

## **COUNCIL MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 1684 - SEPTEMBER 1685**

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### **Council Minutes Index September 1684 - September 1685**

(Especially useful for anyone considering the Covenanters or the Death of Charles II)

#### **September 1684 - 1685**

Personnel:	Provost	-	Alexander Duncan
	Treasurer	-	William Watson
	Dean of Guild	-	Thomas Watson
	Baillies	-	John Scott
		-	James Fletcher
		-	James Man
		-	James Duncan
	Kirkmaster	-	Thomas Mundie
	Hospitalmaster	-	David Ramsay
	Councillor to the Guild	-	Patrick Balnovis
	Shoremaster	-	William Donaldson

#### **Anchorage**

- The anchorage and shore silver dues sold to the Shoremaster for £120 (2 February 1685).

#### **Baillies**

- Baillies Duncan and Fletcher to represent the town at a magistrates meeting (18 November 1684).
- Baillie Man, the Guild Councillor and Hospitalmaster to audit accounts of the Cess Collector (18 November 1684).
- Baillies Duncan and Fletcher give a report and account of their meeting (30 December 1684).
- Baillies Duncan and Fletcher brought back the Council book and the Logie rent book (30 December 1684).
- Baillies Fletcher, Duncan and the Dean of Guild to investigate ways of furthering the Baxter trade (30 December 1684).
- Baillie Watson receives £3,462 1s 2d balance from James Lyones (20 January 1685).

#### **The Biggings of Logie**

- the Council requests Baillie Mundie and James Mitchell to report on the biggings of Logie (7 April 1685).

#### **John Boyack**

- auditors appointed for his accounts (15 September 1685).

#### **Burgess and Guild Brother**

- Simon Hill admitted as a Burgess and Guild brother of the town, in regard to his services for the kirk session (18 November 1684).

**Burgess Book**

- the Burgess book to be opened next Council day (14 July 1685).

**Cess**

- A proclamation made threatening imprisonment for anyone who refuses to pay cess (30 June 1685).
- the accounts of James Lyon, Cess Collector audited (23 July 1685).
- cess accounts for May, June and July to be audited (4 August 1685).
- Collector of the cess to pay £600 Scots in part payment of the due cess money (25 August 1685).
- balance of £514 to be paid (15 September 1685).

**Charter**

- Charter given by King Charles I to the burgh in 1641 given into Baillie Fletcher's keeping (28 April 1685).
- Baillie Fletcher reports on what Parliament said about this Charter (30 June 1685).

**Church**

- Whole Council ordered to attend church on the Sabbath. See also fines (30 September 1684).

**Clerk**

- A replacement clerk appointed during absence of Council Clerk (14 October 1689).

**Commissioner**

- A commissioner to be appointed and sent to the Convention of Burghs on 9 April (10 March 1688).
- Baillie Fletcher chosen (10 March 1685).
- 500 merks Scots to be paid as commissioner's expenses (10 March 1685).
- Baillie Duncan chosen to be commissioner to the Convention of Burghs on 7 July (30 June 1685).
- Baillie Fletcher makes his report from the Convention of Burghs (30 June 1685)
- Baillie Fletcher reports what happened in Parliament (30 June 1685).
- Baillie Fletcher reports on the reception in Parliament towards the rediscovered Charter of 1641 and in Parliament's decision (30 June 1685).

\* **See also Charter.**

- Baillie Duncan reports on the Convention of Burghs and produces a discharge for £2,500 Scots (14 July 1685).
- Baillie Duncan produces four entries from the Convention as confirmation of King Charles the Second's acceptance of the 1641 Burgh Charter (14 July 1685).

**Conventicles**

- Fines against the magistrates for refusing to hand over to the Sheriff of Forfar persons who attended conventicles, to be paid by the Council (5 May 1685).
- a precept from Sir George MacKenzie produced ordering the Town Council to appear before the Privy Council on 14 May and answer for their leniency on conventicles (11 May 1685).
- Fines for persons attending conventicles to be collected by the magistrates (23 July 1685).

**Covenanters**

- See Treasurer. (14th July 1685).
- See Conventicles.

**Dean of Guild**

- to draw up an account of the town's common good (9 October 1684).
- Dean of Guild, Baillie Fletcher and Baillie Duncan to draw up an account of the Logie lands (14 October 1689).
- Dean of Guild to meet Baillies Kinloch and Mundie at two o'clock in order to levy fines (16 February 1685).
- to consider raising a clerk's son to his father's office and to report (17 February 1685).
- Dean of Guild ordered to meet Baillies Man, Kinloch and Scott to consider making Colonel John Graham of Claverhouse the Constable of the Burgh (17 February 1685).
- Dean of Guild reports and James Wedderburne made a clerk in favour of his father, Alexander Wedderburne (5 March 1685).
- Dean of Guild, Baillies Scott and Man to audit Andrew Simpson's (late Shoremaster) accounts (7 April 1685).
- to speak to David Fowler asking him to be Shoremaster until William Donaldson returns from the sea (7 April 1685).
- Dean of Guild, Baillies Scott, Man and Mundie to audit Andrew Smytonns accounts (5 May 1685).
- the accounts of John Scrymsour, late Dean of Guild to be audited (14 July 1685).

**Duke of Lauderdale**

- a bundle of papers concerning bargains made by the Duke of Lauderdale put in the press (30 December 1684).

**Election of Magistrates**

- leets made up (23 September 1684).
- Magistrates chosen and take oath (25 September 1684).
- Kirkmaster and Hospitalmaster appointed (30 September 1684).
- an act produced declaring that no tradesmen can vote in forthcoming election of magistrates (25 August 1685).
- leets for magistrates posts made up (15 September 1685).

**Flesh & Fish dues**

- Sold to Thomas Grebe for 102 merkes (2 February 1685).

**Graveyard**

- the graveyard dues (sepulchre grafs) sold to the Hospitalmaster for £14 (2 February 1685).

**Guard**

- Officers appointed to command town's guard (4 June 1685).

For the Nethergate	Captain	-	James Melville
	Lieutenant	-	John Robertson
	Ensign	-	John Munro
For the Overgate	Captain	-	David Maxwell
	Lieutenant	-	James Graham
	Ensign	-	Patrick Smith
For the Murraygate	Captain	-	James Bowar
	Lieutenant	-	William Gairne
	Ensign	-	Andrew Morrison
For the Seagate	Captain	-	James Stewart
	Lieutenant	-	George Gairne
	Ensign	-	Patrick Kinloch

**Hospitalmaster**

- late Hospitalmaster (Andrew Allane) to pay the present Hospitalmaster £100 Scots (16 February 1685).
- late Hospitalmaster's accounts audited (25 August 1685).

**James Lyon**

- ordered to pay £124 13s 8d to Baillie Scott (30 June 1685).

**Kirk**

- the Burgess and Magistrates seats and pulpits in the town kirks to be draped in black cloth in respect of the late King's death (26 February 1685).
- Kirkmaster's accounts to be audited (5 May 1685).
- late kirkmaster's accounts audited (25 August 1685).
- The Council approves of a loan given by the Kirkmaster out of the Kirkfabric fund (15 September 1685).

**Lyme Potts**

- the lyme pot revenues sold to the Treasurer for 40 shillings (2 February 1685).

**Malt**

- the ten pennies revenue on malt sold for 40 merks (2 February 1685).

**Middens**

- the midden revenues at the ports sold to the Treasurer for £24 (2 February 1685).

**Milne**

James Lyone pays William Patersone ten pounds to buy his milne (5 March 1685).

**Milnes**

- milnes accounts audited and approved (11 November 1684).
- James Lyone ordered to pay balance of this account (18 November 1684).
- James Lyon to pay £199 balance due on the account (30 December 1684).

**Militia Companies**

- John Lyon appointed Captain Lieutenant of the militia companies (11 May 1685).
- Baillie Duncan reports that the Earl of Strathmore approves the choice (26 May 1685).
- Appointment of James Watt as Ensign also approved by the Earl (26 May 1685).
- All militiamen to assemble at 8 o'clock next morning (26 May 1685).
- James Lyon ordered to pay £53 5s 0d to the militiamen (14 July 1685).
- John Boyack to pay £19 12s 0d to David Carnegie, militiaman for Logie (14 July 1685).
- John Boyack to pay to David Carneigie, £30 Scotts (4 August 1685).

**Officers**

- Treasurer ordered to give each town's officer a pair of shoes (23 July 1685).

**Pavement**

- Workmen paid £45 for laying pavement and doing timber work on the shore (30 December 1684).

**Petty Customs**

- Town's Petty Customs to be set (2 February 1685).

**Postmaster Ship**

- Revenues sold to George Chimes for the sum of £42 (2 February 1685).

**Privy Council**

- a list of charges against the Council, from the Privy Council produced (20 January 1685).
- Council unanimously approve the act produced by the Privy Council (20 January 1685).

**Proclamation**

- Proclamation by Council forbidding the lighting of bonfires on 5 November (4 November 1684).

**Fines**

- 20 shillings for absence at church (30 September 1684).
- 5 shillings for absence at Council meeting (30 September 1684).
- Fine of £5 for lighting a bonfire on 5 November (4 November 1684).

**Kirkmaster**

- Accounts for late Kirkmaster audited and approved. Amounted to £200 4s 10d (23 September 1684).

**Scott, John (Baillie)**

- takes oath of office (30 September 1685).
- Baillie Scott to oversee the sale of the Blackness and Logie lands (30 September 1685).
- to audit James Lyons accounts for August, September and October (4 November 1684).

**Shipmasters**

- the Council asks the advice of the Shipmasters on opening the whole harbour (7 April 1685).
- the Skipper's report that the whole harbour be opened (5 May 1685).

**Stentmasters**

- The following chosen to represent the merchants:-

John McLean  
Andrew Wardroper  
Patrick Yeaman

William Anderson  
Alexander Reid

The following chosen to represent the Seamen: -

John Marr

The following chosen to represent the Maltmen: -

William Farlson

(9 October 1684).

- John McLean, Patrick Yeaman, Alexander Reid and William Farlson take oath (14 October 1689).
- Others take oath (4 November 1684).
- Stentmaster ordered to hand in roll of everyone under £100. (17th February 1685).

**Stentroll**

- Stentroll produced and cess collector continues at his post (26 February 1685).
- Cess collector ordered to pay the £54 1s 8d levied in cess (10 March 1685).

**Strangers**

- All inhabitants sheltering strangers to give in the names and description of the stranger before a magistrate (23 May 1685).

**Town's Boat**

- The town's boat to be repaired by the Shoremaster (7 April 1685).

**Town Cess**

- £125 7s 5d paid to John Maitland out of town cess (14 October 1684).

**Treasurer (William Watson)**

- precept on the Treasurer to pay Baillie Man £128 9s 2d (16 February 1685).
- Ordered to pay Baillie Mundie £29 12s 0d Scots on the trade account (17 February 1685).
- The Treasurer, Baillies Scott, Mand and Kinloss to audit James Lyons accounts and report (5 May 1685).
- late Treasurer, Patrick Balnovis has his accounts audited (30 June 1685).
- Treasurer draws up a receipt of £531 14s 0d to pay the Burgh's dues (30 June 1685).
- Treasurer pays £7 to David Ross as the remains of an account (14 July 1685).
- Treasurer to pay George Brown £120 Scots (23 July 1685).
- Treasurer to pay expenses to Alexander Carneigie, for the transport and guarding of four Presbyterian ministers from shire to shire en route to the Privy Council (14 July 1685).