

Copy of the Instructions

By the *Lords and Gentlemen* concerned in the *Grand-Fishery of Great-Britain*, to *John Dickson of Edinburgh Merchant*.

And of the *Preamble in the Book for taking in Subscriptions for North-Britain*.

LONDON 8th DECEMBER 1719.

MR. DICKSON,

BY Order of the *Lords and Gentlemen* concerned in the *Grand-Fishery of Great-Britain*, I send you a Book with their Lordships Directions, for your receiving the Sum of Two Hundred Thousand Pound *Sterling*, which is to be added to the one Million *Sterling* taken in *London*, which will make the Capital Twelve Hundred Thousand Pounds *Sterling*, to be applied for the carrying on the *Grand-Fishery of Great-Britain*. And for your Government herein, I have sent you down the Orders of the *Lords and Gentlemen* concerned in this Affair, *viz.*

ORDERED, That Mr. *John Dickson of Edinburgh, Merchant*, do lay this Book Open for taking in the said Sum, and that you do keep it Open for the Space of Fourteen Days, and not longer.

YOU are likewise ordered, to let no Person subscribe more than Five Thousand Pounds, nor less than Five Hundred in his own Name.

ORDERED, That the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence *Sterling* for every Hundred Pounds that you receive at the Time of subscribing, be paid into the Bank at *Edinburgh*, till remitted into the Hands of Messieurs *Cox and Cleeve* Bankers in *London*, in whose Hands the Money that was taken in for the Million was lodged.

YOU are likewise ordered, not to permit any People to subscribe, but such as are of *North-Britain*.

THE *Lords and Gentlemen* have likewise ordered, That the *Preamble* for taking in the Subscription of Two Hundred Thousand Pounds by you at *Edinburgh* be the same, as is to the Book for taking in one Million *Sterling* in *London*, and which *Preamble* is as follows.

OCTOBER 14th 1719.

WHEREAS a Patent is preparing for erecting and carrying on a Fishing Trade, by the Name and Title of *The Company of the Grand-Fishery of Great-Britain*. We whose Names are under-written, do voluntarily subscribe the several Sums against our Names, expressed for carrying on the said Trade, and we do promise to pay the respective Sums by us respectively subscribed, at such Times, and in such Proportions as shall be agreed to at a General-Meeting of the Subscribers. And we do likewise agree, to pay at the Time of our subscribing, the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence for every Hundred Pounds by us subscribed, in Part of the said Subscription; which said Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence *per Cent.* is for defraying the Charge of taking out the said Patent, and such other Expences as shall appear to be absolutely necessary for carrying on this Undertaking; and that the said Two Shillings and Sixpence *per Cent.* shall be paid into the Hands of Messieurs *Cox and Cleeve* Gold-smiths in *Cornhill, London*, and that no Part thereof be issued by them, but by an Order under the Hands of three of the Committee, *viz. Richard Mead junior Esq; Benjamin Collyer Esq; Thomas Burges Esq;* and them only. And likewise, if any Person shall think fit not to continue his Subscription, at the General-Meeting, shall be at Liberty to withdraw his Subscription, on forfeiting of the Two Shillings and Sixpence *per Cent.* now paid in.

To Mr. *John Dickson* in the *Stone-Land* opposite to *Forrester's-Wynd* in *Edinburgh*.

By Order of the *Lords and Gentlemen* concerned in the *Grand-Fishery*.
Sic subscribitur JO. PHILLIPS.

☞ The Books will be opened upon Monday the 21 December Instant, at the said *John Dickson* his House in *Carrober's Land*, opposite to the Head of *Forrester's-Wynd*, where Subscriptions will be taken in, betwixt Ten and Twelve in the Forenoon, and Two and Four in the Afternoon.

