

Dundee Town Council Minutes

Index to 1767/1768

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Because the pages of the Minute Book are unnumbered, it has been necessary to identify items by the date on which they appear in the minutes.

Spelling of proper names was not consistent within the minutes and for the purpose of the index the probable modern equivalent has been used.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTED SEPTEMBER 1767

PROVOST	John Halliburton
DEAN OF GUILD	William Chalmers
TREASURER	John Cristall
MERCHANT COUNCILLOR	William Alison, John Bece, John Ferguson, James Fairweather, John Speed, John Wilson
TRADE COUNCILLORS	Patrick Lyon, John Read, James Ivory
BAILIES	John Ferguson, James Farwealther sen. proxy for John Speid, Patrick Lyon, David Kay proxy for John Bell, James Fairweather jun. proxy for John Wilson, John Read
LATER BAILIES	William Maxwell, James Halliburton, Henry Geekie, George Maxwell

- ALISON, James
Given five shillings from charity, 8 August 1768.
- ALISON, William, *merchant*
Elected Merchant Councillor, 22 September 1767.
Son of bailie William Alison (burgess), signed in to the Lockit Buik, 22 September 1767
- AUCHINLECK, David, *merchant*
Appointed pension ten shillings sterling monthly, 2 April 1768.
- BAILLIE, Thomas, *wright*
Committee to examine his accounts with Kirk fabric, 21 December 1767.
Report on his accounts with Kirk fabric, 16 January 1768.
- BELL, Andrew
Son of Bailie Alexander Bell, wigmaker in St. Andrews, was appointed a Bursar of Guild's Mortification, 21 December 1767.
- BOWMAN, WILLIAM and ALEXANDRA children of decd. Alexander B, *merchant*
Given £4 Scots monthly from charity, 5 November 1767.
- BOYCE ("Bece"), John
Elected Merchant Councillor, 22 September 1767.
- BROWN, Andrew, *shoemaker*
Pension raised from £2 to £3, 29 September 1767.
- BUIK, Mr., *public writer*
see: SIEVWRIGHT, Francis
- CAMPBELL, James, *teacher of mathematics*
Submitted petition to have confirmed his annual salary of £100 Scots paid previously to George Marks, 2 June 1768. confirmed 26 July 1768.
- CHALMERS, William, *writer in Dundee*
Appointed depute under Town Clerk of the Burgh and Barony of Hilltown of Dundee and Procurator fiscal of the Burgh and Barony of Hilltown of Dundee, 5 May 1768.
Collector of the Two Pennies on Pint has been formally audited by annual committee, 2 June 1768.
Committee to set the amount for the yearly paid duty Two Pennies on the Pint, 27 June 1768.
- CONSTABLES
See: David DOIG, James DUNCAN, James GUILD, William HENDERSON, Andrew RAMSAY, Patrick RITCHIE, Thomas SCOT, James WIGHTON
- CONVENTION OF ROYAL BURGHS
Tax roll was confirmed on the previous level. Burghs "Burrows" dues: £53:4s:10d, 26 July 1768.
- COUPAR, David
See: DUCAN

CRISTALL, John, *Mr*

Committee (with George Maxwell) to cause new doors and wickets to be made for church yards, 18 April 1768.

Committee (with Henry Geekie) on building a sufficient country Miller's House, 27 June 1768.

Committee (with William Maxwell, Haliburton, Pitcairn, George Maxwell, and Henry Geekie) to examine petition by George DAVID, 5 September 1768

Elected Stent Master, 5 September 1768.

DALE, John

Given five shillings from charity, 16 January 1768.

DAVID, James, *teacher of mathematics*

submitted petition to have confirmed his annual salary of £100 Scots paid previously do George Marks, 27 June 1768. confirmed 26 July 1768.

DAVID, George, *Cooper in Aberdeen*

Submitted petition to grant him salmon fishing above the town. Committee to examine the issue: William Maxwell, Hailburton, Geekie, Pitcairn, George Maxwell, and John Cristall, 5 September 1768

DAVID, Thomas, *flesher in Glamis*

Council signed Charter of Confirmation in his favour, as heir to John David his brother and George David his nephew to three roods of land on west side of Hilltown, 16 January 1768.

DEMPSTER George, Esq. *of Dunnichen*

Was giver with Provost Halliburton half of the ground (5 acres) belonging to the Hospital lying west from new windmills, 24 September 1767.

Kirk fabric was due to him £123 sterling, 21 December 1767.

Accepted in the office of Bailie or Councillor, 2 April 1768.

Elected a Commissioner for General Assembly, 18 April 1768.

DEMPSTER GEORGE ESQ. AND COMPANY

Lent council £170 sterling as a part of payment of Thomas Bailie of the account due to him by Kirk fabric, £30 pounds from Guildry of Dundee, 2 June 1768.

DEMPSTER, John, *Mr.*

Accepted in office of Councillor of the Guild, 6 April 1768,

DICK, James, *Tide Surveyor*

Appointed as cautioner for Packhouse and Packhouse Yard, 21 December 1767

DOIG David, *maltman*

Appointed Constable for Seagate, 5 October 1767.

DOUGLAS, Alexander, *Physician*

Witness to state of health of Mr George Duncan, 6 April 1768.

DUNCAN, Mr., *Town Agent*

Appointed to attend on behalf of the Town in a process before Court of the Session in case Patrick Yeaman (merchant) against David Coupar, 2 April 1768.

DUNCAN, George, town clerk

Unable to attend elections, 6 April 1768.
Next Town clerk see SPEED Robert

DUNCAN, James, *weaver*
Appointed Constable for Murraygate, 5 October 1767.

FAIRWEATHER, James
Elected Merchant Councillor, 22 September 1767.

FERGUSON, John
Elected Merchant Councillor, 22 September 1767.
Committee (with Geekie and Ferguson) to examine petition by John Miln, Bonnetmaker, 5 September and 22 September 1768.

FINE
Six shillings for not attending council meetings, 29 September 1767.

FRATERNITY OF MASTERS AND SEAMEN IN DUNDEE
Submitted application to the King to confirm act of the Privy Council from 1687 with obligation to maintain lights and beacons at the entry to the River Tay and Firth of Tay, 4 January 1768.

GEEKIE, Henry
Committee (with Haliburton, Pitcairn, George Maxwell) to examine accounts with Kirk fabric, 21 December 1767.
Committee (with John Cristall) on building a sufficient country Miller's House, 27 June 1768.
Committee (with William Maxwell, Haliburton, Pitcairn, George Maxwell, and John Cristall) to examine petition by George DAVID, 5 September 1768
Committee (with Maxwell) to examine petition by Alexander and James WRIGHTS, 22 September 1768
Committee (with Haliburton and Ferguson) to examine petition by John Miln, 5 September and 22 September 1768.
Committee to examine the problem of George MUDIE's heirs refusal to pay duties, 22 September 1768.

GOURLAY, Mary
Given five shillings from charity, 27 June 1768.

GUILD James,
Appointed Constable for Seagate, 5 October 1767.

GUILDRY OF DUNDEE
Lent council 30 pounds sterling as a part of payment of Thomas Bailie of the account due to him by Kirk fabric, 170 pounds from George Dempster Esq. And Company, 2 June 1768.

GUTHRIE, John
elected stent master for merchants, 26 July 1768.

HACKNEY, William
Rented for three years for 50 pounds, 5 shillings yearly Packhouse and Packhouse Yard, 12 November 1767.
Appointed as principal for Packhouse and Packhouse Yard, 21 December 1767.

FAIRWEATHER, James, *shipmaster*

Appointed Shore master, 12 November 1767.

FOTHERINGHAM, Kathrin

Given four shillings from charity, 2 April 1768

FOTHERINGHAM, Thomas

Given five shillings from charity, 5 November 1767.

HALIBURTON, James

Committee (with George Maxwell) to settle difference between the heirs of Provost Patrick Yeaman and Andrew Wilkie, 5 November 1767.

Committee (with Geekie, Pitcairn, George Maxwell) to examine accounts with Kirk fabric, 21 December 1767.

Elected Stent Master, 5 September 1768

Committee (with William Maxwell, Geekie, Pitcairn, George Maxwell, and John Cristall,) to examine petition by George DAVID, 5 September 1768

Committee (with Geekie and Ferguson) to examine petition by John MILNE, 5 September and 22 September 1768

HALIBURTON, John, *provost*

Was giver with Mr George Dempster half of the ground (5 acres) belonging to the Hospital lying west from new windmills

Bought ground belonging to the Hospital lying west from the new windmill, 16 January 1768.

Committee to find out how far the inclosing of the piece of the land opposite Mr Laird's house would be prejudicial to the plan of paving the streets anew, 27 June 1768

HENDERSON, William, *baker*

Appointed Constable for Nethergate, 5 October 1767.

HOG, William, *merchant*

Appointed as cautioner for Packhouse and Packhouse Yard, 21 December 1767

HOSPITAL,

Report about, 16 January 1768.

agreement with the money due by Town to Hospital, 27 June 1768.

HOSPITALMASTER,

see: John WILLISON

IMRIE, widow of John Imrie town clerk in Coupar

appointed a pension six shillings and eight pence monthly, 2 April 1768.

IVORY, James, *watchmaker*

Signed in to the Lockit Buik, 22 September 1767.

Elected Trade Councillor, 22 September 1767.

JACKSON, James

Given five shillings from charity, 4 January 1768.

Given five shillings from charity, 26 July 1768.

KID, John, *indweller*

given fifteen shillings from charity, 22 September 1768

KING'S BIRTHDAY

arrangement of the celebrations, 2 June 1768.

KIRKMASTER

see George MAXWELL

LAIRD, Andrew, house, near harbour, would be prejudicial to the plan of paving the streets anew, 27 June 1768

LAMPS

Reward of two guineas for informers about who had damaged the lamps, 12 November 1767.

LESLEY, John, *shipmaster*

Son of William Lesley (burgess, farmer in Newbigging), Signed in to the Lockit Buik, 22 September 1767.

LITTLE, Mrs

Given ten shillings from charity, 4 January 1768.

Given one pound, five shillings from charity, 16 January 1768.

LOCKIT BUIK (LOCKED BOOK)

See: William ALISON, James IVORY, John LESLEY, William MILN, Patrick NIMMO, William PULTENEY, David ROBERTSON, William STARK, Alexander STRACHAN, Thomas WEEMYS, John WILLISON

LOW, Alexander, *weaver in Chapelshade*

Given three pounds sterling from charity to maintain MELVILLE, Sarah, daughter of decd. William M, *merchant*, 5 November 1767.

LOWNIE, John, *tailor*

Given ten shillings from charity, 5 September 1768

LYON, John

Rented salmon fishing for three years for 13 pounds, 12 November 1767.

LYON, Patrick, *baker*

Elected Trade Councillor, 22 September 1767.

Elected Stent Master, 5 September 1768

Produced to the council disposition in his favour granted by Captain Andrew Lyon from Marquis of Lothian's Regiment of Dragoons (dated 29 April 1768) to the Pew or Desk in the Old or East Church of Dundee, which was confirmed by the council, 2 June 1768.

LYON, William

Renting the part of the upper Chapelshade for seven years, 5 September 1768

M'LEAN, John, *weaver*

See: NIMMO, Patrick.

MADISON ("Medecin"), Patrick

Given ten shillings from charity, 4 January 1768

MADISON (“Medecin”), Peter, *mealmaker*
 Given five shillings from charity, 5 September 1768

MADISON (“Medecin”), Robert
 Given ten shillings from charity, 2 June 1768.

MATHERS, widow
 Appointed pension four shillings sterling, 2 April 1768

MATHEW, John, widow of
 Appointed pension two shillings sterling, 5 September 1768.

MAXWELL, John, *tenant in Drumgeith*
 Council signed Charter of confirmation in his favour to two roods of land on west side of Hilltown, 16 January 1768.

MAXWELL, George
 Committee (with James Halliburton) to settle difference between the heirs of Prevost Patrick Yeoman and Andrew Wilkie, 5 November 1767.
 Committee (with Geekie, Pitcairn, Haliburton) to examine accounts with Kirk fabric, 21 December 1767.
 Appointed (with William Maxwell) to attend convention of the Bay, 26 July 1768.
 Committee (with John Cristall) to cause and wickets to be made for church yards, 18 April 1768.
 Committee to set the Pews in Loft of the New Church above the Grammar School, 2 June 1768
 Committee to examine rights to Pew or Desk in New or West Church in Dundee, 8 August 1768, final report 22 September 1768.
 Committee (with Haliburton, Geekie, Pitcairn, George Maxwell, and John Cristall) to examine petition by George DAVID, 5 September 1768
 Committee (with Geekie) to examine petition by Alexander and James Wrights, 22 September 1768

MAXWELL, Patrick
 Provost of Dundee
 Committee for paving the streets, 16 January 1768.
 Elected commissioner or Delegate for the election to the Westminster Parliament, 6 April 1768.

MAXWELL, William
 Appointed (with George Maxwell) to attend Convention of the Burghs, 26 July 1768.
 Committee (with Hailburton, Geekie, Pitcairn, George Maxwell, and John Cristall) to examine petition by George DAVID, 5 September 1768

MEALL, Christian
 Given five shillings from charity, 2 June 1768.

MELVILLE, Sarah, daughter of decd. William M, *merchant*
 Alexander Low, *weaver*, Chapelshade, given ten shillings from charity to maintain, 5 October 1767.

MELVILLE, William, *baker*,
 Given ten shillings sterling from charity, 5 October 1767

MILLS,

Letter to Edinburgh about the lack of town's mills house was sent on 2 June 1768.

MILLER'S HOUSE at the Mills on Dighty Water,

Found in a very poor condition, 18 April 1768.

"Proper" money to be paid for plan of it, 2 June 1768.

John Cristall, Thomas Bailie and mason James Nicol prepared a plan of miller's house at the mills on Dighty Water with estimation of charge. Bailie Geekie and John Cristall appointed as a committee to build a sufficient country miller's house with stone, mortar and thatch, 27 June 1768.

MILN, Jean

Given fifteen shillings from charity, 2 April 1768

Given five shillings from charity, 27 June 1768.

MILN James,

Rented plank money duties and weighing of the boats for £61:10s:0d, 12 November 1767.

MILN, John, *bonnetmaker in Hilltown, Dundee*

submitted petition to buy or rent land between Mr Wright's property and road leaving from the Bucklemaker Wynd, 5 September 1768. Petitioned rejected, 22 September 1768.

MILN, William, *weaver*

Signed in to the Lockit Buik, 22 September 1767.

MITCHELL, William

Given five shillings from charity, 4 January 1768

MITCHELSON, James, *baker*

Given four shillings from charity, 2 April 1768

MUDIE, George

His heirs refuse to pay Tack duty, Henry Geekie on behalf of Council to examine the problem, 22 September 1768.

MUIR, THOMAS, *weaver*

Pension raised from £2 pounds yearly to £3 yearly, 5 November 1767.

MYLES, David, *Shipmaster*

Appointed as cautioner for Packhouse and Packhouse Yard, 21 December 1787

NICOL, James, *mason*

With John Cristall and Thomas Bailie prepared the plan of the Miller's House at the Mills on Dighty water with estimative of charge, 27 June 1768.

NICOLL, Andrew,

Rented for £18 the fish and flesh stocks, 12 November 1767.

NIMMO, Patrick, *barber*

Husband of Helen McLean, daughter of John McLean (weaver) signed in to the Lockit Buik, 4 January 1768.

OWER, Agnes

Given five shillings from charity, 26 July 1768.

PACKHOUSE, PACKHOUSE YARD

See: HACKNEY William, DECK James, MYLES David, HOG William

PATERSON, James, *surgeon*

Witness to state of health of Mr George Duncan, 6 April 1768.

PATRICK, Thomas

Given four shillings from charity, 2 April 1768

Given five shillings from charity, 26 July 1768.

PAVING STEETS committee to

Elected on 16 January 1768.

complained to The Dean of Guild to rebuild the stairs coming out upon Public Street,
5 September 1768.

PEW OR DESK rights to,

see George Maxwell

PETTY CUSTOM TABLE

Set on 5 November 1767.

PULTENEY, William, *Esq. of Bath House Westminster*

Signed in to the Lockit Buik on 11 April, 18 April 1768.

Elected Parliament Burgess on 11 April, 18 April 1768.

RAMSAY, Andrew, *shoemaker*

Appointed Constable for Overgate, 5 October 1767.

RAMSAY, David

Elected stent master for merchants, 26 July 1768.

RAMSAY, Gilbert

Given fifteen shillings from charity, 2 April 1768

Given fifteen shillings from charity, 22 September 1768.

READ, John, *shoemaker*

Elected Trade Councillor, 22 September 1767.

READ, Thomas of Drumgeith, *Mr.*

Paid £514:10s:0d which he was due to the Hospital. This sum to be paid Thomas
Robertson for a house he had sold to the town, 21 December 1767.

RITCHIE, Patrick, *baker*

Appointed Constable for Murraygate, 5 October 1767.

ROBERTSON, Ann and May, daughters of Tho. Robertson & Christian Thomson

Council signed Precept of Clare Constat in their favour to four roods of land on east
side of Hilltown, 16 January 1768.

ROBERTSON, David, *weaver*

Signed in to the Lockit Buik, 22 September 1767.

ROBERTSON, Thomas,

Town bought his house for £270 sterling, 5 November 1767.

RODGER, John, *dyer*

Appointed a pension upon Hospital 10 shillings monthly, 5 May 1768.

ROLLO, John

Elected stent master for shipmasters, 26 July 1768.

SCOT, Thomas, *hammerman*

Appointed Constable for Nethergate, 5 October 1767.

SIMES, John, *widow*

Given two shillings from charity, 2 April 1768

Given five shillings from charity, 5 September 1768

SHORE DUTIES,

Two pennies for foreign wood, 5 November 1767.

SHOREMASTER

See: James FAIRWEATHER

SIEVWRIGHT, Francis, *public writer*

Elected public writer master of the burgh and entitled to salary of £5 sterling yearly previously paid to Mr Buik, 5 September 1768.

SMALL, Alex Andrew

given 3 pounds sterling early help in order to continue school in Hilltown, 27 June 1768.

SMART, David

Rented for £58:10s:0d yearly Petty customs at Overgate, Nethergate and Burial Wynd, 12 November 1767.

Rented for £58:10s:0d yearly Petty customs at Murraygate and Wellgate, 12 November 1767.

Rented for £36:10s:0d yearly Petty customs at Seagate, 12 November 1767.

SMART, John

Rented for one year for £6 , Weigh House, 12 November 1767.

SMITH Alexander, *clocksmith*, widow of

Given £1 sterling from charity, 5 November 1767.

SMITH, William

Elected stent master for merchants, 26 July 1768.

SOUTAR, James

Elected stent master for maltmen, 26 July 1768.

SPEID, Robert, of Ardovie, *Mr.*

Elected Merchant Councillor, 22 September 1767.

Appointed to settle the case between heirs and representatives of heirs of Provost Patrick Yeaman of Blacklaw and Andrew Wilkie, 2 April 1768.

Resigned form office of Clerk Depute, 5 May 1768.

Elected Town Clerk of the Burgh and Barony of Hilltown of Dundee, after the death of George Duncan, 5 may 1768.

STARK, William

Signed in to the Lockit Buik, 22 September 1767.

STENT MASTERS

See James Haliburton, Patrick Lyon, Cristall, David Ramsay, William Smith, John Guthrie, Alexander Strachan, Alexander Thoms, John Rollo, James Soutar

STRACHAN, Alexander, *merchant*

Signed in to the Lockit Buik, 5 October 1767
Elected stent master for merchants, 26 July 1768.

THOMS, Alexander, *merchant*

Elected stent master for merchants, 26 July 1768.
Town bought his shop for £63 sterling, 5 November 1767
Been paid £100 sterling for his shop, 18 April 1768.

THOMSON, James

Appointed Depute Hospital Master, 21 December 1767.

THRIFT John

Rented for £37 meal market duties including gate penny and customs on all victual imported and exported from the burgh, 12 November 1767.
Rented customs of Town for £27, 12 November 1767.

TOWN CLERK OF THE BURGH AND BARONY OF HILLTOWN OF DUNDEE

See SPEID Robert

TWO PENNIES ON THE PINT

Petition to change to yearly duty, 27 June 1768.
Duty changed to a yearly, 26 July 1768.

WALKER, Grizell

Given seven shillings and six pence from charity, 2 April 1768

WEEMYS, Thomas, *merchant*

Son of John Weemys (burgess), signed in to the Lockit Buik, 22 September 1767.

WELCH, John

Given ten shillings from charity, 5 May 1768.

WELLGATE PORT

Removed: see WRITE, Alexander, WRITE, James, GEEKIE, MAXWELL

WEST CHURCH IN DUNDEE

See George Maxwell

WESTMINSTER PARLIAMENT election to

Precept commanding to have election read to the council, 2 April 1768.
See PULTENEY, William

WIGHTON, James, *weaver*

Appointed Constable for Seagate, 5 October 1767.

WILLISON, John, *Dr. physician*

Son of Dr Andrew Willison (burgess), signed in to the Lockit Buik, 22 September 1767.

Elected Merchant Councillor, 22 September 1767

Elected (as previous year) to be Hospitalmaster, 21 December 1767.

WRIGHTS, Alexander, *merchant*

Submitted petition with his brother James for financial support after his house had been weakened by removing Wellgate Port, 22 September 1768

WRIGHTS, James, *merchant*

Submitted petition with his brother Alexander for financial support after his house had been weakened by removing Wellgate Port, 22 September 1768

YEAMAN, Patrick, *merchant*

See: DUNCAN