

BE it kend to all Men by this Presents; Us Sir *Archibald Mure* of *Thorntoun*, Sir *James Smallat* of *Bonhil*, *John Anderson* of *Dowhil* late Provost of *Glasgow*, *Patrick Haliburton* Dean of Guild of *Edinburgh*, *William Meinzie* Bailie of *Edinburgh*, and Mr. *William Johnstoun* Commissioner for *Annan*, Mannagers of His Majesty's Customs, and Forraign Excise of this Kingdom; Considering it to be necessary for the Good and Advantage of the present Tack of the Customs, that particular Waiters be Appointed at the several Ports and Precincts thereof; Therefore wit ye us, to have Nominat and Appointed. Likeas, by these Presents, we do Nominat and Appoint

to be a Waiter at the Port of _____ and Precincts thereof, with full Power to him to go Aboard of all Ships, Vessels, Barks and Boats, by Night or by Day, and to search every Place within the same for Customable & Exciseable Goods, and if need beis, to Inventar the same, and to abide therein ay and while the same be Unloaded, and not to suffer any Goods to be Unloaded, till Entry first be made thereof at the Custom and Excise-Office, and Sufferances direct to him for Unloading the same: As also, with power to him to Apprehend and Seize upon all prohibite, Concealed or Imbazeled Goods wanting Cocquets and transiries, & all other Goods prohibite by the last Act made thereanent, and to secure the same for the use and behoof of the Tacksmen, and the Fourth part thereof shall properly belong to the said

_____ for his Pains & Diligence taken thereanent; And also, with power to him break open all Hogs-heads, Barrels, Bundels, Matts, Pocks, Packs, Creels, Hampers, and whatever else is made use of for Transporting Goods; so to the effect, that no Goods lyable in payment of the Duties of Customs, of Excise and Bullion, be stolen, Imbazeled, or away taken, without being Entered, and the saids Duties payed; And likewise with Power to him to search all Cellars, Win-Cellars, Houses, Chambers, and every other secret or suspect place within the said Precinct; And sicklike, that he carry, or cause be carried, all such Goods so seized upon by him to the ordinary Custom-Office, or Warehouse appointed by us for that purpose within the said Precinct, and deliver t'ie same to the Collector established thereat, who is to be comptable to us therefore; And generally with Power to him to Act and Do every other thing requisite and necessary anent the Premisses, and that by vertue of our Instructions, and this our Commission given to him; which is to Commence from the

_____ and to continue and endure during our Pleasure allenarly, the said _____ having given Soverty to us, of the date of this presents, for the Faithful Discharge of the Trust hereby committed to him, Given at *Edinburgh*.