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The Town-council of EDINBURGH, discharging Incroachments on the Avenues of the said City and Suburbs.

Edinburgh the third Day of May One Thousand seven Hundred and twenty seven Years.



THE WHICH DAY, the Lord Provost, Bailies, Council and Deacons of Crafts, ordinary and extraordinary, being convened in Council: Considering, That Entries by Fore-stairs to any Building situated on the High-Street, is prejudicial to the Proprietars of such Buildings, by Reason the most valuable Part thereof is misapplied to the Use of such Entries; and these Entries by Steepness and Straitness, are very incommodious, especially when accidental Fire happens. Likewise that such Entries are publick Nufance, by reason thereby Incroachments are made on the High-Streets, which are Hinderances both to the running of the Water and Nestiness in the Cannals along both Sides of the Streets, and to the laying of both Sides of the Streets with Pavement, which is both useful and necessary: Whereas were the Entries to Buildings made by Skail-stairs, and Turn-piks in the Back-parts thereof, such Entries would be far more commodious than these by Fore-stairs, and thereby Incroachments on the High-Streets, and bad Effects thereof would be prevented. CONSIDERING ALSO, That by a Charter under the Great-Seal, granted to this City, the fifth Day of September One thousand Six hundred and Eighty eight; Full Powers are given to the said Lord Provost, Magistrates and Council, to give such Orders and Directions touching the Removal of such Nufances as aforesaid, as to them shall appear to tend most to the Ornament and Beauty of this City; and to that Purpose, it is lawful for them to compel any Proprietar, to part with such Parts of his Property as are thereto necessary, on Payment of such Prices as shall be thereupon put by an Inquest of twelve Citizens, Heritors within this City, to be thereto appointed by the Dean-of-Guild and his Council. THEREFORE the said Magistrates, and Council, with the extraordinary Deacons, do hereby STATUTE, and ORDAIN, That in all Manner of Buildings, which hereafter shall be made, either on the High-Streets, or in Wynds, or in Closses within this City, or within the Suburbs thereof, viz. *Canongate*, South and North *Leiths*, Wester and Easter *Portsburghs*, *Caltoun*, and Pertinents of the same, the Entries thereto shall be so contrived, concerted and settled, as thereby no Manner of Incroachments shall be thereby made either on the High-Streets, or on the Streets of the said Wynds or Closses, and do hereby PROHIBITE and DISCHARGE, the making of Entries to any Buildings, hereafter to be made within this City and the said Suburbs, by Fore-stairs from the Streets; but by Skail-stairs or Turn-pikes; and appointed thir Presents to be a perpetual Rule to the Dean-of-Guild and his Council, in issuing Jedges and Warrants to build: And in Case Proprietars of Buildings, which, hereafter to be made on the High-Streets, shall sustain more Loss than they shall receive Benefit by changing the Entries to their Buildings, from Forestairs to Skail-stairs or Turn-pikes in the back Parts of such Buildings, or by purchasing of Entries from contiguous Heritors, to the Use of such Buildings, when such a Purchase is absolutely necessary; that then, and in that Case, the said Magistrates and Council, with the said extraordinary Deacons, do hereby ordain, That a Trial of such Loss be taken, by an Inquest to be thereto appointed by the Dean-of-Guild and his Council; and, that as the same shall be computed and settled by the said Inquest, and approved of by the Dean-of-Guild and his Council, shall be paid by this City to the said Proprietars, within the Space of six Months next after such Loss shall be computed and settled by the said Inquest, and approved by the Dean-of-Guild and his Council: And appointed thir Presents to be printed and published, that none may pretend Ignorance. Extracted by,

ADAM WATT:

