### Oneratio Willelmi Neisbit

IN PRIMIS that he restit awand at the compt maid the xviiij day of Aprile the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris de claro, iiij lib. xvij s. iiij d. Item for the few of his tenement in the Sey Vennell of the ald, xij d. Item plus for the few of the said tenement restand at the said compt, vj d. Item for the few of the said tenement of the termes of Witsoneday and Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris, vj d. Item for his part of the small custum the samyn termes, vij lib. xvij s. iiij d.

SUMMA totius onerationis dicti Willelmi, xj lib. xvj s. viij d.

THE QUHILK he payit to Thomas Broun thesaurar and maid him sic eque.

AND the said Thomas to be chargit with vij lib. xix s. iiij d. at the commoun compt of the samyn nixt heireftir

following, becaus he maid na compt of the samyn at this present compt.

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### Oneratio Johannis M<sup>e</sup>Watte

IN PRIMIS for his part of the small custum of the termes of Witsoneday and Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup> xxxvij yeiris, viij lib. iiij d.

THE QUHILK he payit to Thomas Broun thesaurar and maid him sic eque and compt maid thair of.

### Oneratio Johannis Kennedy maioris

IN PRIMIS for the maill of his place of the terme of Martimes last bypast, xxxv s.

ET SIC RESTAT.

### Oneratio Leonardi Clerk

(9r.)

IN PRIMIS for the first annuell of his place of the Martymes terme in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris, xxx s. Item for the few of the Sowthroun Holme the samyn terme, iij s. vj d. Item for the few of Sanct Mychaellis hous the samyn terme, xv s. Item plus for the annuell of his said place of the termes of Witsoneday and Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris, thre lib. Item for the few of the said Southroun Holme of the samyn termes, vij s. Item the few of Sanct Mychaellis hous the samyn termes, xxx s. Item plus for the last annuell of his said place of the Martymes terme last bypast, xxiiij s. ij d.

SUMMA totalis onerationis diete [*sic*] Leonardi Clerk,  
viij lib. viij s. viij d.

### Exoneratio dicti Leonardi

IN PRIMIS to schir Johnne Fayr chaplane for the said few of Sanct Mychaellis hous, xlv s. Item to Thomas Broun

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thesaurar for the few of the Southroun Holme of the Martymes terme in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris, iij s. vj d.

SUMMA dicte exonerationis, xlvij s. vj d.

AND SA the said Leonard restit awand at this present compt de claro, vj lib. ij d. The quhilk he payit to Thomas Broun thesaurar and maid him sic eque.

AND the said Thomas to be chargit thairwith at the nixt commoun compt becaus he hes maid na compt thairof at this present compt.

### Oneratio Roberti Gluvar

IN PRIMIS that he restit awand at the compt maid the xvij day of Aprile the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris de claro, vj s. viij d. Item for the maill of Our Lady land besyde the Duphole burne of the termes of Witsoneday and Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris, xx s.

SUMMA, xxvj s. viij d.

THE QUHILK he payit to Thomas Broun thesaurar and maid him sic eque. And the said Thomas to be chargit thairwith at the nixt compt, becaus he hes maid na compt thairof at this present compt.

### Oneratio Johannis Cunynghame

IN PRIMIS for his part of the small custum of the termes of Witsoneday and Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris, ij markis. Item for the bellis of the termes of Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvj yeiris, Witsoneday and Martymes in xxxvij yeiris, xlv s.

SUMMA dicte onerationis, thre lib. xj s. viij d.

OFF THE QUHILK he payit to Thomas Broun thesaurar for his part of the said small custum, xxvj s. viij d. And sa the said Johnne restis awand at this present compt de claro for the maill of the saidis hand bellis, xlv s.

## Oneratio Nycholai Blair

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IN PRIMIS for his part of the small custum of the termes of Witsoneday and Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>c</sup> xxxvij yeiris, ij markis.

THE QUHILK he payit to Thomas Broun thesaurar and maid him sic eque.

## Oneratio Andree Willok junioris

IN PRIMIS that he restit awand at the compt maid the xvij day of Aprile the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>c</sup> xxxvij yeiris for the pirche penney de claro, xij s. iiij d. Item for the samyn of the termes of Witsoneday and Martymes in the yeir of God forsaid, xij s. iiij d.

SUMMA dicte exonerationis [*sic*], xxvj s. viij d.

THE QUHILK he payit to Thomas Broun thesaurar and maid him sic eque.

AND the said Thomas to be chargit thairwith at the nixt compt, becaus he hes maid na compt thairof at this present compt.

## Oneratio Caroli Taitt

(9v.)

IN PRIMIS for the few of Our Lady land besyde Clongall of the termes of Witsounday and Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>c</sup> xxxvij yeiris, xij s.

THE QUHILK he payit to Thomas Broun thesaurar and maid him sic eque. And the said Thomas to be chargit with vj s. of the samyn at the nixt compt.

## Oneratio Roberti Legate

IN PRIMIS for the annuell of Johnne Wattis place of the Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>c</sup> xxxvj yeiris, Witsoneday and Martymes in xxxvij yeiris, xxv s.

THE QUHILK he payit to Thomas Broun thesaurar and maid him sic eque. And the said Thomas to be chargit thairwith at the nixt compt.



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### Oneratio Constantini Kyd

IN PRIMIS for the annuell of Ritche Lylis place of the saidis thre last termes, x s.

ET SIC RESTAT.

### Oneratio Logane in Quarelhole

IN PRIMIS for the annuell of the Quarelhole of the samyn thre termes last past, xv s.

OF THE QUHILK he payit to Thomas Broun thesaurar x s. And sa the said Logane restis awand at this present compt de claro, v s. Restat.

### Oneratio Jacobi Kennedy

IN PRIMIS that he restit awand at the compt maid the xvij day of Aprile the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris de claro, xvj s. viij d. Item for the few of the Broun Ryg of the termes of Witsoneday and Martymes in the samyn yeir, xiiij s. iiij d.

SUMMA dicte onerationis, xxx s.

THE QUHILK he payit to Thomas Broun thesaurar and maid him sic eque. And the said Thomas to be chargit thairwith at the nixt compt becaus he maid na compt thairof at this present compt.

### Oneratio Thome Dalrimple

IN PRIMIS that he restit awand at the compt maid the xvij day of Aprile the yeir of God abonewrittin de claro, ij s. Item for the few of the Garrotrodding of the termes of Witsoneday and Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris, iiij s.

SUMMA, vj s.

THE QUHILK he payit to Thomas Broun thesaurar and maid him sic eque. And the said Thomas to be chargit thairwith at the nixt compt becaus he maid na compt thairof at this present compt.

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### Oneratio Thome Athiller

IN PRIMIS that he restit awand at the compt maid the xvij day of Aprile the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris de claro, xx s. Item for the buthe maill undir the Tolbuthe stair inhabit be him of the termes of Witsoneday and Martymes in the yeir of God forsaid, xiiij s. iij d.

SUMMA dicte onerationis, xxxiiij s. iij d.

THE QUHILK he payit to Thomas Broun thesaurar and maid him sic eque. And the said Thomas to be chargit thairwith at the nixt compt becaus he maid na compt thairof at this present compt.

### Oneratio Petri Makclurg et Willelmi Cuninghame de Lagland

IN PRIMIS that thai restit awand at the compt maid the xvij day of Aprile the yeir of God forsaid de claro, xxxj s. Item for the few of the landis of Killauch of the termes of Witsoneday and Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris, vij s. viij d.

SUMMA dicte onerationis, xxxvij s. viij d.

THE QUHILK thai payit to Thomas Broun thesaurar and maid thaim sic eque. And the said Thomas to be chargit thairwith at the nixt compt becaus he maid na compt thairof at this present compt.

### Oneratio Ricardi Bannatyne prepositi

FOR the male of his part of the Sklaitbog of the termes of Witsoneday and Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris, xxx s.

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THE QUHILK he payit to George Gude in part of payment of his pensioun of the samyn termes and maid him sic eque.

(10r.)

### Oneratio Alexandri Lokart ballivi

IN PRIMIS for the maill of the walk myll of Alloway of the termes of Witsoneday and Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>c</sup>xxxvij yeiris, xl s. Item for the male of Our Lady landis and utheris landis annex [to] the sett of the samyn of the saidis termes, v markis. Item for the few of the Strangmannis Thorn [of] the samyn termes, v s. Item for the maill of the Skaithbog [*sic*] the samyn termes, xxx s. Item the male of his part of the fyscheing of the wattir of Air the samyn termes, xx s. Item for the few of the Freirley of the Martymes terme in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>c</sup>xxxvij yeiris, ix d.

SUMMA dicte onerationis, viij lib. ij s. v d.

### Exoneratio dicti Alexandri

IN PRIMIS to George Gude in part of payment of his pensioun of this last yeir, xxx s. Item for the collatioun making at the seling of the commissioun at Mychaelmes last wes, xiiij s. iiij d.

SUMMA dicte exonerationis, xliij s. iiij d.

AND SA the said Alexander restit awand at this present compt de claro, v lib. xix s. jd. The quhilk he payit to Thomas Broun thesaurar and maid him sic eque. And the said Thomas to be chargit thairwith at the nixt compt becaus he hes maid na compt thair of.

### Oneratio Hugonis Wallace de Newtoun

IN PRIMIS that he restit awand at the compt maid the xviiij day of Aprile the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>c</sup>xxxvij yeiris for

his part of the fysching of the wattir of Air de claro, ix s. v d. Item for the samyn of the termes of Witsoneday and Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris, x s.

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SUMMA dicte onerationis, xix s. v d.

Oneratio Jonete Maxwell relicte quondam  
Ade Wallace de Newtoun

IN PRIMIS for hir part of the fysching of the wattir of Air of the termes of Witsoneday and Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris, x s.

ET SIC RESTAT.

Oneratio prioris et conventus fratrum  
predicatorum Sancte Katherine

IN PRIMIS that thai restit awand at the compt mayd the xvij day of Aprile the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris for the few of thar myll sumtyme ane walk myll, v s. and for the few of the Freirley, xvij d. Item for the few of the said myll of the termes of Witsoneday and Martymes in the yeir of God forsaid, v s. Item for the few of the Freirley of the Witsoneday terme in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris, ix d.

SUMMA dicte onerationis, xij s. iiij d.

Oneratio Michaelis Stirling

IN PRIMIS that he restit awand at the compt maid the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris for the medow of the Twa Stane Corss de claro, x s. Item for samyn of the termis of Witsoneday and Martymes in the said yeir of God, x s.

SUMMA, xx s.

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### Oneratio Johannis Reid

IN PRIMIS that he restit awand at the compt maid the xvij day of Aprile the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>c</sup>xxxvij yeiris for the few of his akerris in the Croftis de claro, xvj d. Item plus for the few of the samyn of the termes of Witsoneday and Martymes in the said yeir of God, viij d.

SUMMA dicte onerationis, ij s.

THE QUHILK he payit to Thomas Broun thesaurar and maid him sic eque. And the said Thomas to be chargit thairwith at his nixt compt.

### Oneratio Thome Wilsoun

(rou.)

IN PRIMIS that he restit awand at the compt maid the xvij day of Aprile the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>c</sup>xxxvij yeiris for his akir in the Croftis de claro, xij d. Item the few of the samyn of the last Witsoneday and Martymes in the yeir of God forsaid, iiij d.

SUMMA dicte onerationis, xvj d.

ET SIC RESTAT.

### Oneratio Andree Johnesoun

IN PRIMIS for the few of the Quarelhole restand awand at the compt maid the xvij day of Aprile the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>c</sup>xxxvij yeiris de claro, xij d. Item for the few of the samyn of the termes of Witsoneday and Martymes last bypast in the said yeir of God, xij d.

SUMMA, ij s.

ET SIC RESTAT.

MEMORANDUM Johnne Broun bonetmakar restis awand of the ald for the few of the Quarelhole the tyme he occupiit the samyn de claro, iiij s.

## Oneratio Stephani Prestoun

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FOR the male of his part of the fysching of the wattir of Air of the termes of Witsoneday and Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>c</sup>xxxvij yeiris, xx s.

THE QUHILK he is ordinit to hald to gude compt in part of payment of instrumentis, evidentis and utheris writingis maid unpayit for and to be maid to the said toun.

Oneratio Johannis Myllar firmorarii molendini  
de Alloway

IN PRIMIS that he restis of his ald rest de claro, vj lib. Item plus that he restis of his last Martymes male of the myl of Alloway, x markis.

SUMMA, xix markis.

Oneratio Patricii M<sup>c</sup>Birney

THE RASATE of the taxt taxit on the Borrowfeild to send to our Soverane Lord into Franss, extending to vj lib. xij s., quhilk he rasavit and tuke up.

THE QUHILK vj lib. xij s. Thomas Broun thesaurar grantit him to haif rasavit fra the said Patrik and sa he is sic eque.

## Oneratio magistri Johannis Dunbar

IN PRIMIS that he restit awand at the compt de claro the xvij day of Aprile the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>c</sup>xxxvij yeiris for the annuell of his place umquhile being George Inglis, x s. vj d. Item for the annuell of the samyn of the termes of Witsounday and Martymes in the said yeir of God, x s. vj d.

SUMMA dicte onerationis, xxj s.

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OFF THE QUHILK Johnne Gylleiss payit to Thomas Broun thesaurar, x s. vj d. And And[ro] Cumyn payit, v s. iij d. The quhilk the said Thomas is to be chargit with at the nixt compt. And sa the said Maister Johnne restis at this present compt for the annuell of his said place de claro, v s. iij d.

### Oneratio Ade Hammyltoun in Duphole

IN PRIMIS that he restit awand at the compt maid the xvij day of Aprile the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>c</sup>xxxvij yeiris for the male of the Sowthroun Holme occupiit be him, x s. Item that he restit at the said compt for his part of the stent to Myddilburgh in Flandres, vj s. Item for the male of the said Sowthroun Holme of the termes of Witsoneday and Martymes last bypast in the said yeir of God, v s.

SUMMA dicte onerationis, xxj s.

### Exoneratio dicti Ade

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IN PRIMIS deliverit to Thomas Broun thesaurar for the male of the said Southroun Holme, xv s. Item payit siclik of the said vj s. of stent, xxvij d. to the said Thomas, and the ramanent thairof that is iij s. viij d. to be tane of the occupiaris of the land. And sa the said Adam is sic eque. And the said Thomas Broun to be chargit with v s. of the said male and the saidis xxvij d. of the said stent at his nixt compt becaus he hes maid na compt thairof at this present compt.

THE NAMES of thame that ar awand thar stent send to Myddilburgh in Flanderss restand on the Bourrowfeild ar in the compt precedand except thir personis undirwrittin quhilkis restis awandis for the landis of Duphole, that is to say <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> There follows a blank of some ten lines.

THE RESTIS awand of the ald to the toun of the annuellis and malis pertening to the Haly Blude and Sanct Mychaellis altaris.

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IN PRIMIS Thomas Hakett, v s. viij d.

RELICTA Steill, thre lib. xij d.

ITEM umquhile Issobell Wilsoun, xxiiij s.

ITEM Donald Campbell leche for the annuell of his place, thre lib. iiij s.

ITEM Lorence Bollokis place, ij lib. xvij s. Item the Witsoneday in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris, ix s. Summa, thre lib. vij s. payit to Thomas Broun thesaurar. And he to be chargit thairwith at his nixt compt becaus he hes maid na compt thairof.

ITEM umquhile Patrik Kerris place, xvij s.

ITEM James Wallace place quhar Jok Esdale dwellis, viij s.

ITEM Besse Broun, vj s.

MEMORANDUM Johnne Dickeis place in the Newtoun, xx s. pait to Thomas Broun thesaurar and compt maid thairof.

MEMORANDUM that xij s. iiij d. aucht quhar umquhile Andro Kennedy dwelt ar distrenyeit and poindit for and the poindis ar in the thesauraris keping.

The Restis of the Garsummis the said Compt

IN PRIMIS Johnne Fayr of the Tounheid of Alloway for the rest of his garsum, vij markis iiij s. v d.

ITEM Robene Myllar for the garsum of Thome Fayreis maling, x markis.

ITEM Robene Patersoun for the garsum of his faderis maling, xxxiiij s. iiij d.



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MEMORANDUM that the four seriandis ar to be chargit at the nixt compt with 6 lib. of the fewis of the Bourrowfeild of the terme of Witsounday in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris. The quhilk thai haif intromettit with and tane up togiddir with the bourrow male of this instant yeir.

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### Oneratio Willelmi Nychole magistri communis operis

IN PRIMIS for the male of his buthe undir the Tolbuth of the termes of Witsounday and Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris, xvij s. Item for the few of the Twa Stane Corss of the samyn termes, xlj s. Item deliverit to him be Thomas Broun thesaurar to the townis werkis, vij lib. xiiij s. viij d.

SUMMA totius onerationis dicti Willelmi, x lib. xiiij s. viij d.

### Exoneratio dicti Willelmi

IN PRIMIS that the towne restit awand to him at the compt maid the xvij day of Aprile the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris that he superexpendit mair na his charge on the townis werkis de claro, iij lib. iiij s.<sup>1</sup> Item giffin to Adam Nychole for upputting of the trone, iij s. Item to twa workmen that wrocht with him, xvj d. Item for ane tre to the trone, iij s. Item for irn making to the trone, xij d. Item for redding of the calsay to xiiij horss, xvij d. Item the nixt day for the samyn to the thre horss, iiij d. Item gevin to Jok Esdale for spredene of the powder on the hillis, viij d. Item gevin for xxj horss to leid torvis to the buttis, iij s. Item the nixt day for uther torfis leding to viij horss, xij d. Item gevin for xiiij horss and ane quart of aill to the men to leid turfis the nixt day to the buttis, twa s. Item to vij men that kest turvis to the

<sup>1</sup> It was actually £3, 4s. 5d. *Vide infra*, p. 76.

buttis, vij s. Item for xiiij horss ij dais to leid turvis, iiiij s. Item to twa men for bering of wattir v dais to the buttis, vj s. Item to ane boy for warning of the seriand and dychting of the buttis, vj d. Item for iij horss to leid turfis, vj d. Item for iiiij horss to leid turfis, viij d. Item to ane boy for warning of the seriand, ij d. Item gevin to Wille Arthur for laying of turfis to the buttis iiiij dais and ane half, iiiij s. vj d. Item gevin for setting of twa pernellis and wyndling of the ryss to the bulwark, to ij men every man viij d on the day. Summa thre dayis, iiiij s. Item to Jok Huntar quareour for breking of the stanis in the wattir, xvj d. Item for bering of thame oute, iiiij d. Item to Johnne Gray for mending of the calsay v dayis, v s. iiiij d. Item to the fostar of Dalrimpill Wod for cutting of the ryss and for fostar fee, iiiij s. viij d. Item for xxxvj horss to bring hayme the ryss, vj s. Item to iiiij men that boir stanis out of the wattir, vj dais every man on the day, vij d. Summa, xiiij s. Item to twa men for setting of stakis and ryss ij dayis, xxviij d. Item to iiiij men that bure wrak ij dais, iiiij s. Item to twa wemen that bur wrak ij dayis, ij s. Item to ane man that fillit on the wrak to thame, xiiij d. Item plus for his fee inlowit to him., xl s.

SUMMA totius exonerationis dicti Willelmi, ix lib. ix s. xj d.<sup>1</sup>

AND SA the said Williame restis awand to the towne at this present compt de claro, xxij s. ix d. The quhilk he is to be chargit with at his nixt compt.

### Oneratio Thome Broun senioris decani gilde de anno procedente

IN PRIMIS the offerand to Sanct Johnnis werk this instant yeir, v lib. xj d. Item rasavit fra Johnne McCarell for his gild entre, v s. Item fra Thomas Kennedy for his gyld entre, v s. Item fra Johnne Gylleiss of his gild entre,

<sup>1</sup> Should be £9, 9s. 4d. Probably the *vij d.* in the sixth last item has been added in in error.

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v markis. Item fra Williame McQuha[ill] for his gild entre, v markis. Item fra Thomas Schankis for the lair of James Woddis sone in Machlene, v s. Item fra Johnne Martene for the lair of his sister, v s.

SUMMA dicte onerationis, xij lib. xiiij s. iij d.

### Exoneratio dicti Thome Broun

IN PRIMIS deliverit for candill to the organis in wynter at the evinsangis, xviiij d. Item for ane quarter and half ane lib. of irn to the organis, xvj d. Item for the working of the samyn to Johnne Murray, xij d. Item for ane burd to the organe loft, xij d. Item to Jame Nychole for the making of ane lettoun to the organe loft, xvj d. Item for the small leddir, j d. Item for the grete ladir, iiiij d. Item to Johnne Feane smyth for irne wirking to the glassin windokis, iiiij s. Item for lyme to the wyndoys, viij d. Item for sand, ij d. Item to the glasin wricht, xj s. Item for ane quart of aill to Johnne Feane, iiiij d. Item to Alexander Bollok for putting of the irnis and slipponis in the wyndokis, xvj d. Item to him for laying of the graiffis in the Yoil wolk, xvj d. Item for bering of the maistis out of the kirk on Yole eyn, ix d. Item for iiiij faddum of chymmene cordis to the bellis, iiiij d. Item [to] Johnne Feyane for bandis to the kirk, viij d. Item to George Blair for ryngin of the bellis quhen the kingis grace come out of France, ij s. Item for ane half thowsand sklait to the kirk, xiiij s. iiiij d. Item for ane meill of lyme to the kirk, xl d. Item for bringin of the sklait fra the wattir, xij d. Item for reddene of the calsay on Corpus Christys eyn for honour of the sacrament, viij d. Item for ane cord to scheine the greit bell with, x d. Item to Johnne Bailye for iiiij laid of sand to the kirk, iiiij d. Item to ane man to mak service, vj d. Item to the glaisnair for his Witsoun-day fee, x s. Item to iiiij men for bering of the greit ladir to the kirk, iiiij d. Item to beir the small leddir to the kirk, j d. Item for v faddum of chymmyng cordis to the small bell, xvj d. Item for thre glaisin bandis, xvj d. Item for

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oylye to the bellis, viij d. Item for lynning to the hie altar, xij d. Item to James Wod for sewin of it, iiij d. Item to George Blair for oylye to bellis, viij d.

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SUMMA totius exonerationis dicti Thome, thre lib. iiij s. j d.<sup>1</sup>

AND SA the said Thomas restis awand to the toun of the kirk gair at this present compt de claro, ix lib. x s. ij d.

THE QUHILK he payit to Thomas Broun thesaurar and maid him sic eque.

AND the said Thomas thesaurar forsaid to be chargit thairwith at his nixt compt becaus he hes maid na compt thairof at this present compt.

Oneratio Thome Broun thesaurarii a festo Sancti Mychaelis in anno domini M<sup>o</sup>V<sup>c</sup>xxxvj usque ad septimum diem mensis Januarii in anno domini M<sup>o</sup>V<sup>c</sup>xxxvij.

IN PRIMIS that he restit awand to the toun at the compt maid the xvij day of Aprile the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>c</sup>xxxvij yeiris de claro, xx lib. vj s. ix d.

THIR AR the restis rasavit be the said Thomas at the said compt.

IN PRIMIS rasavit fra William Nychole for his rest of the sandis quhen he wes quartermaister, ij s.

Item fra Thomas Schankis of his rest of the kirk gair quhen he wes dene of the gyld, ij lib. x s. iiij d.

Item fra Alexander Lokart bailye for his garsum of Our Lady landis, iiij markis.

Item fra the said Alexander of his rest the said compt, iiij lib. xiiij s.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £3, 4s. 11d.

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Item fra Johnne McWatte for the custum of the firloftis of the Martymes terme in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvj yeiris, iiij lib. ij d.

Item fra the relict of unquhile Thome Kar for hir part of the small custum the said terme, xxxiij s. iiij d.

Item fra Williame Ker eldir of his mail the said terme, xxvj s. viij d.

Item fra Nychole of Blair and Johnne Cuninghame belman for thar part of the small custum the said terme, xxvj s. viij d.

Item fra the said Johnne Cunynghame for the maill of the hand bellis of the termis of Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxv yeiris and of Witsounday in xxxvj yeiris, xxx s.

Item fra Johnne Martene for his rest of the Dogland Schankis and of the sandis, xxxij d.

Item fra Matho Ard for his rest of the sandis quhen he wes ane quartermaister thairto, xj s.

Item fra Johnne Mwr for the Witsounday maill of his fald in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvj yeiris, iij s. iiij d.

Item fra Charlis Tait for the maill of Our Lady land besyde Clongall of the termes of Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxv yeiris and of Witsounday in xxxvj yeiris, ix s.

Item fra Robert Gluvar for the male of Our Lady land besyde the Duphole burne of the termes of Witsounday and Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxv yeiris, xiiij s. iiij d.

HEIREFTIR FOLLOWIS the restis rasavit be the said Thomas at this present compt of aldīs.

IN PRIMIS fra Johnne Dalrimple of the townis part of the stent send to the kingis grace in France quhen he gaderit in the samyn, xlix lib. x s.

Item fra Patrik McBirney of the Bourrowfeildis part of the said stent quhen he gaderit the samyn, vj lib. xij s.

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Item fra the said Johnne Dalrimple of his rest at this present compt, vij lib. xiiij s. j d. obolus.

Item rasavit fra Jonete Clerk at the Witsounday cort last bypast in part of payment of hir rest, xxxj s. viij d.

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Item fra the relict of umquhile Thome Ker for hir part of the small custum of the termes of Witsounday and Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris, v markis ij d.

Item fra William Kar eldar for his part of the small custum the said termes and of his rest the last compt, iij lib. xiiij s. vij d.

Item fra Johnne Kennedy gluvar in part of payment of his rest for his part of the small custum, v lib. xiiij s.

Item fra Johnne Martene for the few of the Dogland Schankis of the termes of Witsounday and Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris, xij d.

Item fra William Neisbit of his Martymes maill in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvj yeiris, iij lib. xvij s. iiij d.

Item fra John McWatte for his part of the small custum of the termes of Witsounday and Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris, viij lib. iiij d.

Item fra Leonard Clerk for the few of the Southroun Holme of the terme of Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris, iij s. vj d.

Item fra Johnne Cunynghame belman and Nychole of Blair for thair part of the small custum of the termes of Witsounday and Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris, iiij markis.

Item fra Charlis Tait for the few of Our Lady landis besyde Clongall of the terme of Witsounday in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris, vj s.

Item fra Logane in the Quarelhole for the annuell of the samyn of the termes of Martimes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxv and of Witsounday in xxxvj yeiris, x s.

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Item fra Adam Hammyltoun for his rest of the Southroun Holme of the ald, x s.

Item fra the relict of umquhile Adam Wallace of the Newtoun for hir part of the fysching of the wattir of Air of the termes of Witsounday and Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>c</sup>xxxvj yeiris, ix s. v d.

Item for the annuell rent of the landis of Le and Cartland of the samyn termes, x markis.

Item rasavit of the mail of the barony of Alloway of the termes of Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>c</sup>xxxvj yeiris and Witsounday in xxxvij yeiris, xlvij lib.

Item the Martymes mail of the said barony in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>c</sup>xxxvij yeiris, xx lib. viij s.

Item fra Johnne Myllar for the maill of the myll of Alloway for the termes of Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>c</sup>xxxvj yeiris and of Witsounday in xxxvij yeiris, xl lib.

Item plus for the maill of the said myll of this last Martymes terme, xx markis in part of payment thair of.

Item rasavit fra the said Johnne Myllar for the garsum of twa rentellingis, that ane of umquhile Johnne of Lawis maling in Corteloy and that uthir of Haly Handis maling in Cortoun, xvij lib. xv s. vj d.

Item fra Johnne Dycke in the Newtoun for the byrun annuell of his place, xx s.

Item fra Johnne Broun merchant for his burges entre, ij markis.

Item fra Johnne Karssane flescheour for his burges entre, ij markis.

Item fra Andro Dalyell for his burges entre, ij markis.

Item fra William Downis for his burges entre, ij markis.

Item fra Johnne Huntare gluvar for his burges entre, ij markis.

Item fra Robert Myrre for his burges entre, ij markis.

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Item fra Alexander Rankene for his burges entre, ij markis.

Item the said Thome Broun for the maill of his part of the fysching of the wattir of Done of the termes of Witsounday and Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>c</sup>xxxvij yeiris, xxxiiij s. iiij d.

Item for the mail of his sellar undir the Tolbuth the samyn termes, xvj s. (137.)

Item the few of his akeris in the Croftis the samyn termes, viij d.

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IN PRIMIS for walx to seill the commissioun with at the Mychaelmes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>c</sup>xxxvj yeiris, v d. Item to George Wallace bailye for the collatioun making the said tyme, xij s. iiij d. Item to William Nychole maister of the townis werk at syndry tymes to big the samyn with, vij lib. xiiij s. viij d. Item to Robert Wilsoun for ledyng of treis to the townis werk, xvj d. Item to Johnne Karsane for ane horss to the bailye, iij s. Item for candillis, ij d. Item to George Blair to ryng the bellis on Salmes eyn, v s. Item to ane pursevant at command of the provest and baillies, ij s. Item to the provest to tak ane instrument, iiij d. Item for candillis, ij d. Item to ane boy to gang to Alloway for the seriand, ij d. Item to Cuthbert George at command of the provest and baillies, iiij s. Item Patrik Lunnyng, iij s. iij d. at command of Alexander Lokart bailye. Item to the tynklar for making of v score of lyddin taknyngis to the pure folk, ij s. Item to the provest to tak instrumentis with, viij d. Item to



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ane boy that com fra the chancellare, viij d. Item to the provest at the last compt to tak instrumentis with, viij d. Item for ane quair of papir at the said compt, vj d. Item to James Johnesoun for wyne to the Gray Freris at command of the provest bailyeis and communitie, xlviij s. Item inlowit to the said Thomas for his expensis to Edinburg with the taxatioun, xl s. Item to Jok Wilsoun for keping of the hillis, iij s. Item to tak ane instrument quhar Johnne Myllar come souirte for his broderis garsum, iiij d. Item to Quintin Cuninghame for ane pewdir plait of his that wes tynt in the kingis grace service the last tyme he wes in this toun, iiij s. Item to Symine Lokart for keping of the hillis, vj s. viij d. Item to James Johnesoun for wyne to the schiref at command of Alexander Lokart bailye, vj s. Item for colis to be ane fyre quhen the kingis grace com furth of France, xxx d. Item for ane ter barrell to the samyn, xvij d. Item for stykkis to the samyn, ij d. Item for ail that samyn tyme, iij s. ij d. Item for ane hogheid of wyne, vj lib. Item beryng of it to the townis sellar, iiij d. Item to the provest for Lombard papir to the townis bukis, iij s. viij d. Item to Huntar the quareour for keping of the hillis at Mydsomer, iij s. Item to Johnne Kessane to geif at the chekar, vj s. Item to arl ane schip of salt, iiij d. Item for taking of the townis pailyeoun to the Grenan to keip the salt, viij d. Item to ane boy that ran to Edinburg with Stene Prestoun, ij s. Item to Hew Legate at command of the provest bailyeis and counsell, xx s. Item to Murdoch to mend the kirkyard dyke, xij d. Item to Johnne Syme for ane horss to Stene Prestoun to ryde to Edinburg the townis erandis, x s. Item to the said Stene to ryde to Edinburg and ane boy with him, xliij s. Item to Cuthbert George messenger at command of the provest and bailyeis, xx s. Item to Ritche McCheske, vj s. viij d. at command of the communitie. Item to Alexander Lokart for tymmir to the myll, vj lib. Item to Johnne Dalrimple to big the well with to ane gud compt, vij lib. xiiij s. jd. obolus. The quhilk the said Johnne is to be chargit with at his nixt compt.

HEIREFTIR FOLLOWIS the feis and annuellis aucht be the toun to the preistis and utheris thair servandis and annuellaris deliverit be the said Thomas Broun.

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IN PRIMIS to Alexander Mortoun deliverit for keping of the knok of Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvj yeiris and of Witsounday in xxxvij yeiris, xl s. (13v.)

Item to schir Alexander Kar chaplane of his fee for keping of the revestrie and bukis of the kirk the samyn termes, xl s.

Item deliverit to the lard of Drongane for annuell aucht oute of Alloway to the Cruvis of Cre the samyn termes, viij lib. xix s.

Item to Stene Prestoun for his fe of the samyn termes, iiij lib.

Item to the Blak Freris for thair almoiss of the Martymes terme in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvj yeiris, ij lib. xv s. j d.

Item deliverit to schir Johnne Bollok chaplane for his fe of the termes of Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvj yeiris and of Witsounday in xxxvij yeiris, x lib.

Item to maister Gavin Ross chaplayn for his fe the samyn termes, x lib.

Item to maister Petir Broun chaplane for his fee the samyn termes, v lib. vj s. viij d.

Item to schir Thomas Andro chaplane of his fee the samyn termes, iiij lib.

Item to schir Williame Reid chaplane for his fe the samyn termes, xiiij lib. xiiij s. iiij d.

Item to schir Thomas Quyntene chaplane for his fe the samyn termes, xl s.

Item to Robert Patersoun sangistar for his fee the samyn termes, xiiij lib. vj s. viij d.

Item to Thomas Raith sangstair for his fe the samyn termes, xl s.

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Item plus gevin to Johnne Bard for the Freris Pridicaturis, xiiij lib. vj s. viij d.

Item plus gevin to maister Johnne Chesolme collectour of our soverane lordis taxt send to his grace into France for the townis part of the samyn, lvj lib. ij s.

Item gevin for tymmer, vj lib.

Item gevin to schir Johnne Fair chaplane for the agmentatioun of his fee of the Witsounday terme in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>xxxvij yeiris, xvij s. vj d.

Item to schir Alexander Kar chaplane in agmentatioun of his Witsounday fe the said terme, xxix s. vj d.

SUMMA dicte exonerationis dicti Thome Broun thesaurarij, ix<sup>xx</sup> of lib. xix lib. xiiij s. x d. obolus.

AND SA the said Thomas restis awand to the toun of his charge befoir writtin at this present compt de claro, iiiij<sup>xxv</sup> lib. ij s. The quhilk he is to [be] chargit with at his nixt compt.

ITEM the said Thomas is to be chargit at his nixt compt with xiiij s. vj d. for v unce of sewin silk.<sup>1</sup>

ITEM siclik he is to be chargit with ane hogheid of wyne that the toun coft to the kingis grace the quhilk he disponit upoun.

ITEM plus with v lib. that he allegeit he gaif to deyn Thomas Broun monk of Kylwinnyng that maid the townis organis.<sup>1</sup> The quhilk the said deyn Thomas denyit the gettin of it.

AND SICLIK the said Thomas is to be chargit at his nixt compt with the résate of the townis restis that he rasavit at this present compt.

MEMORANDUM that the communitie and counsale hes dischargit the saidis five li. allegiit gevin to the said monk

<sup>1</sup> Carried over from preceding compt. *Vide infra*, p. 74.

because as thai belevit the said Thomas pait the samin to him and als the said Thomas maid faith thairupoun.

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MEMORANDUM that the said Thomas Broun hes his deliverance of this last Martymes terme of the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>c</sup>XXXvij yeiris to defaiss him with of his rest abone-writtin.

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MEMORANDUM the annuell of the landis of the Le and Cartland of the termes of Witsounday and Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>c</sup>XXXvij yeiris restis awand de claro, x markis.

MEMORANDUM restis at this present compt of the mail of the barony of Alloway of the termes of Martymes in the yeir of God J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>c</sup>XXXvj yeiris and of Witsounday in xxxvij yeiris unmaid compt of be the thesaurar, vj lib.

ITEM siclik restis of the Martymes maill last bypast of the said barony, vj lib. ij s.

MEMORANDUM restis of the myll maill of Alloway unmaid compt of of the said last Martymes terme, x markis.

MEMORANDUM at uther restand dettis of the ald ar contenit in the comptis precedand.

FINIS EST prescripti computi per me Henricum  
Prestoun de mandato scripti teste manu propria

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COMPUTUM Roberti McMillane thesaurarij  
a festo Michaelis anno lix<sup>o</sup> ad eundem  
anno lx<sup>o</sup>.

OPERATIO.

IMPRIMIS the entre of Arthour Davidsons and Thome Watt, x merkis. Item the entre of Williame Nesbitt and Robert Quhite, v merkis. Item the vantage of ropit salt and wyne, thre score li. xvj li. xvj s. Item the Tolbuthis rentale, nyne score li. x li. xvij s. ij d.

SUMMA, xiiij score li. xvij li. xiiij s. ij d.

EXPENSE.

IMPRIMIS Stene Prestonis fee, iiij li. Item George Cocheranis fee, xx merkis. Item to Stene Prestoun to support his poverty, x merkis. Item to Riche Bannetyne to ryd to Edinburgh with the minister, xliij s. Item for ane swyse talbroun, viij s. Item to ane wrycht in the townes laubouris, xxvj s. viij d. Item to George Dun and uthir xiiij men in the townes besines, iiij li. xij s. Item for wyne and to ane boy to gang to Edinburgh, xxv s. Item for wyne to Johnne Willock and for curtenis to the ministeris chalmer, iij li. vj s. jd. Item for silver gevin to the minister and for wyne to therle Cassilis and uthir noble men, xiiij li. Item for wyne to the maister Maxwell and to James McConel, xlv s. ij d. Item for wyne to the communioun and Justice Clerk, xxiiij s. Item to schir Alexander Kar, xvj merkis. Item to Johnne Or for his fee, xx pundis. Item to ane boy to gange to Edinburgh, xvj s. Item to George Kessane for writing letteris, x s. Item to ane smyth for lokkis and staipillis to the Tolbuith dur, xv s. Item to Johnne Andro to support his poverty, xliij s. v d. Item to Jonet Sudgener lykwyis, xliij s. iiij d. Item for ane gowning to Christopher Gudman, xlv s. Item to Charles Campble and Paule [Reid] baillies quhen thai raid to Glasqu, viij li. Item to Richert Bannetyne quhen he raid to the minister in the north, viij li. ij s. Item to Charles Campbel quhen he and Riche Bannetyne convoyit

the minister to the lordis of Secrete Counsale, xx li. Item to ane boy for twyiss rinning to Edinburgh, xxiiij s. Item to Richert Bannetyne to ryde to Edinburgh to bring hame Christopher Gudeman, v li. x s. Item to ane boy to ryn to Edinburgh, xij s. Item for quheit breid to the communioun, ix s. vj d. Item for walx to the commissioun, xvj d. Item to ane boy that come fra the Duke, ij s. Item for bringing doun of the miln ryndis, iiij d. Item for twa wattir met furlettis and irne girthis, xxxiiij s. Item for mending of the furletis and instrumentis, iiij s. viij d. Item to the baillies for thair supperis at Michaelmes, v merkis. Item to ane pursifant, v s. Item to ane boy to ryn to Glasqw, iij s. Item for instrumentis, iiij d. Item to the ponder, x s. Item to ane pursifant that brocht the precept of parliament, x s. Item for instrumentis, xij d. Item for walx to seale the commissioun of parliament, xvj d. Item to Jonat McCulloch, vj s. viij d. Item for his fee, xl s. Item for candlis instrumentis and walx, xx d. Item to George Gude, xxx s. Item to Stene Prestoun to support his povertie, iij li. vj s. viij d. Item gevin to Paule Reid baillie and James Bannetyne quhen thai raid to the parliament, viij li. iiij s. Item to Christopher Guidman quhen he raid to the Ile of Man, xj li. xv s.

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SUMMA TOTALIUM EXPENSARUM, viij<sup>xx</sup> lib. xiiij li. iij s. v d.<sup>1</sup>

ITEM Mr. Michael Wallace for his custome akeris and Spittelbog, ix li. xvj s. Item Jonat Cathcart for the Suthroun Holme, v s. Item James McCormel for his part of the smale custome, v merkis ij d. Item Leonerd Clerkis place, v li. iiij s. Item the Suthern Holme, vj s. Item Leonerdis partt of the Spittelbog, viij s. Item the Schirefis Brewhous, xxx d. Item the few of the Burrowfeld, x li. Item Lee and Cartland, x merkis. Item the Dogland, xij d. Item Johne Andro for his part of the Spittelboge, viij s. Item Sibbe Lokhartis akeris, viij d. Item the few of Killoch, vj s. viij d. Item Johne Brownes place, vj d.

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<sup>1</sup> Should be £170, 18s. 2d.

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Item the Freir miln, v s. Item the Quarellhole, xj s. Item the Garrotroddene, iiij s. Item Stene Prestonis coble, xx s. Item the provestis coble, xx s. Item Johne Fallusdales coble, xx s. Item the larde of Gaitgirthis vennel, iiij s. Item the commoun myddene, vj s. viij d. Item the land about the quarrell, v s. Item the burro males, iij li. Item Johne Lokharttis place in Mele Mercat, xxx s. Item Thome Kennedyis place in the nuik, xxx s. Item Gilbert Rodmanis buth, xij s. iiij d. Item the pete landis of Gawblair, iiij s.

SUMMA DEPENDENTIUM, v score li. v li. viij s. ix d.<sup>1</sup>

SUMMA expensarum et dependentium xij<sup>xx</sup> li. xviiij li. xij s. ij d. and his charge is xij<sup>xx</sup> li. xvij li. xiiij s. ij d. Swa he is superexpendit xviiij s. and the dependentis is in the townes handis except the xviiij s. forsaid.

MEMORANDUM thair wes gottin fra Leonerd Sumpter bot xxxij hogheidis salt howbeit he is charget with xxxvj quhairfor thair suld be rebatit thre li. iiij s. quhilk salt wes sauld to Arche Osburne and restis of the money in his handis lij s.

DEBURSIT of the money of ropit vyne and salt quhilk is liij li. xij s. disponit be the baillies.

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ITEM to James Dalrimple for his Witsonday fee, x li. Item restis upone Johne Weir for ane vantage of ane part of the wyne, xxxviiij s. vj d. Item restis upoun Arche Osburne, lij s. Item the baillies gat ane pistolett of ropene silver, xxv s. Item for culvering pulder to serve the toun, xxiiij s. Item for bringing the wyne one land, tua merkis. Item for bringing of bastard wyne one land, xij s.

SUMMA, xviiij li. xviiij s. ij d.

SWA RESTIS xxxiiij li. xiiij s. x d. in the handis as followis.

<sup>1</sup> Should be only £48, 12s. 6d. Probably the 3 *xx s.* items have been misread as each £20—which would give £105, 12s. 6d.

ITEM upoun Charles Campble xxxij li. viij s. iiij d. Item upone Paule Reid xlvi s. vj d. Item Charles is chargeit with ane rest of money of four akeris and ane half of lande fewit to James Bannotyne, xx merkis. Item the said Charles is chargeit with ane stent quhilk wes gaderit to be gevin to Mr. Robert Richartsone collectour to ane taxt of fourty viij thousand li. for halding of weirmen upone the Bordouris for the secund quarter payment quhilk wes gevin agane, xlviij li. v s.

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EXPENSE CHAROLI CAMPBLE for the stent ropit wyne salt and the twenty merkis.

ITEM quhen Mr. Michael Wallace and he raid to Edinburgh to the parliament at the townis comand. We raid the first of August and remanit xxiiij dayis, the expensis is xx li. v s. Item for ane wagit hors, xx s. Item for the makene out of ane stent to the barone of Dalzell, vij li. ix s. viij d. Item for the inlaik of ane stent that wes gaderit to furneis men of weir to Leithe, iiij li. v s. Item to Andro Bannotyne in Mr. Johne Prestonis hous quhen he ressavit the stent agane, xij s. vj d. Item the minister Robert Achesone wes with him sevin wekis quhen he come first heir and furnest his chamber quhair he wes in Robert Rankenis with cole and candle and all uther necessaris and ane pair of schone to him self and ane uther to his boy, xij merkis. Item gevin to Richart Bannotine to be Mr. Guidmanis expenses quhen thai raid to the Ile of Man and returnit the same tyme to Edinburgh, ix li. Item to Robert Law quhen he raid to Lefnoreis, vj s. viij d. Item for thre boyis that yid to the schiref to Drumsoy, v s. Item to ane boy that brocht letteris out of Glasqw, v s. Item to Turbat quhen he brocht fra the Quene Regent to forbyde the prehouris, viij s. Item to Mr. Adam Colquhounis man, v s. Item for the writene of the letter of factory and the signet, xx s. Item quhen the pley wes betwix us and Irvene gevin to Mr. David Borthwik, ane ross noble. Item for timber and workmanschipe of the auld pulpett, xxxv s. Item for the biggene of the new pulpett, xij li., of the quhilk Charles gaif sax and Arche



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Osburne uthar sax li. Item for sawyng of the timber to the pulpett and daskis, x s. Item to Johne and Michael McGranes for the watching of the kyrk fyve nychtis, xij s. vj d. Item for thre nychtis watching thairefter, vj s. Item quhen he raid to the toun with the laif of the nychtbouris, ane croun. Item to Andro Bannotyne for twelf d. of the pund quhilk he suld haif had of the xlviij li., xv s.

SUMMA EXPENSARUM, iij<sup>xx</sup>xj li. xviiij s.<sup>1</sup> and the charge is iiiij<sup>xx</sup>xij li. xix s. Swa the said Charles restis to geve the toun xxj li.

ADAM WALLACE Maister of Werk wes one his vayage quhairthrouch his compt culd not be had bot always thair wes little service done and als litle money ressavit.

### COMPUTUM Jacobi Kennedy decani gilde in anno predicto.

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ITEM for twa windois in the north syde of the kirk, x s. x d. Item for the biggene of the byrkis in the Ternite ile and the uthar ile anent it and the biggene of four wyndows in the quere and for lyme and clay, iij li. viij s. Item for the biggene of the rest of the windowis in the queir and for lyme and clay, xxiiij s. Item to the glassynwrycht, xx s. Item for his fee, xl s.

SUMMA debursit be the said James, viij li. ij s. x d.

MEMORANDUM besyde the expensses foirsaid thair wes gevin to the sklaitter four merkis quhilk he referris to the sklaitteris athes. And als Charles Campble baillie for that present yeir twk fra Williame Fergushill of ane part of his gild entre, quhilk he suld have payit to Robert McMillane dene of gild iiiij li. x s. quha wes enterit in his tyme.

<sup>1</sup> The total is £69, 13s. 8d., so that the sum of £2, 4s. 4d. is allowed for the rose noble and the crown.

1582 COMPUTUM Henrici Osburne thesaurarij a festo Michaelis anno domini J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>lxxxij ad festum Michaelis in anno lxxxiiij<sup>o</sup>. Redditum xxj<sup>o</sup> Aprilis 1587.

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ITEM the townes rentell, j<sup>c</sup>lxxxix li. xiiij s. v d. The few of the Blakfreris yardis, iij li. xiiij s. iiij d. The Blakfreris annuell, xviiij li. xviiij d. The Coristis annuell, xxvij li. xvj s. viij d. The Grayfreris yardis, liij s. iiij d. The Freirland, xlvj s. viij d. The ferme of the milnis of Air de anno 1582, lxxx merkis. The burges entressis, lvj li. xiiij s. iiij d. The gressume and entress of Johnne Speir in Alloway, xxvj merkis. The gressume and entress of Johnne Law in Carcluy thair, xl li. The entress and gressume of Jonet Patersoun, vj li. xvj s. viij d.

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SUMMA onerationis, iiij<sup>c</sup>xviiij li. ix s. iij d.

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ITEM the provestis fe, v li. The thesauraris fe, v li. The clerk fe, iiij li. David Allasounis pensioun, xvj li. The scolemaister, xiiij li. vj s. viij d. For keiping of the kirk, x merkis. For keiping of the knok, x merkis. The sutor fe, xiiij s. iiij d. For keiping of the hillis, aucht merkis. Item for pulder to the young men that yid to the town of Irvin be command of the toun at the dessir of the Maister Eglintoun, x li. Item to Johne McGrane of expenssis sustenit be him in Edinburgh mair nor he ressavit awaytand upoun the townis besines, xl s. Item to Robert Dalrimpillis wyfe for expenssis at ane tryist betwix this toun and the lard of Blairquhan, xxiiij s. Item to Johnne Liddell glasinwrycht for byrun labouris to the kirk, vj merkis vij s. vj d. Item to Johnne McGrane to gang to

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Edinburgh to raiss letteris of suspensioun aganis Irvin, xxxiiij s. iiij d. Item to raiss the letteris and for men of lawis travell, iiij li. Item to ane boy that yid to Johnne Turbat collectour, xl d. Item for writingis, x s. Item to William Makwnal to help to ryd the merchis of the toun, iiij s. Item to Robert Campbell to mak his expenssis as commissioner for the toun in ane conventioun haldin at Edinburgh the tent of October 1582, x li. Item to Henry Osburn as commissioner for the toun for his expenssis in the conventioun of burrowis in November 1582 and remaning thairupoun xvj dayis, xvij li. Item for his horss, iij li. Item to Mr. Alexander Skene the townis part, iiij li. viij s. Item to Johnne Guthrie clerk for ane act, xx s. Item to Mr. Johne Prestoun twa stampitt xxx s. pecis, iij li. xv s. Item to his servand, xiiij s. iiij d. Item for the expenssis of Adam Johnestoun baillie and Henry Osburne thesaurar as commissioneris for this burch in the conventioun of burrowis haldin at Edinburgh the tent of December 1582 conforme to ane act of counsale, xxxviiij li. Item for the twa horss thai raid on thre li. the pece, vj li. Item to Johne Guthrie clerk to the burrowis for the extract of ane act than, xxvij s. Item to Mr. Robert Scott for the extract of our chekker compt, xxx s. Item to Johne Johnestoun wryter to get our suspensioun aganis Irvin, xxvj s. viij d. Item in drinksilver, xx s. viij d. Item to Johne McGrane officiar quhen he come to thaim to Edinburgh, xiiij s. iiij d. Item for wyne to the communioun, iij li. xiiij s. iiij d. Item for breid thairto, xviiij s. Item to David Wallace to tak ane writing to Irvin, iij s. Item to Adam Turbat to continew the horning of Irvin af this toun, xxxv s. viij d. Item to Nicolas Scherar of drinksilvir, vj s. viij d. Item to Nicolas Scherar for his expenssis in Irvin quhen he yid ovir with horning upoun Irvin, xiiij s. iiij d. Item to ane boy that presentit the kingis missive, vj s. viij d. Item the expenssis of the provest and baillies in ryding to Edinburgh for complaining upoun George Hammiltoun anent his contempt, xxx li. Item to George Cochren for his expenssis to ryd to Dumbartoun and thairfra to Edinburgh anent the commissioun procurit be

Dumbartoun in the hurt of the remanent west burrowis, xvj li. iiij s. Item to Gelis Fergushill for wyne, ix li. vj s. viij d. Item for irn to mak the wattir firloft, xxx s. Item for the firloftis self, xxxj s. Item for making of the irn girthis thairof, xiiij s. iiij d. Item of drinksilvir, ij s. Item for mending of the auld firloft, vj s. viij d. Item to Johne Symontoun, vj s. viij d. Item for wyne to ane uthir communioun haldin that yeir, iij li. xiiij s. iiij d. being xj quartis at xl d. the pynt. Item for breid thairto, xvij s. Item to William Craufurd for sweitmeit to the townis bankett gevin to the commissioneris of burrowis heir in Junij 1583 being the general conventioun of burrowis, iiij li. viij s. Item to Sibell Howsoun in part of payment of the said bankett, xl li. Item payit to hir for ane uthir part thairof of the maill of Alloway, xxvj li. xiiij s. iiij d. Item payit to hir siclik thairfoir of the ferme of the milnis of Air, liij li. vj s. viij d.

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### Dependentia

ITEM of the pittie custumes, v li. Item be Johne Lokhert his hail yeiris dewite quhilk is xij li. xix s. vj d. Item the Suthroun Holme Duphoill, v s. Item Gilbert Broun for the fisching of Dwne, xxxiiij s. iiij d. for his saller under the Tolbuyth, xx s. Donnall Campbellis aikeris, ix d. Item for his brayis, vij s. Johnne Hunter in Holmistoun for Suthroun Holme Clerk, vij s. The Schireffis Brewhous occupiit be David Reid, xxx d. James Bannatyne for the Sklaitbog, xxxiiij s. iiij d. The Killoch, vj s. viij d. The Garrotrodding, iiij s. George Kennedy for the Milnhill, iiij s. Item the Duphoil burn, xxj s. Alane Feyanes hous in Kow vennell, vij s. vj d. James Craufurd's hous, xvij s. Gilbert Cathcart for the smiddyis, vj s. viij d. Schir William Hammiltounis cobill, xx s. Robene Bardis buith, xiiij s. iiij d. The burrow males, iij li. The Gawblair, iiij s. The few maill of the sandis, vij li. Jonas Kennedy's yard, iiij s. iiij d. Johnne Lokhert's yard, iij s. iiij d. William Cuningham's yard, vj s. viij d. James Lokhert's yard, iij s.

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The Freirland, xlvi s. viij d. Item thir dependand of the Blakfreris annuell—William Wallace for the Quhythous, viij s. Patrik Richeis sone, ij s. The tenement of William Cuningham, vj s. viij d. The tenement of Johnne Lokherth occupiit be Adam Donnald, vj s. viij d. Jonas Kennedyis tenement, vj s. The lard of Cragyis place, xxvj s. viij d. and for his kill, ij s. Alane Feyanes tenement in Kow vennell, xvij d. Thome Tennentis tenement, iij s. Robert McMillenis tenement, iij s. Gilbert McMillenis tenement, xij d. William Reidis tenement, iij s. Thomas McIlroy, now Robert Chalmer, vj s. viij d. Henry McRankenes tenement and Cuthbert Wallace, x s. James Bannatynes borne, xl d. Robert Rankenes borne, xl d. The borne of Archibald Fergushill, xl d. James Kennedyis borne, xl d. Johnne Purrence, xl d. William Wallace, xl d. Gilbert McMillenis borne, xl d. Robert Mirres borne, xl d.—Item dependand of the Coristis annuellis thir following viz.—The lard of Barganyis borne, xij s. iij d. Henry McRankenes and Cuthbert Wallace tenement, vj s. The tenement of George Reid in Sandgait, xiiij s. The tenement of George Cochren thair, xij s. iij d. The gudman of Ardmillenis hous in Kirk vennell, vj s. viij d. The tenement of Gilbert Donnald, xij s. iij d. The tenement of Johnne Fallusdail in the Sey vennell, x s. The schireffis tenement, xij s. iij d. The tenement of Hucheoun Wallace, vj s. viij d. The tenement of Adame Johnnestoun, xij s. iij d. Laydlawis land, xl d. The foirland thair of James Power, ix s. iij d. The tenement of William Hunter quhyten seller, x s. The tenement of Andro Masoun, viij s. The tenement of Andro Johnnestoun umquhyle Donnald Campbell leiche, vj s. The tenement of Johne Watt, viij s. The tenement of Ringand Reid, vj s. viij d. The tenement of Alan Feyane, iij s. The tenement of Robert Cuningham in Cortoun, iij s. ix d. George Kennedyis land in the Milnhill, xij s. iij d. The tenement of Megg Mirrie, xj s. iij d. The tenement of Johnne Adame, x s. The tenement of Donnald Blair, v s. The tenement of Thomas Tennent, vj s. viij d. The tenement of William Fergusson and Alexander Cuningham, viij s. The twa tenementis of

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Robert McMillen, x s. viij d. The tenement of George Feyane, vj s. The tenement of Alane Atoun, x s. The tenement of Robert Rankene, iiij s. The tenement of Mathew Neill, xx s. The tenement of George Lokhert, xl d. The tenement of Paul Reid, vij s. iiij d. The tenement of Robert Twnno, xxv s. The tenement of Robert Rankene, xxv s. The tenement of Quintene Prestoun, xij s. viij d. The tenement of Gilbert Broun, viij s. The tenement of Robert Chein sumtyme Thomas McIlroy, vj s. viij d. The tenement of Johnne Power, vj s. viij d. The tenement of schir Thomas Raith, vj s. viij d. The tenement of Alexander Wallace, vj s. viij d. The tenement of David Wallace, vj s. viij d. The burges entress of James Mur, xxxij s. iiij d. The burges entress of William Pater-soun bannotmaker, v li. The burges entress of Archibald Blak, v li.

SUMMA dependentium, lxxx li. xij s. ix d.<sup>1</sup>

SUMMA expensarum et dependentium, iiij<sup>c</sup>liij li. xix s. vij d. And the comptaris charge is iiij<sup>c</sup>xvij li. ix s. iij d. Swa is the comptar superexpendit in the sowme of xxxv li. x s. iij d. and the dependentis is the townis.

MASOUN.

COMPUTUM Davidis Craufurd decani gilde a festo Michaelis anno domini J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>lxxxij<sup>o</sup> to Michaelmes thaireftir in lxxxij<sup>o</sup> red-ditum ultimo Septembris 1583.

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ITEM the gild entres of William Lowdoun, x li. The gild entres of Robert Fetoun (*sic*), x li. The gild entres of Johnne Uddert, v li. The gild entres of Thomas Wallace, v li. The gild entres of David Birans, vj li. xij s. iiij d. The gild entres of Thomas Lokhert skinner, fyve merkis.

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<sup>1</sup> Should be £78, 11s. 6d.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £40.

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### Exoneratio

EXPENSE.

ITEM to Nicolas Scherar for his ordiner fe of the terme of Witsounday anno 1583, fyve merkis. Item to Johnne Esdail sklaitter for his fe, v li. Item for lath bredis to the kirk, vj s. viij d. Item for sklait pynnis, vj s viij d. Item to the maister of the sang scule, v li. Item to Johnne Liddell glasinwrycht for his fe, fyve merkis. Item of drink-silvir, v s. Item for lyme, vj s. viij d. Item plus to Johnne Liddell for extraordiner laubouris, fyve merkis. Item for irn work to the bell, x s. ij d. Item to Johnne Roger for lifting of the bell, xij s. Item to William Ingram smyth for irn work, xl d. Item for cordis to the bell, vj s. viij d. Item to Jonet Lokhert, iiij li. v s. viij d. Item to William Knox maister of work for expenssis debursit be him in the townis effairis, v li. xvj s. viij d. Item plus in the townis effairis, xxvj s. viij d. Item to Johnne Masoun, vj s. viij d. Item for the compteris fe, v li.

SUMMA EXPENSARUM, xxxix li. xvij s. x d.<sup>1</sup> Swa is the  
compter superexpendit in ij s. x d. MASOUN.

(70r.)

COMPUTUM Willelmi Knox magistri operis a  
festo Michaelis 1582 to Michaelmes thair-  
eftir in anno J<sup>m</sup>V<sup>e</sup>lxxxiiij<sup>o</sup>.

### Oneratio

EXPENSE.

Ressavit be the compter fra David Craufurd dene of  
gild, v li. xvj s. viij d.

### Exoneratio

ONERATIO.

ITEM debursit in leiding of the red to the horsis of  
Alloway and for men to fill the samin, l s. Item for his fe,  
v merkis.

SUMMA, v li. xvj s. viij d. exonerationis. Swa sic  
eque. Eque. MASOUN.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £39, 12s. 10d.

IMPOST OF THE BRIG 1591

THE COMPT of William Hammiltoun takisman of the impost of the brig of Air, maid be him in presens of provest bailleis and counsale upoun the v day of November 1591, of twa yeiris dewitie thairof bygane.

(Impost of the Brig, 1589-91.) (817).

### Oneratio

ITEM fra the fourt of November 1589 to the fourt of November thaireftir in anno 1590, aucht scoir iij li. vj s. viij d. Item fra the fourt of November 1590 to the fourt of November instant in anno 1591, uther viij<sup>xx</sup>iij li. vj s. viij d.

ONERATIO.

SUMMA onerationis, iij<sup>c</sup>xxvj li. xiiij s. iiiij d.

### Exoneratio

ITEM to Johnne Lokhert and James Lokhert his sone Maister of Work in September 1590, bestowit be thaim upoun the townis commoun workis that yeir as thair compt beiris, j<sup>c</sup> merkis. Item to the said Johnne Lokhert and James Lokhert his sone and deliverit be thaim to Johnne Broun officer of Alloway for turffis leiding to the brig in Junij 1591, vj li. xvj s. viij d. Item to the said Johnne Broun for his panis in awaiting upoun the leiding of the turffis, v merkis. Item plus to the saidis Maisteris of Work in Julie 1591, x li. Item in September 1591 to George Cochren to ryd to Edinburgh in the townis effairis, xxiiij li. Item to David Frow masoun, xlix li. in part of payment of the hundreth merkis promittit to him for bigging of the Brig port. Item to Johnne Porterfeild minister to help him in the contributioun of his kirkis at the handis of Archibald Primross collectour, xx li. Item

EXPENSE.

BRIG.



(Impost of  
the Brig,  
1589-91.)

send to Edinburgh to rase letteris aganis Waltersan, x li.  
Plus to the said Johnne Lokhert in Junij 1591, xx li. Plus  
to the said Johnne in the same moneth, x li. Item to  
James Scott paintour for ane part of his labour at the  
Brig, iiij merkis. Item to the officeris, xiijs. iiij d. Item  
to David Craufurd and Johnne Masoun for keiping of ane  
conventioun as commissioneris for the t[oun] at the kirk  
of Largis in October 1591, ten merkis. Item allowit to the  
compter for the hering boitis that past away unpayand  
thair dewitie this last fisching and quhilk he hes assignit  
to the toun, iiij<sup>xx</sup>xvj li. xvj s. viij d.

EQUE.

SUMMA expensarum, iiij<sup>c</sup>xxvj li. xiijs. iiij d. And  
swa is the compter sic eque with the toun. EQUE.

J. MASOUN.

DENE COMPUTUM Roberti Maxwell decani  
 OF GILD gilde a festo Michaelis in anno 1590  
 1590 ad festum Michaelis in anno 1591.

(Dean of  
 Guild,  
 1590-91.)  
 (81v.)

### Oneratio

ITEM the gild entres of Archibald Hay, vj li. xiiij s. iiij d.  
 The gild entres of Johnne Smyth, x li. The gild entres of  
 Johnne Johnestoun in Mayboill, viij li. The gild entres of  
 Roger Makquhonnell in Stratoun, x li. The gild entres of  
 Archibald Wilsoun, viij li. The gild entres of Johnne Mure  
 in Mayboill, viij li. The gild entres of James Kennedy  
 mariner, viij li. The gild entres of Thomas Henry, viij li.  
 The gild entres of Quintene Schaw in Stratoun, viij li.  
 The gild entres of George Blak thair, viij li. The gild  
 entres of Michell Makquhin thair, xj merkis.

ONERATIO.

SUMMA, lxxxxiiij li.<sup>1</sup>

ITEM to Adam Johnestoun for towis to the kirk, xxiiij s.  
 Item for iij Irland buirdis to the kirk, xx s. Item to the  
 sklaiteris of the kirk in the first, vj li. xiiij s. iiij d. Item to  
 Antan Wricht sklaiter agane, x li. Item for v Irland  
 buirdis, xxv s. Item to Lawrie Davidsoun for leding sand,  
 vj s. viij d. Item to William Broun for fog pulling, xv s.  
 Item for bringing thairof hame, xvij d. Plus to Antan  
 Wricht sklaiter in pairt of payment, vj li. xiiij s. iiij d. Plus  
 for fog, x s. Item to James Afflek for making twa leddirris  
 to the kirk and timmer thairof, iij li. iiij s. iiij d. Item plus  
 for Irland buirdis, xiiij s. iiij d. Plus to William Broun for  
 fog, v s. Item to Antan Wricht sklaiter for mending of ane  
 hoill in the kirk besyd his task, xl s. Plus for fog, xj s.  
 viij d. Item for lyme to the kirk, xvj s. viij d. Plus to  
 Lawrie Davidsoun for sand leding, ij s. iiij d. Item plus  
 to Antan Wricht, viij li. Item for ma Irland buirdis, xxv s.

EXPENSE.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £90.

(Dean of  
Guild,  
1590-91.)  
KIRK  
1591.

viiij d. Item for drink to the sklaiteris, xiiij s. iiiij d. Item to ane boy to gang to Alloway, viij d. Item vj Irland buirdis, xx s. Item to Johnne Broun to pay for x bollis lyme, xxxiiij s. iiiij d. Item for dighting the thevis hoill to lay the lyme in, xvj d. Item to Lawrie Davidsoun for sand leding, vj s. Item for irn and making the boltis to the leddiris, ix s. Item for aill to the workmen, xij d. Item to Johnne Broun to pay for vij bollis lyme, xxiiij s. iiiij d. Item to Antan Wricht in compleit payment of the Tolbuith and Counsal hous, viij li. Item to the Counsal hous iij buirdis, xvj s. To Lawrie Davidsoun for sand, ij s. viij d. Item of drinksilver to Robert Mure, xx s. and to the twa boyis, xx s. Item to Antan Wricht for his bontay, viij li. Item to James Afflek for the lane of the leddiris ane moneth, xvj s. Item to William McCarmik for ix<sup>c</sup> naillis to the kirk at viij s. the hundreth, iij li. xij s. Item for the compteris fie, x li. Item to Johnne Craufurd for singing in the kirk, x li. Item to Johnne Broun officer in Alloway, xvj s. viij d. Item plus for lyme, xxvj s. viij d. Item to Archibald Nicholl wrycht for mending the queir dur, vj s. viij d. Item to James Craufurd and Adam Johnnestoun according to ane precept direct in the townis effairis, x merkis. Item for twa buist of comfeittis send in James Craufurd's hous to Sir James Sandelans, xvj s. Item for ane uthir buist in Margaret Lokhertis hous, viij s. Item for twa buistis gevin to the lady Barmbarrache in Adam Johnnestoun's hous, xvj s. Item to hir ane uthir buist, viij s. Item to the strangeris lugit in Alexander Mowatis hous gevin thair twa buistis, xvj s.

SUMMA expensarum, j<sup>c</sup>ij li. xvij s. iiiij d.<sup>1</sup> and his ressait is lxxxxiiij li. Swa is the compter superexpendit in viij li. xvij s. iiiij d.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £106, 8s. 10d.

THE COMPT of Johnne Masoun clerk off the stent collectit be the burch of Air amangis thaimselfis for defence of thair pley aganis Mayboill and for the support to the bigging of the key, extending to the sowme of vj<sup>c</sup>lxxxvij li. viij s. viij d. sett doun the fourt of Junij 1599 quhairof the said Johnne wes collectour and maid compt be him of the samin upoun the first day of Apryle 1602 in presens of provest baillies and counsall quhais names followis, hard sene admittit and allowit be thaim.

(Stents of  
1599-1601.)  
(96v.)

#### Auditouris

Alexander Lokhert of Bog- hall provest	George Gibsoun dene of gild
George Cochren baillie	Petir Cuninghame
George Masoun baillie	Thomas Mirrie
James Michell lait thesaurar	William Risid thesaurar
	Duncan McAdame
	Charles Dalrimpill
	Hew Nesbit

#### Oneratio

THE STENT extendis to vj<sup>c</sup>lxxxvij li. viij s. viij d.

(97r.)

COMPT OF  
THE STENT  
MAID 1599.

#### Exoneratio

ITEM to George Cochren quhairin he wes superexpendit in Edinburgh as commissioner for the toun in the matir aganis Mayboill in rasing of letteris aganis thame and

EXPENSE.

(Stents of  
1599-1601.)

utheris the townis effairis and adois, xxxvj li. x s. Item to David Fergushill provest and Johnne Lokhert in thair ganging afeild to Edinburgh for defence of the suspensioun rasit be Mayboill aganis the toun, four hundreth merkis. Item to Duncan McAdame maister of work quhilk he imployit upoun the bigging of the key as his compt beiris, four hundreth merkis. Item to the support of the toun of Hadingtoun, xxxiiij li. vj s. viij d. Item to the saidis David Fergushill and Johnne Lokhert quhen thai yid afeild to the Sessioun concerning the pley of Mayboill in November 1599, xxiiij li. xiiij s. Item to Robert Campbell Carak pursevant to gang afeild with thaim, v li. Item to Johnne Gardner messenger for his executionis aganis Mayboill, twenty merkis. Item in arlis to Hew Miller masoun for new aggrement to big the nixt yeir, fyve merkis. Item drunken with him than, xxij s. x d. Item for copeis aganis Mayboill, twa merkis. Item in drink with Johnne Gib the kingis cubicular, xvij s. Item for bringing up of the daillis af the key, v s. Item to the kartouris at the last work, iij s.

SUMMA of this debursing, vj<sup>cl</sup>liij li. vij s. ij d.

DEPENDEN-  
TIA.

ITEM dependand in desperat handis sic as ar nocht payabill, xxij li. x s. x d.

SUMMA expensarum et dependentium, vj<sup>cl</sup>lxxvj li. xvij s. And the charge is vj<sup>cl</sup>lxxxvij li. viij s. viij d. Swa restis in the comptaris hand x li. x s. viij d. quhilk he hes payit presentlie upoun compt to James Michell thesaurar quha is to be comptabill thairfoir. And swa sic eque. Eque. Eque.

MASOUN.

PRIMO  
APRILIS  
1602.

THE COMPT OF THE STENT sett doun be the toun upoun thaimselfis the xix day of Merche 1600 for helping of thair deokayit key and bigging up thairof, extending to

v<sup>c</sup>vj li. x s. iiij d., quhair of Johnne Masoun clerk wes collectour. As als of xij li. x s. ressavit be him in the townis name fra Johnne Mure Patrik Hucheoun Johnne Johnnestoun and Mathew Makgowne for thair half of the xxv li. of expenssis contenit in the townis decretit obtenit aganis thaim and thair consortis of Mayboill be the toun. Maid be the said Johnne the day foirsaid befor the auditouris abone-writtin.

(Stents of  
1599-1601.)  
COMPT OF  
THE STENT  
ANNO 1600.

### Oneratio

THE STENT, v<sup>c</sup>vj li. x s. iiij d. Item ressavit fra Johnne Mur Patrik Hucheoun Johnne Johnnestoun and Mathew Makgowne indwellaris in Mayboill, xij li. x s. for thair half of the xxv li. of expenssis contenit in the townis decretit obtenit aganis thaim and thair consortis of Mayboill be the toun.

ONERATIO.

SUMMA onerationis, v<sup>c</sup>xix li. iiij d.

### Exoneratio

ITEM the xviiij of Apryle 1600 to Johnne Legat in Grenane for his panis in attending upoun the lyme, vj li. Item the same day to Archibald Dunsche for keiping thair of in the Grenane, xx s. Item to McConal to gang about the lyme, vij s. Item to ane boy that brocht the kingis missive, vj s. viij d. Item to James Fergushill Maister of Work, x li., quhair of he hes maid dewlie his compt. Item to Hew Miller, xx li. Item to the said Hew Miller masoun in part of payment of his task of the key the thrid day of May 1600, xliiij merkis x s. Plus the samin day to the said Hew, xlj li. ix s. iiij d. Item to Johnne Legat the 7 of May 1600 for burning of the lyme, iij li. Item to ane man to gang to Dumbartan anent the bulyeoun, xxvj s. viij d.

EXPENSE.

(97v.)

(Stents of  
1599-1601.)

Item the xvij of May 1600 to the said Hew Miller masoun, xxviiij li. xiiij s. quhilk with the saidis xliiij merkis x s. and xliij li. ix s. iiij d. ressavit be him the said thrid of May extendis to j<sup>c</sup> li. in part of payment of his said task of the key (besyd the first xx li. foirsaid ressavit be him quhilk is for redding of the key). Item to the kartouris for sand leiding to the key, four merkis. Item the xx of May 1600 for lyme burning to the key, v li. Item the xxij of May to David Fergushill provest and Alexander Lokhert baillie to ryd to Glasqw anent ane conventioun thair, x li. xvj d. Plus to the kartouris for sand leiding to the key, xxx s. Plus agane to Archibald Dunsche for keiping of the lyme, xx s. Plus to Hew Miller masoun the last of May 1600, xx li. The samin day for sand leiding to the kartouris, xx s. Item to Johnne Legat for burning of lyme in Junij 1600 the secund day thairof, iij li. xiiij s. iiij d. Item the nynt day of Junij 1600 to Johnne Lokhert for keiping of the kingis conventioun and conventioun of burrowis in Junij instant, fifty merkis. Item to the minister in part of payment of the j<sup>c</sup> merkis concludit to be gevin to him be the toun in his support, fourtie merkis. Item to George Masoun for lyme, v li. Item the xvij of Junij 1600 gevin to William Lop in part of payment of vij chalderis and ane half of lyme sauld be him to the toun, xl li. Item plus for sand leiding the 20 of Junij, viij s. viij d. Item to the said Hew Miller the xx and xxiiij dayis of Junij foirsaid in part of payment of his said task, xvj li. Item for skainye to be ane lyne to the key, xv s. Item to William Bell for twa stane of irn bocht fra him to the key, four merkis. Item the xxviiij of Junij foirsaid to the said Hew Miller in part [of payment] of his task, xxx li. xiiij s. iiij d. Item in drink than to him, xl d. Item the samin day to the kartouris for stanis and sand leiding, fyve merkis. Item to the under masounis of drinksilver, xxvj s. viij d. Item to Chalmer barrowman for bering of lyme to the brig the xj of Julij 1600, xxv s. iiij d. Item the xij of Julij 1600 to Mathew Lyn for lyme, xxxiiij li. xvij s. Item for his and his per-teneris denneris, xxx s. Item to George Masoun in name of the said Hew Miller the said xij of Julij in his task

KEY.

BRIG.

silvir, xx li. Item to the said Hew Miller and his men for thair last oulkis wages at the brig, xvj li. Item to the kartouris for leiding of stanis to the brig, xix s. Item the 18 of Julij foirsaid to the barrowmen for hoking of clay to put about the brig, xx s. Item to ane messinger that brocht letteris anent the productioun of the townis infestment, vj s. viij d. Item to Gilbert Harvie wrycht for hinging of the Kyle port, vj s. viij d. Plus to George Masoun for Hew Miller, vij li. Item send to Edinburgh to Johnne Halyday for productioun of the townis evidendis, fyve merkis. Item mair to George Masoun in name of Hew Miller, xxvj li. vj s. viij d. quhilk compleitis to the said Hew ij<sup>e</sup>xl li. ressavit be him of the stent in part of payment of his task to the key and redding thairof. Item to ane boy of Glasgw, ij s. Item to Adam Stewart for cordis furneist be him to the brig, iij li. xiiij s. iiiij d. quhilk is the rest of his stent. Item to the boy that brocht the precept of the parliament, vj s. viij d. Item to George Watt for coles to the burning of the lyme to the key, vj li. xix s. Item gevin to the maister of the sang scule the first of May 1601 of this stent, ix li. Item to Johnne Batie smyth in part of payment of the irn work of the key this yeir anno 1600, xxiiij li. xiiij s. iiiij d.

(Stents of  
1599-1601.)

SUMMA of this debursing, v<sup>e</sup>cij li. xvij s. viij d.

ITEM dependand unpayit of this stent in desperat personis handis non solvendo, ix li. xiiij s. viij d.

DEPENDEN-  
TIA.

SUMMA of the expenssis and dependentis, v<sup>e</sup>cxiiij li. xj s. iiiij d. And the charge is v<sup>e</sup>cxix li. iiiij d. Swa restis be the compt v li. ix s. quhilk he hes presentlie payit to James Michell thesaurar upoun compt. And swa eque eque eque. MASOUN.

THE COMPT OF THE STENT collectit be the burch of Air amangis thaimselfis in the moneth of Merche 1601 for payment of

(98r.)  
THE COMPT  
OF THE  
STENT 1601.



(Stents of  
1599-1601.)

thair partis of the taxatioun of J<sup>c</sup>M merkis grantit to his Majestie be the estaitis in Januar 1601 for outredding of ambasadoris to France and Ireland, extending to the sowme of iij<sup>c</sup>iiij<sup>xx</sup>xij li. xij d. Collectit be Johnne Masoun thair clerk and maid compt of be him in presens of provest baillies and counsale upoun the first day of Apryle 1602, and admittit sene and allowit be thame. The auditouris ar contenit in the comptis of the stentis contenit in the twa particuler comptis particulerle preceding being present (*sic*).

### Oneratio

ONERATIO. ITEM the townis stent, ij<sup>c</sup>lxxxxv li. vij s. viij d. The stent of Alloway at ane merk the merkland, quhairof ressavit l li. and fyve merkis allowit to the officiar for his panis in gadding in of the rest. The Burrowfeld, ilk merkland j merk; quhairof ressavit xxvj li. xiiij s. iiij d. And the rest in the officiaris handis.

SUMMA ONERATIONIS, iij<sup>c</sup>iiij<sup>xx</sup>xij li. xij d.

### Exoneratio

EXPENSE. ITEM to Mr. Robert Lindsay collectour of the kingis taxatioun of the 100,000 merkis foirsaid for the townis part thairof, ij<sup>c</sup>xl li. xiiij s. ix d. Item to Nans Broun for the stenteris denneris, lvj s. viij d. Item to Hew Miller masoun in part of payment of the task of the bigging of the key this yeir, fiftie merkis the first of May 1601. Item the same day to the maister of the sang scule of this stent, iiij li. vj s. viij d. quhilk compleitis with the ix li. quhilk he ressavit in the foirmair stent xx merkis. Plus to the said Hew Miller masoun in part of payment as said is the v of

Junij 1601, xx li. Item to Johnne Batie smyth in part of payment of his last yeiris work to the key, xl s. Item to the baillie Alexander Lokhert and George Masoun to keip the conventioun of burrowis at Glasqw the xv day of Junij 1601, ten merkis. Plus to the said Hew Miller the 13 of Junij 1601, xij li. Item to William Lop for lyme of this stent, xxxj merkis. Item to the querriouris, xij li. for stanis. Plus to Hew Miller the 15 of Julij be Tennand barrowman, twa merkis. Item for ane teddir to the townis horss, iij s. vj d. Plus to the said Hew Miller himself the 25 of Julij 1601, aucht merkis. Item to Duncane McAdame maister of work out of this stent, fyve merkis quhairof he is under compt. Item to George Masoun for his hors wages to Glasqw as commissioner for the toun with the baillie Alexander Lokhert, xl s. (Stents of  
1599-1601.)

SUMMA expensarum, iij<sup>c</sup>lxvj li. xiiij s. xj d.

ITEM dependand of this stent in desperat handis nocht solvendo quhilk can nocht be gottin in, lj s. iiij d. DEPENDAND.

SUMMA expensarum et dependentium, iij<sup>c</sup>lxix li. vj s. iij d. And the charge is iij<sup>c</sup>lxxij li. xij d. Swa restis in the compters handis liiij s. ix d. Quhilk he hes payit to James Michell thesaurar quha is under compt thairof. And swa the compt sic eque with the toun. Allowit sene and admittit be thaim. Eque eque eque eque eque eque.

MASOUN.

COMPT OF THE STENT 1601	THE COMPT OF THE STENT collectit be <span style="float: right;">(1011r.)</span> the burgh of Air and imposit be thame upoun thaimselfis in August 1601 for the releif of thair commoun clerkschip and helping of thair com- moun workis, extending to the sowme of iij <sup>c</sup> lxxxx li. iij s. iiij d., collectit
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(Stents of  
1599-1601.)

be Johnne Masoun thair commoun clerk, and maid compt of be him in presens of provest baillies and counsale upoun the xv day of Aprile 1602 and sene hard allowit and admittit be thame.

### Oneratio

ONERATIO. THE STENT extendis to iiij<sup>c</sup>lxxx li. iij s. iiij d.

### Exoneratio

EXPENSE. ITEM payit and debursit be David Fergushill lait provest in part of payment of the sowme of aucht hundreth twelf merkis thre s. contenit in the townis act maid to him upoun the sevinth day of September 1601 last bipast and restand awand to him be the toun, the sowme of four hundreth lxviiij li. x s. iiij d. Item the stenteris denneris and in drink in the Tolbuyth to thame the tyme of thair stenting, iiij li. xvij s. iiij d. Item to Robert Reid messenger in part of payment of his executionis upoun the said stent, xxvj s. viij d.

SUMMA expensarum, iiij<sup>c</sup>lxxiiij li. xiiij s. iiij d.

DEPENDAND. ITEM dependand xv li. ix s. in desperat handis nocht responsabill and partlie departed and partlie af the toun and swa nocht gettabill. And swa the compter is sic eque. Eque. Eque. Allowit and admittit be the auditouris foirsaidis.

MASOUN.

THE COMPT of Johnne Osburne baillie  
 COMPT OF of Air fra Michaelmes 1603 to  
 THE UN- [Michaelmes]<sup>1</sup> thaireftir 1604 of the  
 LAWIS 1603 bludeweddis and unlawis ressavit be  
 BE THE him the [tyme of his]<sup>1</sup> baillierie  
 BAILLIES foirsaid and of his debursing thairof  
 1603. in the townis [service, maid be]<sup>1</sup>  
 him befor provest baillies and coun-  
 sale the nynt day of Apryle [1605].<sup>1</sup>

(Compt of  
 Unlaws,  
 1603.)  
 (1057.)

### Oneratio

(1059.)

ITEM fra ane boitman for ane blude unlaw, xxxviiij s.  
 Item fra Hew Gluver for ane blude unlaw, vj li. Item fra  
 ane uther boitman for ane cuff, x s. Item of unlaw fra  
 Jonet Speir, iij li. Item the roping silvir of the brig of  
 Duny, vj li. Item fra ane Inglisman for licence to sell his  
 stuff, vj li.

ONERATIO.

SUMMA, xxiiij li. viij s.

### Exoneratio

ITEM payit to the men that wan the stanis in the Blak-  
 freris yardis, vj li. Item to the support of four pure Inglis  
 suddartis, xlviij s. In drink of the effairis of the toun,  
 xxx s. Item in expenssis quhen the toun wes chargit  
 anent thair man James Hunter in Cortoun, xxv s. Item  
 in thair hame cuming, xiiij s. iiij d. Item for ane plank to  
 the Brig port, vj s. viij d. Item for thrie dosane of carpoillis  
 to the townis portis, vij li. iiij s. Item for ane uther pece  
 of tymmer to the brig, x s. Item for wyning and lifting  
 up of stanes under the key that wer fallin thairout, vj li.

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 OF THE  
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 UNLAWIS.

<sup>1</sup> Corner of leaf worn away.

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and for planting of thame agane at the key end, xl s. Item  
for twa menis wages to carry the red fra the key, iiij s.  
and for ane quart of aill to thame, iiij s.

SUMMA of thir debursingis, xxviiij li. iiij s. viij d.<sup>1</sup>  
Swa is the compt superexpendit in iiij li. xvj s.  
viij d. quhairof he ressavit fra Alan Osburne  
thesaurar his brothir v li. and swa restis of the  
unlawis iij s. iiij d.

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<sup>1</sup> Should be £28, 5s.

THESAUR-  
ARIUS  
1613

COMPUTUM Thome Busbie thesaurarij  
burgi de Air a festo Michaelis 1613  
ad festum Michaelis inde sequens  
1614 per ipsum redditum coram  
preposito ballivis consilio et com-  
munitate dicti burgi auditoribus  
eiusdem et per ipsos admissum die  
xxj<sup>o</sup> mensis Novembris 1614.

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#### Being Present

Hew Kennedy provest	Adame Richie
James Johnestoun baillie	Donnald Smyth
George McCalmont baillie	Johnne Stewart
James Blair dene of gild	Mongo Cuningham tailyeour
David Blakwod thesaurar	William Richert smyth
Johnne Osburne	

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ITEM the baronie maill of Alloway in silvir, xxxiiij li. vj s. viij d. Item the ferme beir of Alloway, xxviij bollis, half ane boll, ane pek, ane half pek, and half ane xij pairt beir at ten merkis the boll. Summa thairof, j<sup>e</sup>lxxxx li. xij s. vj d. The dry multturis of the baronie miln of Alloway payit be the tennentis, j<sup>e</sup>clxvj li. xiiij s. iiiij d. The maill of the corne miln of Alloway, xxvj li. xiiij s. iiiij d. Item the townis auld rentell of the custumes, of the irn tron, firloftis, malt custumes, nolt and scheip custumes, and pittie custumes according to the Witsounday sett thairof, at Witsounday 1613, and utheris the townis rentis and few dewities of auld (besyd and attour the tron custume quhilk is foirmaillit, and the wodsettis quhilkis ar nawyis includit nor comprehendit thairintill, but laid

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of and deducit) is ij<sup>c</sup>lx li. ij s. The Blakfreris annuell, xx li. xij s. iiij d. The few of the Blakfreris yardis, iiij li. iiij s. iiij d. The Coristis annuell, xxix li. xix s. j d. The annuellis of Sanct Nicolas altar and the Lady altar of sic tenentis as ar now in use of payment and upliftit, vj li. vij s. iiij d. The annuellis of the Rude altar, xiiij li. iiij s. viij d. The fermes of the corne milnis of this burch of Air and multturis thairof now possest be Hew Nesbit takisman and his partneris, lxxx bollis victuall half meill half malt of the crop and yeir of God 1613 (quhairof thair is assignit to Mr. George Dunbar minister in part of payment of his stipend, xxvij bollis meill and xiiij bollis malt) with the ferme of the townis aiker at the Ovir miln quhilk is ane boll beir yeirlie of ferme addettit be the said Hew Nesbit takisman and his partneris. The townis part (besyd and attour the ministeris stipend foirsaid) eftir the liquidatioun of thir ferris and cotes extendis the said yeir to the sowme of ij<sup>c</sup>lxx li. Item the few ferme dewite of the twa merkland of Freris Dalkeyth sett in few be the toun to Daniel Cuningham of Dalkeyth, aucht bollis victuall half meill half beir and iiij s. of silvir, at four pundis the boll this yeir ourheid, inde xxxij li. iiij s. Item ressavit be the comptter fra the larde of Kerss for the few dewitie of his Freir aikeris and Freirland restand of twa yeiris croppis viz. of the yeiris of God 1610 and 1611, quhairof George McCalmont and James Hunter wer thesauraris, xvj li. xvj s. viij d. The licence of Thomas Richie for steppis, iiij li. The licence of Adam Blair and Ninian Cuningham for cornes, iiij li. The licence of Robert Fleming Irland man for beir, iiij li. xij s. Item fra George McCalmont for the licence of certane firr, xl s. Fra Johnne Osburne for licence of ane uther Irland man for corne, iiij li. Item ressavit be yow fra Johnne Masoun clerk for the dewite of his pittie custumes, xx li. Item of burges entressis this yeir, j<sup>c</sup>lxv li. Item the impost of the brig, ij<sup>c</sup>xx li.

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SUMMA ONERATIONIS, j<sup>m</sup>iiij<sup>c</sup>lxxiiij li. vj s. xj d.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Should be £1,473, 7s. 3d.

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ITEM to Mr. George Dunbar minister of this burch his stipend, iiij<sup>e</sup> merkis of silvir, xxvij bollis meill and xiiij bollis malt of victuall furth of the miln ferme of this burch. Item the provestis fee, v li. The compteris fee, v li. The maister of workis fee, fyve merkis. The procuratour fischeallis fe, fyve merkis. The maister of the grammer scule his stipend, lxxx li. The doctouris fee thairof, xxx li. The bedellis fe for keiping of the kirk and ringing of the bellis the malt custumes, vj li. xiiij s. iiij d. For keiping of the knock, x li. The officiaris feys the few of the Burrowfeild, x li. The maister of the musik scule his stipend, lxxx li. The sutour fe, iiij li. The lokmanis fee, v li. David Allasounis pensioun, xvj li. Item James Harperis chyrurgianes his stipend, xxxiiij li. vj s. viij d. Item James Dowok clinger his stipend, x li. Item Hew Miller masoun his stipend for uphalding of the key, xiiij li. vj s. viij d. Item to Laurence Porter for cleinging of the calsayis, vj li. Item to Adame Richie provest for the annuell of the xj<sup>e</sup> li. awand to him be the toun, j<sup>e</sup>x li. Item to Robert Cochren for the officiaris coittis, xli. Item to George Masoun elder for keiping of ane conventioun of burrowis at Edinburgh the nynt day of December 1618, ten lib. Item for weir and oyldolie to the knock, cordage thairto and for warning of Mr. James Fergushill at the townis instance, 1s. viij d. Item to Johnne Dunbar for the hyr of his horss to James Blair baille to Edinburgh in the townis effairis, four li. Item to Hew Miller masoun for mending of the brig of Dwne, iiij li. Item to Johnne Getty and Archibald Howie for wyning of ryss about the carpoillis at the schoirsyd, xxiiij s. Item to William McCallum for the sculehous maill of the winter quarter and wair quarter quhill Witsounday 1614, viij li. vj s. viij d. conforme to the aggrement maid with him thairanent of befor. Item to Hew Dunbar for advising the commissioun anent Willie Mur and rasing of letteris of horning aganis George Angus, vj li. xij s. iiij d. Item to Mr. George Dunbar minister for his expenssis in ryding to Edinburgh

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COMMOUN  
WORKIS.

KIRK.

for advising anent William Mure and Besse Bell adult-  
erouris in Merche 1614, xiiij li. vj s. viij d. Item to Johnne  
Neilsoun for linking of the estait of the brig, xxiiij s. iiij d.  
Item to Margrat Cuningham for wyne ressavit fra hir  
bestowit upoun the ministrie and sindrie nobillmen, xv li.  
iiij s. Item to Robert Duncane for mending of the calsay  
of the brig and to Barquhill for doing of his office upoun  
Besse Bell and utheris, iiij li. xj s. iiij d. Item for ryiss to  
the dyk at the schoir, iij li. vj s. viij d. Item to William  
Richert for irn work furnest be him to the townis commoun  
work this last yeir, lxxx li. Item to Henry Osburne for  
twa greit geistis to be burkertis to the bullwork, v li. vj s.  
viiij d. Item to Alexander Purvyance notar for twa instru-  
mentis concerning the Frenchemen, xxiiij s. Item to  
William Cuningham baillie for ane sparr to the golfis,  
xxiiij s. Item to Bessie Bell in hir support, xxxs.  
Item to Johnne Andersoun messinger of drinksilvir, iij li.  
xij s. Item to Geillis Lokhert for wyne gevin to nobillmen,  
iiij li. viij s. Item to William Cauldwell payntour in part  
of payment of the spargoning of the kirk, xiiij li. vj s. viij d.  
Item to the support of the papingo bend, vj li. and to  
Johnne Slowane for finding of lawborrowis anent the lard  
of Bargany, v li. Item to Adam Richie provest for xxiiij  
daillis to be lath to the kirk, xvj li. Item to Neill Myl  
sklater in November 1613 in compleit payment of sevin  
rude of sklait wrocht be him this yeir upoun the kirk,  
lxxj li. vj s. viij d. Item of bounteth to him and his  
men, xij li. Item advanceit to the said Neill in part of  
payment of fyve rude of new work to be biggit be him  
upoun the kirk conforme to ane indentour in November  
1613, lxxvj li. xiiij s. iiij d. Item for ane angell send to  
Mr. Alexander King for advising of sum the townis effairis  
and to twa boyis that yid to Edinburgh, vij li. xj s. viij d.  
Item to James Cuningham querriour for wyning of  
stanis to the townis commoun work, xij li. Item to  
William Nicholl tymmerman for ane kneyeheid to mend  
the gallowis and for thrie dayis laubour at the horlage  
trie and for making of ane dubill dur to the Ovirtolbuyth,  
vj li. Item to Margrat Osburne for ane quart of wyne

gevin to the baillie of Monkton, xx s. Item to Archibald Osburne for twa treis for bigging up of the horlage stane, x li. xiiij s. iiiij d. Item to James Blak to gang to Edinburgh anent our minister William Burnie, 1s. Item to Adame McCubene for his panis in ganging to Edinburgh with the provest and dene of gild quhen thai raid thairtoun anent Mr. William Burnie our minister, liij s. iiiij d. Item to Jonet Craufurd spous to James Fergushill for wyne to the communioun twa tymes and gevin be the toun to the Marques of Hamiltoun the erle of Cassilis and sindrie utheris nobillmen at sindrie tymes, xlix li. vj s. Item to James Fergushill for the hyre of ane horss to the Monkwood and for ane quart of aill to the masounis that veseit the brig of Dwn, xiiij s. iiiij d. Item to Michael Wallace notar for his support, x li. Item to Thomas Glen cuper for the cariage and transporting of his materiallis fra Edinburgh to this toun promittit be the toun to him to that effect, xxiiij li. Item to Johnne McCra officiar for clengeing of the Tolbuyth, xx s. Item to George Masoun younger merchand for reparing of the townis cullouris, xx s. Item to William Cauldwell payntour for the rest of the spargoning be him of the kirk and for his bounteth and sum uther work mair nor his indentour, xxvj li. xiiij s. iiiij d. Item to Hew Dowok wrycht for the reparing of the scollaris sait in the kirk, ten merkis. Item for wyne to Margrat Osburne, xlviij s. Item to Alexander Dickie debursed be him in the townis effairis, xxiiij s. Item to Stene Nicholl wrycht for his work in the kirk in mending of the furmis and uther his work in December 1613, fyve merkis. Item to Agnes Campbell spous to Johnne Dunbar for wyne ressavit fra hir gevin be the toun to sindrie nobill and gentill men the townis freindis comptit in May 1614, xxxiiij li. vj s. viij d. Item for mending of the pekis, xl s. and for ane camestok to the horlage stane upoun the hillis, xl s. Item to Mr. Hew Tran doctour of the grammer seule to his support of his hous maill and utheris, xx li. Item to Johnne Getty for drawing of carpouillis fra Kincais to the work at the schoir and winding of the ryiss thairof, xxiiij s. Item for leid to the theiffis hoill dur, xx s. Item to Andro Moris

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masoun for his work thairof, xviiij s. Item for twa skinnis to heid the drum and for cordage thairto, xxviiij s. Item to Hew Betoun drummer, xij s. at his first entrie for his expenssis. Item for transporting of letteris to Edinburgh, xxiiij s. Item for parchement and walx to the wryting of ane renunciatioun of Mr. William Birnie minister of his rycht of the townis Freris landis and of ane procuratorie of resignatioun thairof, xl s. viij d. Item for leiding of stanes to the calsay, vij s. Plus to the uther drume for ane heid and cordage thairto, xx s. Item for cordage anent ane houssie Agnes Benot and ane fallow that wes seurgit and to Barquhill lokman for his travell that day, xxvij s. vj d. Item to Johnne Craufurd for keiping of the hillis, iiij li. Item to Mathew Mortoun officiar for ganging twyss to Dalkeyth anent the townis effairis, xij s. Item in drink to the massounis biggand the brig and in bying of the officiaris coittis, xvij s. viij d. Item of drinksilvir to the barrowmen at the brig, xij s. Item for copeis of the townis letteris, vj s. Item to Johnne Murdoch cuper for work, vij s. Item to ane boy that brocht the gadge of treis, viij s. Item for irn to be ane craw irn to the work of the brig, iij li. xj s. viij d. Item to James Blair baillie for his expenssis in the conventioun of burrowis haldin at Kirkcaldy in Julij 1614, lxxx li. Item gevin to the work of the brig, xx li. Item for leid to the brig work, xxvj s. viij d. Item to Johnne Cuningham barrowman thairto, xxx s. Item to Hew Betoun drummer to ane gude compt of his coitt promesit to him be the toun, xxiiij s. Item to Adam Richie provest for his expenssis in ryding to Edinburgh anent Mr. William Birnie minister, xvij li. vj s. viij d.

SUMMA of thir expenssis and ordinar stipendis,  
jmiiijclxxj li. xv s. ij d.<sup>1</sup>

### Dependentia

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TIA.

ITEM the burrow males, iij li. The lard of Cragyis cobill maill, xl s. The lady Mosgavillis cobill maill, xl s. Item

<sup>1</sup> Should be £1,469, 12s. 10d.

the annuellis of the auld ministeris hous Johnne Porterfeild in the Sandgait waist, xxxij s. viij d. Item be Sibella Johnnestoun relict of umquhile David Craufurd the few of his aikeris at the Ovir miln, x s. The annuellis of Laydlawis tenement waist, xl d. The annuell of Stene Rogeris tenement waist, xl d. The tenement of James Davidsoun in Burnmouth waist, xl d. The annuell of Johnne Gardner walkar abone the Tour waist, vj s. The annuell of McClurgis tenement at the Tounheid port waist, vj s. viij d.<sup>1</sup>

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COMPUTUM Georgii McCalmont decani

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gilde burgi de Air, a festo Michaelis

COMPT OF 1613 ad festum Michaelis inde sequens

THE DENE 1614 per ipsum redditum coram pre-

OF GILD posito ballivis consilio et communi-

1613 tate dicti burgi die xx<sup>o</sup> Decembris

1614 auditoribus eiusdem computi et

per ipsos admissum.

Auditouris

Hew Kennedy provest Adame Richie lait provest

James Johnnestoun baillie George Cochren

James Blair dene of gild William Cuningham lait baillie

David Blakwod thesaurar Donnald Smyth

Johnne Dunbar

Johnne Stewart

Thomas Busbie

William Richert smyth

Mongo Cuningham tailyeour

<sup>1</sup> *Dependentia* apparently left unfinished, followed by a blank of some ten lines; no balance is struck for the Treasurer's account.

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ITEM the gild entres of James Broun in Daylie, xx li. The gild entres of Hew Mar in Machlene, xx li. The gild entres of Thomas Nicholl merchand, Wintersyd, xx li. The gild entres of William Kelso in Newtoun, xx li. The gild entres of Johnne Greir in Cumnok, xx li. The gild entres of William Skilling thair, xx li. The gild entres of Robert Quhyte merchand, xx li. The gild entres of Johnne Gemmill in Cumnok, xx li. The gild entres of William Graystyle of Perstoun, xx li. Item the gild entres of Johnne Rayth in Newtoun enterit the yeir preceding 1612, xx li.

SUMMA onerationis, ij<sup>o</sup> li.

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ITEM for ten daillis to the kirk bocht fra Elias Cathcart, vj li. Item to Johnne Dunbar for vj daillis thairto, iiij li. Item to James Fergushill for viij daillis, v li. vj s. viij d. Item to Johnne Knycht for ten daillis half ane daill, vij li. Item to Hew Kennedy for ten daillis, vj li. xiiij s. iiij d. Item be the compter himself, xvij daillis, xij li. All thir foirnamit daillis bestowit to be lath to the reparing of the kirk this yeir. Item for bering of the daillis to the kirk, xvij s. Item for coles to seyth the pynnis, xiiij s. iiij d. Item to Johnne Craufurd for fog, v li. viij s. iiij d. Item for twa chosin daillis to mend the trap pentrie of his Maiesteis loft in the kirk, xxxij s. Item for bering of certane daillis to the hospitall and cleinging of the kirk, xvij s. Item for thrie Irland burdis to put on the cum-syng of the kirk, xiiij s. iiij d. Item to Johnne Osburnes wyfe for ane kettill to seyth the sklait pynnis, xvj s. Item at the new aggrement with the sklater Neill Wrycht for mair work ane pynt of wyne, x s. Item for oyldolie to the kirk bell, xij s. Item to George Liddell glasinwrycht his pensioun for uphalding of the glass of the kirk, iiij li. Item to Johnne Masoun the masoun for mending of the twa laych kirk windois nerrest the stepill, and for bering of certane stanes fra the schoir to the kirk, xlviij s. viij d. Item for bering of sklaittis to the kirk, xl s. Item to the

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said Neill Wrychtis wyfe to pay the boittis fraucht that brocht the sklaitt, xxvj li. xiijs. iiij d. Plus to Neill Wrychtis self, xl s. Item for thrie daillis to be futgangis in the kirkis furmis, xl s. Item to William Cauldwell payntour for dressing and colouring of the loftis in the kirk, vj li. Item the compteris charges in Edinburgh anent the townis effairis, xvij li. vj s. viij d. Item the compteris fee, v li.

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SUMMA of thir debursingis and expensis, j<sup>c</sup>xx li. ix s. viij d.

ITEM restand awand unpayit in the handis of Thomas Nicoll, William Kelso, Johnne Greir in Cumnok, and William Skilling thair, ilk ane of thame xx li. for thair gild entres, quhilk the compter hes presentlie assignit and deliverit upoun compt to be upliftit and receaved be James Blair present dene of gild be command of the provest baillies and counsale, quhairof the said James salbe comptabill at his compt. Summa, lxxx li.

SUMMA of thir haill debursingis and allowance, ij<sup>c</sup> li. ix s. viij d. And the charge is ij<sup>c</sup> li. Swa the compter is superexpendit in ix s. viij d. And swa sic eque.

MASOUN.

COMPUTUM Henrici Osburne magistri

MAISTER operis a festo Michaelis 1613 ad  
OF WORK festum Michaelis inde sequens 1614  
HIS per ipsum redditum coram preposito  
COMPT ballivis consilio et communitate dicti  
1613 burgi die xiiij<sup>o</sup> Decembris 1614 et per  
ipsum admissum.

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ITEM ressavit be the compter fra Johnne Stewart of the

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stent silvir quhair of he wes collectour this yeir, vj<sup>xx</sup> li.  
Item f1a Johnne McCra officiar of the Burrowfeild stent  
collectit be him, xij li.

SUMMA onerationis, vj<sup>xx</sup>xij li.

EXONERATIO ET EXPENSE upoun the repar-  
ing of ane part of the brig in workman-  
schip and stanis thairto this yeir 1614,  
beginnand in May 1614.

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ITEM in the first to James Cuningham and Johnne  
Druppis querriouris for wyning of stanis to the brig,  
xij li. Plus for wyning of the stanis and helping thair of  
furth of the wattir, xxxv s. iiij d. Item to the cartouris  
in drink at the aggreand with thame, vj s. viij d. Item  
for bering up to the hillis of the trie to be [the] dyell,  
vj s. viij d. For careing up to the hillis of the last came-  
stok to be the compas, iiij s. Item for xiiij bollis of lyme  
to the brig, iiij li. vj s. viij d. For ane riddill, iiij s. In  
drink with William Richert smyth, xl d. Item the thrid  
of Junij 1614 to Johnne Neilsoun masoun of the brig,  
xxiiij li. Item to Johnne Ard and the cartouris for stanis  
leding to the brig, vj li. viij s. Item to Gilbert McGrane  
for sand leding thairto, iiij li. xiiij s. iiij d. Item to William  
Cuningham for casting of turfis to the dammyng of the  
wattir under the brig, 1200 turfis, xl s. and in drink, xl d.  
Plus the vij of Junij 1614 to Johnne Neilsoun masoun,  
viij li. iiij s. Item to William Wallace for lyme, vj li. xij s.  
Item to James McQuhaill wrycht for dressing of the trie  
that the camstok of the compas in the hillis standis in, vj s.  
Item to the provest Adam Richie for towis to the brig,  
xlv s. Plus to Johnne Neilsoun masoun workar of the brig  
the xvij of Junij 1614, xvj li. Item for twa quartis of aill  
at the lousing of the dam of the wattir under the brig,  
vj s. viij d. and for breid, ij s. Item the next day in drink  
with the masounis, v s. ij d. Item to Laurie Porter for  
ane dayis work at the brig, ij s. Item for twa scuppis to

laif the wattir, x s. For mending of the townis barrow, v s. Item for half ane barrell to be ane baky to beir lyme, x s. To Johnne Cuningham for leid, xv s. Plus to James for wyning of stanis, xxx s. Item to Johnne Masoun the masoun for twa oulkis wages at the brig, x li. and to his man, xxvj s. viij d. Item plus to the said Johnne Masounis man for twa oulkis wages, iiij li. Item for nalis and burdis to mend the barrowis, xx s. Plus in drink with the masounis diverss tymes, xv s. Plus to the said Johnne Neilsoun masoun, xij li. Plus debursed upoun the brig, xxij li.

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SUMMA of thir expenssis, vj<sup>xx</sup>xij li. iiij s. viij d.<sup>1</sup> Swa the compt is superexpendit mair nor his ressait iiij s. viij d.

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BAILLIE  
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THE COMPT of Williame Cuninghame  
baillie of his debursingis upoun the  
reparing of ane part of the brig work  
this yeir 1614, and of his ressait of  
the silvir thairof in Julij 1614, maid  
be him in presens of the provest  
baillies and counsale the xx day of  
December 1614 and allowit be thame.

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ITEM ressavit be the said William Cuningham baillie fra George Masoun notar furth of the silvir of the townis od daillis in Julij 1614 of silvir, xxj li. x s. Plus for the prices of xlviij daillis awand be the said William, xxvj li. viij s. Item ressavit fra Johnne McCra officiar furth of the Borrowfeild stent, vj li. iiij d.

SUMMA of this ressait, liij li. xviiij s. iiij d.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £145, 4s. rod.



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EXPENSE. xiiij li. viij s. Item to James Cuningham querriour for  
wynning of stanis thairto, iiiij li. Item for dressing of ane  
half barrell to put lym in, xvj d. Plus for lyme to the  
brig, iiiij li. xvj s. Plus to the querriouris for wynning of  
stanes to the brig, vj li. viij s. Item to twa men to help  
the querriouris, xxx s. For ane pail to the masoun, iiiij s.  
Item for leiding of sand to Gilbert McGrane, vij li. Plus  
to the querriouris for wynning of stanis to the brig, vj li.  
viij s. Item for ane pail to beir lyme, vj s. Item drunken  
with Johnne Neilsoun maister masoun of the brig work,  
vj s. Item for taking up of ane cokboit to the masounis  
to the brig and attending upoun the brig, xl s. Plus for  
sand to the brig, xx s. Plus to the kartouris for leiding  
of stanis to the brig, xxx s. Plus for lyme to the brig,  
iij li. xvij s.

SUMMA of thir expenssis upoun the brig, liij li. xv s.  
iiiij d. and the compters ressait is liij li. xvij s. iiiij d.  
Swa the compt restis awand to the toun de claro  
xxiij s.

MASOUN.

EXPENSIS MEMORANDUM debursed this yeir upoun the  
UPOUN THE repairing of the townis commoun workis, kirk,  
COMMOUN brig, Tolbuyth and utheris fra Michaelmes  
WORKIS 1613 to Michaelmes 1614, conforme to the  
1614 comptis of the thesaurar, dene of gild, maister  
vj<sup>e</sup>lxxj li. of work and utheris comptis thairof afor  
xij s. viij d. registrat the said yeir, vj<sup>e</sup>lxxj li. xij s. viij d.

Die xvj<sup>o</sup> mensis Julij 1622. The quhilk  
 day Johnne Stewart baillie maid his  
 compt of his ressait and intromis-  
 sion with the kingis Maiesteis taxa-  
 tioun of this burch of the Candilmes  
 terme last bipast being the first  
 termes payment thairof maid be him  
 in presens of the provest baillies and  
 counsall and allowit be thame.

(Stent of  
 1622.)  
 (137v.)

COMPUTUM  
 JOHANNIS  
 STEWART  
 BALLIVI  
 1622

#### Being Present

Adame Richie provest	Hew Kennedy
William Cuningham baillie	James Blair
Donnald Smyth dene of gild	James Johnestoun
James McAdam thesaurar	Johnne Dunbar
James Hunter	
George Fergusson	
Adam Galt walkar	

#### Oneratio

ITEM ressavit be the said Johnne Stewart fra Adame  
 Wilsoun officiar of Alloway of the taxatioun and stent  
 thairof, lxxiiij li. xv s. 4d. Item fra Hew Dowok wrycht  
 for the squairmen of this burch of thair stent, ix li. ij s.  
 Item fra Georg Nesbit for the skinneris, x li. viij s. Item  
 fra him for the walkaris, v li. xvj s. viij d. Item fra David  
 Mure for the cordineris, ix li. x s. Item fra Johnne Batic  
 smyth for the hemmirmen, xiiij li. xvj s. Item fra Johnne  
 Hunter wobster for the wobsteris, iij li. xvj s. Item fra  
 Mongo Cuningham tailyeour for the tailyeouris, xvij li.

ONERATIO.

(Stent of  
1622.)

xiiij s. iiij d. Item fra the cuper craft, xxij li. ij s. viij d. Item fra Alexander Wylie in Newtoun for the stent of the burgessis thair, vij li. xij s. Item fra William Flemyng in part of payment of the tron silvir, xl li.

SUMMA of this ressait, ij<sup>e</sup>xiiiij li. xiiiij s. j d.<sup>1</sup> quhilk he hes debursit as followis

EXONERATIO  
ET EXPENSE.

### Exoneratio

ITEM the said Johnne Stewart and James Blair lait baillie thair expenssis in ryding first to Glasqw and secundlie to Edinburgh in Januar 1622 with George Dunbar minister of this burch quha wes charget to compeir befor the lordis of secreit counsall the nynt day of the samin moneth being directit to ryd with him to assist him be the provest baillies and counsall of this burch be thair act and ordinance sett down thairanent the xxij day of the said moneth of Januar, lxxxviiij li. vj s. viij d. Item to George Angus in part of payment of the j<sup>e</sup> li. promittit to him be the toun for the ovirgeving of the townis milnis, lx li. Item to Robert Cochren for clayth to the officiaris coitis awand to him, xxviiij li. xiiij s. iiij d. Item debursed be him to accompleis furth the frewill contributioun of this burch to the support of the Frenche kirk and to caus the samin to extend to j<sup>e</sup> li. being xix li. viij s. Item debursed for the inlaik of licht gold, vij li. iiij s. vj d.

SUMMA of thir debursingis, ij<sup>e</sup>ciiij li. viij s. viij d.<sup>2</sup> And his ressait is ij<sup>e</sup>xiiiij li. xiiiij s. j d. Swa restis in his hand, xj li. v s. vj d.<sup>3</sup>

MASOUN.

xiiiij<sup>o</sup> Junij 1625.<sup>4</sup> This xj li. v s. vj d. debursed be Johnne Stewart in the commoun effairis.

MASOUN.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £214, 12s.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £203, 12s. 6d.

<sup>3</sup> One penny too much.

<sup>4</sup> This last note is added in the margin in the same hand,

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS,  
1534-1624



## ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS, 1534-1624

THOMAS SCHANKIS, Treasurer, 1534-35  
(audited Jan. 7, 1535/6)

Treasurer,  
1534-35.

### Charge

8 burgess-entries at 2 merks each, £10, 13s. 4d. John Myllar, the mail of Alloway mill for Mart. 1534 and Whit. 1535, £40. Mail of Alloway barony (same 2 terms), £53. John Cunynghame, for the bells for Whit. 1535, 15s. Arrears of grassums, feus and booth-mails, £7, 3s. 5d. Late Treasurer George Bannatyne's balance, £26, 4s. Total, £138, 8s. 1d.<sup>1</sup>

(17.)

### Discharge

Fees. Schir John Bollok (Mart. 1534 and Whit. 1535), £6. Schir Alexander Kerr, for keeping the books and vestments (same 2 terms), £2. Mr. Peter Broune (same 2 terms), £5, 6s. 8d. Stephen Prestoun (Mart. 1534, Whit. and Mart. 1535), £6. Schir William Reid (same 3 terms), £3, 13s. 4d. George Cochrane (in composition), £5, 5s. Mr. Stephen Adamsons, for year he was not feed (£2) and for Mart. 1535 (£5)—£7. Mr. Gavin Ross, £5. Alexander Mortoun, for keeping the knock, £1, 10s. Total, £41, 15s.

(18., 21.)

Annuals (to religious houses, etc.). The Black Friars, for Mart. 1534, *to fill furth the burch mail with*, £2, 11s. 10d.; and for Whit. 1535, £5. For wine to the Grey Friars, bought from the Frenchmen, £3, 10s. Annuals due from Alloway barony to the Cruives of Cree (Mart. 1534, Whit. and Mart. 1535), £13, 8s. 6d.

Total, £24, 10s. 4d.

Legal and Travelling Expenses. Bailies Alexander Lokart and George Wallace, and James Taitt, going to Parliament, £4, 2s. Bailie Lokart's expenses in the plea of Our Lady and St. Nicholas altars, £6, 3s. The laird of Drongan, riding to Edinburgh anent Leonard Clerk's plea, £3. The chaplain who came *to be feyt to play on the organ*, £1, 8s. Mr. Stephen Adamsons, for going to Glasgow to take presentation of St. Nicholas altar, 6s. 8d. Expenses of the collation and presentation of the altar to him, £1, 7s. 4d. To defend

<sup>1</sup> Should be £137, 15s. 9d.

Treasurer,  
1534-35.

the plea of Our Lady altar at Glasgow, £1. Riding to Edinburgh, 5s. Going to Lamblash, 8s. To 3 messenger-boys (2d. each), 6d.

Total, £18, 0s. 6d.

Petty Official Expenses. Commissions, presentations and instruments, £2, 9s. 10d. A precept of Parliament, 2s. Letters, 7s. 2d. Sealing-wax, 1s. Candles for the courts, 6d. A plack to the Provost, to arl a ship, 4d.

Total, £3, 0s. 10d.

Common Work. To the Master of Work, £17, 17s. 6d. For the knock (olive-oil and mending), 10d. Metal-work for the bell, £2, 9s. 7d. Building the kirk-door, 16s. 8d. Making a sealing-stamp, 3s. 3d.

Total, £21, 7s. 10d.

Hospitality. Supper at the sealing of the commission, 13s. 4d. A pitcher of ale to some Irishmen, 1s. 10d.

Total, 15s. 2d.

Miscellaneous. *To fill furth the stent with to the Quenys hayme bringyng*, £3, 11s. Skins for the clerk-play, 2s. 4d.

Total, £3, 13s. 4d.

Grand Total, £110, 10s.<sup>1</sup>

Balance, £27, 18s. 1d., paid to Thomas Broune, present Treasurer, who is to be charged therewith at his next compt—*of the quhilk he tuk ane crowne of the egill for xvij s.*

Dean of Guild,  
1534-35.

JOHN MUR, Dean of Guild, 1534-85  
(audited Jan. 7, 1535/6)

### Charge

(2r.)

The town's gear. From Adam Dunbar and Sybbe Lokart, in the Treasurer's absence, of the town's gear, £12, 7s. 10d. Two fishings in Ayr water, at 8s. 10½d. each, 17s. 9d. From Adam Hammyltoun, 5s. From the Treasurer, £1, 15s. For Our Lady Land, 6s. 8d.

Total, £15, 12s. 3d.

The kirk gear. The *bred sylvir* or collections, £7, 6s. 7d. Guild entries, three at 5 merks, two balances at £2, 6s. 8d. each, and one at 5s., £14, 18s. 4d. For the *wisdome* of a boat of hides, 15s. Balance from ex-Dean of Guild Bannatyne, £6, 2s. 8d.

Total, £29, 2s. 7d.

Grand Total, £44, 14s. 10d.

### Discharge

Metal-work and labour for the bell, £14, 0s. 4d. Timber and work on the organs and loft, £5, 11s. 1d. Timber and work at the north door of the kirk, £5, 0s. 8d. The slater and sundries, 5s. 10d.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £113, 3s. od.

To the monk of Kilwinning, for binding the mass-book, and the messenger, 7s. Two sawn-boards for Trinity aisle, 2s. 8d. Glass-work at the kirk, £2, 4s. 1d. Instruments and petty expenses, including *skenye threyd* for Palm Sunday, 6s. 3d. To Thomas Schankis, £1, and to Thomas Broune, £4—each to be charged therewith at the next compt. Total, £32, 16s. 8d.<sup>1</sup>

Balance due, £11, 18s. 2d.

WILLIAM NYCHOLE, Master of Work, 1534-35  
(audited Jan. 7, 1535/6)

Master of  
Work,  
1534-35.

*Charge*

Balance from last compt (Jan. 20, 1534/5), £1, 17s. 6d. His booth-mail for Whit. and Mart. 1535, 13s. 4d. His feu of common lands at Twa Stane Corss, £2, 1s. From Michael Styrling (for his meadow there), 10s. From the Treasurer, £17, 17s. 6d.

Total, £22, 19s. 4d.

*Discharge*

His fee, £2. Spent on the town's works and now accounted for, £16. Total, £18.

Balance due, £4, 19s. 4d.

THOMAS BROUNE, Treasurer, 1535-36  
(audited April 18, 1537)

Treasurer,  
1535-36.

*Charge*

Balance of late Treasurer Thomas Schankis, £27, 18s. 1d. His own balance, £3, 7s. 4d. Owed by him to the monk of Kilwinning who made the town's organs, £5. His receipts at last compt for feus, grassums, fishings, booth-mails, etc., £38, 14s. 10d. Thomas Athiller, booth-mail, 19s. John Mortone, quarrier, booth-mail, £2, 16s. John Kennedy, glover, the tron custom for Whit. 1536, £2, 13s. 4d. Janet Bell, 16s. Robert Patersone's grassum, £1. Gavin Busby, £8, 13s. 4d. Ninian McWattie, 16s. John Campbell, balance of guild entry, £2, 6s. 8d. Three burgess-entries at 2 merks each, £4. The Alloway barony-mail for Mart. 1535 and Whit. 1536, £53. John Myllar, the Alloway mill-mail (same 2 terms), £40. His booth-mail for Whit. and Mart. 1536, 14s. 8d. His fishing of Doon (same two terms), £1, 10s. His feu in the Crofts, 8d.

Total, £194, 5s. 11d.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £32, 17s. 11d.



Treasurer,  
1535-36.  
(3v., 7r.)<sup>1</sup>

*Discharge*

Fees. Schir William Reid (Mart. 1535 and Whit. 1536), £4, 18s. 4d. Schir Alexander Ker (same two terms), £6, 13s. 4d. To him, for keeping the books and vestments (same two terms), £2. Stephen Prestoun (same two terms), £4. Schir John Bollok (same two terms), £10. Mr. Peter Broune (same two terms), £5, 6s. 8d. Robert Patersoun (same two terms), £20. Schir Thomas Gylmeyn (same two terms), £1. Schir Thomas Rayth (same two terms), £1. Mr. Gavin Ross (same two terms), £10. Given to him at last compt, £1. Mr. Stephen Adamsoun, for Whit. 1536, £5. Schir John Fayr, 17s. 6d. Schir Gavin Fullartoun, £20. Schir George Blayr, £1. Alexander Mortoun, for keeping the knock during Mart. 1535 and Whit. 1536, £1, 10s. Simon Lokart, for keeping the sands at midsummer, 4s. Total, £94, 9s. 10d.

Annuals. For a hogshead of wine to the Grey Friars, £3, 17s. 6d. To the Black Friars, for Mart. 1535 and Whit. 1536, £7, 11s. 10d. To the Cruives of Cree, for Mart. 1535 and Whit. 1536, £10, 19s. Total, £22, 8s. 4d.

To Other Magistrates. The Provost, £1. Bailie Alexander Lokart, £4, 3s. Total, £5, 3s.

Common Work. The Master of Work, £19, 13s. Murdoch Neisbyt, for services to the town, 14s. 12 boards to the Grey Friars, 7s. A fetter-lock, 1s. 6d. Jok Esdail, for making the kirkyard dyke, 8d. Total, £20, 16s. 2d.

Petty Expenses. Instruments, 12s. 4d. Sealing-wax, 6d. Candles, 1s. 4d. Making a seal, 2s. 8d. To arl a wine-ship, 4d. Total, 17s. 2d.

Miscellaneous and Unexplained. *Gevin to fill furth the taxt send into Franss*, £22, 13s. To the Frenchmen who brought the wine for the Grey Friars, £1, 11s. To a tinkler, 4d. For bread to some thieves, 4d. Quentin Schaw, messenger, 10s. John Kessane, flesher, 3s. James Taitt, 5s. Cuthbert George, 2s.

Total, £25, 4s. 8d.

Grand Total, £168, 19s. 2d.

Balance due, £25, 6s. 9d. *And as for v li. of the samyn quhen he prevys it sufficientlye payit to the monk of Kylwynning and he warnit thairto the samyn to be defalkit to him and utherwayss nocht.*<sup>2</sup>

*Item the said Thomas is to be chargit at his nixt compt with v unce of senyn sylk for part of payment of Johnne Muris auld rest.*<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The pages of this year's accounts are bound up in wrong order.

<sup>2</sup> *Vide supra*, pp. 28, 29.

<sup>3</sup> *Vide supra*, p. 28.

THOMAS SCHANKIS, Dean of Guild, 1535-36  
(audited April 18, 1537)

Dean of Guild,  
1535-36.

*Charge*

Guild entries—two at 5s., a part-payment of £1, another of (7*v.*)  
5 merks—£4, 16s. 8d. Kirk collections, £5, 8s. 6d. For a lair in  
the kirk, 5s. Total, £10, 10s. 2d.

*Discharge*

Altar-cloths, buckram, lining-cloth and thread, and working on (7*v.*, 5*r.*)  
them, £1, 5s. 3d. Olive-oil for the bells, 4s. Oiling them on Good  
Friday, 6d. George Blayr, for ringing them on *Saulmess Evyn*, 1s.  
Minor repairs to them, 6s. 8d. Lead, nails and work on the steeple,  
3s. 8d. The glaziers, for their work on the windows, £1, 4s. 4d.  
Sundry materials for the windows, 2s. 7d. Candles to play on the  
organs all winter, 1s. 8d. Making the pulpit-stair, 8d. Mending  
the censers, 8d. Filling a slap in the dyke, 8d. Making a sepulture,  
5s. Alexander Bollok, for building the kirk-door, £1, 3s. 4d. Alan  
Dalrimple, for *lathing* it, 10s. For slating it, 16s. 6d. Other work  
on it, 3s. 5d. Alexander Bollok, for mending the floor of the kirk,  
1s. 4d. Sand, lime and odd jobs at the kirk, 4s. 2d. Making and  
tipping the guild-wand, 4s. 5d. Provost Bannatyne (unexplained),  
£1. Total, £7, 19s. 10d.

Balance of £2, 10s. 4d. paid to the Treasurer.

WILLIAM NYCHOLE, Master of Work, 1535-36  
(audited April 18, 1537)

Master of  
Work,  
1535-36.

*Charge*

Balance from last compt, £4, 19s. 4d. Received from the Treas- (7*r.*)  
urer for the Common Works, £19, 13s. His booth-mail for Whit.  
and Mart. 1536, 15s. 8d. The feu-duty of the common lands of Twa  
Stane Corss the same two terms, £2, 1s. Total, £27, 9s.

*Discharge*

For slating the Tolbooth, and for wood and slates, £16, 11s. 7d. (7*rv.*)  
Mending the windows, 5s. 6d. Other work at the Tolbooth, 1s. 6d.  
For materials and repairs to the knock, £2, 13s. 8d. Making the  
*cukstulis*, with timber and a mill-stone, £1, 10s. 6d. Making the  
trap in a loft, 16s. For *redding* and *calsying* the Common Vennel,  
£1, 10s. Pointing the pillars of the Brig, 10s. Other odd jobs there,  
4s. To Alan Dalrimple, for binding and setting up timber at the bul-  
wark, 18s. 8d. Other work done there, 19s. Laying wrack on the

Master of  
Work,  
1535-36.

hills, 8s. Sowing corn there, *quhar the sand blew*, 2s. Gathering and carrying wrack at various times, usually at 6d. per day, £1, 9s. 7d. Drinksilver at sundry times, 1s. 4d. To the children of the barony of Alloway, for bringing 200 trees, 3s. Bringing three *pernellis* from Prestwick, 3s. Taking a man off the gallows, 4d. Miscellaneous petty work, 5s. 7d. The Master of Work's fee, £2.

Total, £30, 13s. 5d.<sup>1</sup>

Credit balance, £3, 4s. 5d.

Bailie,  
1535-36.

ALEXANDER LOKART, Bailie, 1535-36  
(audited April 18, 1537)

*Charge*

57.)

Alloway waulk-mill for Whit. and Mart. 1536, £2. His part of the Sklaitbog, the same two terms, £1, 10s. The grassum of Our Lady lands (meadow and common land), £2, 13s. 4d. The Martinmas mail of the same for 1536, £1, 13s. 4d. Feu-duty of Strangmannis Thorn for that term, 2s. 6d. Arrears received from Thomas Lathie (£2, 13s. 4d.), Thomas Dalrimple (£1, 14s.), Jock Thom (12s.) and Thomas Hakett (£1), in all—£5, 19s. 4d. Total, £13, 18s. 6d.

*Discharge*

Timber to the *cukstulis*, £1, 4s. To Schir John Fayr, 17s. 6d. For two ladders, £1, 6s. 8d. To Schir Alexander Ker, 13s. 4d. Simon Lokart, for going to Edinburgh, 6s. 8d. For 3 quires of Lombardy paper for the town's Compt-book, 12s. For copies of two king's letters, 1s. George Gude's pension, £1, 10s. Paid to the Treasurer, for his grassum, £2, 13s. 4d. Total, £9, 4s. 6d.

Balance of £4, 14s. paid to the Treasurer.

Clerk,  
1535-36.

STEPHEN PRESTOUN, Common Clerk, 1535-36  
(audited April 18, 1537)

*Charge*

(47.)

Balance due at last compt, 8s. 1d. His fishing of Ayr water for Whit. and Mart. 1536, 18s. 10½d. Total, £1, 6s. 10½d.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Should be £30, 13s. 3d.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £1, 6s. 11½d.

*Discharge*Clerk,  
1535-36.

Allowed to him for making two commissions, one at Michaelmas, the other to send to Glasgow in the town's plea there, 4s. For placks to the Provost to take instruments of the town's seisins and other matters, 8s. For binding and covering the town's Compt-book, and making a new rental in parchment of all the town's property, £1.

Total, £1, 7s.

Quit.

Accounts for 1536-37, *vide supra*, pp. 3-29.Treasurer,  
etc.,  
1536-37.

THOMAS BROUN, Treasurer 1537-38  
(audited June 27, 1539)

Treasurer,  
1537-38.*Charge*

Balance at his last compt, £95, 2s. For 5 ounces of sewing silk,<sup>1</sup> 14s. 6d. For a hogshead of wine, bought for the king but used by him, £4. Arrears and payments received by him at his last compt, £42, 7s. 5d. Thomas Broun's balance as Dean of Guild, paid to him then, £9, 10s. 2d. Payments received by him at the compt of Jan. 7, 1538/9,<sup>2</sup> in respect of sums due up to and including the Whit. term 1538, £23, 2s. 9d. Alloway barony-mail (to the same term), £32, 10s. John Myllar, Alloway mill-mail (to the same term), £26, 13s. 4d. Three grassums, £9, 4s. 5d. Three compositions for *violence*, £3, 19s. 11d. Two burgess-entries, at 2 merks each, £2, 13s. 4d. The Treasurer's own dues—his fishing of Doon water for 1538 and the Whit. term of 1539, £2, 10s.; his cellar under the Tolbooth (same 3 terms), £1, 4s.; feu-duty of his acres in the Crofts, 1s.

(17v., 18r.)

Total, £259, 7s. 4d.<sup>3</sup>*Discharge*

Fees. For Mart. 1537 and Whit. 1538—Stephen Prestoun, £4; Schir John Bollok, £10; Robert Patersoun, £13, 6s. 8d.; Schir Thomas Gylmen, £4; Schir Thomas Rayth, £4; Schir Thomas Andro, £4; Mr. Peter Broun, £5, 6s. 8d.; Mr. Gavin Ross, £10.

(18rv., 19r.)

<sup>1</sup> Cf. *supra*, pp. 28, 29, 74.<sup>2</sup> The *commoun compt* for 1537-38 was held on Jan. 7, 1538/9, when all the private burgesses' accounts were made up, and arrears and current dues paid; but the accounts of Treasurer, Dean of Guild and Master of Work were 'continued' to June 27, 1539.<sup>3</sup> Should be £253, 12s.

Treasurer,  
1537-38.

To Schir Alexander Kar, for keeping the books and vestments these two terms, £1, 5s. ; and for Our Lady lands (same terms), £2, 19s. William Kar, for the late Schir William Reid, £9, 6s. 8d. To Mr. Gavin Ross, for the Alloway mill-acre in 1635, 1536 and 1537, £1. Alexander Morton, for keeping the knock (Mart. 1537 and Whit. 1538), £2. Thomas Lawmont, for keeping the hills, 6s. 8d.; and for keeping the sands at midsummer, 3s. Total, £71, 13s. 8d.

Annuals. To the Grey Friars, 10s. ; and for three hogsheads of wine to them, £12, 14s. To the Black Friars, 14s. ; and for salt to them, £1, 3s. 6d. The annual of the Cruives of Cree for Mart. 1537 and Whit. 1538, £8, 19s. Total, £24, 0s. 6d.

Travelling Expenses. George Wallace, for riding to parliament, £5, 1s. John Martene, for keeping the Exchequer, 4s. Three pursuivants, for bringing the precept of parliament, proclaiming the king's letters, and bringing the Exchequer writ, 6s. Going to the landward kirks, 5s. A boy, going to Alloway, 2d. Total, £5, 16s. 2d.

To Other Magistrates. The Master of Work (for the Common Works), £44, 8s. 9d. The Dean of Guild, £5, 5s. 4d. ; and 3 st. 4 lb. of iron, worth 16s. 4d. Total, £50, 10s. 5d.

Common Work. 1563 lb. of iron, £18, 15s. Timber for the kirk, 12s. The glazier, for his fee and mending the kirk windows in Mart. 1537, 10s. For 2 firloft measures, 10s. For tags on the town's coffer, 4d. Total, £20, 7s. 4d.

Legal and Petty Expenses. Instruments, £1, 7s. 8d. Wax, 10d. Candles, 7d. Paper and ink for the compt-book, 1s. 5d. The king's letters, 10s. A precept, 2s. To arl 4 ships (each 1 plack), 1s. 4d. Petty expenses, 4s. 2d. *For ane bill to the kingis grace anent chepmen at landwert kirks*, 1s. 4d. For the Alloway law-suit pending before the Justice Eyre, £1. Total, £3, 9s. 4d.

Miscellaneous. *To fill furth the stent that culd noch be gottin in*, £3. For four hogsheads of wine to the King, £15, 2s. 8d. To purchase the land above the quarry from Alan Boyman, £5. For a plate and a pan, lost when the King was last in Ayr, 10s. Allowed to Andrew Willok for the perch penny that he gave to the late Schir George Blair, 13s. 4d. For ringing the bells on Hallowe'en, 5s. Total, £24, 11s.

Grand Total, £200, 10s 5d.<sup>1</sup>

Balance due, £58, 16s. 11d.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £200, 8s. 5d.

JOHN DALRIMPLE, Dean of Guild, 1537-38  
(audited March 4, 1539/40)<sup>1</sup>

Dean of Guild,  
1537-38.

*Charge*

Received from Treasurer Broun (1537-38), £5, 5s. 4d.; and 3 st. (21*v*.) 4 lb. of iron, worth 16s. 4d.; and — £7, 14s. 1½d. Three guild-entries at 5s. and five at 5 merks, £17, 8s. 4d. The collections in 1538, £5, 14s. 3d. His coble-mail on Ayr water for 1538 and 1539, £2. Feu-duty of St. Leonard's meadow (same years), £1. For his cellar under the Tolbooth (same years), £1, 12s.

Total, £41, 10s. 4½d.

*Discharge*

Spent on the building of St. John's well, the glazing of the choir windows, and repairs to the kirk and choir, with glass, slates, etc., and accounted for to the auditors—£37, 7s. 8½d.

Total, £37, 7s. 8½d.

Balance of £4, 2s. 8d. paid to Treasurer Bannatyne.

WILLIAM NYCHOLE, Master of Work, 1537-38  
(audited June 27, 1539)

Master of  
Work,  
1537-38.

*Charge*

Balance from last compt, £1, 3s. 9d. Received from Treasurer (19*r*.) Broun (1537-38), £44, 8s. 9d. Received from Treasurer Bannatyne (1538-39), £3. From the sale of 22 mill-stones from the town's quarry, £11, 6s. For his cellar under the Tolbooth, for 1538 and Whit. 1539, £1, 7s. Feu-duty of Twa Stane Corss, for the same three terms, £3.

Total, £64, 7s.<sup>2</sup>

*Discharge*

Spent on the town's necessary works, and fully accounted for, £62, 7s. His fee, £2.

Total, £64, 7s.

Quit.

<sup>1</sup> This account was not presented along with the others for 1537-38 but *continuit quhill the next commoun compt*, when it was audited along with those for 1538-39; that is why Dalrimple is charged with his own dues for the two years.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £64, 5s. 6d.

Dean of Guild,  
1538-39.

DONALD CAMPBELL, Dean of Guild, 1538-39,  
*vide infra*, p. 83.

Master of  
Work,  
1538-39.

THOMAS BROUN, Master of Work, 1538-39  
(audited March 4, 1539/40)

### Charge

(21v., 22r.)

His balance (as Treasurer for 1537-38), £58, 16s. 11d. His fishing of Doon water, for Mart. 1539, 16s. 8d. His cellar under the Tolbooth (same term), 8s. The feu-duty of his acres in the Crofts (same term), 4d. Received from John Dalrimple (Dean of Guild) of the kirk gear, £2, 0s. 8d. From Treasurer Bannatyne, for the common works, £29. For the bark of the timber sold by him, 8s. From William Hamiltoun, Provost, £5. 26 mill-stones, of which 19 were sold for £9, 13s. 10d. Total, £106, 4s. 3d.<sup>1</sup> and 7 mill-stones.

### Discharge

(22rv.)

Nine weeks' work at the quarry (Oct.-Dec. 1538), John Mortoun, the quarrier, usually getting 9s. per week, and each of four workmen 4s.—in all, £9, 16s. Making and mending tools (including mattocks, shovels, barrows and carts), £1, 3s. Two pitchers of ale to Mortoun the quarrier, 2s. 8d. Sixteen weeks' work (March-July 1539) hewing stones for the work at the haven, at wages varying between 16s., 12s. and 10s. per week, and 8d. per day—in all, £44, 1s. 8d. To Makke, for carrying stones to the haven-work, £1, 13s. 8d. For carrying wrack on to the sand that blew over the hills (Oct. and Nov. 1539), £1, 1s. 1d. For keeping the ports at the Midsummer Fair, 6s. Closing the town's waste entries, 2s. 2d. Taking down the *port yettis* and putting them in the Tolbooth, 1s. *Calsaying* the Fish Market and making the Cross there, £8, 18s. 2d. Making the town's *skaff*, and materials for it—timber, iron, tallow, heather and sand—in all, £30, 2s. 9d. Cleaning the mill-stones, 15s. Lime and sand, £1, 0s. 4d. To the Black Friars, for the arrears of their payments for Whit. 1538, £1, 13s. 4d. The Master of Work's fee, £2. Total, £105, 19s. 3d.<sup>2</sup>

Balance due, 5s. 2d.<sup>3</sup> and 7 mill-stones.

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<sup>1</sup> Should be £106, 4s. 5d.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £102, 16s. 10d.

<sup>3</sup> According to the totals given, this should of course be exactly 5s.

<sup>4</sup> No Treasurer's Account for 1538-39 is entered, though two and a half pages are left blank in the MS.

RICHARD BANNATYNE, Treasurer, 1539-40  
(audited Jan. 10, 1540/1)<sup>1</sup>

Treasurer,  
1539-40.

*Charge*

The Property for Whit. and Mart. 1540. Alloway barony-mail, (23*v.*, 24*rv.*)  
£53. Alloway mill-mail, £40. Fishing of Doon water, £3, 6s. 8d.  
Fishing of Ayr water, £5. The small custom, £8. The custom of  
the firlofts, £8, 0s. 4d. Custom of the tron, £6, 13s. 8d. Custom of  
the nolt markets, £2, 13s. 4d. Custom of the sheep and cloth,  
£6, 13s. 8d. The three cellars under the Tolbooth, £2, 10s. The  
booth under the Tolbooth stair, 13s. 4d. Alloway waulk-mill, £2.  
The Sklaitbog, £3. The Maryland, Modirland, Syke and Gawblair,  
£3, 6s. 8d. Our Lady land beside the Duphole burn, £1. The  
Spittale bog, £1, 12s. The Southron Holme beside the Duphole,  
5s. The late John Kennedy's tenement, £4. Total, £151, 14s. 8d.

The Annuals of the same year. Leonard Clerk's place, £5, 6s. 4d.  
John Watt's place, 17s. Richard Lile's place, 6s. 8d. The Quarry  
Hole, 10s. Mr. John Dunbarr's place, 10s. 6d. Sibilla Lokhart's  
place, £2. The annual of Lee and Cartland (Mart. term only),  
£3, 6s. 8d. Total, £12, 17s. 2d.

The Feus. The Burrowfield, £10. The brew-house and waste-  
land before the Sheriff of Ayr's tenement, 2s. 6d. William Nesbit's  
waste-land in the Sea Vennel, 6d. The Killlauch, 6s. 8d. St.  
Leonard's meadow, 10s. The Freirley, 1s. 6d. The common lands  
of the Twa Stane Croce, £2, 1s. The meadow and marsh of the  
Twa Stane Croce, 10s. Leonard Clerk's Southron Holme, 7s. The  
Strangman's Thorn, 5s. The Little Moss, £1, 10s. Dogland  
Schankis, 1s. The Blackfriars Over-mill, 5s. The Broun Ryg, 13s. 4d.  
Alexander Lokhart's fauld, 8d. The Quarry Hole, 10s. The Garro-  
trodding, 4s. Our Lady land in Clongall, 12s. John Mur's croft,  
10s. The late John Clerk's acres, 8d. Thomas Broun's acres, 8d.  
Thomas Wilsoun's acre, 4d. John Reid's acres, 8d. The burgh-  
mail, £3. Total, £21, 3s. 6d.

Burgess-entries. Two at 2 merks each, £2, 13s. 4d.

The Grassums. The fore-mail of the Dunnald Mote meadow,  
£10. The grassum of Thomas Myllar's mailing, £15. Total, £25.

Arrears. The *dependentis* of the last Compt (March 4, 1539/40),  
including arrears of mails, annuals, feus and grassums from 1536 to  
1539—in all, £115, 5s. 11d. Grand Total, £338, 18s. 3d.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> This account runs from Michaelmas 1539 to Michaelmas 1540, and on  
to the day of the Compt, *i.e.* over fifteen months altogether.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £328, 14s. 7d.



Treasurer,  
1539-40.  
(24v., 25r.)

### Discharge

Fees. Mr. Patrick Andirsoun (Mart. term 1540), £5. Robert Patirsoun (Whit. term 1540), £6, 13s. 4d. Schir John Bollok (Whit.), £5. Schir Thomas Andro (Whit.), £2. Schir Alexander Kar (Whit. and Mart.), £3, 8s. 8d. To him, for keeping the vestments and books, and finding bread and wine, £2. Schir Thomas Raith (Whit.), £5. Mr. Gavin Ross (Whit.), £5. The Provost, £5. Stephen Prestoun, clerk, £4. Alexander Mortoun, for keeping the knock, £2. George Gude, £3. The Treasurer, £2. For keeping the hills, 6s. 8d. For keeping the hills at midsummer, 2s.

Total, £50, 10s. 8d.

Annuals. For two hogsheads of wine to the Grey Friars, £5, 5s. To the Black Friars, for Whit. and Mart. 1540, £11, 5s. To the Cruives of Cree (same 2 terms), £8, 19s. Total, £25, 9s.

Travelling Expenses. Pursuivants bringing Exchequer precept, tidings of the prince's birth, and the precept of Parliament, 7s. John Kessen, to keep the Exchequer, 4s. Expenses at Edinburgh anent the fishing of the Outer Isles, £1, 8s. A boy, with letters and the commission to Parliament, 10s. Another *that come fra the thesaurar chargeing the toun to send furth thar articlis to the parliaments*, 2s. Total, £2, 11s.

Common Work. To Thomas Broun, Master of Work, 1539-40, £3, 1s. 8d. To James Cunynghame now (1540-41) Master of Work, £1, 2s. Alexander Lokhart and John Fallisdale, in part payment of timber, £48, 18s. John Dalrimple and Thomas Broun, for the same, £40, 6s. Making and mending firlots, 13s. 6d. A writing table for the Tolbooth, 10s. Keys for the town's coffer, 2s. 8d. Work at the haven, the quarrier getting 1s. per day, barrowmen 3d.—4s. Materials and odd jobs, 10s. Total, £95, 7s. 10d.

Festivities and Hospitality. Bailie Donald Campbell, for making the collation at Michaelmas, 13s. 4d. Expenses incurred *at the triumphe of my lord the princis birth*, £17. For wine to Lord St. Johns, when he held his courts in the burgh, 8s. For a plate and a box lost when the King was last in Ayr, 19s. Total, £19, 0s. 4d.

Legal and Official Expenses. Instruments, 3s. 8d. Wax, 10d. Candles, 4d. For 5 commissions (at the Michaelmas elections and for Parliament), 12s. A quire of paper for the Common Compt, 8d. 3 loads of coal for the Compt, 2s. 6d. To arl a wine-ship, 4d. To arl the schoolmaster when he was feed, a groat—1s. 6d. To Robert Patirsoun, to discharge his contract (as sangster), £2, 4s.

Total, £3, 5s. 10d.

Miscellaneous and Unexplained. For a cloth gown to the pilot of the wine-ship, £1, 10s. To Alexander Lokhart, for Whit. and Mart. 1540, in complete payment of £100 owed to him by the town, £40. To Thomas Broun, £1. Treasurer,  
1539-40.  
Total, £42, 10s.

Credit balance (for missing account of 1538-39), £1, 17s.

Grand Total, £239, 0s. 2d.<sup>1</sup>

Balance, £99, 18s. 1d. Arrears, £127, 10s.<sup>2</sup> Credit balance, (25rv.)  
£27, 11s. 11d., to be tane up be him of the saidis dependentis.

DONALD CAMPBELL, Dean of Guild, 1538-39 and 1539-40 Dean of Guild,  
1538-39 and  
1539-40.  
(audited Jan. 10, 1540/1)

### Charge

Guild-entries in 1538-39—4 at 5 merks and 7 at 5s.—£15, 1s. 8d. (23r.)  
Collections that year, £7, 17s. 8d. Guild-entries in 1539-40—  
4 at 5 merks and 2 at 5s.—£13, 16s. 8d. Collections that year,  
£8, 6s. 8½d. Six fines (unlaws) of 5s. for failing to take the plate  
round, £1, 10s. *Unlawis of the regratouris of the gild*—Andrew  
Roxburgh (14s.), John Gibsoun, John Boid and John Wilsoun (each  
£1, 2s.), Henry Patirsoun (11s.) and Andrew Pading (9s.)—in all,  
£5. The lairs in the kirk, £2, 15s. Total, £54, 7s. 8½d.

### Discharge

To the slaters who repaired the roof (*thekit the faltis*) of the kirk (23rv.)  
and choir, £4, 1s. 4d. For timber and repairs to the Trinity window,  
£1, 19s. 6d. Materials and sewing for the vestments, £1, 8s. 8d.  
For an altar-cloth, including lining (with canvas) and sewing,  
£1, 7s. 9d. For a cross, 12s. Towels for the High Altar, 12s. 4d.  
A manual book, £1. For paving the kirk, 5s. 8d. Making the kirk-  
stile (including timber), £1, 14s. 8d. The glazier's fees, £2. Minor  
repairs (lectern, chandelier, Holy Blood stalls, bells, etc.) and odd  
jobs about the kirk, £1, 15s. 5d. Sundry materials for work at the  
kirk (lead, iron, nails, rope, oil, timber, lime, etc.), £1, 3s. 3d. For  
ringing the bells on Hallowe'en, 5s. To Alexander Lokhart and  
John Fallisdale, for timber to the haven-work, £15, 16s. 8d. Ex-  
penses anent the king's letters warning regraters at upland kirks,

<sup>1</sup> Should be £240, 11s. 8d.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £126, 17s. 2d. Among these *dependentis* are £3 for each of the years 1537, 1538, 1539 and 1540, as burgh-mail, *resting on* the two bailies of the year, who were also responsible for arrears of the feus of the Burrowfield.

Dean of Guild, £1, 2s. For the Robin Hood plays (*Robert Hudis plais*) at 5 merks  
1538-39 and each year—£6, 13s. 4d. The Dean of Guild's fee (2 years), £4.  
1539-40. Total, £46, 11s. 3½d.<sup>1</sup>

Balance, £7, 16s. 5d., of which James Cunynghame's guild-entry  
(5 merks) *dependis*; balance due from the Dean of Guild, £4, 9s. 9d.

Master of  
Work,  
1539-40.

THOMAS BROWN, Master of Work, 1539-40  
(audited Jan. 10, 1540/1)

*Charge*

(26r.) Balance due at last Compt, 5s.<sup>2</sup> Also due, 7 mill-stones. From  
the Treasurer, £3, 1s. 8d. Total, £3, 6s. 8d. and 7 mill-stones.

*Discharge*

Expended, £3, 1s. 10d.

Balance due, 4s. 10d. and 7 mill-stones.

Memoranda,  
1539-40.  
(26r.)

Alexander Lokhart has been over-paid £2, 14s. for the timber  
bought from him, and must answer for that sum to the Treasurer.

He and John Fallisdale have been paid in full for their timber  
(£62).

John Dalrimple and Thomas Broun have been paid in part  
(£40, 6s.) for their timber.

Treasurer,  
1540-41.

RICHARD BANNATYNE, Treasurer, 1540-41  
(audited Feb. 6, 1541/2)<sup>3</sup>

*Charge*

(26v.) Arrears of last Compt, £133, 1s. 11d.<sup>4</sup> The property, for Whit  
term 1541, along with the burgh-mail and the fishings of Ayr and  
Doon for the whole year 1541, £98, 5s. 4d. Burgess-entries—2 at  
5 merks, one at 2 merks—£8. Total, £240, 7s. 3d.<sup>5</sup>

*Discharge*

(26v., 27r.) Fees. Mr. Peter Broun (Mart. 1540 and Whit. 1541), £8. Mr.  
Gavin Ross (same terms), £6, 13s. 4d.; to him, for the mill-acre  
(same terms), 6s. 8d. Mr. Patrick Andersoun (schoolmaster), for

<sup>1</sup> Should be £45, 17s. 7d.

<sup>2</sup> Given as 5s. 2d.

<sup>3</sup> This account runs from the day of the previous Compt (Jan. 10,  
1540/1) to Michaelmas 1541, *i.e.* less than nine months; Bannatyne's last  
account (*supra*, pp. 81, 82) and this one cover the two years 1539-41.

<sup>4</sup> Entered as £127, 10s., but perhaps altered by the auditors.

<sup>5</sup> Should be £239, 7s. 3d.

Whit. 1541, £5. Schir Alexander Kar (same term), £2, 14s. 4d. Treasurer, Stephen Prestoun, clerk (same term), £2. George Gude (same term), £1, 10s. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. Alexander Mortoun (for keeping the knock, Whit. 1541), £1. For keeping the hills, 6s. 8d. For keeping the hills and sands at midsummer, 2s.

Total, £37, 13s.

Annuals. A hogshead of wine to the Grey Friars, £3, 15s. To the Black Friars, for Whit. 1541, £5, 12s. 6d. To the Cruives of Cree, for Whit. 1541, £4, 9s. 6d.

Total, £13, 17s.

Messengers, etc. To messengers, bringing precepts, king's letters, and the letters anent the wapinschawing, 8s. To send a boy to Edinburgh with writings against the men of Wigtown, 4s. To keep the last Exchequer compt, 6s.

Total, 18s.

Common Work. To the Master of Work, £3, 6s. For timber (including £15 to John Fallisdale), £16, 3s. 4d. Sawing timber for the haven-work, £5, 10s. Mending firlots, 12s. Sewing the town's Arras, 5d.

Total, £25, 11s. 9d.

Wine and Festivities. For powder at the birth of the prince, 6s. Expenses at clerk-plays, £1, 6s. 8d. Bread and wine for them, 15s. 2d. For 2 quarts of wine *to the Egiptianis quhen thai dansit to the baillies*, 3s. 4d. For a hogshead of wine *that William Huchoun refusit*, £3, 16s. 8d. For wine to the Queen, £5.

Total, £11, 7s. 10d.

Office Expenses. Candles at the last Compt, 2d. 2 quires of paper and 4d. worth of ink *for to mak sang bukis*, 1s. 8d. A quire of paper for the Court-book of Alloway, 8d. The copy of a summons, 2s.

Total, 4s. 6d.

Credit Balance (from preceding Compt), £27, 11s. 11d.

Grand Total, £114, 2s. 2d.<sup>1</sup>

Balance, £126, 5s. 1d. Arrears, £121, 0s. 2d., of which £8, 2s. 8d. *(27rv.) ar takin of the comptar and dischargit for evir for povert.* Balance due, £5, 4s. 11d. Net arrears, £112, 17s. 6d.

ALEXANDER LOKHART, Dean of Guild, 1540-41  
(audited Feb. 6, 1541/2)

Dean of Guild,  
1540-41.

*Charge*

Guild-entries—2 at 10 merks, 2 at 5 merks, 3 at 5s.—£20, 15s. *(28v.)*  
The Pasche fines, £4. The offerings (to the day of the Compt), £17, 17s. The lairs (same period), £2, 0s. 8d. Receipts for 11 *willis* and 8 unlaws, £6, 15s. 4d.

Total, £51, 1s. 4d.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Should be £117, 4s.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £51, 8s.

Dean of Guild,  
1540-41.

*Discharge*

The glazier's pension for 1540 and 1541, £2. For ropes, olive-oil (at 3s. per chopin) and leather for the bells, 8s. For timber, £1, 17s. 8d. For candle, to play on the organs during winter (3 lb. each winter at 6d. per lb.), 3s. For mending the kirk-floor at Yule in 1540 and 1541, 7s. 4d. To the slaters, for repairing the kirk and choir, in work and materials, £2, 5s. 2d. For glass-work in the choir, 14s. 6d. For minor repairs in the kirk, 3s. 2d. For an instrument of the guild-entries, 4d. The Dean of Guild's fee (for 1540), £2.

Total, £9, 19s. 2d.

Balance due, £41, 2s. 2d., plus 5 merks (£3, 6s. 8d.) for the guild-entry of the late James Cunynghame.

Master of  
Work,  
1540-41.

The late JAMES CUNYNGHAME, Master of Work, 1540-41  
(audited Feb. 6, 1541/2)

*Charge*

(28v.)

From Treasurer Bannatyne, £3, 6s.

*Discharge*

Expended on the town's works, £3, 6s.

Quit.

Treasurer,  
1541-42.

GEORGE WALLACE, Treasurer, 1541-42  
(audited Feb. 6, 1541/2, and July 18, 1544)<sup>1</sup>

*Charge*

(27v., 28r.,  
29r.)

The property, for Mart. 1541 and Whit. 1542, with the burgh-mail and the fishings of Ayr and Doon for Whit. and Mart. 1542, £187, 9s. 8d. Doubling of feus—the merkland of the Bank (4s.) and the ten-shilling land of Holmishill (3s. 4d.)—7s. 4d. Three grassums, £43, 1s. 8d. Two burgess-entries at 5 merks each, £6, 13s. 4d. A hogshead of the town's wine, sold to Robert Boyman, £3. Arrears of last Compt, £112, 17s. 6d. Bannatyne's balance as Treasurer (1539-41), £5, 4s. 11d. Total, £348, 14s. 5d.

<sup>1</sup> This account is in two sections. One, running from Michaelmas 1541 to the day of the Compt for 1540-41 (Feb. 6, 1541/2), was presented on that day; the other, covering the remainder of the year, was audited along with the other accounts for 1541-42. I have thrown the two accounts together as one.

*Discharge*

Treasurer,  
1541-42.  
(28r., 29rv.)

Fees. Mr. Gavin Ross (Mart. 1541 and Whit. 1542), £8, 10s. Schir Alexander Ker (same terms), £5, 8s. 8d. Mr. Patrick Anderson (same terms), £10. Arrears due to him, £5, 5s. Mr. Peter Broun (same terms), £5, 6s. 8d. Schir John Book, chaplain (by the Bailies' command), 10s. Stephen Prestoun, clerk (same terms), £4. Alexander Mortoun, keeping the knock (same terms), £2. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £2. George Gude, £3. For keeping the hills, 6s. 8d. Total, £51, 7s.

Annuals. The Black Friars (Mart. 1541), £6. The Cruives of Cree (Mart. 1541 and Whit. 1542), £8, 19s. Total, £14, 19s.

Travelling Expenses. Commissioners to Edinburgh, to raise letters and summon the assize on the laird of Greenan, £12, 5s. 8d. To ride to Edinburgh in the suit against the Black Friars, £2, 4s. To run there, 6s. 8d. Three men, to ride to the Bishop of Glasgow, £2, 14s. To messengers bringing the Exchequer precept and letters anent granaries, regraters and wapinschawing, 8s. 2d. To messengers taking the town's letters to Edinburgh, £1, 4s. 9d. To the Treasurer, to ride to Lord Glencairn, 10s. Total, £19, 13s. 3d.

The Masters of Work. To Alexander Kennedy (1541-42), £5. To Alexander and Thomas Kennedy (1541-42), £178, 2s. 5d. To Robert Makmillane (1542-43), £1, 18s. 8d. Total, £185, 1s. 1d.

Legal and Official Expenses. Wax, 8d. Candle at the Yule head-court, 2d. For instruments taken *at the warding of thame in the Tolbuith that wer awand dettis to the toun*, 2s. Other instruments, 3s. 4d. For the Michaelmas commission and copies of letters, 10s. 2d. Expenses in the law-suit against the Black Friars, £3, 2s. 4d. For entering the bailies' compt in the Exchequer rolls, 4s. Making the town's rental of the Whitsunday term, 2s. For *the actis of parliament in prent*, 8s. Total, £4, 12s. 8d.

Hospitality and Festivities. For the Michaelmas collation, 13s. 4d. For a *disjone* to the Provost of Edinburgh (in connexion with the laird of Greenan's case), 15s. For a pewter plate lost when the King was last in Ayr, 5s. Total, £1, 13s. 4d.

Expenses of the War of 1542. To 7 messengers bringing letters of warning, of taxation for the Borders, of fiery cross, orders to ship the Irishmen to Scotland, discharge from the raid of Gladsmuir, and the order to rally to the raid of Lauder, 14s. For copies of these letters, 8s. 6d. Making out the first two months' stent-rolls and taking them to Edinburgh, and drawing up the roll of men for the raid of Lauder, £1, 2s. To a boy who went to George Gude to get

Treasurer,  
1541-42.

*novellis of the weir*, 6s. 8d. To George Andersoun, minstrel, for *passing with the toun* to the raid of Lauder, £1, 5s. To run to the bailies at Lauder to get *advertisment gif the remanent of the toun suld pas to the said army*, 6s. 8d. To take an instrument when Bailie Prestoun charged all persons to join the King's army, 4d.

Total, £4, 3s. 2d.

Grand Total, £288, 0s. 4d.<sup>1</sup>

(29v.) Balance, £70, 14s. 1d. Arrears, £70, 7s. Balance of 7s. 1d. paid by the Treasurer who must answer for the arrears in his next compt.

Dean of Guild,  
1541-42.

ALEXANDER LOKHART, Dean of Guild, 1541-42  
(audited July 18, 1544)

*Charge*

(30r.) Balance due at last Compt, £41, 2s. 2d. For the choir of Ayr at Easter 1542, £4. The hand-bells for 1542, £1, 10s. Collections from Feb. 6, 1541/2, to Michaelmas 1542, £3, 10s. For three *millis* in the guild-court, at 9s. each, £1, 7s. The lairs of the kirk, 7s.

Total, £51, 16s. 2d.

*Discharge*

*Allowit for Stevin Prestoun*, £4. Allowed for John MacTeir, who intromitted with the lairs of the kirk and could not pay through poverty, £1, 5s. Mending the trance-door of the choir, and for iron and lead to bolt it, 4s. 4d. The Dean of Guild's fee, £2.

Total, £7, 19s. 10d.<sup>2</sup>

Balance due, £43, 16s. 4d.

Masters of  
Work,  
1541-42.

ALEXANDER AND THOMAS KENNEDY, Masters of  
Work, 1541-42  
(audited July 18, 1544)

*Charge*

(29v.) From Treasurer Wallace, £178, 2s. 5d.<sup>3</sup> The price of 6 mill-stones from the quarry, £2, 18s. 6d.

Total, £181, 0s. 11d.

*Discharge*

(29v., 30r.) The Haven-work. 27 chalders of lime, £9, 4s. 1d. Carting it to the haven and other expenses, including drinksilver, £4, 2s. 6d.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £281, 9s. 6d.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £7, 19s. 4d.

<sup>3</sup> There is no mention here of the other £5 given by Treasurer Wallace.

Gathering and bringing in sand, £7, 3s. Carrying stones, £12, 10s. Digging and bringing in clay, 5s. For implements (spades, shovels, scoops, barrows and troughs) and mending them, £4. Five weeks' work at the quarry—3 quarriers getting 10s. each per week and 10-14 barrowmen getting 4s. each per week—£19, 2s. Eight weeks' mason-work—7-9 masons getting 12s. to £1 per week and 7-12 barrowmen each getting 5s. per week—£70, 15s. 8d. Cleaning and drying the quarry, and keeping it from being flooded, £8, 9s. 2d. Building a hole (*slop*) for the haven-work, £7, 6s. 1d. Cleaning the ground and setting up timber, £6, 3s. Repairs to implements (picks, mattocks, crowbars, etc.), £2, 11s. 4d. To Alan Dalrimple, for binding timber, £13, 14s. For iron-work and nails, £3, 6s. 4d. Incidental work, £1, 7s. 4d. Total, £169, 19s. 6d.

Masters of Work,  
1541-42.

War Expenditure. For 4½ ells of taffetas (at 9s. the ell), silk and work, for the town's *handseneye*, £2, 7s. 3d. For 2 ells of taffetas (1 double, at 15s.) and 8d. worth of red silk, to make two banners (*pensales*) for the raid of Lauder, £1, 4s. 8d. Mending the trumpet (*svysche*), 4s. For 86¾ ells of canvas for the town's pavilion or tent, £9, 12s. 10d. Other materials for it—hemp (at 10d. per lb.) and spinning it, 5s. 6d. 9 quarters of buckram, 6s. 4½d. 77½ fathoms of rope, 17s. 4d. Leather, 13s. 4d. Iron-work, 13s. Timber-work, 10s. 2d. Thread and pins, 2s. 4d. For making a roof with rings for the pavilion, 3s. 4d. To 2 men, 9 days' work each, 18s. To 2 tailors, for their work on it, 16s. Total, £18, 14s. 1½d.

Other Work. Expenses of the butts, £2, 5s. Spent on mill-stones, £1, 0s. 6d. Mending the calsays in the High Street and Brigend, and bringing the town's ports to the Tolbooth, £2, 12s. 6d. Making a great ladder, 5s. Total, £6, 3s.

Cellar-rent (for keeping the town's gear), £1.

Fees (of the two Masters of Work), £6, 13s. 4d.

Grand Total, £202, 9s. 11½d.

Credit balance, £21, 9s. 0½d.

THOMAS KENNEDY, Treasurer, 1542-43  
(audited July 18, 1544)

Treasurer,  
1542-43.

Charge

Treasurer Wallace's balance and arrears, £70, 14s. The rental, for Mart. 1542 and Whit. 1543, £185, 19s. 8d. Nine burgess-entries, at 5 merks each, £30. Total, £286, 13s. 8d.

(30rv.)



Treasurer,  
1542-43.

(30v.)

### Discharge

Fees. (All for Mart. 1542 and Whit. 1543). Schir John Book (in augmentation of his fee), £2. Schir Alexander Kar, £5, 8s. 8d. Mr. Patrick Andersoun, £10. Schir Thomas Gylmene, £3, 6s. 8d. Mr. Peter Broun, £5, 6s. 8d. Mr. Gavin Ross, £10. To him, for the mill-acre, 6s. 8d. Stephen Prestoun (clerk), £4. The Provost, £5. Alexander Mortoun (for keeping the knock), £2. George Gude, £3. For keeping the hills, 6s. 8d. For keeping the hills at midsummer, 2s. The Treasurer, £2. Total, £52, 17s. 4d.

Annuals. The Black Friars (Mart. 1542 and Whit. 1543), £11, 5s. The Cruives of Cree (same terms), £8, 19s. Total, £20, 4s.

Commissioners' and Travelling Expenses. Bailie Neisbit and Stephen Prestoun, to attend Parliament, £8, 6s. To take writings to the Governor anent Friar John Routh, 6s. 8d. Bailie Neisbit and Robert Schaw, when they took Friar Routh to the Governor in Edinburgh, £8, 5s. A horse for the Friar, 14s. His board, £1, 16s. A pair of hose and a doublet to him, £1, 2s. 6d. To the Friar at his departure, £2, 4s. Bailie Neisbit and Andrew Dalzell, to go to the Governor on the town's business, £3, 10s. For the visit of the two bailies, two sergeants and Friar Routh to the Governor in Glasgow and Hamilton, £5. To a boy taking letters to excuse the town's absence from the exchequer, 6s. To enter the town's account there, 4s. Andrew Dalzell, to ride to Edinburgh on the town's errands, £1, 10s. To James Montgomery, to go to the Earl of Argyle, £2. To Henry Prestoun, to take the town's seal to Edinburgh and affix it to the Governor's Act of Parliament, £2. To 3 pursuivants, bringing the precept of Parliament, the order to Crown tenants to get new assedations of their lands, and the charge to use the scripture *in Inglis*, 6s. To messengers, runners and boys, going to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Irvine, etc.—£1, 1s. Total, £38, 11s. 2d.

Festive Occasions. Bailie James Johnnestoun, for the Michaelmas collation, 13s. 4d. Wine for the town's friends that came against the Master of Montgomery when he gathered for the Grey Friar that was put in the Tolbooth, £1, 4s. For the Robin Hood play, £3, 6s. 8d. Total, £5, 4s.

To the Master of Work (Robert Makmillane), £49, 2s.

Legal and Official Expenses. To Henry Prestoun in Glasgow in the town's case, 12s. 6d. The commission to Parliament, 4s. The Michaelmas commission, 2s. To Bailie Neisbit, to take instruments at the Midsummer Fair Court anent the escheating of the Stewarton men's cloth, 1s. For other instruments, 2s. For paper to the Compt-book, 1s. Total, £1, 2s. 6d.

War Expenditure. To take the first month's tax for the Borders to the collectors, 5s. To messengers bringing the order for boats to take the Irishmen to the raid of Saughtree, letters of peace with England, and the charge to receive the Englishmen, 6s. For candle at the gathering of the tax, 2d. For an instrument about ferrying the Irishmen, 4d. To George Andersoun (minstrel) at the Lauder raid, 3s. To Rodman, for running back to the town from Lauder, 1s. For the boat that went from Newton to see the English, 3s. Treasurer, 1542-43.

Total, 18s. 6d.

Remission of Arrears (to Janet Clerk), 3s.

Grand Total, £168, 3s. 2d.<sup>1</sup>

Balance, £118, 10s. 6d. Ex-Treasurer Wallace's arrears, £70, 4s. (30v., 31r.) Treasurer Kennedy's own arrears, £36, 13s. 4d. Total arrears, £106, 7s. 4d. Balance due from Kennedy, £12, 3s. 2d.

DONALD CAMPBELL, Dean of Guild, 1542-43  
(audited July 18, 1544)

Dean of Guild,  
1542-43.

*Charge*

Late Dean of Guild Lokhart's balance of £43, 16s. 4d. not received. Easter fines of 1543, £4. The collections, £5, 8s. 5d. The hand-bells for 1543, £1, 10s. The lairs in the kirk, 11s. Three guild-entries at 5s. each, 15s. Total, £12, 4s. 5d.

*Discharge*

Allowed for Stephen Prestoun, £2. For burying a child under a lair, 1s. To the slaters, for mending the kirk, £1, 4s. 8d. Timber, nails and lime, and carrying slates, 1s. 5d. Taking home the Black Friars' ladder, 4d. Mending the lock of the steeple door, 4d. Mending the bells, 4d. To George Cochrane, for candle for the organs, 1s. 6d. The Dean of Guild's fee, £2. Total, £5, 9s. 7d.

Balance of £6, 14s. 10d. paid to the present Dean of Guild, James Johnnesoun.

ROBERT MAKMILLANE, Master of Work, 1542-43  
(audited July 18, 1544)

Master of  
Work,  
1542-43.

*Charge*

From Treasurer Wallace (1541-42), £1, 18s. From Treasurer Kennedy (1542-43), £49, 2s. Total, £51.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £168, 2s. 6d.

Master of  
Work,  
1542-43.

*Discharge*

The Haven-work. Timber, £30, 4s. Alan Dalrimple, for binding 12 couples and sawing timber, £4, 5s. 4d. 9 st. 15½ lb. of iron for the Haven and Brig-yetts, £3, 5s. 1½d. John Feane, smith, for working 7 st. of it, 16s. 4d. Lime, sand and clay, £3, 5s. 5d. Stones, £5, 18s. James Massoun and other masons, for their work at the haven, £18, 8s. For the Alloway horses, to cart stones, and for filling, 12s. 2d. For wooden nails, 7s. 4d. Minor expenses, 15s. 3d.  
Total, £67, 16s. 11½d.

The Tolbooth Table. Alan Dalrimple and his man, 7 days making it, 18s. 8d. Carrying timber for it, and for nails and glue, 8d.  
Total, 19s. 4d.

The Town's Pavilion. Mending its timber, 2s. 1d. For rope and two *mellis*, 13s. 10d. Bringing it to the Tolbooth, 4d. Taking it out for the stenting, 8d.  
Total, 16s. 11d.

Other Work. Mending the Brig-yett, and iron for nails, 3s. 3d. Turf for the butts, and work there, 13s. Mending the Brig calsay, 8d. For sundry implements, materials and odd jobs, 9s. 3d.  
Total, £1, 6s. 2d.

Miscellaneous. A fire for the watch on the hills, 2s. 2d. Bringing home the trumpet, 2s. Cellar-mail for the town's gear, 6s. The Master of Work's fee, £3, 6s. 8d.  
Total, £3, 16s. 10d.  
Grand Total, £78, 4s. 2½d.<sup>1</sup>

Credit balance, £27, 4s. 2½d.

Treasurer,  
1543-44.

ROBERT MYRRE, Treasurer, 1543-44  
(audited July 18, 1544)

*Charge*

(31v.) Late Treasurer Kennedy's balance of £118, 10s. 6d. not received. The rental for Mart. 1543 and Whit. 1544, £185, 19s. 8d. Three burgess-entries at 5 merks each, £10. Total, £195, 19s. 8d.

*Discharge*

(31v., 32r.) Fees (for Mart. 1543 and Whit. 1544). Schir John Book (in augmentation of his fee), £2. Schir Alexander Kar, £5, 8s. 8d. Mr. Patrick Andersoun (schoolmaster), £10. Schir Thomas Gylmene, £3, 6s. 8d. Mr. Peter Broun, £5, 6s. 8d. Mr. Gavin Ross (for his

<sup>1</sup> Should be £74, 16s. 2½d.

fee and the mill-acre), £10, 6s. 8d. The two sangsters, £1, 2s. John Mortemar's son (for singing in the choir), £1. The Provost, £5. Stephen Prestoun (clerk), £4. The Treasurer, £2. Alexander Mortoun (for keeping the knock), £2. George Gude's pension, £3. For keeping the hills, 9s. 4d. Total, £55.

Treasurer,  
1543-44.

Annuals. The Black Friars' alms (including all arrears), £10, 13s. 4d. The annual of the Cruives of Cree (Mart. 1543 and Whit. 1544), £8, 19s. Total, £19, 12s. 4d.

Messengers, etc. Thomas Kennedy and Charles Campbell, to ride to Lochryan, £1. Robert Boyman, to go to Cumbræ and Dumbarton for two ships, £1, 2s. For two horses to the master of a wine-ship, 9s. 3d. A boy, to warn the Provost in Edinburgh of the English ships, 6s. 8d. Two pursuivants, coming for the *taxt of Rowane*, and bringing a precept of Parliament, 4s. Sundry messengers and boys, on local errands, 11s. 4d. Total, £3, 13s. 3d.

Public Hospitality. For wine to the Earl of Argyle's servants, 6s. For a last (12 barrels) of ale to the Irishmen, £12, 17s. Barrels to put it in, £1, 16s. A puncheon to put it in, 7s. Taking it to the shore, 2s. 8d. 4 barrels of meal for them, £5, 6s. 8d. Barrels for it, 13s. A hogshead of wine for them, £8. Wine for the Governor in Ayr, £2, 16s. Wine for the Earls of Angus and Lennox and John of Clydesdale when they were in Ayr, £2. For the Michaelmas collation, 13s. 4d. Total, £34, 17s. 8d.

Common Work. Robert Makmillane's credit balance as Master of Work for 1542-43, £27, 4s. 2½d. John Kessane (Master of Work, 1543-44), £35, 14s. 8d. For work on the long bark when the King went to the Isles, 16s. For 26¼ lb. of iron for the town's work, 16s. 5d. For timber to the *barres yett*, 6s. For mending the firloths, 1s. 4d. Total, £64, 18s. 7½d.

Office Expenses. For instruments, 2s. 4d. For two precepts and one commission of Parliament, 6s. To arl two ships, 1s. Total, 9s. 4d.

War Expenses. To Wilsoun the bowyer, for *dichting* the town's spears, £4, 9s. 3d. To the cutler, for heads for them, £1. For wheels to the guns, 6s. For a *swysche tabroun*, £1, 2s. To John Rolland, for *heding* it, 7s. To the pursuivant who brought the charge *to be redy for defence aganis Inglismen*, 2s. To a boy to warn the Earl of Cassilis of the coming of the Irishmen to Irvine, 6d. Total, £7, 6s. 9d.

Unexplained. To Stephen Prestoun in Edinburgh, £3, 4s. To Alexander Ferchare, 8s. Total, £3, 12s.

Grand Total, £199, 9s. 11½d.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Should be £189, 9s. 11½d.

Treasurer,  
1543-44.

Credit balance, £3, 10s. 3½d. Arrears for the year, £40, 14s. *And swa the said Robert Myrre thesaurar is to be payit be the town of his superexpenssis abonevrittin extending to iij li. x s. iij d. obolus. And the said dependentis to be fre to himself. And quhair he can nocht get payment of the samyn the town to tak the tinsale thairof, gif diligence beis maid for inbringing of the saidis dependentis as efferis. As salbe considerit at the next compt.*

Dean of Guild,  
1543-44.

ALEXANDER KENNEDY, Dean of Guild, 1543-44  
(audited July 18, 1544)

*Charge*

(32v.)

Balances not received from ex-Dean Lokhart (1541-42) or late Dean Campbell (1542-43). The Easter fines of 1544, £4. The collections in 1544, £3, 14s. 8d. One guild-entry, 5s. The handbells in 1544, £1, 10s. The lairs of the kirk, 12s.

Total, £10, 1s. 8d.

*Discharge*

To Stephen Prestoun, at the town's command, £2. Olive-oil for the bells, 5s. Candle for the organ-loft, 1s. 6d. The glazier's fee, £1, 6s. 8d. For glass-bands, sand, lime and minor jobs at the kirk, 4s. 4d. The Dean of Guild's fee, £2.

Total, £5, 17s. 6d.

Balance due, £4, 4s. 2d.

Master of  
Work,  
1543-44.

JOHN KESSANE, Master of Work, 1543-44  
(audited July 18, 1544)

*Charge*

(32r.)

From Treasurer Myrre, £35, 14s. 8d.

*Discharge*

(32rv.)

The Haven-work. Timber from Alloway and Gadgirth Wood, £7, 8s. 2d. Stones, 10s. 10d. Making up a *slop* in the haven-work, £1, 16s. 2 masons, 3 days mending and pointing holes, 12s. 2 barrowmen helping them, 5s. Alan Dalrimple, £1, 2s. James Massoun, £1, 2s. Cleaning the ground for timber, 15s. Odd jobs, 2s. 2d.

Total, £13, 13s. 2d.

War Supplies. For making targes (including timber), £3, 11s. 9d. For making bullets (including lead), 12s. 8d. Sheepskin wallets for powder, 1s. 6d. Mending the chambers and other work on the guns, 5s. 8d.

Total, £4, 11s. 7d.

The Town's Gates. James Massoun, to build the port at the Auld Tour, £6. For carting sand and stones to it, £2. Fixing a

stone in the Brig-yett, 2s. 10d. Adam Nychole, for mending the Brig-yett, and making an axle-tree and 2 gun-wheels, 4s. 10d.

Total, £8, 7s. 8d.

Master of Work,  
1543-44.

Miscellaneous Work. Digging holes at the butts, 8d. Mending the Brigend calsay, 6s. 7d. *Tempering* the knock, 2s. Mending the Tolbooth stair, 1s. 7d. Mending the Tolbooth lock, 1s. Mending picks, 6s. Mending the firlots, 2s. Timber for the roof of the pavilion, 3s. 10 loads of coal for fires for the town's watch, 8s. 4d. Sundry materials and implements, 4s. 6d. To various message-boys, 2s. 4d. For sundry minor work, 5s. 4d.

Total, £2, 3s. 4d.

Plays. For Jacques plays to the toun, 5s. 3d.

Standing Charges. Cellar-rent for a year and a half (for storing the town's gear), £1, 10s. The Master of Work's fee, £3, 6s. 8d.

Total, £4, 16s. 8d.

Grand Total, £33, 17s. 8d.

Balance due, £1, 17s.

ANDREW DALZELL, Treasurer, 1544-45  
(audited Jan. 2, 1547/8)

Treasurer,  
1544-45.

*Charge*

Balance of £118, 10s. 5d. [*sic*] not received from ex-Treasurer Kennedy (1542-43). The rental for Mart. 1544 and Whit. 1545, £185, 19s. 8d. Three burgess-entries at 5 merks each, £10.

(33r.)

Total, £195, 19s. 8d.

*Discharge*

Fees. Mr. Gavin Ross, £10. Mr. Peter Broun, £5, 6s. 8d. Mr. Patrick Andersoun (schoolmaster), £12. Schir John Book (in augmentation of fee), £2. Schir Alexander Kar, £5, 8s. 8d. Nicholas Scheras, sangster, £4, 9s. 4d. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £2. Stephen Prestoun (clerk), £4. Alexander Mortoun (for keeping the knock), £2. George Gude, £3. For keeping the hills, 6s. 8d.

(33r.)

Total, £55, 11s. 4d.

Annuals. The Black Friars' annual for Mart. 1544 and Whit. 1545, £11, 4s. The annual of the Cruives of Cree (same terms), £8, 19s. For the Alloway mill-acre, 6s. 8d.

Total, £20, 9s. 8d.

Travelling Expenses. The pursuivant who came for the stent for the Borders, 2s. 6d. Messengers bringing letters, 7s. To ride to Hamilton, 6s. 8d. A boy to Kirkmichael, 1s. 4d.

Total, 17s. 6d.

To Other Magistrates. John Fallisdale, Master of Work, £2, 4s. Bailie Alexander Kennedy, for *small expensis*, £2, 12s.

Total, £4, 16s.

Treasurer,  
1544-45.

Public Hospitality. A dinner to the stenters, £1, 2s. For wine to the Earl of Argyle and the Bishop of Glasgow in Ayr, 14s. 8d. For the Michaelmas collation, 13s. 4d. Total, £2, 10s.

Office and Petty Expenses. Wax, 6d. Paper for the Compt, 3d. Candles for the stenting, 3d. An instrument, 4d. Olive-oil for the knock, 8d. To arl 2 wine-ships, 8d. To mend the Brig-yett, including timber, iron, stakes, wattles, turf and a key, 14s. 10d.

Total, 17s. 6d.

Military Expenditure. To Donald Campbell and John Lokhart, in part-payment of the guns, £46. To *Francy the gunnar*, £1, 2s. Taking the guns to the hills, 1s. Coals for a fire there, 2s. 6d. To John Blair, for his trumpet-drum at the raid of Wark, £5, 13s. For Blair's board, 13s. Timber to make a carriage at that raid, £2. Taffetas for the town's standard, and work on it, £2, 12s. 10d. A bag for it, 1s. Total, £58, 5s. 4d.

Special Watch. Keeping the ports till Michaelmas in time of pest, £5, 18s. 4d. Keeping the ports 5 days after Whitsunday, 5s. Keeping them during the Midsummer Fair, 8s. Keeping the Brig-yett for 17 days after Midsummer, 17s. Total, £7, 8s. 4d.

Grand Total, £150, 17s. 7d.<sup>1</sup>

(33rv.)

Balance due, £45, 2s. 1d. (Sums in arrear, £71, 10s. 4d.)

Dean of Guild,  
1544-45.

JAMES JOHNESOUN, Dean of Guild, 1544-45  
(audited Jan. 2, 1547/8)

### Charge

(33v., 34r.)

Balances not received from ex-Deans Lokhart (1541-42) and Kennedy (1543-44). Ex-Dean of Guild Campbell's balance (1542-1543), £6, 14s. 10d. The Easter fines in 1545, £4. The hand-bells in 1545, £1, 10s. Guild entries—4 at 10 merks, 3 at 5 merks and 3 at 5s.—in all, £37, 8s. 4d. Total, £49, 13s. 2d.

### Discharge

(34r.)

For 7 st. 1 lb. of iron to make bands for the kirk windows, and working it, £3, 17s. 11d. Sending twice to Paisley and once to Kilwinning for the glazier, 6s. 4d. The glazier's work on the windows, £1, 13s. 4d. His fee, £1, 6s. 8d. For 6 quarters of iron for the kirk doors (not yet received from John Feane, smith), 15s. Olive-oil for the bells, 5s. Candles for the organ-loft, 2s. Strings for the censers, 3s. 8d. For lime (6 pecks for 1s.), sand and mixing it, 2s. 8d. For drawing the town's guns out of the kirk, 6d. To

<sup>1</sup> Should be £150, 15s. 8d.

James Nychole, for taking down the broken images, 5s. For timber to the Brig-yett, £1, 6s. The Dean of Guild's fee, £2.

Dean of Guild,  
1544-45.

Total, £12, 4s. 1d.

Balance due, £37, 9s. 1d. (Sums in arrear, including the Easter fines and 5 guild-entries, £28, 13s. 4d.)

JOHN FALLISDALE, Master of Work, 1544-45  
(audited Jan. 2, 1547/8)

Master of  
Work,  
1544-45.

*Charge*

Balance of £1, 17s. not received from late Master of Work Kessane. Received from the Treasurer, £2, 4s.

*Discharge*

For the roof of the pavilion—15½ lb. of iron (7s. 9d.), 36 fathoms of rope (12s.) and timber (1s. 8d.)—in all, £1, 1s. 5d. For work on it, 10s. For thornis and stakis to the oppin partis of the town in the tyme of the pest, 10s. For closing up two vennels, 9s. 4d. To Mowet the gunner, 10s. Making bands and crooks at the Brig-yett, 10s. 8d. 8½ st. of iron to make bands, crooks, slots and nails at the three barres yettis, £3, 8s. For work there, 17s. For 3½ st. of iron for the town's work in time of pest, £1, 8s. House-rent for the town's gear, £1. The Master of Work's fee, £2.

Total, £12, 4s. 5d.

Credit balance, £10, 0s. 5d.

ROBERT MAKMYLLAN, Treasurer 1545-46  
(audited Jan. 2, 1547/8)

Treasurer,  
1545-46.

*Charge*

Balances not received from ex-Treasurers Kennedy (1542-43) and Dalzell (1544-45). The town's rental for Mart. 1545 and Whit. 1546, £186, 8s. 4d. One burgess-entry, £3, 6s. 8d. John Johnsou's grassum, £17, 13s. 4d. Thomas Patersoun's grassum for the sixteen-shilling land in Meikle Cortoun, £10.

Total, £217, 8s. 4d.

*Discharge*

Fees. Mr. Gavin Ross, £10. The late Mr. Peter Broun, Schir Alexander Kar, Nicholas Scheras, Stephen Prestoun (clerk), The Treasurer, The late Alexander Mortoun (for keeping the knock), The keepers of the hills,

Total, £45, 13s. 6d.



Treasurer,  
1545-46.

Annuals. The Black Friars' alms (Mart. 1545 and Whit. 1546), £12, 10s. The annual of the Cruives of Cree, £8, 19s. The Alloway mill-acre, 6s. 8d. Total, £21, 15s. 8d.

To the Masters of Work. Alexander Kennedy, for his credit balance in 1541-42, £21, 9s. 0½d. Alexander Farchar (1545-1546), £4, 14s. 3d. Total, £26, 3s. 3½d.

For the late War. For a horse lost at the raid of Wark by one of the bailies, £4.

The Plague. Revenues allocated to William Neisbit, *kepar of the town and furnissar of the seik folkis upoun the mure in tyme of the pest*—the Alloway barony-mail for Mart. 1545, £26, 10s.; the Alloway mill-mail for the whole year, £40; Neisbit's own rents, £8, 8s.; the one burgess-entry and two grassums received this year, £31. Mails of Mart. 1545, remitted because of the pest, £5, 10s. 2d. Total, £111, 8s. 2d.

Ordinary Expenses. For two court-books, £1, 2s. For instruments, 1s. 4d. For two pecks, 3s. 6d. For riding to the Governor, £1, 2s. Total, £2, 8s. 10d.  
Grand Total, £211, 9s. 6d.

(34v.) Balance due, £5, 18s. 10d. (Sums in arrear, £37, 12s. 8d.)

Dean of Guild,  
1545-46.

THOMAS KENNEDY, Dean of Guild, 1545-46  
(audited Jan. 2, 1547/8)

#### Charge

(34v., 35r.) Balances not received from ex-Deans Lokhart (1541-42), Kennedy (1543-44) and Johnnesoun (1544-45). The Easter fines in 1546, £4. The hand-bells that year, £1, 10s. Total, £5, 10s.

#### Discharge

(35r.) The glazier's fee, £1, 6s. 8d. For mending the hand-bell and for a cord to the Pasche candle, 4s. Total, £1, 10s. 8d.  
Balance due, £3, 19s. 4d. (The Easter fines, £4, in arrear.)

Master of  
Work,  
1545-46.  
(34v.)

The late ALEXANDER FARCHAR, Master of Work, 1545-46  
His books not produced and account never presented.

ROBERT MAKMYLLAN, Treasurer, 1546-47  
(audited Jan. 4, 1547/8)

Treasurer,  
1546-47.

*Charge*

Balances not received from ex-Treasurers Kennedy (1542-43) and Dalzell (1544-45). His balance as Treasurer for 1545-46, £5, 18s. 10d. The rental for Mart. 1546 and Whit. 1547, £186, 19s. Burgess-entries—12 at 5 merks, 4 at 2 merks—£45, 6s. 8d. John Johnsoun's *rentalling* in a forty-shilling land, £26, 13s. 4d. Two other grassums (sons succeeding fathers), £17, 6s. 8d. and £17, 14s. 10d.  
Total, £299, 19s. 4d.

(35r.)

*Discharge*

Fees. Mr. Neill Or (schoolmaster), £13, 6s. 8d. The two sangsters, £4, 13s. 4d. Nicholas Scheras (his fee and for keeping the knock), £8, 13s. 4d. Arrears due to him for 1545-46, £3, 11s. Schir Alexander Kar, £10, 6s. 8d. His arrears, £1, 10s. Mr. Gavin Ross, £10. Mr. Stephen Adamsoun, £1. The Provost, £5. Stephen Prestoun (clerk), £4. The Treasurer, £2. George Gude's pension for 2 years (1545-47), £6. For keeping the hills, 6s. 8d. Total, £70, 7s. 8d.

(35v.)

Annuals. The Black Friars' alms, £10, 5s. The Grey Friars' alms, £2, 13s. 4d. The annual of the Cruives of Cree, £8, 19s. For the Alloway waulk-mill holm, 6s. 8d. Total, £22, 4s.

Common Work. The Frenchmen, for mending the knock, £2, 10s. A lock at the Tolbooth, 3s. 6d. A water-firiot, 10s. 4d. 2 pecks, 3s. 6d. To the Master of Work, £28, 13s. 4d.

Total, £32, 0s. 8d.

Travelling Expenses. Pursuivants, bringing Exchequer precepts (twice) and summoning the eustomars to the Exchequer, 6s. To warn George Gude to answer for the town in Parliament, 11s. To boys, running four times to the Provost (in Edinburgh), £3, 2s. 8d. To Mr. Neill Or, for riding on the town's errands, £1, 2s. Taking the town's writings to the Earl of Glencairn, 8s. Running the town's errands, 8s. Warning the men of Alloway several times, 2s. 4d.

Total, £6.

Legal Expenses. Expenses of William Neisbit and Robert Makmyllane in Edinburgh for ten days in the town's action against the Sheriff, at 6s. 8d. each per day, £6, 13s. 4d. For letters and two acts of continuation in the case, £2, 3s. 4d. Expenses of Bailie Thomas Kennedy, ten days in Edinburgh in that case, £3, 6s. 8d. His boy's wages, 5s. To Mr. Hugh Rig, the town's man of law in

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the action, £1, 2s. For signets to two Queen's letters raised upon Mr. John Forsyth, 10s. For summoning him, 5s. Alexander Kennedy's expenses in Edinburgh (4 days), £1, 6s. 8d. For instruments, 12s. Wax to seal the Michaelmas commission, 4d. To arl 4 ships (2 of wine, one of bere, one of bere and flour), 1s. 4d.

Total, £16, 5s. 8d.

War Expenses. For a *stang* bought from David Dalrimple, £9, 10s. To Mowat the gunner, £1, 2s. For a discharge to *thame that baid at hame fra the raid of Werk and payit stent*, 6s. 8d.

Total, £10, 18s. 8d.

Public Hospitality. A hogshead of wine drunk at the Cross *at the townis departing to the last feild*, £5. Carrying it, 8d. For wheat-bread then, 8s. For wine given to sundry gentlemen; the town's friends, £1, 8s. *For the Franchemennis lawingis in Robert Hudis playis*, £1, 15s. 8d. To the bailies, for the Michaelmas collation, 13s. 4d. For wine to the Justice-clerk, 6s. For a gallon of wine presented to George Douglas, 10s. 8d.

Total, £10, 2s. 4d.

The Plague. To Leonard Clerk, *for his reward in the last pest*, £10. To Bailie Thomas Kennedy, *for his cure and diligence in the last pest*, £10. For John Johnsoun's grassum, granted to William Neisbit, *president, for furnissing of the mure in the pest*, £26, 13s. 4d. Neisbit's own rents for the year, £8, 8s. To Robert Law and Hugh Montfode, for their services, £4. To John Layng, for his services, £3, 6s. 8d. Keeping the Brig-yett, 13s. Cleaning the muir and the streets after the pest, £1.

Total, £64, 1s.

The Town's Honour. For a hogshead of wine *that Williame Kar yid away with and payit nocht the Franchemen quhilk the town for their honour causit the said thesaurar to pay*, £4, 10s.

Grand Total, £243, 5s. 4d.<sup>1</sup>

(35v., 36r.)

Balance, £56, 14s. Arrears, £50, 9s. 2d. Net balance due from Treasurer, £6, 4s. 10d.

JOHN DALRIMPLE, Dean of Guild, 1546-47

(audited Jan. 4, 1547/8)

### Charge

(36rv.)

No balances received from ex-Deans Lokhart (1541-42), Alexander Kennedy (1543-44), Johnnesoun (1544-45) and Thomas Kennedy (1545-46). The Easter fines in 1547, £4. The hand-bells that year, £1, 10s. Guild entries—3 at 10 merks and 3 at 5s.—£20, 15s. The lairs in the kirk, £1, 12s. Collections, nil.

Total, £27, 17s.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £236, 10s.

*Discharge*

Given by the town's command to John Layng, for his services at the summoning of the laird of Greenan to underlie the law in the town's action, £6, 13s. 4d. Mending the lock of the steeple door, 2s. 8d. 2 lb. of candle for the organ-loft, 1s. 4d. Mending the organ-case, 1s. 6d. Total, £6, 18s. 10d.

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(36v.)

Balance, £20, 18s. 2d. The whole charge, except one 10-merk entry and the three 5s. entries in arrears, including all the lairs (which cost 5s. or 2s. for an adult, 1s. for a child); total arrears, £20, 8s. 8d. Balance due from the Dean, 9s. 6d.

JAMES JOHNNESOUN, Master of Work, 1546-47  
(audited Jan. 4, 1547/8)

Master of  
Work,  
1546-47.

*Charge*

From Treasurer Makmillane, £28, 13s. 4d.

(36r.)

*Discharge*

Mending the house at the Brig-yett, 12s. 6d. Mending the thorns at the *umest* yett, 1s. Carrying the Over-port and Vennel yetts to the Tolbooth, 2s. 4d. Carrying a ladder to the kirk, 1s. Drying and hanging up the pavilion, 1s. 4d. Carrying wrack to the hills, 4s. Mending the calsays, £2, 6s. Bringing back part of the haven-work *that past away with the storme*, 7s. In arls of timber, 1s. 6d. For going to the Wood, 2s. For wine to the Bishop of Glasgow, 9s. For timber, iron, nails and the making of two barrows (a *hov barrow* and a *hurle barrow*), £1, 10s. 10d. For taking the knock asunder, 15s. For repairs to it (including two *mekkis* and a *mydstanchir*), 12s. 2d. For candle *to set the samin togidder*, 10d. Cellar-rent to keep the town's gear, £1. The Master of Work's fee, £2. Total, £10, 6s. 6d.

Balance due, £18, 6s. 10d.

The late WILLIAM NEISBIT, 'Vice-Provost'  
(audited Jan. 4, 1547/8)

'Vice-  
Provost,'  
1545-47.

*Charge*

The burgh-mails for 1541-42, 1542-43 and 1544-45 (when he was a Bailie), partly in his hands, £7, 10s. His share of the doubling of the feus of the Burrowfield in 1541-42, £2, 6s. Arrears of rent due from him for his part of the customs and for the Spittal-bog from 1541 to 1545, £13, 8s. Revenues allocated to him by the Treasurer in 1545-46 and 1546-47, and his own rents retained by him—in all, £140, 19s. 4d. Total, £164, 3s. 4d.



' Vice-  
Provost,'  
1545-47.  
(36v., 37r.)

### Discharge

Spent by him as president, when he remained within the town from Sept. 7, 1545, to March 1545/6, and furnished the sick folk on the muir and within the town, as his compt bears—£218, 17s. 6d. Spent at the same time for a *barres yett* at the Tower, £2, 4s. For the yett at the Sea-port, £1, 10s. Mending the ports, 10s. For a door, window and lock at the Brig-lodge, £2. To a pursuivant, to report the town in favouris to the lordes, £1, 2s. For a lock to the Sea-port, 14s. To the four officers, for keeping the ports during the pest, £4, 8s. For lead to the Brig-lodge, 1s. 4d. Spent on getting the commission to justefy thame that brak rewll in the tyme of the pest, £12.  
Total, £243, 6s. 10d.

Credit balance, £79, 3s. 6d., of which Archibald Jelly is to have £5 for the burning of his house during the pest.<sup>1</sup>

Memo. on  
Balances due,  
etc., 1542-47.  
(37rv., 38r.)

Memoranda on the town's purchase of guns and on balances due, 1542-47 (entered Jan. 4, 1547/8).

The town bought one *irne stang* and two *cutthrottis*, with bullets and powder, from Donald Campbell, David Dalrimple and Robert Myrre, for £67, 7s., and *ane greit pece of artallarie callit ane heidstik* and two *cutthrottis* (with their chambers and bullets) from John Lokhart for £66. These sums were paid in full, various ex-magistrates contributing part, and claiming that such sums be deducted from their debit balances. After allowances had been made, the audit decided that the following sums were still due by ex-magistrates to the town:—

*Treasurers*—Thomas Kennedy (1542-43), £105, 12s.  
Andrew Dalzell (1544-45), £33, 5s. 7d.<sup>2</sup>  
Robert Makmyllane (1545-47), £47, 4s. 10d.<sup>3</sup>  
Total, £186, 2s. 5d.

<sup>1</sup> He was given £10 by Treasurer Campbel; *infra*, p. 104.

<sup>2</sup> At a council meeting of May 21, 1551, Dalzell more than accounted for this balance:—arrears discharged by the town, £11, 7s.; his own expenses, as Robin Hood, and in riding to the Governor in Linlithgow and to the Justiciary Court in Glasgow, £5, 18s. 8d.; given during the pest (including £2, 4s. for keeping the Carrick Port in Sept. and Oct. 1545, and similar sums, probably for similar services, to Blair the trumpeter and Mowat the gunner), £19, 18s. 4d.; given to the Kirk-work, £6, 13s. 4d. Total, £44, 2s. 4d. (should be £43, 17s. 4d.). He was therefore £10, 16s. 9d. out of pocket, in addition to the *dependentis* or arrears (£18, 15s. 2d.), *quhilk ar his awin ungottin in and safer as can nocht be gottyn payment of, he schawand diligence thairupoun, salbe refoundit to him be the toun (fol. 38v.). Cf. infra, p. 114.*

<sup>3</sup> A memo. of Jan. 6, 1562/3 declares MacMillane *sic eque* and the arrears in his compt belong to the town (*fol. 39r.*).

*Masters of Work*—John Kessane (1543-44), £1, 17s.  
 James Johnnesoun (1546-47), £18, 6s. 10d.  
 Total, £20, 3s. 10d.

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 Balances due,  
 etc., 1542-47.

*Deans of Guild*—Alexander Lokhart (1541-42), £8, 11s. 3½d.  
 Alexander Kennedy (1543-44), £4, 4s. 2d.  
 James Johnnesoun (1544-45), £37, 9s. 1d.  
 Thomas Kennedy (1545-46), £3, 19s. 4d.  
 John Dalrimpill (1546-47), £20, 18s. 2d.  
 Total, £75, 2s. 0½d.

The town remained in debt to the following ex-magistrates, for unpaid credit balances and additional expenses incurred in connexion with the purchase of the guns and costs of fighting the plague :—

William Neisbit, ' Vice-Provost ' or ' President ' during the plague of 1545-46—£79, 3s. 6d.  
 John Fallisdale, Master of Work, 1544-45—£10, 0s. 5d.  
 Margaret Rankyne, relict of Robert Myrre (Treasurer, 1543-44)—£11, 2s. 1d.

CHARLES CAMPBEL, Treasurer, 1547-48  
 (audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

Treasurer,  
 1547-48.

### Charge

The town's rental, £186, 19s. 11 burgess-entries at 5 merks each, (39r.)  
 £36, 13s. 4d. Total, £223, 12s. 4d.

### Discharge

Fees. Mr. Neill Or (schoolmaster), £13, 6s. 8d. Mr. Gavin Ross, (39rv.)  
 £10. Schir Alexander Kar, £10, 6s. 8d. Thomas Cranstoun and  
 Alexander Hendersone, sangsters, £6, 13s. 4d. Nicholas Scherar,  
 £6, 13s. 4d. The same, for keeping the knock, £2. The Provost,  
 £5. Stephen Prestoun (clerk), £4. George Gude, £3. The  
 Treasurer, £2. The two poinders, 6s. 8d. Total, £63, 6s. 8d.

Annuals. The Cruives of Cree, £8, 19s. The Black Friars' alms,  
 £11, 5s. A hogshead of wine to the Grey Friars, £4.

Total, £24, 4s.

Travelling Expenses. Hugh Montfode, to take letters to Edin-  
 burgh in the action against the Sheriff of Ayr, £2, 4s. James  
 Kennedy, to Edinburgh with the stent, £1, 4s. Three pursuivants  
 who summoned the town to Glasgow, £2, 8s. The pursuivant with  
 the Exchequer precept, 2s. Running to Edinburgh, 8s. Four boys  
 running the town's errands, 10s. 4d. Total, £6, 16s. 4d.

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1547-48.

The Town's Hospitality. For wine and money to the Irishmen *that lay at Our Lady Ile*, £7, 10s. For 18 quarts of wine to *the counsale that hard the comptis and eit in the Tolbuith* for four days, £1, 16s. For ale to them (at 4s. 4d. per gallon), £1, 8s. 4d. For 4 dinners and one breakfast to them, £5, 4s. Wine for the stenters, 4s. Wine to a French captain who landed here and went on to Haddington, 10s. Wine to Lord Glencairn, 5s. Wine to the 3 pursuivants, 6s. For the bailies' supper at Michaelmas, 13s. 4d.

Total, £17, 16s. 8d.

Legal and Office Expenses. To Henry Prestoun, *for the ordouring of the common comptis*,<sup>1</sup> £10. Expenses of Thomas Kennedy and Adam Wallace in a plea with a Frenchman, 4 crowns of the sun. For coal, peat and candles during the Common Compt (4 days), 14s. 3d. Candles at the Michaelmas court, the stenting and the watching of the wine (at 1s. per lb.), 2s. For instruments, 2s. 4d. To arl ships of wine, salt, etc. (4d. or 6d. each), 3s. 2d. To arl a wine-ship bought from Peirs Masone, 1 crown. Olive-oil for the knock, 6s. 8d.

Total, £11, 8s. 5d., 4 crowns of the sun and 1 crown.

Military Expenditure. Rope and pitch for the guns, £1, 13s. 6d. For 9 st. of cannon powder, £14, 8s. Total, £16, 1s. 6d.

The Plague and the Special Watch. To Archibald Jelle, for the burning of his house and heather stack during the pest, £10. For keeping the ports in time of pest, 3s. 8d. For keeping the Brigport at various times, £3, 9s. For keeping the night-watch, £2, 4s.

Total, £15, 16s. 8d.

Miscellaneous. Refunded to ex-Treasurer Thomas Broun (1535-1538), for a payment made to Stephen Prestoun and omitted from his compt, £3. To Stephen Prestoun, *for laubouris maid be him*, £3. For watching 42 tuns of wine, £1, 0s. 6d. Building the cripples' lodge, 4s. For two staples to the Brig-yett, 2s. Four loads of coal (4s.), a load of peat (1s.) and one of heather (8d.), to make a *beill* for the Englishmen, 5s. 8d. To John Blair, trumpeter, £1, 3s. To Andrew Willok, for a bag of blue wool that was burnt (during the pest?), £2, 4s. To Nicholas Scherar, £1. To Michael Wallace and John Kirkpatrick in 1552, £9, 5s. 4d.

Total, £21, 4s. 6d.

Grand Total, £206, 17s. 11d.<sup>2</sup>

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All the compts from 1534 to 1547 are in Henry Prestoun's hand, and many of them signed by him.

<sup>2</sup> If we allow £6 for the 5 crowns, the total would still be only £182, 14s. 9d. This is one of the most slovenly and erratic compts in the book; no attempt is made to strike a balance.

Memo. The auditors disallowed several items—£2, 17s. for Treasurer, keeping the Brig-yett, £2, 8s. to the pursuivants, £7, 10s. to the Irishmen, £14, 8s. for cannon powder, £1, 6s. for ale, and £8 [sic] for meat and drink to the auditors—totalling £36, 9s., and that because the compter hes no tikattis thairof nolder of provest nor baillies, bot thai refer the desisioun heiroy to ane greter auditory. (Arrears, £36, 6s. 2d.)

NICOL MIRRIE, Dean of Guild, 1547-48  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

Dean of Guild,  
1547-48.

*Charge*

Five guild-entries at 10 merks, £33, 6s. 8d. One guild-entry at 40r.)  
5s. Two unlaws, £2, 4s. The collections, 3s. 4d.

Total, £35, 19s.

*Discharge*

To the glazier, £3, 6s. 8d. For a hogshead to make glass-bands, 6s. To James Masone, for the lairs in the kirk and building three windows, £2. Two loads of lime, 3s. 4d. Ropes for the bells, 3s. Sand for the windows and carrying the glass, 1s. 2d. To George Cocherane, by order of the Provost and Baillies, £2. For kirk-repairs (*mending of Godis hous*), 2s. Carrying and erecting ladders, 4s. 8d. For an instrument, 4d.

Total, £8, 7s. 2d.

Arrears, the two unlaws (£2, 4s.) and Nichol Gervane's guild-entry *quhilk suld have bene gevin to George Dun and Hew Montfode quhen thai wer Robert Hude and Litle Johnne.* Total, £8, 17s. 4d.

Balance due from Dean, £18, 14s. 6d. and the arrears are in the town's hands.

ROBERT MACMILLANE, Master of Work, 1547-48  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

Master of  
Work,  
1547-48.

*Charge*

Nil.

(40r.)

*Discharge*

The slaters of the Tolbooth, £1, 6s. 8d. For lime (10d. per load) and sand (2d. per load), 3s. 2d. 50 slates, 1s. 8d. James Wilsone, for his work at the Tolbooth bar, £3, 6s. The same, for his work at the Council-house, 14s. For timber (*ane rude of burdis*) to the Tolbooth, £4. For great timber to the bar and Council-house, £2, 13s. 4d. For nails, 10s. 6d. For iron (at 7s. 6d. per st.), 8s. 6d.



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Work,  
1547-48.

A lock to the Council-house door, 3s. Making bolts on the bar, 2s. 7d. Hiring horses (2d. each), for carrying wrack and lime, 2s. For carrying ladders and timber, 5s. 4d. Carrying the great gun to the kirk, 2s. *Dichting* the Tolbooth and other odd jobs, 4s. 6d. A quart of ale to the workmen, 6d. Calsay-mending, 2s. 4d. Mending the firloths, 2s. 6d. The Master of Work's fee, £3, 6s. 8d.

Total, £17, 14s.<sup>1</sup>

Treasurer,  
1548-49.

ADAM WALLACE, Treasurer, 1548-49  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

*Charge*

(40v.) The town's rental, £185, 5s. 10d. Burgess-entries—6 *at the auld price* of 2 merks, 5 at 5 merks—in all, £24, 13s. 4d.

Total, £209, 19s. 2d.

*Discharge*

(40v., 41r.) Fees. The schoolmaster, £13, 6s. 8d. Schir Richard Miller (of St. Peter's altar), £5, 6s. 8d. Nicholas Scherar (for singing and keeping the knock), £10. Thomas Cranstoun, £6. More to him, £2, 6s. 6d. Schir Alexander Kar, £11. Alexander Hendersone, £5, 6s. 8d. Mr. Gavin Ross, £10. The Provost, £5. Stephen Prestoun (clerk), £2. The Treasurer, £2. The same, when he was Master of Work (1559-60), £3, 6s. 8d. Total, £75, 13s. 2d.

Annuals. The Cruives of Cree, £8, 19s. The Black Friars' alms, £11. For 1½ hogsheads of wine to the Grey Friars, £7, 10s.

Total, £27, 9s.

Common Work. The slater, for mending the choir, £1, 4s. For bringing back timber carried away from the haven-work by the sea, 8s. For lifting stones at the haven-work, 9s. For *weding of the mattir*, 10s.

Total, £2, 11s.

Hospitality. For wine, etc., given to the Archbishop of St. Andrews, £11, 3s. For wine to Lord Kilmaurs and his son, 9s. 4d. Wine to James McCoull and his wife, 9s. 4d. Wine to the Sheriff, 4s. 8d. Wine to the Master of Maxwell, 5s. 4d.

Total, £12, 11s. 8d.

The Plague. To Hugh Munfoyd and Robert Law, for their services in time of pest, £6.

National Taxation. For part of the tax *to hald hagbutaris on the Bordouris*, £9, 12s.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £17, 15s. 3d.

Petty Expenses. To pursuivants, 6s. A boy who ran to Edinburgh, 16s. Wax to seal the Michaelmas commission, 7d. In arls of ships, 2s. For instruments, 1s. For a copy of a letter, 6d. To Leonard Clerk, 2s. Treasurer, 1548-49.

Total, £1, 8s. 1d.

Grand Total, £134, 14s. 11d.<sup>1</sup>

Arrears (including the Alloway mail, £53, 6s. 8d., given to Mr. Michael Wallace by command of the Provost and Bailies), £89, 5s. 2d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £224, 0s. 1d. Credit balance, £14, 0s. 11d., to be paid from the arrears, which belong to the town.

ADAM WALLACE, Dean of Guild, 1548-49  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

Dean of Guild,  
1548-49.

*Charge*

Guild-entries—2 at 5s. (*born wele*), one at 5 merks, 4 at 10 merks— (41v.)  
total, £30, 10s.

*Discharge*

James Masone, for mending the kirk windows, 6s. 8d. The glazier's fee, £1, 6s. 8d. The smith, for mending the locks in the kirk, and for a lock and bands for the font, 5s. 8d. The slaters, £7, 15s. 4d. The masons, £1, 14s. Their men, 17s. For lead to mend the spouts, 6s. 8d. For sand and lime, 3s. 6d. For iron-work, 6s. For rope, 2s. Two hogsheds to make slater's pins, 8s. For *lathe bred*, 5s. For *grathing* a desk, 2s. 6d. Cleaning the kirk, sifting the kilns and other odd jobs, 7s. 4d. To Henry Prestoun, £4, 13s. 4d. The Dean's fee, £2. Total, £20, 19s. 8d.

Arrears, £8, 13s. 4d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £29, 13s. Balance due, 17s., and the arrears belong to the town.

ROBERT MACMILLANE, Master of Work, 1548-49  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

Master of  
Work,  
1548-49.

*Charge*

Three burgess-entries at the old price (2 merks), £4.<sup>2</sup> (41r.)

*Discharge*

For a key to the council-house door, 1s. 6d. For *grathing* the

<sup>1</sup> Should be £135. 4s. 11d.

<sup>2</sup> Three burgess-entries appear among the arrears of the Treasurer's compt.

Master of  
Work,  
1548-49.

guns and carting them, £1. Nails to the guns, 3s. 6d. For *balloun* to put in the pitch, 1s. 2d. John Johnesone, for keeping the hills, 6s. 8d. Alexander Hendersone, for part of his Whitsunday fee, as the *tikat beris*, £1, 2s. 6d. The Master of Work's fee, £3, 6s. 8d.  
Total, £6, 2s.

Credit balance, £2, 2s.

Treasurer,  
1549-50.

ROBERT MACMILLANE, Treasurer, 1549-50  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

*Charge*

(41v.) The town's rental, £185, 5s. 10d. 20 burgess-entries—all at 5 merks except one at the old price (2 merks)—£64, 13s. 4d.  
Total, 249, 19s. 2d.

*Discharge*

(42r.) Fees. Schir Alexander Kar, £11, 14s. 4d. Nicholas Scherer, £10. Alexander Hendersone, £5, 6s. 8d. Thomas Cranstoun, £6. Mr. Neill Or (schoolmaster), £13, 6s. 8d. Mr. Gavin Ross, £10. Schir Richard Miller, £5, 6s. 8d. James Dalrimple, £6, 13s. 4d. The Provost, £5. Stephen Prestoun (clerk), £2. George Gude, £3. The Treasurer, £2. The poinders, 8s. Total, £80, 15s. 8d.

Annuals. The Black Friars' alms, £11, 5s. 2 hogsheads of wine to the Grey Friars, £8, 15s. The Cruives of Cree, £8, 19s.  
Total, £28, 19s.

Travelling Expenses. Adam Wallace, to take the stent to Edinburgh, £10. For the precept of Exchequer, 2s. To enter the Exchequer compt, £1, 12s. To take the Friars' compt to Exchequer, 6s. A messenger to Edinburgh, 18s. A pursuivant, 2s. 8d. A boy sent to Alloway, 4d. The man who fetched the ring to *measour the stuff with*, 13s. 4d.  
Total, £13, 14s. 4d.

To the Master of Work, £26, 13s. 4d.

Hospitality. Wine to the Irishmen, £1, 6s. Wine to Lord James [Stewart], 8s. Wine to the Earl of Cassilis, 8s. Wine to Lady Glencairn, 12s. The bailies' supper at Michaelmas, 13s. 4d. For meat and drink at the Common Compt, 10s. 10d. 1 quart of ale (unexplained), 1s.  
Total, £3, 19s. 2d.

National Taxation. To make up the stent, £8. To James Kennedy, for gathering the stent *afeild*, £1, 2s. 6d. Treasurer, 1549-50.  
Total, £9, 2s. 6d.

The Plague. Mr. Neill Or, as promised, for the time *quhen the scule held not for the pest*, £3, 6s. 8d. Hugh Munfode and Robert Law, for their services during the pest, £16, 13s. 4d. Leonard Clerk, for his services, £10. Total, £30.

Petty Expenses. For candles, 1s. To the bailies, to take instruments, 5s. 6d. To arl a ship, 4d. For keeping the Brig, 18s. 8d. To Robert Law, when John Reid was imprisoned in the Tolbooth, 9s. 6d. Total, £1, 15s.

Miscellaneous and Unexplained. To the piper in his necessity, £1, 2s. 6d. Expenses made in the Tolbooth, £1, 3s. To John Jamesone, when he was Robin Hood, £3, 6s. 8d. Given to Mr. Michael Wallace, by order of the Provost and Bailies, £30, 14s. Total, £36, 6s. 2d.  
Grand Total, £232, 13s. 2d.<sup>1</sup>

Arrears, £29, 0s. 2d. Total of expenditure and arrears, (42rv.) £261, 13s. 4d. Credit balance of £11, 14s. 2d. to be paid from the arrears, the remainder of which belong to the town.

WILLIAM WALLACE, Dean of Guild, 1549-50  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

Dean of Guild.  
1549-50.

### Charge

Guild-entries—2 at 10 merks, 2 at £5, 2 at 5 merks, 4 at 5s.—in (42rv.) all, £31.

### Discharge

In support of William Ard who lost his horse at Pinkie, £6, 13s. 4d. (42rv., 43r.) To repair the choir, £6, 13s. 4d. To Thomas Forret, sangster, 6s. 8d. To Alexander MacIlwrath, to support his poverty, £3, 6s. 8d. To Adam Nicol, *to mak Goddis hous*, £1, 10s. To mend the stalls, 10s. For rope to the bells, 6s. 8d. For keys to the kirk doors, 6s. 8d. For 4 ells of linen to cover the lecterns, 10s. Candles to the organs, 4s. To John Liddel, glazier (his fee), £1, 6s. 8d. To Thomas Esdell (slater), £2. The Dean's fee, £2. Total, £25, 14s.  
In arrears, £5, 6s. 8d., which belong to the town. Quit.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £231, 5s. 2d.

Master of  
Work,  
1549-50.

ALEXANDER KENNEDY, Master of Work, 1549-50  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

*Charge*

(42v.) Received from Treasurer MacMillane, £26, 13s. 4d.

*Discharge*

For *redding* the great *slop* at the quay, and digging clay, £5, 8s. For water-scoops and carrying clay, 6s. 8d. To James Masone, for building up the *slop* and for his bounty, £14, 10s. 8d. For sand, lime and clay, £2, 7s. 4d. A riddle for the sand, 1s. For one mattock, two shovels and two spades, £1, 12s. A stone-barrow, 6s. 8d. An iron bar to the Tolbooth door, £1, 6s. 8d. Timber to mend it, 2s. For 3 fetter-locks for the Tolbooth, 15s. Mending the firloft, 2s. Other odd jobs, 7s. 4d. The Master of Work's fee, £1, 6s. 8d. Total, £30, 12s. 6d.<sup>1</sup>

Credit balance, £3 19s. 2d.

Treasurer,  
1550-51.

ROBERT MACMILLANE, Treasurer, 1550-51  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

*Charge*

(43r.) The town's rental, £185, 5s. 10d. 15 burghs-entries at 5 merks, £50. Total, £235, 5s. 10d.

*Discharge*

(43rv.) Fees. Mr. Neill Or (schoolmaster), £16, 13s. 4d. Mr. William Nedry (schoolmaster), for a half-year's fee, £6, 13s. 4d. Alexander Henderson, £5, 6s. 8d. Nicholas Scherer, £10. Thomas Cranstoun, £8. Schir Alexander Kar, £11, 13s. 4d. Schir Richard Miller, £5, 6s. 8d. Mr. Gavin Ross, £10. The Provost, £5. Stephen Prestoun, £4. More for his support, £2, 13s. 4d. George Gude, £3. The Treasurer, £2. Total, £90, 6s. 8d.

Annuals. The Black Friars' alms, £11. For wine to the Grey Friars, £6, 4s. The Cruives of Cree, £8, 19s. Total, £26, 3s.

Commissioners' and Travelling Expenses. Bailie John Kirkpatrick and Thomas Nicol, for riding to Edinburgh when the town was summoned for intercommuning with rebels, £18. To pursuivants, £1, 5s. Running twice to Edinburgh, £1, 10s. Taking *afeld* the Friars' discharge from Exchequer, 6s. Messenger-boys, 8d. Total, £21, 1s. 8d.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £28, 12s.

Common Work. To the Master of Work, £32, 6s. Mending the knock, 14s. Mending the firlots, 4s. For 2 new firlots, 16s. For work to the tron, and 4 spears, 10s. Total, £34, 10s.

Treasurer,  
1550-51.

Festivities and Hospitality. For wine to the Governor and the nobility when they were in Ayr, £17, 13s. For gunpowder and more wine then, £3, 18s. For ale then, £1, 4s. Wine for the bailies' supper at Michaelmas, £1, 4s. Wine to Lord Setoun, 4s. Wine to the Provost and the nobles, £3, 7s. For wine and other expenses when the Irishmen were in the Tolbooth, £1, 11s. For keeping wine at the Cross, £1. Total, £30, 1s.

Legal and Office Expenses. To Cuthbert George, messenger, for taking surety of the inhabitants, £2, 6s. To raise letters on Thomas Weir and send a boy to the Provost in Dumfries, 18s. 8d. For copying letters, 8s. For an act of court, 6s. 8d. To take instruments, 7s. 4d. To arl ships, 2s. For candles, 1s. 10d. For wax, 9d. Total, £4, 11s. 3d.

Relief of Poverty. To relieve John Mortmyre, Sandie MacIlwraith and John Kessane's wife, £10. To a poor boy, 8d. Meat and drink to a poor man, 1s. 4d. A loaf to a poor woman, 4d. Total, £10, 2s. 4d.

The Drama. To Charles Campbell, when he was Robin Hood, £3, 6s. 8d. To Robert MacMillane, when he was Little John, £3, 6s. 8d. Expenses of 4 Frenchmen in George Dun's house, when he was Robin Hood, £2. Total, £8, 13s. 4d.

Burgh Justice. To the poider, 8s. For meat, when Carnoquhen was in the Tolbooth, 2s. 8d. For rope to bind him, 4d. For scourging a man, 1s. To George Cunynghame, for slaying six swine, 2s. For taking the regraters' butter to the Tolbooth, 4d. Total, 14s. 4d.  
Grand Total, £226, 3s. 8d.<sup>1</sup>

Arrears, £33, 9s. 8d. Total of expenditure and arrears, (43v.)  
£259, 13s. 4d. Credit balance, £24, 7s. 6d., to be met out of the arrears *and he to mak diligence for ingadring thair of.*

Memo. The Treasurer *hes gevin up that he hes no tickattis* for the (44r.)  
following items during the last two years—2 hogsheads of wine to the Grey Friars, £8, 15; expenses made in the Tolbooth, £1, 3s.; a pursuivant, £1, 3s.; running to Edinburgh, 16s.; expenses of 4 Frenchmen in George Dun's house, £2. Total, £13, 17s.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £226, 3s. 7d.

Dean of Guild,  
1550-51.

THOMAS KENNEDY, Dean of Guild, 1550-51  
(audited Jan. 6. 1562/3)

*Charge*

(44v.) Guild-entries—2 at 5 merks, 1 at 5s. Total, £6, 18s. 4d.

*Discharge*

(44v., 45r.) To John Adam's wife, to relieve her poverty, £1. Building the steeple window, laying pavement and mending pillars, £1, 10s. To the monk, for mending the organs, £13, 6s. 8d. To his servant, 13s. 4d. For a quart of wine for them, 2s. Candles for the kirk at Yule, 5s. Rope for the bells, 10s. Olive-oil (*ane pig of ole de olife*) for them, 3s. For 2 towels for the lecterns, 17s. To the glazier, £2. For odd jobs about the kirk (*gadring of sklait that blew af the kirk*, etc.), 12s. 6d. The Dean's fee, £2. Total, £22, 19s. 6d.  
Credit balance, £15, 1s. 2d.<sup>1</sup> *Rebait of bred silver, xxxiiij s. ij d.*

Master of  
Work,  
1550-51.

NICOL MYRRE, Master of Work, 1550-51  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

*Charge*

(44r.) From the Treasurer, £32, 6s.

*Discharge*

(44rv.) The Butts. For digging turf, 9s. For carting it, 8s. 4d. Hire of horses (at 4d. each per day), £1, 7s. 4d. For making the butts, £1, 16s. 2 quarts of ale to the workmen, 2s. Total, £4, 2s. 8d.

The Tolbooth. Lime (at 1s. 4½d. per boll), £2, 17s. 3d. To James Masone and his man, for 3 weeks and 1 day (at 5s. 8d. per day), £5, 7s. 8d. To their helper (at 1s. 6d. per day), £1, 7s. To the slater, for *theiking* the Tolbooth, £2, 6s. 8d.

Total, £11, 18s. 7d.

The Tolbooth Window. 22 feet of glass (at 2s. 8d. per foot), £2, 18s. 8d. Iron-work and nails, £1, 7s. 10d. Timber, £1, 16s. A wooden cross-bar, 6s. 4d. For stones, 12s. For lead, 7s. 6d. For glass-bands, 10s. 8d. Wages of 2 men for 11 days, £3, 6s. A pint of wine to the glazier, 1s. Total, £11, 6s.

The Tolbooth Door and Wall. For stones and their carriage, £3, 8s. 1 doz. hewn stones for the door, 8s. A lintel, 2s. 4d. For sand, 12s. 6d. For lime (at 2s. 6d. per boll), £1, 3s. Timber, nails

<sup>1</sup> Should be £16, 1s. 2d.

and iron-work, 7s. Taking down the wall, 2s. 6d. James Masone, for 2 weeks and 1 day's work (at 5s. 8d. per day), £3, 13s. 8d. Patrick MacQuhinnir (2 weeks), £2. Adam Nicol (1 day), 3s. Will Johnesone, their man (2 weeks), 18s. Candles for the workmen, 1s. 10d. 2 quarts of ale, 2s. Total, £13, 1s. 10d.

Master of  
Work,  
1550-51.

The Prison. For a door to the prison-house and iron-work, 17s. 6d. 3 fetter-locks, 13s. Iron-work for the Thieves' Hole, £1, 0s. 3d. For mending the Hole, and for a chain, 1s. 6d. Total, £2, 12s. 3d.

The Town Clock. Mending the knock, £4. For timber to it (*the horologe*), 13s. A hand, 4s. 6d. Nails, 1s. 2d. Incidentals, 1s. 10d. Total, £5, 0s. 6d.

Other Work at the Tolbooth. 6 ells of *grene* to cover the table, £2. For red leather, 1s. Cleaning the Tolbooth, 8d. For *fitting* the bar, 3s. 8d. For a bar on the stair, 2s. 8d. For *cullouris*, 10s. 4d. Total, £2, 18s. 4d.

Spreading Wrack on the Hills. The hire of horses to carry wrack (at 4d. each per day), and to the men *that skalit it one the hillis*, £2, 9s. 10d.

Miscellaneous Work. For calsay-mending, 12s. For carting sand, 9s. 8d. For digging clay for the haven-work, 6s. 4d. Several locks and a key, 8s. 2d. A shovel, 8d. A sieve, 1s. 6d. Sundry odd jobs (carrying ladders, taking a gun to the kirk, etc.), 15s. Total, £2, 13s. 4d.

Master of Work's Fee, £3, 6s. 8d.

Grand Total, £58, 1s. 11d.<sup>1</sup>

Credit balance, £25, 15s. 11d.

JOHN LOHKART, Treasurer, 1551-52  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

Treasurer,  
1551-52.

### Charge

The town's rental, £183, 5s. 10d. Burgess-entries—7 at 5 merks, 1 at 2 merks—£24, 13s. 4d. John Paterson's grassum for his father's merkland in Little Cortoun (13 merks), £8, 13s. 4d. Thomas Nele's grassum for his father's two-merkland (26 merks), £17, 6s. 8d. Total, £234, 5s. 10d.<sup>2</sup>

(45r.)

<sup>1</sup> Should be £59, 10s.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £233, 19s. 2d.



Treasurer,  
1551-52.  
(45rv.)

### Discharge

Fees. Mr. William Nedrie (schoolmaster), £13, 6s. 8d. Schir Alexander Karr, £12. Mr. Gavin Ross, £10. Thomas Cranstoun, £8. Nicholas Scherer, £8. The same, for keeping the knock, £2. Alexander Hendersone, £5, 6s. 8d. George Cocherane, £3, 6s. 8d. Schir Richard Miller, £5, 6s. 8d. Arrears due to Mr. Peter Broun, and now paid to his widow, £16.<sup>1</sup> The Provost, £5. Stephen Prestoun (clerk), £4. The Treasurer, £2. George Gude, £3. The poulder, 8s. Total, £97, 14s. 8d.

Annuals. The Cruives of Cree, £8, 19s. The Black Friars' alms, £11, 5s. Half-hogshead of wine to them, £2, 2s. 6d. 2 hogsheads of wine to the Grey Friars, £9, 1s. 2 bolls of salt to them, £1, 16s. Total, £33, 3s. 6d.

Commissioners' and Travelling Expenses. The Treasurer, to Edinburgh on the town's business, £3, 6s. 8d. The same, in Glasgow, 1 crown of the sun, £1, 4s. John Broun's expenses in Hamilton, etc., £3, 12s. A messenger to Edinburgh, £1, 6s. 2 pursuivants, 4s. 5 messenger-boys, 5s. 4d. Total, £9, 18s.

Common Work. For some Arras work for the town, £5. For 2 *quissanis and flokis*, £1, 9s. 10d. To John Dalrimple, for taking Charles Campbell's *mydding* to the hills, £4, 14s. 6d. Mending the lock of the Tolbooth door, 8d. To the Master of Work, £10. Total, £21, 5s.

The Town's Hospitality. 2 hogsheads of wine to the Provost, for his services in collecting the arrears of Lee and Cartland, £9, 10s. Wine to the Earl of Cassilis and the Sheriff of Ayr at their homecoming, £3, 12s. *For the baillies banket* (at Michaelmas), £1, 3s. Total, £14, 5s.

Petty Routine Charges. Thomas Cranstoun, for *ordouring* the town's compts,<sup>2</sup> 16s. The officers, for keeping wine, 16s. For the Queen's letters on the Isles, 8s. For a box to put letters in, 2s. For instruments, sealing-wax, candles and the arls of a ship, 8s. 2d. Total £2, 10s. 2d.

Miscellaneous. For Andrew Dalzell's credit balance,<sup>3</sup> £2, 10s. To complete the stent of the Justice-Eyre, £5. To Schir Thomas Raith, for a horse worn out in the town's service, £6, 13s. 4d. To Piers the Gascon for a hogshead of wine omitted (*inlakit*) from his

<sup>1</sup> He died about 1545. Since he normally got 8 merks per year, this sum represents 3 years' fees.

<sup>2</sup> *I.e.* presumably those from 1547 to 1562: but Michael Wallace wrote them.

<sup>3</sup> A compromise payment; *vide supra*, p. 102 n. 2.

compt, £4, 0s. 6d. To George Kennedy, for the deficiency (*inlaik*) Treasurer, of John Kessan's wife's hogshead of wine, 15s. To Cuthbert <sup>1551-52.</sup> George, for the townis wele, 14s.

Total, £19, 12s. 10d.

Grand Total, £198, 17s. 2d.<sup>1</sup>

Arrears, £46, 16s. Total of expenditure and arrears, £245, 13s. 2d. (45v.)  
*The thesaurere suld haif of the redyest dependentis xj li vij s. vj d. becaus he is that superexpendit and the rest is the townes.*<sup>2</sup>

THOMAS KENNEDY, Dean of Guild, 1551-52  
 (audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

Dean of Guild,  
 1551-52.

*Charge*

Guild-entries—6 at 10 merks, 5 at 5s.—£41, 5s.

(46r.)

*Discharge*

For *beting* the kirk and choir, £6, 13s. 4d. For lead to mend (46rv.) the spouts, £1, 6s. 8d. For work on the little bell, £1, 16s. 8d. For *hallowing* the silver chalice, 15s. 4d. Mending the steeple and choir doors, 7s. Mending the pulpit, 3s. For 2 lamps and rope, 10s. Olive-oil for the bells, 2s. 6d. Candles at Yule, 6s. For glass-bands, 5s. Mending *Goddis hous*, 3s. For lime and sand, 10s. To the *pynouris*, 3s. To the glazier, £1, 6s. 8d. The glazier's fee, £2. The Dean of Guild's fee, £2. Total, £18, 8s. 2d.

Arrears (£10, 1s. 8d.) belong to the Dean, so the full balance of £22, 16s. 10d. is due to the town.

NICOL MYRRY, Master of Work, 1551-52  
 (audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

Master of  
 Work,  
 1551-52.

*Charge*

From the Treasurer, £10. From Bailie John Kirkpatrik, £71.<sup>3</sup> (45v.)  
 From Mr. Michael Wallace, £2. Total, £83.

*Discharge*

For timber to the haven-work, £10, 1s. 4d. Sawing timber, 5s. (45v., 46r.)  
 For creels for the haven-work, £40, 12s. For iron-work, £3, 16s.  
 To 8 barrowmen, for bringing stones to the haven-work for 4 weeks (at 1s. 6d. each per day), and others less regularly, £21, 3s. 8d.  
 To the quarrier, for winning stones, £1, 6s. 8d. For hewing stones,

<sup>1</sup> Should be £198, 9s. 2d.

<sup>2</sup> He was reimbursed in 1557. *Infra*, p. 127.

<sup>3</sup> *Vide infra*, p. 116, Kirkpatrik's tack of the sands.

Master of  
Work,  
1551-52.

8s. For  $\frac{1}{2}$  gallon of ale to the barrowmen, 16s. For making barrows, 4s. Horses for carting stones, £1, 6s. For heather, 4s. 11d. For spades, 6s. 7d. Odd jobs, 8s. 7d. To John Steil (unexplained), £2, 13s. 4d. The Master of Work's Fee, £3, 6s. 8d.

Total, £85, 16s.<sup>1</sup>

Credit balance, £2, 16s.

Bailie,  
1552-53.

JOHN KIRKPATRIK, Bailie, 1552-53  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

*Charge*

(46v.) The 19-years' tack of the Sands, in Feb. 1552/3—140 acres, let at £1, 10s. per acre, *with ane pece* also let for £1, 10s.

Total, £211, 10s.

*Discharge*

To Nicol Mirre, Master of Work, £71. To George Lokhart, for creels for the haven-work, £64, 14s. 8d. Thomas Broun and John MacKaw, for setting up the creels, £8. For setting up couples at the haven, £3. To the land-measurers, £2, 5s. For a barrel of herring to Mr. David Borthwik, £4, 2s. 6d. Another barrel to Robert Scot and James Nicolsons, £4, 2s. 6d. Expenses of Adam Wallace and Mr. Michael Wallace, in riding to Edinburgh and remaining there six weeks for the action against the Sheriff, £31. Their breakfasts before they started (*or thai raid*), 14s. Andrew Dalzell, Leonard Clerk and John Kirkpatrick, who followed them, £6. 3 boys who stayed 6 weeks in Edinburgh, £1. 3 other boys, sent to Edinburgh at various times, £1, 10s. To John Lokhart, for unpaid shares of the wine at the River Ayr, £5, 10s. For unexplained payments to Hugh Munfod, Mr. David Borthwik and Mr. John Moscrop, £7, 8s. To be deducted in respect of acres to be accounted for by John Lokhart, or given gratis (including the Provost, the two Bailies *for their laubouris*, and the Clerk), £13, 10s.

[Total, £223, 16s. 8d.]

Treasurer,  
1552-53.

ALEXANDER RANKENE, Treasurer, 1552-53  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

*Charge*

(47r.) The town's rental, £183, 5s. 10d. 5 burgess-entries at 5 merks, £16, 13s. 4d. 1 burgess-entry at  $2\frac{1}{2}$  merks, £1, 13s. 4d. The grassum for a 40s. land in Alloway (40 merks), £26, 13s. 4d. The grassum for a merk-land in Alloway (13 mks. 4s. 5d.), £8, 17s. 9d.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £86, 18s. 9d.

The grassum for a 4-merk land in Alloway (53 mks. 4s. 5d.), £35, 11s. 1d. The grassum for another 4-merk land, £35, 11s. 1d. The grassum for a 21s. 4d. land in Little Cortoun (20 merks). £13, 6s. 8d. The grassum for a 5-merk land (66 mks. 9s.), £44, 9s. Total, £366, 1s. 5d.

Treasurer,  
1552-53.

### Discharge

Fees. Schir Alexander Kar, £13. Mr. Gavin Ross, £10. Mr. William Nedre (for 3 quarters), £10. Nicholas Scherer, £10. George Cocherane, £6, 13s. 4d. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £2. Stephen Prestoun (clerk), £4. George Gude, £3. The poulder, 8s. Total, £64, 1s. 4d.

(477v.)

Annuals. The Cruives of Cree, £8, 19s. The Black Friars, £11. For a boll of salt to the Grey Friars, £1. Total, £20, 19s.

Travelling Expenses. For riding to Edinburgh, £1, 16s. Taking the town's books to Edinburgh, £2, 16s. To 13 messengers, going or running to Edinburgh at sundry times, £10, 0s. 4d. For carrying letters to Edinburgh, 2s. To 5 messengers, going or running to Glasgow at sundry times, £1, 17s. 4d. Other messengers and boys, £1, 18s. 6d. To a pursuivant, 3s. For the hire of Andrew Dalzell's horse, £2, 13s. 4d. For the hire of Robert Campbell's horse, £2, 13s. 4d. To Mr. Michael Wallace, for his horse-hire and other expenses, £8, 11s. Total, £32, 10s. 10d.

Common Work. Iron-work for the haven, 16s. 7d. For taking the guns out, 4s. Cleaning the Tolbooth, 8d. Total, £1, 1s. 3d.

Legal and Official Expenses. Expenses of the bailies and Mr. David Borthwick (the town's man of law) in Edinburgh, in the action against the Sheriff of Ayr, £27, 15s. 4d. John Jamesone's expenses in the same action, £22. To raise letters in that action, £3, 12s. Thomas Kennedy's expenses thereanent, £9. To James Cauldwell the procurator, 7s. For sundry documents and summonses, 17s. 6d. To George Gude, to answer for the Exchequer compts, 4s. To Henry Prestoun, for an instrument, 6s. 8d. To take 5 instruments, 1s. 8d. Sealing-wax, 6d. To arl a salt-ship, 6d.

Total, £64, 5s. 2d.

Hospitality. For wine to the Earl of Cassilis and the Sheriff of Ayr, £1, 0s. 8d. For wine to Lord James [Stewart], Cassilis and the Sheriff, £3, 9s. 4d. For wine to Glencairn, Cassilis and the Sheriff, £4, 14s. 8d. For wine and bread to the Queen's pages, 18s. For 3 quarts of wine and *tna breid* (unexplained), 5s. 8d.

Total, £10, 8s. 4d.

Miscellaneous and Unexplained. To the Queen when she was in Ayr, £14. For wax that time, £3, 17s. For part of the stent which *inlakit in the pures handis*, £10, 4s. To the pursuivants *quhen*

Treasurer, *the honest men wes at the horne*, £4, 8s. For *the inlaik* of a ship of rye, £1, 13s. For tow to the torches, 10s. To Patrick Broun, 5s. To George Aitkin, 5s.

Total, £35, 2s.

Grand Total, £228, 7s. 11d.

(47v., 48r.) In arrears, £44. Part of the grassums in the bailies' hands, £95, 8s. 11d. Total of expenses, arrears and the bailies' receipts, £367, 16s. 10d. Treasurer's credit balance, £1, 15s. 5d.

Dean of Guild,  
1552-53.

THOMAS KENNEDY, Dean of Guild, 1552-53

(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

*Charge*

(48r.) 3 guild-entries at 5s., 15s. The annuals of Lee and Cartland for divers years, £66, 13s. 4d.

Total, £67, 8s. 4d.

*Discharge*

(48rv.) The glazier's fee, £2. 8 ft. of new glass, £1. Mending the choir, £4. For oak boards, £28. Carriage and sawing of them, £8, 10s. Cleaning and measuring them, £1. For 6000 other boards, £6. Putting them on, £2, 13s. 4d. For great nails, £1, 2s. Roofing the kirk *sa fer as the auld sklait servit*, £15. 1½ roods of new work, £9, 6s. 8d. Stone-work and pointing the choir, £1, 6s. 8d. Sand and lime, 6s. 8d. For scaffolding and ropes, 10s. Drinksilver to the sawyers, 6s. 8d. Drinksilver to the slater, 10s. For bringing letters to and from the kirk, 3s. For candle at Yule for the kirk, 6s. The Dean's fee, £2.

Total, £84, 1s.

Credit balance, £16, 12s. 8d.

Memo. During the three years (1550-53), when Thomas Kennedy was Dean of Guild, the net balance due to him amounts to £8, 17s. and all arrears belong to him.

Master of Work,  
1552-53.

ROBERT MACMILLANE, Master of Work, 1552-53

(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

*Charge*

(48r.) Nil.

*Discharge*

Calsay-mending in the Foul Vennel, 17s. The Master of Work's fee, £3, 6s. 8d.

Total, £4, 3s. 8d.

Credit balance, £4, 3s. 8d.

Mr. MICHAEL WALLACE and JOHN KIRKPATRIK,  
 Bailies, 1552-53  
 (audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

Bailies,  
 1552-53.

*Charge*

Their receipts of the grassums, £93, 13s. 6d.<sup>1</sup>

(48r.)

*Discharge*

Balance owed to John Lokhart, for creels for the haven-work, £26, 13s. 4d. For 3 hogsheads of wine given to the Queen when she was in Ayr, £15. For a hogshead of herring sent to our men of law and scribes in Edinburgh, £7, 14s. 6d. The Bailies' expenses in riding to the Queen at Hamilton, Linlithgow and Edinburgh, to get a discharge from a raid (for which Irvine paid £200), and for other matters, £14, 10s. Adam Wallace's expenses in riding to Edinburgh and attending to the town's affairs, £3, 13s. 4d. Bailie Kirkpatrick's horse-hire, £2, 13s. 4d. Part of a grassum in Nicol Myrrie's hands, £13, 6s. 8d.<sup>2</sup> Unpaid balances of grassums, £10, 17s. 9d. Total, £94, 6s. 6d.<sup>3</sup>

Credit balance, 15s.<sup>4</sup>

THOMAS KENNEDY, Treasurer, 1553-54  
 (audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

Treasurer,  
 1553-54.

*Charge*

1 burgess-entry at 5 merks, 3 at the *auld price* (2 merks), £7, 6s. 8d.  
 The town's rental, £183, 15s. 10d. Total, £191, 2s. 6d.

(48v.)

*Discharge*

Fees. John Buchane (schoolmaster), £13, 6s. 8d. Schir Alexander Kar, £13, 13s. 4d. Nicholas Scherere, £10. George Cocherane, £6, 13s. 4d. Schir John Sincler, £8, 13s. 4d. Schir Richard Miller, £5, 6s. 8d. The Provost, £5. Stephen Prestoun (clerk), £4. The Treasurer, £2. George Gude, £3. The poulder, 8s. Total, £72, 1s. 4d.

The Black Friars' Alms, £11.

Commissioners' and Travelling Expenses. To the Bailies, to ride to Edinburgh for the Parliament, £10. To them, to ride thither in the action against the Sheriff, £10. Two messengers to Edinburgh, 16s. 8d. Spent by the Treasurer in Edinburgh, 5s. To Lachlane

<sup>1</sup> Given by Treasurer as £95, 8s. 11d.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £94, 8s. 11d.

<sup>3</sup> *Vide infra*, p. 121.

<sup>4</sup> Should be 13s.

Treasurer,  
1553-54.

the cadger, for carrying herring to Edinburgh, 12s. To James Kennedy, for carrying books to Edinburgh, £4. A pursuivant, 6s.  
Total, £25, 19s. 8d.

Common Work. To John Lokhart, Master of Work, 1553-54, £16, 17s. To Mr. Michael Wallace, Master of Work, 1554-55, to mend the quay, £6, 16s. 2d. To a cooper, 6s. 8d. For paint (*culuring pulder*), 3s.  
Total, £24, 2s. 10d.

Other Expenses. To Patrick Broun, for house-rent when the Queen was in Ayr, £6, 13s. 4d. For powder for the Robin Hood plays, 4s. 6d. For wine, aqua vitae and *skrotchartis*, £2, 3s. 10d. To take instruments, 2s. To Adam Wallace, 6s. 8d.

Total, £9, 10s. 4d.

Grand Total, £142, 14s. 2d.

(49r.)

Arrears, £61, 6s. 10d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £204, 1s. Credit balance, £12, 18s. 6d., to be paid out of the arrears, which belong to the town.

Dean of Guild,  
1553-54.

DONALD CAMPBELL, Dean of Guild, 1553-54  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

### Charge

(49v.)

4 guild-entries at 5s., 2 at 10 merks, £14, 6s. 8d. The collections, £3, 19s. 4½d.  
Total, £18, 6s. 0½d.

### Discharge

Canvas for towels for the altars, and sewing them, £2, 3s. To the goldsmith, for mending 2 chalices, 6s. Making an almery in the kirk, 10s. 11d. To the glazier, for glass windows, £2. To Thomas Esdaile, for mending the kirk, £6. Stones and mason-work to raise the stand before the altar, £1. To the wright, for mending a stall, 1s. 2d. A lock for the Rood-loft door, 4s. Candles for the Rood-loft and organ-loft, 4s. 8d. Mending the organ-bells, 1s. Oil for the great bells, 2s. 6d. Ropes for them, 4s. For slate-pins and bringing the slates from the water-side, 6s. 6d. Carrying ladders, 3s. 4d. To the masons, for laying *pathement*, 6s. 8d. For lime and sand, 11s. 6d. For boards, 16s. 10d. A crown of the sun, spent by the Dean of Guild when riding to the Justice-court, £1, 4s. His fee, £2.  
Total, £18, 6s. 4d.<sup>1</sup>

Quit.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £18, 6s. 1d.

JOHN LOKHART, Master of Work, 1553-54  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

Master of  
Work,  
1553-54.

*Charge*

From the Treasurer, £16, 17s.

(49r.)

*Discharge*

To James Masone (mason), for his task work for the Friars, £4. Stones, sand, clay and lime for it, £2, 13s. 6d. The hire of horses and carts at sundry times for the town's work, £4, 12s. 9d. To the quarrier and his man, 12s. 14 bolls of lime for the town's works, 14s. Making a *peirche tre* in the harbour, £1, 2s. 8d. For rye and sowing it on the hills, 14s. 5d. To the slater, for mending the Tolbooth, 14s. Mending the knock, 8s. 8d. Calsay-mending at the Brig, 3s. 8d. Bearing wrack, 10s. Odd jobs, 5s. 2d. The Master of Work's fee, £3, 6s. 8d. Total, £20, 3s. 6d.<sup>1</sup>  
Credit balance, £3, 6s. 6d.<sup>2</sup>

(49rv.)

NICOL MYRRIE, Treasurer, 1554-55  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

Treasurer,  
1554-55.

*Charge*

The town's rental, £183, 15s. 10d. 18 burgess-entries at 5 merks, 1 at 3 merks, 1 at 2½ merks and 2 at 2 merks (in all 99½ merks), £66, 6s. 8d. Rouped wine, £3. The grassum for a merk-land (13½ merks), £8, 17s. 9d. The grassum for a 2-merk land (26½ merks), £17, 15s. 6d. Part of a grassum received by Myrrie in 1552-53,<sup>3</sup> £13, 6s. 8d. Total, £293, 2s. 6d.<sup>4</sup>

(49v., 50r.)

*Discharge*

Fees. Mr. John Buchane (schoolmaster), £13, 6s. 8d. Schir Alexander Kar, £13, 6s. 8d. George Cocherane, £13, 6s. 8d. Nicholas Scherere, £10. Schir John Sincler, £17, 6s. 8d. James Dalrimple (chorister), £17, 6s. 8d. The Provost £5. Stephen Prestoun (clerk), £4. The Treasurer, £2. George Gude, £3. The poulder, 10s. Total, £99, 3s. 4d.

(50r.)

Annuals. The Cruives of Cree, £8, 19s. The Black Friars' alms, £11. For 2 hogsheads of wine to the Grey Friars, £8, 8s. 6d.

Total, £28, 7s. 6d.

Commissioners' and Travelling Expenses. Bailies John Lokhart and Alexander Kennedy, for their expenses at Parliament, £20. To the two Bailies, William Wallace of Barnwell, the lawyers and

<sup>1</sup> Should be £19, 17s. 6d.

<sup>2</sup> He was reimbursed in 1557. *Infra*, p. 127.

<sup>3</sup> *Vide supra*, p. 119.

<sup>4</sup> Should be £293, 2s. 5d.



Treasurer,  
1554-55.

clerks, for 20 days' expenses in Edinburgh anent the town's plea with the Sheriff of Ayr, £29, 17s. 6d. Robert Law's horse-hire when he rode to Parliament, £2. To the Bailies, for riding to meet the Sheriff in Mauchline, £1. For taking herring to the lawyers in Edinburgh, £1, 10s. For taking the common seal to Edinburgh, £1. For fetching *ane just leyd stane out of Lanerk*, £1, 9s. 8d. For a horse *that wes tynt rydand the townes affares*, £5, 13s. 4d. To 2 pursuivants, 4s.

Total, £62, 14s. 6d.

Common Work and Petty Expenses. To the Master of Work (Mr. Michael Wallace), £8, 8s. Taking turf to the butts, £3, 0s. 4d. Building the butts, £5, 6s. 8d. For making *ane irne stamp to seale the stopis* and for candles in the Tolbooth, 14s. To a cooper for 2 firlots, 2 pecks and herring-barrels, £1, 13s. 4d. For keeping the town's timber, 4s. 1d. For slaying 3 swine, 6s. For sealing-wax, 1s. 8d.

Total, £19, 14s. 1d.

The Town's Hospitality. For wine to the Lords, 18s. For wine to Lord James [Stewart] and the Provost, £4, 15s. 6d. For wine to the Earl of Cassilis and the Treasurer, £5, 18s. For wine to the Earls of Glencairn and Cassilis and other nobles, £3, 18s. 6d. For 16 quarts of *Malvasy wyne* to Lord James and the Provost (at 8s. 8d. per quart), £6, 18s. 8d. For herring to George Kennedy, £5, 6s. 8d. For wine to the Sheriff and the Provost, 14s.

Total, £28, 9s. 4d.

Charity, War, etc. To Andrew Craufurd, waulker, in support of his poverty, £3, 6s. 8d. To Alexander MacIlwrath, for the same cause, £3, 6s. 8d. To John Rowane, piper, £1. To buy him a winding-sheet, 6s. To 4 Irishmen, 12s. 4d. To part-furnish a boat for Argyle's army, at command of the Governor, £2. To Argyle's servants, 12s. To make up the deficit in a stent and to furnish another boat for Argyle, £8, 3s.

Total, £19, 6s. 8d.

Grand Total, £256, 15s. 5d.<sup>1</sup>

(50v.) Arrears, £44, 16s. 7d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £301, 12s. Credit balance, £8, 9s. 6d., *quhilk salbe payit to him of the dependentis*.

Dean of Guild,  
1554-55.

JOHN KIRKPATRIK, Dean of Guild, 1554-55  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

*Charge*

(50v.) 3 guild-entries at 10 merks, 5 at 5s., £21, 5s. An unlaw, 11s. The collections, 10s. Total, £22, 6s.

*Discharge*

(51r.) To Andrew Mill, litster, to support his poverty, £6, 13s. 4d. To

<sup>1</sup> Should be £257, 15s. 5d.

support John Adam's wife when her house was burnt, £3, 6s. 8d. Wax for *torchis* in the kirk, £4, 8s. 8d. The glazier's fee, £2. Ropes for the bells, and mending them, £1, 8s. Mending the font, 1s. 2d. Mending the kirk-stile, 4s. Candles for the organs, 4s. For a tin chalice, 10s. For silver to gilt the guild-wand, 14s. 6d. The Dean of Guild's fee, £2.

Total, £21, 10s. 4d.

In arrears, the guild-unlaw (11s.). Balance due, 4s. 8d.

Mr. MICHAEL WALLACE, Master of Work, 1554-55  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

Master of  
Work,  
1554-55.

*Charge*

From Treasurer Mirry (1554-55), £8, 8s. From Treasurer (50*v.*)  
Kennedy (1553-54), £6, 16s. 2d. Total, £14, 4s. 2d.<sup>1</sup>

*Discharge*

To Thomas Masone, for mending a hole in the quay, £8. Stones, sand and clay, £1, 10s. 6d. For horse-hire, 18s. For mending the water-mett firloft, 7s. Mending the calsay, 1s. 4d. For riding to the Justice-court in Glasgow, £1, 4s. The Master of Work's fee, £3, 6s. 8d.

Total, £15, 7s. 6d.

Credit balance, £1, 3s. 4d.

ROBERT MACMILLANE, Treasurer, 1555-56  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

Treasurer  
1555-56.

*Charge*

Two burges-entries (a cordiner and a waulker) at 5 merks, one at 2 merks, £8. The grassum for a 10s. land, £6, 13s. 4d. Balance of the grassum for a merkland, £3, 17s. 9d. [The town's rental, £185, 15s. 10d.<sup>2</sup>] Total, £204, 6s. 11d. (51*r.*)

*Discharge*

Fees. Mr. John Buchane (schoolmaster), £13, 6s. 8d. Schir Alexander Ker, £13, 6s. 8d. George Cocherane, £13, 6s. 8d. James Dalruple (chorister), £18, 13s. 4d. Schir Richard Miller, £5, 6s. 8d. Nicholas Scherer, £10. The Provost, £5. Stephen Prestoun (clerk), £4. George Gude, £3. The Treasurer, £2. The poidner, 10s. Total, £88, 10s.

Annuals. The Cruives of Cree, £8, 19s. The Black Friars' alms, £11. For salt to the Grey Friars, £1, 19s. Total, £21, 18s.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £15, 4s. 2s.

<sup>2</sup> This, the main item, is accidentally omitted!

Treasurer,  
1555-56.

Common Work. To himself, as Master of Work, £20. For 2 locks for the Tolbooth doors, 6s. For a key to the Council-house, 1s. 4d.  
Total, £20, 7s. 4d.

Legal Expenses. The Bailies' expenses in Edinburgh in the action against the Sheriff, £18, 15s. Sent to the lawyers in Edinburgh, £7. For serving letters on the Laird of Lee, £1, 4s. For an Exchequer precept, 2s. To take instruments, 1s. 8d. For white and red sealing-wax, and for candles, 3s. 8d. To arl 4 ships with salt and 1 with wine, 1s. 8d.  
Total, £27, 8s.

Messengers. To 2 boys, for running to Edinburgh, £1. To a boy, for running to Glasgow, 5s.  
Total, £1, 5s.

Hospitality. For wine to Lord James, 8s. More wine to him and to the stenters, £1. Wine to Coll MacConell, £1, 13s. 4d. Wine to the Earl of Cassilis, 8s. Wine given to strangers at sundry times, £1.  
Total, £4, 9s. 4d.

Miscellaneous. To the Bailies, to make up the deficiency in a stent, £5, 15s. *To Wille Gibsone quhen he wes trublit about Miller*, £1, 15s. To Andrew Bannotyne (unexplained), 5s.

Total, £7, 15s.

Grand Total, £171, 19s. 4d.<sup>1</sup>

(517v.)

Arrears, £41, 13s. 10d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £213, 13s. 2d. Credit balance, £9, 6s. 3d., and the arrears belong to the town.

Dean of Guild,  
1555-56.

JOHN KIRKPATRIK, Dean of Guild, 1555-56  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

### Charge

(51v., 52r.)

3 guild-entries at 5 merks, 1 at 10 merks and 13 at 5s., £19, 18s. 4d. The collection, 13s. Total, £20, 11s. 4d.

### Discharge

(52r.)

To the slater, £1, 13s. 4d. To the glazier, £2. For candles for the organs, 4s. The Dean of Guild's fee, £2. Total, £5, 17s. 4d.

In arrears, the guild-entries of 5 who *payit nathing becaus the town gair thair entres gratis*, £1, 5s. Also the 10-merk entry and one of the 5-merk entries. Total, £11, 5s. Total of expenditure and arrears, £17, 2s. 4d. Balance due, £3, 9s., and the arrears belong to the town.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £171, 12s. 8d.

ROBERT MACMILLANE, Master of Work, 1555-56  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

Master of  
Work,  
1555-56.

*Charge*

Received from himself as Treasurer, £20.

*Discharge*

To John Andersone, mason, for 4 weeks, 1 day, at the Brig-work (51v.)  
(at 3s. 4d. per day), £4, 3s. 4d. To his workmen, and for digging  
clay, £1, 7s. 6d. In drinksilver, 3s. For lime, 16s. 4d. For stones,  
£1, 1s. 8d. Horse-hire for the haven-work, £1, 2s. 4d. Stones for  
it, 2s. 6d. Mason-work (including sand and lime) at the Tolbooth,  
7s. 10d. A staple for the Thieves' Hole, 4s. 2d. Mending the  
knock, 6s. 8d. Ropes for it, 2s. 6d. For calsay-making, £1, 16s. 8d.  
Stones and sand for it, 19s. For taffetas to make a *handsenyie*,  
£2, 15s. For sewing-silk and canvas to line it, 5s. 6d. To a boy,  
to run to Alloway, 2d. The Master of Work's fee, £3, 6s. 8d.

Balance, due, 12s. 10d. Total, £19, 7s. 2d.<sup>1</sup>

ROBERT RANKENE, Treasurer, 1556-57  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

Treasurer,  
1556-57.

*Charge*

One burges-entry at 5 merks, one at 2 merks, £4, 13s. 4d. The (52r.)  
rouping of wine, £26, 10s. The augmentation (of feu-ferme) of  
Mariland, 7s. 10d. The town's rental, £184, 15s. 10d.

Total, £216, 7s.

*Discharge*

Fees. Schir Alexander Ker, £13, 6s. 8d. Nicholas Scherer, £10. (52rv.)  
Schir Richard Miller, £5, 6s. 8d. The schoolmaster, £6, 13s. 4d.  
Schir James Dalrimple, £18, 13s. 4d. George Cocherane, £13, 6s. 8d.  
The Provost, £5. Stephen Prestoun (clerk), £4. George Gude, £3.  
The Treasurer, £2. The poinder, 10s. Total, £81, 16s. 8d.

Annals. The Cruives of Cree, £8, 19s. The Black Friars' alms,  
£11, 5s. A hogshead of wine to the Grey Friars, £4, 2s. 6d.

Total, £24, 6s. 6d.

Commissioners' and Legal Expenses. To the Bailies (Mr.  
Michael Wallace and John Lokhart), when they rode to Edinburgh  
on Jan. 23, £8. To the Bailies, for taking away *the fals queryour*  
*and the nyf* and bringing home the commission, £26, 10s. *To put*  
*up the queryouris hand*, and for lead to it, 1s. To the Bailies, when  
they rode to the Queen before the raid of Fawlay Muir, £9, 11s. 4d.  
To repay money borrowed in Edinburgh when the proofs were  
examined in the action against the Sheriff, £9, 19s. 2d.

Total, £54, 1s. 6d.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £19, os. 10d.

Treasurer,  
1556-57.

Messengers. To 3 boys, for running to Edinburgh, £1, 6s. 8d.  
Another boy, for running to Stirling, 12s. For taking 2 barrels of  
herring to Edinburgh, £1, 16s. For going to Glasgow, 1s. To  
2 pursuivants, 5s. 4d. For going to the Sheriff at Inchpaffray  
[sic], 12s. Total, £4, 13s.

To the Master of Work (John Fallusdale), £6.

Hospitality. For wine to the Earl of Cassilis, 6s. 8d. For wine  
to the Abbot of Kilwinning, 4s. 8d. Total, 11s. 4d.

Miscellaneous and Petty Expenses. For a stent, £19, 13s. 9d.  
For a hogshead of herring, £5. For wheels to the guns, 13s. 4d.  
For  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. of powder, 4s. For candles, coal and wine in the Tolbooth,  
6s. 10d. To arl 2 wine-ships, 8d. To take an instrument, 4d. For  
a quire of paper (to write testaments), 1s. Total, £25, 19s. 11d.  
Grand Total, £197, 0s. 3d.<sup>1</sup>

(52v.) In arrears, £32. Total of expenditure and arrears, £229, 0s. 3d.  
Credit balance, £12, 13s. 3d., to be payit of the dependentis and  
the rest is the townes.

Memo. The laird of Lee delivered in Edinburgh to Mr. Michael  
Wallace and John Lokhart (Bailies), 50 merks for arrears of Lee and  
Cartland, which sum was spent on the Sheriff's plea.

Dean of Guild,  
1556-57.

ROBERT MACMILLAN, Dean of Guild, 1556-57  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

### Charge

(53v.) 3 guild-entries at 10 merks, £20. 3 entries at 5s., 15s. *The will*  
*of twa gild unlanvis*, £1, 2s. Total, £21, 17s.

### Discharge

(53v.) 4 st. 10 lb. of iron for the kirk doors, at 10s. per stone, £2, 6s.  
For the work on the doors and drinksilver, £15s. 8d. Candle and  
oil for the organs, 4s. Three keys for the kirk doors, 4s. 10d. For  
an iron chandelier, 6d. Timber and nails for mending the stalls,  
4s. 8d. Other minor repairs and expenses at the kirk, 13s. 1d.  
The glazier's fee, £2. The Dean of Guild's fee, £2. Part of the  
guild-entries taken up by James Kennedy, Dean of Guild, 1557-58,  
£6, 13s. 4d. Total, £15, 1s. 11d.<sup>2</sup>  
Balance due, £6, 15s. 1d.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £197, 8s. 11d.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £15, 2s. 1d.

JOHN FALLUSDALE, Master of Work, 1556-57  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

Master of  
Work,  
1556-57.

*Charge*

Received from the Treasurer, £6.

(53v.)

*Discharge*

To Moreis, for digging stones, £7. The Master of Work's fee,  
£3, 6s. 8d. Total, £10, 6s. 8d.

Credit balance, £4, 6s. 8d.

JOHN LOKHART, Bailie, 1556-57  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

Bailie,  
1556-57.

*Charge*

The feus of the Sands in 1557—104½ acres at £2, 10s. per acre,  
£261, 5s. 17 acres at £1, 10s. per acre, £25, 10s. 19 acres at £1  
per acre, £19. 1 acre paid nothing, and the laird of Bargany's acre  
paid no feu, *for thai wald sett nothing to lardis*, but it paid a tack-  
duty of £1, 10s. In addition, the tacks of four lots of 2 roods  
brought £3. Total, £310, 5s.

(53r.)

*Discharge*

Feu-duties were rebated to the Provost, Bailies and Clerk, and  
4 others, and *George Lokhart wald not tak his aker in feu*; total  
rebates, £19, 10s. To Mr. Michael Wallace and Paul Reid, to ride  
to Edinburgh, and spend in the agreement with the Sheriff,  
£31, 10s. 4d. To the old and new Sheriffs, £22. For the annual  
of the Cruives of Cree in 1553-54, £8, 19s. For Schir Richard  
Miller's fee in 1554-55, £5, 6s. 8d. Expenses in riding to the  
Justice-court at Glasgow, £2, 8s. For bringing stones to the haven-  
work in 1554-55, £1, 2s. 8d. Balance due to John Lokhart when he  
was Treasurer (1551-52), £11, 7s. 6d.<sup>1</sup> Balance due to him as  
Master of Work in 1553-54, £3, 6s. 6d.<sup>2</sup> Total, £320, 17s. 4d.<sup>3</sup>

Credit balance, £10, 12s. 4d. But from this should be deducted  
£3, 6s. 8d., received for Alexander Syme's burgess-entry, and  
£3, 11s., which should have been paid to *our man of law*. Net  
balance due to him, £3, 14s. 8d., to be collected from the arrears  
of his year as Treasurer (1551-52).

<sup>1</sup> *Vide supra*, p. 115.

<sup>2</sup> *Vide supra*, p. 121.

<sup>3</sup> Should be only £105, 10s. 8d. 1

Treasurer,  
1557-58.

ROBERT RANKENE, Treasurer, 1557-58  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

*Charge*

(53v.) 4 burges-entries at 2 merks each, £5, 6s 8d. The town's rental,  
£185, 3s. 8d. Total, £190, 10s. 4d.

*Discharge*

(53v., 54r.) Fees. Schir Richard Miller, £5, 6s. 8d. James Dalrimple,  
£18, 13s. 4d. Nicholas Scherer, £8. George Cocherane, £13, 6s. 8d.  
Schir Alexander Kar, £13, 6s. 8d. The schoolmaster, £13, 6s. 8d.  
The Provost, £5. Stephen Prestoun, £4. George Gude, £3. [The  
Treasurer, £2.<sup>1</sup>] The poinder, 10s. Total, £86, 10s.

Annuals. The Black Friars, £11, 5s. A boll of salt to the Grey  
Friars, £1, 3s. 6d. The Cruives of Cree, £8, 19s.

Total, £21, 7s. 6d.

Legal and Travelling Expenses. Mr. Michael Wallace (Baillie),  
for horse-hire several times anent the Sheriff's plea, £4. Mr. David  
Borthwik, *to defend aganis the Blakfreris*, £3, 15s. Robert Mac-  
Millan, riding to Edinburgh as a witness in the Friars' action, £2.  
Going to Edinburgh, £1, 1s. Taking letters to Edinburgh, 5s. To  
a herald, 6s. 8d. To two pursuivants, 4s. Messenger-boys, 5s.  
For candles, 4d. To arl a ship, 4d. Total, £11, 17s. 4d.

The Town's Work and Defences. To buy powder, £6. For  
wheels to the guns, 12s. Digging turf for the *bastalyie*, 8s.  
Carting it, £1, 2s. Laying it, 7s. The pynours' work, 5s. 4d.  
Work at the rampart, 9s. 4d. Iron-work, 9s. For rope for the  
common bell, 1s. 8d. Total, £9, 14s. 4d.

Festivities and Hospitality. For wine at the *tryumphe* of  
the marriage of the Queen in France, 18s. Wine to Lord Lorne,  
8s. Wine to noblemen at sundry times, £1, 3s. *For wyne*, 4s.

Total, £2, 13s.

Miscellaneous. To a blind man, £3, 6s. 8d. Making a beacon  
on the hills, 4s. 6d. The *profit* on 100 merks lent to the town to  
pay the Sheriff, £4. To a servant of the Earl of Argyle, 1s. 6d.  
For the minister's *chalmer male*, £4. Total, £11, 12s. 8d.

Grand Total, £143, 14s. 10d.

(54r.) In arrears, £29, 11s. 4d. Total of expenditure and arrears,  
£173, 6s. 2d. Balance due from Treasurer, £17, 4s. 2d., less balance  
of £12, 13s. 3d. due to him the previous year. Net balance now  
due, £4, 11s. 1d.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> This routine item is omitted, inadvertently, it seems, since the total  
requires it.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £4, 10s. 11d.

JAMES KENNEDY, Dean of Guild, 1557-58  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

Dean of Guild,  
1557-58.

*Charge*

2 guild-entries at 5 merks, £6, 13s. 4d. 3 entries at 5s. (including *Thome Broun sone to Thomas*), 15s. *Johne Blaris gild unlaw cuming in wil*, 11s. Received from late Dean of Guild MacMillane, £6, 13s. 4d.

Total, £14, 12s. 8d.  
*quhilk restis hale  
upoun his heid.*

JOHN JAMESONE, Master of Work, 1557-58  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

Master of  
Work,  
1557-58.

*Charge*

Received from the Treasurer, £6.

(54v.)

*Discharge*

For iron-work, including 7 st. of *Danskin irne*, for the great gun, £5, 7s. 6d. Repairing it, 6s. 8d. Bringing it to the kirk, 1s. 8d. 1 lb. of powder, 9s. Culverin powder bought in Irvine, and expenses thereanent, 12s. Carrying and *skaling* wrack, 11s. Mending the Brig, 5s. The Master of Work's fee, £3, 6s. 8d.

Total, £10, 17s. 6d.<sup>1</sup>

Credit balance, £4, 17s. 6d.

NICOL MYRRIE, Treasurer, 1558-59  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

Treasurer,  
1558-59.

*Charge*

The town's rental, £185, 3s. 8d. 20 burghess-entries at 5 merks (54v.) (including a wright, a cordiner and two waulkers), £66, 13s. 4d. One entry at 2 merks, £1, 6s. 8d. The profit on roused wine, £32, 10s. 4d. The profit on roused iron, £7, 5s. The grassum of Andrew Arthur's son in Alloway, £9, 6s. 8d. The grassum of Andrew Davidsone in a 2-merk land in Alloway (26 merks 8s. 6d.), £17, 15s. 2d.

Total, £320, 0s. 10d.

*Discharge*

Fees. George Cocherane, £13, 6s. 8d. Schir Alexander Kar, (54v., 55r.) £13, 6s. 8d. The schoolmaster, £13, 6s. 8d. Schir James Dal-

<sup>1</sup> Should be £10, 19s. 6d.



Treasurer,  
1558-59.

rimple, £18, 13s. 4d. Nicholas Scherar, £8. Schir Richard Miller, £5, 6s. 8d. The Provost, £5. Stephen Prestoun (clerk), £4. George Gude, £3. The Treasurer, £2. The poinder, 10s.

Total, £86, 10s.

The Black Friars' Alms, £11.

Commissioners' and Travelling Expenses. To the Bailies (Charles Campble and Robert MacMillane), for riding to Parliament and incurring sundry legal expenses, £16, 6s. 8d. To the Bailie who rode to Edinburgh to render the Exchequer compt, £4. To the Bailies, for riding to Irvine, £3, 13s. To James and George Bannotyne, for riding to Edinburgh in the town's plea with Lefnores and bringing home *ane precheour*, £22. To the officers, for riding to Irvine and watching the wine one night in Ayr, £1, 3s. Messengers to Irvine and Mauchline, £1, 4s. Total, £48, 6s. 8d.

Petty Legal Expenses. To a pursuivant, 10s. *To him that proclamit the pece*, £1, 15s. For the Exchequer precept, 2s. Sealing-wax, candles and instruments, 3s. To arl a ship, 4d.

Total, £2, 10s. 4d.

Common Work. For the contract with the knock-mender and 7 days' expenses, £3, 14s. 2d. For carriage of the knock to Edinburgh and wine to Robert Scott, £1, 14s. In part payment of the mending of the knock, £10. For joiner-work on the pulpit and the door of the knock, £1, 1s. 10d. An iron-stamp for the wine-barrels, 1s. 6d.

Total, £16, 11s. 6d.

Military Expenditure. To the Bailies, *for ane taxt to hald men of weir upoun the bordouris*, £39, 15s. 4d. To part furnish a boat for the Earl of Argyle's host, £1. For carting turf to the rampart, 5s.

Total, £41, 0s. 4d.

Hospitality. For wine to Lords Glencairn, Cassilis and Boyd, £1, 4s. For wine to Lords Eglintoun and Setoun, £1, 18s. For wine drunk when Paul Reid was made a Bailie, 8s. Other gifts of wine, 16s.

Total, £4, 6s.

Miscellaneous and Unexplained. To John Buchane, schoolmaster, and for a *chariage man* to Perth, £8, 17s. 4d. To Schir Thomas Raithe, spent in the town's name, £2, 16s. To John Miller and John Wallace, £4. To Schir Thomas Raithe, at the Bailies' command, £1, 5s. Spent on a poor child, 12s. To the widow McClinto, for *land sche wantit of the sandis*, £3, 6s. 8d.

Total, £20, 17s.

Grand Total, £220.<sup>1</sup>

(55rv.)

In arrears, £57, 4s. 4d. Balance due, £37, 15s.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Should be £231, 1s. 10d.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £42, 16s. 6d.

JAMES KENNEDY, Dean of Guild, 1558-59  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

Dean of Guild,  
1558-59.

*Charge*

9 guild-entries (including *Johne Broun son to Robert Broun*) at (55*v.*)  
5s.; £2, 5s. 4 guild-entries (including a cordiner) at 10 merks,  
£26, 13s. 4d. Total, £28, 18s. 4d.

*Discharge*

The glazier's fee for the past two years, £4. To James Masone, (55*v.*, 56*r.*)  
for repairing the windows of the Trinity aisle with lime and plaster,  
£8, 8s. Cutting the iron out of the windows, 9s. To the slater, for  
roofing the kirk, £4, 13s. For nails, timber and slate-pins, £1, 18s.  
For candles to the organs, 7s. 4d. Making the kirk-stile, £1, 4s.  
Other petty expenses in the kirk, 5s. The Dean of Guild's fee for  
the past two years, £4. Total, £25, 4s. 4d.<sup>1</sup>

Mr. MICHAEL WALLACE, Master of Work, 1558-59  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

Master of  
Work,  
1558-59.

*Charge*

Nil.

(55*v.*)

*Discharge*

To the barrowmen and other workmen at the *bastalyie* on the  
hills, 6s. 2d. Taking stones to the haven-work, 7s. Balance due to  
him as Master of Work in 1554-55, £1, 3s. 4d. Paid to the executors  
of Henry Prestoun at the Justice-court at Glasgow, £1, 4s. For  
writing a commission in a plea, 14s. Total, £7, 1s. 2d.

This sum is to be deducted from the arrears due from him to  
the Treasurer this year.

Accounts for 1559-60, *vide supra*, pp. 30-34.

Treasurer,  
etc., 1559-60.

ARCHIBALD FERGUSHILL, Treasurer, 1560-61  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

Treasurer,  
1560-61.

*Charge*

The town's rental, £190, 18s. 2d. 14 burges-entries at 5 merks, (57*v.*)  
£46, 13s. 4d. Two other entries, £3. The grassum for a farm in  
Alloway, £13, 6s. 8d. *The entre of ane pece new land at the*  
*Spittelboge*, £1. From the rouping of salt and hides, £6.

Total, £260, 18s. 2d.

<sup>1</sup> No balance is struck for this account.

Treasurer,  
1560-61.

(57v., 58r.)

*Discharge*

Fees. Schir Alexander Kar, £10. The schoolmaster, £20. George Cocherane, £13, 6s. 8d. James Dalrymple, £20. Stephen Prestoun (for Martinmas term), £2. James McCormel, for keeping the knock, £3, 6s. 8d. The Treasurer, £2. Richard the poinder, 10s. Total, £71, 3s. 4d.

Travelling Expenses. To John Kirkpatrik, for riding to Parliament with the minister, £10. Additional expenses (including a bible *quhilk servis in the kirk*), £9. George Bannotyne's horse-hire in going to St. Andrews with the minister, £2. Their expenses, £14, 6s. 8d. Robert MacMillane, for horse-hire and expenses in riding to Glasgow with the minister, £1, 7s. 8d. To boys, running various errands (Irvine, 1s., Glasgow, 5s., Edinburgh, 12s., etc.), £2, 0s. 4d. Total, £38, 14s. 8d.

Works and Petty Expenses. To the barrowmen, for bringing stones to the Quay, 13s. 4d. For cleaning the Fish Cross, 12s. For door-bands and a lock, 13s. 4d. To George Kessane, for sundry writings for the town, £1. To a pursuivant, 10s. For the Exchequer compt, 2s. For sealing-wax and candles for the Tolbooth, 5s. 10d. Total, £3, 16s. 6d.

Festivities and Hospitality. For wine at the celebration of the Queen's home-coming, and to the minister, £12, 3s. 8d. For powder, coals and candles then, £1, 12s. 10d. For wine to the Superintendent and other great men, £1, 13s. 4d. Other gifts of wine (to the Sheriff, etc.), £4, 19s. Total, £20, 8s. 10d.

The Minister and Kirk. For black clothes to the minister, £4, 10s. For a canvas gown to him, £1, 16s. For shirts, £3. For black silk buttons for his coat, 5s. For bread and wine for the Communion, £2, 14s. 8d. Total, £12, 5s. 8d.

Miscellaneous and Unexplained. To Mr. Michael Wallace,<sup>1</sup> £26, 10s. To Thomas Tow, £2, 1s. To Robert Baillie, 12s. Total, £29, 3s.

Grand Total, £185, 16s. 8d.<sup>2</sup>

In arrears, £36, 2s. 4d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £221, 19s. Balance due, £38, 19s. 2d.

<sup>1</sup> Mr. Michael Wallace was Provost and Clerk in the following year; probably he already held these offices—for the retiring Clerk (Stephen Prestoun) was only paid a half-year's fee this year.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £175, 12s.

ROBERT MACMILLAN, Dean of Guild, 1560-61  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

Dean of Guild,  
1560-61.

*Charge*

5 guild-entries at 10 merks, £33, 6s. 8d. One entry at 5 merks, (58rv.)  
£3, 6s. 8d. 3 entries at 5s., 15s. Total, £37, 8s. 4d.

*Discharge*

For lime and sand, £1, 0s. 2d. To Robin Quhite, for mending (58v.)  
the Trinity aisle, £3, 6s. 8d. To the two slaters, £10, 13s. 4d. To  
John Feane, smith, for iron-work to the glass windows, £1, 4s. To  
the glazier, £11, 1s. 4d. To Thomas Masone, for the stone-work in  
the choir windows, £4, 6s. 8d. To James Dalrimple, for covering  
two books, 3s. For cleaning the kirk and mending the door, 5s.  
The Dean of Guild's fee, £2. Total, £34, 0s. 2d.

*And his charge is xxxviiij li. [sic] viij s. iiij d. Swa the said Robert is  
in the townes dett iiij li. viij s. ij d.*

ARCHIBALD FERGUSHILL, Master of Work, 1560-61  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

Master of  
Work,  
1560-61.

*Charge*

Balance as Treasurer this year (£38, 19s. 2d.).

*Discharge*

3 chalders of lime, £3, 12s. 4 doz. *burdis* to bind the haven- (58r.)  
work, £2, 15s. 4d. Carting the lime, 15s. 10d. To fee the masons,  
2s. To the masons for their work, at the Bailies' command, £24.  
Bringing the stones to the Quay, 6s. 8d. For a cord to hold the  
book, 5s. The Master of Work's fee, £3, 6s. 8d.

Total, £35, 3s. 6d.

Balance now due, £3, 15s. 8d.

ARCHIBALD FERGUSHILL, Treasurer, 1561-62  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

Treasurer,  
1561-62.

*Charge*

The town's rental, £190, 18s. 2d. 10 burgesse-entries (including a (58v.)  
baxter and a chapman) at 5 merks, £33, 6s. 8d. The profit  
on *refuis* wine, £16. The profit on 19 hogsheads of salt, £2, 17s.  
The profit on certain Rochelle and *bestard* wines, and on iron,  
£22, 12s. 6d. Total, £265, 14s. 4d.

Treasurer,  
1561-62.

*Discharge*

Fees. George Cocherane, £13, 6s. 8d. John Or, schoolmaster, £20. Mr. Michael Wallace, for Provost's fee (£5) and Clerk's fee (£4), £9. The Treasurer, £2. The officers (for bearing swords), £3, 6s. 8d. James MacCormel, for keeping the knock, £3, 6s. 8d. The poinder, 10s. Total, £51, 10s.

Hospitality. For wine to Lord Robert [Stewart], £2, 13s. 8d. *To Robert Scott with the disputatioun nes betwein the Abbot and Johne Knox for nyne*, £1, 8s. 6d. Wine to the Master of Maxwell, 11s. 8d. Total, £4, 13s. 10d.

The Minister and Kirk. To the minister, Robert Achesone, £10. For a coat of French black to him, £3. Wine for communion, 10s. 8d. Total, £13, 10s. 8d.

Petty Legal Expenses. To Robert Scott, for his diligence in the town's affairs, £3, 6s. 8d. For a horse to bring home the poinds, 5s. To a pursuivant, 10s. For the Exchequer precept, 2s. For instruments, 1s. 4d. For sealing-wax, 2s. Total, £4, 7s.

Miscellaneous. For a trumpet, £1, 6s. 8d. For Arthur Myrre's expenses in the Tolbooth, £2. For making the pecks for the Meal Market, 6s. In part payment of Thomas Tow's fee, 5s.

Total, £3, 17s. 8d.  
Grand Total, £77, 19s. 2d.

(59r.) Arrears, including one term's rent of Alloway Mill (£20), the whole year's rent of Alloway barony (£53), the Burrowfield feus (£10), the burgh-mails (£3), all the burgess-entries (£33, 6s. 8d.) and most of the profit on wine and salt (£41, 9s. 6d.), £188, 1s. 6d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £266, 0s. 8d. Credit balance, 7s. 4d.,<sup>1</sup> and the *dependentis the tonnes, quhilk he sal do his diligence in ingadyring*.

Dean of Guild,  
1561-62.

DONALD CAMPBELL, Dean of Guild, 1561-62  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

*Charge*

(59r.) The guild-entry of a waulker, £6, 13s. 4d. A guild-entry at 5 merks, £3, 6s. 8d. 3 entries at 5s., 15s. A guild-unlaw, £1, 2s. Total, £11, 17s.

*Discharge*

(59v.) To the smiths, for bands, nails and a tongue for the bell, £1, 0s. 4d.

<sup>1</sup> Should be 6s. 4d.

For a rope to ring the bell, 7s. 2d. To Thomas Esdale, slater, for mending a spout on the kirk and other places, £5, 6s. 8d. For timber, 7s. Other jobs in the kirk, 16s. 3d. The Dean of Guild's fee, £2. In arrears, the guild-unlaw, £1, 2s. Total, £10, 19s. 4d.<sup>1</sup>

Balance due, 18s. 4d.<sup>2</sup>

JOHN JAMESONE, Master of Work, 1561-62  
(audited Jan. 6, 1562/3)

Master of  
Work,  
1561-62.

*Charge*

Nil.

(59r.)

*Discharge*

To hire 33 horses to take *pulder* to the hills, 11s. Taking the perch from the harbour, fixing iron on it, and putting it back, 9s. The Master of Work's fee, £3, 6s. 8d. Total, £4, 6s. 8d.

<sup>3</sup>

JOHN COCHREN, Treasurer, 1574-75  
(audited April 12, 1587)

Treasurer,  
1574-75.

*Charge*

The town's rental, £207, 13s. The Blackfriars annuals, £22, 5s. 10d. The Chorists' annuals, £28, 9s. 7d. The burgess-entries, £140, 13s. 4d. The town's *causaliteis*, £491, 17s. 8d.

Total, £926.<sup>4</sup>

*Discharge*

Fees. The Provost, £5. The Clerk, £4. The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. The Treasurer, £2. The officers, £5. The school-master, £20. The reader, £13, 6s. 8d. Robert Scott (lawyer), £3, 6s. 8d. The poinder, £4. John Rollie's and David Allasoun's pensions, £32. The suitor-fee, 13s. 4d. For keeping the knock, £6, 13s. 4d. For ringing the bells, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the Brig-port, £2. Total, £108.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £10, 19s. 5d.

<sup>2</sup> Should be 17s. 8d.

<sup>3</sup> The next entry is for the year 1574-75, so that 12 years are omitted in the MS. At the foot of folio 59v. there is a note—*Heir this buik contenis l nyne leiffis and ane loyss leif that is writtin upoune*. No loose leaf remains.

<sup>4</sup> Should be £890, 19s. 5d.

Treasurer,  
1574-75.

Commissioners' Expenses. To Provost Lokkert, for riding to Edinburgh and transacting the town's business there, and riding to Stirling for the Convention of Royal Burghs, £47, 9s. 8d. To the same, for going again to Edinburgh for legal business, £53, 6s. 8d. John Stewart's expenses in Edinburgh in the town's affairs, £9, 1s. To James Lokkert (the Provost's son), for riding to the Regent [Morton] at Dalkeith, £4, 19s. 6d. Total, £114, 16s. 10d.

Messengers. For going to Edinburgh five times (at sums varying between 16s. and £1, 10s.), £6, 6s. A boy, to Glasgow, 6s. 8d. A boy, to Irvine, 1s. 6d. Total, £6, 14s. 2d.

Petty Legal Expenses. For an extract of the feus of the Blackfriars' yards, £2. To a pursuivant, 13s. 4d. For a proclamation, 5s. 4d. For the Exchequer precept, 5s. For *ane burning irl for thefts*, 6s. *Warit in plakis* (i.e. in arls, instruments, etc.), 10s. Total, £3, 19s. 8d.

Wine and Hospitality. For a barrel of herring to Robert Scott, £4, 18s. For wine to sundry noblemen and a lawyer, £3, 8s. For wine to the Bishop, 13s. 4d. A quart of wine to Lord Boyd, 8s. 8d. For wine to the Communion, £3, 19s. 4d. For bread for Communion, 8s. Total, £13, 15s. 4d.

Expenses of the Compt. To James Miller, writer, for his own and his servants' expenses, *being send heir for attending upoun the townis comptis and hering thairof*,<sup>1</sup> £34. For meat and drink at the Compt, £1. Other expenses of Miller and the auditors, £14, 14s. 8d. Total, £49, 14s. 8d.

The Town's Debts. 100 merks to Andrew Johnstoun, borrowed from him by the town, £66, 13s. 4d. To repay the debt owed to Provost Lokkert, £77. Interest on Johnstoun's loan, £8. Total, £151, 13s. 4d.

Poor Relief. To John McKinnay, to relieve his poverty, £2. To Allan Atoun, £2. To Marion McCrorie, 13s. 4d. To James Wilsoun, pewterer, £1. Total, £5, 13s. 4d.

Materials for Town's Work.<sup>2</sup> Lime (at 2s. per boll), £15, 18s. 6d. Iron (at 13s. per stone), £2, 17s. 2d. Lead, 4s. Stones (including

<sup>1</sup> Probably the missing compts for 1562-74, or some of them.

<sup>2</sup> The large expenditure on Common Works this year was undertaken by the Treasurer, *in name of George Kennedy, Maister of Work*, and entered apart from the ordinary disbursings.

*ane stane to hew armes upoun*), £5, 18s. Nails, £1, 1s. 8d. Timber Treasurer, (many small purchases of *geistis, sparris, lath bred*, etc.), £96, 10s. 2d. <sup>1574-75.</sup>  
 For carting stones, sand, lime, timber and slates to the Tolbooth, Brig and Quay, £12, 11s. 4d. Total, £135, 0s. 10d.

Common Work. To the masons, for their work at the Tolbooth, £38. To the wrights, for timber-work there, £27, 9s. 10d. To the slaters, £30. For sawing timber, £5, 3s. 4d. Making the table (*burd*) and laying floors, £2, 18s. Making iron windows and other iron-work, £5, 5s. To the painter, for painting the coat-of-arms, the door and the windows, £18, 13s. 4d. For cleaning the Tolbooth, 19s. 10d. A hand for the clock, 6s. Petty expenses at the Tolbooth (drinksilver, etc.), £3, 19s. 10d. To the mason, for repairing the Brig-port, £13, 3s. 4d. For mending the iron-work of the Brig, 6s. 8d. To the masons, for mending the Quay, £2, 10s.  
 Total, £148, 15s. 2d.

To the Master of Work. Given to the Master of Work, *to be under compt thairof*, £92, 19s. Grand Total, £827, 8s. 8d.<sup>1</sup>

In arrears, £90, 10s. Total of expenditure and arrears, (61*v.*) £917, 18s. 8d. Balance due (*besyd the dependentis quhillkis ar the townis awin*), £8, 11s. 4d.<sup>2</sup>

WILLIAM HUNTER, Dean of Guild, 1574-75  
 (audited April 12, 1587)

Dean of Guild,  
 1574-75.

*Charge*

Receipts, £147, 11s. 8d.

(61*v.*)

*Discharge*

To the Master of Work, £60. To the Treasurer, £35, 7s. 5d. In part-payment of the slating of the Tolbooth, £10. To James Bannatyne, for timber, £8, 6s. 8d. To Hew Kennedy in Bargany, *for ourgeving of the vicarage at the request of the Bischop*, £6, 13s. 4d. To Adam Campbell, leech, in relief of his poverty, £3, 6s. 8d. Spent on work at the kirk, £21, 1s. 9d. The Dean of Guild's fee, £3, 6s. 8d.  
 Total, £148, 2s. 8d.<sup>3</sup>

Credit balance, 11s.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £831, 2s. 4d.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £8, 1s. 4d.

<sup>3</sup> Should be £148, 2s. 6d.



Master of  
Work,  
1574-75.

GEORGE KENNEDY, Master of Work, 1574-75  
(audited April 12, 1587)

*Charge*

(61v.) From the Treasurer, £92, 19s. From the Dean of Guild, £60.  
Total, £152, 19s.

*Discharge*

(61v., 62r.) The Tolbooth. To a boy that went to Renfrew about timber, 6s. 8d. For the great iron window, £19. Timber, lead, etc., for it, £2, 5s. The other two iron windows, £7, 13s. 9d. For lime (at prices varying between 1s. 8d. and 3s. 4d. per boll), £8, 18s. For stones, £10, 1s. 6d. For timber, £13, 6s. 8d. To Andrew Lowdoun, the mason, £15, 13s. 4d. To the wright, £1. For the coat-of-arms on the glass window, 12s. Petty expenses (drinksilver, a key to the Thieves' Hole, etc.), 12s. Total, £79, 8s. 11d.

The Quay. For lime (at 1s. 8d. per boll), £5, 9s. 8d. Digging and carting clay, sand and stones, £4, 18s. 6d. To the masons, for building the Quay, £26, 13s. 4d. For mending the Quay under the Friars' Dyke, £2. Drinksilver to the masons, 8s.

Total, £39, 9s. 6d.

Other Work. To Adam Wallace for sand, £24, 13s. 4d. For carting sand and filling it in, £3, 16s. 2d. Stones for the Brig, £4, 7s. 6d. For repairs at the Brig, £1, 15s. 2d. To the pynours, for calsay-mending at the Brig-yett and in the Vennel, £1, 3s. 6d. To the officer, for warning the quarters of the town daily, £2. Sundries, 12s. 4d. Total, £38, 8s.

The Master of Work's Fee, £3, 6s. 8d.<sup>1</sup>

Grand Total, £152, 8s. 8d.<sup>2</sup>

Balance due, 10s. 4d.

Treasurer,  
1575-76.

ROBERT MILLER, Treasurer, 1575-76  
(audited April 13, 1587)

*Charge*

(62r.) The town's rental, £207, 13s. The Blackfriars annuals and the feu-duties of the Blackfriars yards, £22, 5s. 10d. The Chorists' annuals, £28, 9s. 7d. Two burgess-entries at 5 merks, one at £5,

<sup>1</sup> But the Master of Work's fee is already included among the Treasurer's expenses.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £160, 13s. 1d.

£11, 13s. 4d. Gilbert Power's entry to the feu of 2 roods of the Greyfriars, £40. John Craufurd's entry to other 2 roods thereof, £26, 13s. 4d. Gilbert Broun's entry to the tack of a cellar under the Tolbooth, £20. William Kirkpatrick's entry to another cellar, £20.

Treasurer,  
1575-76.

Total, £376, 15s. 1d.

### Discharge

(62rv.)

Fees and Stipends. To the minister, James Dalrimple, for 1½ years' stipend, £39, 10s. Laurence Dagleisch, the schoolmaster (for Mart. term 1575), £10. Thomas Greg, doctor in the Grammar School, £6, 13s. 4d. Friar John Rollie, £16. Friar David Allansoun, £16. The Provost, £5. The Clerk, £4. To Richard the pointer (for keeping the hills, £4; *of support*, £2), £6. For keeping the knock, £6, 13s. 4d. For ringing the bells, £6, 13s. 4d.

Total, £116, 10s.

Messengers. To 2 messengers, bringing Exchequer precepts, etc., £2. To another messenger, bringing a proclamation, 6s. 8d. For going to Edinburgh, 15s. To a boy from Lord Boyd, 2s. To John Makgrane, for going errands, 5s. To the Regent's servant, who brought a letter warning the town to keep the Convention at Edinburgh on October 24, 1575, 5s. For carrying the pounds, 1s. 6d.

Total, £3, 15s. 2d.

Common Work. To John Esdail, for part of the slating of the Tolbooth, £20. Paid by the Provost (Mr. Michael Wallace) to the slaters, £4, 6s. 8d. To Adam Cuninghame, wright, for timbering the Tolbooth, £3. To him, *of bounteth*, £5. For nails to the Tolbooth, £3. To John Craufurd, glazier, for the great glass window of the Tolbooth, £3, 10s. To Adam Wallace, in part-payment for taking away the sand from the Sand-gait, £5, 6s. 8d. For lead to the spouts of the kirk, £1, 6s. 8d. To William Lowrie cooper, for mending the four firloths, 8s. For gathering wrack to put on the hills, £2. To James Bannatyn, Master of Work (*quhilk he hes employit upoun the townis commoun laubour*<sup>1</sup>), £2, 17s.

Total, £50, 15s.

Wine and Hospitality. For drink to the Bailies and officers at the pointing for the annuals, 13s. 4d. For 9 quarts of wine (at 5s. per quart) given to the Archbishop of Glasgow and Lord Montgomerie, £2, 5s. For 4 quarts of Spanish wine (at 13s. 4d. per quart) given to Lord Kintyre and the King's minister, £2, 13s. 4d. For wine to the Archbishop of Glasgow, the Master of Boyd and the King's minister, £1, 16s. For a banquet to Lord Kintyre, £26, 10s. To buy butter to send to Mr. John Moscrop and Robert Scott, £9. To carry the

<sup>1</sup> But no compts are entered for the Master of Work in this year or in any of the six succeeding years.

Treasurer,  
1575-76.

wine for the Regent to the shore, and for its freight to Glasgow, £3, 10s. 8d. Wine and bread for Communion, £6, 2s.

Total, £52, 10s. 4d.

Taxation. To complete the burgh's share of the tax for an army at Dumfries, £1, 10s.

Grand Total, £217, 13s. 10d.<sup>1</sup>

(62v., 63r.)

In arrears, £164, 3s. Total of expenditure and arrears, £381, 16s. 10d. Credit balance, £5, 1s. 9d., and the arrears belong to the town.

Treasurer,  
1576-77.

JOHN COCHREN, Treasurer, 1576-77  
(audited April 14, 1587)

#### Charge

(63r.)

The town's rental, £205, 4s. 8d. The feu of the Blackfriars yards, £3, 13s. 4d. The Blackfriars annuals, £18, 1s. 6d. The Chorists' annuals, £28, 9s. 8d. The feu of the Greyfriars yards, £2, 13s. 4d. Burgess-entries—15 at £5, 7 at £1, 13s. 4d.—£86, 13s. 4d. For David Couthert's entry to the feu of 2 roods of the Greyfriars yards, £60. The feu of the Treasurer's shop, £10. 4 years' fermes of the mills of Ayr, *sauld beforhand for the townis effairis to Robert Miller*, £302, 10s. The profit from rouped hides, £1, 12s. 8d. *For the entres and gressum of Quintene Dikis maling in Cortoun*, £14.

Total, £732, 17s. 10d.<sup>2</sup>

#### Discharge

(63rv.)

Fees and Stipends. The minister, £26, 5s. 5d. The reader, £6, 13s. 4d. The schoolmaster, £20. Friars Allasoun and Rollie, £32. The Provost, £5. The Clerk, £4. The Treasurer, £5. The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. Robert Scott's pension, £3, 6s. 8d. The officers, £5. For keeping the knock, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the hills, £4. For keeping the kirk, £6, 13s. 4d. The suitor-fee, 13s. 4d.

Total, £128, 12s. 1d.

Special Mission. To Provost Lohkert, according to Act of Council of May 29, 1577, to pay his expenses and those of 4 or 6 burgesses in excusing the town from an assise in Edinburgh and making a composition for the town's debt to the Exchequer—the 4 years fore-mail of the mills of Ayr, amounting to £302, 12s. [sic].

<sup>1</sup> Should be £225, os. 6d.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £732, 18s. 6d.

Messengers and Petty Legal Expenses. To the officers, for *relaxing of the provest and baillies fra the horne, put thairto anent the townis chekker compt*, £1, 18s. 8d. To the officers, for warnings, 2s. To the same (half of the feus of the Burrowfield), £5. Sundry messengers, to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dumbarton, Renfrew and Kilmarnock, £5, 19s. 4d. For the Exchequer precept, 5s. To a boy who brought copies (of Acts, etc.), 1s. For writing letters in the town's affairs, £1, 10s. Spent in placks and for paper, £1. For 3½ pecks of meal, for *sustening of ane theif in the Tolbuyth*, 9s. For *scourging of McCra*, 2s.

Treasurer,  
1576-77.

Total, £16, 7s.

Common Work. To Gilbert Cathcart, Master of Work, *quhilk he debursit in the townis commoun work, as his compt thairof beris*, £143, 17s. 4d. For fir to the Tolbooth (at 5s. 4d. per ell), £24, 16s. For other timber, £13, 5s. 4d. For iron, £2. For 2 locks, 3s. 6d. For carting materials, £3. To Adam Wallace, for repairing the Corrochan Brig, £4, 13s. 4d. To George Smyth, smith, for making the town's stamp, 10s. For sundry other works (unspecified), £19, 10s.

Total, £211, 15s. 6d.

Hospitality. For wine and *uthir dissertis* to the Lord Chancellor, Lords Eglintoun, Boyd and Cathcart, and the Justice-Clerk, when they were made burgesses, £13. For 5 half-barrels of herring sent to Mr. John Moscrop (the town's procurator), Robert Scott and Alexander Hay, for their services in the town's causes, £10, 13s. 4d. For the half-barrels to put them in, £2. For *salt peikling and heiding of thaim*, 13s. 4d. Carriage to Edinburgh, £3, 2s. 6d. For 10 gallons of wine to the Lord Chancellor Glamis, when he rode through the town on his way to Carrick, £13, 6s. 8d. For 8 quarts of wine, given at sundry times to the Archbishop of Glasgow, £2, 13s. 4d. For 10 pints of wine, given to sundry noblemen, £1, 13s. 4d.<sup>1</sup>

Total, £47, 2s. 6d.

Miscellaneous. Interest on Archibald Fergushill's loan, £8, 10s. In part payment of the town's standard (5 burgess-entries at £1, 13s. 4d.), £8, 6s. 8d. Bread for the Communion and *baking thairof*, 7s. 6d. To John Wilsoun, tailor, 2s.

Total, £17, 6s. 2d.

Grand Total, £723, 15s. 3d.

In arrears (including *James Howie of his burges entres xxxiiij s. iiij d. for the quhilk he promeist to gif stanis to the town*), £64, 19s. Total of expenditure and arrears, £788, 14s. 3d. Credit balance, £55, 16s. 5d.

(63v., 64r.)

<sup>1</sup> *I.e.* the price of the wine was the same for all three items, 6s. 8d. per quart or 2 merks per gallon.

Treasurer,  
1577-78.

GEORGE JAMESOUN, Treasurer, 1577-78  
(audited April 15, 1587)

*Charge*

(647.) The town's rental, £189, 14s. 5d. The feu of the Blackfriars yards, £3, 13s. 4d. The Blackfriars annuals, £18, 1s. 6d. The Chorists' annuals, £27, 16s. 8d. The Greyfriars yards, £2, 13s. 4d. Burgess-entries, £98, 6s. 8d. Total, £340, 5s. 11d.

*Discharge*

(647v.) Fees and Stipends. The minister, £26, 8s. The reader, £6, 13s. 4d. The schoolmaster, £10.<sup>1</sup> Friars Rollie and Allasoun, £32. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The Clerk, £4. The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. Robert Scott, £3, 6s. 8d. The officers, £10. The suitor-fee, 13s. 4d. For keeping the knock, £6, 13s. 4d. For ringing the bells, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the hills, £4, 13s. 4d. Total, £124, 8s.

Commissioners. To William Wallace of Quhythous, in repayment of a loan of £34, and interest on it of £3, 6s. 8d., contracted to meet the expenses of Provost Lohkert, his son James Lohkert, and Robert Campbell, as commissioners to the Convention at Stirling, and to the Parliament in July 1578, £37, 6s. 8d. In part-payment of the further expenses of these commissioners, £30.

Total, £67, 6s. 8d.

Messengers' and Legal Expenses. A messenger to Edinburgh, 16s. Messengers to Glasgow, Dumbarton, Renfrew and Irvine, £1, 4s. To the messenger who brought the writ for Parliament, 6s. 8d. To 2 boys who brought missives, 6s. To the man who came with the letters *upoun the custumer and chekker compt*, 10s. 10d. For writings in the town's business, £1, 6s. 8d. Spent in arls, 6s. 8d. For scourging a thief, 2s. Total, £4, 18s. 10d.

Common Work. For carting stones and sand to the Brig, Tolbooth and kirk, £4, 5s. 6d. For lime to the Tolbooth, Quay and kirk, £5, 17s. For timber to the Brig-yett, 18s. 4d. For timber to make the high door of the Tolbooth, £1, 14s. To Archibald Nicoll, for making it, £2. 2 great bands for it, £1. A lock, 13s. 4d. For 150 *planscher nalis* for the Tolbooth, 10s. For mason-work at the Tolbooth, £14, 13s. 4d. For iron-work there, £2. For sawing timber for the Tolbooth window, 5s. To James Scott, painter, for painting the coat-of-arms, £5. To Isobel Lundie, for sewing the town's standard, 5s. Total, £39, 1s. 6d.

<sup>1</sup> Stipend for one term only (Mart. 1577); the rest was paid two years later. *Vide infra*, p. 144.

Wine and Hospitality. 19 quarts of wine, given to Lords Arbroath and Glencairn, MacClane and others, when they were in Ayr, £7, 12s. For 5 quarts of wine to the Archbishop of Glasgow, £1, 14s. 8d. For wine to Sir Hew Kennedy, 16s. Wine for Communion, £3. Bread for it, 18s. 6d. For a fat cow, sent to Robert Scott in Edinburgh, £8, 3s. 4d. Spent in drink on the day of the Wappinschawing, 12s. For wine (unspecified), 6s.

Treasurer,  
1577-78.

Total, £23, 2s. 6d.

Alms. *To ane Troyelus Baskat, Denceman in Norroway, to his support, £2. To ane pure Frencheman of support, £1.*

Total, £3.

Grand Total, £261, 17s. 6d.

In arrears, £87, 10s. 2d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £349, 7s. 8d. Credit balance, £9, 1s. 9d.

(64v., 65r.)

HENRY OSBURNE, Treasurer, 1578-79  
(audited April 16, 1587)

Treasurer,  
1578-79.

*Charge*

The town's rental, £189, 14s. 5d. The feu of the Blackfriars yards, £3, 13s. 4d. The Blackfriars annuals, £18, 1s. 6d. The Chorists' annuals, £27, 16s. The Greyfriars yards, £2, 13s. 4d. From Bartholomew Craufurd, for 5 years' tack of the [great] customs, given by the King to the town for its support, £133, 6s. 8d. *The rentell and gressume of James Neill for his maling in Alloway, £13, 6s. 8d.* 1 burgess-entry at 5 merks, 2 at £1, 13s. 4d., £6, 13s. 4d.

(65rv.)

Total, £395, 5s. 3d.

*Discharge*

Fees and Stipends. The minister, £26, 5s. 5d. The reader, £6, 13s. 4d. The schoolmaster, £20. *The twa Blakfreris Johne Rollie and David Allasoun conforme to thair provisioun, £32.* The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. *The clerk fe for paper and ink, £4.* Robert Scott, *of auld pensioun, £3, 6s. 8d.* The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. The officers, £10. For keeping the knock, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the kirk, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the hills, £5, 6s. 8d. The suitor-fee, 13s. 4d.

(65v.)

Total, £134, 18s. 9d.

Commissioners' Expenses. To Charles Campbell, to ride with his servant to the Council at Stirling anent the Border raid, *to se gif the toun culd be dischargit thair of, or uthirnyiss quhidder gif men or money wald serve, £26, 13s. 4d.* To George Angus, to ride to Edinburgh and raise letters upon Bartholomew Craufurd, customar-

Treasurer,  
1578-79.

depute, for non-payment of the 5 years' tack of the customs,<sup>1</sup> £20. To Robert Campbell, for riding twice to Stirling and waiting there, as commissioner at the Convention summoned for January 15, 1578/9, and continued until January 25—for himself and his servant, £68. To the same, as commissioner to the Convention of Royal Burghs at Cupar, February 24, 1578/9, £45. To the same, as commissioner to the Parliament at Stirling, summoned for March 10, 1578/9, and continued to March 25, £60.

Total, £219, 13s. 4d.

Petty Expenses. To John Masoun, for writing in the town's affairs, £1, 10s. Expenses of collecting the town's dues, £2, 14s. Sundry messengers, £1, 2s. 8d. To the Alloway barony men, for carrying *pulder*, £1, 10s. For warnings at Whitsunday, 3s. For mending the firlots, 4s.

Total, £7, 3s. 8d.

Grand Total, £361, 16s. 8d.<sup>2</sup>

(65v., 66r.)

In arrears (including *be Robert Cuninghame, liij s. iiij d. for his nolt custume, for the quhill he furneist ane horsse to Robert Campbell commissioner to ryd to the parliament, and swa allowit to him thairfoir*), £37, 7s. 8d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £399, 3s. 8d.<sup>3</sup>

Credit balance, £3, 18s. 5d.

Treasurer,  
1579-80.

JOHN COCHREN, Treasurer, 1579-80  
(audited April 18, 1587)

#### Charge

(66r.)

The town's rental, £189, 14s. 7d. The feu of the Blackfriars yards, £3, 13s. 4d. The Blackfriars annuals, £18, 1s. 6d. The Chorists' annuals, £28, 9s. 8d. The Greyfriars yards, £2, 13s. 4d. John Wilsoun's grassum for his mailing in Alloway, £17, 14s. 8d. John Jarden's grassum for his mailing in Cortoun, £14, 6s. 8d. Robert Patersoun's grassum, £6, 16s. 8d. Burgess-entries, £198, 6s. 8d. Total, £479, 3s. 11d.<sup>4</sup>

#### Discharge

(66rv.)

Fees and Stipends. The minister, £26, 5s. 8d. The reader, £6, 13s. 4d. The schoolmaster (Lawrence Dagleisch), £20. The same, for his unpaid stipend of the Whitsunday term, 1578,<sup>5</sup> £10.

<sup>1</sup> The mission seems to have been successful, for the tack-duty of the customs does not figure among this year's arrears.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £361, 15s. 9d.

<sup>3</sup> Should be £399, 4s. 4d.

<sup>4</sup> Should be £479, 17s. 1d.

<sup>5</sup> *Vide supra*, p. 142.

Friars Rollie and Allasoun, £32. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The Clerk, £4. The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. Robert Scott, £3, 6s. 8d. The officers, £10. For keeping the knock, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the hills, £5, 13s. 4d. For keeping the kirk, 6s. 8d. The suitor-fee, 13s. 4d. Total, £138, 19s.

Treasurer,  
1579-80.

Commissioners' Expenses. To John Lokherth, Edward Wallace and others, for keeping the Parliament at Edinburgh in October 1579, *conforme to ane ticket*, £71, 6s. 8d. To George Lokherth, for keeping a Convention, £20. To Archibald Fergushill and James Bannatyne, to ride to Paisley *to confer with Mr. Thomas Smetoun to be minister of this burch, being than desolat of ane pastour threw the deceis of thair last minister James Dalrumpill*, £3, 6s. 8d.

Total, £94, 13s. 4d.

Messengers and Legal Expenses. To John McGrane, for going errands with missives in the town's affairs, £4, 6s. 10d. To Matthew Mortoun, for going errands, 6s. 8d. Expenses of collecting the town's dues, £2. Spent in placks (arls, instruments, etc.), £1.

Total, £7, 13s. 6d.

Common Work. To Patrick Richie, Master of Work, £20. To John Esdail, slater, for slating the Tolbooth and kirk, £10. For materials for the kirk, etc., £5, 14s. 8d. For carting stones and sand, £1, 13s. 4d. To John Liddell, glazier, for his work, £3, 6s. 8d. Spent in the townis laubour, £5, 6s. 8d. For work at the Brig, £2, 2s. A fetter-lock for the stocks, 6s. (r)<sup>1</sup>

Total, £48, 9s. 4d.

Poor Relief. To David Garvis, *of support*, £5. To Alan Neill, *of support*, £3. For the support of a poor Englishman, £2.

Total, £10.

Miscellaneous and Unexplained. To Adam Johnestoun for wine, £13. To Makelurg, 16s. Spent in *effairis of the town*, £20, 13s. 4d. *Ane ticket in the townis effairis*, £22.

Total, £56, 9s. 4d.

Grand Total, £362, 4s. 9d.<sup>2</sup>

In arrears (including *be George Gibsoun masoun of his burges entres l s. for work to be done*), £62, 18s. 2d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £425, 3s. [sic]. Balance due, £54, 0s. 10d. [sic].

(66v.)

<sup>1</sup> A guess; the margin is worn away and only 'vj' decipherable.

<sup>2</sup> Should apparently be £356, 4s. 6d. but there are two sources of ambiguity—(i) *vide* preceding note; (ii) the entry of 6s. 8d. for *keiping of the kirk* may be erroneous, since the usual sum allowed for this service is 10 merks, or £6, 13s. 4d.



Treasurer,  
1580-81.

HENRY OSBURNE, Treasurer, 1580-81  
(audited April 19, 1587)

*Charge*

(66v.) The town's rental, £189, 14s. 5d. The feu of the Blackfriars yards, £3, 13s. 4d. The Blackfriars annuals, £18, 1s. 6d. The Chorists' annuals, £27, 16s. 8d. The Greyfriars yards, £2, 13s. 4d. The fore-mail of the Tron for 5 years from Whitsunday 1581, £70. Burgess-entries, £35. Total, £346, 19s. 4d.<sup>1</sup>

*Discharge*

(66v., 67r.) Fees and Stipends. The minister (Mr. John Porterfeild), as part of his stipend, £10. The reader, £6, 13s. 4d. The schoolmaster, £20. Friars Rollie and Allasoun, £32. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The Clerk, £4. The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. For ringing the bells, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the knock, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the hills, £5, 6s. 8d. The officers, £10. The suitor-fee, 13s. 4d. Total, £115, 6s. 8d.

Commissioners' Expenses. To William Campbell, to ride to Edinburgh in the town's affairs, £20. To the same, for riding again to Edinburgh on the town's business in July 1581, £33, 6s. 8d.

Total, £53, 6s. 8d.

Messengers and Petty Legal Expenses. To John Masoun, George Angus and John McKnedar, for making writs, £4, 6s. 8d. For going to Edinburgh with the town's commission, £1, 6s. 8d. For parchment and wax for the commission, 13s. 4d. To the messenger who brought the stent-roll, 13s. 4d. To Thomas Clogy, messenger, for his expenses in awaiting the collection of the stent, £3, 13s. 4d. To the officer of Alloway, for his services in collecting the stent in Alloway, £2, 10s. Total, £13, 3s. 4d.

Common Work. Owed to James Scott, painter, for his work at the Tolbooth and kirk, £6, 13s. 4d. For making the butts, £6, 13s. 4d. For carting turf to the butts, £2, 16s. 8d.

Total, £16, 3s. 4d.

Hospitality. Spent by Margaret Wylie on the herald who proclaimed the honours of the Duke of Lennox, £5, 4s. For 4 quarts of wine given to the King's minister, £1, 12s. For *drink to the honest men that convoyit the Juges in sercheing of the stollin waid*, £1, 4s. Total, £8.

The Ministry. Given to William Campbell (commissioner to Edinburgh), to give to the *scribe to the privie counsale* (John Andro), to obtain the parsonage and vicarage of Alloway for the minister,

<sup>1</sup> One penny too much.

£20. To the minister, in part-payment of a mare promised him Treasurer, to transport his gear to Ayr, £26, 13s. 4d. For wine to the Com-<sup>1580-81.</sup> munion, £3, 18s. 4d. For bread for the same, 18s.

Total, £51, 9s. 8d.

*Support.* To John McKnedar, of support, £5. To William McKerould, a poor man of Kirkcudbright, £2. Total, £7.

Grand Total, £264, 3s.<sup>1</sup>

In arrears, £58, 10s. 3d. Total of expenditure and arrears, (67*v.*) £322, 13s. 3d. Balance due, £24, 6s. 1d.

DAVID CRAUFURD, Dean of Guild, 1580-81  
(audited April 19, 1587)

Dean of Guild,  
1580-81.

*Charge*

Guild-entries—10 at £10, 3 at £5, and 5 at 5 merks—£131, 13s. 4d. (67*v.*)

*Discharge*

To the minister, £55. John Esdail the slater's fee, £5. John Liddell the glazier's fee, £3, 6s. 8d. The Dean of Guild's fee, £5. To Robert Dickie, to gang about the Minister's geir, £6, 13s. 4d. To Bartholomew Craufurd, to ride to the Earl of Argyle anent the raid, £5. Spent by William Hunter in the town's cause against Bargany, £7, 10s. For the books of the minister of Irvine, £23, 10s. For timber to the kirk, 15s. For lime, 5s. For nails, 10s. For the band of the door, 2s. For work at the kirk, 10s. To John Fallusdail, of support, £5. [Total, £118, 2s.]

In arrears, £13, 6s. 8d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £131, 13s. 4d.<sup>2</sup> *Sna is the compter sic eque.*

JOHN COCHREN, Treasurer, 1581-82  
(audited April 20, 1587)

Treasurer,  
1581-82.

*Charge*

The town's rental, £189, 14s. 5d. The feu of the Blackfriars (68*r.*) yards, £3, 13s. 4d. The Blackfriars annuals, £18, 1s. 6d. The Chorists' annuals, £27, 16s. 8d. The Greyfriars yards, £2, 13s. 4d. The feu of Freirland, £2, 6s. 8d. Rouped timber sold to Peter Cuninghame, £11, 13s. 4d. Burgess-entries, £38, 6s. 8d. John Gardner's grassum, £17, 14s. 8d. Thomas Farie's grassum, £17, 15s. 4d.<sup>3</sup>

Total, £347, 10s. 7d.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Should be £264, 9s. 8d.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £131, 8s. 8d.

<sup>3</sup> *I.e.* all three grassums (for lands in Alloway) were in respect of 2-merk lands, though the first is 8d. short.

<sup>4</sup> Should be £347, 11s. 3d.

Treasurer,  
1581-82.

*Discharge*

Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The Clerk, £4. The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. The schoolmaster, £20. The reader, £6, 13s. 4d. Friars Rollie and Allasoun, £32. Mr. Robert Scott, £3, 6s. 8d. To the minister, *of dett awand be the town to him*, £17, 6s. 8d. The officers, £10. For keeping the knock, £6, 13s. 4d. For ringing the bells, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the hills, £5, 6s. 8d. The suitor-fee, 13s. 4d. Total, £126.

Commissioners' Expenses. To George Cochren, as commissioner to the Convention of Royal Burghs at Perth, £20. To the same, as commissioner against the laird of Fowlis at Irvine, £3, 13s. 6d.

Total, £23, 13s. 6d.

Messengers' and Petty Legal Expenses. To John Masoun, notary, for making writs and other services to the town, £5. To the officers, for collecting the annuals and other dues, £1, 6s. 8d. A messenger, to Kirkcudbright and Dumfries, £1, 6s. 8d. To Nicholas Scherar, for his services as messenger, 13s. 4d. To the messenger who proclaimed *the new cunyie*, 6s. 8d. For wax and parchment for the commission to Parliament, 13s. 4d. Spent in placks, in pointing, collecting the Common Good, etc., £2. Given *in ane Goddis penny*, 13s. 4d. Total, £12.

Hospitality. For a dinner and supper given to William Stewart and Archibald Prymross *at the uptaking of dittay*, £7. For wine given to Archibald Prymross then, £6, 13s. 4d. For a breakfast (*disjone*) given to him, along with the Provost and Bailies, at his departure, £6, 5s. For wine and sweet-meats given to Lord Kintyre, £9, 16s. Janet Campbell's expenses in boarding the servants of Mr. John Durie and Mr. Alexander Skene, £9, 12s. For wine given to Mr. John Davidsoun and lawyers, £4, 8s. 8d. For wine to the King's minister, £1, 12s. For bread and wine for Communion and for certain noblemen, £7, 0s. 4d. To William Betoun, minister, 13s. 4d. The expenses of the auditors of the compts, £3. For wine to the masons at Corrochan Brig, £1, 10s.

Total, £57, 10s. 8d.

Common Work. To Alexander Maling, mason, for repairing the Corrochan Brig, £25, 6s. 4d. To David Frow, mason, for mending the laigh dyke under the Greyfriars, £3, 14s. 8d. To John Roger, wright, for timber, etc., to the kirk-bell, £2, 13s. 4d. For a stone to be the *brig-stane* at the Cross, 8s. Total, £32, 2s. 4d.

Grand Total, £251, 6s. 8d.<sup>1</sup>

(68v.) In arrears (including *James Boyd in Kilmernok for his burges entres, v li.*), £46, 14s. 5d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £298, 1s. 1d. Balance due, £49, 9s. 6d.

<sup>1</sup> 2d. too much.

Accounts for 1582-83, *vide supra*, pp. 35-40.

Treasurer,  
etc., 1582-  
83.

PETER CUNINGHAME, Treasurer, 1583-84  
(audited April 22, 1587)

Treasurer,  
1583-84.

### Charge

The town's rental, £189, 14s. 5d. The Blackfriars yards, (70r.)  
£3, 13s. 4d. The Blackfriars annuals, £18, 1s. 6d. The Chorists'  
annuals, £27, 16s. 8d. The Greyfriars yards, £2, 13s. 4d. The feu  
of the Freirland, £2, 6s. 8d. The grass of the hills, £10. The  
victual-ferme of the mills of Ayr for 1583, roup'd and sold at  
£2, 16s. 8d. per boll—25 bolls in all, £70, 16s. 8d. Burgess-entries,  
£79, 3s. 4d. Total, £406, 6s. 5d.<sup>1</sup>

### Discharge

Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The (70rv.)  
Master of the Grammar School (*of feyis awand to him*), £40. The  
Master of the Sang-school, £17. The minister (Mr. John Porter-  
feild), £10. Friar Allasoun, £16. The procurator-fiscal (John  
McKnedar), £3, 6s. 8d. Nicholas Scherar, £6, 13s. 4d. The officers,  
£10. For keeping the kirk, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the knock,  
£6, 13s. 4d. Total, £126, 6s. 8d.

Commissioners' Expenses. To David Craufurd, commissioner to  
Parliament in Edinburgh, £20. For a commission anent thieves,  
procured by him for the town, £10. To James Craufurd, commis-  
sioner to another Parliament in Edinburgh, £24, 10s. To the same,  
to bring home letters for the collecting of the town's rents, £3.  
Total, £57, 10s.

Legal and Messengers' Expenses. To John Masoun, John  
McKnedar and others, for making out the town's writs and warn-  
ings, £12, 10s. To William Montgomerie, writer and servitor to  
Archbishop Montgomerie, *to stay our nychtbouris at hame summeit*  
*be him befoir the counsale*, £15, 6s. 8d. To John Andro, clerk to the  
Privy Council, *anent the townis exemptioun*, £4. For candles and ale  
when William Lokkert was *walkit* in the Tolbooth, £2, 14s. To  
John McKnedar, *to try out burgessis*, £5. For a commission of  
Parliament, 6s. 8d. For the Exchequer writ, 6s. 8d. For sealing-  
wax, 13s. 4d. Spent in placks, £1. To a boy, to go to Edinburgh  
with a commission, £1, 11s. 8d. To Adam Turbat, John Frassir,  
and other messengers, £3, 16s. 8d. For a pair of shoes to Wilsoun,  
to run to Edinburgh, 5s. Total, £47, 10s. 8d.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £404, 5s. 11d.

Treasurer,  
1583-84.

Common Work. To John Rankene, Master of Work, £10. To John Masoun, mason, for his work, £5. For a skin to the drum, £1. For an iron to stamp the firlots and pecks, £1. To Marion McQuatty, for making a new firlot, £1, 6s. 8d. For *leiding of the townis red*, £1, 10s. To the Alloway men, for carrying timber, 10s. To William Ingram, smith, for 2 fetter-locks, an iron chain, and nails, £2, 2s. Total, £22, 8s. 8d.

Wine and Hospitality. For wine to the Provost and Bailies of Irvine when in Ayr, £1, 1s. For a dinner with David Craufurd before his departure as commissioner, £1, 1s. For wine to certain ministers, £1. For wine and wheat-bread for Communion, and for sweet-meats to the commissioners of the burghs,<sup>1</sup> £13, 13s. 4d. For wine to the King's minister, 15s. For wine to the commissioners of the burghs, £2, 13s. 4d. For wine to the Justice-clerks, £3. For wine to the Constable of Dumbarton, 16s. Total, £23, 19s. 8d.

Miscellaneous. The stent for the Brig of Perth, £10. To John Jamesoun, *quhilk he debursit in the townis affairis*, £1, 10s. To John Jolie, 2s. Total, £11, 12s.

Grand Total, £287, 2s. 4d.<sup>2</sup>

(70v., 71r.)

In arrears, £136, 7s. 9d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £423, 10s. 4d. [*sic*]. Credit balance, £17, 4s. [*sic*].

Treasurer,  
1584-85.

HENRY OSBURNE, Treasurer, 1584-85  
(audited April 23, 1587)

*Charge*

(71r.)

The town's rental, £144, 14s. 5d. The Blackfriars annuals, £18, 1s. 6d. The Blackfriars yards, £3, 13s. 4d. The Chorists' annuals, £27, 16s. 8d. The Greyfriars yards, £2, 13s. 4d. The feu of the Freirland, £2, 6s. 8d. The rest of the mill-ferme for 1584, £17, 13s. 3d. Burgess-entries, £25. Total, £241, 19s. 2d.

*Discharge*

Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Clerk, £4. The schoolmaster, £20. The reader, £6, 13s. 4d. The master of the Sang-school, £5. Friar Allasoun, £16. Nicholas Scherar, £6, 13s. 4d. The officers, £10. For keeping the knock, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the kirk, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the hills, £5, 6s. 8d. The suitor-fee, 13s. 4d. Total, £92, 13s. 4d.

<sup>1</sup> The Convention of Royal Burghs had been held in Ayr the previous year (*cf. supra*, p. 37).

<sup>2</sup> Should be £289, 7s. 8d.

Other Expenses. To Alexander Miller, to ride to Edinburgh in Treasurer,  
the town's affairs, £10. *For leiding of pulder and red*, 14s. 4d. To <sup>1584-85.</sup>  
William Ingram, smith, for mending the bands at the Tolbooth,  
£1, 12s. For wine given to Cornet Stewart, £2, 14s. For wine to  
Sir William Stewart, 12s. For bread and wine to Communion, £5, 5s.  
For wine to a Frenchman, 16s. To John McKnedar, £1, 5s. 1d.

Total, £22, 18s. 5d.

Grand Total, £115, 11s. 9d.

In arrears, £137, 16s. 1d. Total of expenditure and arrears, (711v.)  
£253, 7s. 10d. Credit balance, £11, 8s. 8d.

DAVID CRAUFURD, Dean of Guild, 1584-85  
(audited April 23, 1587)

Dean of Guild,  
1584-85.

*Charge*

The guild-entry of Matthew Makgowne in Maybole, £10. (711v.)

*Discharge*

Given in accordance with an Act of Council to William Mont,  
master of the Sang-school, £10.

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JOHN LOKHERT, burges of Ayr—arrears of rent, 1576-86 <sup>John Lokher</sup>  
(audited April 26, 1587) <sup>(arrears,</sup>  
<sup>1576-86).</sup>

*Charge*

Arrears of rent due for 1576, 1578 (Mart. term) 1579-85, and (711v.)  
1586 (Whit. term)—in all, 9 years. Rents for each year—for the  
Little Moss, £1, 10s.; for Mariland, £3, 14s. 8d.; for the Slate-  
bog, £1, 13s. 4d.; for the waulk-mill of Alloway, £2, 6s. 8d.; for  
the Freirley, 1s. 6d.; for his coble-fishing, £1; for John Mirrie's  
croft, 10s.; for his tenement in Meal-market, £1, 10s.; for Snapis  
fauld, 13s. 4d. Annual total of arrears, £12, 19s. 6d. *Item restand*  
*in his handis of ane stent*, £12. Total, £128, 15s. 6d.

*Discharge*

Arrears of 1576 remitted to him *be act of counsale, at the leist be* (711v., 72r.)  
*grant of the counsale*, for his expenses in obtaining a decret anent  
the annuals against James Dalrimpill, minister, £12, 19s. 6d.  
To Robert Scott, his annual pension of 5 merks for 8 years,  
£26, 13s. 4d. 8 years' interest, at £4 per annum, paid by him on

John Lokbert, a loan of £34,<sup>1</sup> contracted by the town in June, 1578, for the expenses of a raid (principal still unpaid), £32. To Ninian Reid for stones, *conforme to ane ticket, becaus the toun had na money*, £9, 2s. 8d. For wine to the Lord Chancellor and other noblemen, in July and September 1577, *becaus the thesaurar had na money*, £14, 19s. To George Hunter, smith, for locks, bands, other materials and work at the Tolbooth and kirk, £7, 6s. To William Cuninghame, *for grene cullouris to the brig and uthir places*, £4, 12s. Paid in August 1577, *conforme to ane ticket*, for silk and taffetas for the town's standard, £8, 14s. 6d. *Debursit in September 1577 conforme to ane uthir ticket*, £8, 6s. For his expenses and those of George Kennedy at the meeting in Irvine of the commissioners of the five burghs of the west anent the customs, £3. *Item anent the taxation of the saidis fyve west burrowis collectit for the defence of the Irland custumes, the toun of Glasgw being taxt to xxx li., they wald pay bot xx li., declarand the haill caus to consist to the weill of this toun, and sna the compt ves superexpendit that way in x li.*, £10. For letters of suspension against George Angus, £1, 2s. To Robert Scott, for the Exchequer compt and the town's exemption, £2, 10s. 8 years' duties for the Snaipis fauld rebated *in respect of Charles Craufurd's tack* (8 merks), plus the last year's duty for the Freirley *be ressoun he hes sauld the samin* (1s. 6d.), £5, 8s. 2d. Total, £146, 8s. 2d.<sup>2</sup> Credit balance, £17, 12s. 8d.

Treasurer,  
1585-86.

WILLIAM KNOX, Treasurer, 1585-86  
(audited Oct. 12, 1586)

#### Charge

(72v.)

The town's rental, £264, 14s. 9d. The Blackfriars annuals, £17. The annuals of the Barns, £1, 6s. 8d. The feu of the Blackfriars yards, £3, 6s. 8d. The Chorists' annuals, £28, 7s. The mill-ferme of Ayr (besides the minister's share), 25 bolls of malt at £3, 6s. 8d. per boll this year, £83, 6s. 8d. Arrears received from Ninian Reid and John Miller (£53, 6s. 8d.), from Michael Wallace (£11), and from Andrew Miller for Alloway Mill (£80), £144, 6s. 8d. Fore-mail of the Tron, £53, 6s. 8d. The grass-mail of the out-hills, £13, 6s. 8d. Burgess-entries, £33, 6s. 8d. Balance of a stent collected by John Rankene and received by Knox, £109, 10s. Balance of another stent, collected by Knox, £6, 13s. 4d. Freris Dalkeyth, 4 bolls meal, 4 bolls bere. The altarages (St. Michael's, St. Nicholas, Our Lady, St. Peter's)—<sup>3</sup>.

Total (besides the altarages and the victual of Dalkeyth), £758, 11s. 9d.

<sup>1</sup> *I.e.* rate of interest practically 12 per cent.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £146, 13s. 2d.

<sup>3</sup> No sums entered.

*Discharge*Treasurer,  
1585-86.

(72v., 73r.)

Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. The schoolmaster (for fee and reading), £26, 13s. 4d. Friar Allasoun, £16. The master of the Music-school, £10. Nicholas Scherar, £6, 13s. 4d. The officers (£5 for *bering of thair halbertis*, £5 for *thair panis*), £10. John Miller, officer of Alloway, 6s. 8d. The bellman, for keeping the kirk and ringing the bells, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the knock, £6, 13s. 4d. The poulder, £5, 6s. 8d. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d.

Total, £105.

Commissioners' Expenses. To Bailie George Cochren, to ride to Stirling and obtain from the Privy Council the suspension of the commission procured by Dumbarton, £24. His horse-hire, £4. To the same, as commissioner to the Convention at Edinburgh in September 1586, £23. To David Craufurd, as commissioner to the Convention of Royal Burghs at Cupar, £20.

Total, £71.

Legal Expenses and Messengers. For the Blackfriars letters and *evidentis*, £66, 13s. 4d. Sent to Robert Scott anent the Exchequer compt, and to raise letters for the delivery of the Blackfriars letters, £5, 6s. 8d. To Hew Campbell, to raise letters for the collection of the stent, £2. For the suspension of the letters procured by Adam Stewart, £2, 13s. 4d. To the minister, to *furneis suspensioun anent his stipend and utheris effairis*, £13, 6s. 8d. To Michael Wallace, to raise letters, 13s. 4d. For copies of 2 letters and a commission, £2. For making the town's warnings and executions, £4. To various runners and messengers (to Troon, 3s. 4d.; to Stirling, £2), £3, 6s. 8d.

Total, £100.

Wine and Hospitality. For wine supplied the previous year by Jonet Lokhert and others, £16, 2s. 4d. For wine<sup>1</sup> given at sundry times to Lords Hamilton, Boyd, Arran, Doune, Ochiltree, the Abbot of Inchaffray, the Captain or Constable of Dumbarton, Mr. Robert Scott, Mr. Andrew Hay, Mr. Alexander King, advocate, *the Duchemen strangeris*, and others, £57, 12s. For wine given to unspecified persons (*conforme to ane ticket*), £37, 5s. 4d. Expenses of a banquet given to Sir William Stewart, Provost, £18, 13s. 4d. For claret wine then, £3, 6s. 8d. For white wine then, £3, 10s. For a supper to Mr. Alexander King and the Provost, £6. For a breakfast to the Provost in April 1586, £2. For a hogshhead of wine given by the town to the Provost, £22. For wine to the old Sheriff, £2, 8s. For wine to the young Sheriff, £1. For

<sup>1</sup> When noted, the price was 6s. 8d. per quart.



Treasurer,  
1585-86.

bread and wine to Communion, £5, 16s. To Robert Campbell, Carrick pursuivant, for drinksilver, £1. Total, £176, 13s. 8d.

Common Work. To Adam Cuningham, wright, for 7 dozen cabers (at £1, 4s. the dozen), *to clois the portis* in 1585, £8, 8s. To William Ingram, smith, to mend the knock, £4, 3s. 6d. For carting turf to the butts, £2, 4s. For work at the butts, £1. For a tree to be a gibbet, £2. Total, £17, 15s. 6d.

Poor Relief. To Hew Montfoid and Mungo Thomsoun, in alms, £10. Alms to Alan Neill, £1, 13s. 4d. Alms to an Englishman, £2. Alms to an Irishman, and for wine delivered by Jonet Cochren, *conforme to ane ticket*, £8, 6s. 8d. Total, £22.

Unexplained. To Donald Gorme, *conforme to ane act of counsale*, £16, 4s. 4d. To John McKnedar, *conforme to ane ticket*, £10. To Thomas Wodburne, *conforme to ane ticket*, £1, 15s.

Total, £27, 19s. 4d.  
Grand Total, £520, 8s. 6d.

(73rv.)

In arrears (besides the 4 bolls of meal and 4 bolls of bere, and the whole of the altarages), £57, 14s. 2d. *Item dependand of the stent collectit be Johne Rankene, lent thair of to Sir William, provest, be the compter, quhilk the compter sall pay betwix and Martimes nixt, j<sup>e</sup> li. Item restand in the handis of the said Johne Rankene of the said stent, ix li. x s.* Total of expenditure and all arrears, £687, 12s. 8d.<sup>1</sup> Balance due, £70, 19s. 1d. *Quhilkis dependentis the compter is ordanit to bring in to the toun with all diligence, ayther payment or deforcementis. And anent the j<sup>e</sup> li. restand of the stent the compter is ordanit to mak payment thair of to the toun betwix and Martimes nixt to cum.*

Dean of Guild,  
1585-86.

DAVID CRAUFURD, Dean of Guild, 1585-86  
(audited Oct. 12, 1586)

*Charge*

(73v.)

5 guild-entries at £10, £50.

*Discharge*

His additional expenses as commissioner at the Convention of Royal Burghs in Cupar, £10. To the Clerk to the Convention, for the extract of its meeting, £4. To the widow and children of the late John Liddell, glazier, for two years' fees *for uphalding of the glass of the kirk*, £6, 13s. 4d. For lime to point the windows

<sup>1</sup> *I.e.* including both parts of the balance of the stent.

of the kirk, 10s. For mending a form in the kirk, 2s. For wine to the ministers three times, £2, 17s. To Michael Wallace, in accordance with an Act of Council, £10. His own fee as Dean of Guild this year and last year, £10. Dean of Guild,  
1585-86.

Total, £44, 2s. 4d.

Balance due, £5, 17s. 8d. *Quhair of he hes presentlie payit to William Roger now Dene of Gild v li., and xvij s. viij d. to Johnne Masoun for writting of this compt. Sva is the comptur sic eque with the town.*

JAMES BANNATYNE, Master of Work, 1585-86  
(audited Dec. 19, 1587)

Master of  
Work,  
1585-86.

### Charge

His arrears of rent due for all terms preceding Martinmas 1587, (72r.)  
£31, 11s. 8d.

### Discharge

Fees and Commissioners' Expenses. His fee as Master of Work, £2.<sup>1</sup> His expenses as commissioner to the general Convention of Royal Burghs in 1575, £10, 10s. Total, £12, 10s.

The Tolbooth. For timber, £4, 3s. 4d. For carrying timber, 7s. 2d. To John Gilmour, smith, for 2 glass-bands for the Tolbooth window, weighing 14 lb., at £1, 5s. the stone, £1, 0s. 8d.<sup>2</sup> To Ninian Dickie, wright, for making of ane hous to the knob on the roof of the Tolbooth, £1. To George Esdail, slater, for 1 rood, 19½ ells of slate to the Tolbooth, at £6, 13s. 4d. per rood, £10, 5s. 6d. To Robert Quhyte, mason, for raggaling the north-east corner of the Tolbooth, 5s. For gathering stones out of the water, 3s. In drinksilver at the roofing of the Tolbooth, 6s. 8d. A quart of ale to the slaters, 2s. Total, £17, 13s. 4d.

Other Work. For 15 horses to take gravel and rubbish off the High Street, 5s. For gathering wrack, 14s. 8d. For carrying two *barres yettis* to the Tolbooth, 1s. For an iron chain to the common bell, 10s. 6d. For ropes, 1s. 6d. For setting up two posts on the shore for fastening boats, 2s. Total, £1, 14s. 8d.  
Grand Total, £31, 18s.

Credit balance, 6s. 4d.

<sup>1</sup> But the Treasurer entered this item (as £3, 6s. 8d.) in his account (*supra*, p. 153).

<sup>2</sup> Something is wrong in this reckoning: with the stone (of 16 lb.) priced at £1, 5s., 14 lb. should cost £1, 1s. 10½d.

Treasurer,  
1586-87.

WILLIAM KNOX, Treasurer, 1586-87  
(audited Dec. 6, 1587)

### Charge

(73v., 74r.) The town's rental, £244, 15s. 1d. The Blackfriars annuals, £18, 15s. 10d. The Blackfriars yards, £3, 14s. 6d. The Chorists' annuals, £28. The Greyfriars yards, £2, 13s. 4d. The mill-ferme (besides the minister's share), 25 bolls malt, at £5 per boll, £125. Burgess-entries, £41, 13s. 4d. *The casualiteis of rentellis*, £49, 4s. 8d. The feu of the Corss, 6s. 8d. Dalkeyth victual-ferme, 4 bolls meal, 4 bolls bere. Total (in money), £514, 3s. 5d.

### Discharge

(74rv.) Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. The schoolmaster (for fee and reading), £26, 13s. 4d. Friar Allasoun, £16. Nicholas Scherar, £6, 13s. 4d. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. The officers (£5 for bearing halberts, £5 to support them), £10. For keeping the knock, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the kirk, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the hills, £6, 13s. 4d. Total, £96.

Commissioners' Expenses. To George Cochren, to ride to Edinburgh for the Convention of Royal Burghs and other matters, £30. To Michael Wallace, as commissioner to *the kingis conventioun*, £10. To David Craufurd, as commissioner to the Convention of Royal Burghs at Dundee, £26, 13s. 4d. To the same, as commissioner to Parliament, and for his expenses *in awaiting thairon the space of ane moneth*, £42. To Robert Jamesoun, in payment of an old debt to him as commissioner to Parliament, *for the quhilk he had the townis letteris in keiping*, £40. Total, £148, 13s. 4d.

Legal and Messengers' Expenses. To John McKnedar *for the townis sasing*, £10. Spent in Edinburgh in the town's action anent Bargany and the rest of the Friars' lands, £10, 5s. 4d. Given to *our man of law* and his servant, £9. The expenses of the servants of the town's lawyers while in Ayr, £9, 11s. To obtain suspension of the Collector's letters anent the third of the Rood altarge, £2. *In expensis susterit in the burning of the witche of Barnweill, in candillis, hir meit and drink, pyk barrellis, colis, rosat, heddir, treis and utheris necessaris*, £7, 3s. 8d. Expenses of warding the two Thompsouns in the Tolbooth, £1, 3s. To 3 messengers, sent to Edinburgh anent the town's causes and other business, £6, 1s. 4d. To other messengers and a pursuivant, £2, 15s. 4d. A skin of parchment for the town's sasine of the Greyfriars lands, 8s. To John Masoun, for registering last year's compts, £5.

Total, £63, 7s. 8d.

Wine and Hospitality. For wine given at various times to James Stewart (late Chancellor), Lord Lovat, the King's minister, the old Sheriff, the young Sheriff (Mr. James Elpheistoun), Sir William Stewart, the laird of Bargany, Mr. John Prestoun, Mr. Robert Scott, Mr. Robert Porterfeild, and sundry others, £62, 0s. 6d. For the common banquet after the election of magistrates, £21. For a breakfast to the men of Irvine, when they were in Ayr anent the harbour of Troon, £3, 6s. 8d. For a dinner given to the arbiters in the dispute between the town and Gabriel Lokhart, £2, 4s. For another dinner to them, £1, 6s. 8d. For a breakfast to the ministers of the Presbytery, £1, 0s. 4d. For a banquet to Mr. Robert Scott and his company, £8, 4s. To Sibell Howsoun (tavern-keeper), *the tyme of the ryding of the landimeris anent Alloway and Cuningpark*, £1, 13s. 4d. To buy and send a cow to Mr. Robert Scott, in Edinburgh, £14, 6s. 8d. For bread and wine to Communion, £8, 8s. 6d. For drinksilver to the boys,<sup>1</sup> 4s.

Total, £123, 14s. 8d.

Common Work. Locks for the doors of the Council-house and the *laich hous*, £1. A fetter-lock with bolt, £1. A lock for the common coffer, 6s. 8d. For 25 *dubill planscheour nales*, 5s. 4 halberts for the officers, £6, 13s. 4d.

Total, £9, 5s.

Alms. To Jonas Kennedy's wife, £5. To Thomas Falconer and David Tempiltoun, £5. To Mungo Thompsoun, £5. To Hew Montfoid, £5. To Adam Power, £2, 10s. To John McGrane, £1, 6s. 8d. To Peter Muss, the drummer, £1, 5s. 4d. *To support ane pure stranger*, £2. *To the twa personis that wes in the luggis of the Greyferis*, £2.

Total, £29, 2s.

A Search at Sea. To the mariners on the boat sent out to search for James Stewart, late Chancellor, £3. For the loan of the boat, £1, 6s. 8d. For victualling it, £1, 14s. 8d. To John Scherar, to go to Dumfries to report the town's diligence, £10.

Total, £16, 1s. 4d.

Unexplained. To James Craufurd, *quhilk he debursit in the tonnis effairis*, £2, 6s. 8d.

Grand Total, £493, 12s. 8d.<sup>2</sup>

In arrears (besides the Dalkeyth victual), £53, 0s. 10d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £546, 13s. 6d. Credit balance, £32, 10s. [*sic*]. (74v.)

<sup>1</sup> Probably the messengers of the town.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £488, 10s. 8d.

Dean of Guild,  
1586-87.

WILLIAM ROGER, Dean of Guild, 1586-87  
(audited Dec. 6, 1587)

*Charge*

(74v., 75r.) Received from David Craufurd, late Dean of Guild, £5. Guild-entries—1 at £10, 1 at 10 merks, 1 at £5, 2 at 5 merks—£28, 6s. 8d.  
Total, £33, 6s. 8d.

*Discharge*

(75r.) To John Chang, wright, for the *cumsyilling* of the *powpet*, £18. For the iron wand that holds it to the wall, £1, 12s. 6d. For lead to bind the wand and coals to melt the lead, 6s. 8d. For nails and for work on the kirk-door, £1, 7s. 6d. For four legs for the Communion table and feet for two forms, £1, 10s. For mending the lock of the choir-door, 2s. For oil to the kirk-bell, £1, 13s. 4d. John Liddell the glazier's fee,<sup>1</sup> £3, 6s. 8d. To John Masoun (for writing the compt), 8s. The Dean of Guild's fee, £5. Total, £33, 6s. 8d.  
Quit.

Treasurer,  
1587-88.

WILLIAM KNOX, Treasurer, 1587-88  
(audited Oct. 7, 1588)

*Charge*

(75r.) The town's rental, £244, 15s. 1d. The Blackfriars annuals, £18, 15s. 10d. The feu of the Blackfriars yards, £3, 14s. 6d. The Chorists' annuals, £28. The feu of the Greyfriars yards, £2, 13s. 4d. The mill-ferme—25 bolls malt at £3, 3s. 4d. per boll—£79, 3s. 4d. The Dalkeyth fermes—4 bolls meal, 4 bolls bere, and 4s. (as augmentation of feu-ferme). Burgess-entries—4 at £5, 1 at 5 merks, 1 at £1, 13s. 4d.—£25. Total, £402, 2s. 1d.<sup>2</sup>

*Discharge*

(75rv.) Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. The schoolmaster, £26, 13s. 4d. Friar Allansoun, £16. Nicholas Scherar (Mart. term 1587), £3, 6s. 8d. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. Mr. Alexander King (2 years), £13, 6s. 8d. John Halliday, procurator (2 years), £10, 4s. The officers, £10. For keeping the knock, £6, 13s. 4d. For ringing the bells, £6, 13s. 4d. Total, £109, 10s. 8d.

<sup>1</sup> Reported as dead in 1585-86 (*supra*, p. 154) : perhaps this is his son.

<sup>2</sup> This excludes Dalkeyth's money-rent of 4s., as well as the victual-ferme.

Treasurer,  
1587-88.

Commissioners' Expenses. To the Treasurer, as commissioner for the town in Glasgow, £13. To Michael Wallace, to go to Hamilton and find out from the King's Lieutenant, Lord Hamilton, whether the raid *will had or nocht*, £5. To Peter Hamiltoun, to go to Hamilton anent another raid, £5. For Bailie James Craufurd's horse-hire when he rode to Dumfries, £3. Total, £26.

Legal and Messengers' Expenses. To John McKnedar, for helping to collect the town's dues and writing discharges, £5. To John Masoun, for writings in the town's action against Sir William Stewart, £2. To John Scherar, messenger, to raise a suspension and other matters, £11, 4s. To William Forsyth, messenger, to *stand freindlie to the town tuiching the stentis*, £2. To Forsyth, to *continew his executioun of horning aganis the town and juges quhill the stent wes gottin in*, £3, 3s. 4d. More to Forsyth, for *continewing the registratioun of his horning denuncit upoun the juges*, £2. A rope for the thief, 1s. 10d. Given to messengers, for copies and letters, £1, 6s. 8d. Spent in placks by the Treasurer (during 3 years) and by the procurator-fiscal, 18s. *To ane boy to rin to Cumnok for the pest*, 4s. Total, £27, 17s. 10d.

Wine and Hospitality. 3 breakfasts to John Halliday, £4, 1s. A breakfast to him and William Murray, £2, 2s. Breakfasts for the auditors of the common compts and the stenters, at the making of the stent-roll, £3, 1s. 2 breakfasts and wine, given to *Seriand Boyd, generall serchour*, £4, 8s. Given to the stenters of the Burrowfield and the Barony, for their dinners, £1, 16s. In drink after the pointing for the annuals, 6s. Bread and wine for Communion, £8, 1s. The price of two cows sent to Edinburgh, one to the Clerk-Register, the other to Robert Scott, with the cost of transportation (£3), £27, 13s. Wine and *disert*, given to John Sandilands when he was in Ayr, £3, 15s. For wine<sup>1</sup> given at various times to Thomas Murray (the King's Master Farrier), Lady Lovat, several local lairds, the King's minister, the Presbytery, Sir William Stewart, and the old and young Sheriffs of Ayr (*to aggre Adam Stewart and the feid*), £28, 3s. 4d. Total, £83, 6s. 4d.

Common Work. For timber and labour at the closing of the ports,<sup>2</sup> for mending the Brig-port and putting a lock on the yett, £7, 19s. 6d. For digging turf for the ports, £1, 4s. For materials and the making of the common barrows, £2, 7s. For making the iron to seal the firlots, 13s. 4d.<sup>3</sup> For mending the Thieves' Hole, £1. To John Rankene, Master of Work, £2, 13s. 4d. For parchment for the drum, 5s. 6d. Total, £16, 2s. 8d.

<sup>1</sup> The price varied between 12s. and £1 per quart.

<sup>2</sup> Because of the pest; *vide* other entries this year.

<sup>3</sup> Doubtful item; edge of page badly torn and rubbed.

Treasurer,  
1587-88.

Miscellaneous. To Thomas Murray, the King's Master Farrier, *to haif his gude report*, £12. To Seriand Boyd, £10. To the Constable of Dumbarton, £1, 12s. To William Murray, cadger, £3, 10s. To John Cochren (unexplained), £1, 10s. To a poor Irishman, £10. *To the Greciane, to mak out the sowme of ten li.*, 12s. 6d. For 2 pecks of meal given to Robert Clerk, *quhen he wes inclosit as suspect of the pest*, 11s. For two stoups (30s. each) and a plate (13s. 4d.) lost in the Tolbooth, £3, 13s. 4d.

Total, £43, 8s. 10d.

Grand Total, £307, 5s. 2d.<sup>1</sup>

(75v., 76r.)

In arrears (besides the Dalkeyth victual-ferme), £53, 0s. 10d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £360, 6s. *Sna is the comptur restand awand to the town (besyd the dependence quhilk is the tounis) the sowme of xxxix li. xvj s. j d.*<sup>2</sup>

Dean of Guild,  
1587-88.

DAVID CRAUFURD, Dean of Guild, 1587-88  
(audited Oct. 7, 1588)

*Charge*

(76r.)

One guild-entry, £10.

*Discharge*

John Liddell the glazier's fee, £3, 6s. 8d. The Dean of Guild's fee, £5.

Total, £8, 6s. 8d.

Balance due, £1, 13s. 4d., *quhilk he presentlie deliverit upoun compt to William Roger now Dene of Gild, and sna the comptur is eque with the town.*

Treasurer,  
1588-89.

ROBERT MAXWELL, Treasurer, 1588-89  
(audited Oct. 27, 1589)

*Charge*

(76rv.)

The town's rental, £269, 13s. 11d. The Blackfriars annuals, £18, 15s. 10d. The Blackfriars yards, £3, 14s. 6d. The Chorists' annuals, £28. The Greyfriars yards, £2, 13s. 4d. The mill-ferme (besides the minister's share), 25 bolls of malt at £3, 6s. 8d. per boll, £83, 6s. 8d. The South Hills, set to John Cathcart, £18. The fermes of Dalkeyth—4 bolls meal, 4 bolls bere, and 4s. Burgess-entries—5 at £5, 1 at £2, 12s., 2 at £1, 13s. 4d.—£30, 18s. 8d. From Michael Wallace, for his last year's duty of the petty custom, £8.

Total, £462, 2s. 11d.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Though one doubtful item precludes finality, this total is almost certainly wrong; it should probably be £306, 6s. 4d.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £41, 16s. 1d.

<sup>3</sup> Should be £463, 2s. 11d.

*Discharge*Treasurer,  
1588-89.

(76v.)

Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. The schoolmaster, £26, 13s. 4d. Friar Allansoun, £16. The town's procurator, £3, 6s. 8d. *The halbertis bering* (the officers), £10. The bellman, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the knock, £6, 13s. 4d. John Davidsoun, tailor, for keeping the hills, £2, 13s. 4d. The suitor-fee, 13s. 4d. Total, £86.

Commissioners' Expenses. To David Fergushill, commissioner to the *Kingis conventioun* at Holyroodhouse in March, 1588/9, £2, 10s. To George Cochren, commissioner to the Convention of Royal Burghs at St. Andrews in April 1589, £26, 13s. 4d.

Total, £29, 3s. 4d.

Legal and Messengers' Expenses. To John McKnedar, for his help to get out monie burgessis, £5. To William Forsyth, messenger, for his awaiting heir upoun the stent and other services, £6, 6s. 8d. To sundry messengers, £1, 12s. Total, £12, 18s. 8d.

Hospitality. For wine given to Sir James Hammiltoun, the Sheriff of Ayr, the laird of Caprintoun, Sir William Stewart and the minister of Leith, £8, 10s. For 2 quarts of wine (£1) and *two buistis of comfeitis* (18s.) to Sir James Sandilands, £1, 18s. For a cow sent to Mr. George Young, £14. For taking it to Edinburgh, £1, 12s. Total, £26.

Common Work. To William Knox, *ovirsear of the townis work, and employit be him upoun the bigging of the Brig in lyme and uther materiallis*, £56, 13s. 4d. For lime to the Brig, £8, 10s. 2d. Spent by Bailie George Hammiltoun on the Brig-port, £5. For oil to the knock, 13s. 4d. Total, £70, 16s. 10d.

Shipwrecked Sailors of the Armada. For meat and drink to the *pure Spainyardis*, £4. To James Boyd, cordiner, for four pair of *shoone gevin to the saidis four Spainyardis*, £1. For lodging them, £5. Total, £10.

Miscellaneous. To a poor Irishwoman, £2. To John Craufurd, for a suit (*stand*) of clothes, for his singing in the kirk, £10. To Thomas Mure, baxter, for flour used by him for Communion, 19s. 2d. To Bailie Adam Johnestoun, his wife, Robert Dalrimpill, George Jamesoun, and George Cochren's wife, for unspecified expenditure in the *townis effairis*, £5, 2s. 4d. Total, £18, 1s. 6d.

Deductions from Revenue. The whole of the Alloway barony-mail and mill-mail, allocated to William Knox, for *redemptioun of the borne of Alloway furth of the handis of David Craufurd, conforme to*



Treasurer, 1588-89. *ane act of counsale*, £133, 6s. 8d. The custom of the Tron, foremailed, £13, 6s. 8d. Total, £146, 13s. 4d.

Grand Total, £399, 11s. 8d.<sup>1</sup>

(76v., 77r.) In arrears (besides the Dalkeyth ferme), £69, 18s. 3d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £469, 9s. 11d. Credit balance, £7, 7s.

Dean of Guild, 1588-89.

WILLIAM ROGER, Dean of Guild, 1588-89  
(audited Oct. 27, 1589)

*Charge*

(77r.) Guild-entries—4 at £10 (including *Adam Hunter in Carrik*), 1 at £3, 6s. 8d.—£43, 6s. 8d.

*Discharge*

To Charles Craufurd, *of support*, £10. To Robert Jamesoun, for wine, £20, 13s. 4d. For mending the kirk-bell, £4, 6s. 8d. John Liddell's fee, £3, 6s. 8d. The Dean of Guild's fee, £5.

Total, £43, 6s. 8d.

Quit. *And anent the xxxiij s. iiij. d. dependand be David Craufurd the last yeir the same nes debursit in the kirkis effairis. And swa sic eque.*

Master of Work, 1588-89.

PATRICK RICHIE, Master of Work, 1588-89  
(audited Oct. 27, 1589)

(77r.) *He restis anand of his ressait unimployit onlie iij li. xj s. quhilk he deliverit instantlie upoun compt to Johnne Lokhart now ovirsear of the townis commoun work. And swa the compt is sic eque with the town.*

Treasurer, 1589-90.

GEORGE DAVIE, Treasurer, 1589-90  
(audited Nov. 6, 1590)

*Charge*

(77rv.) The town's rental, £269, 13s. 11d. The Blackfriars annuals, £18, 15s. 10d. The Blackfriars yards, £3, 14s. 6d. The Chorists' annuals, £28. The Greyfriars yards, £2, 13s. 4d. The South Hills, £12. The rest of the mill-ferme, 19 bolls bere. The ferme of Dalkeyth, 4 bolls meal, 4 bolls bere, and 4s. Burgess-entries—8 at £5, 3 at £1, 13s. 4d.—£45.

Total (besides the mill-ferme and Dalkeyth ferme), £378, 17s. 5d.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Should be £399, 13s. 8d.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £379, 17s. 7d.

*Discharge*Treasurer,  
1589-90.

Fees and Stipends. The Treasurer, £5. The schoolmaster, £26, 13s. 4d. Friar Allansoun, £16. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. The officers, £10. For keeping the knock, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the kirk, £6, 13s. 4d. The suitor-fee, 13s. 4d.

Total, £75.

(77v.)

Hospitality. In part-payment of a hogshead of wine to a banquet given in Edinburgh to Archibald Primross and Bardny Lindsay, £8. For a banquet given to the town's man of law and others, £3. For a banquet to Sir William Stewart, £5, 8s. For a breakfast to John McKnedar and John Masoun *that day thai yeid to the Fische yard*, 6s. 8d. For ale to the Provost and Bailies of Irvine *quhen thei come to Johne Wrychtis brydell*, 8s. For wine given to the old and young Sheriffs of Ayr, the King's minister, the town's man of law, and others, £3, 0s. 11d. For wine to the young men *directit furth for seeking of the Ireische piratis that tuik Gilbert McIlduff the townis nychtbour indwellar and burges*, 13s. 4d. Drinksilver to the officers for getting in the town's dues, 13s. 4d.

Total, £21, 10s. 3d.

Other Expenses. To George Lokhert, to ride to the Earl of Bothwell at Jedburgh *to stay the raid*, and to fetch him home again, £10, 13s. 4d. To a messenger, to take writings to David Craufurd, £1. To John Lokhert, Master of Work, *to do the townis bissines thairwith*, £35. For making the butts, £2. For oil to the knock, 13s. 4d. To the town drummer, *for ane cleiding of blenis*, £3, 6s. 8d. For a barrel of gunpowder given to the young men sent after the Irish pirates, £2. Total, £54, 13s. 4d.

Deductions from Revenue. The Alloway barony-mail and mill-mail, again allocated to William Knox, for the redemption of the barn of Alloway, £133, 6s. 8d. The custom of the Tron, foremailed, £13, 6s. 8d. 11 bolls of malt, of the mill-ferme of Ayr, sold to David Craufurd as repayment for a loan to the town for its common affairs, in accordance with an Act of Council of Feb. 25, 1589/90, with 1 boll as interest on his loan, 12 bolls.

Total, £146, 13s. 4d.

Grand Total, £294, 7s.<sup>1</sup>

In arrears, besides 7 bolls of malt of the mill-ferme and the whole of the Dalkeyth fermes, £56, 19s. Total of expenditure and arrears, £351, 6s. Balance due, £24, 1s. 5d.,<sup>2</sup> *quhairof the comptur is ordanit to mak payment to the toun with all diligence, and to ingaddir and bring in to the toun the saidis dependentis sa far as can be gottin in thair of.*

(77v., 78r.)

<sup>1</sup> Should be £297, 16s. 11d.<sup>2</sup> Should be £27, 11s. 5d.

Dean of Guild,  
1589-90.

ROBERT MAXWELL, Dean of Guild, 1589-90  
(audited Nov. 6, 1590)

*Charge*

(78r.) Guild-entries—7 at £10, 2 at £8—£86.

*Discharge*

To John Lokhert, Master of Work, £41, 5s. 10d. *Plus to the said Johnne Lokhert the entres of Johnne McClameroche*, £8. To John Craufurd, £10. For a barrel of gunpowder, £3, 6s. 8d. To Adam Johnestoun's wife for bread and wine for Communion, and for wine to the Earl of Cassilis (twice), to John Broun, the town's cautioner in Edinburgh, Bernard Lindsay and the men of law, £18. The Dean of Guild's fee, £5. Total, £85, 12s. 6d.

Balance due, 7s. 6d.

Master of  
Work,  
1589-90.

JOHN LOKHERT, Master of Work, 1589-90  
(audited Nov. 9, 1590)<sup>1</sup>

*Charge*

(78r.) From Patrick Richie, late Master of Work, £3, 16s.<sup>2</sup> From the Dean of Guild, *of the gildis entressis and fredomes*, £41, 5s. 10d. *Plus fra the Dene of Gild the gild entres of Johnne McClameroche*, £8. From the Treasurer, of the burgess-entries, £35. From the officer of Alloway, of the Alloway stent, £37, 2s. From John McGrane, officer, of the Burrowfield stent, £20. From William Hammiltoun, of the Brig-impost, £66, 13s. 4d. Total, £211, 17s. 2d.

*Discharge*

(78rv., 79rv.) The Tolbooth. To the wright and masons, for repairs, £2, 2s. For locks, keys and staples for the doors, £1, 16s. To the glazier, for glass-bands for the window, £1, 10s. To 2 labourers, for digging the Thieves' Hole deeper, £1, 10s. For work there, and a chain for the door, £2, 3s. 1d. For stones and sand, £3, 1s. 8d. For chains and bands, £2, 12s. 2d. Total, £14, 14s. 11d.

The Brig and Port. For stones, £5, 8s. For sand and lime, £13, 3s. 4d. For hewn stones (2 feet and 3 feet long), £11, 8s. Iron (at £1 per stone) and lead, for bolts and wedges in the pillars

<sup>1</sup> This compt, unusual in its nature, is also unusual in its duration, for it runs from Michaelmas 1589 to the day of the audit, Nov. 9, 1590.

<sup>2</sup> Previously entered as £3, 11s.; *vide supra*, p. 162.

of the Brig, £6, 18s. 9d. To the masons and labourers (at 2s. 6d. per day), £2, 4s. 6d. A bar and crooks for the yett of the Port, £2, 3s. 10d. To David Frow, with 6 masons and barrowmen, for working 8 days at the Port, £10, 8s. Total, £51, 14s. 5d.

Master of  
Work,  
1589-90.

The Gabar. For mending and carrying the *gabar*, £9, 19s. 2d. For ropes (including *ane new cordall tow, of twentie faddum*), £6, 1s. 3d. For timber and nails to it, £8, 0s. 8d. For 15 quarts of tar (at 10s. per quart), £7, 10s. For 3 st. 6 lb. of *rosett* (at 16s. per stone), £2, 14s. For coals to heat it, 3s. 8d. For an anchor, £6. For loading the *gabar* 24 times, with great stones, etc., for Troon, £28, 13s. 6d. To 6 men, for bringing the *gabar* up when it sank at *Johne Rankenes schipis starne*, 11s. 4d. Total, £69, 13s. 7d.

Other Work. For *winning* stones and *casting* clay (at 2s. 6d. per day), £6, 3s. 6d. For digging turf, £2, 17s. For setting up a post with a *bowat* for *mirk nychtis*, £1, 9s. 4d. For mending the kirk-dyke, £1, 8s. 4d. For shovelling snow from the calsays, 2s. For laying down a mill-stone as a base for the perch in the harbour, 11s. 8d. To the mason, for visiting Corrochan Brig, 3s. A new drum-head, 6s. 8d. For 1 lb. of soap for the kirk-bell, 2s. 8d. For implements for the town's work—2 spades, 2 shovels, a mell, a pick and a scoop—£4, 8s. 9d. Total, £17, 12s. 11d.

Incidentals. For drink to various workmen (wine at 13s. 4d. per quart, and ale at 2s. per quart), £6, 12s. 4d. For 2 boxes of *confetis*, at the bon-fires on the hills, £1. For coals and butter, 10s. 6d. A dozen of wheat-bread, 12s. 2 long candles, 3s. Given as a God's penny at 2 agreements with workmen, 10s. 8d. Given *for the sustentatioun of twa honest lyk pure men suldartis come out of France on thair great povertie, at desyr of the bailleis and sindrie honest men, for Goddis caus*, 13s. 4d. Total, £10, 1s. 10d.

Magistrates' Fees. The Provost, £5. The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. Total, £8, 6s. 8d.

Commissioners and Messengers. To Michael Wallace, to ride to the King at Perth and Edinburgh, to procure the town's exemption from the Earl of Bothwell's raid against the thieves, £5. Given for last year's and this year's Exchequer compts, 4 crowns.<sup>1</sup> Given to the *poistis Hall and Thompsoun that ran still in winter to Edinburgh sex sindrie tymis for the actioun of our pley and with our commissiounis*, £8. To other posts, £7, 1s. 4d. To a pursuivant, messengers and boys, £4, 6s. 8d. Total, £24, 8s. and 4 crowns.

<sup>1</sup> This item is not given its Scots equivalent, and is apparently not included in the total.

Master of  
Work,  
1589-90.

A Special Mission. (Mr. Andrew Lokhart, John Lokhart's son, paid out the following sums to obtain a decret for the repayment of a loan by Ayr to the King.) Paid for the various documents (letters, subscribed and sealed, an act of diligence, and the decret), £9, 6s. 8d. For a breakfast to 3 advocates and a writer, £1, 2s. To David Johnestoun, to get the bill passed, £1. To Mr. Robert Scott, £7. To Mr. Alexander King, 1 crown, £2, 15s.<sup>1</sup> To the witnesses to a summons, 12s. To 3 clerks, to get the action called *and be our gude freindis quhen tyme requyrit*, £3, 15s. To certain servants, *to know of our adversaris proceedingis*, £1, 10s. *At the raising of the decret to the guidman, ane cronne*, £2, 15s. To Mr. Robert Williamson, *for his great faithfull travell*, £2. To the clerks of the Chamber *and utheris our guid freindis for thair kindness*, £2, 7s. For making the town's seal, with wax, silk cords, etc., £2, 12s. For wildfowl and other presents to various persons, £5. For drinksilver at sundry times, £1, 10s. Mr. Andrew Lokhart's additional expenses as commissioner four times to the Convention of Royal Burghs, £5, 11s. 10d. Allowed to him *for his panis and labouris tane in the tonnis effairis*, £20. Total, £68, 16s. 6d.  
Grand Total, £269, 6s. 2d.<sup>2</sup>

Credit balance, £67, 9s.

Treasurer,  
1590-91.

WILLIAM KNOX, Treasurer, 1590-91<sup>3</sup>

Charge

(79v.)

The town's rental, £269, 13s. 11d. The Blackfriars annuals, £18, 15s. 10d. The Blackfriars yards, £3, 14s. 6d. The Chorists' annuals, £28. The Greyfriars yards, £2, 13s. 4d. The South Hills, £15. The mill-ferme, 19 bolls at 5 merks per boll, £63, 6s. 8d. Burgess-entries—16 at £5, 3 at £4, 1 at 5½ merks, 9 at 5 merks—£125, 13s. 4d. Total, £517, 17s. 7d.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Scots currency was being rapidly debased; in 1536 a crown had been worth 17s. *Supra*, p. 72.

<sup>2</sup> If the total is correct, the balance should be only £57, 9s. But the total is probably wrong. The items given total to £265, 8s. 10d., to which there should be added £11 in respect of the 4 crowns. Further, blanks are left in the MS. at two items (one for lime, one for iron-work at the Brig); and a third item (*for drink and meit*) is quite indecipherable. Probably, therefore, £279, 6s. 2d. is nearer the true total.

<sup>3</sup> No date given for audit.

<sup>4</sup> Should be £526, 17s. 7d.

*Discharge*

Treasurer,  
1590-91.  
(79v., 80r.)

Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The schoolmaster, £26, 13s. 4d. Friar Allansoun, £16. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. The officers, £10. John Haliday's stipend, £5. For keeping the knock, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the kirk, £6, 13s. 4d. The suitor-fee, 13s. 4d. Total, £85.

Commissioners' Expenses. To James Bannatyne, for riding to Edinburgh, £24. To George Cochren, *superependit* by him in keeping a Convention of Royal Burghs at Edinburgh, £8, 6s. 8d. To Alexander Mowat, as commissioner to the Convention of Royal Burghs at Montrose, £40. To James Craufurd, John Masoun and others, for riding to Newmilns and Irvine in the town's affairs, £9. Total, £81, 6s. 8d.

Legal and Messengers' Expenses. For letters and writs in the town's action against Waltersan, £3, 13s. 4d. To the messengers, to charge and summon him, £3, 10s. For placks in that action, 3s. 4d. To William Forsyth, for continuation of the letters of horning against the *Juges*, £1, 10s. To him, at the receipt of the stent, £2. To Robert Scott, to keep the Exchequer compt, £3. To John Masoun (clerk), for his services in the town's affairs, £10. To his man, for drinksilver, and for copying precepts, £1, 10s. To 2 King's posts (one of them bringing *the proclamatioun of the silver crying down*), 13s. 4d. To sundry other messengers and boys, to Edinburgh, Carrick, Lochfergus, etc., £7, 8s. To Richard *the lokman*, £1, 10s. For ropes, 5s. 6d. To Richard again, *for the hanging of the last thief of the schereffis*, 16s. 8d. Total, £36, 0s. 2d.

Wine and Hospitality. For sweetmeats (*comfeitis*) when the Master of Eglinton came to George Cochren's house, 16s. For ale and *aqua vitae* then, 18s. 4d. To Bessie Wallace, when John Andra and the men of law were with her, £4. To Patrick Cauldwell's wife, for horse-feed, £2, 13s. For wine given at sundry times to the young Sheriff of Ayr, the Master of Eglinton, the tutor of Cassilis, the laird of Bargany, and the King's minister (generally at 13s. 4d. per quart), £14, 16s. For 12 quarts, 1 pint of wine given to *the great men*, £8, 15s. *In utheris small rewardis*, £12, 6s. For spices and wine given to *the Irland lord*, £5. For wine given to Bargany at the tryst of Waltersan, £1, 6s. 8d. For ale, beer and wine at the feeing of the slater, £1. For wine and wheat-bread given to George Dunbar for his services in Edinburgh, 16s. 8d. For a breakfast to William Forsyth before the payment of the stent-money to him, £1, 2s. 8d. For bread and wine for Communion, £8. Total, £61, 10s. 4d.

Treasurer,  
1590-91.

Common Work. To John Lokkert, Master of Work (95 merks *quhilk wes the miln ferme*), £63, 6s. 8d. To David Frow, mason, for repairing the pillars of the Kirk, £21. A God's penny to the slater, to slate the Kirk and Tolbooth, 6s. 8d. To Antan Wrycht, slater, in part-payment, £7, 6s. 8d. To Adam Stewart, for 3 loadings of the *gobar*, £3. For an iron to seal the firloths, 13s. 4d.

Total, £95, 13s. 4d.

Miscellaneous. To the men that fished the water of Doon, £3, 5s. Payments (unexplained) to David Craufurd, Mr. Alexander King, John Haliday and Thomas Blair, £16. Total, £19, 5s.

Deductions from Revenue. The Alloway barony-mail and mill-ferme for Martinmas term 1590, allocated for the redemption of Alloway, £66, 13s. 4d. The custom of the Tron, foremailed, £13, 6s. 8d.

Total, £80.

Grand Total, £458, 16s. 6d.<sup>1</sup>

(80v.)

In arrears, £56, 19s. Total of expenditure and arrears, £515, 15s. 6d. Balance due, £2, 2s. 1d. *and the dependentis is the townis.*

Dean of Guild,  
1590-91.

ROBERT MAXWELL, Dean of Guild, 1590-91,  
*vide supra*, pp. 43-4

Masters of  
Work,  
1590-91.

JOHN LOKKERT and JAMES LOKKERT, his son,  
Masters of Work, 1590-91  
(audited Sept. 21, 1591)

*Charge*

(80v.)

From Treasurer Knox (the mill-ferme of Ayr, 95 merks), £63, 6s. 8d. From William Hamiltoun, of the Impost of the Brig, £40. Total, £103, 6s. 8d.

*Discharge*

(80v., 81r.)

Materials for the Brig. For stones and stone-work, £36, 15s. 10d. For lime (at 4 merks per chalders), £10. For timber, £4, 12s. 8d. To George Tod, 13 days digging turf on Newtown Green, at 3s. per day, £1, 19s. For more turf and for sand, £3, 14s. To John

<sup>1</sup> is. too much.

Broun, for 11 days' labour serving the Burrowfield men and their horses, at 3s. 4d. per day, £1, 16s. 8d. For other materials (a tar-barrel, rope, nails, etc.), £2, 5s. 8d. Masters of Work, 1590-91.

Total, £61, 3s. 10d.

Work at the Brig. To the men who laid down turf for the dam, on 15 days during May and June, at 2s. each per day, £8, 4s. For their daily ale, £1, 7s. To the 5 men who kept the dam dry for 10 days, at 3s. 4d. each per day and per night, as *aggreit befoir the Juges*, £16, 6s. 8d. To 2 others, as *aggreit befoir the provest*, for keeping the dam dry for 48 hours *befoir the pump nes gottin*, £1, 6s. 8d. For bringing the pump, for leather, nails, etc., for it, and for taking it back and *setting it in the bark agane*, £2, 2s. To William Bell, for iron-work on the pillar, 18s. 7d. To the Gudelaids, Makquhaill, and other wrights, £1, 13s. 4d. Sundry odd jobs at the Brig, £1, 17s. For dinners to the workmen at the completion of the timber-work, 14s. A pitcher of ale and bread for the wrights *at tuelf houris* on the same day, 11s. For ale at other times (at 2s. per quart), 17s. A loaf and a quart of ale for the turf-layers' dinner, 2s. 8d. Total, £35, 19s. 11d.

The Port. To William Bell, for iron and lead for the 4 great crooks, £6, 11s. To George Hunter, for making them, £2, 6s. 8d. Timber-work for the 2 *schanis* of the Port, £4. For other timber, iron-work and nails, £3, 3s. Total, £16, 0s. 8d.

Miscellaneous. To John Frow, mason, and his man, for 1 day's work at the Tolbooth, 11s. 4d. For mending the lock and key of the door, 2s. 8d. The Master of Work's fee, £5.

Total, £5, 14s.

Grand Total, £127, 16s. 11d.<sup>1</sup>

Credit balance from preceding year, £74, 9s. 2d. Total of expenses and balance, £202, 6s. 11d. Balance now due to Lokhert, £87, 16s. 11d.<sup>2</sup>

WILLIAM HAMMILTOUN, tacksman of the Impost of the Brig of Ayr, 1589-91, *vide supra*, pp. 41-2

Impost of the Brig, 1589-91.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £118, 18s. 5d.

<sup>2</sup> The arithmetic is unusually faulty—every item is wrong. Last year's credit balance was only £67, 9s., though here the difference may simply mean that interest on the debt was allowed, as it was in 1591-92, at 12 per cent. (*vide infra*, p. 173). But the Grand Total is 10d. too much, while the new balance, on the figures given, should be £99, os. 3d.



Treasurer,  
1591-92.

DAVID INGRAM, Treasurer, 1591-92  
(audited May 4, 1593)

### Charge

(81v.) The town's rental, £269, 13s. 9d.<sup>1</sup> The Blackfriars annuals, £18, 15s. 10d. The Blackfriars yards, £3, 14s. 6d. The Chorists' annuals, £28. The Greyfriars yards, £2, 13s. 4d. The mill-ferme (76 merks), £50, 13s. 4d. *The entress and gressume of Johnne Miller sone to Cuthbert Miller of his maling in Alloway*, £44, 6s. 6d. *The rentell of William Hunter*, £26. *The rentell of young Thom Patersoun*, £4, 8s. 8d. Burgess-entries (including *William Wicht in Dal-mellington, v li*)—2 at £7, 10s., 3 at £5, 1 at £4, 1 at 5 merks, 1 at £2, 10s., and 1 at £1, 13s. 4d.—£41, 10s. (*The miln ferme of Dalkeyth*, 8 bolls of victual, 4s. in money.) Total, £489, 16s. 1d.

### Discharge

(81v., 82r.) Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The Master of Work, £5. The officers, £10. For keeping the knock, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the kirk, £6, 13s. 4d. The school-master (Mr. Ninian Young), £26, 13s. 4d. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. Mr. William Scott, Edinburgh (first year's fee), £3, 6s. 8d. Friar Allansoun, £16. Total, £87, 13s. 4d.

Commissioners', Messengers' and Legal Expenses. To John Masoun, as commissioner in Waltersan's plea, and to pay the fees of the town's lawyers, £40. Balance due to George Cochren as commissioner to the Convention of Royal Burghs at Kirkcaldy, £10. For a crown to make the Exchequer compt (£2, 18s.), plus 4s., £3, 2s. To John Masoun in Waltersan's plea, £26, 13s. 4d. To John Scherar and William Kessane, Sheriffs-depute of Ayr, William Forsyth, messenger, and Robert Campbell, Carrick pursuivant, for their services in the town's affairs, £8, 10s. To messengers, bringing the precept of Parliament, letters anent the raid of Dumfries, the proclamation anent the *cunye*, etc., £2, 13s. 4d. To John Hunter, servant to David Craufurd, for his expenses in going to Edinburgh, £4, 13s. 4d. Total, £95, 12s.

Common Work. To James Bannatyne, for making a sink, flagged with stones, to drain the Kirk-vennel port, 17s. 6d. To

<sup>1</sup> As the total charge is 2d. too much, the rental should probably be £269, 13s. 11d., as it was during the three preceding, and the immediately succeeding, years.

Adam Johnestoun, for bringing *puldin and red* to the hills, £3, 6s. 8d. Paid in placks for the Alloway horses that brought turf, sand and lime to the Brig and Quay, £4. For mending the barrows and the loan of a spade, £1, 9s. 4d. Total, £9, 13s. 6d.

Treasurer,  
1591-92.

Wine and Hospitality. For wine (at 10s. or 13s. 4d. per quart) given to Sir James Sandelans, the laird of Logy, the laird of Blairquhan, the lady Barnbarroche and others, £29, 15s. 2d. For 8 boxes of sweetmeats to Sandelans and Logy, £2, 13s. 4d. For wine given to Mr. Alexander King and his company when they were in Ayr, £3, 13s. 4d. His servants' and horses' expenses, £4, 7s. 6d. For 5 quarts of small white wine, at 9s. per quart, given to him, £2, 5s. Spent then for ale (at 2s. per quart), beer (at 2s. 8d. per quart), wheaten bread (1s. each), 3 boxes of sweetmeats (8s. each), *feggis and rasingis* (12s.), and candle—£2, 10s. For wine given in Edinburgh in the town's affairs, £1. For 4 quarts of white wine (at 8s. per quart), 2 quarts of claret (at 11s. per quart), 2 boxes of *skrotsortis* (16s.), and 2 loaves of wheaten bread (2s.), given to *the Almenis* by command of the Council, £3, 12s. For the expenses of James Wynram, agent to the burghs, when the Convention met at Ayr, £9, 3s. 4d. For wine and wheaten bread for Communion, £7, 11s. 2d. For wine given to Lord Tungleland, a Lord of Session, when he was in Ayr, and for ale at the compt of the Brig-impost and other times, £2, 9s.

Total, £68, 19s. 10d.

Military Expenses. Given to the 12 soldiers the first night they should have been ready, 1 merk each, £8. For candle, 1s. 4d. To Michael Wallace, Walter Jamesoun and George Angus younger, for riding then, £7, 13s. 4d. Drunk at the soldiers' departure, 8s.

Total, £16, 2s. 8d.

Miscellaneous. To William Knox in repayment of his loan of 114 merks, £76. Paid to James Wynram, for Ayr's share of the sum of £300 ordered to be raised by the Convention, £6. To Wynram for *his panis*, £5, 16s. Promised by the town to old John Richert, £3, 6s. 8d.

Total, £91, 2s. 8d.

Grand Total, £382, 13s. 10d.<sup>1</sup>

In arrears, including the Tron custom, foremailed (20 merks), the Dalkeyth fermes, and the small custom (£8), £106, 9s. 11d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £489, 3s. 9d. Balance due, 12s. 4d., *besyd the dependence quhilk ar the townis, and quhairof the comptier is ordanet to bring in to the toun lij li. vj d. within xv dayis heireftir.*

(82rv.)

<sup>1</sup> Should be £369, 4s.

Dean of Guild,  
1591-92.

DAVID CRAUFURD, Dean of Guild, 1591-92  
(audited March 7, 1592/3)

*Charge*

(82v.) Guild-entries—3 at £10, 2 at 10 merks, 2 at 5 merks—£50.

*Discharge*

To David Frow, mason, £10. Antan Wrycht the slater's fee, £5. John Liddell the glazier's fee (for 4 years), £13, 6s. 8d. For lime (at 4s. the boll), £1. For a new glass window in the south door of the kirk, £4, 10s. For drink to the glazier at sundry times, 8s. For ladders at the kirk, 16s. 4d. For *ane pig oyle* for the bells, 13s. 4d. To the compt'er's son, for singing in the kirk, £4, 5s. 4d. The Dean of Guild's fee, £10. Total, £50.<sup>1</sup>

Quit.

Masters of  
Work,  
1591-92.

JOHN LOKHERT and JAMES LOKHERT, his son,  
Masters of Work, 1591-92  
(audited September 30, 1592)

*Charge*

(82v.) Received from Robert Dalrimpill, tacksman of the Impost of the Brig, £4. From Adam Smyth, £9. Total, £13.

*Discharge*

(83r.) To the masons and other workmen, for winning stones from the quarry and the sea for the kirk-dyke, the Brig-port and the coats-of-arms, and for barrowing, carting, cutting and placing them, £9, 17s. 2d. For building the kirk-dyke (at £5 per rood), £10. For carrying water to the kirk-dyke, 16s. For lime and clay, £1, 5s. For 28 bolls of lime to the Brig (at 3s. 4d. per boll), £4, 13s. 4d. To the craftsmen at the Brig, £1, 13s. For 1 term's rent of Nicoll Fleming's house as a work-room, £1. To mend the holes made in it to *schan licht* for the hewing and painting of the Queen's arms, 6s. 8d. For great nails and iron wedges at the Brig-port, £1, 3s. 6d. For 9 *carpollis*, £1. For timber, £1, 10s. 6d. For 4

<sup>1</sup> Actually, 4d. short of this sum.

long pieces of timber, £4.<sup>1</sup> To a message-boy, 8d. For sand, 14s. For carrying pipes, hogsheads and planks, 1s. 6d. For setting up the arms of the King, the Queen, the town and the Earl of Morton, 14s. To James Scott, painter, for adding the crown to the Queen's arms, —.<sup>2</sup> Agreed with the painter for his work on the Brig and coats-of-arms, £7, 10s.<sup>3</sup> To Archibald Nicoll, for making the scaffolding at the Brig-port, £4. 1 lb. of *rosat*, 1s. 8d. 1 lb. of *brunstane*, 4s. 1 lb. of wax, 8s. For ale to the workmen at the Brig, 8s. For wine *gevin be advise of the magistratis and honest men* to Lord Claud [Hamilton], Lord Sempill and other great men, and for sweetmeats, £8, 6s. Interest at 12 *per cent.* on the balance due to Lokkert (£87, 16s. 11d.) at the preceding Michaelmas, £11.  
Total, £66, 0s. 6d.<sup>4</sup>

Masters of  
Work,  
1591-92.

Credit balance for this year, £53, 0s. 6d.

JAMES LOKKERT, Master of Work, 1591-92  
(special compt of expenses in bringing stones to the Quay)

Master of  
Work,  
1591-92.

#### Charge

From Robert Dalrimpill, tacksman of the Impost of the Brig, £21, 5s. 10d. From George Dunbar, £7, 18s. 2d. Robert Rowane's guild-entry, £10. Alan Osburne's burgess-entry, £1, 13s. 4d. From David Ingram, Treasurer, £5. Total, £45, 17s. 4d.

(83r.)

#### Discharge

For loading the *gabar* 13 times with stones from the *Urquhar*, between May 25 and July 4, each load £2, 18s.—£37, 14s. For 2 new barrows, £2. For mending them, 16s. For 5½ fathoms of cordage to raise stones, 12s. The Master of Work's fee, £5.  
Total, £46, 2s.

(83v.)

Credit balance, 4s. 8d.

<sup>1</sup> . . . *utherwysis pay xxvj s. viij d. for cutting of thaim.*

<sup>2</sup> No sum entered for this item.

<sup>3</sup> . . . *of the quhill he hes ressavit ane part quhill he performe the rest of the work.*

<sup>4</sup> The actual total of the figures given is £70, 13s., but the ambiguity of the items mentioned in the three preceding notes makes it impossible to check these sums.

GEORGE HAMMILTOUN, Bailie, 1591-92  
(special compt of the repairs at the Quay,  
audited Sept. 29, 1592)

Bailie,  
1591-92.

*Charge*

(83v.) Received in the town's name from David Craufurd, laird of Kerss, for the feu of his *Freiris aikeris* about the town, £100. From David Bannatyne, for the feu of the lands of Castelhill, £100. (These feus were *ordanit be act of counsale maid the 3 day of Julij 1592 to be employit upoun the reparing and bigging of the key.*) Peter Hwy's guild-entry, £6, 13s. 4d. From Robert Dalrimpill, £10.  
Total, £216, 13s. 4d.

*Discharge*

(83v., 84r.) Materials and Implements. Lime (at £2, 13s. 4d. per chaldler), £17, 6s. 8d. 3 bolls of small lime, 15s. Timber, £3, 19s. 4d. A bucket, 6s. A measuring line (*skenye*), 8d. Gloves for the 5 masons, 10s. Coals and butter for melting lead, 3s. 4d. A *meir* for carrying mortar, 3s. 4d. Total, £23, 4s. 4d.

Masons' Wages. (David Frow, master mason, with his boy, got £4, 13s. 4d. per week, the other masons, 4 or 5 in number, got from £1, 16s. 8d. to £2, 12s., and the 2 barrowmen £1 each. In addition, each was allowed 8s. 8d. or 10s. per week for morning and afternoon drink, and Sunday meat. The whole weekly wage-bill varied between £12, 19s. 4d. and £18, 18s. 8d.)

Total for 11 weeks commencing July 10, 1592, £165, 18s. 8d.

Other Work. For iron-work, lead and making the bolts, £47, 7s. For carrying sand and lime, and riddling the lime, £4, 6s. 6d. For carrying, *dichting* and setting up timber, £2, 3s. 4d. For lading water, £2, 8s. For pointing the mason's irons, £1, 16s. 8d. For mending a barrow, 3s. Total, £58, 4s. 6d.

Miscellaneous. For drink when the *grundstane* was laid, 8s. Allowed to 2 masons for *inlaik of gold quhilk thei gat in their wage*, 10s. *Of inlaik of money*, 16s. 8d. Total, £1, 14s. 8d.

Grand Total, £248, 6s. 8d.<sup>1</sup>

Credit balance, £31, 13s. 4d., *quhilk is ordanit to be payit to him in the first end of the impost of the Brig.*

*Memorandum—this dett wes payit the yeir following be Robert Dalrimpill.*<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Should be £249, 2s. 2d.

<sup>2</sup> Marginal note.

WILLIAM KNOX, Treasurer and Master of Work, 1592-93  
(audited Nov. 21, 1593)

Treasurer  
and  
Master of  
Work,  
1592-93.

*Charge*

The town's rental, £269, 13s. 11d. The Chorists' annuals, £28. The Blackfriars annuals, £18, 15s. The Blackfriars yards, £3, 14s. 6d. The mill-ferme, 19 bolls at £4 per boll, £76. The feu of the fishing of Doon, from Waltersane, £200. From Adam Johnestoun, the feu of Sipplinhill, £35, 6s. 8d. The feu of Castellhill, £6, 14s. 4d. The feu of the laird of Kerss's acres, £6, 1s. 8d. From the laird of Kerss, for 2 years' duty of the Freirland (besides the compters' own duty for 2 years), £4, 13s. 4d. The *entres and gressume* of James Hunter in Cortoun, £18, 13s. 4d. Burgess-entries—14 at £5, 2 at 5 merks, 1 at £1, 13s. 4d.—£78, 6s. 8d. The impost of the Brig, £176, 13s. 4d. From Hew Girven, *of od adventure salt*, £10. For an adlaw from Robert Blair in Glasgow, £10. Ex-Treasurer Davie's balance, £24.<sup>1</sup> From late Treasurer Ingram, of his arrears, £40. Total, £1051, 6s. 1d.<sup>2</sup>

(84r.)

*Treasurer's Discharge*

Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. Mr. Ninian Young, schoolmaster, £26, 13s. 4d. To him, for reading for 1½ years, £20. Friar Allasoun, £16. The bellman (for keeping the kirk), £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the knock, £6, 13s. 4d. The officers, £10. The suitor-fee, 13s. 4d. For keeping the hills, £6, 13s. 4d. Total, £110.

(84rv.)

Commissioners' Expenses. For keeping the Convention of Royal Burghs at Edinburgh in January 1592, *the town being chargit thairto undir the pane of horning*, £28, 7s. To Bailie George Cochren, for riding to Edinburgh in the town's affairs, £21, 13s. 4d. To him, as commissioner to Parliament *to gang to Edinburgh*, £25. More to him, *quhairin he wes superexpendit . . . according to his compt futit befor the counsale*, £15. To the Treasurer, for riding to Glasgow with a letter, and waiting for the magistrates' answer, £2.

Total, £92, 0s. 4d.

Legal Expenses. A crown of the sun given to the town's lawyer for his advice *anent the Admiraltie*, £2, 17s. For the extract of the King's articles and the burghs' answer thereto, £1, 6s. 8d.

<sup>1</sup> It was actually £24, 1s. 5d.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £1006, 12s. 9d.

Treasurer  
and  
Master of  
Work,  
1592-93.

To Matthew Mortoun, officer, for serving summonses, 13s. 4d. To John Masoun, clerk, for extraordinary writings against Waltersan, £10. To John McCra, officer, *for the skayth he sustentit in Mayboill in summoning Waltersan*, £10. To Andrew Chalmer, for writing letters of suspension anent Lord Cathcart's charge, £1, 3s. 4d. To John Masoun for parchment and wax for the Bailies' commission and the commission of Parliament, £1, 6s. 8d. For the license to remain from the raid at Lammas 1593 *upoun my lord Bo[thwell]*<sup>1</sup>—a crown of the sun (£2, 17s.) and a 30s. piece (£1, 11s. 6d.)—£4, 8s. 6d. To the 3 officers, for keeping Jonet Smyth, *the hussie that wes execut*, the last two nights, 13s. 4d. To Richert the lockman for executing her, 6s. 8d. For rope, 4s. For her meat, 1s. 4d. To the barrowmen, for bearing her to the kirkyard for burial, 6s. Total, £33, 6s. 10d.

Messengers' and Petty Expenses. To the messengers who brought the precepts of Parliament and Exchequer, 13s. 4d. To Robert Campbell, Carrick pursuivant, for his services to the town, 10s. To take letters *about the ressuaiting of the men of Arrane to Carrick and the hail costsyd*, 10s. To take a letter to Glasgow, 13s. 4d. Other errands (to Maybole, Mossgiel, etc.), 9s. 4d. Given *in small rewardis concerning the weill of the toun*, £13, 6s. 10d.

Total, £16, 2s. 10d.

Wine and Hospitality. Bread and wine for Communion, £13, 5s. To Alexander Mowat's wife, for John Haliday's expenses in Ayr, £4, 12s. For a *dubill pistollat* (£5, 12s.) and a 30s. piece (£1, 11s. 6d.) delivered to him by the Bailies, £7, 3s. 6d. To James Winrham, agent to the burghs, for his expenses while in Ayr and his future services and goodwill, £5. For wine (at 18s. per quart) given to the Sheriff of Ayr, the laird of Drumlanrig, Mr. John Carmichell, etc. (including 4 quarts of Spanish wine), £24, 9s. For a box of *comfeittis*, 2 pints of wine, 3 loaves of wheat-bread and 3 quarts of ale given to Archibald Prymroiss, £1, 8s. 2 quarts of wine given to Sir James Sandelans *at the horsse race*, £1, 16s. A quart of wine and a box of *comfeittis* given to Thomas Fischear, Bailie of Edinburgh, £1, 6s. Total, £58, 19s. 6d.

Common Work. To John Masoun, the mason, for winning stones and building the Quay (in part-payment), £30. In drinksilver to the masons and quarriers, 3s. 4d. For the yett at the Brig-end, £5. To the officer of Alloway, for 8 score of horses to take away the town's red, £2, 13s. 4d. For oil to the knock, 13s. 4d. To John Craufurd, glazier, 3s. 4d. For *heidis and cordis* to the drum, 14s. 6d. Total, £39, 7s. 10d.

<sup>1</sup> MS. damaged at corner of page.

Miscellaneous. To Alexander Lokkert, as interest on the town's debt to him,<sup>1</sup> £17, 1s. 4d. Balance due to George Cochren when he was Dean of Guild,<sup>2</sup> £7, 13s. In alms to 2 poor Englishmen, £1, 10s. To James Bannatyne (unexplained), 19s. 6d.

Treasurer  
and  
Master of  
Work,  
1592-93

Total, £27, 3s. 10d.

Revenue Allocated to Special Purposes. The feu-duty of the fishing of Doon, due from John Kennedy of Waltersan, was not received by the Treasurer, but was employed as follows:—For the redemption of the wadset of the town's acres of Freirland from George Jamesoun, John Gardner and George Kennedy, £100. To Bailie Cochren in part-payment of his expenses as commissioner to both Parliament and Convention this year, £80. To John Masoun, the mason, for winning stones for the Quay, £20.

Total, £200.

The impost of the Brig, not received by the Treasurer, but spent by Robert Dalrimpill, collector, as follows:—To George Hammiltoun, late Bailie, in payment of his credit balance for 1591-92,<sup>3</sup> £31, 13s. 4d. To Adam Stewart, for 2 years' duty for his *gobar*, £106, 13s. 4d. To the King's flesher, £1, 3s. 4d. Balance in Dalrimpill's hands, *for the quhilk he is under compt himself*, £37, 3s. 4d.

Total, £176, 13s. 4d.

The Tron Custom (foremailed), £13, 6s. 8d.

John Jamesoun's booth (wadset), £1.

Total of these special Revenues, £391.

Grand Total, £768, 1s.<sup>4</sup>

### Master of Work's Discharge

Materials and Implements for the Quay. 116 bolls of lime at 4s. the boll, £23, 4s. To the Barony horses, in placks, for bringing the lime, £1, 8s. 8d. To John Broun, officer of Alloway, for his pains, £1, 6s. 8d. For sand (to John Horne, *sand ledar*), £1, 3s. 4d. For stones from the pans, £4, 18s. 8d. For great stones from Leith and Lochryan, 19s. For making and mending barrows, £1, 18s. For making 2 *gillokis*, with 3½ st. of iron at 18s. the stone, £3, 13s. For 3 *baikeis*, 10s. For a water-carrier, 10s. To a messenger to the limekilns *to trust the lyme*, 3s. 4d.

(85r.)

Total, £39, 14s. 8d.

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Compts, *supra*, pp. 169, 173, and Memorandum, *infra*, p. 179.

<sup>2</sup> The Compts give no record of his tenure of this office.

<sup>3</sup> *Vide supra*, p. 174.

<sup>4</sup> It should actually be 2d. more.



Treasurer  
and  
Master of  
Work,  
1592-93.

The Gobar. For 11 *lucht* of the *gobar*, the Provost and Bailie Jamesoun each paying for one, the town for 9, £24. For ale, bread and a pint of wine at the loading of the *gobar*, etc., £2, 14s. 6d. For setting up the perches (as guides for anchoring the *gobar*), 7s. 4d. For nails to mend the *gobar*, 2s. 6d. To a boy for cleaning it, 1s. 4d.  
Total, £27, 5s. 8d.

Work at the Quay. To John Masoun, master-mason, and his man for  $2\frac{1}{2}$  weeks' work in August at the Quay, at £5, 13s. 4d. per week, £14, 3s. 4d. To the barrowmen at the Quay (4s. to 5s. each per day), £10, 4s. 8d. For 2 quarts of ale drunk at the agreement between the Bailies and John Masoun, 4s. To Thomas Masoun, cook, 2s. For odd labour at the Quay (sifting sand, steeping lime, loading horses, taking up, filling and unloading the *gobar*, etc.), mostly at 3s. 4d. per day, £4. Total, £28, 14s.

Other Work. For turf to the butts, £4. For building the butts, £7, 6s. 8d. To the calsay-maker, for both ends of the Brig, £6, 14s. 6d. For timber to make a calsay-mell, 5s. To William Ingram, smith, for making a band for the calsay-mell (with 2 lb. 2 oz. of iron) and a band to the Tolbooth door (with 6 lb. 2 oz. of iron), £1, 0s. 8d. Repairs to the seat, floor and inner door of the Tolbooth, £3, 3s. 4d. For 2 fetter-locks, £1, 8s. Total, £23, 18s. 2d.  
Grand Total, £121, 0s. 4d.<sup>1</sup>

(85rv.)

Total Expenses of the Treasurer and Master of Work, £889, 11s. 4d.<sup>2</sup> In arrears (including the mill-ferme, £76; the fishings of Doon, £13, 6s. 8d.; the petty customs, £8; the firlots, £14; the burgh-mail, £3; the feus of the sands, £6, 3s.; etc.), £121, 12s. 5d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £1017, 8s. 1d.<sup>3</sup> Balance due (besides the arrears), £33, 8s.<sup>4</sup>

Memorandum. For the feus of the sands, the Treasurer received this year only £1, 1s. in respect of 21 acres—of which he has made compt—the remainder are in arrears.

Dean of Guild,  
1592-93.

ROBERT MAXWELL, Dean of Guild, 1592-93  
(audited Nov. 21, 1593)

*Charge*

(85v.)

2 guild-entries at £10, 1 at 10 merks, 1 at 5 merks, £30.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £119, 12s. 6d.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £1011, 3s. 9d.

<sup>3</sup> Should be £889, 1s. 4d.

<sup>4</sup> Should be £33, 18s.

*Discharge*Dean of Guild,  
1592-93.

To Antane Wricht, slater, for his fee and for slating the kirk, £15. To John Liddell, glazier, for his fee (£3, 6s. 8d.) and an old debt (£1, 13s. 4d.), £5. For rope to the kirk-bell, £1. For oil to it, 6s. 8d. For boxes of *comfeittis* (8s. each) to Thomas Fischear, Bailie of Edinburgh, to the Sheriff, and to Lord Ochiltree and his uncle, the late Chancellor, £1, 4s. The Dean of Guild's fee, £5.

Total, £27, 10s. 8d.

Balance due, £2, 9s. 4d.

Memorandum. April 4, 1593. Agreement with Alexander Lokhert, son and heir of John Lokhert, late Master of Work, to the effect that the town owes him 250 merks in satisfaction of all debts prior to that date.

WILLIAM KNOX, Treasurer, 1593-94  
(audited Nov. 29, 1594)

Treasurer,  
1593-94.*Charge*

The town's rental, £329, 1s. 4d. The Blackfriars annuals, (85*v.*, 86*r.*) £18, 15s. 10d. The Blackfriars yards, £3, 14s. 6d. The Chorists' annuals, £28. The Greyfriars yards, £2, 13s. 4d. The mill-ferme, 19 bolls at £6 the boll, £114. The victual of Dalkeyth, 8 bolls, plus 4s. in silver. Burgess-entries, £78, 10s. The impost of the Brig, £160. From Ninian Reid and John Miller, farmers of the mills of Ayr (last year's ferme, in arrears, £76; *fra thaim lxxrv li. advancit be the toun for thaim to Jonet Wallace relict of umquhyle David Craufurd of byrun dewitie awand be thaim to hir*), £161. Other arrears received, £7, 18s. 4d. Balance due from last year, £33, 8s. From William Campbell in Greenan *for the tonnis consent to Thomas Milleris dispositioun*, £5. Total, £941, 5s. 4d.<sup>1</sup>

*Discharge*

Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The (86*rv.*) schoolmaster, £26, 13s. 4d. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. Mr. William Scott, £3, 6s. 8d. David Allansoun, £16. The officers, £10. The bellman, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the knock, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the hills, £8. For the same (Nov. 1593), £2, 10s. The suitor-fee, £1, 6s. 8d. The town herd, 8s. Total, £94, 18s.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £942, 5s. 4d.

Treasurer,  
1593-94.

Commissioners' Expenses. To George Hammiltoun, to keep the Convention of the Kirk in Edinburgh, £10. To John Osburne, as commissioner for the town to Argyle, £5. To William Roger, to keep the King's Convention on Jan. 11, £5. Disbursed by him to James Wynram (the burghs' agent), 11s. To George Cochren, to ride to Edinburgh to seek the town's exemption from the present taxation, *conforme to the townis richtis*, £40. His additional expenses, contained in his compt allowed by the Council, £52, 8s. 8d. His expenses in Edinburgh at the Parliament of May 1594, £40. His expenses at the Convention of Royal Burghs in Stirling (June 27, 1594), £20. Given to him to go to Edinburgh, *to get ane eiss at his Majesteis handis to the town* from the raid of Aberdeen, £24. His additional expenses at that time, contained in his compt submitted to the Council, £14, 4s. 4d. Total, £211, 4s.

Messengers. A boy to Edinburgh, to produce the town's *evidentis* in the Exchequer, £2, 13s. 4d. To 4 boys, taking missives to the Sheriff and the ministers, 14s. 4d. To the post that brought the King's missive anent the Convention, 6s. 8d. To Daniel Boyd, for bringing the precept of Parliament, £1. To the boy that brought the King's missive for Parliament, 6s. 8d. To Robert Campbell, Carrick pursuivant, 10s. Total, £5, 11s.

Legal Expenses. To raise letters of suspension of William Hunter's charges, £2, 5s. To Matthew Mortoun, officer, for summoning Hew Wallace of Dalkeyth at the town's instance, 6s. 8d. A crown of the sun to *mak the chakker compt*.<sup>1</sup> For *taking afeild the compt*, 8s. To David Fergushill, Bailie, for raising summons before the Lords against Hew Wallace, 16s. 8d. To William Rankene, notary, for an instrument anent the diligence against John Cathcart, 6s. 8d. To John Masoun, notary, for warnings and writs, £10. To the officers, by command of the Bailie, for collecting the town's rents, 8s. To John Craufurd, for carrying the pounds, 1s. 4d. Total, £14, 12s. 4d.

Common Work. To Antan Wricht, slater, for slating the kirk and his stipend for 1593, £31, 15s. 8d. For *fog* to the kirk—to boys for pulling it and for horses to carry it, £2, 19s. For mending the kirk ladder and *metting* the slate, £1. For the loan of a kettle *to seyth the pinnis in*, 10s. For 20½ ells of *lath* for the kirk (at 20 merks per rood), £7, 11s. 6d. 15 ells of fir (at 22 merks per rood), £5, 16s. 8d.<sup>2</sup> 6½ ells of fir, £2, 7s. 6d. 1100 *lath bred* and 250 *plancheouris*, £4, 11s. 5½ ells of *lath*, £2, 10s. For carrying it, 12s. For *Waschefurd steppis*, £5. *Carpollis* for scaffolding, and for

<sup>1</sup> No equivalent in Scots money is entered, and the item has apparently been overlooked in the total. *Infra*, p. 182 n. 1.

<sup>2</sup> At the price stated, this should be £6, 2s. 3d. (1 rood = 36 ells).

making it, 14s. 8d. To George Hammiltoun, to help to build the Tolbooth and well, £10. To the barrowmen for digging the well, £1, 1s. For the sole of the well, £1, 15s. For *fulling up* sand at the well, £1. For taking up the steps of the old stair of the Tolbooth, 10s. For a key to the door of the Tolbooth loft, 6s. 8d. To the cooper, for 4 land-firlots for the town, £5, 6s. 8d. Iron-work for them, £12. For 16 land-pecks (8s. each), £6, 8s. Iron-work for them (£1 each), £16. To the 2 smiths in drinksilver, £1. To the cooper, for helping the smiths to put on *irn girthis*, £1. For making the water-firlot, £3. Iron-work for it, £3. For a new marking-iron, £1, 6s. 8d. Total, £129, 2s.

Treasurer,  
1593-94.

Hospitality. 12 quarts of white wine, given to the Earl of Cassilis, Lord Ochiltree, Bargany, Blairquhan and others, when they were in Ayr in October 1593 *anent the religioun*, £12. 6 quarts of claret wine, given at the same time, £6. 4 quarts given to the Master of Eglintoun and the Sheriff of Ayr, *quhen thai come heir anent the religioun*, £4. 3 quarts given to the Sheriff on Dec. 20, 1593, £3. 2 gallons of wine given to Lord Paisley, the Lord President and his company, and to . . . [£8].<sup>1</sup> For a *disione* to Bernard Lindsay, £1, 8s. In drink with him, 19s. 1 quart to the lady Bargany, 18s. 1 quart to Mr. Matthew Roiss, 13s. 4d. 1 crown of the sun (£2, 18s.) and a breakfast (£1, 6s.) given to James Wynram, £4, 4s. For 2 boxes of *comfeittis* given to Lord Paisley, 16s. In drink at the redemption of the mills of Ayr from David Craufurd's wife, 8s. 12 quarts of wine given to Lord Paisley when he was last in Ayr, £8. 5 pints of wine given to the Sheriff, £1, 13s. 4d. Total, £51, 19s. 8d.

Communion. 11 quarts of Spanish wine (at 11s. per pint), for the Communion at Martinmas 1593, £12, 2s. For bread then, £1, 5s. 13 quarts of wine (at 13s. 4d. per quart) at the last Communion, £8, 13s. 4d. For bread then, £1, 5s. Total, £23, 5s. 4d.

The Town's Debts. To Alexander Lokherth, for the *proffeit* of 250 merks owed by the town, £20. To George Jamesoun and John Gardner, for the *proffeit* of 200 merks *thai haif in wodsett upoun the townis land*, £16.<sup>2</sup> For the *wodsett* of John Jamesoun's booth under the Tolbooth, £1. Interest on the money borrowed from Andrew Chalmer, £11. Total, £48.

Miscellaneous and Unexplained. To George Cochren, *conforme to ane act of counsale*, £266, 13s. 4d. To Seriard Boyd, £7, 6s. 8d. To the *pyphirer* for his service at the wapinschawing, 6s. 8d. *To ane man to tak afeild William Damsoun quha is besyd himself and*

<sup>1</sup> Corner of page torn and damaged; but £8 is more than a guess—it agrees both with the total and the usual price of £1 per quart.

<sup>2</sup> *I.e.* the interest rate for both loans was 12 per cent.

Treasurer,  
1593-94.

*trublis the town*, £8. To Robert Campbell in settlement of an old debt to his father, in accordance with an act of Council, £28, 6s. 8d. For a suit of clothes promised to Alexander Mowat as captain of the soldiers *appointit to haif gane furth for the religioun*, £13, 6s. 8d. To James Wynram, for Ayr's share of the tax of £160 ordered by the last Convention, £3, 4s. Total, £327, 4s.  
Grand Total, £905, 16s. 10d.<sup>1</sup>

(86v.)

In arrears (including the Dalkeyth victual-ferme and silver; one burges-entry of £1, 13s. 4d.; the burgh-mail, £3; the Tron, foremailed, £13, 6s. 8d.; the Doon fishings, £13, 6s. 8d.; and the petty customs, £8), £61, 2s. 9d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £966, 19s. 7d. Credit balance, £25, 14s. 3d., and the arrears belong to the town.

Dean of Guild,  
1593-94.  
(86v.)

ROBERT JAMESOUN, Dean of Guild, 1593-94<sup>2</sup>

Treasurer,  
1594-95.

WILLIAM KNOX, Treasurer, 1594-95  
(audited Dec. 3, 1595)<sup>3</sup>

### Charge

(87r.)

The town's rental, £329, 1s. 4d. The Blackfriars annuals, £18, 15s. 10d. The Blackfriars yards, £3, 14s. 6d. The Chorists' annuals, £28. The Greyfriars yards, £2, 13s. 4d. The impost of the Brig, £160. Burgess-entries—five at £5, two at £4, two at £1, 13s. 4d., one at 16s. 8d.—£37, 3s. 4d. The mill-ferme, £133, 6s. 8d. The grass of the Quarry-hole, set to Adam Johnestoun, £1. From Thomas Patersoun, *for the tonnis consent*, £2. The *byrun ferme* of Dalkeyth, £133, 6s. 8d. The *few entres* of Gilbert Cuninghams house, £14, 6s. 8d.

Arrears received. From Waltersan for the Doon fishing, £13, 6s. 8d. From Alexander Dickie for his coble-mail in 1594, £2. From Agnes Broun for the Milnhill in 1593, 16s. 4d. From William Arnot for arrears of 1591, £13, 6s. 8d. From George Jamesoun for the feu of 6 acres for 3 years past, 18s. From Bargany for his *borne* in 1592, 13s. 4d. The annual of James Craufurd's house in 1592, 17s. From Peter Cuningham, for the feu of an acre and a

<sup>1</sup> Should apparently be £905, 16s. 4d. (omitting the first crown of the sun).

<sup>2</sup> There follows a blank of about 20 lines.

<sup>3</sup> The auditors were the Provost, two Bailies and seven others.

half in 1594, 1s. 6d. From Robert Blakwod, for the feu of 3 acres in 1593 and 1594, 6s. From Craigie *of his byrun annuell*, £5, 18s. From Robert Cuningham in Cortoun for 2 years' annuals of his house in arrears, 7s. 6d. [Total of arrears received, £38, 11s.]

Total Charge, £901, 11s. 10d.<sup>1</sup>

Treasurer,  
1594-95.

### Discharge

Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The schoolmaster, £26, 13s. 4d. To him *of gratificatioun . . . besyd his stipend, conforme to ane act of counsale*, £20. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. Friar Allansoun, £16. The officers, £10. The bellman, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the knock, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the hills, £4. The suitor-fee, £1, 6s. 8d.

(87rv., 88r.)

Total, £104, 13s. 4d.

Commissioners' Expenses. To George Cochren, Bailie, to go to Edinburgh anent the Exchequer compt, £12. The expenses of George Jamesoun, Provost, and David Fergushill, Bailie, when summoned to Edinburgh anent John Cathcart, £19, 8s. 6d. To Bailie Cochren, to go to Edinburgh to intimate the apprehension of John Cathcart and show the town's diligence, £24. Bailie Cochren's expenses and horse-hire, in going to Edinburgh and remaining 5 weeks anent Giles Smith, and in attending Parliament in March 1594/5, £97. John Masoun's expenses (including horse-hire and lawyers' fees) in Glasgow to dispute Bargany's claim to the vicarage teinds, £8, 10s. To Bailie Cochren, to keep the Convention of the western burghs at Glasgow—his expenses, horse-hire and extract of the acts—£12. To the same, to keep the burghs' Convention at Perth and to make the Exchequer compt, £50. His additional expenses as commissioner, £8, 14s. 8d. To him, to ride to Edinburgh anent the town's charter of the Friars' lands, £50. Bailie Fergushill's expenses in Edinburgh, in seeking out the town's gift of the Friars' lands, £13, 4s. To Gilbert Hall, to go to St. Andrews for a schoolmaster, £3, 6s. 8d.

Total, £298, 3s. 10d.

Legal and Messengers' Expenses. To Bailie Cochren, *for futing of the townis chekker compt and releiving of the unlaw*, £12, 13s. 4d. To John Masoun (clerk), for warnings and other writings, £10. To John Scherar, messenger, for executing letters and twice summoning the assize in Kyle, Carrick and Cunningham upon Marion Greiff, witch, £7. For *coles, cordis, tar barrellis and uthar graith that burnit Mareoun Greiff wiche*, £4, 4s. To Richard the lockman, £3, 6s. 8d.

<sup>1</sup> This is 7s. 6d. short—which suggests that the last item of the arrears has been overlooked.

Treasurer,  
1594-95.

To Robert Campbell, Carrick pursuivant, 10s. To a boy, to carry a bill to Bargany anent the vicarage teinds, 6s. 8d. To take a letter to Bailie Cochren in Edinburgh, warning him to attend the Convention before Parliament, £1, 10s. To the boy who brought the missive of the burghs' Convention from Perth, 13s. 4d. To warn Quentin Craufurd of Camlarg, 6s. 8d. To warn Hew Wallace to send the Dalkeyth fermes, 3s. 4d. Total, £40, 14s.

Common Work. To Thomas Mirrie, Master of Work, *to be employit upoun the tonnis commoun workis*, £60. To James Aithler, cooper, for making 20 pecks and 4 half-firlots, £10, 13s. 4d. To William Hunter, smith, for the iron-work thereof and in drink-silver, £31, 3s. To Alexander Makquhail in part-payment of *advancement-money* for building the kirk-yard dyke, £6, 13s. 4d. To John Broun, officer of Alloway, for his services in bringing lime and turf, £3, 6s. 8d. For *dressing* the drum, 17s. 4d. In drink with the masons, 9s. 4d. Total, £113, 3s.

The Nether-mill.<sup>1</sup> Various purchases of timber for the stool, the water-ark, the *kippill*, the *clous*, the planking under the mill-stones, etc., £20, 19s. 4d. Timber from Kirkmichael for the mill-wheels, £20, 10s. For 6 horses and 6 men to bring home the wheels, £2. To 3 men working 5 days to hang the wheels, £7, 10s. For iron-work and nails to complete the mill, £6, 6s. 8d. To buy and bring home *ane lyar stane*, £8. To buy, bring home and lay the 2 runners, one at the Nether-mill, the other at the Over-mill, £7. To Robert Gillespie for 10 days' work at 16s. per day, £8. To 3 workmen with him, at 12s. each per day, £18. For their *disiones and Sonedayis meit*, £3. To Thomas Andersoun for 5 days' work (at 8s. per day *by his disione*), £2. To 2 workmen for digging the mill-lade and damming the water—8 days at 5s. each per day—£4. For *ane substantious lok* to the Nether-mill door, 16s.

Total, £108, 2s.

Wine and Hospitality. For wine received from Margaret Kennedy between Michaelmas 1594 and March 29, 1595, and given to Mr. Robert Wallace, Mr. Alexander King, John Haliday and others, in accordance with her compt, £20. For wine to Hew Wallace *at the ressait of his silver for Dalkeyth*, 13s. 4d. For wine given to Sir James Sandelans, the Sheriff, James Wynram, the new schoolmaster and others, £7, 1s. For wine given to the Earl of Cassilis and William Hunter, the King's domestic, and drunk at the feeing of the schoolmaster, £7, 9s. 5d. For 2 pints of wine and

<sup>1</sup> Entered as a separate compt of the *expenssis of the . . . repairing of the Nethir miln of Air*, with the total added to the Treasurer's other expenditure.

one wheat-bread at the first conference with the late schoolmaster, 15s. 4d. For 4 pints of wine drunk with Mr. Robert Wallace and his company at the agreement with the schoolmaster, £1, 8s. 3 pints of wine (£1, 1s.), 1 box of *comfeittis* (9s.), and ale, pears and wheat-bread (12s.) to the commissioner for Glasgow, £2, 2s. For ale and wheat-bread to Mr. Robert Wallace, 7s. 2 gallons of wine to the Sheriff in September 1595, £5, 12s. A breakfast given to Gavin Ross, servitor of Daniel Hay, the clerk of the Privy Council, £1, 10s. 2 pints of wine and 1 wheat-bread to Thomas Blair, servitor to Mr. Alexander King, 15s. 4d. Given him as drinksilver, £3. For wine, ale, sweetmeats, pears, almonds and wheat-bread to Lord Tun gland, Mr. Robert Wallace, Sir James Sandelans, John Wylie (writer of the Chancellory), John Oliphant (Treasury clerk) and others, £8, 17s. Wine and bread for Communion, £15. To John McCra, officer, for drink given to *ane wardour Patersoun*, 12s.

Treasurer,  
1594-95.

Total, £75, 2s. 5d.

Alms. To a poor Englishman, £1. To Alexander Hall, £1. To a poor Dutchman, £1, 10s. To Gilbert Thomsoun, by command of the Council, £5. To support Matthew Mortoun, officer, 13s. 4d.

Total, £9, 3s. 4d.

Debts and Deductions from Revenue. To Alexander Lokhart of Boghall, as interest on his loan of 250 merks, £20. To George Jamesoun and John Gardner, as interest on their loan of 200 merks, £16. To John Cathcart, in repayment of his loan, £20. To the Treasurer, as interest on his loan, £5. To Provost Jamesoun, as 1 term's interest on his loan of 100 merks, £3, 6s. 8d.<sup>1</sup> The wadset of John Jamesoun's booth, £1. The Tron custom, foremailed, £13, 6s. 8d.

Total, £78, 13s. 4d.

Miscellaneous. To James Wynram, for Ayr's share of the tax of £200 ordered by the Convention at Perth in June 1595 for the prosecution of unfreemen, £4. To Wynram *for his remembrance in his being heir*, £3. To the drummer, for conveying the soldiers to Glasgow, £1, 6s. 8d. *For the bend to the papingo*, £5. To John Lokhart, arrears for a *foir chop* at the Tolbooth stair, 13s. 4d.

Total, £14.

Grand Total, £841, 14s. 3d.<sup>2</sup>

In arrears (including *of the rest of the few of the Sandis*, £5), £24, 2s. Total of expenditure and arrears, £865, 16s. 3d. Balance due (besides the arrears), £35, 15s. 7d., less £25, 14s. 3d. for last year's credit balance—net balance now due, £10, 1s. 4d.

(88r.)

<sup>1</sup> *I.e.* rate of interest 10 per cent.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £841, 15s. 3d.



Dean of Guild,  
1594-95.

WILLIAM ROGER, Dean of Guild, 1594-95  
(audited April 30, 1596, and September 19, 1597)<sup>1</sup>

*Charge*

(88r.) 11 guild-entries at £10, 2 at 5 merks, £116, 13s. 4d.

*Discharge*

(88rv.) To Antan Wricht, slater, for fee (£5) and slating the kirk (£2, 10s.), £7, 10s. To John Quhyte and Alexander Maling, for laying the kirk-floor with tiles (at 10s. per day each), £14. To the barrowmen, for carrying sand for the floor and timber for desks and forms, £3, 2s. 2d. For the loan of the ladders and carrying them, 3s. 2d. For 150 nails, 10s. To George Hunter, smith, for mending the kirk-door, 10s. For *Danskene* iron (at 1s. 6d. per lb.) and single *planchouris*, 17s. 6d. For . . .<sup>2</sup> to the kirk, 12s. To Thomas Mirrie and William Hunter elder for timber, £8, 14s. 4d. To John Makquhaill, wright, for making forms and desks, £11, 2s. 10d. For olive-oil to the bell, 6s. 8d. To Edward Campbell, by command of Bailie Cochren, for *Danskene* iron (at 1s. 6d. per lb.) to make seals for the firlots, 12s. 1d. To William Dalrimpill (unexplained), £10. To the drummer, for parchment to the drum, 16s. For *taffatie to the youth for the bend of the papingo 1596 ressavit be Alexander Kennedy*, £5. To the schoolmaster, £2, 13s. 4d. For his gown, £11. A box of *comfeittis* to John Haliday, 9s. For the support of Lord Kintyre's second son, £20. The Dean of Guild's fee, £5. Total, £102, 19s. 1d.

(88v.) In arrears, the guild-entry of Robert Law in Mauchline (£10), for the *quhilk his fredome is thairfoir dischargit*. Balance due, £3, 14s. 3d.—paid to Adam Johnestoun, present Dean of Guild.

Master of  
Work,  
1594-95.

THOMAS MIRRIE, Master of Work, 1594-95  
(audited Nov. 26, 1595)

*Charge*

(88v.) Received from the Treasurer, £60.

<sup>1</sup> A second day was allowed *be ressoun of sum debursingis be the comptur sensyne of the rest of his said yeiris compt and silver thairof being in his handis*.

<sup>2</sup> Indecipherable through cutting of top margin.

*Discharge*

Master of  
Work,  
1594-95.

To John Geddie, for digging turf for the Brig,  $7\frac{1}{2}$  days at 7s. 6d. per day, £2, 15s. 6d.<sup>1</sup> To John Broun, officer of Alloway, for horses to bring the turf, £5. To John Nicoll, for digging turf at the Brig, 10s. For carrying stones to the Brig-port, 6s. 8d. For horses to bring stones to the kirkyard dyke, 6s. To Alexander Makquhaill, by command of Bailie Cochren, for building part of the kirkyard dyke, £3. To George Howie, for 25 bolls of lime, £6, 6s. 4d. Cleaning a house to put the lime in, 1s. To John Makquhaill, for *dressing* the Council-house table and making the forms, £2, 13s. 4d. For two nails, 2s. To William Hunter, smith, for 4 picks and wedges weighing 2 st.  $9\frac{1}{4}$  lb. (at £1, 18s. per stone of *maid work*), £4, 19s.<sup>2</sup> To him for cutting them, 11s. 4d. To William Broun for shafting them, 9s. 1 lb. of steel for them, 4s. A small *geist* for the Council-house door, £1, 10s. 4d. For carrying timber, 1s. 4d. For carrying the arms to the Tolbooth, 5s. To John Gilmure for the sealing iron, 16s. 4d. To James Kennedy (unexplained), 5s. Total, £30, 2s. 4d.<sup>3</sup>

*Sua restis in the compturis hand*, £29, 17s. 8d.

WILLIAM BELL, Treasurer, 1595-96  
(audited April 30, 1597)

Treasurer,  
1595-96.

*Charge*

The town's rental, £391, 15s. 7d. The Blackfriars annuals, £18, 15s. 10d. The Blackfriars yards, £3, 14s. 6d. The Chorists' annuals, £28. The rest of the annuals, £4, 17s. 4d. *The licence of Stene Duddell Inglisman to sell*, £5. The impost of the Brig, £160. The *rentell silvir* of John Speir of Alloway (26 merks, 8s.), £17, 14s. 8d. The mill-ferme of Ayr, £166, 13s. 4d. 7 burgess-entries at £10, £70. For 11 years' arrears of rent for John Feyane's house in Cow-vennel, £7, 6s. 8d. Total, £873, 17s. 11d.

(88v., 89r.)

*Discharge*

Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The schoolmaster, £40. His house-mail, £6, 13s. 4d. The minister (John Porterfeild), £40. Friar Allansoun, £16. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. John Haliday, £15. The officers, £10. For their support, £5. The bellman, for keeping the kirk (the malt

(89rv.)

<sup>1</sup> The exact sum should be £2, 16s. 3d.

<sup>2</sup> Should be almost exactly £4, 18s.

<sup>3</sup> 2d. too much.

Treasurer,  
1595-96.

custom assigned as fee), £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the knock (the sheep custom), £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the hills, £8. Thomas Blak, lockman (part-payment of first year's fee of £5), £2, 13s. 4d. The suitor-fee, £1, 6s. 8d. John Broun, officer of Alloway, for his services, £5. Total, £176, 6s. 8d.

Commissioners' Expenses. (All to Bailie George Cochren.) For riding to Glasgow to *speik about the calsaymakeris*, £3, 6s. 8d. To ride to Edinburgh in Jan. 1595/6, as commissioner anent the Gilmours, £30. Additional expenses then, £31, 18s. 2d. Expenses in Edinburgh in March, in seeking the town's charter, etc., according to his compt, £54. To go to Edinburgh anent the raid to the Isles, *seing the proclamatioun thair of approches*, £20. For keeping the Convention of Royal Burghs at Aberdeen in July 1596, £80.

Total, £219, 4s. 10d.

Legal and Messengers' Expenses. To raise letters anent the Greyfriars yards, £2. To Mr. Alexander King, a double ducat, £7. To James Wynram, the burghs' agent, a crown, £3, 3s. 4d. To John Haliday's servant, £2. To Robert Campbell, Carrick pursuivant, for his services, 10s. For copies of various letters and proclamations, £1, 10s. For raising letters, etc., in the Gilmours' case, £3. For making proclamations through the town, 6s. 8d. To George Tennent, officer, for warding Mungo Kennedy, 6s. 8d. For taking a letter to the Sheriff at Loudoun, *requeistand him to send down Barquhill to execut the theif nes in the theifis hoill*, 5s. To go to the Cauldwell with a missive, £1, 6s. 8d. To George Tennent, to go to Edinburgh anent the thirds of the Rood altar, £2. To messengers, bringing the Exchequer precept, the burghs' missive, etc., £2, 3s. 4d. To Andrew Miller, officer, to go to Camlarg and Watterheid anent the town's warnings, £1. To Gilbert Hall, to go to Edinburgh anent charges raised against the magistrates and council, £2. To John McCra, officer, to go to Waltersane for the rest of the Doon fishings. . . .<sup>1</sup> To the same, for going to the Laird of Kerss for the town's duties, 6s. 8d.

Total, £28, 18s. 4d.

Common Work. To Alexander McQuhaill, for building part of the kirkyard dyke (besides 17 merks already given), £12, 13s. 4d. For 3 marking-irons (1 for hogsheads, 2 for the stoups), £7, 6s. 8d. To get the hogshead-gauge from Glasgow, £1. For nails for it, 8s. For repairing the firlots, £1, 10s. David Fergushill's expenses (besides the £20 from John Masoun) in building the Tolbooth and other work, as contained in his compt, £15, 15s. 10d. 2 lb. of glue for the town's loft, 8s. For cleaning the Black-house, 2s. Rope for the drum, 4s. Total, £39, 7s. 10d.

<sup>1</sup> Corner of leaf rubbed off.

Wine and Hospitality. Wine and bread for Communion, Treasurer, 1595-96.  
 £12, 0s. 4d. To Andrew Miller, officer, for corn, straw, candles and stabling provided for John Haliday and his servants when they were in Ayr, £1, 15s. 6d. For his other expenses, £5, 12s. For wine (at 16s. per quart), wheat-bread (2s. each) and a box of *comfeittis* (9s.), given to the Master of Eglinton, Bernard Lindsay, Mr. Patrick Blyith and Mr. Robert Bruce, £8, 5s. For 6 quarts of wine given to the Sheriff when in Ayr for his April head-court, £4, 16s. To Bailie Cochren, for wine received from his wife and given to Mr. Robert Bruce and others, *conforme to ane ticket*, £24, 16s. To Gelis Fergushill for 22 quarts and 1 mutchkin of wine, given at sundry times to the Sheriff, Mr. Robert Bruce, Mr. James Donnaldsoun, John Haliday and the laird of Glenurquhart, £17, 18s. For *nyne and collatioun* to Alexander Mowat and his servants (2 days), £7, 2s. For ale, wheat-bread and *bakin meil* given to the goodman of Machremeir, 13s. 4d. For 1 pint of ale to Barquhill the executioner, 1s. 4d. Total, £82, 19s. 6d.

Debt and Deductions from Revenue. To Alexander Lokhert, as interest on £160<sup>1</sup> owed him, £20. To George Jamesoun and John Gardner, as interest on their loan of 200 merks, £16. The wadset of John Jamesoun's booth, £1. The Tron custom, foremailed, £13, 6s. 8d. Total, £50, 6s. 8d.

Grand Total, £593, 17s. 6d.<sup>2</sup>

In arrears (including the burgh-mail, £10 of the impost of the (89v.)  
 Brig, 2 burgess-entries, and John Speir's grassum), £86, 10s. 4d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £680, 7s. 10d. Balance due, £193, 9s.<sup>3</sup> *quhilk sowme . . . the comptur hes presentlie payit to Johnne Rankene now thesaurar in the townis name to be furthcumand be him to the towne upoun compt, and the comptur is ordanit to do his diligence to bring in the dependentis sa far as gudelie may be gottin.*

ROBERT MAXWELL, Dean of Guild, 1595-96  
 (audited April 30, 1597)

Dean of Guild,  
 1595-96.

*Charge*

Three guild-entries at £20, £60.

(89v.)

<sup>1</sup> Probably a slip: the sum was 250 merks (£166, 13s. 4d.).

<sup>2</sup> This should be £597, 3s. 10d. plus the small item which is indecipherable (*supra*, p. 188 n.).

<sup>3</sup> Should be £193, 10s. 1d.

Dean of Guild,  
1595-96.  
(89v., 90r.)

*Discharge*

To Antan Wricht, slater (owed by late Dean of Guild Roger), £2, 10s. His fee for 1595-96, £5. His petty expenses at the kirk (13s. 4d. for *fog*, 6s. 8d. for carrying lime, 6s. 8d. for slate-pins, 5s. 4d. for 8 loads of sand, 15s. for the loan of 6 ladders)—in all £2, 7s. To Robert Wallace, smith, for *graithing* the lock of the steeple-door, 6s. 8d. For *ane pig of oiledolive* for the bell, 10s. For nails, £1, 13s. 4d. For *dailis*, £13, 6s. 8d. For 4 fathom of rope, 4s. The Dean of Guild's fee, £5. Total, £30, 17s. 8d.

Balance due, £29, 2s. 4d., *quhilk he hes instantlie payit upoun compt to Adam Johnestoun now dene of gild in the tonnis name, for the quhilk the said Adam is under compt.*<sup>1</sup>

Master of  
Work,  
1595-96.

THOMAS MIRRIE, Master of Work, 1595-96

*Charge*

(90r.)

Balance due from preceding year, £29, 17s. 8d.

*Discharge*

Timber for a double door at the Tolbooth, a desk in the kirk, and the stocks, £10, 8s. 8d. For carrying it, 2s. 2d. To John Makquhaill for sawing it, 11s. 4d. For lime, £4. 5 loads of sand, 2s. 6d. For nails, £2, 3s. 4d. For 2 bands and 2 bolts for the double door (11½ lb. of *maid work*), £1, 13s. 6d. To Paul Masoun, mason, and his boy, for 3 days' work, £2, 10s. To 2 barrowmen for carrying stones, 16s. To John Broun, for the Alloway horses, £1, 6s. 8d. To George Hunter, cooper, for a bucket for the masons, 6s. 8d. To John Mackie, for *garing dicht* the Council-house and Laich-house, 6s. 8d. For drink, 4s. The Master of Work's fee for two years past, £6, 13s. 4d. Total, £31, 5s. 6d.<sup>2</sup>

Credit balance, £1, 17s. 10d.

Clerk,  
1595-96.

JOHN MASOUN, Clerk, 1595-96

(audited April 30, 1596)

*Charge*

(90r.)

In his hands as Collector of the taxation for the Prince's baptism and for the raid of Aberdeen in 1594, and of 10 bolls of *od salt of ane aventure schip* in Sept. 1594—balances amounting to £36, 12s. 10d.

<sup>1</sup> A marginal note is added: *Tertio Martij 1600 Adame Johnestoun maid his compt heirof.—Masoun.*

<sup>2</sup> Should be £31, 4s. 10d.

*Discharge*Clerk,  
1595-96.

Weekly payments to John Masoun, the mason, for building the Quay during May 1596 (£5 on the 3rd, 8th, 14th and 21st, £8 on the 28th, and a final payment of £2)—in all £30. A pint of wine at his feeing, 8s. For lime, £4. For taking lime from the Thieves' hole to the Quay, 1s. 4d. 49 loads of sand at 6d. per load, £1, 4s. 6d. To Robert Makgrane for bringing sand to the Quay, £2, 8s.

Total, £38, 1s. 10d.

[Credit balance, £1, 9s.]<sup>1</sup>

JOHN RANKENE, Treasurer, 1596-97  
(audited Dec. 21, 1597)

Treasurer,  
1596-97.*Charge*

Balance paid to him by late Treasurer Bell (*besyd v li. payit to Johnne Lohert at the townis command*), £188, 9s. The town's rental, £424, 10s. 8d. The Blackfriars annuals, £18, 15s. 10d. The Blackfriars yards, £3, 14s. 6d. The Chorists' annuals, £28. The rest of the altarages, £4, 17s. 4d. The mill-ferme, 25 bolls of malt at £16 per boll, £400. 15 burgess-entries at £10, 1 at £5, £155. The impost of the Brig, £163, 6s. 8d. 2 *licences*, at 11 merks each, £14, 13s. 4d. The laird of Keress's duty for 2 years past, £8, 8s. The lady Sorne's coble-mail for 2 years past, £2. John Speir's grassum (in arrears from 1595-96), £17, 6s. 8d. His victual-ferme, 2 bolls of bere. The ferme of Dalkeyth, 4 bolls of meal, 4 bolls of bere, and 4s.

(90v.)

Total (excluding Speir's victual and the Dalkeyth ferme), £1429, 2s.

*Discharge*

Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. The schoolmaster, £40. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. Friar Allansoun, £16. The officers, £10. For keeping the kirk (the malt custom), £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the knock (the sheep custom), £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the hills, £10. The suitor-fee, £1, 6s. 8d.

Total, £107, 6s. 8d.

Common Work. For building part of the town's calsays, £182, 11s. 4d. For building the ports, £39, 4s. For building a loft in the kirk, £50.

Total, £271, 15s. 4d.

<sup>1</sup> Missing through damage to corner of leaf.

Treasurer,  
1596-97.

The Town's Debt. Interest on Alexander Lohkert's loan of 250 merks, £20. Interest on George Jamesoun and John Gardner's loan of 200 merks, £16. The wadset on John Jamesoun's booth, £1. Total, £37.

Other Expenses. *Expensis of raidis, conventioun of burrovis, parliamentis and conventiounis and in the lawis*, £464, 5s. 4d. *In small rewardis and debursingis*, £120, 8s. 4d. Total, £584, 13s. 8d.

Grand Total, £1000, 15s. 8d.

In arrears (including the mill-ferme, £400), £421, 5s. 4d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £1422, 1s. Balance due, £7, 1s.

Dean of Guild,  
1596-97.

ADAM JOHNSTOUN, Dean of Guild, 1596-97,  
*vide infra*, p. 193

Treasurer,  
1597-98.

JOHN RANKENE, Treasurer, 1597-98  
(audited Jan. 16, 1598/9)

### Charge

(91r.)

The town's rental, £420, 10s. 4d. The Blackfriars annuals, £18, 15s. 10d. The Blackfriars yards, £3, 14s. 6d. The Chorists' annuals, £28. The rest of the altarages, £4, 17s. 4d. The impost of the Brig, £163, 6s. 8d. The mill-ferme, 25 bolls of malt sold to David Fergushill, Provost, at £9 the boll, £225. Burgess-entries—4 at £10, 1 at £1, 13s. 4d.—£41, 13s. 4d. The petty custom, £8. From Richard Nugent, Irishman, for license to sell corn, £8. John Speir's ferme-bere, 1 boll yearly for 1596-97 and 1597-98, sold to him at £6 the boll, £12. The ferme of Dalkeyth, 4 bolls of meal, 4 bolls of bere, and 4s. Received from George Cochren as the balance of a stent [£2, 7s. 4d.]<sup>1</sup>

Total, £936, 5s. 4d.

### Discharge

Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. The schoolmaster, £40. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. Friar Allansoun, £16. The officers, £10. For keeping the kirk (the malt custom), £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the knock (the sheep custom), £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the hills, £8. The suitor-fee, £1, 6s. 8d. Total, £105, 6s. 8d.

<sup>1</sup> The total requires this sum, which is accidentally omitted in the MS.

Common Work. For calsay-building from Dec. 22, 1597, to Michaelmas 1598, £195, 17s. For repairing the knock, £38. For building part of the Quay, £163, 3s. 4d. Total, £397, 0s. 4d. Treasurer, 1597-98.

The Town's Debt. Interest on Alexander Lokkert and David Fergushill's loan of 250 merks, £20. Interest on George Jamesoun and John Gardner's loan of 200 merks, £16. The wadset on John Jamesoun's booth, £1. Total, £37.

Other Expenses. Expenses of Conventions of Estates and of Burghs, *in the lawis*, etc., £196, 9s. 10d.

Grand Total, £737, 16s. 10d.<sup>1</sup>

In arrears (including the mill-ferme, £225, *in the provestis handis*), £264, 2s. Total of expenditure and arrears, £1001, 18s. 10d. Credit balance, £68, 8s. 6d.<sup>2</sup>

ADAM JOHNSTOUN, Dean of Guild, 1596-97 and 1597-98 (audited March 3, 1600) Dean of Guild, 1596-97 and 1597-98.

### Charge

Balance received from ex-Dean of Guild Roger (1594-95), (93v.) £3, 14s. 3d. And from ex-Dean of Guild Maxwell (1595-96), £29, 2s. 4d. Guild-entries—6 at £20, 5 at 5 merks, 2 at 5s.—£137, 3s. 4d. Total, £169, 19s. 6d.<sup>3</sup>

### Discharge

To Thomas Mirrie, for timber for the town's loft, £25, 13s. 4d. To Paul Reid, for 4 *dailis* for it, £2, 13s. 4d. To William Ingram, smith, for bolts and nails for it, £10. For carrying and sawing timber, 5s. 8d. For ladders, 18s. 8d. For bringing lime and sand, 5s. 11 lb. of lead for the loft, £1, 7s. 6d. For building a stair and other work at the town's seat, £2, 13s. 4d. To the painter, for painting the loft and the *horlage*, £5. For making glass-bands for the windows in the kirk and the Tolbooth, £2, 4s. 6d. For oil for the kirk-bell, 10s. For *fog* for the kirk, 3s. 4d. The slater's fee for 2 years past, £10. John Liddell the glazier's fee for 4 years past, £13, 6s. 8d. To him, for new glass, £5. In drink-silver, 2s. Other expenses (unspecified), £29, 2s. 4d. The Dean of Guild's fee for 2 years past, £10. 1 guild-entry received by the Treasurer, £3, 6s. 8d. Total, £122, 2s. 4d.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Should be £735, 16s. 10d.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £169, 19s. 11d.

<sup>3</sup> Should be £65, 13s. 6d.

<sup>4</sup> Should be £122, 12s. 4d.



Dean of Guild,  
1596-97 and  
1597-98.

In arrears, the guild-entries of George Sinclair (*quha departit this lyfe within xv dayis eftir his admissioun thairto*), £20, of John Chang, wright (*remittit to him for work to the key*), £20, and of Duncan McAdame, fuller (*remittit to him for his panis in the townis laubour*), £3, 6s. 8d.—in all, £43, 6s. 8d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £165, 9s. Balance due, £4, 10s.,<sup>1</sup> and the *dependentis allowit*.

Master of  
Work,  
1597-98.

DUNCAN MAKADAME, Master of Work, 1597-98  
(audited Jan. 16, 1598/9)

*Charge*

(91v.) Received from George Cochren of the stent on June 20, 1598, £40. From him of the same stent on July 8, 1598, £60. From George Tod of the Brig-penny, July 18, 1598, £20. From Treasurer Rankene, £41. Total, £161.

*Discharge*

To Robert Ker, master mason, and his consortis, at the beginning of the work at the Quay, £20. To them in weekly wages (June-July 1598), £75, 11s. To the barrowmen in weekly wages (5s. each per day), £43, 17s. 6d. To John Quhite, mason, and his man, £5, 6s. 8d. To the wrights for putting up a house for the masons *to hew in*, £1. To John Batie and William Ingram, smiths, for nails and sharpening the masons' irons, £1, 19s. 4 st. 2 lb. of lead, at £1 per stone, £4, 2s. 6d. For carrying sand, £8, 14s. 8d. For sundry tools (a barrow, a bucket, a pail, a little hogshead, a tar-barrel *to be ane bakie*, an iron ladle for melting lead, etc.), £2, 9s. 8d. For carrying ladders, timber, iron, lead and the *work-lumes*, 5s. To a man for making mortar, 3 days' wages, 16s. To another man, 1 day's wages, 5s. A quart of ale *to the work*, and a pint to the smiths, 6s. Lent to George Bowstoun, 10s. *The inlaik of ane Harie nobill*, 6s. 8d. Total, £165, 10s.<sup>2</sup>  
Credit balance, £4, 10s.

Provost,  
1597-98.

DAVID FERGUSHILL, Provost, 1597-98  
(audited Jan. 16, 1598/9)

*Charge*

(91v.) The ferme of the mills of Ayr for the year 1597-98, 25 bolls of malt, at £9 the boll, £225.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £4, 10s. 6d.

<sup>2</sup> Actually, £165, 9s. 8d.

*Discharge*Provost,  
1597-98.

Expenses in Edinburgh. For libelling a summons on Hew Wallace for his arrears of rent for Dalkeyth, £1, 12s. For writing the summons, 10s. For raising the letter and signetting it, £1, 13s. 4d. For registration of the discharge of two Acts that the town had from the King, £1, 4s. For the Acts of Parliament for the town's use, £8, 10s. To John Halyday, the town's procurator (including 2 years' stipend), and to his man, John Bartoun, £22. To Mr. George Tod for making the Exchequer compt, £3. In drink with Archibald Prymross and him, £1, 13s. 4d. Loaned to make up the £100 to Archibald Prymross, £4. The Provost's expenses as commissioner to Parliament, £20. For his horse, £2, 8s. To the messenger that brought the letters anent the raid, 6s. 8d.

Total, £66, 17s. 4d.

Common Work. Timber for the Quay, £12, 16s. 8d. 11 iron bolts for it, £3, 6s. Lime for the Quay, £24. In drink, £1, 7s. To James Donnald and Alexander McBurny for one tide's labour at the Quay, 4s. Spent on the repairing of the town's two mills and their dams, £87, 10s. Two spars to make perches, £1, 13s. 4d. Nails for the Tolbooth and for the port in Kirk-vennel, 4s. 10d.

Total, £131, 1s. 10d.

Grand Total, £197, 16s. 2d.<sup>1</sup>

Balance due, £27, 3s. 10d.

*Apud Are die tertio Decembris 1599. David Fergushill compteur foirsaid nes discharget be the provest baillies and counsale of the sovme of xxvij li. iij s. x d. restand awand be him of the compt foirsaid be ressoun he hes debursed the samin in the townis effairis.—Masoun.*

JOHN RANKENE, Treasurer, 1598-99  
(audited March 3, 1600)

Treasurer,  
1598-99.*Charge*

The town's rental, £403, 14s. 6d. The Blackfriars annuals, £18, 15s. 10d. The Blackfriars yards, £3, 14s. 6d. The Chorists' annuals, £28. The rest of the altarages, £4, 17s. 4d. The mill-ferme for Martinmas term 1598 (110 merks), Candlemas term 1598/9 (£66), and Beltane term 1599 (88 merks), £198. The impost of the Brig, £163, 6s. 8d. Burgess-entries—3 at £10, 1 at £1, 13s. 4d.—£31, 13s. 4d. The *few entres* of John Gardner of Clerkisfauld, £6, 13s. 4d. The *few entres* of Alan Cathcart of Watterheid to the Suthroun Holme, £53, 6s. 8d. From John Speir

(92r.)

<sup>1</sup> Should be £197, 19s. 2d.

Treasurer,  
1598-99.

in Alloway, 1 boll of bere for the ferme of his merk-land for this year, £5. The victual-ferme of Dalkeyth for 4 years past (1595-1599), 8 bolls per year sold to Hew Wallace the feuar thereof for £2 the boll *ourheid*, £64. Arrears received for 1597-98, a coble-mail (£2) and the fishing of Doon (£13, 6s. 8d.), £15, 6s. 8d.

Total, £996, 8s. 10d.

### Discharge

(*gruv.*)

Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. The schoolmaster, £40. To him for reading (one burgesse-entry), £10. To the doctor of the grammar school (another burgesse-entry), £10. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. Friar Allansoun, £16. The officers, £10. For keeping the kirk and ringing the bells, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the knock, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the hills, £8. The suitor-fee, £1, 6s. 8d.

Total, £125, 6s. 8d.

Commissioners' and Legal Expenses. To William McKerrell, Sheriff-clerk, as commissioner for the town in Edinburgh, £10. To the messenger that brought letters anent the Jesuits, 6s. 8d. To a boy, to *gang about the masounis*, 5s. To the pursuivant that brought the Exchequer precept, 6s. 8d. For copies of the letters against Maybole, £1. To the officer for summoning Hew Wallace, 10s. To John Gardner, in part-payment of his executions against Maybole—his grassum for Clerkisfauld, £6, 13s. 4d. More to him for the same, £6, 13s. 4d. *In uther rewardis, for keeping of the conventiounis of burrowis, utheris conventiounis and in expenssis in the lawis and upoun letteris and utheris expenssis*, £148, 13s. 10d.

Total, £174, 8s. 10d.

Common Work. To the calsaymaker—the mill-ferme of the Candlemas term 1598/9, £66. To him, for making the town's calsays since Michaelmas 1598, £107, 6s. 8d. To his workman, George Roger, as wages, £57, 16s. To Duncan McAdame, Master of Work, 1597-98, £20 for his *panis* and £4, 10s. as balance due to him, £24, 10s. For lime for the Quay—Watterheid's grassum for Suthroun Holme, £53, 6s. 8d. More for lime—paid by George Tod from the Brig-penny (Impost of the Brig), £87, 3s. 4d. Paid from the same to the Master of Work, £44. To Alan Osburne for buying lime, £1. To Hew Miller, mason, at his feeing, £1. To John Craufurd for building part of the kirk-dyke, £2. To George Tennent for his *awayting and oursicht of the tonnis workis*, £2, 13s. 4d. For 2 *heidis* for the drum, 14s. 3d.

Total, £447, 10s. 3d.

Wine, etc. To Bessie Wallace for wine, £14. To Nans Broun for wine, *conforme to ane ticket*, £13, 3s. 4d. 8 pints of wine for Communion at Hallowmas 1598, £4. For bread then, £1. 9 pints,

1 chopin of wine for Communion at Beltane 1599, £3, 16s. For Treasurer, bread then, 16s. For a *disione* to Mr. Robert Williamsoun, writer, 1598-99. £4, 14s. Drunk with Hew Miller, mason, at his *aggrement*, £1, 12s. Drunk at the agreement of the Dean of Guild with Robert Montgomerie, 18s. Drunk at the conference with Waltersan, 19s. 2 quarts of wine and a loaf of bread to Lord Cassilis, £1, 14s. 2 boxes of *comfeittis* to Mr. David Makgill, £1.

Total, £47, 12s. 4d.

Alms and Other Expenses. In alms to Gilbert Thomsoun, £1. Given to support an Aberdeen man recommended to the town by the Kirk, £20. In support to the *drwmmer being seik*, £1. Clothes for him, £4. To George Gibsoun for *metting of the sandis*, 6s. 8d. For the *bred of the pittie custom* . . .<sup>1</sup> Tolbuyth, 6s. 8d.

Total, £26, 13s. 4d.

The Town's Debt. To Alexander Lokherth and David Fergushill, as interest on their loan of 250 merks, £20. To George Jamesoun and John Gardner, as interest on their loan of 200 merks, £16. The wadset of John Jamesoun's booth under the Tolbooth, £1.

Total, £37.

Grand Total, £860, 6s. 7d.<sup>2</sup>

In arrears (including £44 of Hew Wallace's ferme for Dalkeyth), (92v.) £59, 14s. 4d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £919, 14s. 11d.<sup>3</sup> Balance due from this year's compt, £86, 9s. 4d.<sup>4</sup> *Quhair of thair is deducit and allowit to the comptur that he wes superexpendit in the last yeris compt*, £58, 8s. 6d.<sup>5</sup> Clear balance due, £28, 0s. 10d.

*Memorandum 24 Aprilis 1606.*<sup>6</sup> *This sonme wes payit be Johnne Rankene upoun compt.* Masoun.

The late WILLIAM ROGER, Dean of Guild, 1598-99  
(audited March 3, 1600)

Dean of Guild,  
1598-99.

### Charge

Guild-entries—3 (including a merchant) at £20, 2 (including a (92v.) skinner) at £3, 6s. 8d.—£66, 13s. 4d.

### Discharge

For *dressing* the desks in the kirk, £3, 6s. 8d. To John Chang, for repairing and *dressing* the wheel of the kirk-bell, £9. To the barrowmen for carrying timber, and for scaffolding, £1, 11s. 8d.

<sup>1</sup> Corner of leaf rubbed away.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £858, 11s. 5d.

<sup>3</sup> Should be £920, os. 11d.

<sup>4</sup> Should be £76, 13s. 11d.

<sup>5</sup> Should be £68, 8s. 6d.

<sup>6</sup> Note added in margin.

Dean of Guild, To John Batie, for bolts and other iron-work for the bell, and for  
1598-99, a lock to the loft, £8, 4s. 6d. The Dean of Guild's fee, £5.  
Total, £27, 2s. 10d.

(93r.) In arrears—2 guild-entries<sup>1</sup> at £20—£40. Total of expenditure and arrears, £67, 2s. 10d. Credit balance, 9s. 6d., paid to Roger's widow, Elizabeth Fergushill.

Master of Work,  
1598-99.

DUNCAN MAKADAME, Master of Work, 1598-99  
(audited March 3, 1600)

*Charge*

(93r.) From George Tod, of the Impost of the Brig, *in name and behalf of Treasurer Rankene*, £44. From John Masoun, Clerk and Collector of the Stent of June 4, 1599, for the Quay, the calsays and the plea against Maybole, £266, 13s. 4d.<sup>2</sup>  
Total, £310, 13s. 4d.

*Discharge*

(93rv.) For 12 weeks' wages paid from June to September 1599 to the masons and barrowmen working at the Quay, Hew Miller, master-mason, getting £3, 10s. per week, his 2 or 3 men each £2, 16s. 8d., John Masoun, mason, £2, 10s., and the 5 or 6 barrowmen each £1, 10s.—in all, £246. Allowed to the Master of Work *for his panis and awayting and ourseying of the work*—5 merks per week for 12 weeks—£40. For 2 barrows, 15s. 8d. For mending the *bukkie* and pail, 4s. A shovel, 6s. 8d. A sand-riddle, 2s. A plank *to grund the work*, £3, 6s. 8d. A line, 2s. For nails, £1, 6s. A *morter meir*, 10s. A hogshead *to be lyme tubbis*, £1, 10s. Mending the barrow, 9s. 4d. 3½ lb. lead, £3, 10s. Gloves for the masons, 12s. 6d. To a man and a boy, for helping to unload the lime, 8s. For bringing sand, 8s. 4d. To the men *that helpit to red the grund of the key*, £1, 14s. To the carters for bringing stones, £7, 5s. More to the barrowmen, 10s. In drink to the masons, 14s. 8d.  
Total, £309, 14s. 10d.

(93v.) Balance due, 18s. 6d., *quhilk is dischargit to him be the toun, and sma sic eque.*

Clerk,  
1598-99.

JOHN MASOUN, Clerk, 1598-99, *vide supra*, pp. 45-46

<sup>1</sup> A marginal note reads:—*Memorandum. Thir dependentis wer payit eftir this to the thesauraris.—Masoun. Cf. infra*, pp. 199, 203-4.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Masoun's compt, *supra*, p. 46.

JAMES MICHELL, Treasurer, 1599-1600  
(audited Feb. 17, 1602)

Treasurer,  
1599-1600.

### Charge

The town's rental, £423, 17s. 8d. The Blackfriars annuals, £20, 12s. 4d. The feu of the Blackfriars yards, £4, 4s. The Chorists' annuals, £29, 19s. 1d. *The rest of the alterages payabill*, £6, 7s. 4d. The impost of the Brig, £163, 6s. 8d. Burgess-entries—12 (including William Boyd, mason, and John Chalmer, *chepman*), at £10, 1 at £3, 6s. 8d., 1 at £2, 10s., and 4 (including David Cuninghame, mariner) at £1, 13s. 4d.—in all, £132, 10s. The mill-ferme for the terms of Martinmas 1599 (110 merks), Candlemas 1600 (£62, 6s. 8d.) and Beltane 1600 (£66)—in all, £201, 13s. 4d. John Speir's ferme for his mailing in Alloway, 1 boll of bere, £5. From the laird of Kerss for *the Tour maill*, £8, 8s. 4d. Robert McMillen's ferme for his half of the 20 shilling-land in Cortoun, 3 firlots of bere, £3, 15s. The feu-ferme duty of the 2 merk-land of Dalkeyth for 1599-1600, 4 bolls of meal, 4 bolls of bere, and 4s. The balance of the arrears for Dalkeyth for the years 1595-99, £44. Robert McMillen's grassum for his mailing in Alloway, £14, 6s. 8d. In part-payment of Patrick Howstoun's guild-entry, in arrears, £10.

Total (excluding the ferme of Dalkeyth), £1,068, 4s. 5d.<sup>1</sup>

### Discharge

Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. The schoolmaster (Mart. term 1599, Whit. and Mart. 1600), £60. To John Porterfeild, minister (in part-payment of 100 merks allowed him this year), £40. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. Friar Allansoun, £16. The officers, £10. For keeping the kirk and ringing the bells, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the knock, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the hills, £8. To Barquhill the executioner (Mart. term 1599, and Whit. 1600), £5. The suitor-fee, £1, 6s. 8d. Total, £170, 6s. 8d. (95*rv.*, 96*r.*)

Commissioners' Expenses. To John Lokhert, commissioner to the Convention in Edinburgh, March 3, 1600. . . <sup>2</sup> Paid by him to William Montgomerie, merchant, burges of Edinburgh, for the Rood altar, £40. The rest of Lokhert's expenses in Edinburgh, £7, 3s. 4d. Balance due to Provost David Fergushill and Alexander Lokhert as commissioners to the Convention at Glasgow, May 23,

<sup>1</sup> This sum presumably includes the 4s. money-rent from Dalkeyth.

<sup>2</sup> No sum entered.

Treasurer,  
1599-1600.

1600, anent the Isles raid, £12. Their expenses in Edinburgh in the plea against the *unfre clanchane* of Maybole, *conforme to thair compt maid thairanent*, £128, 14s. Total, £187, 17s. 4d.

Messengers' and Legal Expenses. To John McCra, for going through the barony of Alloway, 5s. To a boy, for going to Newmilns with the town's missive, 7s. 4d. To the post that brought the King's missive, 6s. 8d. To George Tennand, to go to Maybole on the town's errands, 13s. 4d. To the boy that came from the Chancellor anent the Isles raid, 6s. 8d. To George Tennand, to go again to Maybole as a witness, 13s. 4d. For coal to burn Jonet Young, witch, £2, 16s. For rope, 7s. 8d. For a tar barrel, £1. To Barquhill for attending her and executing her, £4. To John McCra and George Tennand, for furnishing meat and drink to John Mur when he was warded in the Tolbooth, £1, 10s. To George Masoun for writing, £2. To Andrew Miller, for charging (5s.) and pointing (4s.) Robert McMillen in Alloway for his fermebere, 9s. Total, £14, 15s.

Wine, etc. To John Osburne's wife for wine, £1, 16s. For wine received from Agnes Broun, paid for by her father, John Broun, officer of Alloway, out of the Mart. barony-mail, and given to Mr. David Makgill, the laird of Urchill, Lady Lochinvar, Lady Loudoun and others, £22, 12s. To Gelis Fergushill for wine, due from preceding year, £13, 2s. 9d. For wine received from her this year, for Communion, and given to noblemen and others, £27. 8 pints of wine for Communion at Candlemas 1600, £3, 4s. 10 pints for Communion at Beltane, £3, 6s. 8d. For bread then, 10s. 8d. For more wine and bread for three Communions, £11, 8s. To the masons in drink, 15s. 8d. A pint of wine and a pint of ale to Hew Miller at the start of the work at the Quay, 10s. In drink to the officers for pointing for the town's dues, 10s.

Total, £84, 15s. 9d.

Ordinary Common Works. To Hew Miller, mason, as *bounteth* for building the Quay, £20. To him and his man at the start of the work at the Quay, £30. In weekly wages (£5 per week) for *redding* the Quay, £42. To John Reid, merchant, for lead, £16, 12s. For lime, £9, 13s. 4d. To John Batie, smith, in part-payment of iron-work for the Quay and the Brig during the last 3 years (besides £26, 13s. 4d. paid to him by John Masoun from the stents<sup>1</sup>), £13. For timber, scaffolding and stones for the Brig, £3, 5s. 6 st. of rope for the scaffolding, £6. 10 bolls of lime for it, £3, 10s. Other 3 bolls, 16s. 8d. For mortar, 13s. 4d. To Hew Miller, mason, and his man, for their first week's wages at the Brig, £12, 13s. 4d. To Bowstoun and Tennand, barrowmen, a week's

<sup>1</sup> Cf. *supra*, pp. 49, 51.

wages, £2, 8s. To William Tod, barrowman, £1, 8s. The quarriers, 10s. For a *bukkie*, 17s. For the masons' house-rent, 16s. To George Greir, the calsay-maker, in part-payment for building the calsays, £60, 10s. Paid to him by John Hamfie and John Batie, from the mill-ferme, £33. To George Roger, for serving the calsay-maker, £13, 6s. 8d. To George Tennand, for labouring for the calsay-maker in Nov. 1599, £4. To Besse Fergushill, for the calsay-makers' house-rent, £6. For gathering stones for them, £1, 18s. For rope and *weir* for the knock, 14s. To John Smyth, smith, for making a wheel for it, £2, 10s. For mending and *heid*ing the drums, £3, 1s. 8d. To John McQuattie, for a seal for the pecks and firlots, £1, 13s. 4d. To John McGrane, for *bering up the bell*, 8s. To Robert Simpson, wright, as wages for his work for the town, £5. Balance due to James Fergushill, Master of Work, for this year, £17, 19s. Total, £314, 3s. 4d.

Common Works, etc., defrayed from the Brig-penny. Paid by George Tod, from the Brig-penny, to Hew Miller, mason, in part-payment of his work at the Brig, £113, 6s. 8d. Paid to the Provost and disbursed by him on the Brig, £15. To William Lop for lime, £2. To the quarriers, 10s. 8d. For bearing stones and lime, £1, 6s. 10d. For digging clay, £1, 7s. To Robert Tennand, barrowman, £1, 4s. To John Tennent, barrowman, £1, 4s. A pair of gloves to the masons, 3s. Spent in drink and bread for the masons, £2, 12s. Other petty expenses at the Brig, 3s. 11d. Paid to the schoolmaster, by command of the Council, £16. *Summa of the said George Todd's debursing of the Brig penny*, £154, 18s. 1d.

The Town's Debt. To Quintene Craufurd of Camlarg, Alexander Lokhart and David Fergushill, as interest on their loan of 250 merks, £20. To George Jamesoun and John Gardner, as interest on their loan of 200 merks, £16. Total, £36.

Miscellaneous. To reimburse Provost Fergushill for the wages paid to the soldiers for going to Cuninghameheid, *conforme to his Majesteis proclamatioun*, £45. Alms to two poor Englishmen who came from Ireland, £1. To help a poor man to hire a horse to take him to Edinburgh, 10s. 8d. *Item to Johnne Broun officer of Alloway fyve merkis quihilk with xj s. ressavit fra the said Johnne and the saidis fyve merkis and xij li. xij s. payit be him to the said Agnes Broun his dochter compleitis the Mertimes maill of Alloway*, £3, 6s. 8d. To James Birrell, sangster, £1, 10s. For a gown to the master of the grammar school, £10. For candle, 5s. Total, £61, 12s. 4d. Grand Total, £1039, 19s. 9d.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The sums given total to £1024, 8s. 6d., but one item, as noted above, is left blank.



Treasurer,  
1599-1600.  
(967.)

In arrears (including £8 for the petty customs), £26, 8s. 10d  
Total of expenditure and arrears, £1066, 8s. 7d. Balance due,  
£1, 15s. 10d., *quhair of he hes presentlie debursed* 15s. 10d. Net  
balance due, £1, *quhilk he hes presentlie payit to William Rysyd  
thesaurar.*

Dean of Guild,  
1599-1600.

JAMES OSBURNE, Dean of Guild, 1599-1600  
(audited Nov. 24, 1601)

*Charge*

(947.) Guild-entries—4 at £20, 2 at £5, 2 at 5 merks—£96, 13s. 4d.

*Discharge*

To George Liddell, glazier, 2 years' fees, £6, 13s. 4d. To Antane  
Wrycht, slater, 3 years' fees, £15. 12 ells of new slate, £8. 4 loads  
of *fog*, 13s. 4d. The loan of 2 ladders, 12s. Carrying the slates  
to the kirk, 10s. For slate-pins, 12s. 12 ells of *lath*, £4. For  
more *lath bred*, £1, 16s. 8d. A spar to the house on the Quay,  
£1, 6s. 8d. 3 bolls of lime, £1, 5s. 12 loads of sand, 8s. A quart  
of ale, 2s. 8d. 3 chopins of wine, 10s. For 2 *twme barrellis* to the  
burning of Jonet Young, witch, 13s. 4d. The Dean of Guild's  
expenses as commissioner at Perth for 10 days in Sept. (£2 per  
day for himself, his man and his horse), £20. His horse-hire,  
£6, 13s. 4d. His man's wages, £2. The Dean of Guild's fee, £5.  
3 guild-entries delivered to Treasurer Michell, £45.<sup>1</sup>

Total, £120, 16s. 4d.

Credit balance, £24, 3s., *quhilk somme he hes presentlie ressavit  
fra James Michell thesaurar and swa sic eque.*

Master of  
Work,  
1599-1600.

JAMES FERGUSHILL, Master of Work, 1599-1600  
(audited Feb. 17, 1602)

*Charge*

(96v.) From John Masoun, of the stent, £10. From an Englishman  
for license to sell, £5, 10s. Total, £15, 10s.

*Discharge*

Timber for the Quay, £9, 3s. 8d. Taking it there, 7s. Un-  
loading lime from the boat and taking it ashore, £1, 5s. *Redding*  
part of the Quay, 5s. *For casting of ballest af the key*, 10s. To 3

<sup>1</sup> Marginal entry:—*Memorandum primo Aprilis 1602. James Michell  
thesaurar maid compt of his ressait contenit in this compt.—Masoun. Cf.  
infra, p. 204.*

men for *winning* stones for the calsay in the Sand-gait, £2. For horses to bring the stones (4d. each), 19s. 8d. To a man for *redding* the calsays 2 days, 5s. To 2 men for taking up the old calsay, 10s. A pick and a mattock, £2, 13s. 4d. Shafting the picks several times, 8s. 3 shovels, £1. 2 shovel-heads, 6s. 8d. For 2 more shovels and mending a spade, £1, 12s. A spade, 10s. A spade-shaft, 3s. 4d. Another pick, £1, 6s. 8d. 3 barrows, £1, 10s. Boards for them, 15s. A *morter meir*, 10s. A *burn stand*, 13s. 4d. A pail to steep the lime, 6s. 8d. A sieve for the lime, 5s. A hogshead to make 2 tubs, £1, 6s. 8d. For *dressing of the bakeyis and the worklumes*, 10s. To William Ingram, for nails and sharpening the masons' irons, £2, 13s. 4d. Gloves for the masons, 6s. 8d. For rope, 13s. 4d. 2 loads of coal, 8s. 8d. For tallow, 1s. 4d. To a boy for going to Greenan about the lime, 1s. For drink to the masons, £1, 10s. A pint of ale to John Batie, 2s.

Master of Work,  
1599-1600.

Total, £33, 9s.<sup>1</sup>

Credit balance, £17, 19s., paid to him by the Treasurer.

Note on the town's *worklumes*. 2 *morter meiris*, 1 mortar *bakie*, 1 *burn stand*, 1 pail, 2 barrows, 1 *gellok*, 2 mattocks, 1 pick, 2 shovels, 1 spade, 1 iron ladle. *Item thair is upoun the masounis ludge xxij dailis.*

JOHN MASOUN, Clerk, 1599-1600, *vide supra*, pp. 46-49

Clerk,  
1599-1600.

JAMES MICHELL, Treasurer, 1600-01  
(audited April 1, 1602)

Treasurer,  
1600-01.

*Charge*

The town's rental, £423, 17s. 8d. The Blackfriars annuals, £20, 12s. 4d. The feu of the Blackfriars yards, £4, 4s. The Chorists' annuals, £29, 19s. 1d. The rest of the altarages (of the Lady altar and St. Nicholas altar)—*the annuellis thair of that ar in use of payment*, £6, 7s. 4d. The impost of the Brig, £163, 6s. 8d. The mill-malt, 11 bolls per term, at £5, 13s. 4d. for Mart. 1600, £6 for Cand. 1601 and £6, 6s. 8d. for Beltane—in all, £198. The ferme-bere of Robert McMillen in Alloway, 3 firlots at £5 the boll, £3, 15s. The ferme-bere of John Speir in Alloway, 1 boll, £5. The feu-ferme duty of Dalkeyth, 8 bolls of victual and 4s. The town's house, £37, 6s. 8d. 3 burgess-entries at £10, 1 at £1, 13s. 4d., £31, 13s. 4d. Balance of Patrick Howstoun's guild-entry (in arrears from 1598-99), £10. William Stewart's guild-entry (in arrears from 1598-99), £20. 3 guild-entries for 1599-1600, £45.

(98v.)

<sup>1</sup> Should be £34, 18s. 4d.

Treasurer,  
1600-01.

3 guild-entries and £10, 13s. 4d. of another, received for 1600-01, £70, 13s. 4d. Balances of stents of 1599-1601 received from John Masoun, Clerk, £18, 14s. 5d.<sup>1</sup> Received from the impost of *the outgait of coles*, £19.

Total (excluding the ferme-bere of Dalkeyth), £1107, 13s. 10d.

### Discharge

(98v., 99rv.,  
100r.)

Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. The master of the grammar school (for Whit. 1601 only—fee for Mart. 1600 already received), £20. The same, for reading for one year, £10. The master of the *Sangscule* (for singing in the kirk from Easter to Whit., before he was feed), £5. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. Friar Allansoun, £16. For keeping the kirk and ringing the bells, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the knock, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the hills, £8. The officers, £10. The suitor-fee, £1, 6s. 8d. Barquhill the lockman, £5.

Total, £105, 6s. 8d.

Commissioners' Expenses. To John Lokhert, to keep the King's Convention at Edinburgh, Feb. 10, 1601, £22. His additional expenses, £8, 13s. 4d. Balance due to Bailie Alexander Lokhert and George Masoun, commissioners to the Convention at Glasgow, June 1601, £10, 6s. 8d. Balance due to John Lokhert, as commissioner at St. Andrews in June 1601, and in Edinburgh twice anent the Exchequer compt and obtaining decreets against the Comptroller (*cravand the townis dewite to the king to be payit of Striviling money*), £51, 15s. 4d. To Bailie George Cochren, to ride to the laird of Cuningameheid, *for mitigatioun of the charges* against the town—his own, his boy's and his horse's expenses, £4. Balance due to John Osburne, commissioner to the King's Convention at Perth, Sept. 1601, £24, 3s.

Total, £120, 18s. 4d.

Legal and Messengers' Expenses. To raise letters against the laird of Craigie, £13, 6s. 8d. To Andrew Johnestoun, for copies of letters anent Maybole and Hew Wallace, 5s. To John McCra, officer, for twice summoning Hew Wallace, £1. To raise letters against David Craufurd, £2, 3s. 4d. To William Wallace, notary, anent an instrument concerning the laird of Cuningameheid, 6s. 8d. To John Wilsoun, messenger, for bringing letters against the magistrates at the instance of the lairds of Cuningameheid and Tourlandis, 6s. 8d. To Fergusson, the post, to go to Edinburgh anent Cuningameheid's summons, £2. To Thomas Fendar, post, 13s. 4d. To John McGrane, officer, to go to Glasgow and Hamilton anent the holding of the Perth Convention, £1, 6s. 8d. To the

<sup>1</sup> Cf. *supra*, pp. 46, 49, 51.

same, to go to Perth for a commission and letters, £8. Balance due to him after that journey, £2, 13s. 4d. To the same, to go to Irvine anent sweetmeats . . . [4s.].<sup>1</sup> To messengers bringing letters anent the wine impost, the Exchequer precept, the missive for the burghs' Convention, the proclamation anent *the festival day*, August 5, taking letters to Edinburgh, etc. (generally 6s. 8d. each), £4, 1s. 8d. To a boy, to go to Kilmarnock twice, 10s. A peck of corn to his horse, 3s. 4d. To the drummer, to go to Alloway, 8d. To Hew Craufurd, to go to the Burrowfield anent the marches, 3s. 4d.

Total, £37, 4s. 8d.

Treasurer,  
1600-01.

Work at the Quay. To the quarriers for winning stones (March-May 1601), £42. To them for flag-stones (2s. 4d. each), £4, 18s. To Roxburgh and Horne for carting stones, £5, 6s. 8d. To William Lop or Dunlop for lime, to complete the payment for 20 chalders at 10 merks the chaldar<sup>2</sup> (£27, 6s. 8d. paid by William Craufurd from the Brig-penny, the rest by the Treasurer), £112, 13s. 4d. To John Tait for 1½ chalders of lime, £6, 6s. To John Craufurd, to go to the limekilns about lime, 3s. 4d. To John Miller, officer of Alloway, to pay for lime, £12. To John Broun, officer of Alloway, for the hire of horses for the town's work, and for his expenses in bringing lime to the Quay, £12, 9s. 4d. To Bailie Peter Cuninghame for lead, £2, 15s. For bringing sand, 16s. To Hew Miller, mason, in complete payment of this year's task of building the Quay at £380 (£86, 13s. 4d. paid by William Craufurd from the Brig-penny, £17, 6s. 8d. by John Batie and John Hamfie from the mill-ferme, £20 by John McQuattie from the duty of the firlots, £132, 13s. 4d. by the Treasurer), £256, 13s. 4d.<sup>3</sup> 2 pairs of gloves for the masons, 6s. 8d. To Tennand, Hew Miller's barrowman, £1. For *redding* the Quay (Feb.-March 1601), £8, 6s. 8d. To Hew Miller, owed to him as wages for the twelfth week's work at the Quay, Sept. 5, 1599—£3, 6s. 8d. to himself, £3 to his man, John Mure, £2, 16s. 8d. to his other man, John Blair—£9, 3s. 4d. For their house-mail, £1.

Total, £475, 17s. 8d.

Other Common Work. To George Greir, calsay-maker, in complete payment of his work, £47. His house-mail for one year, £4. To the carters for bringing 3 hewn stones from the pans to the kirk, for the pillars of the town's loft, 10s. To William Boyd, mason, for hewing the 3 stones and putting in the bolts, £1, 13s. 4d.

<sup>1</sup> Corner of leaf rubbed away. The total requires 4s. here.

<sup>2</sup> The total of 200 merks for this lime includes 31 merks (£20, 13s. 4d.) paid to Lop from the stent of 1601. *Supra*, p. 51.

<sup>3</sup> To this sum should be added £72 paid to Miller from the stent (*supra*, pp. 50-51), but his receipts would still seem to be £51, 6s. 8d. short of the £380 mentioned.

Treasurer,  
1600-01.

Lead for the bolts, 7s. A load of coal to melt it, 2s. 2d. To John Chang, wright, for building the town's loft, £10. To him for repairing the reader's place in the kirk, 5s. To William Ingrame, smith, for nails for the loft—400 *planscheour* nails (£2), 100 double *planscheouris* (£1) and 6½ lb. of bolts (at 3s. 4d. the lb.)—£4, 1s. 8d. To George Jamesoun in part-payment of the *dailis* bought for the kirk and the Tolbooth, £10, 4s. 8d. Carrying timber, 9s. Other 3 lb. of lead for the kirk-loft, 5s. To William McCarmik, smith, for making a cleek and a staple for the Kyle-port, 13s. To John Quhyte, mason, for mending part of it, 10s. For sand and mixing lime, 18s. To John Smyth, smith, for a wheel for the knock, £3. A lime-sieve for the Brig, 6s. 8d. For 2 heads to the old drum, 16s. Mending the new one, 8s. 8d. To Duncan McAdame, Master of Work (for which he is under compt), £6, 13s. 4d.

Total, £92, 3s. 6d.

Wine, etc. For Communion at Beltane 1601 (wine, £3; bread, £1, 2s. 6d.), at Lammas (wine, £2, 6s. 8d.; bread, £1, 1s.) and at Hallowmas (bread, £1)—£8, 10s. 2d. Paid to Nans Broun, spouse of Andrew Kennedy, from the Alloway mail, for wine given to noblemen, *conforme to hir tickettis presentit thairupoun*, £40. To the same for more wine, £16, 11s. To Gelis Fergushill for wine, £24, 18s. To Jonet Broun for wine, £10, 3s. 8d. To Elizabeth Masoun for wine, £5, 5s. 8d. To Provost David Fergushill for wine, spices and sweetmeats supplied to the Sheriff, Bargany and others, and for other services to the town, including 12 *dailis* for the Quay, £30, 6s. Spent on sweetmeats, £8, 6s. 8d. To Jonet Craufurd for a pitcher of ale, containing 15 pints, drunk when the Lord President was in Ayr in August 1601, £1, 10s. For 3 quarts of wine given to Lady Cassilis and Bernard Lindsay in Nov. 1601, £2, 8s. For a cow (£18, 8s.) sent to the Clerk Register, and its transportation (£1), £19, 8s. In drink to the masons, 6s. 8d. A pint of ale to John Chang, wright, at the agreement for the work at the kirk-loft, 2s. Drunk at the payment of the Brig-penny and the feeing of the masons to hew stones for the kirk-loft, 6s. A chopin of wine at the agreement for the lime, 3s. 4d. A pint of wine at the receipt of 2 burgess-entries, 6s. 8d.

Total, £168, 11s. 10d.

The Town's Debt. To Quentin Craufurd of Camlarg, Alexander Lohkert and David Fergushill, as interest on their loan of 250 merks, £20. To George Jamesoun and John Gardner, as interest on their loan of 200 merks, £16.

Total, £36.

Miscellaneous. To Gelis Lohkert, *for the pure Birtownis intertene-ment quhilkis wer schipbrokin*, £12. To support an Englishman, 13s. 4d. To 2 poor Englishmen, at the judges' command, 10s. 8d.

For candle for the Tolbooth, £3. To Provost Alexander Lokhert, Treasurer,  
from the mill-ferme, £9, 6s. 8d. Total, £25, 10s. 8d. <sup>1600-01.</sup>

Grand Total, £1061, 13s. 4d.

In arrears (including *the gudman of Waltersan for the few demitie* <sup>(100rv.)</sup>  
*of the fischingis of the watter of Dvne*, 20 merks, and *the rest of the*  
*few of the aikeris of the sandis*, £2, 15s. 6d.), £40, 0s. 6d. Total of  
expenditure and arrears, £1101, 13s. 10d. Balance due, £6,  
*quhilk he hes presentlie payit to William Rysyd thesaurar.*

THOMAS MIRRIE, Dean of Guild, 1600-01  
(audited Nov. 24, 1601)

Dean of Guild,  
1600-01.

*Charge*

8 guild-entries (including 2 merchants and a skinner) at £20, (94r.)  
2 at 5 merks, £166, 13s. 4d.

*Discharge*

Expenditure. George Liddell the glazier's fee, £3, 6s. 8d. To <sup>(94rv.)</sup>  
him for making a new glass window in the kirk, £1, 10s. To John  
Gilmour, smith, for iron-bands for a glass window, mending the  
lock of the Choir door and making a new key, 16s. 8d. For a new  
bell-rope, £1, 6s. 8d. For lime and steps to mend the ladder,  
13s. 4d. To Antan Wrycht, slater, for pointing the kirk and for  
lime, 8s. 6d. His fee, £5. In drinksilver to his men, 10s. For  
carrying lime, 1s. 4d. For sand, 2s. For nails, 8s. For ladders  
and *fog*, 9s. 4d. To John McQuhaill, wright, for mending 3 forms,  
£1, 3s. 4d. To John McQuattie, for keeping the hills, £8. The  
Dean of Guild's fee, £5. Total, £28, 15s. 10d.

Deductions from Revenue. Received by James Michell,  
Treasurer (1600-01), 3 guild-entries at £20, and £10, 13s. 4d.  
from Adam Wylie's entry, £70, 13s. 4d. Delivered to Alan  
Osburne, Master of Work (1601-02), to buy timber for the Quay,  
one guild-entry (£20), and the balance of Adam Wylie's entry  
(£9, 6s. 8d.), £29, 6s. 8d. Total, £100.

Grand Total, £128, 15s. 10d.

In arrears, the whole of one 5-merk entry, and £10, £10 and <sup>(94v.)</sup>  
£11, 13s. 4d. of three £20 entries—£35. Total of expenditure  
and arrears, £163, 15s. 10d. Balance due, £2, 17s. 6d., paid to  
George Gibsoun, Dean of Guild (1601-02).

Master of  
Work,  
1600-01.

DUNCAN MAKADAME, Master of Work, 1600-01  
(audited April 1, 1602)

*Charge*

(1000.) From the Treasurer, £6, 13s. 4d. From John Masoun, Collector  
of the Stent, £3, 6s. 8d. Total, £10.

*Discharge*

To the carters for bringing stones to the Quay, £2, 12s. For  
unloading lime from 2 boats, £3. For a hogshead to make 2 lime  
tubs, £1, 6s. 8d. For *dressing* them, 4s. For carrying timber,  
3s. 4d. For carrying the bolts, 4s. For carrying the lead, 1s. 4d.  
2 loads of coal to heat the lead, 6s. 8d. A sand riddle, 2s. 8d.  
4 pairs of gloves for the masons, 13s. 4d. A quart of ale to the  
*grounding of the key*, 4s. Total, £8, 18s. 8d.<sup>1</sup>

Balance due, £1, 1s. 8d. [*sic*], *quhilk is discharget be the auditouris,  
and swa eque.*

Clerk,  
1600-01.

JOHN MASOUN, Clerk, 1600-01, *vide supra*, pp. 49-52

Treasurer,  
1601-02.

WILLIAM RYSYD, Treasurer, 1601-02  
(audited March 19, 1605)

*Charge*

(10100.) The town's rental, £424, 2s. 8d. The Blackfriars annuals,  
£20, 12s. 4d. The feu of the Blackfriars yards, £4, 4s. The  
Chorists' annuals, £29, 19s. 1d. The rest of the altarages, £6, 7s. 4d.  
The impost of the Brig, £168. The mill-ferme (from Hew Nesbit),  
£100. The ferme-bere of Robert MacMillen in Alloway, 3 firlots,  
1 peck, at 8 merks the boll, £4, 6s. 8d. The ferme-bere of John  
Speir in Alloway, 1 boll, £5, 6s. 8d. The ferme of Dalkeyth,  
4 bolls of meal, 4 bolls of bere, and 4s. Burgess-entries—8 (including  
a cooper, a tailor and a flesher) at £10, one at £2, 10s., two (including  
a cooper) at £1, 13s. 4d.—£85, 16s. 8d. Received from the good-  
man of Waltersan for the fishing of Doon, in arrears for the year  
1600-01, £13, 6s. 8d. 2 years' arrears of Annabel Wallace's coble-  
mail, £4. Balances received from late Treasurer Michell for 1599-  
1600 and 1600-01, £7. Received from George Jamesoun, William

<sup>1</sup> Should be £8, 18s. od.

Hunter and John Cochrane, for the wadset of their three booths under the Tolbooth, £200. From John Mure and Patrick Huchecoun of Maybole, *conforme to the Lordis decretit obtenit aganis thame be the toun*, £266, 13s. 4d. Treasurer,  
1601-02.

Total (excluding the Dalkeyth ferme-bere), £1339, 19s. 5d.

### *Discharge*

Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. The master of the Grammar School, £40. The master of the Song School, Mr. Alexander Spittell (£6, 13s. 4d. in part-payment for Mart. 1601 and £20 for Whit. 1602), £26, 13s. 4d. Friar Allansoun, £16. For keeping the kirk, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the knock, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the hills, £8. The officers, £10. The suitor-fee, £1, 6s. 8d. Archibald Barquhill, lockman, £5. Total, £137.

Commissioners' Expenses. To John Lokhart, *fear of Boghall*, to go to Edinburgh in Nov. 1601 for the town's affairs and the payment of the lawyers' stipends, £40. For his journey thither in Jan. 1602 concerning the parsonages of Ayr and Alloway, £30. Balance due to him as *the rest of his compt*, £14, 8s. 4d. To Provost Sir Alexander Lokhart and Bailie George Cochrane, for riding to Maybole to confer with the Earl of Cassilis, £2. To Bailie George Cochrane, for keeping the King's Convention at Edinburgh in July 1602, £30. To Robert Jamesoun, late Bailie, to go to Glasgow as commissioner, to confer with other burgh commissioners *anent the restrainct of making of hering* before Michaelmas, £10.

Total, £126, 8s. 4d.

Action against Maybole. To Provost Lokhart and David Fergushill, commissioners for Ayr in the action against Maybole, as their expenses in Edinburgh for 11 days in June 1602, £36, 13s. 4d. Their extraordinary expenses, £5, 18s. To hire 2 horses for them, £10. To Hew Dunbar, the town's agent, for the extract of letters and the first decret against Maybole, and to the writers' and lawyers' servants, £20, 3s. 4d. To the town's 2 procurators and Mr. Robert Williamesoun, writer, £18. To the lawyers' 2 men, £4, 13s. 4d. To Mr. William Scott, one of the clerks of Session, for the decret against Maybole, £12, 9s. 4d. To the macers, £3, 10s. For letters of horning upon the decret, £2. For the signet thereof, £2, 3s. 4d. To the Clerk Register for subscribing the decret, 6s. 8d. In drinksilver, 13s. 4d.

Total, £116, 10s. 8d.



Treasurer,  
1601-02.

Other Legal and Messengers' Expenses. To Hew Dunbar, the town's agent, for writs and obtaining decreets in the actions against John and Andrew Millar, June-July 1602, £45, 6s. 8d. The rest of his stipend, taken to Edinburgh, £6, 13s. 4d. For letters of horning upon 2 acts concerning the Hospital, £2, 1s. 8d. For extracting the 2 acts, £3. For extracting other 2 acts, £1, 6s. 8d. For *putting* the Exchequer compt, £3, 16s. 8d. Drinksilver to the servant of Mr. Alexander King, the town's procurator, £2. To James Wallace, writer, for copies of letters, 10s. To the servant of John Guthrie, Clerk of Edinburgh, for the articles of the general missive of the burghs, £2, 13s. 4d. To the Clerk of Ayr for writing all the missives of the General Convention held in Ayr in July 1602, and other extraordinary writings, £20. To the posts for warning the burghs for the Convention, £16. Allowed to John Broun, officer of Alloway, from the Alloway mails for warnings and other services, £4, 0s. 10d. For copies of warnings of the tenants of Alloway, £1, 12s. To John McCra, John McGrane and Andrew Miller, officers, for going to Edinburgh, Maybole, Monkton and Alloway, and for warnings and other services, £6, 11s. 8d. To Robert Reid, messenger, for charging the Maybole men, William Campbell and others, £2. To the post who brought the King's missive to keep the Convention at Perth in June 1602, 6s. 8d. To sundry other messengers, £5, 13s. 4d. Total, £123, 12s. 10d.

Ministers. To Bailie George Masoun, for the mail of his *bakhous*, occupied by the minister, Mr. John Welche, for the Whit. term 1601, £13, 6s. 8d. To George Lohkert of Glenyardis, for the mail of his house in Ayr, for the same purpose, for Mart. 1601 and Whit. 1602, £33, 6s. 8d. For the support of Mr. John Porterfeld, old minister, according to the Act of Dec. 1601, £66, 13s. 4d. For 4 bolls of meal delivered to him in Aug. 1602, as part-payment of the town's debt to him, £34. To Jonet Cuninghame, for the expenses of lodging Mr. Patrick Galloway and Mr. Andrew Knox, ministers, with their 2 men and boys, in March 1602, £6, 13s. 4d.

Total, £154.

Common Work. For timber to the jougs, £6, 12s. 6d. To John Chang, wright, for his work at the Tolbooth and for making the jougs, £13, 6s. 8d. To John Batie, smith, for nails, bolts and other iron-work for the Tolbooth and elsewhere, £13, 18s. 1d. For 3 stones to put under the pillars of the Council's loft in the kirk, 16s. 8d. To John Broun, officer of Alloway, for the hire of horses (at 4d. each) to clean the calsays and carry away *red*, £1, 16s. To John Tennand, for *redding* the Sea-vennel, 10s. House-mail for Hew Miller, mason, while he was building the Quay, £2. Iron for the firlots, half-firlots and pecks, £4. For locks for the Tolbooth, the stocks and the jougs, £4, 10s. Balance due to Provost George

Jamesoun for *fir daillis* bought from him for the town's use this last year, £9, 4s. 8d. For lead to make the poor folks' stamps, 8s. To James Kennedy for making them, 10s. For a head and rope for 2 drums, £1, 11s. 8d. For rope for the knock, 9s. 8d. For taking down scaffolding, 6s. 8d. For *Danskin* [iron] to make *ane tap band and ane laych band* for the Tolbooth doors, and for bolts, . . .<sup>1</sup> To the smith for making them, 8s. To the mason for . . ., 12s. For lime and sand to build up a hole in the Tolbooth, . . . For . . . through the town, 6s. 8d. Total, £64, 3s. 1d.<sup>2</sup>

The Pest. To John McGrane, officer, to go to Maybole *to get tryell anent the infectioun of the pest*, 5s. To 2 men for keeping *the outtintonnis puir folkis furth of this toun*, £2, 13s. 4d. *To ane puir wyfe that wes put in the theiffis hoill suspect of the pest, to support hir*, 6s. 8d. For her bread, 1s. 6d. To Alan Osburne, Master of Work, to close the town's ports, £7, 11s. To Bailie George Masoun, for 17 *carpollis* to close Carnell's vennel, £3, 3s. 4d. To Donald Blair of Cortoun, for *bigging* the ports, £6, 13s. 4d. To build up the port of the Boat-vennel, 6s. 8d. Total, £21, 0s. 10d.

Wine, etc. To Bailie George Cochrane, for providing wheat-bread, etc., for the burgh commissioners, £10. To John Rowane for 2 bolls of malt to be brewed for the Convention, £20. For wine and wheat-bread given to the Commissioners of Glasgow, £4, 8s. For 10 boxes of *comfeittis* (12s. each) given to the burgh commissioners and noblemen, and one box of *comfeittit almoutis* (15s.) for the Master of Paisley, £6, 15s. To Sara Wallace, for 2 quarts of wine given to the burgh commissioners, other 2 to Cassilis, £3, 8s. To Gelis Lokkert, for 6 pints, 1 chopin of wine (at 9s. the pint), given to Cassilis in Sept. 1602, £2, 18s. 6d. Wine for Communion at Candlemas 1602, £4. Wine for Communion at Beltane and Lammas, and given to Cassilis and the burgh commissioners, £16, 18s. 6d. Wheat-bread for the Communion at Martinmas, Candlemas and Beltane, £4, 2s. 8d. To Agnes Broun, for the expenses of Hew Dunbar, the town's agent, while in Ayr in Sept. 1602, £2, 6s. 8d. For wine, ale and wheat-bread then, £3, 6s. For 6 quarts of wine given to Lord Loudoun, £5, 8s. For flour and wine given to the Master of Paisley, £1, 16s. 6d. A quart of wine given to the laird of Duntrathe, 13s. 4d. Total, £86, 1s. 2d.

<sup>1</sup> Corner of page badly damaged; 4 of the last 5 items entered here under Common Work are partially lost, and two money-items missing.

<sup>2</sup> The actual total of decipherable items is £61, 7s. 3d., but, if (no little assumption) we take the Grand Total as correct, the missing items would account for the deficiency of £2, 15s. 10d. I have made this allowance in reckoning the Total for Common Work.—Editor.

Treasurer,  
1601-02.

The Town's Debt. To Quentin Craufurd, Alexander Lokherth and David Fergushill, as interest on their loan of 250 merks, £20. To George Jamesoun and John Gardner, as interest on their loan of 200 merks, £16. To Quentin Craufurd for the wadset of Castelhill, £6, 14s. 4d. To David Fergushill, as interest on *certane silvir* borrowed from him till Mart. 1602, £7. To John Lokherth of Boghall as interest for Mart. 1601 on £50 borrowed from him, £3. Paid by the farmers of the town's mills to Bessie Fergushill, relict of William Roger, in repayment of his loan, £100. To repurchase the petty customs from David Craufurd, custumar-depute, £163, 6s. 8d. Total, £316, 1s.

Miscellaneous. To the town of Edinburgh, as the balance of Ayr's contribution to the tax of the cloth-makers, £93, 3s. 4d. To James Wynrame, the burghs' agent, as Ayr's contribution to the £200 owed him by the burghs, £4, 6s. 8d. To John Lokherth of Boghall, spent by him in the town's service in Feb. 1602, £7, 6s. 8d. To Alan Osburne, *to be applyit in the townis effairis*, £40. To support a poor stranger from Hungary, £5. To sustain 3 poor Englishmen, £2, 3s. 4d. To help them on their way (paid by Bailie Cochrane), £1, 2s. Total, £153, 2s.

Grand Total, £1297, 19s. 11d.

(102v.)

In arrears, including the £10 burghs-entries of Gilbert Fyiff and John Johnstoun (*fallin in povertie*), the Dalkeyth ferme, the burgh-mail (£3), and 6s. 8d. due from the house occupied by David Neill's wife but *dischargit to hir in almous of this yeir*, £40, 15s. 4d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £1338, 15s. 3d. Balance of £1, 4s. 2d. paid to John Knicht, Treasurer (1604-05).

Dean of Guild,  
1601-02.

GEORGE GIBSOUN, Dean of Guild, 1601-02  
(audited April 24, 1606)

### *Charge*

(102v., 103r.)

Balance received from late Dean of Guild Mirrie, £2, 17s. 6d.  
One guild-entry at £20, one at £5, £25. Total, £27, 17s. 6d.

### *Discharge*

For the new desk in the kirk beside the pulpit, in timber, nails and workmanship, £20, 3s. 8d. For green cloth, silk fringes, *gilt tackettis*, black buckram and other furnishings for the pulpit, and green cloth for the reader's desk, £12, 8s. For a *dail* to repair the back of the mid-desk, and for nails and workmanship, 13s. 4d.

For 50 *dubill plenscheour* nails to repair the Council's loft, 10s. Dean of Guild,  
 For 20 *daillis* for the kirk lofts, £10, 1s. 8d. For a new *stok* set <sup>1601-02.</sup>  
 with brass, for the town's ell-wand, 13s. 4d. Antan Wricht the  
 slater's fee, £5. George Liddell the glazier's fee, £3, 6s. 8d. The  
 Dean of Guild's fee, £5. Total, £57, 18s.<sup>1</sup>

Credit balance, £30, 0s. 6d., *quhair of he is ordanit to be payit be  
 the toun in the first end of the townis commoun gude.*

ALAN OSBURNE, Master of Work, 1601-02  
 (audited April 24, 1606)

Master of  
 Work,  
 1601-02.

*Charge*

One guild-entry for 1600-01, £20. Part of another (Adam Wylie's), (103r.)  
 £9, 6s. 8d. From Patrick MakHoland, Irishman, for license to sell  
 his hides, £1, 10s. From Thomas Stenesoun in Craigfergus, £6.  
 Total, £36, 16s. 8d.

*Discharge*

For 12 *geistis* for the Quay, £26. For *planting* the *geistis* there,  
 for bolts and other materials, and in workmanship, £10, 16s. 8d.  
 Total, £36, 16s. 8d.

Quit.

ALAN OSBURNE, Treasurer, 1602-03  
 (audited Jan. 31, 1605)

Treasurer,  
 1602-03.  
 (103r.)

*Charge*

The town's rental, £441, 4s. 4d. The Blackfriars annuals, (103v.)  
 £20, 12s. 4d. The feu of the Blackfriars yards, £4, 4s. The  
 Chorists' annuals, £29, 19s. 1d. The rest of the altarages *in use*  
*of payment*, £6, 7s. 4d. The impost of the Brig, £226, 13s. 4d.  
 The mill-ferme (*by the ministeris part*), 12½ bolls malt and 4 1/6 bolls  
 meal per term; price per boll, £9 for malt and £6 for meal for  
 Mart. 1602, 16 merks for malt and £8 for meal for Cand. and Belt.  
 1603—£137, 10s. for first term, £333, 6s. 8d. for other two—  
 £470, 16s. 8d. From Hew Wallace of Dalkeyth, for 4 years'  
 (1599-1603) arrears of fermes, £85, 6s. 8d. John Speir of Alloway's  
 ferme-bere, 1 boll, £6. Robert McMillen of Alloway's ferme-bere,  
 3 firlots, 1 peck, at £6 the boll—£4, 17s. 6d. From John Johnstoun  
 and Matthew McGowne of Maybole, owed by them to Ayr,

<sup>1</sup> Should be £57, 16s. 8d.

Treasurer,  
1602-03.

£133, 6s. 8d. Burgess-entries—three at £10, one at £5, three at £1, 13s. 4d.—£40. Arrears of guild-entries (for 1600-01) received, £15. For six licenses to sell corn, at £12 each, and another at £6— from Andrew Bard, burgess of Glasgow, William Fellis, Harry Johnes, Edward Williamsoun and Mr. Bennett, all Englishmen, and Archibald Findlay and Henry Muirheid—£78. From Captain Davidsoun, for license to sell his bere, £44.

Total, £1606, 7s. 11d.

### Discharge

(103v., 104r.)

Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The Master of Work (1602-03), £3, 6s. 8d. The same (1601-02),<sup>1</sup> £3, 6s. 8d. The master of the Grammar School, £40. The same, for reading in the kirk on Sunday, £10. The doctor of the Grammar School, £13, 6s. 8d. The master of the Song School, fee, £40, plus £14 to support him *in respect of the derth of that year*, £54. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. Hew Dunbar, the town's agent, £10. Mr. Alexander King and John Halyday, the town's procurators, £12, 13s. 4d. Friar Allansoun, £16. For keeping the kirk (the malt custom), £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the knock (the sheep custom), £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the hills, £10. The officers (the feu of the Burrowfield), £10. The suitor-fee, £1, 6s. 8d. Archibald Barquhill, lockman, £5. Ninian Reid, £13, 6s. 8d. Total, £229.

Commissioners' Expenses. To Mr. John Welsche, to go to Edinburgh *anent the toun afoir his Majesteis passing to Ingland in Marche 1603*, £24. David Fergushill's expenses in Edinburgh *in anaying upoun his Majestie*, £3, 5s. To Alexander Lokhert, as commissioner to the Convention of Royal Burghs, £56, 3s. 4d. To Alexander Lokhert and George Cochrane, for riding to Irvine, £9. Total, £92, 8s. 4d.

Legal and Messengers' Expenses. For letters of suspension against William Garven, £10, 13s. 4d. Sending a boy to Edinburgh for them, £1, 12s. To James Wallace and William Rankene, writers, for writs, 13s. 4d. To John Sutherland, *for buikis concerning the clayth*, £4. For letters of lawburrows against Blakhous, Holmistoun and Lochormes, £4. For copies of letters anent them, 4s. To Robert Campbell, Carrick pursuivant, for charging them at the town's instance, £1. To send a boy to Edinburgh anent the town's finding of caution of lawburrows at Blakhous's instance, £2. For the act of caution, £2. Sending boys to fetch Barquhill the lockman (twice), 10s. To him, for hanging Mur, £1. To him, for hanging Blair the thief, £1. For rope, 4s. 8d. For scourging the thief McCallum, and his charges in the Tolbooth, 14s. For scourging

<sup>1</sup> But this item is already shown as paid in the 1601-02 compt.

McMillen, £1, 12s. To the post (Fendar) who brought the burghs' missive, 6s. 8d. To George Greir, post, for bringing letters from Edinburgh *for consulting anent the estait of burrowis*, £1, 6s. 8d. Sending a boy to Lady Cassilis anent *Ireis lowmis lyand upon the coist*, 6s. 8d. For the Exchequer precept, 13s. 4d. To other messengers (from Edinburgh and to Monkton), £3, 0s. 8d. Allowed to John Broun, officer of Alloway, for his services, £1, 6s. 8d. To the other officers, £1, 13s. 4d. Total, £39, 17s. 4d.

Treasurer,  
1602-03.

Common Work. To Hew Miller, mason, for building part of the Quay, £113, 10s. 8d. To John Batie, smith, for iron-work to the Quay, £6, 13s. 4d. To hire the Alloway horses, to carry sand and red to the Quay, £10, 8s. 8d. Taking clay and sand thither, £5. For timber (*geistis* and *carpollis*) for the work, £14, 13s. 4d. For rope, £3. For *bernellis* and *uther small thingis*, £6, 14s. 8d. To John Levingstoun for 136 bolls lime, £30. For 13 st. 5 lb. of iron-work at the Tolbooth, £38. For 3 st. of lead, £4, 10s. Fire to melt the lead, 5s. To Hew Miller and his servant for putting in the iron *stancheris* in the Tolbooth windows, £1, 4s. For cleaning the Tolbooth, 3s. 4d. For mending the Brig-port, £1, 10s. To John McQuattie, for *dressing* the firloths, £5, 13s. For new heads to the drum, £1. For wire to the knock, 10s. To John Knycht, Master of Work, £30. To James Michell, Dean of Guild, for work at the kirk, £40. Total, £312, 16s.

Wine, etc. For wine and bread for Communion at Hallowmas 1602 and Lammas 1603, £8. The same, at Candlemas 1603 (wine, £3, 4s. ; bread, £1, 4s.)—£4, 8s. The same, at Beltane (wine, £5, 10s. ; bread, £1, 7s. 6d.)—£6, 17s. 6d. The same, at Martinmas, £6, 15s. For wine, bread and ale *to the benfyres concerning his Majesteis coronatioun king of England*, £6. For drinksilver to the procurators' men, £6. Drunk with Hew Dunbar, £1, 1s. For two cattle, sent to the town's men of law, £42. 4 quarts of wine given to Lord Loudoun, £4. One quart given to the tutor of Bomby, £1. For wine given to Lord Hamilton, £7, 13s. To Gelis Lokbert, Gelis Fergushill, Jonet Cuningham, Sara Wallace, Patrick Watsoun and Bailie John Rankene, for wine (unspecified), £40, 17s. 8d. To George Watt for *comfettis*, £3, 5s. Total, £137, 17s. 2d.

Debts and Deductions from Revenue. For the feu-mail of 4 acres of Freirland, wadset to George Jamesoun and John Gardner, £16. For the feu-mail of the Castelhill, wadset to Quentin Craufurd of Camlarg, £6, 14s. 4d. Interest on £100 owed to David Fergushill and Alexander Lokbert, £12. For the 3 booths under the Tolbooth, wadset to George Jamesoun, Robert Jamesoun and William Hunter, £20, 3s. To David Fergushill, to discharge the town's debt in accordance with the Act of April 15, 1602, £120. Owed to John

Treasurer,  
1602-03.

Lokherth of Boghall, in accordance with the town's act, £53. To be deducted from the Alloway barony-mail, for lands *under warning*, £10, 8s. Total, £238, 5s. 4d.

*Miscellaneous.* To Robert Wallace of Holmistoun, *for the herell titill* of his acre of land at the Over-mill, £134. To John Dalrimpill and his partners, for their old ship *to lay in the herbery*, £46, 13s. 4d. For the minister's house-mail, £33, 6s. 8d. To John Osburne, for 2 years' mail of the School-house, £20. To support 8 English soldiers *that come furth of Irland*, £10. To Malcolm Hunter and William Thom of Ardgowan, servants of the laird of Blackhall, *quha wer spulyeit be the clan Donald besyd Pladay, to support thair expenssis hame*, £2. *For wynding of ane pure deid body*, 2s.

Total, £246, 2s.

Grand Total, £1296, 14s. 4d.<sup>1</sup>

(1047v.)

In arrears (including £253, 6s 8d. of the mill-ferme, and £62, 2s. 4d. of *small dependentis, quhair of thair is to be deducit to Alexander Lokherth of Boghall for the annuell of silvir awand to him as yit be the toun, iij li. in his dependentis*, making £58, 2s. 4d.), £311, 9s. Total of expenditure and arrears, £1608, 3s. 4d. Credit balance, £1, 15s. 5d. *And the dependentis pertenis to the toun, and quhilk the compter is ordanit be the auditouris to bring in to the toun, and to do his utter and exact diligence to that effect.*

Dean of Guild,  
1602-03.

JAMES MICHELL, Dean of Guild, 1602-03  
(audited Jan. 31, 1605)

#### Charge

(104v., 105r.)

Received from Treasurer Osburne, £40. Guild-entries—7 (including Adam Hunter of Newton) at £20, one at £10, 4 (including two skinners and a cooper) at £3, 6s. 8d., two at 5s.—£163, 16s. 8d. Received from Charles Dalrimpill in part-payment of the arrears of mill-ferme due this year, £14, 13s. 4d.

Total, £218, 10s.

#### Discharge

(105r.)

To Charles Dalrimpill for *dailis*, £15, 6s. 8d. To John Gardner for *burdis*, £25, 6s. 8d. For 6 *geistis*, £24. For 16 *sparris*, £24. For more *burdis*, to mend the old loft in the kirk, £6. For carrying the timber, £1, 3s. 4d. For sawing 3 *geistis* in quarters, £3, 6s. 8d. To John Chang, wright, for building the two lofts, £39, 10s. To the smiths for iron bolts, £4. For lead, 16s. For glue, 10s. To the masons, for *raggalling* the walls and making holes for the bolts,

<sup>1</sup> Should be £1296, 6s. 2d.

£1, 10s. For taking down the stone stair that was the old entry to the loft, £1, 8s. Nails for the work, £8. Making the new stair, £3, 6s. 8d. In drink to the craftsmen and workmen, £1, 16s. 8d. Two years' fees to the slater, for *uphalding* the slate of the kirk, £10. For lime and sand for it, £1, 10s. 8d. For iron and wooden nails as slate-pins, £1, 11s. For ladders, 12s. To the glazier, £3, 6s. 8d. The Dean of Guild's fee, £3, 6s. 8d. Paid to John Knycht, Treasurer 1604-05, the arrears of mill-ferme received by the Dean of Guild, £14, 13s. 4d. Total, £195, 1s.

Dean of Guild,  
1602-03.

Balance due, £23, 9s.

(June 27, 1605.)<sup>1</sup> Balance of £23, 9s. paid to Thomas Mirrie, Dean of Guild (1604-05).

JOHN KNYCHT, Master of Work, 1602-03  
(audited Jan. 31, 1605)

Master of  
Work,  
1602-03.

*Charge*

Received from Treasurer Osburne, £30.

(105r.)

*Discharge*

For 2 spars, to be *upstanders* under a broken *geist* and under the stair, in the Tolbooth, and putting them in, £3. To William Boyd, mason, for hewing stones for the Tolbooth and Council-house, £3, 6s. 8d. For sand, and bringing it to the Tolbooth, £11, 8s. For mixing and shovelling lime, £1, 2s. 8d. A *meir* to carry it, 6s. 8d. For clay, and bringing it to the Tolbooth, £1, 13s. Sawing and carrying timber, and carrying forms and a lintel-stone thither, £1, 0s. 4d. To John McQuhaill, wright, for making the forms and the schoolmaster's desk in the school, £3, 6s. 8d. For a barrel to make *ane dry previe* in the Tolbooth, 15s. One day's wages to the barrowmen, 17s. Timber for the barrows, £2, 6s. 8d. Mending them, 17s. Another barrow, 10s. A spade, 6s. 8d. A barrel to carry water, 10s. For cleaning the kirk, 13s. 4d. In drink, and for cleaning the Tolbooth, 9s. 4d.

Total, £32, 9s. 4d.<sup>2</sup>

Credit balance, £2, 9s. 4d., *quhilk is ordanit to be payit to him be the town.*

<sup>1</sup> Marginal note added later.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £32, 9s. od.



Treasurer,  
1603-04.

WILLIAM BROWN, Treasurer, 1603-04  
(audited May 29, 1606)<sup>1</sup>

*Charge*

(105v., 106r.) The town's rental, £461, 4s. 4d. The Blackfriars annuals, £20, 12s. 4d. The feu of the Blackfriars yards, £4, 4s. The Chorists' annuals, £29, 19s. 1d. Annuals of the altarages *in use of payment*, £6, 7s. 4d. The impost of the Brig, £228, 13s. 4d. The mill-ferme, 12½ bolls malt and 4 1/6 bolls meal per term; price throughout all 3 terms, £5, 10s. per boll of malt, £4 per boll of meal—£85, 8s. 4d. per term, *plus* £5, 10s. for 1 boll malt due for the acre at the Over-mill—total, £261, 15s. The ferme-bere of John Speir in Alloway, 2 bolls, £10. The ferme-bere of Robert McMillen there, 3 firlots, 1 peck—£4, 1s. 3d. The ferme of Dalkeyth, 4 bolls meal, 4 bolls bere, and 4s. Burgess-entries—12 (including two smiths, two men from Saltcoats, a *chyrgiane* and a baxter) at £10, and six (including a tailor) at £1, 13s. 4d.—£130. The petty customs (John Masoun, £28, and Andrew Johnestoun, £8), £36. From James Keyth, for the double of the feu-mail of Maryland, of which he was given sasine, £3, 14s. 8d. From John Jamesoun, for the double of the feu-mail of his land in the Burrow-field, of which he was given sasine as heir to his father, £4, 5s. For nine licenses to sell corn, from John Leyche of Glasgow, James Broun of Saltcoats, and 7 Englishmen, £84. From William Richert for license to sell his timber, 2 *geistis*.

Total (excluding the Dalkeyth ferme and the *geistis*), £1284, 16s. 4d.

*Discharge*

(106rv.) Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. The master of the Grammar School (fee, £40, and *support*, £10), £50. Mr. Henry Stewart, doctor of the Grammar School, £13, 6s. 8d. The master of the Music School (fee, £40, and *support*, £6, 13s. 4d.), £46, 13s. 4d. Hew Cochrane (*for taking up of the psalmes in the kirk*), £10. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. Hew Dunbar, the town's agent, £10. Ninian

<sup>1</sup> An unusually large audit; the 19 persons present included, besides Provost, two Bailies, Treasurer and Dean of Guild, four craftsmen—a tailor, a waulker, a saddler and a mason.

Reid, £26, 13s. 4d. Friar Allansoun, £16. For keeping the kirk (the malt custom), £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the knock (the sheep custom), £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the hills, £8. The officers (the feu-mail of the Burrowfield), £10. The suitor-fee (the mail of the west fore-shop of the Tolbooth), £1, 6s. 8d. Archibald Barquhill, lockman, £5. Total, £227.

Treasurer,  
1903-04.

Commissioners' Expenses. To David Bannatyne, for riding to Perth concerning the hurting of Johnne Osburne baillie be Johnne Wallace in Mayboill, £24, 17s. 8d. To George Cochren, for riding to Loudoun, £13, 6s. 8d. To him, as commissioner to the Convention of Royal Burghs at Dumbarton, £6, 13s. 4d. To Provost David Fergushill and John Lokhart, commissioners to Parliament at Edinburgh in April 1604, £87. To Mr. John Welche, minister, for riding to Edinburgh, £20. To John Lokhart and George Cochren, commissioners to Parliament and to the burghs' Convention at Cupar in July 1604, £100. To George Cochren, commissioner to the Convention at Renfrew, £6, 13s. 4d. To John Lokhart of Boghall, for his expenses in Edinburgh in June 1604, conforme to ane futill compt, £14. Total, £272, 11s.

Legal and Messengers' Expenses. To Hew Dunbar, for his services in the town's action against Alloway and other causes at Edinburgh in July 1603, £76, 6s. 8d. For copies of letters, 13s. 4d. To Alexander Cuninghame, writer in Edinburgh, for obtaining the town's new gift of the Brig-penny, and for his services against the men of Alloway, £43, 10s. To John Mur, writer, for his services in the town's affairs, £4. To Robert Reid, messenger, for charging Jonet Adair, Michael Wallace and Alan Cathcart of Brounhill, £2. To John McGrane and John McCra, officers, for warnings and other services, £2, 13s. 4d. To them, for going to Edinburgh thrice on the town's affairs, £5. To James Masoun, for going through the town with proclamations, 13s. 4d. To the post, to take a letter to Edinburgh, 13s. 4d. To 2 boys who came from Mauchline and Ochiltree with news of the pest, 9s. For taking the stent-money to James Wynrame in Edinburgh, £2, 13s. 4d. To other messengers and boys, £3, 4s. 8d. Total, £141, 17s.

Common Work. To John Mur, wright, for repairing the knock and making 7 windows in the High Tolbooth, £17. To him for building the Tron, £3, 6s. 8d. Wire and rope for the knock, 9s. 4d. Rope for the pointing of the Tolbooth, 11s. 8d. To David Buthill, mason, for pointing the Tolbooth and raising the windows of the Council-house, £10. For bent for the Council-house, 3s. 8d. To

Treasurer,  
1603-04.

John Craufurd, glazier, for a window in the Council-house, £2, 6s. 8d. To William Boyd, mason, for *rigging stanis* for the Tolbooth, £8, 10s. To John Broun, officer of Alloway, to pay the men of Alloway for bringing sand and stones for the building of the Hospital, £10. To Michael Wallace, for lime for it, £4, 12s. To Donald Blair, for building and closing up the vennels, £6, 13s. 4d. To John Batie, smith, for iron-work for the closing of the ports, etc., £11, 2s. To the quarriers, for closing the Blackfriars dyke and mending the port of the Cow-vennel, and to Gelis Fergushill for wine, £1, 14s. 8d. To Andrew Alane, wright, for 6 *carpoillis* to mend the ports, and for his work, £2, 12s. More to the quarriers for their work, £3, 4s. For 18 *carpoillis* and a halbert, bought from Bailie George Masoun for the town's use, £5, 11s. 8d. To Bailie Thomas Mirrie for *daillis*, £1, 15s. For mending the Brig-port, 6s. 8d. For building the calsay at the Tounheid, £4. To George Roger, for laying the calsay at the Brig-port, 6s. 8d. To John Andersoun, drummer, for heads and cordage for the town's drums, £3, 9s. 4d. To him for a suit of clothes, £4. For *carpoillis* to *sett merches* between the sands and the hills, 10s. In drink to the craftsmen, 10s. To John Gardner and Hew Nesbit, for 200 hewn stones bought for the work at the Quay in Jan. 1604, £51, 10s. To James Fergushill, Master of Work 1603-04, £17, 3s. 8d. To Peter Hamiltoun, Master of Work 1604-05, in Nov. 1605, to mend the Cow-port, build the dyke at the Sand-gait port, and buy timber, clay and stones, £1, 17s. Total, £173, 6s.

Wine and Hospitality. Expenses of boarding and entertaining Mr. Wrycht, the English minister, while staying at Jonet Broun's and teaching in Ayr, Jan.-March 1604, £56, 7s. For lodging James Wynrame, the burghs' agent, with servant and horse, in Oct. 1604, £14, 16s. 8d. For lodging Robert Dalzell's two sons on their visit anent the Music School, £18. For wine given to Lord Loudoun, the laird of Garlies, the tutor of Bomby, the laird McNachtane and others, £15. For wine given to the stenters of the *armour stent*, and used for Communion at Lammas, £13, 11s. 4d. For wine given to the Prior of Blantyre and the laird of Garlies, and for the support of 3 English soldiers, £5, 14s. . . <sup>1</sup> For Communion wine other 3 times, £10. For bread for 4 Communions, £4. In drink with Hew Dunbar, £1, 2s. To Agnes Broun, Gelis Lokhert and Margaret Wallace, for wine, £10, 18s. 8d. Total, £149, 9s. 8d.

Debts and Deductions from Revenue. The 3 booth-mails, wadset, £20, 3s. The 4 acres of the Freirland, wadset to George

<sup>1</sup> Corner of leaf rubbed off, and pence figure lost.

Jamesoun and John Gardner, £16. The Castelhill feu-mail, wadset to Quentin Craufurd of Camlarg, £6, 14s. 4d. Interest on £100 owing to David Fergushill and Alexander Lokhert, £12. In repayment of Donald Smyth's loan of £50, with £3, 10s. of interest due in April 1604, £53, 10s. Owed to David Craufurd, £2, 13s. 4d.

Total, £111, 0s. 8d.

Miscellaneous. The minister, Mr. John Welche's, house-mail, £33, 6s. 8d. To support 3 poor Englishmen, £1, 16s. In support of John Hendersoun, *ane auld failyeit gild brother*, £3, 6s. 8d. Alms to John Wallace, litster, £3, 6s. 8d. Alms to Thomas Padene, £2. To sustain a poor Frenchman, £2, 5s. Another, 13s. 4d. To 2 strangers, 6s. 8d.

Total, £47, 1s.

Grand Total, £1123, 7s.<sup>1</sup>

In arrears (including £32 of merchant strangers' licenses unpaid, (106v., 107r.) both the double feu-mails, John Speir's and the Over-mill fermebere, £15 of burgess-entries unpaid and the surgeon's given *gratis*, £13 of the barony-mail *under warning*, and £2, 18s. for 58 acres of the Sands, *quhairof the occupiaris is nocht weil knawin*), £123, 10s. 6d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £1246, 17s. 6d. Balance due, £37, 18s. 8d.,<sup>2</sup> and the arrears belong to the town, *quhilkis the comptur is ordanit to bring in to the town and to do his utter and exact diligence to that effect.*

JOHN RANKENE, Dean of Guild, 1603-04  
(audited April 24, 1606)

Dean of Guild,  
1603-04.

### Charge

Six guild-entries at £20, four at 5 merks, £133, 6s. 8d.

(107r.)

### Discharge

For wood-work and iron-work to the making of the scholars' seat in the kirk, £36, 13s. 4d. For 2 *geistis* to make pillars for the Lords' loft, £4. For fir *dailis* for the women's seats before the

<sup>1</sup> This figure is over £1 too much—it should be £1122, 5s. 4d., plus the missing pence noted above.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £37, 18s. 10d.

Dean of Guild, desks, £8. To Robert Simpsoun, wright, for this work, £4, 13s. 4d.  
 1603-04. To William McCarmik, smith, for iron-work at the kirk, £21, 6s. 8d.  
 For transporting timber and stones, 19s. For timber and iron-  
 work for the *slaidis*, £8, 18s. 4d. To the Dean of Guild and others  
 for going twice to the Wood to look out timber, £4, 6s. 8d. Olive-  
 oil for the bell, 6s. 8d. For ale, 8s. George Liddell the glazier's  
 fee, £5. The Dean of Guild's fee, £5. *Defasit and gevin down* to  
 Lambert Gottray of his £20 guild-entry, *in respect of his povertie*,  
 £3. To Thomas Mirrie, next Dean of Guild, £14, 6s. 8d.  
 Total, £116, 18s. 8d.

(107v.) In arrears, £6, 6s. 8d. Total of expenditure and arrears,  
 £123, 5s. 4d. Balance due, £10, 1s. 4d.

Master of  
 Work,  
 1603-04.

JAMES FERGUSHILL, Master of Work, 1603-04  
 (audited April 24, 1606)

### Charge

(107v.) From William Broun, Treasurer, £17, 3s. 8d.

### Discharge

For timber—42 *carpoillis* (£5, 16s. 8d.), *half ane geist* (£1, 4s.),  
*ane half daill* and 2 *carpoillis* (13s. 4d.)—for the town's work,  
 £7, 14s. For sawing the *geist*, 4s. To John Mur for *dressing* the  
 Brig-port, 8s. For 3 lb. lead, 8s. For mending the locks of the  
 Brig, 8s. To the quarriers for *winning* stones, £2. To William  
 McCarmik, smith, for iron-work, £1. For scaffolding at the  
 Hospital, 10s. For *redding* it, in drinksilver, 1s. 8d. For a *bakie*,  
 6s. 8d. A shovel and a spade, 6s. 8d. For 3 perches, 10s. The  
 Master of Work's fee, £3, 6s. 8d.<sup>1</sup> Total, £17, 3s. 8d.

Quit.

Baillie,  
 1603-04.

JOHN OSBURNE, Baillie, 1603-04, *vide supra*, pp. 53-54

<sup>1</sup> Already entered as paid in the Treasurer's compt.

JOHN KNYCHT, Treasurer, 1604-05  
(audited April 20, 1608)

Treasurer,  
1604-05.

### Charge

The town's old rental, £461, 4s. 4d. The Blackfriars annuals, (1087.) £20, 12s. 4d. The feu of the Blackfriars yards, £4, 4s. The Chorists' annuals, £29, 19s. 1d. Annuals of altarages *in use of payment*, £6, 7s. 4d. Annuals of the Rood altar, £15, 13s. 4d. The impost of the Brig, £220. The mill-ferme, £66, 16s. 8d. for Mart. 1604 and for Cand. 1605, £72, 6s. 8d. for Beltane (including the ferme of the acre at the Over-mill), £206. The feu-ferme of Dalkeyth for 2 years (1603-05), £64. The ferme-bere of John Speir of Alloway, 2 bolls, £10. The ferme-bere of Robert McMillen of Cortoun in Alloway, 3 firlots, 1 peck, £4, 1s. 3d. The grass of the Quarry-hole, set to Bailie John Rankene, £2. Nine burgess-entries (including a mariner and a saddler) at £10, £90. The petty customs (from John Masoun, Clerk, £28, and from Katherine Rankene, £8), £36. Balance received from William Rysyd (Treasurer, 1601-02), £1, 4s.<sup>1</sup> Received from James Michell (Dean of Guild, 1602-03), in part-payment of the mill-ferme due that year, £14, 13s. 4d. Received for 15 licenses to sell corn (11 of them from English, 2 from Irish, merchants), at £3, £4, 16s., £6, or £12 each—£86, 8s.

Total, £1272, 7s.

### Discharge

Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. (1087v., 109r.) The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. Mr. John Welche, minister, £266, 13s. 4d. Mr. Harry Stewart, master of the Grammar School (fee, £30, *plus* £7, 10s. of *support*), £37, 10s. Mr. Alexander Dummure, appointed to succeed him from Whit. 1605 (one term's stipend in advance), £30. Mr. Hew Tran, doctor of the Grammar School (one term's fee), £10. Mr. Alexander Spittell, master of the Music School, £40. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. Ninian Reid (for this year and next), £26, 13s. 4d. Friar Allansoun, £16. For keeping the kirk and ringing the bells, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the knock, £10. For keeping the hills, £8. The officers, [£10].<sup>2</sup> The suitor-fee, £1, 6s. 8d. Archibald Barquhill, lockman, £5.

Total, £484, 10s.

Commissioners' Expenses. To John Lokhert, for riding to Edinburgh anent the plea against Michael Wallace and his brother over

<sup>1</sup> Balance given as £1, 4s. 2d. *Supra*, p. 212.

<sup>2</sup> Corner of page rubbed away, but this is a regular item.

Treasurer,  
1604-05.

the petty customs, and to pay the procurators' and agent's fees, £77, 13s. 4d. To Bailie George Cochren, commissioner to the burghs' Convention at Dumfries, July 1, 1605, £28. To John Osburne, for riding to Glasgow on the town's business, £6. To Bailie George Masoun, for riding to Edinburgh anent the Tolbooth and the prison, £20. Horse-hire for James Cochren, who went with him, £4. Total, £135, 13s. 4d.

Legal and Messengers' Expenses. For a commission to sit and hold court on the incestuous women, £17, 6s. 8d. To Hew Dunbar, for *futing* the town's Exchequer compt, £8, 11s. 8d. To William McKerrell, for registering the town's inhibition against the farmers of the mills, £2. To Hew Dunbar for raising letters in the town's name against Andrew and John Miller and Michael Wallace, £12. Expenses of the witnesses who went to Edinburgh for the action against John Miller, £18, 9s. 4d. To David Fergushill, for procuring a commission against John Gluver, £13, 10s. Spent in Edinburgh by Bailie George Masoun on letters, £7, 6s. 8d. To John Mur, for riding to certain noblemen anent the slaughter of William Lohert, £3, 6s. 8d. To James Masoun, for going through the town about the town's acts and edicts, £2. To Robert Reid, messenger, for executing letters, £2. To Barquhill for scourging a thief, 14s. 10d. To the officers, John McCra and George Tennand, for summoning witnesses and going to Edinburgh, and for a halbert to Thomas Kirk, officer, £8, 9s. 4d. To Mr. James Ker for letters, 13s. 4d. Total, £96, 8s. 6d.

Common Work. To Hew Miller, mason, for changing and building the new well, £50, 6s. 8d. At the agreement with him, 10s. For hewn stones to the work, £4. To James Michell, for *ane greit geist* to make the Iron-tron, £9. To Huchoun Roxburgh and John Horne, carters, for bringing stones to the harbour, £8, 11s. 8d. To John Broun, officer of Alloway, for horses for the work at the Quay, £8, 6s. 8d. For timber, £4, 9s. 8d. For shovels, rope and rings, £2. To John Batie, smith, for iron-work there, £17, 7s. To John Michell for lead, £8, 17s. 8d. To John McQuattie, for making 2 measuring barrels *girthit with irn*, £6, 8s. 4d. For timber for the kirk, £29, 2s. 8d. A plank for the Brig-port, 10s. Cleaning the Tolbooth, 6s. For *skaling of the middingis*, 3s. To John Andersoun, drummer, for cords to the drums, £1, 6s. 8d. For *rosat* to the knock, 13s. To Peter Hamiltoun, Master of Work, £10. Balance due to the compt (John Knycht) as Master of Work in 1602-03, £2, 10s.<sup>1</sup>

Total, £164, 9s.

Wine and Hospitality. For wine and *comfeittis* given to Lords Cathcart, Eglintoun, Blantyre, Loudoun and Ochiltree, the

<sup>1</sup> Given as £2, 9s. 4d. *Supra*, p. 217.

Clerk Register, Robert Arnot (Comptroller-depute), Robert Hepburn (Lieutenant of the King's Guard), the laird of Craigie and others, £36, 9s. 4d. To Gelis Fergushill for wine and *comfeittis* supplied to Lady Paisley, Lord Douglas and others, and for bread and wine for Communion in Feb. 1605, £12, 9s. 4d. To Bessie Wallace for bread and wine for Communion in May, £5, 2s. 8d. To the Provost for a hogshead of wine gifted to my Lord Comptroller, when passing through Ayr on his way to Kintyre, £31, 8s. 4d. For wine, etc., supplied to the King's Guard in the Tolbooth, £7. For candle, £4, 16s. For a box of *comfeittis* for them, 12s. Drunk at the election of the Provost and Bailies, £1, 6s. 8d. Drunk with the Irish merchant selling his timber, 15s. 4d. For other purchases (unspecified) of wine and *comfeittis*, £11, 6s. 8d.

Total, £111, 6s. 4d.

Debts and Deductions from Revenue. The 3 booth-mails in the Tolbooth, wadset, £20, 3s. The feu-mail of the Freirland, wadset to George Jamesoun and John Gardner, £16. The feu-mail of the Castelhill, wadset to Quentin Craufurd of Camlarg, £6, 14s. 4d. To David Fergushill and Alexander Lokhert, interest on their loan of £100, £12.

Total, £54, 17s. 4d.

Miscellaneous. To John Jamesoun, for the minister's house-mail, £26, 13s. 4d. To pay the expenses of the minister's wife in going to her husband at Blackness, £10. Spent by Hew Kennedy on the minister, by command of the town, £25, 6s. 8d. For 2 double muskets given to Robert Hepburn, Lieutenant of the King's Guard, in Aug. 1605, £20. For measuring the acres of the Sands, to a messenger, and for wine given to the laird of Craigie, £5. To John Utoun, searcher and gauger, £7, 6s. 8d. To support certain Englishmen, and a boy to convey them to Edinburgh, £13, 14s. To *ane pure crippill*, 10s. To support a poor Dutchman, £5.

Total, £113, 10s. 8d.

Grand Total, £1160, 15s. 2d.

In arrears, £33, 16s. 4d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £1195, 1s. 6d.<sup>1</sup> Balance due, £76, 12s.<sup>2</sup> *And this compt maid and perusit befor the provest baillies and counsale of new the xij of September 1610, sene allowit and admittit be thame.*

(109r.)

<sup>1</sup> Should be £1194, 11s. 6d.

<sup>2</sup> This balance is wrong both ways. According to the erroneous Total given it should be £77, 5s. 6d. The correct balance would be £77, 15s. 6d.



Dean of Guild,  
1604-05.

THOMAS MIRRIE, Dean of Guild, 1604-05  
(audited March 25, 1606)

*Charge*

(107v.) Three guild-entries at £20, £60. Balance received from James Michell, Dean of Guild, 1602-03, £23, 9s. Received from John Rankene, Dean of Guild, 1603-04, £14, 6s. 8d. Total, £97, 9s.<sup>1</sup>

*Discharge*

(107v., 108r.) For 62 *dailis* to the kirk loft, £46, 18s. 8d. For 3 *geistis*, £10. For carrying the timber to the kirk, 10s. To Robert Simpsoun, wright, for *dressing* the kirk loft, £18. Paid at the agreement with him, 13s. For 250 *planscheour* nails, £1, 5s. Timber for the seats of the forms, £7, 18s. 8d. *Carpoillis* for the vennel, 2 half-*dailis* for the Brig-port, and a *kneheid* for the Tron, £1, 13s. 4d. To the barrowmen for filling in the waste before the kirk-door, and cleaning the choir, £1. For a pint of ale, 2s. Olive-oil for the bell, 6s. 8d. For building the kirk window and lead to the pillar, £1, 10s. To George Liddell, glazier, for glass to the windows, £4, 13s. 4d. His fee, £5. The Dean of Guild's fee, £5. Total, £103, 15s.<sup>2</sup>

(108r.) Credit balance, £6, 9s. 4d.<sup>3</sup>

Master of  
Work,  
1604-05.

PETER HAMILTOUN, Master of Work, 1604-05  
(audited April 20, 1608)

*Charge*

(109r.) From Treasurer Knycht (1603-04), £1, 17s. From Treasurer Knycht (1604-05), £10. *Plus iij li. iij s.* (*besynd and attour the unlanvis and causaliteis pertening to his office*). Total, £15.

*Discharge*

Spent by him on the repairing of the town's common works, as testified by him in his compt, allowed by the Provost, Bailies and Council, £15.

Quit.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £97, 15s. 8d.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £104, 10s. 8d.

<sup>3</sup> Should be £6, 6s.

WILLIAM BROWN, Treasurer, 1605-06  
(audited Dec. 23, 1608)

Treasurer,  
1605-06.

### Charge

The town's old rental, £536, 19s. 8d. The Blackfriars annuals, (£20, 12s. 4d. The feu of the Blackfriars yards, £4, 4s. The Chorists' annuals, £29, 19s. 1d. Annuals of altarages now payable, £6, 7s. 4d. Annuals of the Rood altar, £15, 13s. 4d. The impost of the Brig (from George Tod and Ninian Flemyng), £260, 13s. 4d. The mill-ferme—9 bolls malt and 4 1/3 bolls meal per term (beside the minister's stipend), sold to Hew Nesbit, farmer of the mill, at £5, 16s. 8d. per boll of malt for Mart. 1605, and £6 per boll for Cand. and Belt. 1606, and £4 per boll of meal throughout, with 1 boll of ferme-bere for the acre of the Over-mill, at £6—£218, 10s. The ferme-bere of Robert McMillen of Cortoun—6 firlots, 2 pecks, at £5 the boll—£8, 2s. 6d. The ferme-bere of John Speir of Allo-way, 2 bolls, £10. The Dalkeyth ferme, £32. Burgess-entries—12 (including a mariner, a cooper, a waulker and a skinner) at £10, one at £2, 10s., and one at £1, 13s. 4d.—£124, 3s. 4d. For merchants' licenses, £22. Balance owed by him as Treasurer in 1603-04, £37, 18s. 8d. Balance received from John Rankene, Dean of Guild, 1603-04, £10, 5s. 4d.<sup>1</sup> Total, £1302, 19s. 3d.<sup>2</sup>

### Discharge

Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. The minister, Mr. John Welche (for his stipend *silvir*, paid to his wife), £266, 13s. 4d. The master of the Grammar School, £66, 13s. 4d. The doctor, £20. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. The town's 2 procurators, £12. Ninian Reid (*restand to him of his pension*), £20. Friar Allasoun, £16. For keeping the kirk and ringing the bells (the malt custom), £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the knock, £10. The officers (feu-mail of the Burrow-field), £10. The suitor-fee (mail of the west fore-shop of the Tol-booth), £1, 6s. 8d. Total, £446. (110rv.)

Commissioners' Expenses. To John Lokherth of Boghall, as commissioner to the Parliament at Edinburgh, Nov. 1605, £18. To the same, as commissioner to the Parliament summoned to Edinburgh in June 1606, then moved to Perth, *first at his afeild passing*, £50. To George Cochren, for keeping the burgh's Convention at Dundee in July 1606, and also for Ayr's share of the 500 merks granted by the burghs for the support of Irvine, £70. To him, for riding to Edinburgh in the town's affairs, £20. To him, for keeping the burghs' Convention at Rutherglen, £8. Total, £166.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £10, 1s. 4d.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £1337, 8s. 11d.

Treasurer,  
1605-06.

Legal and Messengers' Expenses. To John Lokkert of Boghall, to obtain the new gift of the Brig-penny, £15, 10s. To Hew Dunbar, the town's agent, for *futing* the Exchequer compt and other expenses, and for his fee, £24, 16s. 8d. To John Wallace, disbursed in the town's affairs, £10. To Robert Reid and John Scherar, messengers, for executions, £4, 5s. 4d. To John Broun, officer of Alloway, for his services, £2, 13s. 4d. To sundry messengers, bringing missives and letters, £2, 13s. 4d. To 2 boys, for going to the minister at Blackness, £4, 10s. To boys, for going to Edinburgh and Troon, £2, 5s.

Total, £66, 13s. 8d.

Common Work. For 15 pieces of iron weights, bought in Flanders for 23 *gudlingis*, or 11 crowns at £4 each, £44. To Robert Forrest, traveller, for bringing them from Edinburgh, £6, 2s. 8d. To James Blakwod, for *stringis to the irn tron breddis*, £3, 3s. 4d. To David Buthill, mason, for building the stone-work of the Iron-tron, £5, 14s. 10d. To George Liddell, glazier, for mending the Tolbooth window, 8s. For *dichting* the Tolbooth, 3s. 4d. To John McQuattie, for making 3 measuring barrels *girthit with irn*, £10, 6s. 8d. For 4 *Irland burdis* to mend the Brig-port, £1. Barrows for the haven-work, £1, 3s. 4d. For 2 *carpollis* as marches between the Sands and the hills, 6s. 8d. To John Anderson, drummer, for heads to the drum, £1, 10s.

Total, £73, 18s. 10d.

Wine and Hospitality. Balance due from last year on the hogshead of wine given to my Lord Comptroller, £5, 11s. For wine given to Lord Loudoun and others, *gudenvillaris of this toun*, £24, 17s. 6d. For wine and *confeittis* given to Lords Abercorn, Montgomerie, Loudoun, and Sempill, when they were in Ayr for the burial of the laird and lady of Bargany, £21, 6s. 8d. For *comfeittis* (13s. 4d. per box) given to the *Master Cunyeour* and Lord Loudoun, £4. Wheatbread for Communion, £2, 4s. For drink given to the *landmettaris* of the Sands, 18s. Other payments for wine, £6, 12s.

Total, £65, 9s. 2d.

Debts and Deductions from Revenue. For the mails of the 3 booths under the Tolbooth, wadset, £20, 3s. For the feu-mail of the 4 acres of the Freirland, wadset to George Jamesoun and John Gardner, £16. For the feu-mail of the Castelhill, wadset to Quentin Craufurd, £6, 14s. 4d. Interest on £100 owed to David Fergushill, £12. In repayment of John Lokkert's loan of £116, plus £12 for one year's interest, £128. In repayment of other £50 owed him, £50. Rebated of the Alloway barony-mail for lands under warning, £6. Balance due to Thomas Mirrie as Dean of Guild, 1604-05, £6, 9s. 4d.

Total, £245, 6s. 8d.

Miscellaneous. To the officers, *to be thair coittis of thair reid skarlet and blew hoyss*, £33, 6s. For a halbert to the officers, £3. To John Osburne, for the school-house mail for 2 years, £20. To support John Galloway, *ane auld failyieit gild brother*, £5. To support *ane pure pilleit Inglisman*, £4. To Margaret Stewart, relict of Adam Osburne, for money spent by him in the town's service *the tyme of the visitatioun*, £1, 13s. 4d. Treasurer, 1605-06.

Total, £66, 19s. 4d.

Grand Total, £1130, 14s. 4d.<sup>1</sup>

In arrears (including £70 of burgess-entries, £89 of the mill-ferme, Dean of Guild Rankene's debit balance of £10, 5s. 4d., and £1, 13s. 4d. for the fore-shop of the Tolbooth, owed by Roger Rob, cordiner, *quha departed of the pest ane pure man*), £221, 9s. 10d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £1352, 4s. 2d. Credit balance, £49, 4s. 11d., and for the collection of the arrears *the said William to do his utter and exact diligence sa fer as in him possibillie lyis, sa fer as is gettabill or poindabill in any sort.* (110v., 111r.)

GEORGE GIBSOUN, Dean of Guild, 1605-06

Dean of Guild,  
1605-06.

*He maid nocht his compt thairof, and thairfoir his airis and executouris to be charget for his intromissioun the said yeir and of his debursingis thairof, be ressoun of his departing this lyfe afoir he wes charget with his compt.* (111r.)

WILLIAM CUNINGHAM, Master of Work, 1605-06

Master of  
Work,  
1605-06.  
(111r.)

*Exonerit of his compt thairof, being of his absence afeild the said yeir for the maist part, and intervening of the pest, and intromettit with nathing.*

DAVID FERGUSHILL, Provost, 1605-06  
(Compt of the building of the Hospital, audited  
April 20, 1608)

Provost,  
1605-06.

Charge

Paid by Alan Cathcart of Brounhill, *of the silvir quhilk wes awand be him to the toun*, £140. Received of *the kirkis silvir*, £100. Paid by Mr. John Porterfeild, late minister, *of the silver quhilk wes in his handis pertening to the toun*, £133, 6s. 8d. Total, £373, 6s. 8d. (109v.)

<sup>1</sup> Should be £1130, 7s. 8d.

Provost,  
1605-06.

*Discharge*

To David Buthill, mason, for building the Hospital, £79, 6s. 8d. To Antan Wrycht, slater, for slating it, £46, 13s. 4d. One boll of salt as *bounteth* to him, £1, 6s. 8d. To John Mur, wright, for building the roof, £65, 9s. 4d. To John Batie, smith, for iron-work, £8, 1s. 8d. To James McQuhaill, wright, for his labour, 6s. Spent by Hew Kennedy, by command of the Provost, for other work and materials for the Hospital, £30. For winning stones and *redding* the ground, £15, 15s. For lime, £22, 2s. 8d. For clay and sand, £13, 12s. 7 *dailis* to make the doors, £5, 12s. Timber for the roof, £44, 15s. For carrying timber, 15s. 10d. For nails, £1, 18s. 4d. For slate-pins, £1, 1s. 8d. The loan of a kettle to *seith* them, 6s. 8d. Ropes for the slaters, £1, 13s. 4d. 2 barrels for water, 16s. 8d. A broken shovel and a spade-head, 5s. Spent at sundry times in drink, at agreements with the craftsmen and given to the workmen, £3, 8s. 8d. For 5½ ells of *firr* to make the trap in the kirk-loft, £2, 15s. Total, £346, 1s. 6d.

Balance due, £27, 5s. 2d., *quhair of he hes presentlie gevin to Neill Wrycht, sklater, in part of payment of his sklating xj li. xij s. iij d., and xv li. xj s. x d., quhilk he hes payit to the Sessioun and Kirk of this burgh. And swa he is sic eque.*<sup>1</sup>

Treasurer,  
1606-07.

DONALD SMYTH, Treasurer, 1606-07  
(audited April 20, 1608)

*Charge*

(1111r.)

The town's old rental, £502, 8s. 4d. The Blackfriars annuals, £12, 12s. 4d. The Chorists' annuals, £29, 19s. 1d. The feu of the Blackfriars yards, £4, 4s. Annuals of the altarges now payable, £6, 7s. 4d. Annuals of the Rood altar, £13, 3s. 8d. The impost of the Brig, £200, *plus* £19, 15s. received between Mart. and Whit., *quhilk wes afoir the roping thair of*, £219, 15s. The mill-ferme—80 bolls of victual and a boll of bere for the acre of the Overmill—£348. The feu-duty of Dalkeyth—4 bolls bere, 4 bolls meal, and 4s. in money, *price of the boll ourheid* £4—£32, 4s. The ferme-bere of Robert McMillen of Cortoun, 6 firlots, 2 pecks, at £5 the boll, £8, 2s. 6d. The ferme-bere of John Speir's two merkland in Alloway, 2 bolls, £10. The ferme-bere of John Hunter's mailing in Alloway for 4 years (1603-07), 3 firlots per year, £15. Burgess-entries, £185. Uplifted by George Liddell of the custom of the firlots, £8, 2s. 9d. Part-payment by the burgh of Irvine of expenses anent the Saltcoats men, 1 crown, £4. Total, £1398, 19s.

<sup>1</sup> Marginal note.—*Memorandum this compt hard sene and allowit be the counsale and sessioun of this burgh the vj of September 1608.—Masoun.*

*Discharge*Treasurer,  
1606-07.

(111v.)

Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. Mr. John Welche, minister (paid to his wife and to Hew Kennedy in his name), £403, 6s. 8d. The schoolmaster, £60. The doctor, £20. Mr. Hew Tran (for reading in the schoolmaster's absence), £13, 6s. 8d. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. David Allasoun, £16. For keeping the kirk and ringing the bells (the malt custom), £6, 13s. 4d. John Smyth, for keeping the knock, £10. The officers (feu of the Burrowfield), £10. The suitor-fee (the west fore-shop of the Tolbooth), £1, 6s. 8d. Archibald Barquhill, lockman, £5. Total, £562, 6s. 8d.

Commissioners' Expenses. To David Fergushill, for keeping the particular Convention of the western burghs at Glasgow in June 1607, £14, 13s. 4d. To John Osburne, commissioner to the general Convention of Royal Burghs at Dumbarton, July 1, 1607, £32. Disbursed by him then in the town's affairs, £22, 11s. 7d. To John Lokhart, for riding to Edinburgh on the town's business, £30, 0s. 8d. Total, £99, 5s. 7d.

Legal and Messengers' Expenses. Sent to John Lokhart in Edinburgh, for the town's service, £30, 13s. 4d. To James Prymrois for letters, £6. Spent by William Speir, Bailie of Edinburgh, for letters for this town, £7, 11s. 8d. Spent by Adam Stewart, Provost, in the town's affairs, £2, 12s. To David Garven, for writing the town's warnings and going to Maybole and elsewhere for their execution, £3. To Mr. Hew Tran, for going to Kilbride, £1. To Robert Reid, messenger, for going to Largs and Saltcoats to charge the unfreemen, £6. For copies of letters, £1, 6s. 8d. To John Broun, officer of Alloway, for collecting the town's revenues, £3, 6s. 8d. To George Tennand, officer, for going to Edinburgh and making the town's warnings, £5, 6s. 8d. To a boy that brought letters, 15s. Total, £67, 12s.

Common Work. To the wright who came and built the harbour, £115, 10s. To John Osburne, for 5 great *geistis*, 22 and 23 ft. long, to be the *soill tymmer* of the bulwark (8 merks each), £26, 13s. 4d. To him for 7 small *geistis of the commoun sort* (£2, 10s. each), £17, 10s. For 8 *carpollis*, £1, 12s. For 100 wooden nails, £3. For rope, £2, 6s. 8d. To Donald Smyth, Treasurer, for 18 *geistis* for the haven-work, £43, 4s. To him for 14 long *sparris*, £26, 8s. To John Broun, officer of Alloway, for bringing stones, £1, 4s. For *fog* to the Hospital, £1, 6s. 8d. To Bailie George Masoun, for a new *Burdeaulx* drum, £10. For 4 skins, cords and heads for the drums, £5, 3s. 6d. For a suit of grey clothes to John Cragy, drummer, £4. Total, £257, 18s. 2d.

Treasurer,  
1606-07.

The Pest. For a kettle for cleaning the pest clothes on the *foull mur*, £28. To John Broun, officer of Alloway, for bringing coals to the cleaning cauldron on the muir, £6, 15s. To a poor woman *suspect of the pest*, 16s. 8d. Total, £35, 11s. 8d.

Wine and Hospitality. For wine to the Marquis of Hamilton, the Earl of Abercorn, the Master of Loudoun and others, when in Ayr in May 1607, £11, 14s. For wine to the Earl of Cassilis and certain ministers, £12, 16s. For *comfeittis* given to the Marquis of Hamilton, £2, 13s. 4d. To Duncan McAdame's wife for entertaining the ministers who came to teach in Ayr, to supply the minister's absence, £48, 9s. For wine to Communion, £3, 6s. 8d. For ale and wine for the cleaners and ministers, £2, 2s. 8d. Other purchases of wine, £33, 1s. Total, £114, 2s. 8d.

Debts and Deductions from Revenue. The 3 cellars under the Tolbooth, wadset, £20, 3s. The 4 acres of the Freirland, occupied by George Jamesoun and John Gardner in wadset, £16. The Castelhills, wadset to Quentin Craufurd of Camlarg, £6, 14s. 4d. Interest on £100 owed to David Fergushill, £12. Rebated of the barony-mail of Alloway, for 13 merklands under warning, £8, 13s. 4d. To Michael Wallace, in part-payment of 200 merks promised him for the customs, £33, 6s. 8d. Total, £96, 17s. 4d.

Miscellaneous. To John Osburne, for the school-house mail, £10. For James Harper the surgeon's *chalmer-maill*, £6, 13s. 4d. To Andrew Bard for baking bread, £1, 11s. 10d. To support him, £6. Total, £24, 5s. 2d.  
Grand Total, £1281, 4s. 8d.<sup>1</sup>

(112r.)

In arrears (including £56, 13s. 4d. from the late John McQuattie for the custom of the firlots and pecks in the *pest yeir*), £107, 14s. 10d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £1388, 19s. 6d. Balance due, £10, 0s. 6d.<sup>2</sup> *And this compt endit and perfytit in presens of provest baillies and counsale the xxij of October 1610.*

Dean of Guild,  
1606-07.

DUNCAN McADAME, Dean of Guild, 1606-07

(113r.)

*He departed this lyfe afoir the making of his compt. . . Alwyis his ressait and charge is extant in the gild buik, quhairby his airis and executouris may be socht for the samin.*

<sup>1</sup> Should be £1257, 19s. 3d.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £9, 19s. 6d.

HENRY OSBURNE, Master of Work, 1606-07  
(audited Nov. 10, 1607)

Master of  
Work,  
1606-07.

### Charge

From Ninian Flemyng of the impost of the Brig, £40. From Peter Hamiltoun of *dett awand be him*, £18. From David Bannatyne, one of the collectors of the Harbour Stent, £57, 0s. 8d. From George Gibsoun, another collector, £76, 13s. 4d. From George McCalmont, another collector, £22, 18s. Stranger merchants' licenses to sell their goods, £43. Total, £257, 13s. 4d.<sup>1</sup>

(112v.)

### Discharge

To Edward Stewart, wright of Leith, for his work in building part of the Quay, £193, 6s. 8d. To John Mur, wright, for making barrows, £1. For carrying timber, £3, 11s. For carting stones, £5. Wages paid for odd jobs to barrowmen (including one *callit Fair and Fre*), £6, 6s. 8d. To other workmen (including 3 Irishmen), £8, 4s. For rope for the *cran* and a *buk*, £9, 18s. Sawing timber for the *barkettis*, £14, 12s. To John Mur, wright, 2 weeks' wages for making the town's *brvksis*, at 16s. per day, £9, 12s. For timber to make wheels for one of them, £1, 18s. 4d. To *ane Eistland man* for making another of them, £1, 10s. Drink given in the course of the work, £4, 5s. For drink when the wrights and workmen went away and left the work *be intervening of the pest*, 13s. 4d. To John Simpson and his partners for rowing *the honest men* to Robert Hunter's ship in the *raid bound to the Saltcoittis*, £2. Total, £263, 7s.<sup>2</sup>

Credit balance, £5, 13s. 4d., *quhilk ves payit to him upoun compt and swa equē*.

*Memorandum.* The *smyth work and irn work furneist be William Richert smyth to the bigging of the bulwark . . . extendis to the sowme of vj<sup>xx</sup>xvj li. quhair of the said William hes ressavit payment be David Bannatyne in the tonnis name . . . conforme to ane act maid thairupoun.*

*The nummer of the geistis and tymmer bocht be the town . . . for bigging of the foirsaid bulwark interprysit that yeir and payit for be the town . . . is vj<sup>xx</sup>ix geistis and xvij sparris, and in silvir—ij<sup>o</sup>lxxxv li. xj s. iij d.*

<sup>1</sup> Should be £257, 12s.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £261, 17s



Treasurer,  
1607-08.

ADAM RICHE, Treasurer, 1607-08  
(audited Sept. 12, 1610)

*Charge*

(113rv.)

The town's old rental, £246, 12s. 8d. The Blackfriars annuals, £20, 12s. 4d. The feu of the Blackfriars yards, £4, 4s. The Chorists' annuals, £29, 19s. 1d. The annuals of the altarages now payable, £6, 7s. 4d. The annuals of the Rood altar, £13, 3s. 8d. The impost of the Brig, £233, 6s. 8d. The mill-mail of Alloway, £13, 6s. 8d. The dry multures of Alloway, £146, 13s. 4d. The barony-mail *as yit nocht sett to ferme*, £30, 13s. 4d. The ferme-bere of Alloway, 2 bolls from John Speir's 2 merkland, 6 firlots, 2 pecks from Robert McMillen's 21s. 8d. land in Cortoun, 3 firlots from Donald Blair for John Hunter's 10s. 8d. land, and 3 bolls from John Miller's 40s. land—total, 7 bolls, 1 firlot, 2 pecks, at £5, 6s. 8d. per boll—£39, 6s. 8d. The feu-ferme duty of the 2 merkland of Freris Dalkeyth—4 bolls meal, 4 bolls bere, and 4s., the victual at £4 per boll *ourheid*—£32, 4s. The fermes of the mills, Over and Nether—40 bolls meal, 40 bolls malt, with 1 boll bere for the town's acre at the Overmill—£338, 6s. 8d. The grass of the Quarry-holes, £2, 6s. 8d. Burgess-entries, £535. Arrears of fermes received—£15 from William Craufurd, £26, 13s. 4d. from John Miller, £8 from his 2 sons (all of Alloway)—£49, 13s. 4d. From John Cuninghame, for the double of his feu-mail for Rudeland, £2, 1s. From 3 Irish merchants for licenses to sell corn, £6. From John Martene, of Isle of Man, for license to sell his *baff and hydys*, £3. From John Broun, officer of Alloway, for payments made to him for the hiring of horses, £15, 6s. 8d. *The censure silvir* of Alexander Broun, £6, 13s. 4d. Paid by Matthew McGowne of Maybole, £33, 6s. 8d. Paid by Archibald George, burgess of Irvine, *for his hurt done be his schip to the key of this burgh* (to complete the agreed price of 20 *geistis*), £30. Total, £1598, 4s. 1d.

*Entres and Rentell Silvir.* From Quentin Mur for his 20s. land in Binberriyard, £13, 6s. For Thomas Patersoun's mailings in Alloway and Cortoun, £24. From Patrick Hunter, son of William Hunter, for his 20s. land in Binberriyard, £13, 6s. From John Miller *in Miln* for his 4 merkland in Carcluy and his 40s. land in Alloway (13 merks, 4s. for each merkland), £62, 1s. 4d. From John Neill for his 5 merkland in Alloway, £44, 6s. 8d. From John Miller of Nethertoun of Alloway for his 5 merkland there, £44, 6s. 8d. From James Mur for his merkland in Cortoun (13 merks, 4s.), £8, 17s. 4d. From William Wallace for his 5 merkland in Carcluy, £44, 6s. 8d. From John Miller, fourth son of John Miller of Alloway, for 1 merk-

land of the late Robert Speir's 2 merkland there, £8, 17s. 4d. From Treasurer, William Miller, his brother, for the other merkland, £8, 17s. 4d. 1607-08.

Total, £272, 5s. 4d.

Grand Total, £2110, 9s. 5d.<sup>1</sup>

### *Discharge*

Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The (113v., 114rv.)  
Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. Mr. John Welche, minister (*silvir stipend* for Mart. 1607 and Whit. 1608), £296. For 40 bolls of victual due to him from the crop of each of 2 years, 1606 and 1607, £338, 6s. 8d. The schoolmaster, £80. The doctor, £30. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. Alexander Cuninghame, the town's agent (£12 as stipend for 1606-07, £20 for each of the next 2 years as stipend and for making the town's Exchequer compt), £52. David Allasoun, £16. For keeping the kirk and ringing the bells (the malt custom), £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the knock, £10. The officers (feu of the Burrowfield), £10. The suitor-fee, £1, 6s. 8d. The lockman, £5. Total, £862.

Commissioners' Expenses. To John Lokkert of Boghall and William McKerrell, as commissioners for the burgh at the General Assembly held at Linlithgow, July 26, 1608, and for their expenses in getting the minister, Mr. George Dunbar, placed and admitted, £35, 13s. 4d. To John Lokkert, as commissioner to the Convention held in Edinburgh in May 1608 anent the Isles raid, £28. To the minister, for riding to Edinburgh anent the parsonages of Ayr and Alloway, £40. To George Cochren, as commissioner to the burghs' Convention at Selkirk in July 1608 and for other affairs of the town, £108. Total, £211, 13s. 4d.

Legal and Messengers' Expenses. To James Wynname, the burghs' agent, for 2 unlaws incurred by Ayr, and for his expenses when in Ayr, £32, 3s. 8d. To George Masoun, notary, for writs, £2, 6s. 8d. For more writs, £1, 6s. 8d. To Cuthbert Miller, writer, for raising suspension at the town's instance against the Saltcoats men, £6. To Robert Reid, messenger, for executing letters of four forms against the tenants of Alloway, £2, 13s. 4d. To Robert Reid, younger, for copying warnings and reading edicts through the town, £1, 16s. To the servant of Alexander Cuninghame, the town's agent, £2. To raise letters against George Angus, £8. To raise new letters against him, £7. To John Scherar, messenger, for charging him twice and charging witnesses, £6. Expenses of the witnesses against him, £10, 6s. 8d. Spent by Bailie Cochren on the town's

<sup>1</sup> This total is exactly £240 too much—a major error which may mean that an important item of revenue has been omitted.

Treasurer,  
1607-08.

affairs, 15s. To Barquhill for scourging two women through the town, to the carters, and for rope, £1, 6s. 8d. For rope to bind the woman, Gow Rankene, and for Barquhill's expenses, 15s. 4d. For taking the town's missives to Glasgow and elsewhere, £4, 14s. To the man who brought the missive *anent the imprenting of the auld lawis*, and other messengers, £2, 2s. 8d. Total, £89, 6s. 8d.

Common Work. For 50 *geistis* for the harbour-work, at £2, 10s. each, £125. To John Ard and Donald Slowane, carters, for taking timber and stones to it, £6. To William Cuninghame, late Bailie, for 9 oak *sparris* for the bulwark, £15. To John Schaw, cordiner, for 2 pairs of *buittis* for the harbour, £10, 13s. 4d. 2 st. 2 lb. of rope, £4, 5s. Wages to labourers, George Bowstoun and *the man callit Fair and Fre*, £11, 6s. 8d. To James Fergushill, to consult with the wright in Edinburgh *anent the bulwark for repairing thair of being than in danger*, £12. Iron for the town's work, £5. To Neil Wrycht, slater, for slate to the Hospital, £20. For *outtacking and dressing* the Hospital, £4. For building and repairing the school-master's room in the Schoolhouse, including £2 for timber to make the *braiss* of the chimney, £18, 3s. Timber for the Council-house, £6, 11s. Timber (including *daillis* at 18s. each) for the kirk and the kirk-stile, £27, 12s. Cleaning the kirk after the work, £2. To Peter Hamiltoun, Master of Work, £16. To James Fergushill (spent by him on the kirk-work in 1610), £11, 6s. 8d. To George Liddell for repairing the firlots, 12s. 2 heads to the drum, 18s. Olive-oil for the knock, 10s. Total, £296, 17s. 8d.

The Pest. To William Hunter and James Dowok, the town's cleaners (stipend for Whit. 1608), £20. Clothes for them, £13, 6s. 8d. Their expenses, £4. For a ship's mainsail *to bed the kill appointed for drying of clathis the tyme of the lait infectioun*, £40. To a boy, for running to Kilmarnock *anent the tryell of the pest thair*, 12s. To Helen Craufurd, for entertaining *two litill barnes the tyme of the infectioun*, £1, 18s. 8d. Total, £79, 17s. 4d.

Wine and Hospitality. For wine given to Lords Abercorn and Ochiltree, Captain William Sanctjohne and other gentlemen in June 1608, £21, 9s. For wine given to Lords Cassilis and Loudoun, the English captains and others, £34, 16s. 8d. For other purchases of wine for various persons, including the laird of Blairquhan, George Abirnethy, the captain of the English ship 'Mone,' and *sum brethir of the presbiterie*, £14, 14s. Drinksilver to the King's soldiers bound for Kintyre, £2, 3s. 4d. For wine and *confeittis* when they and Blairquhan returned, £6, 6s. 4d. To Michael Dalrimpill for *confeittis*, £2, 8s. To Jonet Broun and Gelis Lokkert for entertaining Alexander Cuninghame in Nov. 1607, £7, 5s. Expenses of entertaining the Principal of Glasgow University and his company, when he was in

Ayr for the *placing* of the minister, Mr. George Dunbar, £14, 0s. 8d. Treasurer, 1607-08.  
 For wine and sugar when the town's procurators, George Abirney and Joseph Miller, were made burgesses, £4. For drink at the *wappinschawing*, the agreement with the timberman, etc., £8, 5s. 6d.  
 Total, £115, 8s. 6d.

Debts and Deductions from Revenue. Interest on David Fergus-hill's £100, £12. Interest on Provost John Lokherst of Boghall's loans, £59, 5s. 4d. Interest on Thomas Mirrie's loan, £79, 4s. To Mr. William Wallace, minister of Symington, on behalf of William Wallace of Little Cessnock and Michael Wallace, his brother, *for their rycht of the pittie customes*, £100. Total, £250, 9s. 4d.

Miscellaneous. For James Harper the surgeon's house-mail, £33, 6s. 8d. For the officers' coats, £40. Expenses of *placing* and *ranking* the town's soldiers that went to Knockfergus, £2, 3s. 4d. To two cripple beggars, 6s. 8d. Total, £75, 16s. 8d.  
 Grand Total, £2033, 9s.<sup>1</sup>

In arrears, including £49, 13s. 4d. of burgess-entries (£20 from (114v., 115r.) 3 tailors, £10 from a maltman, £10 from a meal-man, etc.), £77, 0s. 4d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £2110, 9s. 4d. Balance due, *ane penny onlie quhilk he hes gevin to the pure*.

HEW KENNEDY, Dean of Guild, 1607-08  
 (audited Sept. 12, 1610)

Dean of Guild,  
 1607-08.

### Charge

Guild-entries—six at £20, one at £15—£135. (115r.)

### Discharge

To Neill Wrycht, slater, for slating part of the kirk and for *fog*, £34. In drinksilver, 6s. 8d. For timber to make slate-pins, 15s. For 3 *daillis*, £2. For coals, 6s. 8d. For carrying ladders (with 3s. 4d. for a quart of ale), 6s. 8d. For 10 bolls of lime, £4. For carrying sand, £1. Iron nails, £3, 6s. 8d. Glass for the windows, £8, 6s. 8d. For a rope to the kirk-bell, supplied in 1605-06, and another this year, £5, 1s. Discharged to Joseph Smyth of his guild-entry, *quhilk he debursed in the tonnis effairis*, £5. The Dean of Guild's fee, £5. Total, £70.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Should be £1981, 9s. 6d.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £69, 9s. 4d.

Dean of Guild, 1607-08. In arrears—3 guild-entries, £60, and in the *handis of the compt*, other £5—total, £65. The compt was *reiterat* before the Council, Dec. 31, 1611, when the £65 of arrears were paid up, and delivered to Neill Wrycht for slating part of the kirk that year (1611-12).

Masters of Work, 1607-08.

PETER HAMILTOUN and HENRY OSBURNE, Masters of Work,  
1607-08  
(audited May 16, 1609)

*Charge*

(115r.) From Treasurer Riche, £16.

*Discharge*

*Imployit and debursd be him in the commoun work of the bulwark*—£16.

Quit.

*Memorandum.* Iron-work at the bulwark done by William Richert, smith, this year, £29, 17s. 3d., *quhair of he wes payit be the toun.*

Treasurer, 1608-09.

JOHN DUNBAR, Treasurer, 1608-09  
(audited Oct. 23, 1610)

*Charge*

(115v.) The town's old rental of the customs and old feu-duties, £329, 4s. 4d. The Blackfriars annuals, £20, 12s. 4d. The feu of the Blackfriars yards, £4, 4s. The Chorists' annuals, £29, 19s. 1d. Annuals of St. Nicholas and the Lady altars now payable, £6, 7s. 4d. Annuals of the Rood altar, £13, 3s. 8d. Alloway barony-mail *as yit unfermit*, £29, 13s. 4d. Alloway ferme-bere, 22 bolls at £5, 6s. 8d. per boll, £117, 6s. 8d. Alloway mill-mail, £26, 13s. 4d. Dry mul-tures of Alloway, £146, 13s. 4d. Feu-ferme of the 2 merkland of Freris Dalkeyth (8 bolls at £4 per boll *ourheid*, plus 4s.), £32, 4s. The fermes of the mills of Ayr, Over and Nether—40 bolls meal at £4 per boll, 40 bolls malt at £5, 6s. 8d., with one boll of bere for the acre at the Over-mill, also £5, 6s. 8d.—£373, 6s. 8d.<sup>1</sup> Burgess-entries, £249, 3s. 4d. The impost of the Brig, £243, 6s. 8d. The water-bailiery (set to Hew Nesbit), £40. The *censure* of John

The £5, 6s. 8d. for the Over-mill acre is omitted from this sum.

Cuningham, merchant, *stylit Venetis Johne*, and his brother Ninian Cuningham, £15. From Ninian Flemyng, tacksman of the Tron custom, for the year 1609-10 (which should have been paid to the next Treasurer, William Broun), £170. Total, £1853, 5s. 5d.<sup>1</sup>

Treasurer,  
1608-09.

### Discharge

Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. Mr. John Welsche, minister, 20 bolls meal and 20 bolls malt as ferme-duty (paid to Hew Kennedy in his name), £186, 13s. 4d. The schoolmaster, £80. The doctor, £30. James Harper, surgeon, £33, 6s. 8d. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. Mr. Robert Leirmont, the town's new procurator (£10 for his first year's stipend, £2 to his servant), £12. David Allasoun, £16. For keeping the kirk and ringing the bells, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the knock, £10. The officers, £10. The suitor-fee (the little west foreshop of the Tolbooth), £3, 6s. 8d. The lockman, £5. Total, £409, 13s. 4d.

(115v., 116rv.,  
117r.)

Commissioners' Expenses. To John Lokherth of Boghall, as commissioner in the town's affairs in Edinburgh for 20 days after Jan. 24, 1609, in accordance with the Council's Act of March 21, £58, 16s. To him and Adam Richie, commissioners to the burghs' Convention at Irvine, June 15, £4, 4s. To the minister, Mr. George Dunbar, for riding to Linlithgow, £26, 13s. 4d.

Total, £89, 13s. 4d.

Legal and Messengers' Expenses. Spent in the town's action against George Angus, in and about April 1609, for processes and letters of lawburrows (*nocht to trubill* the Provost and the masons), for messengers to Edinburgh, entertainment of writers and clerks, payments to the town's agent, the advocate, etc., £201, 17s. 8d. Spent in the same action by John Lokherth of Boghall, in Dec. 1608, and again in Aug. 1609, £28, 17s. 4d. Mr. George Dunbar the minister's horse-hire, when he went to Edinburgh for the same cause, £4. To 2 messengers for charging George Angus, £2. To the town's agents for letters, £21. Sent to the town's procurators in Edinburgh, £12, 6s. 8d. Spent in Edinburgh by David Fergus-hill at the making of the town's Exchequer compt, including a *disione* to the clerks and the witnesses' wages, £6, 10s. 4d. To James Wynram's man, £1, 7s. To Patrick McQuhur for reading edicts through the town, £1, 9s. 4d. For copying letters, 3s. 4d. To the King's post and a messenger to Maybole, £1.

Total, £280, 11s. 8d.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £1846, 18s. 1d.

Treasurer,  
1608-09.

Common Work. To Neill Wrycht, slater, for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  roods of slate, with slate-pins and coals, supplied in Nov. and Dec. 1608, £18. To him for *theyking* the Hospital and the new window in the Council-house, and *oo thairintill*, with drinksilver to his men, £15, 6s. 8d. To Andrew Moir, mason, and William McQuhail, wright, for making 2 windows in the Hospital, £5, 18s. To William Richert, smith, for unpaid iron-work supplied by him to the bulwark in June 1608, £29, 17s.<sup>1</sup> To him for new iron-work in July and Aug. 1609, £92, 9s. To Hew Miller, mason, and Hew Nesbit, in complete payment of their work at the Quay and the bulwark in the summer of 1609, £266. In arls to Hew Miller and drink to the masons, £1, 6s. To Henry Osburne for *his panis and travell awaytand* the work, and his disbursings on it, for the past 2 years, £42. To him for 9 *geistis*, £22, 10s. Owed him by the town, £5. To Roger Forrest, traveller, for the carriage to Leith of the *worklwnes* of Edward Stewart, master-wright of the bulwark, £6, 13s. 4d. To Alexander Martene, merchant, for lead, £11, 7s. 1d. To William McCarmik, smith, for iron-work, £33, 7s. 10d. To John Kay, wright, in part-payment of his work at the Quay, £30. To John Donnald, smith, for iron-work supplied to the town, £7, 4s. To hire Barony horses for the work, £5, 1s. 8d. To Hew Dowok, wright, for work at the Tolbooth, £5. For cords and 3 skins to the drums, £1, 15s. To the boys *anent the middingis*, 5s. For *fog* to the kirk, £1, 16s. 8d. To John Osburne, Dean of Guild, for the kirk-work, £28, 13s. 4d.

Total, £629, 10s. 7d.

The Pest. To James Dowok, cleaner, £20. To William Cauldwell, painter, for painting *the mort kist in the pest tyme* and the drums, £3. For straw to clean *McSinthis* house, 8s. Total, £23, 8s.

Wine and Hospitality. For wine (£1 per quart), *confeittis* (13s. 4d. per box) and bread (2s. each) supplied to the Master of Loudoun at dinner, supper, etc., at the Golden Bell horse-race on May 10, 1609; as also to the Prior of Blantyre; and when the Earl of Swissenberge, a German noble, and other strangers were made burgesses; also when Sir John Kennedy and Andrew Boyd, the King's domestic, were made burgesses in August; and later to Lord Loudoun and Blairquhan—in all, £45, 7s. 4d. For French wine (£1 per quart), candy wine (£1, 6s. 8d. per quart), *confeittis*, bread, beer (5s. per quart), *aquavitae* (£1 per pint) and meat given at sundry times to honorable men to whom *the juges and toun ar addettit in favour for thair gude will manifestit to the toun*—Lords Abercorn and Loudoun, the lairds of Kerse and MacNightane, Lefnoresis, the burgh magistrates (at their election), the town's agent, the minister, Mr. Setoun, the King's carpenter (at his admission as burgess), and the Italian

<sup>1</sup> Cf. *supra*, p. 238.

who came *anent the candy wyne*, £38, 14s. 8d. For wine drunk at the Cross in Sept. 1609, *the tyme of the reconceilling of the nychtbouris of the town at variance*, £5, 8s. For 4 quarts of wine given to Lords Cassilis and Loudoun, £4, 16s. For wine supplied by Margaret Cuninghame, spouse of George Cochren, when Sir John Kennedy was made a burges; and given to Cassilis and to the cleaners at the cleaning of *MakSinthis* house, £8, 10s. For wine drunk at the receipt of the impost of the Brig from Ninian Flemyng, and at the Treasurer's compt-making in the Tolbooth, £1, 2s. *Plus for wyne*, £57, 6s. Treasurer,  
1608-09.

Total, £161, 4s.

Miscellaneous and Unexplained. Interest on David Fergushill's £100, £12. To John Lokhert of Boghall, £21. To Thomas Mirrie, £26, 8s. To John Scharp, 6s. 8d. To Adam Richie's ship, *for seiking of the Inglis pirattis*, £50. To Bailie David Craufurd, for 2 double muskets *advancet* by command of the town to Quentin Hepburne, on his way to the Isles, £14, 13s. 4d. Paid in April 1609 *to the youth to help thair bend conforme to the counsaleis Act*, £6. For the carriage of the bells from Glenluce to Ayr, £4, 10s. To Alan Wallace, tailor, balance due for the cloth for the officers' coats, £8. To John Dalrimpill *in support*, £13, 6s. 8d.

Total, £156, 4s. 8d.

Grand Total, £1804, 14s. 5d.<sup>1</sup>

In arrears (including £6, 18s. *be George Angus for himself and the airis of umquhyle Johnne Hamfie and Johnne Gardner notar of thair annuellis and few deviteis*), £28, 4s. 4d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £1832, 18s. 9d. Balance due, £20, 6s. 8d.

Compt *gevin up first*, Oct. 13 [*sic*], 1610, and *last futit and endit*, Aug. 13, 1611. Balance of £20, 6s. 8d. paid up, Dec. 31, 1611.

GEORGE COCHREN, Dean of Guild, 1608-09  
(audited Dec. 19, 1609)

Dean of Guild,  
1608-09.

### *Charge*

16 guild-entries at £20 (including 2 smiths, 2 merchants, a (<sup>1177v.</sup>) skipper, a traveller and a skinner), £320. One guild-entry at £5, three at £3, 6s. 8d., £15. The guild-entries of Alexander McQuhaill, skinner, as heir to his brother, of the son of John Batie, smith, as his heir, and of John Feyane as heir to his father, each 5s., 15s.

Total, £335, 10s.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Should be £1750, 5s. 7d.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £335, 15s.



Dean of Guild,  
1608-09.

*Discharge*

(117v.)

Disbursed this year on the repairing of the North aisle of the kirk, £292, 19s. 7d. The Dean of Guild's fee, and his expenses *in seiking out of gildis and in the ressait of the silvir*, £20, 15s. Guild-entries paid in part to Treasurer Broun (1609-10), £16, 13s. 4d. For £10 *rebaitit deducit and allowit* from each of two £20 entries, £20.

Total, £333, 15s. 7d.<sup>1</sup>

Balance of £1, 14s. 5d. paid to John Osburne, Dean of Guild, 1609-10.

Master of  
Work,  
1608-09.  
(117v.)

JOHN NICHOLL, Master of Work, 1608-09

*He maid his compt of his debursingis and ressait. He is fundin sic eque.*

Treasurer,  
1609-10.

WILLIAM BROUN, Treasurer, 1609-10  
(audited June 6, 1611)

*Charge*

(117v., 118r.)

*The tonniss auld rentell of the maill of the woll trone, irn trone, firloctis, malt nolt and schein custumes, small custumes, according to the Witsoun-day sett, and utheris the tonniss rentis and few dewiteis of auld (besyd the roodsettis),* £461, 5s. The Blackfriars annuals, £20, 12s. 4d. The feu of the Blackfriars yards, £4, 4s. The Chorists' annuals, £29, 19s. 1d. Annuals of altarages now payable, £6, 7s. 4d. Annuals of the Rood altar, £13, 3s. 8d. The Alloway barony-mail *as yit nocht put to ferme*, at 13s. 4d. per merkland, £30. The ferme-bere of Alloway (one boll per merkland *in fermyng*), 23 bolls, 1 firloct, 2 pecks, at £5, 13s. 4d. per boll, £132, 9s. 2d. The dry cultures of Alloway, £146, 13s. 4d. The Alloway mill-mail, £26, 13s. 4d. The fermes of the mills of Ayr, Over and Nether—40 bolls meal at £4 per boll for the first term and £3, 13s. 4d. for the other two, 40 bolls malt at £5, 3s. 4d. for the first term and £5, 6s. 8d. for the other two, with a boll of bere for the Over-mill acre—£364, 16s. 8d. The Dalkeyth ferme, 4 bolls of meal and 4 bolls of bere at £4 per boll *ourheid, plus 4s.*, £32, 4s. The impost of the Brig, £250, 13s. 4d. From Ninian Flemyng, the Tron custom for the year 1610-11 (due to the next Treasurer, George McCalmont), £171. Burgess-entries, £94, 3s. 4d. Part of the guild-entries for the year 1608-09 received by the Treasurer, £16, 13s. 4d. Arrears of coble-mail received from John Wallace,

<sup>1</sup> Should be £350, 7s. 11d.

laird of Craigie, £8. From James Blair and Hew Nesbit as cautioners for Martin Mur, Ayr's one-third of the price of Carcluy Wood, sold to him for £93, 6s. 8d., £31, 2s. 2d. From Adam Stewart for the profit on roused salt, £11, 18s. 4d. For licenses to sell timber (£40 from the Dutchman, Nicholas Clauss, £2 each from two men of Largs, £6 and £3 from others), £53. For a license to sell Irish bere, £3. For another bere license, . . .<sup>1</sup>

Treasurer,  
1609-10.

Total, £1913, 17s. 11d.<sup>2</sup>

### Discharge

Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. Mr. John Welche, minister, 27 bolls meal, 13 bolls malt (paid to Hew Kennedy), £169. Mr. George Dunbar, minister, £200. The schoolmaster, £80. The doctor, £30. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. David Allasoun, £16. For keeping the kirk, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the knock, £10. The officers, £10. The suitor-fee (the west fore-shop of the Tolbooth), £4. The lockman, £5. James Dowok, webster (stipend as cleaner), £20.

(118rv., 119r.)

Total, £567, 6s. 8d.

Commissioners' Expenses. To George Cochren, commissioner to the general Convention of Royal Burghs at Crail, July 3, 1610, £60. To him, for keeping the particular Convention at Dumbarton in June, £10. To Mr. George Dunbar, minister, for riding to Glasgow in the town's affairs, £20. To him, for going to Edinburgh anent the platt, £33, 6s. 8d.

Total, £123, 6s. 8d.

Legal and Messengers' Expenses. Provost Lokhert's expenses in Edinburgh for procuring the commission for the apprehension of the English pirates, £20. His expenses in craving support for the harbour of Ayr, £32, 6s. 8d. The lockman's expenses in scourging two vagabonds and *the wyfe that fenyet hirself dwm* (including his dinner, the cart and ropes), £1, 19s. 4d. To him, for other two scourgings, 17s. 4d. For copies of letters and warnings, 16s. To Matthew Mortoun, for warnings etc., £1, 16s. 8d. To the men who went to Edinburgh anent the apprehension of the laird of Closeburn, £4. To other messengers (to Edinburgh, Crail, etc.), £10, 5s. To messengers bringing the Exchequer precept, letters anent the taxation, and the burghs' missive, £2, 18s. 8d.

Total, £74, 19s. 8d.

Common Work. For 6 *sole tymmer* (8 merks each) and 6 *geistis* (£2, 6s. 8d. each) to the bulwark at the harbour, £46. To John Chang, wright, for putting in 13 *geistis*, £3. To John Cuningham,

<sup>1</sup> Corner of page worn away and figure lost.

<sup>2</sup> Actual total of surviving items, £1907, 18s. 5d.

Treasurer,  
1609-10.

merchant, for lead, £13, 17s. 2d. To Hew Dowok and Robert Simpsonsoun, wrights, for building the Quay, £100. For carrying stones thither, 6s. 8d. To William Cauldwell, painter, for painting the Council-house, £33, 6s. 8d. To him, for *harne clayth*, glue and coals for the work, £5. For lime to the Tolbooth, £12, 16s. For *dailis*, £8, 14s. For carting stones, sand and straw thither, £8, 7s. 4d. To George Liddell, for 14 ft. of glass in the Tolbooth, £13, 6s. 8d. For cleaning it, £2, 5s. 4d. To Hew Miller, mason, £10. For *dailis* and *carpoillis* (unspecified), £5, 10s. To Neil Wrycht, slater, for his work at the kirk this year, £60. His *bounteth*, £10. To him for 1 st. of iron, £2. In drinksilver to his boy and to the slaters, John Deyn and Thomas Galt, £6. To George McCalmont and Robert Campbell, for *dailis* to the slating of the kirk, £31, 4s. To John Craufurd, for *foig* to the kirk and his *bounteth*, £5. To Hew Nesbit for a ladder, £8. To John Quhyte, mason, for his work, £2. To John Chang, wright, for building the kirk-stile, £4, 13s. 4d. To Andrew Moris, mason, for laying the *brig stane* at the Cross, £2, 6s. 8d. To John Cuningham, for the *carriage of sum geir*, £4. Hire of the Barony horses to clean the calsays, £1, 6s. 8d. To George Bowstoun, for *skailing of fuilye upoun the hillis*, 8s. 4d. To the drummer for a coat, £5. To James Fergushill, Master of Work, £16, 13s. 4d. To John Osburne, Dean of Guild, for the kirk-work, £20. Total, £441, 2s. 2d.

Wine and Hospitality. For wine, ale and beer to the young laird of Closeburn, in ward in the Tolbooth, and to the King's Guard and the watch, £16, 15s. For candle at the watching of the laird of Closeburn *younger, being in ward within the Tolbuiyth of this burghe, quha come thairto furth of Edinburgh quhair he wes in ward of befoir, and apprehendit agane heir, xlix s. vj d.*<sup>1</sup> £2, 9s. 6d. 2 quarts of wine given to the laird of Caprintoun at the *gold raisis*, £2. To Margaret Cochren, for wine used for Communion and given to *honorabill personis*, £9, 12s. Other 15 pints for Communion, £7, 10s. Bread for it, £1, 10s. For wine given in Nov. 1609 to the town's agent and others, £9, 2s. 8d. For wine to Cassilis and Burleigh in Sept. 1610, £7. For sweetmeats, *confeittis* and sugar given to Lord Burleigh, Bernard Lindsay and others (on their way to Ireland), to the goodman of Freirkerss etc., £10, 2s. 8d. Total, £66, 1s. 10d.

Debts and Deductions from Revenue. One year's interest on David Fergushill's £100, £12. One year's interest on the sum of £296, 6s. 8d. owed to Hew Kennedy in accordance with the Act of Nov. 20, 1608, £36. One term's interest on another sum of

<sup>1</sup> Two and a half lines of the MS. have been deleted, two items destroyed, and the italicised part of this entry written in—perhaps as a mere space-filler.

£296, 6s. 8d. due to him in accordance with the Act of Dec. 26, Treasurer, 1609, £18. Three terms' interest on David Bannatyne's £240, <sup>1609-10.</sup> £43, 4s. The Tron custom for this year, paid to the Treasurer last year, £170. George Angus's duties for two years of Broun's Treasurership (1605-06 and 1609-10), paid to George McCalmont (Treasurer 1610-11), £10, 10s. Balance due to Treasurer Broun for 1605-06, £49, 4s. 11d. Total, £338, 18s. 11d.

Alms. To support some poor Greeks, *professouris of the word*, £20. To John Craufurd, for building a *luge* for poor McCrehour, £2. To support John Harper's wife in Ochiltree, *lailie cuttit of her pape*, £6. For suits of clothes to James Kennedy and John Galloway, *failyeit auld folkis*, £10. To Thomas Bannatyne, a poor old man, £8. To certain shipwrecked Englishmen, £6. To 4 shipwrecked Irishmen, £4. To certain shipwrecked Scotsmen, £2. To two poor mariners of Kirkcudbright, £2. Total, £60.

Miscellaneous. To Provost Lokhert, for 2 years' mail of the minister's house, £66, 13s. 4d. For a year's mail of James Harper the surgeon's house, £33, 6s. 8d. To the ships that sought the pirates, £20. To Provost Adam Stewart, *of roping silvir for the buithis of the Tolbuyth*, £2, 13s. 4d. *To the yonth to support of thair bend of the papingo*, £6. To McFadyeane, 8s. 8d.

Total, £129, 2s.

Grand Total, £1794, 14s. 2d.<sup>1</sup>

In arrears, £67, 3s. 9d. Total of expenditure and arrears, (1197.) £1861, 17s. 11d. Balance due, £52.

JOHN OSBURNE, Dean of Guild, 1609-10  
(audited June 6, 1611)

Dean of Guild,  
1609-10.

*Charge*

The burges- and guild-entries of John Hude and David Aitkin (1197.) of Fairlie, £60. Three other guild-entries at £20, one at £5, one at 5 merks, £68, 6s. 8d. *Borrowit silvir* received for the kirk-work, £116, 13s. 4d. Balance received from George Cochren, late Dean of Guild, £1, 14s. 5d. Received from Treasurer Dunbar (1608-09), £28, 13s. 4d. Total, £275, 7s. 4d.<sup>2</sup>

*Discharge*

To Neill Wrycht, slater, for *theyking* 2 $\frac{3}{4}$  roods on the south side of (1197v.) the kirk, at 40 merks per rood, £73, 6s. 8d. To him for 600 slates, at 4 merks the hundred, £16. Owed him for his work, £50. To

<sup>1</sup> Should be £1800, 17s. 11d.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £275, 7s. 9d.

Dean of Guild, him, for taking down the old slate and nailing the gutter, £3, 6s. 8d.  
 1609-10. To Hew Dowok, wright, for laying the gutter, lining *sparris* and making the hanging posts, £13, 12s. For 4 *waillit dailis* for the gutter, £4. For 52 ells of *ferr* and 7 ells of *half-ferr* for the kirk and Tolbooth, £25, 16s. For 42 *dailis* (bought from various men at 16s. to 18s. each) and smaller timber, £39, 1s. 8d. For 3 *sparris* to the kirk-loft and making it, £7. For carrying 1700 slates, £2, 5s. For carrying timber and lead, £1, 1s. 6d. 4 pairs of gloves for the slaters, 14s. To John Craufurd for *foig*, £4, 8s. Rope for the ladders, £1. To George Liddell, for glazing 2 windows in the kirk, £4. (*And he wantis uther xx s.*) Olive-oil for the kirk-bell, 13s. 4d. To the support of *Lawisbrig*, £10. An iron chain to fetter McChre-chour, £2, 8s. To mak out the Kingis taxatioun that culd nocht be gottin in, £13. The Dean of Guild's fee, £5.

Total, £278, 18s. 10d.<sup>1</sup>

(119v.) In arrears, £8, 6s. 8d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £287, 5s. 6d. Credit balance, £11, 18s. [*sic*].

Master of  
Work,  
1609-10.

JAMES FERGUSHILL, Master of Work, 1609-10  
(audited Sept. 18, 1610)

*Charge*

(119v.) From Treasurer Broun, £16, 13s. 4d. From George Bell and an Irishman for licenses to sell their goods, £15. Total, £31, 13s. 4d.

*Discharge*

Spent at the harbour-work in *small rewardis*, in *careing of tymmer*, making of *barrowis* and paying of the *barrowmen* and *utheris small comptis*, £31, 13s. 4d.

Quit.

(119v., 120r.) *Memorandum*. Number of *geistis* (besides other timber) used this year for the building of 30 *cuppill* of the bulwark, 257, at the price of £842, 3s. 4d. (besides other building expenses).

Treasurer,  
1610-11.

GEORGE MACCALMONT, Treasurer, 1610-11  
(audited Dec. 3, 1613)

*Charge*

(120rv.) The town's rental of the customs, etc., according to the Whit. sett, 1610, and other old rents and feu-duties (excluding wadsets),

<sup>1</sup> Should be £276, 12s. 10d.

£408, 11s. 8d. The annuals (Blackfriars, £20, 12s. 4d. ; Blackfriars yards, £4, 4s. ; Chorists, £29, 19s. 1d. ; St. Nicholas and Our Lady altars, £6, 7s. 4d. ; Rood altar, £13, 3s. 8d.), £74, 6s. 5d. Alloway barony-mail *as yit nocht put to ferme* (47 merklands at 13s. 4d. each), £31, 6s. 8d. The rest of the Barony *that payis ferme* (1 boll bere per merkland)—23 bolls, 1 firlot, 2 pecks, at £5, 6s. 8d. per boll—£124, 13s. 4d. Dry multures of Alloway mill, £146, 13s. 4d. Alloway mill-mail, £26, 13s. 4d. Fermes of the mills of Ayr (less 27 bolls meal and 13 bolls malt assigned to Mr. George Dunbar, minister, as yearly stipend)—13 bolls meal at £3, 13s. 4d. per boll, 27 bolls malt and 1 boll bere at £5, 10s. per boll—£201, 13s. 4d. Feu-ferme of Dalkeyth, 8 bolls victual at £4 per boll, *plus* 4s., £32, 4s. The impost of the Brig, £250, 13s. 4d. Burgess-entries, £143, 6s. 8d. Arrears received (from George Angus for himself, John Hamfie and John Gardner, £25, 16s. ; from Annabel Gardner, relict of John Mur of Carcluy, £16 ; from Alexander Gardner, £8 ; from the laird of Craigie, for his coble-mail, £10), £59, 16s. The grassum of Alexander Gardner's 2 merkland in Alloway (26 merks, 8s.), £17, 14s. 8d. For a license, £10. For two *censure unlanis*, £10. From John Stewart for the profit of roused timber, £20.

Treasurer,  
1610-11.

Total, £1557, 9s. 1d.<sup>1</sup>

### Discharge

Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. Mr. George Dunbar, minister (besides 27 bolls meal and 13 bolls malt), £266, 13s. 4d. Balance of stipend due to him from last year, £66, 13s. 4d. The schoolmaster, £80. The doctor, £30. James Harper, surgeon, £33, 6s. 8d. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. Mr. Alexander King, the town's procurator, £25, 6s. 8d. Alexander Cuninghame, writer, the town's agent (2 years' stipend), £24. The beadle (for keeping the kirk and ringing the bells), £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the knock, £10. The officers, £10. The suitor-fee, £4. The lockman, £5. Hew Miller, mason, for *upholding* the Quay (2 years' stipend), £26, 13s. 4d.

(1200., 1217.)

Total, £605.

Commissioners' Expenses. To Mr. George Dunbar, minister, *directit to seik ane sculemaster to the town, to be his expensis*, £40. To George Cochren, for keeping a particular Convention of the West burghs at Renfrew, £10. To him as commissioner to the general Convention at Jedburgh in July 1611, £50. His horse-hire to Rutherglen in June 1612, £4. To David Fergushill, commissioner to a particular Convention at Edinburgh, July 31, 1611, £10. To the laird of Barr, for riding to Edinburgh as commissioner for Ayr in July 1612, £30.

Total, £144.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £1557, 12s. 9d.

Treasurer,  
1610-11.

Legal and Messengers' Expenses. Disbursed by James Blair in Edinburgh in the controversy over the election of the magistrates at Michaelmas 1611, and for the recovery of a decret discharging the election of craftsmen as Bailies, £78. Spent by Daniel Cathcart in the town's affairs, £16. Given for the book *Regiam Majestatem*, £6. For making the town's Exchequer compt in 1610 and 1611, £12. To Barquhill the lockman, for scourging Haringtoun the thief and Jonet Mortoun, and *convoying* one McQuhinye (who drew wine on the shore) through the town, £2, 4s. To Goliath Cochren, officer, for *furneissing* two *lownis* in the Tolbooth, 13s. 4d. For warnings and copies, £2, 8s. To the officer of Alloway for his services, £2, 6s. 8d. To Matthew Mortoun, officer, for going thrice to Moss-giel in the town's actions against Lady Mossgiel, £1, 16s. To messengers from Edinburgh, Rutherglen and Irvine, £1, 6s. To messengers, sent to Glasgow, Carrick and Alloway, £2, 2s. 10d.

Total, £124, 16s. 10d.

Common Work. To Hew Dowok, wright, in complete payment of his work at the harbour and elsewhere, £42. Timber for the Quay, £13, 13s. 4d. To James Fergushill, for putting in 15 *geistis* there, £4, 10s. To Robert Wallace, merchant, for 7 st. 3 lb. 6 oz. of lead for the bolts (at £1, 13s. 4d. per st.), £12, 0s. 2d. To John Getty, Master of Work, to make barrows for the haven-work, and other small expenses, £4. To Hew Miller, mason, for pointing the Council-house, building the kirk-stile, etc., £6, 3s. 4d. Owed him for building the prison-house wall in the Tolbooth, £14. To George Liddell for a glass window in the west side of the Tolbooth, £5. For glass-bands in 2 windows, £2. For 4 locks, £3, 16s. Mending the weights of the Iron-tron, £2, 13s. 4d. For timber, etc., for the kirk-work, £79, 8s. 10d. To Neill Wrycht, slater, as *bounteth* for the kirk-work, £16, 13s. 4d. For a water-firiot, £6, 6s. For 2 heads and cords for the drum, £1, 8s. 8d. For *dressing* two *hand-chinyeis* with taffetas and silk, £9, 8s. To Laurence Porter, for taking down the port of the Sea-vennel, *being ruynous*, 6s. 8d. For taking the *red* from the calsays at various times, and emptying it on the hills, £6, 19s.

Total, £230, 6s. 8d.

Wine and Hospitality. For wine to the lairds of Caprintoun and Blairquhan in Dec. 1610, £3, 2s. For bread and wine for Communion in Dec. 1610 and again in July 1611, £22, 7s. Expenses of the magistrates and the honest men who accompanied them, at the testing of the stoups, and for wine to Lord Ochiltree, £7, 10s. For wine given to sundry noblemen at the Horse Race in May 1611, £4, 16s. For wine and entertainment to the town's *gude freindis* (the laird of Ilandgreg, Mr. James Kirk, Mr. John Hay, Mr. John Dunbar, Provost James Inglis of Glasgow, etc.), £27, 9s. 8d. Ex-

penses of Alexander Cuninghame, the town's agent, while in Ayr in Sept. 1611, £6, 13s. 4d. Drinksilver and petty gifts, £3, 16s. 8d. Treasurer,  
1610-11.  
Total, £75, 14s. 8d.

*Support.* To Mr. John Welsche, the town's late minister, in France, £200. To Walter Jamesoun, a merchant, *fallin in povertie*, £10. To George Tennand, officer, *trublitt with greit seiknes*, £10. To a poor traveller called William Sempill, *spuilyeit* by the Spaniards, £5. To a poor Englishman who came over from Ireland, £2, 8s. To a *passinger* called Stewart, £1, 4s. Total, £228, 12s.

*Miscellaneous.* Interest on David Fergushill's £100, £12. Rebated of the license-money, £2. To Archibald Hay for the officers' coats, £37, 10s. Part-payment of house-mail for Mr. Hew Tran, doctor of the Grammar School, £10. Expenses of John Bonar, new schoolmaster, in coming west, £6. To Alexander Fiddes, *musicioner*, for singing psalms in the kirk while here, £13, 15s. 8d. *To the youth and infantrie to the support of thair bend of the papingo*, £6. To William Cuninghame, cook, for attending to the drum while the drummer was sick, £2. To John McCowane for looking after Gilbert Mur's gear, 4s. Total, £89, 9s. 8d.

Grand Total, £1513, 19s. 2d.<sup>1</sup>

In arrears, £43, 10s. Total of expenditure and arrears, (121v.) £1557, 9s. 2d. Quit.

DONALD SMYTH, Dean of Guild, 1610-11  
(audited Feb. 11, 1612)

Dean of Guild,  
1610-11.

### *Charge*

Nine guild-entries at £20, one at £5, and two at £3, 6s. 8d., (121v.) £191, 13s. 4d.

### *Discharge*

To Neill Wrycht, slater, for slate to the kirk, £20. To him, for *tirring* the ruinous part of the kirk, £22. Drunk with him at the agreement, 9s. More to him, in part-payment of his work, £16. To William Richert, smith, for work to the pulpit-door, £2, 8s. To William McCarmik for smith-work, £2, 15s. 4d. To Robert Simpson, wright, for putting on the *lath* of the kirk, £26, 13s. 4d. Drunk with him at the agreement, 2s. To him, for 2 ladders and making scaffolding twice, £1, 4s. To Hew Dowok, wright, for a ladder for the steeple, £1, 10s. Putting a bolt on the steeple door, 12s. For building a seat in the kirk, 13s. 4d. To James Fergushill,

<sup>1</sup> Should be £1497, 19s. 10d.



Dean of Guild,  
1610-11.

to bestow on the kirk-work, £25, 4s. For *fog* to the slating of the kirk, £10, 17s. 4d. For carrying timber and slates, £2, 13s. For olive-oil and rope for the bell, £1, 7s. 6d. Petty expenses (coals, ropes, etc.), £1, 13s. 2d. Paid to Adam Richie, next Dean of Guild, in money, £2, 3s. Assigned to him for uplifting, two guild-entries at £20, two at £3, 6s. 8d. (*and he to be comptabill thairfor to the town*), £46, 13s. 4d. The Dean of Guild's fee, £5.

Total, £191, 13s. 4d.<sup>1</sup>

Quit.

Treasurer,  
1611-12.

JAMES HUNTER, Treasurer, 1611-12  
(audited Dec. 3, 1613)

### Charge

(122r.)

The town's old rental (excluding the Tron custom, foremailed, and the wadsets<sup>2</sup>), £267, 16s. 8d. The annuals, £74, 6s. 5d. The town's part of the fermes of the mills of Ayr—13 bolls meal at £5 the boll, 27 bolls malt and 1 boll bere at £6 the boll—£233. The Alloway barony-mail not in feu, £34, 13s. 4d. The ferme-bere of Alloway (28 bolls), £168. The dry multure of Alloway, £146, 13s. 4d. The Alloway mill-mail, £26, 13s. 4d. Feu-ferme of Dalkeyth (8 bolls victual, *plus* 4s.), £32, 4s. The impost of the Brig, roupd for £200. Burgess-entries, £117, 6s. 8d. The grassum of William Blair of Cortoun, £42, 11s. 4d. From Donald Smyth and Adam Wylie, for licenses *to big furth thair galleryis* (£8, less £4 given in alms to Walter Jamesoun, *ane failyeil gild brother*), £4. From Gilbert Mur of Stranraer, *in part of payment of his act*, £40.

Total, £1383, 1s. 1d.<sup>3</sup>

### Discharge

(122v., 123r.)

Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. The minister (besides 27 bolls meal and 13 bolls malt from the mill-ferme), £266, 13s. 4d. The school-master, £80. The doctor, £30. James Harper, surgeon, £33, 6s. 8d.

<sup>1</sup> The figures, as they stand, give a total of £189, 18s. 4d., but the guild-entry of William Cuninghame, mariner (one of those assigned to the next Dean of Guild) is given as 5 merks both in the Discharge and in the next Dean's compt (*infra*, p. 253), but as £5 in the Charge. The subtraction of the difference (£1, 13s. 4d.) from the Charge would bring the Totals to within 1s. 8d. of agreement.

<sup>2</sup> This is the regular formula down to, and including, the year 1616-17.

<sup>3</sup> Should be £1387, 5s. 1d.

The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. David Allasoun, £16. The officers, £10. The suitor-fee, £4. The beadle, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the knock, £10. For keeping the hills, £8. The lockman, £5. Hew Miller (for *upholding* the Quay), £13, 6s. 8d. James Dowok, cleaner, £10. Total, £509, 13s. 4d.

Treasurer,  
1611-12.

Commissioners' Expenses. To David Fergushill, commissioner to the particular Convention at Edinburgh, Nov. 12, 1611, £7, 10s. To Mr. George Dunbar, for riding to Edinburgh in March 1612, £20. To Bailie James Blair, for riding to Glasgow and Edinburgh in March-April 1612 anent the minister, £20. To George Cochren, commissioner to the burghs' Convention at Rutherglen in June 1612, £10. *Superependit* by John Lokhart of Barr, commissioner to the burghs' Convention at Arbroath in July 1612, £13, 13s. 8d. His expenses in Edinburgh in July 1612 as commissioner for waiting for the putting forth of the *Buik of Raitis*, £16, 6s. 4d. To Bailie Blair, commissioner for the burgh anent the customs, in Edinburgh in July 1612, £30. Total, £117, 10s.

Legal and Messengers' Expenses. To David Fergushill, for *futing* the town's Exchequer compt in 1610 and 1611, £2, 14s. To James Wynrame, the burghs' agent, as Ayr's share of the £628 spent by him, £14. To Bailie Blair, for raising letters in the town's name, £6, 6s. 8d. To James Wallace, messenger, for summoning the Gilmours in Aug. 1612, £2, 13s. 4d. To messengers (bringing the precept for Parliament and letters anent the magistrates' election, summoning the minister to Edinburgh, etc.), £4, 4s. To send messengers to Edinburgh (anent the Gilmours, Mr. William Burnie, etc.), £11. Total, £40, 18s.

Common Work. To Robert Simpsoun, wright, for work at the kirk in Feb. 1612, £24. To Neill Wrycht, slater, balance owed him for old work at the kirk, £20. To him in part-payment of 5 roods of new work, as agreed in May 1612, £70. For carrying slates and sawing wood, £3, 8s. 4d. Bringing lime, £1, 16s. Sundry purchases of timber for the kirk-work in 1613, £38, 3s. 6d. To Steven Michell, wright, for putting in and lining 9 *sparris* in Oct. 1613, £6. To the barrowmen, for cleaning the kirk and the school, £3. Olive-oil for the kirk-bell, 13s. 4d. *Carpoillis* (2s. or 2s. 6d. each) for the harbour, £17, 7s. Putting them up, £8. Other expenses at the shore, including lead, £6, 11s. 6d. For *dressing* the forms in the Council-house, £1, 4s. 6d. To John McFadyeane, for cleaning the calsays, £6. Total, £206, 4s. 2d.

Wine and Hospitality. For wine to the Earl of Abercorn in Dec. 1611, £12, 16s. For wine to the Bishop of Galloway and the ministers who were in Ayr, £4, 12s. 4d. For entertaining Messrs. John

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Bonar and Roger Melvill, ministers, who came *for suppleing us in teiching*, in Feb. 1612, £2, 11s. To John Dunbar's wife, for entertaining John Cuninghame, writer, sent by the Privy Council anent the election of magistrates in Oct. 1611, £9, 15s. To her for wine given to Abercorn, Loudoun, the laird of Caprintoun, William Hamiltoun and Sir George Hamiltoun, for entertaining the ministers who supplied the town in Mr. Dunbar's absence (Messrs. John McQuorne, Patrick Andersoun, James Cuninghame, Roger Melvill, etc.), and for the expenses of a German who stayed from Oct. 1611 till Feb. 1612, £36, 17s. 4d. To her, *be compt and rekning* made to the magistrates on June 30, 1612, for the expenses of Messrs James Boudrie, James Ker and Claude Hamiltoun, ministers, and for wine supplied to the Bishops of Glasgow and the Isles, Cassilis, etc., £45, 18s. 8d. To Geillis Lokhert, for entertaining certain ministers who came during Mr. Dunbar's absence, in June 1612, £9, 4s. To Robert Cochren's wife, for entertaining Mr. James Bonar, £1, 6s. 8d. For wine given in Sept. 1612 to Abercorn, Cassilis, the Justices of the Peace, and the Bishop of Galloway, £9, 9s. Other minor hospitality (including corn and straw for the ministers' horses), £2, 17s. 4d. Agnes Campbell's expenses (unspecified) in Dec. 1613, £17, 5s. 1d.

Total, £152, 12s. 5d.

Debts and Deductions from Revenue. Interest on David Fergus-hill's £100, £12. To the kirk-session, as interest on the *pure silvir* borrowed by the town till Mart. 1612, £12. Interest till Mart. 1613 on the money owed to Adam Richie, £55.

Total, £79.

Miscellaneous. To Elizabeth Fergushill, for the school-house mail for 1611-12, £13, 13s. 4d. To William McCallum, for the school-house mail for 1612-13, £13, 6s. 8d. Paid to Mr. Hew Tran, doctor, for his house-mail, £10. Paid in June 1613 to Thomas Nicoll for the master of the Song-school's house-mail, £6, 13s. 4d. To John Bonar, schoolmaster, for the transport of his household gear to Ayr, £8. To Robert Cochren for the officers' coats, £30. Paid to Mr. George Dunbar, minister, by command of the magistrates, at his departure in September *or thairby* for Dumbarton to put himself in ward, £20. To the youth for the support of their *papingo bend*, £6. To the widow of James Forrest, traveller, owed him for carrying the town's muskets from Edinburgh, £8, 3s. To a poor Greek, £3.

Total, £118, 16s. 4d.

Grand Total, £1388, 18s. 1d.<sup>1</sup>

(123r.)

In arrears, £44, 3s. Total of expenditure and arrears, £1383, 1s. 1d. Quit.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £1224, 14s. 3d.

ADAM RICHIE, Dean of Guild, 1611-12  
(audited Dec. 7, 1613)

Dean of Guild,  
1611-12.

*Charge*

Balance received from Hew Kennedy, Dean of Guild, 1607-08, (123v.)  
£5. Balance received from Donald Smyth, late Dean of Guild,  
£2, 3s. Guild-entries (including four from last year), 11 (5 of them  
given as merchants, one cordiner, one smith; two of them from  
Mauchline, one from Newtown, one from Townhead, one from  
Maybole) at £20, one at 25 merks, 4 (3 mariners and a skinner) at  
5 merks, £250. Total, £257, 3s.

*Discharge*

To Neill Wrycht, slater, for *theyking* the kirk, £72, 13s. 4d. To  
him at the agreement, 6s. For gloves to the slaters, £1. For slate-  
pins, 10s. To George Liddell, glazier, 11s. 4d. To John Craufurd  
for *fog*, £6, 13s. 4d. For 3 st. 5 lb. of rope (at £2 per st.) for the  
kirk ladders, £6, 13s. 4d. For 4 *geistis* (£2, 6s. 8d. each), £9, 6s. 8d.  
To Robert Simpsoun, for laying and planking the bell-loft, etc.,  
£6, 10s. For carrying slate, sand, stones, etc., and mending the  
kirk-door and choir-door, £4, 18s. 4d. Drinksilver to the slaters, £4.  
Olive-oil for the bell, 12s. To James Fergushill, Master of Work,  
to be disbursed on the kirk-work, £6, 14s. Allowed to him for his  
pains in attending to the town's work, £20. For 39 *geistis* (at  
£2, 6s. 8d. or £3 each) for the bulwark, £94, 6s. 8d. For 100 wooden  
nails, £2. For 4 st. 4 lb. of rope (at £1, 4s. the stone) for the Brig  
and the scaffolding at the Quay, £5, 2s. To John Wallace for  
*dressing* the water-firiot, £2. The Dean of Guild's fee, £5.

Total, £248, 17s.

In arrears, the guild-entry of James Massoun of Mauchline (whose (124r.)  
burgess-entry of £10 is also in arrears, *quhairof he and his cautioneris  
suld mak payment to the toun, and swa to be charget thairfoir*), £20.  
Total of expenditure and arrears, £268, 17s. Credit balance,  
£11, 14s. *quhairof he hes ressavit payment.*

WILLIAM LAW, Treasurer, 1612-13  
(audited Jan. 7, 1614)

Treasurer,  
1612-13.

*Charge*

The town's old rental, £256, 13s. 4d. The annuals, £74, 6s. 5d. (124rv.)  
The town's part of the fermes of the mills of Ayr—13 bolls meal at  
£5, 6s. 8d. per boll, 27 bolls malt and 1 boll bere at £6, 13s. 4d.

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per boll—£255, 19s. 10d.<sup>1</sup> The Alloway barony-mail not in feu, £34, 6s. 8d. The ferme-bere of Alloway (28 bolls, 2 firlots, 1½ pecks), £190, 12s. 6d. The dry multures of Alloway, £146, 13s. 4d. The Alloway mill-mail, £26, 13s. 4d. Feu-ferme of Dalkeyth (8 bolls victual, *plus* 4s.), £32, 4s. The impost of the Brig, £200. Burgess-entries, £158, 6s. 8d. The grassum of Thomas Cuninghame of Cortoun, £10, 13s. 4d. Licenses of John Blak of Saltcoats and of an Irishman to sell timber, £5. Total, £1391, 9s. 7d.

### Discharge

(124v., 125r.)

Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. Mr. George Dunbar, minister (besides 27 bolls meal and 13 bolls malt from the mill-ferme), £266, 13s. 4d. The master of the Grammar School, £80. The doctor, £30. James Lawrie, master of the Music School (in complete payment of stipend until Mart. 1613, and part-payment for 1613-14), £39, 13s. 4d. James Harper, the town's surgeon, £33, 6s. 8d. Alexander Cuninghame, the town's agent (2 years), £24. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. David Allasoun's pension (*furth of the Blakfreris rentis*), £16. The officers, £10. The suitor-fee, £4. The beadle, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the knock, £10. For keeping the hills, £8. Hew Miller, mason of the Quay, £13, 6s. 8d. James Dowok, cleaner, £10. The lockman, £5. George Liddell, glazier, for *upholding* the glass of the kirk, £4. Total, £577, 6s. 8d.

Commissioners' Expenses. To John Lokherth of Barr, commissioner to the Parliament at Edinburgh, Oct. 12, 1612, £70, 12s. To David Fergushill, commissioner to the particular Convention at Edinburgh anent the weights and measures, Jan. 4, 1613, £18. To John Lokherth, for keeping the Convention of Estates at Edinburgh anent the taxation, Jan. 19, 1613, £30. To George Cochren, commissioner to a particular Convention at Edinburgh, Sept. 14, 1613, £30. Total, £148, 12s.

Legal and Messengers' Expenses. To James Johnestoun, late Bailie, for registering in the Books of Council the town's obligation of 500 merks against George Angus, £3. John Lokherth's expenses in Edinburgh anent the Dutchman Stercovius, £13, 14s. To the town's agent for letters against the unfreemen and the Lady Moss-giel, £8, 0s. 8d. To Robert Reid, messenger, and John McCra, officer, for executing letters against Lady Cathcart anent the bells, and to Adam McCubene to take the letters back to Edinburgh, £7. To the messenger who brought the letters anent the taxation on May 11, 1613, £3. Total, £34, 14s. 8d.

<sup>1</sup> A curious slip. This should, of course, be exactly £256 (384 merks)—and the Total Charge includes the missing 2d.

Common Work. For *carpoillis* (2s. 6d. each) and putting them in the Quay, £23. To Stephen Hoig, wright of Irvine, for sawing and putting in timber, £20. For sawing *barkettis* for the bulwark, £2, 8s. For 40 loads of *ryss*, £2, 8s. To John Getty, with 12 men, for *weiding* the Quay for one tide, £4. To James Fergushill, late Master of Work, *bounteth for his greit travell and panis* in the town's works, £13, 6s. 8d. To John Smyth, *snapmaker*, for taking down the *Mone* under the Tolbooth clock, *dressing* it and putting it back, and for *dressing* the town's muskets, £14, 13s. 4d. To John Masoun, mason, and Robert Craufurd, *glazier*, for pointing the roof of the Tolbooth, £10. To Robert Rankene for the iron chimney in the Council-house, £13, 3s. 4d. To an Irish merchant for 35 dozen *Irland burdis* for the kirk, £35. To James Fergushill for timber to the scholars' seat, £4. To Donald Smyth, Dean of Guild, for the kirk-work, £65. To John Masoun, mason, for *dressing* the School-house, £1. To Thomas Patersoun, officer of Alloway, in June 1613, to hire the Barony horses (4d. each per day) to bring turf to the butts, £2, 3s. To James Nicoll of Newton, for building the butts, £9. To Lawrie Porter for cleaning the calsays, £3. To Hew Nesbit for the iron gauge for salmon and herring, brought from Edinburgh, £2, 2s. To Hew Miller, in March 1614, in part-payment for mending the Brig of Doon, £4. In petty expenses, £6. For bringing the town's ladder from Alloway, 13s. 4d.

Total, £234, 17s. 8d.

Wine and Hospitality. To Agnes Campbell, John Dunbar's wife, for wine and *uther viveris and furnitour* given to the ministers who supplied in Mr. Dunbar's absence, and to nobles and gentlemen, the town's friends, from Sept. to Dec. 1612, £62, 14s. To her for the same, from Nov. 1612 to Jan. 1613, £26, 0s. 8d. To her on Sept. 24, 1613, in complete settlement of her charges for this year, £25, 10s. For wine given at sundry times throughout the year to the town's *gude freindis* (Hamilton, Cassilis, Garlies, Caprintoun and the ministers), £23, 8s. 6d. Expenses at the Synodal Assembly at Irvine, Nov. 17, 1612, when Mr. William Burnie was admitted as minister of Ayr, £8, 4s. For *comfeittis* given to the noblemen, £1, 16s. For drink to the masons and craftsmen when they visited the Brig, £1, 14s.

Total, £149, 7s. 2d.

Debts. To Jonet Kennedy, relict of David Fergushill, £6. One term's interest on the £1100 owed to Provost Adam Richie, £55. Owed to him, in accordance with the Council's Act of Nov. 24, 1612, £24. In complete payment of all debts to Hew Kennedy, £16. Balance due to Adam Richie, late Dean of Guild, £11, 14s.

Total, £112, 14s.

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Miscellaneous. For a suit of clothes promised to James Lawrie, master of the Music School, £20. In complete payment of the transporting of John Bonar the schoolmaster's gear from Inverkeithing, £8. To the youth on May 1, 1613, for the support of their *papingo bend*, £6. For curing of ane pure seik bodie impotent of ane greit disease, £3, 10s.

Total, £37, 10s.

Grand Total, £1360, 10s. 7d.<sup>1</sup>

(125r.)

In arrears, £30, 14s. Total of expenditure and arrears, £1391, 9s. 7d.<sup>2</sup> Quit.

Dean of Guild,  
1612-13.

DONALD SMYTH, Dean of Guild, 1612-13  
(audited Dec. 20, 1614)

*Charge*

(125v.)

Guild-entries—two (from Mauchline and Newton) at £20, one (a mealmaker) at £10, one at £5, and two (a fuller and another) at 5 merks—£61, 13s. 4d. Received from Treasurer Law, £65. Received from William Broun of the kirk leid nes in his handis, £12, 10s.

Total, £139, 3s. 4d.

*Discharge*

(125v., 126r.)

For timber to the kirk-work, £34. For carrying it, 19s. 8d. To Stephen Michell, wright, for putting the *sparis* on the roof and *dressing* the forms, £7, 10s. For 6 bolls of lime, £2. For mixing it, 1s. For sand, 16s. 8d. To John Masoun, mason, for his work, £5, 6s. 8d. For wine at the agreements with the wright and the mason, 12s. To Neill Wrycht for the slate-work, £30. For *fog* to it, £6, 5s. To John Murdoch, cooper, for *ringis* and *cuttingis* to make slate-pins, 18s. 8d. 4 loads of coals to *seyth* them, 16s. 8d. The loan of a kettle, 12s. For gloves to the slaters, . . .<sup>3</sup> To Thomas Busbie for lead, 8s. For *tarrit* and *quhyte* rope for the scaffolding, £3, 3s. 4d. Olive-oil and rope for the bell, £1, 6s. 9d. To George Nesbit, saddler, for *dressing* the ladder of the bell, 4s. One £20 guild-entry received by George McCalmont, next Dean of Guild, £20. The £5 guild-entry received by James Blair, Dean of Guild, 1614-15, £5. The Dean of Guild's Fee, £5.

Total, £127, 12s. 5d.

(126r.)

Balance due, £11, 11s. [*sic*]<sup>1</sup>—paid to James Blair, Dean of Guild, 1614-15.

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1613-14.

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<sup>1</sup> Should be £1295, 2s. 2d.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £1391, 4s. 7d.

<sup>3</sup> Corner of page worn away, and figure lost. If the Total be correct, the gloves must have cost £2, 12s.—which seems excessive.

DAVID BLAKWOD, Treasurer, 1614-15  
(audited Dec. 18, 1615)

Treasurer,  
1614-15.

### Charge

The town's old rental, £308, 9s. The annuals, £76, 13s. 7d. The (128rv.) town's part of the fermes of the Corn-mills of Ayr—13 bolls meal, 27 bolls malt and 1 boll bere—£287, 11s. 1d. The Alloway barony-mail not in feu, £34, 6s. 8d. The ferme-bere of Alloway—28 bolls, 2 firlots, 1½ pecks, at 10 merks per boll—£190, 12s. 6d. The dry multures of Alloway, £146, 13s. 4d. The Alloway mill-mail, £26, 13s. 4d. Feu-ferme of Dalkeyth (8 bolls victual, *plus* 4s.), £32, 4s. The impost of the Brig, £200. Burgess-entries and casualties, £338, 10s. 10d. Total, £1641, 14s. 4d.

### Discharge

Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The (128v., 129rv.) Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. The minister (besides 27 bolls meal and 13 bolls malt from the mill-ferme), £266, 13s. 4d. The master of the Grammar School, £80. The doctor, £30. The master of the Music School, £80. The surgeon, £33, 6s. 8d. Alexander Cuningham, the town's agent (for 2 years, 1613-15), £24. Messrs. Alexander King and Robert Leirmont, the town's procurators, £26, 13s. 4d. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. David Allasoun, £16. The officers (£10, *plus* £4 as suitor-fee), £14. The beadle, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the knock, £10. William Cuningham, cook, for keeping the hills (half a year), £4. Hew Miller, mason of the Quay, £13, 6s. 8d. George Liddell, glazier of the kirk, £4. The cleaner, £10. The lockman, £5. Total, £640, 6s. 8d.

Legal and Messengers' Expenses. To John Osburne, late Provost, for raising letters of inhibition against George Angus, £4. To Robert Reid, messenger, for executing these letters and registering them in the Sheriff's books and the books of Kylestewart, and for executing the town's letters against Lady Cathcart anent the bells of Crossraguel, £3, 18s. 8d. Spent by the town's agent for the contract between the town and the Lord Treasurer about the wine-vendors and for letters of horning thereon, £6, 15s. To George Masoun, for awaiting in Edinburgh in June 1615 while the Privy Council took order anent the bells in Kintyre, and for raising letters anent the stent, £12, 13s. 4d. For proclaiming the town's letters in Maybole discharging its market, £1, 4s. To John McCra, officer, for going to Edinburgh in the town's business with Cassilis, £6, 13s. 4d. To Robert Gilmeyne, messenger, for going to Lady Mossiel several times and for arresting her fermes at the town's



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instance, £2, 18s. For taking two letters of Argyle's (Sept. 9 and 16, 1615) to Captain Wod at Lochryan, £3, 16s. To two messengers who came to Ayr, £4, 5s. Total, £46, 3s. 4d.

Common Work To William Richert, smith, for iron-work at the Quay, Brig and Tolbooth up to Michaelmas 1614, £24, 18s. 4d. For his work at the slating of the kirk, Jan. to Sept. 1615, £45. For more work by him at the kirk and the Brig, Oct. 1615 to Aug. 1616, £76, 18s. To Neill Wrycht, slater, in March 1615, for slating the kirk, £13, 6s. 8d. To his men in August, for their work and as *bounteth* and drinksilver, £6, 12s. To George Fultoun, slater, in July and Oct. 1616, for slating the kirk, £160. To Henry Osburne, late Master of Work, for his services and expenses at the Brig-work, £6, 18s. For carting stones to it, £4. For digging turf to make a dam, £1, 8s. 4d. To John Neill, officer of Alloway, for the hire of the Barony horses to the town's work, and other expenses, £4, 13s. 4d. To John Masoun, mason, for laying calsays and putting *stancheris* in the low booth at the Tolbooth stair, £4. For cleaning the Tolbooth, £1. For making a door and *baking* a chimney in the Council-house, £7. For making *buitis*, £8. To Laurence Porter for cleaning the calsays, £6. To George Liddell for a glass window in the master of the Song School's *chalmer*, £1, 7s. 6d. To William Cauldwell, for painting the drums at the time of the late muster of the burgh, £2. To John Murdoch, cooper, for new measures (a firлот, 4 half-firlots, 4 pecks) and mending the old ones, £8.

Total, £380, 17s. 2d.

Wine and Hospitality. To Agnes Campbell, wife of John Dunbar, in payment of five compts for wine, etc., given between May 1614 and Sept. 1615 to the town's friends (Cassilis, Burleigh, the Bishop of Galloway, Loudoun, Lady Boyd, Sir Hew Montgomerie, Sir James Stewart, the Provost of Dunbar, the commissioner of Glasgow at the wedding of Blairquhan, etc.), £117, 11s. 10d. Wine for Communion, £16, 16s. 8d. For wine at the *benfyres* on Nov. 5, 1614, £1. For 2 quarts of wine at the marriage of Matthew Mortoun, officer, £2. For wine drunk at the agreement with John Mur in Sept. 1615 for the building of the bell-house, £2, 9s. Other gifts of wine (£1 per quart), wheat-bread (2s. each), sugar and *comfeittis* to the Bishop of the Isles, the Justices of the Peace (in Nov. 1614), the lairds of Caprintoun and Lefnoreis, the commissioners of Glasgow and Lanark, etc., £17, 18s.

Total, £157, 15s. 6d.

Miscellaneous Interest on Provost Adam Richie's £1100, £110. Delivered in March 1616 to Sir Alexander Drummond of Meidhope, Privy Councillor and principal Admiral-depute of the kingdom, for the right of the Admiralty of this burgh and its waters, £100. The School-house mail, £20. Granted by Act of Council in Nov. 1614

to Mr. Hew Tran, doctor of the Grammar School, in support of his Treasurer, house-mail, *ex gratia onlie and nocht as dett*, £10. Paid to him in 1614-15. June 1615 to help him in *his present seiknes*, £5. For coats to the officers in June 1615, £37, 18s. 4d. For a coat to John Boyll, drummer, £9. Given to him for his extraordinary services in Aug. 1615 (with 6s. for a new head to the drum), £3, 6s. To the youth for the use of *the bend of the papingo*, £6. To support John Grinlaw, £3.

Total, £304, 4s. 4d.

Grand Total, £1569, 2s. 9d.<sup>1</sup>

In arrears, £34, 19s. 2d. Total of expenditure and arrears, (129*v*.) £1604, 1s. 11d. Balance due, £37, 12s. 5d.

Memo. This compt, *begun and maid first* Dec. 18, 1615, was *futit, maid and endit* Dec. 31, 1616. Aug. 25, 1618,<sup>2</sup> balance of £37, 12s. paid by ex-Treasurer Blakwod to the town.

JAMES BLAIR, Dean of Guild, 1614-15  
(audited Jan. 16, 1616)

Dean of Guild,  
1614-15.

### Charge

Balance received from Donald Smyth, Dean of Guild 1612-13, (130*r*.) £11, 11s. Four guild-entries in arrears from last year (when George McCalmont was Dean), received this year, £80. Guild-entries this year—two (a merchant and a *swerdslyper*) at £20, and one at £5—£45. Total, £136, 11s.

### Discharge

For 6 ship's planks (£1, 6s. 8d. each) and 20 *sparris* (£2 each), £48. To Stephen Michell, wright, for *dressing* the timber of the kirk, the steeple and the stile, £17. For 3 bolls lime and 4 bolls sand, £1, 12s. To Andrew Moris, mason, for repairing the kirk gable and the spouts of the steeple, £4, 12s. Lead for that work, 3s. 6d. To Neill Wrycht, to complete the payment for 5½ roods, 2 ells of slate-work, £43, 6s. 8d. *Fog* for the slating of the kirk and the steeple (at £1, 13s. 4d. per rood), £11, 7s. 8d. To Thomas Richie and John Wallace, coopers, for 800 *cuttingis* to make slate-pins and nails, £2, 13s. 4d. For 6 loads of coal (3s. 4d. each) and the loan of a pot twice, to *seyth* the pins, £1, 8s. For straw for the slaters, 9s. Booth-mail for the keeping of the slates, £1, 6s. 8d. For wooden nails, £1. For carrying timber and stones, £1, 19s. 4d. For rope (at £2, 10s. per stone) for the ladders and for the bell, £8, 3s. 4d. Rungs for the ladders, 16s. For 2 chopins, 1 mutchkin of sweet oil for the bell,

<sup>1</sup> Should be £1529, 7s.

<sup>2</sup> Marginal entry.

Dean of Guild, £1, 5s. For cleaning the kirk and bringing *red* for the door, £1, 3s.  
 1614-15. In drink, 15s. Paid to George McCalmont, his credit balance as  
 Dean of Guild in 1613-14, 9s. 8d. The Dean of Guild's fee, £5.  
 Total, £152, 10s. 2d.

Credit balance, £15, 19s. 2d. *And siclik comptit be the toun with the  
 compter anent all uther comptis betwix the toun and him befor the dait  
 heirof, anent his commissionarie for the toun in the conventioun of  
 burrowis at Kirkcaldy 1614 and at Sanctandrois 1615 and in conference  
 with my lord of Methop admirell deput concerning the toun in August  
 1615. And the saidis comptis futit and endit this day, sene and allowit,  
 the compter de claro restis awand to the toun onlie xxij s., quhilk he hes  
 presentlie payit upoun compt to Donnald Smyth present dene of [gild] in  
 the townis name. And swa eque.*

Treasurer,  
 1615-16.

GEORGE FERGUSSON, Treasurer, 1615-16  
 (audited Nov. 28, 1616)

*Charge*

(1300.) The town's old rental, £321, 2s. 4d. The annuals, £81, 2s. 9d.  
 The town's part of the fermes of the Corn-mills of Ayr—13 bolls  
 meal, 27 bolls malt and 1 boll bere—£289. The Alloway barony-  
 mail not in feu, £34, 6s. 8d. The ferme-bere of Alloway—28 bolls,  
 2 firlots, 1½ pecks, at 10 merks per boll—£190, 12s. 6d. The dry  
 multures of Alloway, £146, 13s. 4d. The Alloway mill-mail,  
 £26, 13s. 4d. The feu-ferme of Dalkeyth (8 bolls victual, *plus* 4s.),  
 £32, 4s. The impost of the Brig, £222. Burgess-entries and  
 casualties, £494, 16s. 8d. Total, £1838, 11s. 7d.

*Discharge*

(1300., 1317v.) Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The  
 Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. The minister (besides 27 bolls meal  
 and 13 bolls malt from the mill-ferme), £266, 13s. 4d. The master  
 of the Grammar School, £80. The doctor, £30. The master of the  
 Music School (stipend, and for singing the psalms in the kirk), £80.  
 The surgeon, £33, 6s. 8d. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. David  
 Allasoun, £16. The officers (£10 for wearing their halberts, £4 as  
 suitor-fee), £14. The beadle, £6, 13s. 4d. John Smyth, *snapper*,  
 for keeping the knock, £10. For keeping the hills (£6, 12s. to  
 Cuthbert McCarmik, and £2 for the summer to William Cuning-  
 ham, cook), £8, 12s. The mason of the Quay, £13, 6s. 8d. The  
 town's cleaner *in tyme of pest* (James Dowok, webster), £10. The  
 lockman, £5. Total, £590, 5s. 4d.

Commissioners' Expenses. To James Blair, Bailie, commissioner to the Convention at Edinburgh in March 1616, £43, 9s. 4d. To John Osburne for keeping the Convention of Estates at Edinburgh, April 30, 1616, *concerning the mater of the woll*, £20. To Adam Richie, Provost, for keeping the Convention of Estates, May 22, 1616, £13, 6s. 8d. To John Osburne, next Provost, as commissioner to Parliament, June 13, 1617,<sup>1</sup> £66, 13s. 4d. Total, £143, 9s. 4d.

Treasurer,  
1615-16.

Legal and Messengers' Expenses. To John McCra, officer, to go to Irvine anent the casting of the town's bell, and to warn and summon Mossgiel and Craigie anent the town's cobles, and for copies of these documents, etc., £5, 8s. For coals and candles at the hearing of David Blakwod's compt in Dec. 1615, and for coals to the Council-house, etc., £2, 13s. Expenses of William Wilsoun, cordiner, as warder in the Tolbooth, £1, 3s. To the messenger who proclaimed the King's letters restraining the slaying of venison and lamb, 12s. To 2 messengers to Edinburgh, a boy bringing letters thence, and the officers for errands, £9, 6s. 4d.

Total, £19, 2s. 4d.

Common Work. Disbursed on the repairing of the bulwark and harbour, £194. To William Richert, smith, for iron-work at the kirk and bulwark from Oct. 1615 to Aug. 1616, £76, 18s. To him for iron-work at the kirk, harbour and Tolbooth from July 1616 to Michaelmas 1617, £28, 13s. 4d. To John Neilsoun, mason, in Sept. 1616, for building the bell-house in the Tolbooth (in part-payment), £100. To Provost Adam Richie for the timber, £43. To John Smyth, *snappmaker*, for going to Irvine anent the casting of the town's bell, and for its transportation, £4, 10s. To Andrew Morris, mason, for re-building part of the Tolbooth stair *blavin down be storme of weddir*, £9, 2s. 2 fetter-locks for the Tolbooth (in June 1617), £1, 6s. 8d. To George Fultoun, for slating part of the kirk in July 1616 *to ane gude compt*, and for pointing the Council-house in Sept., £22. *Advancet to him now afoirhand to wyn sklait for theyking of the queir*, £13, 6s. 8d. To Thomas Busbie for lead to the Brig, £2, 8s. To John Richie and John Wallace, coopers, for *dressing* the town's measures, £3, 10s. To Laurence Porter, for cleaning the calsays this year, £6. Petty expenses, £1. Balance due to Elias Cathcart, Master of Work, £2. Total, £507, 14s. 8d.

Wine and Hospitality. To Agnes Campbell, wife of John Dunbar, in payment of three compts (April, Aug. and Sept. 1616) for wine given to Hamilton, Abercorn, Burleigh, Caprintoun, Kerss, the Bishop of the Isles and the ministers, Sir Hew Montgomerie, the

<sup>1</sup> This, and six other items relating to 1617 (*cf. infra*, esp. under Common Work), have been added later in the same hand, but in heavier ink.

Treasurer,  
1615-16.

Provost of Montrose, the commissioner of Glasgow, the Sheriff of Galloway, the Justices of the Peace and other good friends, £42, 11s. To Jonet Craufurd, wife of James Fergushill, in payment of three compts (May, Aug. and Sept. 1616) for wine used for Communion, and given to Hamilton, Ochiltree, Sir Hew Montgomerie, and to the workmen at the kirk and the masons at the bell-house, £22, 6s. To Margaret Cuninghame and Margaret Osburne for wine given to the Sheriff of Galloway and sundry noblemen, £5, 8s.

Total, £70, 5s.

Miscellaneous. Interest on Provost Adam Richie's £1100 for 3 terms (Mart. 1615, Whit. 1616 and Whit. 1617), £165. To William McCallum for the School-house mail and the master of the Music School's *chalmer* mail, £26, 13s. 4d. Towards Mr. Hew Tran the doctor's house-mail, £10. Towards Barquhill's house-mail, £2. For coats for the 4 ordinary officers, £38, 5s. For the drummer's coat, £9, 10s. To Lord Meidhope, Admiral-depute, of yearly duty, £6, 13s. 4d. For the carriage of Mr. William Smyth, master of the Music School, and his gear to this burgh in Sept. 1617, £40. To the youth and archers for the support of their *papingo bend*, £6, 13s. 4d. The expenses of the King's soldiers who came in July 1616 to seek the pirate, James McDonnall, £12. To a poor man, David Fentoun, £2. To a poor sailor, Henry Drummond, £3, 6s. 8d. For removing *deid caryoun* (horses, etc.) from the streets, £1, 1s. 2d. To James Reid, *medicinar*, for curing John Greinlaw, cook, £4.

Total, £327, 2s. 10d.

Grand Total, £1615, 3s. 2d.<sup>1</sup>

(131v.)

In arrears (including £66, 13s. 4d. from Gilbert Johnstoun, Robert Cochren, John Rankene and Hew Dowok *for the licence of the daillis coft be thame in symmer 1616 fra Nicolas Claus Ducheman*), £100, 15s. 4d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £1715, 18s. 6d. Balance due, £122, 13s. [*sic*].

Aug. 25, 1618.<sup>2</sup> George Fergusson paid £83, 16s. 8d. of this debt.

May 18, 1619.<sup>2</sup> *He completit this compt and swa eque.*

Dean of Guild,  
1615-16.

DONALD SMYTH, Dean of Guild, 1615-16  
(audited Sept. 23, 1617)

### Charge

(131v.)

Balance received from James Blair, late Dean of Guild, £1, 2s.  
Guild-entries, £350. Total, £351, 2s.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £1657, 19s. 6d.

<sup>2</sup> Marginal entries.

Dean of Guild,  
1615-16.*Discharge*

To Provost Adam Richie for 125 *dailis* to the kirk and Tolbooth, (132r.) and for wooden nails, £64, 3s. 4d. To James Huntar and James Blair for more timber, £18, 12s. To Elizabeth Angus for new slates for the kirk, £18. The *fraucht* of two boats that brought slates, £45. For carrying the slates to the kirk, £2, 8s. To Laurence Porter for *fog* to the slating, and for sweeping the kirk, £9, 15s. To George Cauldwell and George Bell, coopers, for 1200 cuttings to make slate-pins, £4, 10s. 8d. A pot to heat them, 5s. To William Richert, smith, for iron-work at the slating of the kirk and for a lock to the door, £23, 6s. 8d. To James Fergushill for *attending upoun* the kirk-work, £5. Olive-oil for the bell, 12s. For carrying timber and ladders to the kirk, 8s. 8d. To George Liddell, glazier, for 7½ feet of glass to the kirk, £2, 4s. To him for pointing the Hospital, £3. His fee for maintaining the glass of the kirk, £4. To John Smyth, *snappmaker*, for making the new knock, £124. To Malcolm Andersoun, for 12 *half dailis* to the *pricket* of the Tolbooth, £4, 16s. 10d. Coals for the poor of the Hospital, £1, 6s.

Total, £331, 8s. 2d.

Balance due, £19, 13s. 10d., *quhairof he is to be under compt and payment to the town.*

JOHN CUNINGHAME, Treasurer, 1616-17  
(audited Jan. 28, 1618, and *endit* Oct. 26, 1624)

Treasurer,  
1616-17.*Charge*

The town's old rental, £318, 1s. 8d. The annuals, £81, 2s. 9d. (132rv.) The town's part of the fermes of the Corn-mills of Ayr—13 bolls meal, 27 bolls malt and 1 boll bere—£289. The Alloway barony-mail not in feu, £34, 6s. 8d. The ferme-bere of Alloway—28 bolls, 3 firlots, 1½ pecks, at 11 merks per boll—£211, 10s. 5d. The dry multures of Alloway, £146, 13s. 4d. The Alloway mill-mail, £26, 13s. 4d. The feu-ferme of Dalkeyth (8 bolls victual, *plus* 4s.), £32, 4s. The impost of the Brig, £222. Burgess-entries and casualties, £1116, 9s. 4d. Total, £2478, 1s. 6d.

*Discharge*

Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The (132v., 133r.) Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. The minister (besides 27 bolls meal and 13 bolls malt), £266, 13s. 4d. The master of the Grammar School, £80. The doctor, £30. The master of the Music School, £40. The surgeon, £33, 6s. 8d. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. David Allasoun, £16. The officers, £14. The beadle, £6, 13s. 4d.

Treasurer,  
1616-17.

For keeping the knock, £10. The mason of the Quay, £13, 6s. 8d.  
The cleaner, £10. The lockman, £5. Total, £541, 13s. 4d.

Commissioners' Expenses. To Provost John Osburne, for keeping the Parliament in Edinburgh, June 10, 1617, and other services to the town (£233, 6s. 8d. for the foremail of the Wool-tron,<sup>1</sup> paid by Ninian Flemyng and Matthew Stewart, and £20, 15s. 4d. by the Treasurer), £254, 2s.<sup>2</sup> To Bailie James Blair, as commissioner to the same Parliament and to the general Convention of Royal Burghs at Dumbarton, July 1, 1617, and for making the town's Exchequer compt and other services, £145, 15s. 4d. To the Treasurer, for riding to Glasgow in April 1618 with Provost James Blair anent the planting of the burgh kirk, £8.<sup>3</sup> For keeping a Convention in Edinburgh in 1618 anent the wine-custom, . . .<sup>4</sup>

Total, £407, 17s. 4d.

Legal and Petty Expenses. For letters of horning against George Angus and the other farmers of the town's mills, £2, 15s.<sup>5</sup> To a lawyer for compearing for the town against John Feyane, £5, 6s. 8d.<sup>5</sup> To Matthew Mortoun and John McCra, officers, for providing meat and drink to 2 persons suspected of theft and to David Stenesoun, who was banished from the town, £2, 17s. 4d. To John McCra for going twice to Kerss, 16s. To him for coals for the Council-house fire, £2, 8s. Disbursed in *small comptis in the townis effairis*, £49, 17s. Total, £64.

Common Work. To John Smyth, knockmaker, for *dressing* the globe and making the cock on the *prickat* of the Tolbooth, £13, 6s. 8d. To him in part-payment of the town's new knock, £33, 6s. 8d. To Hew Dowok, wright, in part-payment for building the *prickat* (£40, besides 50 merks already paid), £73, 6s. 8d. To George Fultoun for slating the *prickat*, with *bounteth* to his men, £24. For 5 long *geistis* (£3 each) for the *prickat*, and ropes for the ladders, £22, 3s. 8d. To John Neilsoun and John Masoun, masons, for *casting* the Tolbooth outside and inside with lime, and for sand, £52. To David

<sup>1</sup> This item of revenue is no doubt comprehended under 'Casualties' in the Charge.

<sup>2</sup> There follows a compt of the Provost's receipts and expenditure, along with the items of the Treasurer's *Exoneratio*. I have presented it (*infra*, p. 266) as a distinct compt.—Editor.

<sup>3</sup> This is one of sixteen items added later to the *Exoneratio*, with this explanatory note:—*Item debursed be the comptier sen the geving up of his first compt the said xxviii day of Januar 1618, betwix that day and the xxvj day of October 1624, upoun the quhilk he endit and perfytit his compt, the silvir following.*

<sup>4</sup> No sum of money entered opposite this, one of the additional items noted above (*vide* preceding note).

<sup>5</sup> This is among the additional items mentioned above.

Treasurer,  
1616-17.

Huntar for cleaning the calsays for one year, £6. For a new drum, 2 heads to the old one, and cords for both, £8, 3s. 4d. To John Getty for his services at the bulwark, etc., £5. To John Neilsoun in part-payment for building the Brig-port, with 10 *carpollis* (4s. each) for the *pend*, £42.<sup>1</sup> To Bailie John Stewart and Hew Kennedy for *dailis* for the bulwark, £62, 13s. 4d.<sup>1</sup> To John Neill, officer of Alloway, and the tenants, for transporting materials to the harbour, £6, 3s. 4d.<sup>1</sup> To Walter Bell, smith, for making firlots in accordance with the new Act of Parliament, £6.<sup>1</sup> Total, £354, 3s. 8d.

Wine and Hospitality. For wine, sugar and sweetmeats given to Lords Arundel and Chichester and Sir Hew Montgomerie when they were admitted burgesses on Sept. 8, 1617, and to Sir Ranald McDonnald, Lord Curryhill and others, £73, 6s. For wine and *confettis* (12s. per box) to Garlies, the Bishop of Glasgow, Mr. Patrick Row and other ministers, £10, 19s. 4d. For wine to Lords Loudoun and Ochiltree, the Master of Linlithgow, the King's Justiciars, the Provost of Montrose and the commissioner of Glasgow, £19, 0s. 6d. For cleaning William Roger's house for the reception of Lord Chichester, Treasurer of Ireland, £2. To John Dunbar's wife for wine to the town's use, £74, 12s.<sup>1</sup>

Total, £179, 17s. 10d.

Miscellaneous. Interest for the Mart. term 1616 only (Whit. 1617 already paid by late Treasurer Fergusson) on Adam Richie's £1100, £55. To make up the deficiency of the Over-mill's boll of bere, 13s. 4d.<sup>1</sup> To William McCallum for the mails of the School-house and the Music-master's *chabner*, £26, 13s. 4d. Towards Mr. Hew Tran's house-mail, [£10].<sup>2</sup> Paid to him in May 1617 *to his support*, £8. To James Kennedy, *ane auld failyeit gild brother*, £12. To George Tod, *ane auld failyeit burges and honest levar*, £6, 13s. 4d. To John Keyth, *ane pure auld failyeit masoun*, £2. To Robert Cochren for cloth to make the officers' coats, £54. To the youth for the support of the *papingo*, £6. Given in 1618 to Henry Osburne, younger, for the same cause, £6, 13s. 4d.<sup>1</sup> To support the harbour of Musselburgh, £33, 6s. 8d.<sup>1</sup>

Total, £221.

Grand Total, £2436, 17s. 2d.<sup>3</sup>

In arrears (including £20 due from Bailie James Johnestoun and his partners for *the gress of the hillis* in the year 1617), £38, 2s. 8d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £2474, 16s.<sup>4</sup> Balance due, £3, 4s.<sup>5</sup>

(133v.)

<sup>1</sup> This is among the additional items mentioned above (p. 264 n. 3).<sup>2</sup> This figure (a regular item) is accidentally omitted.<sup>3</sup> With only one item irrevocably lost (*supra*, p. 264 n. 4), the figures entered give a Total of only £1768, 12s. 2d.; *i.e.* this Total is some £650 out.<sup>4</sup> Should be £2474, 19s. 10d.<sup>5</sup> Should be £3, 5s. 6d.



Dean of Guild,  
1616-17.

JAMES BLAIR, Dean of Guild, 1616-17  
(audited April 21, 1618)

*Charge*

(133v.) One guild-entry at £40, and the balance of another (£20), £60.

*Discharge*

To George Fultoun for slating the choir, £35. In drinksilver at the end of his work, £3. For 4 ells of *harne* to shape the pattern of the lead on the *prickat*, £1, 8s. For taking the great ladder to the kirk, 4s. 12 loads of coals for the Hospital, £2, 16s. For a barrel of herring sent to the Clerk of Edinburgh, Mr. John Hay, £12. To a boy who came from Edinburgh, 12s. The Dean of Guild's fee, £5.

Total, £60.

Quit.

Provost,  
1616-17.

JOHN OSBURNE, Provost, 1616-17  
(audited Jan. 28, 1618)

*Charge*

(133r.) Received from Ninian Flemyng and Matthew Stewart, in the name of the Treasurer, for the foremail of the Wool-tron, £233, 6s. 8d. From Treasurer Cuninghame, £20, 15s. 4d. From George Fergusoun, Treasurer, 1615-16, £66, 13s. 4d. Total, £320, 15s. 4d.

*Discharge*

His expenses in attending Parliament for 25 days at Edinburgh, from June 10, 1617, £80. For the production of his commission, £6, 13s. 4d. For his foot-mantle, £64. In drink to the macers, £1, 4s. To the music-master, for horse-hire and travelling expenses to Glasgow and Edinburgh, £19, 10s. To the masons in part-payment for *casting* the Tolbooth, £28. For timber to the Tolbooth and harbour, £59, 8s. For lead brought from Glasgow for the *prickat* of the Tolbooth, £9, 13s. 4d. For drink at the hanging of the bell in the Tolbooth, 13s. 4d. Jonet Fairlie's expenses in preparing for the arrival of Lord Chichester, Lord Treasurer of Ireland, *that suld haif cumin heir*, £46, 13s. 4d. The Provost's fee, £5.<sup>1</sup>

Total, £320, 15s. 4d.

Quit.

<sup>1</sup> Already entered in the Treasurer's discharge.

ARCHIBALD OSBURNE, Treasurer, 1617-18  
(audited Dec. 9, 1623)

Treasurer  
1617-18.

*Charge*

The town's old rental (excluding the Wool-tron custom and the petty customs of *flesche*, *fysche* and *laidis*, foremailed for 5 years from Whit. 1617, and the wadsets), £322, 0s. 8d. The annuals, £81, 2s. 9d. The town's part of the fermes of the mills of Ayr—13 bolls meal, 27 bolls malt and 1 boll bere—£274, 11s. 2d. The Alloway barony-mail not in feu, £33. The ferme-bere of Alloway—30 bolls, 2 firlots, 1½ pecks, at £7 per boll—£214, 3s. 1d. The dry multures of Alloway, £146, 13s. 4d. The Alloway mill-mail, £53, 6s. 8d. The feu-ferme of Dalkeyth (8 bolls victual, *plus* 4s.), £32, 4s. The impost of the Brig, £200. Burgess-entries and casualties, £350, 2s. 6d. (134r.)

Total, £1707, 4s. 2d.

*Discharge*

Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. The minister (besides 27 bolls meal and 13 bolls malt), £266, 13s. 4d. The master of the Grammar School, £80. The doctor, £30. The music-master (besides 50 merks from the Session), £100. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. David Allasoun, £16. The officers, £14. The beadle, £6, 13s. 4d. John Boyll, for keeping the knock, £20. Robert Caldwell, for keeping the hills, £10, 8s. The cleaner, £12. (134rv.)

Total, £572, 8s.

Commissioners' Expenses. To Provost Hew Kennedy and Bailie James Blair for riding to Edinburgh and conferring for 12 days (July 1618) with the commissioners appointed for the *modificatioun* of the ministers' stipends, £48. For their horse-hire (3 horses), £14, 8s. Horse-hire for Bailie Blair to go to Kilwinning, 13s. 4d. Horse-hire for the two Bailies to go to Ochiltree in April 1618, . . .<sup>1</sup> To John Osborne for keeping the general Convention of Royal Burghs at Dunfermline, July 7, 1618, and other expenses in the town's service in Edinburgh, £195, 14s. 8d. Total, £258, 16s.

Legal and Messengers' Expenses. To James Watsoun, officer, for the *sustentatioun* of Maly Wilsoun, witch, and other services, £13, 1s. 4d. To James Gilmour, lockman, for executing Maly Wilsoun, £6, 13s. 4d. To John McCra, officer, for charging John Wilsoun and William Wilsoun, cordiner, his son, at Ardrossan, and for watching and sustaining William in the Tolbooth; also for sustaining an English fellow *quha fenyeit him his name to be callit*

<sup>1</sup> No sum entered for this item.

Treasurer,  
1617-18.

*Stewart (wardit in the Tolbuyth bayth ane lang space)*, £12, 14s. To him for riding to Wigtown in June 1618 about William Nycoll, timberman, suspected of witchcraft, £5, 14s. 4d. To James Wynram's man for bringing letters anent the taxation, £1.

Total, £39, 3s.

Common Work. To George Fultoun in part-payment for slating the choir in Jan. 1617, £20. To John McMillen, Hew Dowok and William Gillespy, wrights, for their work at the Brig, £22, 13s. 4d. Timber for the Brig, £13, 4s. 6d. To George Grahame, calsay-maker, in July and Aug. 1618, £80. To David Hunter for cleaning the calsays this year, £6. To James Gilmour for cleaning the Tolbooth, 10s. To Robert Cauldwell for *awayting* on the common works in 1618, £5, 4s. To Elias Cathcart, Master of Work, for use in the town's works in 1618, £160. For timber delivered to him by the Treasurer himself, £35, 10s. To Alexander Stewart and John Masoun, masons, in Nov. 1623, for repairing the Quay, £40. To John Gilmour, merchant and burges of Glasgow, for cloth to line the hanging cloth in the kirk-loft, £6, 6s. To William Campbell for slating part of the kirk in 1623, £31, 10s. In other *small debursingis*, £32, 11s. 8d.

Total, £453, 9s. 6d.

The Town's Debt. To Adam Richie as interest on his £1100, £110. To him as interest for the terms of Whit. and Mart. 1619 on the 2500 merks owed him by the town (£100), *plus* £13 of other debt, £113.

Total, £223.

Miscellaneous. Bread for Communion in 1618, £3, 11s. For 7 boxes of *confeittis* given to Eglintoun and Craigie when they were made burgesses, £4, 4s. To William McCallum for the school-house mail (£20) and that of the music-master's *chalmer* (£6, 13s. 4d.), £26, 13s. 4d. Towards Mr. Hew Tran's house-mail, £10. To Mr. William Smyth, music-master, as promised him for his services from Aug. 1 to Nov. 10, 1617, £23, 6s. 8d. To James Harper, surgeon, for curing Patrick Moris, mason, of a hurt sustained while working at the Brig, £10. To Robert Cochren for cloth for the officers' clothes, £44, 2s. 10d. To Mungo Cuninghame, tailor, for making them, £7, 11s. 8d. To support Goliath Cochren, *auld decreipied officer*, £4.

Total, £133, 9s. 6d.

Grand Total, £1682, 1s. 4d.<sup>1</sup>

(134v.)

In arrears, £25, 2s. 10d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £1707, 4s. 2d. Quit.

<sup>1</sup> Total of surviving items, £1680, 6s., leaving £1, 15s. 4d. for the missing figure—a reasonable sum.

DONALD SMYTH, Dean of Guild, 1617-18  
(audited Nov. 28, 1620)

Dean of Guild,  
1617-18.

*Charge*

Guild-entries received, £179, 13s. 10d. (134v.)

*Discharge*

Disbursed on the common works and the kirk, £137, 4s. To John Lauchlane, smith, for iron-work at the Quay and the Brig-port, £22, 16s. Total, £179, 13s. 10d.<sup>1</sup>  
Quit.

ELIAS CATHCART, Master of Work, 1617-18  
(audited May 5, 1618 [*sic*])

Master of  
Work,  
1617-18.

The Provost, Bailies and Council allowed the proceedings, work and expenditure at the harbour this summer, including *stobbis* and perches on the shore, perches on the North and South dykes and bulwarks, timber and workmanship, extending to £420, which the magistrates have defrayed from the town's Common Good. (133v.)

JOHN STEWART, Bailie, 1617-18, and Stent Collector  
(audited Aug. 25, 1618)

Bailie,  
1617-18.

*Charge*

For the Barony stent, received from Adam Wilsoun, officer of Alloway, £91, 7s. For the cooper craft, from Walter Richie, cooper, £95, 2s. For the smiths' craft, from William Richert, smith, £41, 14s. From Ninian Cuninghame, £106. For the Burrow-field, from John McCra, officer, £21, 18s. Total, £356, 1s. (134r.)

*Discharge*

Taken to Edinburgh by Henry Osburne, younger, for the payment of this burgh's share of the tax imposed by Parliament on the kingdom, £218, 13s. 4d. To make up the *inlaik* of the stent-money, £2. To Bailie James Blair to ride to Edinburgh as commissioner

<sup>1</sup> Should be exactly £160.

Bailie,  
1617-18.

anent the ministry of this burgh, and for Mr. John Richie's expenses in pointing for the music-master, £45, 13s. 4d. Spent by Bailie Blair in the town's affairs, £2. For raising letters anent the contribution to the poor of Ayr, etc., £5, 13s. 4d. For carrying letters to Edinburgh and Wigtown, £2, 12s. To John Smyth, *snappmaker*, in part-payment for making the town's new knock, £13, 6s. 8d. Iron for it, £16, 16s. 8d. Timber for it and for the choir, £2, 16s. 8d. To the slater of the kirk, £40. To Laurence Porter for *fog*, £2, 6s. For lime, £2, 8s. For gathering wrack for the hills, £1. Other petty expenses (nails, a lock, etc.), £3, 14s. 6d.

Total, £356, 1s.<sup>1</sup>

Quit.

Treasurer,  
1618-19.

JOHN KNYCHT, Treasurer, 1618-19  
(audited Jan. 6, 1624)

#### Charge

(135r.)

The town's old rental, £332, 16s. 7d. The annuals, £81, 2s. 9d. The town's part of the fermes of the mills of Ayr (occupied by Hew Nesbit and George Angus as tutor to Alexander Gardner)—13 bolls meal, 27 bolls malt and 1 boll bere—£215, 13s. 3d. The Alloway barony-mail not in feu, £29, 13s. 4d. The ferme-bere of Alloway—35 bolls, 2 firlots, 1½ pecks, at £6 per boll—£213, 11s. 3d. The dry multures of Alloway, £146, 13s. 4d. The Alloway mill-mail, £53, 6s. 8d. The feu-ferme of Dalkeyth, £32, 4s. The impost of the Brig, £200. Burgess-entries and casualties, £409, 13s. 4d. Owed to the town by the Treasurer for *dailis* received by him, £33, 12s.

Total, £1748, 5s. 6d.<sup>2</sup>

#### Discharge

Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. The minister (besides 27 bolls meal and 13 bolls malt from the mill-ferme), £266, 13s. 4d. The master of the Grammar School, £80. The doctor, £30. The music-master (besides 50 merks from the kirk-session), £100. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. The officers, £14. The beadle, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the knock and ringing the curfew bell, £20. William Cuninghame, mariner, for keeping the hills, £8. The cleaner, £10. The mason of the Quay, £13, 6s. 8d. Total, £565, 6s. 8d.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £359, os. 6d.

<sup>2</sup> Should be £1748, 6s.

Common Work. Disbursed for the building and repairing of the Quays and bulwark, the kirk, the Brig and a great part of the calsays, £669, 18s. To David Huntar for cleaning the calsays, £6. 2 heads for the drum, £2. Olive-oil for the knock, £1, 6s. 8d.

Treasurer,  
1618-19.

Total, £679, 4s. 8d.

Weights and Measures. For a new stone-weight in iron, bought from the burgh of Lanark for the town by Thomas Cuninghame, potter, £36, 13s. 4d. Expenses of Thomas Cuninghame and of a messenger, £3, 2s. Paid to Stirling for a jug measure, £27, 6s. 8d. Paid to Linlithgow and Edinburgh for the new measures of firloths, pecks and ell-wands, £82.

Total, £149, 2s.

Other Expenses. Horse-hire for Bailie James Blair when he went to Glasgow anent the *plantatioun* of this kirk, £4, 4s. A messenger to Edinburgh, £2, 16s. 8d. To John Dunbar's wife for wine given to noblemen and councillors visiting Ayr in 1618 and 1619, £79, 8s. 8d. To Robert Grintoun, baxter, for the Communion bread, £4, 4s. Interest for the Mart. term, 1618, on the money owed to Provost Adam Richie, £40. To William McCallum for the mails of the School-house and the music-master's chamber, £26, 13s. 4d. To Mr. Hew Tran for his support, £10. To Robert Cochren for the officers' coats, £42. For the lockman's coat, £8, 6s. 8d. To the youth for the expenses of their archery at the *papingo*, £6. To a distressed Frenchman, £6, 13s. 4d. To support Goliath Cochren, *agit and decrippit*, £6, 13s. 4d. Sent to the town of Cupar, to relieve the distress caused by fire, £62, 13s. 4d.

Total, £299, 13s. 4d.

Grand Total, £1541, 4s. 6d.<sup>1</sup>

In arrears (including £86, 10s. 4d. owed by George Angus for the mill-ferme this year, and £107, 16s. 8d. by the late Hew Nesbit and his heirs, for the same), £207, 1s. Total of expenditure and arrears, £1748, 5s. 6d. Quit.

JOHN STEWART, Dean of Guild, 1618-19  
(audited Aug. 21, 1621)

Dean of Guild,  
1618-19.

### Charge

Two guild-entries at £40, one at £20, one at £5 (and he is to be charged with one other at £40 as *yit nocht ressavit be him*), £105.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £1693, 6s. 8d.

Dean of Guild,  
1618-19.

*Discharge*

Disbursed on the repairing of the kirk and other common works,  
£105, 6s. 8d.

*Sua he is superexpendit be this compt vj s. viij d. mair nor his present  
ressait as yit.*

Treasurer,  
1619-20.

DAVID FERGUSSON, Treasurer, 1619-20  
(audited Dec. 30, 1623)

*Charge*

(135v.)

The town's old rental, £333, 9s. 11d. The annuals, £81, 2s. 9d. The Alloway barony-mail not in feu, £24, 13s. 4d. The ferme-bere of Alloway—43 bolls, 3½ pecks, at £4 per boll—£172, 17s. 6d. The dry multure of Alloway, £146, 13s. 4d. The Alloway mill-mail (paid by John Miller), £53, 6s. 8d. The feu-ferme of Dalkeyth (paid by Daniel Cuninghame, feuar), £32, 4s. The impost of the Brig, £200. Burgess-entries and casualties, £431, 0s. 8d.

Total, £1475, 8s. 2d.

*Discharge*

(135v., 136r.)

Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. The minister, £266, 13s. 4d. Owed him of his victual stipend of the crop and year 1621, £266, 13s. 4d. The master of the Grammar School, £80. The doctor, £30. The music-master, £100. Mr. Robert Leirmonth, the town's procurator, £13, 6s. 8d. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. The officers, £14. The beadle, £6, 13s. 4d. George Reid, smith, for keeping the knock and ringing the curfew bell, £20. The cleaner, £10. James Gilmour, lockman, £10.

Total, £834.

Commissioners' and Legal Expenses. To John Osburne, late Provost, for keeping the general Convention at Stirling, July 1, 1620, and riding to Edinburgh for the Exchequer compt and other affairs, £89, 2s. To him, for keeping a particular Convention, Oct. 5, 1619, £28. Disbursed by him in the town's service in Edinburgh in April 1620, £9, 7s. For the expenses of Mr. William Smyth's journey towards Edinburgh in June 1620, £13, 6s. 8d. For carrying letters to Edinburgh, £3, 6s. 8d.

Total, £143, 2s. 4d.

Common Work, Wine, etc. Petty expenses of the town's works, £105, 16s. To John Murdoch, cooper, in Dec. 1619, for making the

town's new firloths and pecks to serve the town and country, £12. Treasurer,  
 To David Huntar for cleaning the calsays, £6. For olive-oil and <sup>1619-20.</sup>  
 candle for the knock, £4. Heads for the drums, £3. To John  
 Dunbar's wife for wine given to sundry ministers, noblemen and  
 gentlemen visiting the town, £75, 12s. For 15 pints of Communion  
 wine, £15. To Robert Grintoun, baxter, for the Communion bread,  
 £4. Total, £225, 8s.

Debts and Standing Charges. To John Osburne, younger, as  
 interest on his loan of £2000, £200. To William McCallum, for the  
 mails of the School-house and the music-master's chamber,  
 £26, 13s. 4d. For Mr. Hew Tran's house-mail, £10. To Mr.  
 William Fullertoun for his service from Aug. to Nov. 1620, £7. To  
 the youth, to supply their *bend* of the *papingo*, £6. To Robert  
 Cochren for the officers' coats, £42. Total, £291, 13s. 4d.  
 Grand Total, £1420, 2s. 6d.<sup>1</sup>

In arrears, £34, 15s. 8d. Total of expenditure and arrears, (136r.)  
 £1454, 18s. 2d. Balance due, £20, 10s.

JAMES BLAIR, Dean of Guild, 1619-20  
 (audited Nov. 18, 1623)

Dean of Guild,  
 1619-20.

*Charge*

Two guild-entries (both coopers), one at £5, one at 5 merks, (136r.)  
 £8, 6s. 8d. For 12 barrels of bere received in 1622 from two Dutch-  
 men for license to sell their cargoes, £86, 8s. Total, £94, 14s. 8d.

*Discharge*

Spent on work at the kirk, £3, 18s. Delivered to Elias Cathcart,  
 Master of Work, £53, 6s. 8d. For carrying the Brig-port to the  
 Tolbooth, 4s. His expenses for riding to Glasgow in May 1623 to  
 confer with the Archbishop anent the planting of this kirk, £10. For  
 scourging Jonet Smyth (with 2s. for rope), 14s. For 4 halberts for  
 the town's officers, £16. To John Dunbar, traveller, for bringing  
 them to Ayr, £1. For wine at sundry times at the making of  
 bargains with the craftsmen, £4, 12s. The Dean of Guild's fee, £5.  
 Total, £94, 14s. 8d.

Quit.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £1494, 3s. 8d.



Master of  
Work,  
1619-20.

HENRY OSBURNE, Master of Work, 1619-20  
(audited Oct. 24, 1620)

*Charge*

(136v.) Received from George Masoun, notary, and from George Fergusson of the town's *dail silvir*, £30.

*Discharge*

Spent during this year, between July 1 and Oct. 8, 1620, on the town's common works, £30, 6s. 2d.

Credit balance, 6s. 2d.

Treasurer,  
1620-21.

JOHN LAW, Treasurer, 1620-21  
(audited March 14, 1622)

*Charge*

(136r.) The town's old rental, £300, 16s. 7d. The annuals, £81, 2s. 9d. Alloway ferme-bere—55 bolls, 1 peck, at £3 per boll—£165, 3s. 9d. Alloway barony-mail not in feu, £16, 13s. 4d. Alloway mill-mail, £53, 6s. 8d. Alloway dry multures, £146, 13s. 4d. Dalkeyth feu-ferme, £32, 4s. Impost of the Brig, £220. Burgess-entries, £122, 10s. Total, £1142, 10s. 5d.<sup>1</sup>

*Discharge*

(136v.) Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. The minister, £266, 13s. 4d. The master of the Grammar School, £80. The doctor, £30. The music-master (besides 50 merks from the kirk-session), £100. Alexander Cuninghame, the town's agent, £12. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. The officers (for bearing halberts, £10; for *keiping of the townis suttis to the schiref*, £4), £14. The beadle, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the knock, £20. For keeping the hills, £4. The cleaner, £10. The lockman, £10. Total, £570.

Common Work. For lime to the Quay, £1, 12s. For timber and sand for the Quay, and other small expenses this year, £17, 8s. To Henry Osburne, Master of Work, £9, 14s. 4d. For 3 round locks and 1 great fetter lock for the stocks, and coals for the Council-house fire this last winter, £9, 10s. Olive oil and candle for the

<sup>1</sup> Should be £1138, 10s. 5d.

knock, olive-oil for the kirk-bell, £4, 13s. 4d. To David Hunter for Treasurer, cleaning the calsays, £6. To John McCra, officer, to pay for a 1620-21.  
broken halbert, £2. To John Stewart, Dean of Guild, for the town's affairs, £100. Total, £150, 17s. 8d.

Wine etc. Balance due to Agnes Campbell for wine and the expenses of ministers in 1618, £30. To Margaret Osburne for wine, £10. To Robert Grintoun, baxter, for bread for Communion, £3, 17s. Total, £43, 17s.

Debts and Other Expenses. To John Osburne, younger, as interest on £2000 owed him, £200. To the town's agent for raising letters and other services, and for his visit to Ayr in Oct. 1620, £24. To William McCallum, for the mails of the School-house and the music-master's chamber, £26, 13s. 4d. To support Mr. William Fullertoun, doctor of the Grammar School, £10. For cloth to make James Gilmour the lockman's coat, £6, 13s. 4d. To the youth for the *bend* of the *papingo*, £6, 13s. 4d. To John Nesbit, burges of Edinburgh, the gauger, for gauging *silvir* from Michaelmas 1619 to Michaelmas 1620, £40. Alms to David Broun, skipper, £6, 13s. 4d. Total, £320, 13s. 4d.  
Grand Total, £1104.<sup>1</sup>

In arrears, [£30, 18s. 4d.]<sup>2</sup>

JOHN STEWART, Dean of Guild, 1620-21  
(audited Jan. 22, 1622)

Dean of Guild,  
1620-21.

### Charge

Two guild-entries at £40 (one from 1618-19), and another (a (136v.) cooper), at £5, £85.

### Discharge

Balance due to him as commissioner to the general Convention of Royal Burghs at Aberdeen, July 3, 1621, £20. His expenses for riding to Glasgow anent the minister, £8. To the town's agent for raising letters, etc., £12, 5s. 4d. To William Campbell in part-payment for slating the kirk, £36, 15s. 4d. Other petty expenses, £5, 13s. 4d. The Dean of Guild's fee, £5. Total, £87, 12s.<sup>3</sup>

Credit balance, £2, 12s.—paid to him by the town.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £1085, 8s.

<sup>2</sup> Compt left unfinished, and no balance struck.

<sup>3</sup> Should be £87, 14s.

Master of  
Work,  
1620-21.  
(136v.)

### HENRY OSBURNE, Master of Work, 1620-21<sup>1</sup>

*Debursit upoun the townis commoun workis this yeir, quhairof he  
wes payit be the toun—ix li. xiiij s. iiij d.*

Treasurer,  
1621-22.

### JAMES MACADAME, Treasurer, 1621-22 (audited Dec. 16, 1623)

#### Charge

(137r.)

The town's old rental, £291, 10s. The annuals, £81, 2s. 9d. Alloway ferme-bere—55 bolls, 1 peck, at £6, 13s. 4d. per boll—£367, 1s. 8d. The barony-mail not in feu, £16, 13s. 4d. Alloway mill-mail, £53, 6s. 8d. Alloway dry multures, £146, 13s. 4d. Dalkeyth feu-ferme, £32, 4s. Impost of the Brig, £220. Burgess-entries and casualties, £580, 4s. 8d. Total, £1788, 16s. 5d.

#### Discharge

Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. The minister, £266, 13s. 4d. The schoolmaster, £80. The doctor, £30. The music-master, £100. The town's agent (Alexander Cuningham), £12. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. The officers, £14. The beadle, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the knock, £20. For keeping the hills, £8. The cleaner, £10. The lockman, £10. Total, £574.

Commissioners' and Legal Expenses. James Blair's expenses (including his man and his horse) in riding to Glasgow to confer with the Archbishop in Aug. 1622, £7, 12s. His expenses as commissioner to the general Convention of Royal Burghs at Dumfries in July 1622, £64, 15s. 4d. To William Cuningham, Bailie, for conveying Mr. George Dunbar, the town's minister, to his ward in Dumfries, in Sept. 1622, £20. Expenses of the town's agent anent the town's new infetment, etc., £6, 13s. 4d. To the town's procurator in March 1622, for defending the tenants of Alloway against the laird of Culzean, £13, 6s. 8d. To John Stewart, Bailie, for obtaining the town's decret against the farmers of the mills of Ayr in Dec. 1621, £13, 6s. 8d. Total, £125, 14s.

Common Work. Spent by Elias Cathcart, Master of Work, on the repair of the bulwark, kirk and Tolbooth, between Michaelmas 1621 and Feb. 12, 1622, *conforme to his compt*, £149, 12s. 2d. Spent

<sup>1</sup> This compt is a mere note added to that for the preceding year.

by him in August on the town's works, £40. To John Masoun and Hew Miller, masons, in Oct. 1623, to complete the payment of £400 promised them for building part of the Quay this last year, £44, 3s. 4d. To Andrew Moris, mason, for repairing the Brig, £40. To David Hunter for cleaning the calsays, £6. For olive-oil and candle for the knock, £4. To James Logane, drummer, for drum-heads, £3. Treasurer, 1621-22.

Total, £286, 15s. 6d.

Wine and Hospitality. To Agnes Campbell, wife of John Dunbar, in payment of the visiting ministers' charges, and for wine and *confeittis* given when sundry noblemen were admitted as burgesses, £80, 18s. To her for the expenses of other ministers (including their agents and horses) until June 27, 1622, £35, 7s. 8d. To Margaret Osburne for wine for the town's use in March 1622, £3, 17s. Bread for Communion, £4, 19s. 2d.

Total, £125, 1s. 10d.

Debts. To John Osburne, younger, as interest on the £2000 formerly owed to Adam Richie (his father-in-law), and now to him, £200. To Adam Richie, Provost, in part-payment of the town's debt, in accordance with the Council's Act of Jan. 20, 1624, £138, 4s. 6d. Interest on the £100 owed to George Masoun, notary, £10.

Total, £348, 4s. 6d.

Miscellaneous. To William McCallum for the mails of the school-house and the music-master's chamber, £26, 13s. 4d. To the support of Mr. William Fullertoun (besides his stipend), £10. To Mr. David Broun, *professour of the art of ortografie and fair wryting*, £13, 6s. 8d. To Robert Cochren for cloth for the officers' coats, £50, 12s. 6d. To the youth for the *papingo*, £6, 13s. 4d. Spent in other small *rewards* in the town's affairs, £22, 17s. 4d.

Total, £130, 3s. 2d.

Grand Total, £1622, 16s. 10d.<sup>1</sup>

In arrears (including £32, 4s. owed by Daniel Cuninghame for (137v.) Dalkeyth, 80 merks by John Getty for the Boat-customs and Irontron, and 55 merks by George Liddell for the duty of the firlots), £165, 19s. 6d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £1788, 16s. 5d. [*sic*].  
Quit.

DONALD SMYTH, Dean of Guild, 1621-22, *vide infra*, p. 282. Dean of Guild, 1621-22.

JOHN STEWART, Bailie, 1621-22, *vide supra*, pp. 67-68. Bailie, 1621-22.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £1589, 19s.

Treasurer,  
1622-23.

ALAN CLERK, Treasurer, 1622-23  
(audited Jan. 5, 1625)

*Charge*

(137v., 138r.) The town's old rental (excluding the Wool-tron custom, fore-mailed at Whit. 1622 for 5 years, and the wadsets), £291, 16s. 8d. The annuals, £81, 2s. 9d. The fermes of the mills of Ayr (1 term paid Nov. 1, 1622, and the *uthir half of the said yeiris ferme uncomptit heirin*)—20 bolls meal at £8 per boll, 20 bolls malt and  $\frac{1}{2}$  boll bere each at £10 per boll—£365. Alloway ferme-bere—56 bolls, 1 peck, at £9 per boll—£504, 11s. 3d. Barony-mail not in feu, £16. Alloway mill-mail, £53, 6s. 8d. Alloway dry multures, £146, 13s. 4d. Dalkeyth feu-ferme, £32, 4s. Impost of the Brig, £220. The license of David Richert, smith, to sell his 2 merkland *maling* in Alloway, £20. Burgess-entries and casualties, £498, 6s. 8d.

Total, £2229, 1s. 4d.

*Discharge*

(138r.) Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. The minister, £266, 13s. 4d. The schoolmaster, £80. The doctor, £30. The music-master and reader, £100. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. The officers (including £4 for *keepin of sute to the schiref*), £14. The beadle, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the knock, £20. The cleaner, £10. The lockman, £10.

Total, £554.

Commissioners' Expenses. To Bailie John Cuningham, to ride to Edinburgh, Nov. 19, 1622, to wait on *the lordis of platt*, and to *se quhat modificatioun culd be gottin to the minister of this burgh furth of the teindis thairof*, to pay the procurators' stipends and to attend to other business, £145, 10s. 4d. To Provost James Blair and Bailie Cuningham, for riding to Glasgow on Jan. 1, 1623, to confer with the Archbishop anent Mr. George Dunbar, present minister, and the plantation of this kirk, £17, 8s. To Bailie Cuningham, for keeping the Convention of Estates at Edinburgh, Jan. 14, 1623, £42, 8s. To Bailie Cuningham, to *convoy* Mr. Thomas Foster to Glasgow in March 1623, £18. To Provost Blair and Bailie Cuningham, for riding to Glasgow for the Synodal Assembly in April, £21, 8s. To them, for riding to Edinburgh in May concerning the planting of this kirk, £26, 13s. 4d. To Bailie John Stewart for keeping the general Convention at Dundee, July 1, 1623, £30, 15s. To James Blair and John Osburne, for riding to Glasgow in March 1624 to confer with the Archbishop anent the planting of this kirk, £20, 5s. To James Blair and Bailie James Huntar, for riding to Glasgow for the Synodal Assembly in April 1624, £24. To James Blair, for keeping the general Convention at Glasgow in July 1624, £33, 14s. 6d.

Total, £380, 2s. 2d.

Common Work. To Alexander Stewart and John Masoun, masons, for their work at the Quay in 1624, £163, 16s. To them, for repairing the Blackfriars well, £23, 6s. 8d. To them, for repairing the window in the Tolbooth, £2. To the men of Greenan and to Andrew Mure, for lime to the Quay, £72. To Gilbert McGrane for sand, £4. To John Cuningham, smith, for iron-work at the Quay, Brig, etc., £28. To William Dyot, smith, for repairing the new firloft and two barrels, £6. To David Hunter for cleaning the calsays, £6. Olive-oil and candle for the knock in 1623, £4. To James Fergushill, Master of Work, in complete payment of his expenditure, £14, 7s. Paid to him for his attendance at the Quay-work, £10. Total, £333, 9s. 8d.

Treasurer,  
1622-23.

Wine and Hospitality. To Agnes Campbell, wife of John Dunbar, for the charges of ministers (including the Archbishop of Glasgow and Mr. Thomas Foster) who came to Ayr between Michaelmas 1622 and March 1623, £59, 8s. 10d. To her for the charges of the ministers who came between March and Oct. 1623, for the visits of *my Lady Marques* and Mr. James Scott, and for wine for Communion this year, £100, 8s. To John McTurk, stabler, for feeding and stabling the ministers' horses in June and July, £5, 18s. Bread for Communion in 1623, £4, 15s. 4d. To Margaret Osburne for wine, £3, 3s. 4d. Total, £173, 13s. 6d.

Debts. Interest on the £2000 owed to John Osburne, younger, £200. Interest on the £100 owed to George Masoun, notary, £10. Total, £210.

Miscellaneous. To William McCallum for the mails of the school-house and the music-master's chamber, £26, 13s. 4d. To support Mr. William Fullertoun, £10. To the youth, to support their *papingo bend*, £6, 13s. 4d. To Robert Cochren for cloth for the officers' coats, £53, 6s. 8d. In other *small rewardis*, £14, 16s. Delivered in March 1624 to Thomas Nycoll, next Treasurer, £133, 6s. 8d. Total, £244, 16s. Grand Total, £1996, 18s. 8d.<sup>1</sup>

In arrears (including £40 owed by John Getty for the Iron-tron and Boat-customs, £32, 4s. for the Dalkeyth ferme, and £2 each by the laird of Craigie and Lady Mossgiel for their coble-mails), £92, 15s. 6d. Total of expenditure and arrears, £2089, 14s. 2d. Balance due, £139 [*sic*].

(138v.)

Sept. 20, 1625.<sup>2</sup> *This sowme comptit debursed and payit be Alan Clerk compter to the toun and he discharget thairof.*

<sup>1</sup> Should be £1896, 1s. 4d.

<sup>2</sup> Marginal note.

Treasurer,  
1623-24.

THOMAS NICHOLL, Treasurer, 1623-24  
(audited Jan. 5, 1625)

### Charge

(138v.)

The town's old rental, £346, 12s. 10d. The annuals, £81, 2s. 9d. The fermes of the mills of Ayr, payable at two terms—20 bolls meal (at £8 per boll) and 20 bolls malt (at 20 merks per boll) on Nov. 1, 20 bolls meal (at 10 merks per boll), 20 bolls malt and 1 boll bere for the Over-mill acre (each at £10 per boll) on Feb. 1—£770. Alloway ferme-bere—56 bolls, 1 peck, at £8 per boll—£448, 10s. Barony-mail not in feu, £16. Alloway mill-mail (paid by John Miller, occupier), £53, 6s. 8d. The dry multures (paid by the Barony tenants), £146, 13s. 4d. The Dalkeyth feu-ferme (owed by Daniel Cuninghame, feuar), £32, 4s. Impost of the Brig, £183, 6s. 8d. Burgess-entries, £40. From Alan Clerk, late Treasurer, £133, 6s. 8d. From John Knycht, Collector of the town's Stent at Mart. 1623, £40. From him, of the mill-ferme of Mart. 1624, £13, 6s. 8d.

Total, £2304, 9s. 7d.

### Discharge

(138v., 139r.)

Fees and Stipends. The Provost, £5. The Treasurer, £5. The Master of Work, £3, 6s. 8d. The minister (for his stipend *bayth of silvir and of victuall*), £533, 6s. 8d. The schoolmaster, £80. The doctor, £30. The music-master and reader (besides 50 merks from the kirk-session), £100. Alexander Cuninghame, the town's agent, £13, 6s. 8d. The procurator-fiscal, £3, 6s. 8d. The officers (£10, plus £4 as suitor-fee), £14. The beadle, £6, 13s. 4d. For keeping the knock and ringing the curfew-bell, £20. James Dowok, cleaner, £10. The lockman (Barquhill), £10. John Huntar, for keeping the hills, £8.

Total, £842.

Commissioners' and Legal Expenses. To William Cuninghame, Bailie, for riding to Edinburgh in the town's affairs, March 1624, £16, 8s. 8d. To James Blair, for his journey to Edinburgh in June, £26, 13s. 4d. Paid to him *at his afeild passing* as commissioner to the general Convention of Royal Burghs at Linlithgow, July 6, 1624, and *directit to keip ane conventioun of estaitis at Edinburgh* on July 13 *concerning the stouthis betwix Irland and Scotland*, and for *futing* the town's Exchequer compt this year, £100. To John Osburne, younger, for riding twice to Falkirk in Sept. 1624, anent bringing Mr. William Annand, minister, to Ayr, in accordance with an Act of Privy Council, £22. For extracting an Act of Privy Council concerning the minister in May 1624, £6, 13s. 4d. To James Lowdoun, officer, for the costs of warding Effie McBrowme,

suspected of witchcraft, in the Tolbooth in Sept. 1624, £7, 14s. To 2 messengers sent from Ayr, £3. To boys and messengers who came anent the minister, the town's taxation, etc., £21, 6s.

Total, £203, 15s. 4d.

Common Work. To Andrew Mure for lime to the Quay in the summer of 1624, £26, 6s. 8d. To Andrew Nicoll, Gilbert McGrane and John Richie, carters, for bringing stones, sand and clay thither, £15, 16s. To Alexander Mowbray, calsay-maker, for building part of the calsays this summer, £38, 17s. 4d. To George Reid, smith, for *dichting* and *dressing* the town's muskets, £6. To David Hunter for cleaning the calsays, £6. To the officers for coals for the Council-house fire in the winter, £5. Petty expenses (drum-heads, olive-oil), £8, 18s. 8d.

Total, £106, 18s. 8d.

Wine and Hospitality. To Agnes Campbell, wife of John Dunbar, for the costs of visiting ministers, Communion wine, etc., prior to Sept. 21, 1624, as *comptit and futit with hir preceding the said day*, £143. Bread for Communion, £2, 17s. 8d. To John McTurk for feeding the ministers' horses, £1, 7s.

Total, £147, 4s. 8d.

Debt. Interest on the £2000 owed to John Osburne, younger, £200.

Miscellaneous. To William McCallum, for the mails of the school-house and the music-master's chamber, £26, 13s. 4d. To support Mr. William Smyth, music-master and reader (besides his stipend), £13, 6s. 8d. To support Mr. William Fullertoun, doctor of the Grammar School (besides his stipend), £10. To Mr. Thomas Foster, *quha suld haif bene minister heir and had gottin his presentatioun to that effect at the direction of my lord Archibishop of Glasgw, for his rycht thairof*, £426, 13s. 4d. To the young archers for the expenses of their *papingo*, £6, 13s. 4d. For cloth to make coats for the officers and for Laurie Porter, *the townis servand anent the pure*, £54, 8s. For making Laurie Porter's coat, 16s. For bringing the officers' halberts from Edinburgh, £1. Alms to William Murchie, *ane auld failyeit gild brother*, £6, 13s. 4d. To William Cuninghame and John Logane, drummers, for their services at the town's last muster-day in Sept. 1624, £2.

Total, £548, 4s.

Grand Total, £2065, 15s. 8d.<sup>1</sup>

In arrears (including the Dalkeyth ferme, the coble-mails of the laird of Craigie and Lady Mossgiel, and £8, 8s. 4d. for the laird of Kerse's feu-duties), £53, 17s. Total of expenditure and arrears, £2119, 12s. 8d. Balance due, £184, 17s. [*sic*], and the *dependentis foirsaidis gevin up be him appertenis to the town to be socht be thame to thair awin use as thai sall think gude*.

Treasurer,  
1623-24.

(139r.)

<sup>1</sup> Should be £2048, 2s. 8d.



Dean of Guild,  
1621-22 and  
1623-24.

DONALD SMYTH, Dean of Guild, 1621-22 and 1623-24  
(audited May 5, 1625)

*Charge*

(1397.) Guild-entries for 1621-22—two (a merchant and a sailor) at £40, eight (including a mason, a tailor, a notary and the eldest son of Bailie William Cuningham) at £5—£120. Guild-entries for 1623-1624—two at £40, one (a merchant) at £10—£90. Total, £210.

*Discharge*

(1397.) Expenditure in 1621-22. For 39 *dailis* for the kirk, £23, 8s. For lime (7s. 4d. per boll) and sand, £3, 2s. To William Campbell, for slating part of the kirk, £24, 13s. 4d. To George Liddell, glazier, for repairing the glass windows of the kirk, £22. Petty expenses at the kirk, £13, 16s. 2d. For coals to the Hospital, £2, 18s. To Mr. William Smyth, reader, £10. For the Acts of Parliament, £3, 6s. 8d. The Dean of Guild's fee, £5. Total, £108, 4s. 2d.

Expenditure in 1623-24. To George Liddell, for a new glass window in the kirk, £1, 3s. 4d. His fee, £6, 13s. 4d. Petty expenses, £2. For candle to the kirk, 18s. To James McQuhaill, wright, for making two *mort kistis* for the poor, £1, 13s. 4d. To William Cauldwell for painting them, 4s. To William Dyot, smith, for bands and nails for them, £3, 12s. 2d. For coals to the Hospital, £3, 4s. The Dean of Guild's fee, £5. Total, £24, 18s. 6d.<sup>1</sup>  
Grand Total, £133, 2s. 8d.

In arrears, the two £40 entries in 1623-24, £80. Total of expenditure and arrears, £213, 2s. 8d. Credit balance, £3, 2s. 8d.

<sup>1</sup> Should be £24, 8s. 2d.

# GLOSSARY

## ABBREVIATIONS

Jamieson : Jamieson's *Etymological Dictionary of the Scottish Language*.

O.E.D. : Murray's *New ('Oxford') English Dictionary*.

Wright : Wright's *English Dialect Dictionary*.

**accomplis furth**, complete.

**addettit**, owed.

**adois**, affairs, business.

**af**, off.

**afeld, afeld**, away, outside the burgh.

**afoir**, before.

**aganis**, against.

**aggreand** (64), agreement.

**aght**, aged.

**ail, ail**, ale.

**airis**, heirs.

**alth, athe**, oath.

**aker, akir, aiker**, acre.

**ald, auld, old**; of the **ald**, before, formerly.

**Almenis** (171), Germans.

**almouss, almous**, alms.

**almountis** (211), almonds.

**als**, also.

**always, alwyis**, although, however.

**ane**, one, a.

**angell** (58), angel noble, the Eng. gold coin first valued at 6s. 8d., but later worth as much as 24s.

**annuell**, rent, or interest on loan.

**arl**, to give arles or earnest-money, to close a contract.

**at** (29), that.

**athe**, oath.

**attour**, over, beyond.

**aucht**, owed; eight.

**awand**, owing.

**awne**, own.

**ayther**, either.

**baiff** (234), the odds and ends of timber, outer cuttings of planks. (Wright, *sub voc.* baiff and baiff-end.)

**bald**, remained.

**bakhous**, house built towards rear of burgess's land.

**bakle, baky**, a square wooden vessel for carrying coals, lime, etc. (O.E.D.) Cf. *bucket (ib.)*.

**bakln** (189), baked.

**balloun** (108), ? a round vessel for pitch.

**bandis**, bands on a door.

**bankett**, banquet.

**barkert, barkett, burkert**, wooden section of quay. (? Cf. *balker* = large beam, Wright.)

**barne, bairn**, child.

**barres yett**, the door at each port.

**bastalye**, rampart (of turf).

**bastard** (32), **bestard** (133), a sweet kind of Spanish wine, perh. adulterated with honey (O.E.D.).

**bayth**, both.

**be, by**.

**bed** (236), hold.

**bedell**, beadle, bellman.

**belr, bear**; bere.

**bels, be, is**.

**Beltane**, Midsummer.

**bend (of the papingo)**, the sash of coloured taffetas given as prize in annual archery-games of the **papingo** (*q.v.*). (Jamieson.)

**benfyres, bonfires**.

**bent** (219), stiff grass or rush (used to cover floors).

**bering**, carrying.

**bernells, vide pernellis**.

**besines**, business.

**bestard, vide bastard**.

**bestowlt, bestowed, spent**.

**beting** (115), building.

**big**, build.

**blpast**, last, past.

**Birtownis** (206), Bretons.

**bissines**, business.

**blawin, blown**.

**blewis** (163), blue cloth.

- blude, blood.  
**bludeweddis** (53), blood-wites, fines  
 for shedding blood.  
**bocht**, bought.  
**bodie** (256), person.  
**boir**, bore.  
**boit**, boat.  
**boll**, 4 firlots (*q.v.*).  
**bontay**, bounty.  
**borne**, barn.  
**bot**, but.  
**bounteth**, bounty.  
**bowat** (165), bowet, small lantern.  
**braiss** (236), brace, or supporting  
 timber, of chimney.  
**brak**, broke.  
**brayls**, braes.  
**breddis** (228), plates or pans of the  
 Tron.  
**bred sylvir**, plate-money, church  
 collections.  
**breid**, bread, a loaf of bread.  
**brigstane** (148, 244), perh. a flat  
 stone over a gutter (*cf.* bridge-  
 stone, O.E.D. and Wright).  
**brocht**, brought.  
**broke** (5), brook, enjoy.  
**bruntstane** (173), brimstone, sulphur.  
**brydell** (163), wedding.  
**bulk**, book; **Bulk of Raitis** (251),  
 the Book of Rates, *i.e.* of customs-  
 duties.  
**buird**, **burd**, board, timber.  
**bulst**, box.  
**buith**, **buthe**, booth.  
**bulttis** (236), **bultis** (258), boots.  
**buk**, **bwk** (233, etc.), body of cart or  
 wagon (*cf.* buck-board, O.E.D.).  
**bukkle** (198), prob. bucket.  
**bullwork**, bulwark or pier.  
**bulyeoun**, bullion.  
**bur**, **bure**, bore.  
**burd**, board; (137) table.  
**Burdeaux**, Bordeaux.  
**burkert**, *vide* **barkert**.  
**burn stand** (203), small portable  
 vessel for making lime, miniature  
 lime-kiln.  
**burrows**, burghs.  
**but**, without, only.  
**buthe**, booth.  
**bwk**, *vide* **buk**.  
**by**, besides.  
**bygane**, past.  
**bypast**, last, past.  
**byrkls** (34), ? some kind of wood-  
 work in church.  
**byrun**, overdue.
- calsay**, causeway, paving (*cf.* Fr.  
*chaussée*).  
**camestok**, **camstok** (59, 64), prob.  
 camstone or limestone (O.E.D.).  
**careing**, carrying.  
**carpolli**, **carpoll**, a small piece of  
 timber.  
**caryoun**, carrion.  
**cast**, dig; but on pp. 264, 266, to  
 give coat of lime (Jamieson).  
**causalteis**, casualties (of rent).  
**censure** (unlaw, **silvir**), fine.  
**chalder**, 16 bolls.  
**chalmr**, chamber, apartment.  
**charlage man** (130), porter.  
**chekar**, **chekkar**, **chekker**, Ex-  
 chequer.  
**chepmen**, chapmen, pedlars.  
**chop**, shop, booth.  
**chymmene**, **chymmyng**, chiming.  
**chyrurgeane**, surgeon.  
**clanchane** (200), clachan.  
**clayth**, cloth.  
**cleiding**, suit of clothes.  
**clenge**, **cleinge**, clean.  
**clinger**, cleaner (during the pest).  
**clois**, close.  
**clous** (184), sluice (of mill); *cf.*  
 Fr. *écluse* (Jamieson).  
**cobill**, fishing-coble; **cobill-mall**,  
 rent for a fishing.  
**coft**, bought.  
**colst**, coast.  
**coit**, **coltt**, coat.  
**cokboit** (66), cock-boat, small ship's  
 boat.  
**coles**, coals.  
**collatoun**, collation, supper.  
**colouring** (63), painting.  
**comfeltit** (211), candied.  
**comfeittis**, **comfeittis**, comfits, sweet-  
 meats.  
**commissionarie** (260), commis-  
 sionership.  
**compas** (64), prob. a sun-dial (*cf.*  
**dyell** and **horlage stane**).  
**compeir**, **compear**, appear in law-  
 court.  
**compt**, account (*cf.* *computum*).  
**comptabil**, responsible.  
**compter**, accountant.  
**comfeittis**, *vide* **comfeittis**.  
**conforme to**, in accordance with.  
**convoy**, conduct.  
**cordall tow** (165), rope.  
**cordiner**, shoemaker.  
**cordis**, rope.  
**Corlistis**, Chorists.

- cornes**, corn, grain.  
**Corpus Christys eyn** (20), Corpus Christi Even (Wednesday after Trinity Sunday).  
**cort**, court.  
**costsyd** (176), coast.  
**cotes** (56), quotas.  
**counsale, counsall**, council.  
**cran** (233), crane.  
**cravand** (204), demanding.  
**crow irn** (60), crow-bar.  
**crone of the egill** (72), crown of the eagle, perh. an Imperial coin.  
**crying doun**, debasing, devaluing.  
**cubcular, kingis** (46), king's servant or minister.  
**cuff**, blow.  
**cukstulis** (75, 76), cucking-stools for dipping women in pond.  
**culd**, could.  
**cullouris** (59), flags; (113, 152), paints.  
**culvering**, culverin.  
**cumln** (266), come.  
**cumsyling, cumsyilling** (62, 158), plaster ceiling (*cf.* O.E.D., *sub voc. coom, sb.*).  
**cunyeour**, coiner.  
**cunyle**, coinage.  
**cuper**, cooper.  
**cuppill** (246), couple, rafter, beam.  
**cure** (100), care, services.  
**custume**, custom.  
**customer compt** (142), account of the (great) customs.  
**cutthrottis** (102), cut-throats, guns.  
**cuttings**, cuttings, small timber.
- dall**, a plank, length of timber (*cf.* Murray, *Early Burgh Organisation*, i. 413 n. 2).  
**dall silvir** (274), timber-money.  
**dals, dayls**, days.  
**dalt**, date.  
**Danskin**, Danish.  
**dask**, desk.  
**debursit**, disbursed, spent.  
**decrippid, decrippit**, decrepit.  
**deduct**, deducted, discharged.  
**defalss**, discharge, cancel.  
**defalkit**, allowed, discharged.  
**deld**, dead.  
**denner**, dinner.  
**dependand**, in arrears.  
**dependentis**, arrears.  
**desisloun**, decision.  
**dessir, desyr**, desire.  
**dett**, debt.
- dewite, dewittie**, duty.  
**dewlie**, duly.  
**dichting**, cleaning.  
**dislone, disjone**, breakfast (*cf.* Fr. *déjeuner*).  
**disponit**, employed, spent.  
**dissertis**, desserts.  
**distrenyelt**, distrained.  
**dittay** (148), dittay, indictment.  
**dochter**, daughter.  
**dosane**, dozen.  
**dressing**, decorating or repairing.  
**dubill**, double.  
**Ducheman**, Dutchman.  
**dur**, door.  
**dwm**, dumb.  
**dychting**, cleaning.  
**dyell** (64), dial, here prob. a sundial.  
**dyk**, dyke, wall.
- effairis** (94), affairs.  
**efferis**, behoves, is customary or fitting.  
**eftir**, after.  
**egill**, *vide* **crone**.  
**Egiptianes** (85), gipsies.  
**elss** (180), release, relief.  
**Elstland** (233), East of Scotland.  
**elt** (104), ate.  
**entre, entres, entress**, entry or grassum.  
**estalt** (58), state, condition.  
**estalttis**, the Estates (of Parliament).  
**exonerit**, discharged.
- faddum**, fathom.  
**faderis**, father's.  
**fallyelt**, failed.  
**fald, fauld**, farm, croft.  
**fallow**, fellow, rascal.  
**faltis** (83), holes (in roof).  
**fe**, fee.  
**fear** (209), feuar.  
**feggis** (171), figs.  
**feid**, feud.  
**feld** (100), rally, meeting of army.  
**fenyelt**, feigned.  
**ferme**, rent, duty, esp. feu-ferme duty.  
**fermorar**, farmer, lessee.  
**ferris** (56), prices (*cf.* **fiars**).  
**festivall day** (205), Gowrie Conspiracy day (August 5).  
**few**, feu.  
**feyt**, feed, engaged.  
**fe**, fee.

**fill furth**, complete.  
**firlot**, basic measure of grain, approx. = 1 imp. bushel.  
**firr**, fir-planks (apparently of a definite size). *Cf.* half firr.  
**fischeall**, fiscal.  
**fitting** (113), removing.  
**flokis** (114), flocks, scraps of wool and cloth used for stuffing cushions and pillows.  
**fog, folg**, moss (used for filling holes in roof).  
**foir**, fore; hence **foirland**, **foirnamit**, **foirsaid**.  
**foirmallit**, foremailed, mortgaged.  
**foirmair**, former.  
**fra**, from.  
**fraucht**, freight.  
**fredome**, burgess-ship or guild-membership.  
**frewill** (68), free-will.  
**fullye**, rubbish.  
**fundin**, found.  
**furlett**, firlot (*q.v.*).  
**furmls**, forms, seats in the kirk.  
**furneist**, **furnest**, **furnelsit**, furnished, supplied.  
**furnitour** (255), provisions, supplies.  
**furth (of)**, from, out of.  
**futgangs** (63), flooring, gang-ways.  
**futing**, completing (a compt).  
**futit**, completed and audited (compt).  
**fysche**, fish.  
**gabarr**, lighter, cargo-boat (*cf.* Fr. *gabare*).  
**gadder**, **gader**, **gadyr**, gather.  
**gadge** (60), gauge.  
**galf**, gave.  
**gair**, gear, goods.  
**gane**, gone.  
**gang**, go.  
**garling** (190), causing, making.  
**garsum**, grassum.  
**gat**, got.  
**geif**, give.  
**geir**, gear, goods.  
**gest**, large timber, beam (*cf.* joist).  
**gellok** (203), iron crow-bar (Jamieson).  
**gevin**, given; **gevin doun**, remitted, discharged.  
**glt**, if.  
**giffin**, given.  
**gillok** (177), same as **gellok** (*q.v.*).  
**girthit**, girded, encircled.

**glaisn bands**, glass-bands, metal strips for securing glass panes.  
**glaisnair** (20), glazier.  
**glassywrycht**, **glasinwricht**, glazier.  
**gobar**, *vide gabar*.  
**Goddls penney**, God's penny, arles-penny.  
**gold rals** (244), Golden Bell horse-race.  
**golfs** (58), **gofes**, jousts or pillory.  
**graiffls** (20), graves.  
**graith** (183), materials.  
**grathing**, mending or decorating.  
**greit**, great.  
**grene** (113), green cloth.  
**gress**, grass.  
**gressume**, grassum.  
**grund**, ground, base.  
**grundstane** (174), ground-stone, foundation (of quay).  
**gudewillar**, well-wisher.  
**gudls**, goods.  
**gudling** (224), the Dutch gulden.  
**gudman**, **guldman**, goodman, laird.  
**had** (159), hold.  
**hagbutaris** (106), musketeers (hagbut = arquebus).  
**half**, have.  
**hall**, all, whole.  
**hald**, hold.  
**haldin**, held.  
**half firr** (246), apparently short fir-planks.  
**hame**, **hayme**, home.  
**handsenyle**, **handseneye**, **hand-chinyie**, flag, standard (*cf.* Fr. *enseigne*).  
**hard**, heard.  
**Harle nobllil** (194), Harry noble, Eng. gold coin worth 32s.  
**harne** (266), **harne clayth** (244), coarse linen cloth, sack-cloth.  
**heddir** (156), heather.  
**held**, head or skin (of drum); thus, **heding**, **helding**, putting skins (on drum); but (141), cutting heads off herring.  
**heldstik** (102), a great gun.  
**heir**, here.  
**heirin**, herein.  
**hemmlrmen**, hammermen.  
**herbery**, harbour.  
**herell** (216), heritable.  
**hering**, hearing; herring.  
**hes**, has.  
**hle**, high.  
**hing**, hang.

hlr, her.  
 hoill, hole.  
 hokng (49), digging (*cf.* howk).  
 honest men, burgesses of Ayr.  
 horlage, horologe, clock (*cf.* Fr. *horloge*); but *horlage stane* (59), sun-dial.  
 houssle, hussle, hussy.  
 how barrow (101), hand-barrow.  
 hoys, hose.  
 hurle barrow (101), wheel-barrow.  
 hydls, hides.

lle, aisle.  
 ilk, each.  
 lmploylt, employed, spent.  
 lmprentng (236), printing.  
 lmfantrle (249), young men, boys.  
 lngadring, lngadyring, collecting.  
 lngls, English.  
 lnlalk, deficiency.  
 lnlaklt, omitted, was short.  
 lnlowit, allowed.  
 lnterprysit (233), undertaken.  
 lntertnement, boarding, hospitality.  
 lntromettlt, intromitted, dealt.  
 Irels, Irelshe, Irish.  
 Irland burdls, Irish timber.  
 lrn, iron.

Jacques plals (95), ? Robin Hood plays.  
 Juges, the, magistrates of Ayr.  
 justefy, execute.

kartour, carter.  
 kest (18), dug (*p.t.* of *cast*, *q.v.*).  
 kettill, kettle, pot.  
 key, quay.  
 klill, kiln.  
 kippill, *vide* cupplll.  
 know, know; knowln, known.  
 kneheld (226); kneyheld (58), a piece of bent timber (Jamieson).  
 knok, knock or clock.

ladir, ladder.  
 lalch, low.  
 laldls (267), loads, packs.  
 lald of, deducted.  
 laif, rest, remainder; but (65), lave or ladle (water).  
 landmerls (157), marches, boundaries.  
 landwert, landward, rural.  
 lane, loan.  
 lard, larde, laird.

lath, lath bred, thin wood, boarding.  
 lathng, timbering.  
 laubour, work or service.  
 lawburrows, lawborrows, lawburrows, legal obligation not to injure another person or his property.  
 lawngls (100), charges, account (*esp.* for drink, etc.).  
 laych, low.  
 leche, leiche, leech, doctor.  
 ledar, carter.  
 leddr, ledlr, ladder.  
 ledng, cartng or carryng.  
 leld, leyd, lead (*verb* or *noun*).  
 lelfis, leaves.  
 lettoun (20), lectern, desk.  
 levar, liver.  
 licht, light.  
 linkng (58), joining; linkng of the estait of the brig, ? repairing gaps with masonry.  
 llquidatloun (57), settling and paying.  
 lokman, lockman, hangman.  
 lousng (64), release.  
 lownls, fellows (*cf.* loons).  
 loyss, loose.  
 lucht (178), load, freight.  
 luggls, lodges.  
 luglt, lodged.  
 lyddln, leaden.  
 lyls, lies.  
 lykwylys, likewise.  
 lyme, lime.  
 lynng, linen.

ma, more.  
 maid, made.  
 mall, mail, rent, duty.  
 malr, more.  
 malst, most.  
 malstls (20), long pieces of timber (*cf.* masts).  
 male, mail, rent.  
 maling, holding, farm.  
 Malvasy (wyne) (122), Malmsey (*from* Fr. *malvoisie*).  
 Martymes, Martinmas.  
 mater, matter.  
 medlcinar (262), physician.  
 meill, meal; but (20), a measure of lime, presumably a large one, since its price was 3s. 4d., whereas five years later the boll was about rod.; *supra*, p. 88. (*Cf.* O.E.D., and Jamieson, *sub voc.* mail or meil, for which they give various equivalents.)

**meir**, vessel for carrying lime or mortar.

**mekkis** (101), parts of clock.

Jamieson gives *mekis* (without definition) as parts of cut-throats (guns).

**meil**, maul or mall, heavy hammer.

**men of weir**, soldiers.

**merches** (220), marches, boundaries.

**Mertimes**, Martinmas.

**mett**, **met**, measure.

**miln**, mill.

**mirk**, dark.

**modificatioun** (267, 278), settlement,

fixing (of stipends).

**moneth**, month.

**monle**, many.

**mort kist** (240, 282), coffin.

**multuris**, multures, the miller's levy on grain ground.

**mur**, **mure**, **muir** or **moor**.

**mydding**, midden.

**mydstanchir** (101), central stanchion,

main pillar or support (of clock).

**myl**, **myil**, mill.

**na**, no ; than.

**nothing**, nothing.

**nawyls**, by no means.

**nerrest**, nearest.

**noblil**, noble (man or coin). The coin might be rose, angel or Harry noble.

**nocht**, not.

**noider** (105), neither.

**nolt** (nowt), cattle.

**nor**, than.

**notar**, notary.

**noveills**, news.

**nuik**, corner.

**nummer**, number.

**nychtbour**, neighbour, burgess.

**obtenit**, obtained.

**od**, odd, surplus.

**offerand** (19), offering, collection.

**oledolive**, **ole de ollife**, olive-oil.

**oppin**, open.

**or**, before.

**ordanit**, **ordinit**, ordained.

**ordouring**, making, drawing up (compts).

**ortografie** (277), orthography.

**ouik**, week.

**ourgeving** (137), surrendering.

**ourheid**, over all, average.

**oursey**, oversee.

**oursicht**, oversight, supervision.

**outgait** (204), export.

**ouredding** (50), fitting out, equip-  
ping.

**ouittintownis**, landward.

**ovirgeving** (68), surrendering.

**oydolle**, olive-oil.

**oylye**, oil.

**pallyeoun**, pavilion, tent.

**panis**, services, trouble.

**pape** (245), nipple, breast.

**papingo**, popinjay, wooden parrot used as mark in archery (Jamieson, *sub voc.* papejay).

**passinger** (249), prob. carrier.

**pathement** (120), flooring (in kirk).

**pece**, piece ; peace, (130) peace of Cateau-Cambrésis.

**peikling** (141), pickling.

**peirche tre** (121), wooden perch in harbour, indicating shallow water, etc.

**pek**, peck,  $\frac{1}{4}$  of firiot (*q.v.*).

**pend** (265), gate-way (of Brig-port).

**pensale** (89), banner.

**pentrie** (62), pantry.

**perfyttit**, completed.

**pernellis** (19, 76), reels, winding machines.

**pete** (32), peat.

**pewdir**, pewter.

**pig**, jar, jug.

**pilleit**, pillaged, robbed.

**pinnis**, pins.

**pirche**, perch ; *vide* **peirche tre**.

**pistoliat**, **pistolet**, pistol, a gold coin, esp. Spanish.

**pittie**, small, petty.

**plak**, plack, 4d.

**planscheour**, **pienscheour** (**nailis**), large floor-nails (*cf.* Fr. *plancher*).

**plantatioun** (271), appointment (of minister).

**platt** (243), plan or model (Jamieson) ; used of ministers' stipends,

The **lordis of platt** (278), commissioners for settling stipends (*vide* Jamieson, and Index of Calderwood's *Hist.*, *sub voc.* platt).

**pley**, plea, law-suit.

**poindis**, **poindit**, poinds, poinded.

**poist**, post, messenger.

**powder**, **puidir**, sand, gunpowder, or paint.

**prent**, print.

**previe** (217), privy.

**prevys** (74), proves.

**prickat**, **pricket**, spire (of Tolbooth).

- proffit, proffleit, interest.**  
**promelst, promittit, promised.**  
**puir, pure, poor.**  
**puldir, vide powder.**  
**pursevant, pursifant, poursuivant.**  
**pyk, pitch.**  
**pynniss, pins.**  
**pynouris, pynours, labourers,**  
     scavengers.  
**pyphirer (181), piper.**  
**quair, quire.**  
**queir, quere, choir.**  
**querriour, quereour, quarrier.**  
**quha, who.**  
**quhairthrough, whereby.**  
**quhais, whose.**  
**quhar, quhair, where.**  
**quhat, what.**  
**quhelt, wheat, wheaten.**  
**quhen, when.**  
**quhldder, whether.**  
**quhilk, quhilkis, which.**  
**quhill, till, until.**  
**quhyte, white.**  
**quhyten seller (38), lime or plaster**  
     merchant ? (doubtful reading).  
**quissanis (114), cushions.**  
**raggal (155, 216), 'raggle, to make**  
     a groove in one stone for receiving  
     another' (Jamieson).  
**raid (verb), rode or travelled; (noun),**  
     raid, or summons of army.  
**Raitis, Buik of, vide buik.**  
**ramanent, remainder.**  
**rasate, receipt.**  
**rasavit, received.**  
**rasingls (171), raisins.**  
**red (noun), rubbish, dirt; (verb),**  
     clean up.  
**reddene, redding, cleaning.**  
**refuls (133), ? applied to goods on**  
     which town had option; *cf.*  
     'first refusal.'  
**regratouris, regraters, i.e. those**  
     who held their wares off the  
     market to create a scarcity.  
**reid, red.**  
**reiterat (238), repeated, resumed.**  
**rekning, reckoning.**  
**rentell, rentell silvir, grassum.**  
**rentelling, rentalling, grassum; but**  
     (24), farm.  
**resate, ressalt, receipt.**  
**ressaitting (of the men of Arrane)**  
     (176), receiving (stolen goods from  
     the men of Arran). *Cf. Lanark*  
     *Recs., 97, 422.*  
**ressavit, received.**  
**ressoun, reason.**  
**rest, balance or arrears.**  
**restand, still owing, due.**  
**restis (noun), arrears; (verb), owes**  
     or is owed, remains.  
**revestrie (27), vestry.**  
**rewardis, expenses.**  
**rewil (102), rule, law.**  
**riddill, riddle.**  
**rigging stanis (220), ridge-stones**  
     for roof.  
**ringis (256), small pieces of wood**  
     used for slate-pins.  
**ropene, roping, rouping.**  
**ropit, rouped.**  
**rosat, rosett, resin.**  
**ross nobill, rose noble, Eng. gold**  
     coin worth 36s.  
**rude, rood (= 36 ells).**  
**rycht, right.**  
**rydand, riding.**  
**ryndls (31), ? wheels.**  
**ryss, rylls, rush.**  
**sa, so.**  
**sa fer, as far.**  
**sait, seat.**  
**salbe, shall be.**  
**saller, cellar, booth.**  
**Salmes eyn (25), the eve of Hallow-**  
     mas, Hallowe'en.  
**samyn, samin, same.**  
**Sanct Johnnis werk (10), the kirk-**  
     work (St. John's was the parish  
     church of Ayr).  
**sasing, sasine or seizin.**  
**sauld, sold.**  
**Saulmess evyn (75), vide Salmes eyn.**  
**schawand, showing.**  
**schawis (169), metal parts of pulley**  
     (Jamieson).  
**schelne (20), shine.**  
**schelp, sheep.**  
**schilpbrokin, shipwrecked.**  
**Schir, titular prefix to name of**  
     priest or chaplain.  
**schiref, sheriff.**  
**scho, she.**  
**scholrsyd (57), shore.**  
**schone, schoone, shoes.**  
**scoir, score.**  
**scollaris, scholars.**  
**scule, school.**  
**sculehous, school-house.**  
**scupplis (64), water-scoops.**  
**scurgit, scourged.**  
**se, see.**



selk, sick.  
 selknes, sickness.  
 seith, boil.  
 seling, sealing.  
 sellar, cellar, booth.  
 sen, since.  
 sene, seen.  
 sensyne (186), since then.  
 seriand, serjeant, officer.  
 sett, lease, let.  
 sewln (28), sewyn (74), sewing.  
 seyth, boil.  
 sle, such.  
 slelik, likewise, also.  
 silver, silvr, money (*cf.* siller).  
 skaff (80), skiff, boat.  
 skail, skale, empty, spread.  
 skainye, same as skenye (*q.v.*).  
 skayth, hurt, harm.  
 skenye, skenye threyd, thread, line  
 (*cf.* skein).  
 sklait, slate; sklait pynnis, slate-  
 pins, wooden pegs for fixing  
 slates.  
 sklaitter, slater.  
 skrotchartis (120), skrotsortis (171),  
 apparently, sweet-meats.  
 slaidis (222), sledges (*cf.* Peebles  
 Recs., II, 37).  
 slap, slop, hole.  
 slpponis (20), ? window-frames.  
 smyth, smith.  
 snapmaker, snapper, clock-maker  
 (prob. from snap = spring of  
 clock; *cf.* snap-gun, snap-works).  
 socht, sought, asked.  
 sole tymmer (243), soill tymmer  
 (231), heavy timber for founda-  
 tions.  
 soulrte (26), surety.  
 sowme, sum.  
 spargoning, spargeoning, plastering.  
 sparr, beam or bar of timber.  
 spredene, spreading.  
 spulyeit, spulyeit, robbed, de-  
 spoiled.  
 squar-men (67), the incorporation  
 of squar-men, including wrights,  
 masons, slaters and glaziers.  
 stalpillis, staples.  
 stancher, stanchir, stanchion, a  
 supporting pillar.  
 stand, suit (of clothes).  
 stang (100, 102), a gun.  
 stanls, stones.  
 starne (165), stern (of ship).  
 stent, tax.  
 stenter, assessor of tax.

steppis, staves (Jamieson, *sub voc.*  
 stap).  
 stobbis (269), poles or stakes.  
 stok (213), stick (the ell-wand).  
 stopis (122), pint-stoups.  
 stouthis (280), thefts.  
 Striviling money (204), sterling.  
 suddart, suldart, soldier.  
 suid, should.  
 superexpendit, spent in excess of  
 receipts.  
 sute, suit.  
 sutour, sutor, suitor.  
 suttis, suits.  
 swa, so.  
 swerdslyper (259), 'a cutler, one  
 whose principal work was to whet  
 swords' (Jamieson, *sub voc.*  
 slyper).  
 swysche (89), trumpet; swyse tal-  
 broun (30), swysche tabroun (93),  
 trumpet-drum.  
 symmer, summer.

tabroun, *vide* talbroun.  
 tailyeour, tailor.  
 takisman, tacksman, lessee.  
 taknyngis (25), tokens.  
 talbroun, drum; *vide* swysche.  
 tane, taken.  
 tap (211), upper, top.  
 tarrit, tarred.  
 teddir (51), tether.  
 telndis, teinds or tithes.  
 tempering (95), regulating (the  
 knock).  
 ter, tar.  
 Ternite (34), Trinity (aisle).  
 thai, they.  
 thalm, them.  
 thair, there; their.  
 thalrintill, therein.  
 thame, them.  
 than, then.  
 thar, there; their.  
 theiffls hoill, thieves' hole, dungeon  
 in Tolbooth.  
 theik, thatch or slate.  
 thesaurar, treasurer.  
 thir, these.  
 tinsale, loss.  
 turring (249), unroofing, taking off  
 slates, etc. (Jamieson).  
 titill (216), title.  
 torfls, torvis, turf.  
 towis, rope.  
 travell, service, trouble.  
 tre, tree, timber.

- trein**, wooden.  
**triumphe, tryumphe**, celebration.  
**trone**, tron, public weigh-scales.  
**trubill**, trouble.  
**tryist**, tryst, meeting.  
**tryumphe**, *vide* triumphe.  
**turfis, turfis, turvis**, turf.  
**twme**, empty.  
**twyss**, twice.  
**tymmer**, timber.  
**tynt**, lost.
- umest**, lowest.  
**umquhyle, umquhille**, late, lately.  
**unce**, ounce(s).  
**uncomptit**, not reckoned in account.  
**unfermit** (238), not set in feu-ferme.  
**unlaw**, fine.  
**uphalding**, maintaining.  
**upliftit**, collected, received.  
**upstander** (217), support.  
**uther, utheris**, other, others.  
**utherwayss, utherwylss**, otherwise.
- vantage**, profit.  
**vayage** (34), voyage, journey.  
**Veneis** (239), Venice.  
**vennel**, close, lane.  
**veseit** (59), visited, inspected.  
**violence** (77), blood-unlaw, fine for inflicting bodily injury on another.  
**visitacioun** (229), (*sc.* of the pest).  
**viveris** (255), food and drink.
- waght**, hired.  
**waid** (146), ? bundle (*cf.* Wright, *sub voc.* wad).  
**waillit (daillis)** (246), chosen or selected (timber).  
**wair** (57), spring (*cf.* Fr. *ver*).  
**walst**, waste, vacant.  
**wald**, would.  
**walk, waulk; walk myll, wauk-mill**, fulling-mill.  
**walkar, waulker**, fuller.
- walkit**, watched.  
**walx**, wax.  
**wan** (53), dug.  
**wappinschawing**, muster in arms.  
**wardour** (185), a man in ward (in the Tolbooth).  
**warit** (136), spent.  
**Waschefurd (steppis)** (180), ? Wexford (timber).  
**weddir**, weather.  
**weding** (106), **welding** (255), going through (water) (*cf.* Wright, *sub voc.* wade).  
**well**, well; well-being, welfare.  
**weir, war**; but (57, 201), materials.  
**weirmen**, soldiers (*cf.* men of weir).  
**werkis**, works.  
**wes**, was, were.  
**will**, guild-fine or unlaw; *cf.* **cuming** in **wll** (129), submitting to the judgment of the court.  
**win**, dig.  
**wisdome** (72), profit.  
**Wiltsoneday, Witsounday**, Whitsunday.  
**wobster**, webster, weaver.  
**wodsett**, wadset, mortgage.  
**wolk, week** (*cf.* **oulk**).  
**woll**, wool.  
**worklumes, workiwmes**, implements.  
**wrak**, sea-wrack, sea-weed.  
**wrocht**, wrought, worked.  
**wrycht**, wright.  
**wyf**, woman, wife.  
**wyn**, dig.  
**wynding** (216), shrouding.  
**wyndling (of ryss)** (19), making up into bundles.
- yeld, yld**, went.  
**yeir**, year.  
**yett**, gate, door in port.  
**yit**, yet.  
**Yoll, Yule; Yole eyn** (20), Christmas eve.  
**yow** (56), you (= the Treasurer).



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