

**B**E it kend till all men by thir presents, me *Robert Tompson*  
*in the fyde* X X *Forswameikleas*, Sir Alexander O-  
 gilvie of Forglan, Sir James Smollet of Bonill, Sir Patrick Johnstoun late Pro-  
 vost of Edinburgh and William Douglas of Dornock present Managers of her  
 Majesties Customs and Forraign Excise of this Kingdom, by their Commissi-  
 on of the date of thir presents, have nominat and appointed me to be a Wait-  
 er at the Port of *Castlbonne* X and Precincts thereof: And  
 it being just and reasonable, that I should be oblidge to be faithful and di-  
 ligent in the performance of the Duties thereby incumbent to me; There-  
 fore wit ye me as Principal and *John Armstrong in netter greena*  
 X as Cautioner and soveryty for and with me, to be bound and oblidge,  
 Likeas by these presents, we bind and oblidge us conjunctly and severally  
 our Heirs, Executors, Successors and Intromettors with our Goods and Gear  
 whatsomever, that I the said *Robert Tompson* X X shall  
 honestly, faithfully and diligently go about my employment as a Waiter, in  
 searching for and feizing upon all Goods and Merchandize that are not ente-  
 red and concealed or embazled: as also upon all prohibite Goods, where-  
 ever the same shall happen to be found either by Sea or Land, and shall secure  
 the saids Goods for the use and behove of her Majesty, in the Custom-Office  
 or Ware-house appointed by them for that purpose within the said Precinct,  
 and shall deliver the same to the Collector thereat, and that I shall not con-  
 nive with any Merchant, Skipper or others, to Her Majesties prejudice direct-  
 ly nor indirectly, and that I shall do every other thing requisite and necessary;  
 anent the premisses, conform to my said Commission and Instructions given  
 to me; and that I shall keep a Book for recording whatever passes my hand,  
 and that I shall not expose that Book to any person but to the Managers or  
 these appointed by them for that effect; and that I shall observe the Instru-  
 ctions received from the Managers exactly, and that I shall be lyable for all  
 Loss and Damage Her Majesty shall happen to sustain by my Omissions, als  
 well as Commissions in prosecution of my said Commission, and that un-  
 der the penalty of one hundred pound sterling Money, by and attour per-  
 forming of the Premisses, and I the said *Robert Tompson* oblidges  
 me and my foresaids to relieve and skaitheless keep my saids Cautioner and  
 his foresaids of their Cautionrie for me in the Premisses, and of all cost, skaithe  
 damage, interest and Expenses they shall happen to sustain thereby in any  
 fort. Consenting to the Registration hereof in the Books of Exchequer,  
 that Letters of Horning upon six days and others needful may pass hereupon  
 in form as effeirs, and constituts

Our Procurators, in Witness whereof, we have  
 subscribed this presents with our hands at

*[Faint handwritten signatures and text, including a large signature that appears to be 'John Armstrong']*

