



*Rules or Articles for the Horse-Race at Leith, Erected and Established by the right Honourable the Lord Provost, Baillies and Council of Edinburgh.*

I. *Imprimis*, There is a large Silver-piece of Plate this year to be Run for, about the Stoups of *Leith*, of the value of Twenty five Pounds *sterling*; and the Rules or Conditions of the said Race is twice about the whole Stoups, and thereafter out and in.

II. *Item*, The Dyet of the Race is to be upon the day of next in this year 168 at hours in the forenoon.

III. *Item*, Every Horse that is to Run, is to be kept at *Leith* fourteen days space before the said Dyet, and at their Entry, are to be Booked in the Clerks Chamber of *Leith*, and for each Horse so Booked, the Clerk is to have half a Dollar.

*Item*, Each Horse that Runs for the said piece of Plate, is to carry eight stone weight, and the Winner to have one pound weight of allowance, and if there be one Ounce more, the second Horse is permitted to challenge the Plate, and so forth successively to the last Horse.

IV. *Item*, Each Horse that Runs is to put in twenty shillings *sterling*, and the second Horse is to have the Stakes.

V. *Item*, Each Horse that Runs is to be led out to the Starting-stoup, an hours space before Low-water.

VI. *Item*, Each Horse that shall happen to Ride within the Stoups, is obliged to round the Stoup again, otherwayes he gains nothing.

VII. *Item*, None of the Spectators may presume to Ride without the Stoups, but are to keep themselves within the same, observing the distance of six score Foots from the Horses that are Running, under the pain of ten shillings *sterling*, to be incurred by, and exacted from each Contraveener, *toties quoties*, the Judges only excepted.

And it is hereby Declared, That all the Horses that Runs, shall at the first Ruffle of the Drum, attend at the first Stoup; and at the second Ruffle of the Drum, that all the Riders shall Mount; and at the third Ruffle, that all be in readiness to go off: Certifying all that shall not attend at the saids three Ruffles, shall lose the benefit of the Prize, that is to be Run for.

And lastly, it is hereby Declared, That the Prize may not be challenged by any single person whatsoever, except there be two other Horses (at least) offering, and actually contending with him in the Course for the same, and in that case, to be at the Lord Provost's Determination.

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