

ACT of COUNCIL regulating the Time for  
emptying and laying down Ashes, foul  
Water and other Nastiness.

Edinburgh, July 12th 1749.

THE which Day, the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Council, with the Deacons of Crafts, Ordinary and Extraordinary, of the City of *Edinburgh*, being in Council assembled, upon a Petition from sundry of the Inhabitants, complaining of the Inconveniencies to which they and the whole Neighbourhood are liable, by the Scaffingers, and others, emptying and throwing their foul Water, and other Filth and Nastiness, on the Streets and other Corners within the City, at unseasonable Hours, and the Report of the Committee to whom the same was remit, Did, and hereby do Enact, Statute and Ordain, That the Scaffingers, and every other Person within this City, shall not, upon any Pretext whatever, presume to empty or lay down Filth, Ashes, foul Water, or other Nastiness, on the Streets, Vennels, Closes, Lanes, or any other Place of the City, in time-coming, but at the Periods after-mentioned, *viz.* not after Six o'Clock in the Morning, and before Nine o'Clock at Night, from the first of *May* to the first of *August*; nor after Seven o'Clock in the Morning, nor before Eight o'Clock at Night, during the Months of *August*, *September*, *March* and *April*; and not after Eight o'Clock in the Morning, nor before Eight o'Clock at Night, during the Months of *October*, *November*, *December*, *January* and *February*; and not upon the Saturdays of any Week through the whole Year, except before the Hours in the Morning particularly above-mentioned, and that under the Penalty of Five Shillings *Sterling*, to be paid by the Transgressors, upon Conviction, for every Offence, such Fines being to be applied as the Magistrates shall direct, and they order this Act to be printed and published in the usual manner, so as none may pretend Ignorance.

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