

**Dundee Town Council Minutes**

**Partial Index to 1779/80**

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Dundee Town Council Minutes. Vol. XI, are housed in Dundee City Archives. The following annual Index covers the period from the start of the New Council on 21<sup>st</sup> September 1779 until the end of this volume on 26<sup>th</sup> October 1779.

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

THE NEW COUNCIL ELECT FROM 21<sup>st</sup> September 1779 to 26<sup>th</sup> October 1779:

PROVOST – Patrick Maxwell

IN THE PROVOST'S OFFICE: Provost Henry Geekie and Provost George Yeaman (Merchants in Dundee).

BAILLIE OFFICERS: William Maxwell, Baillies James Thomson, James Johnston, John Guild, William Marshall, and then Oliver Fairweather and George Halliburton (all Merchants in Dundee), John Patrick (Shipmaster).

DEAN OF GUILD'S OFFICE: Baillie Thomas Crichton and Baillie William Chalmers.

TREASURERS OFFICE: David Blair and Patrick Hunter (Merchants).

DEAN OF GUILD – William Maxwell

MERCHANT COUNCILLORS ('COUNSELLORS') – John Rollo, David Ford, James Craik (Merchants), David Myles (Shipmaster),

SHIPMASTER – David Myles\*

TRADES COUNCILLORS – James Ivory (Hammerman), George Wilson (Glover) and Thomas Blair (Shoemaker).

\*Failed to accept his position.

The old and new Council proceeded to make up the seats for the Magistrates' Offices for the ensuing year:

ANDERSON, John – paid 2s 6d stg. charity, 4<sup>th</sup> October 1779.

BLAIR, David – *Merchant chosen to be Treasurer* for the ensuing year, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1779.

BLAIR, Thomas – *Shoemaker* in Dundee, formerly a free apprentice to James Ross, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1779. See also ROSS.

CHALMERS, William – *Baillie*, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1779.

CONSTABLES, Chosen in 4<sup>th</sup> October 1779 -:

ELDER, Patrick – *Dyer* for the Murraygate, 4<sup>th</sup> October 1779.

MUIR, Thomas – *Hammerman*, 4<sup>th</sup> October 1779.

MURRAY, Mungo – *Hammerman* for the Nethergate, 4<sup>th</sup> October 1779.

THOMSON, William – *Hammerman* for the Seagate.

CRAIK, James – *Merchant* in Dundee by the privilege of Isobel Rennie, the lawful daughter of the deceased John Rennie, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1779.

See also RENNIE

CRICHTON, Thomas – *Merchant in Dundee chosen to be Dean of Guild*, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1779.

CRISTALE, John – *Baillie*, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1779.

DEMPSTER, George – of Dunnichen, old *Merchant Counsellor* in Dundee, absent on the first New Council Day, when the Locked Book of Burgess was opened, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1779; chosen to be *Counsellor to the Guild*, 28<sup>th</sup> September 1779.

DEMPSTER, John – *Merchant* to be Proxy for George Dempster, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1779.

DUNCAN, James – *Council Officer*, 28<sup>th</sup> September 1779.

FARQUHARSON, Alexander – *Residenter* in Dundee for having paid one hundred merks Scots to James Johnston, when *Treasurer* in full of his freedom, 21<sup>st</sup> September 1779.

FARQUHARSON, Robert – *Cooper*, in Dundee by the privilege of Alexander Farquharson, his father, burgh of Dundee, 21<sup>st</sup> September 1779.

GEEKIE, Henry – *Esquire/Merchant* in Dundee, to be Provost, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1779.

GEORGE III, KING – The Council members took and swore an oath and made an alliance to him. 21<sup>st</sup> September 1779.

GUILD, John – *Baillie*, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1779.

HALLIBURTON, James – *Baillie*, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1779; chosen to be *Kirkmaster*, 28<sup>th</sup> September 1779.

HALLIBURTON, John – *Treasurer* in full of his freedom, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1779.

HOW, Elizabeth – *spouse* of Andrew Peddie and *lawful daughter* of Patrick How, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1779.

HOW, Patrick – *Wright* in Burgess of Dundee, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1779.

HUNTER, Patrick – *Merchant* in Dundee, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1778.

IVORY, James – *Hammerman*, 21<sup>st</sup> September 1779; *Treasurer, son of James Ivory*, appointed to the Bursary in Dr Guild's Mortification at the College of St Andrews, 4<sup>th</sup> October 1779.

IVORY, James – *Watchmaker, father of James Ivory*, 26<sup>th</sup> October 1779.

JOHNSTON, James – *Baillie*, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1779.

LOWSON – *widow* – Patrick Maxwell, Hospital Master to pay her 2s 6d, 4<sup>th</sup> October 1779.

MATHEWSON, Peter – *widow* – paid 2s 6d by charity, 4<sup>th</sup> October 1779.

MAXWELL, George – Proxy for John Thorns, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1779; *Shoremaster*, 28<sup>th</sup> September 1779. See also: THORNS.

MAXWELL, Patrick – *Provost to be Hospitalmaster*, 28<sup>th</sup> September 1779. Shore accounts were discharged by the Council 30<sup>th</sup> June 1777 and that the balance of £14 7s 7d stg. still due to him. They therefore appointed Alexander Riddoch, late *Treasurer*, to pay Provost Maxwell that balance to take credit therefor in his Treasurer's accounts, 26<sup>th</sup> October 1779.

MAXWELL, William – *Baillie*, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1779.

MITCHELL, Andrew – old *Merchant Counsellor*, was dead, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1779.

MITCHELL, David – *Weaver in the Hilltown, Baillie of the Barony of the Hilltown*, 28<sup>th</sup> September 1779.

MYLES, David - new *Merchant Counsellor*, was absent when the Locked Book was opened, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1779.

PATON, David – *Merchant* in Dundee, by the privilege of George Paton, *Mariner* in Burgels of Dundee, his father, 21<sup>st</sup> September 1779.

PATRICK, James – *Shipmaster* to be proxy for David Myles, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1779. See also: MYLES

PEDDIE, Andrew – *Shipmaster* in Dundee by the privilege of Elizabeth How to be proxy for Andrew Mitchell, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1779. See also: MITCHELL

RENNIE, John - *Merchant* in Burgess of Dundee, deceased, father of Isobel Rennie, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1779.

ROBERTSON, William – *proprietor* of the two Flour Mills on the water of the Dighty with the whole machinery for grinding and bouting flour belonging to the Town of Dundee, with the mill lands, millers' houses and stables belonging thereto together also with the multures and thirlage to the said Mills of the inhabitants' Bakers in the Burgh of Dundee of Dundee conform to use the rent for nineteen years from and after Martinmas 1780 and on the purchase he shall be bound for the yearly rent of £91 stg. beginning the first years payment at Martinmas 1781 also to give regular service to the Bakers and the other inhabitants of the Burgh, 26<sup>th</sup> October 1779.

ROSS, James – *Shoemaker*, in Dundee, having paid £40 Scots to John Halliburton, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1779. See also: HALLIBURTON

SPALDING, James – paid 2s 6d stg. in charity, 4<sup>th</sup> October 1779.

SWAN, William – paid 2s 6d. stg. in charity, 4<sup>th</sup> October 1779.

SWORD, Andrew – *Weaver in the Hilltown, Baillie of the Barony of the Hilltown for the ensuing year*), 28<sup>th</sup> September 1779.

THAIN, Alexander – *son of Alexander Thain, Baker in Dundee*, appoint the Clerk to make and sign as Commission in his favour in common form, 26<sup>th</sup> October 1779.

THOMS, John – old *Merchant Counsellor*, in Dundee, absent when the Locked Book was opened, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1779.

THOMSON, James – *Baillie*, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1779.

THOMSON, Colin – to be paid 2s 6d, 4<sup>th</sup> October 1779.

THOMSON – *widow* – paid 3s 0d, 4<sup>th</sup> October 1779.

WILSON, George – *Glover*, 21<sup>st</sup> September 1779.