

### **Council Minutes - September 1688 - September 1689**

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In the minutes (20th Nov) are included the transcript of two letters:-

- (1) King James to the Commission of Burghs (8th Nov);
- (2) The Reply (9th Nov)

### **Council Minutes Index September 1688 - September 1689**

(New Baillies appointed on 20th April 1689)

Personnel	John Grahame James Grahame James Man John Man John Melville William Milne Robert Straton Alex Arbothnot	James Stewart John Nicoll Alexander Bell Alexander Speed Andrew Smyron David Ffoulke David Hamilton
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### **New Council (April 1689 onwards)**

Personnel:	John Stott John Duncan Alexander Blair James Alison Thomas Milne Patrick Balnovis David Drummond	James Rowan Thomas Webster John Smyth Alexander Wedderburne John Nicoll James Mitchell George Greibe
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### **Accounts**

- of late Kirkmaster audited (25th Oct 1688)
- of Baillie Arbothnot audited (13th Dec 1688)
- of Baillie Grahame audited (17th Jan 1688)
- of Baillie Mans account for burrows meeting paid by Treasurer (24th Feb 1689)
- Shoremaster's account audited (24th Feb 1689)
- late Kirkmaster's Shoremaster's and Dean of Guild's accounts audited(3rd Sept 1689)

**Acts (of convention of Burghs)**

- Baillie Grahame gives a transcript of the acts of the convention to the Council (20th Nov 1688)
  - copy of the transcript entered into council minutes (20th Nov 1688)
- (see also letters)

**Anchorage**

- anchorage and shore silver sold to Thomas Buchart for 103 pounds (2nd Feb 1689)

**Atholl, Marquis of**

- see Braemar, James

Baillie Grahame (see Grahame, John)

**Baillie Man**

- produces a letter from the burrows concerning a free trade union with England (17th Jan 1689)
- reports from the meeting of the burrows concerning the union (2nd Feb 1689)
- expenses at meeting paid by the Treasurer (24th Feb 1689)

**Baillies**

- new Baillies appointed (20th April 1689)

**Bond**

- bond drawn up between Thomas Grebe and James Anderson for petty customs (24th Feb 1689)
- bond given by William Wallace, trooper in Lord Rollo's troop (19th Sept 1689)

**Braemar, James (servant to the Duke of Gordon)**

- apprehended by the Laird of Omargie and Grange (24th Dec 1688)
- ordered to be released by the Marquis of Atholl (17th Jan 1689)

**Burgess Book**

- opened and names added (13th Sept 1688)
- ordered to be opened (24th Feb 1689)
- new names added to Burgess Book (27th Feb 1689)

**Bulwark**

- Shoemaster ordered to do some work at the Bulwark (7th May 1689)
- £200 bill for work done (7th May 1689)

**Cess**

- all persons liable for land or trade cess ordered to pay (29th Nov 1688)
- see Melville, James

### **Church**

- whole Council ordered to attend church on the Sabbath (20th April 1689) see also fines

### **Colonel Livingstone**

- meets with Baillies Duncan and Alison and Captain Robertson concerning the arrest of 10 soldiers (20th April 1689)

### **Commissions**

- commissions given by previous Council declared to be illegal (22nd April 1689)

### **Complaint**

- complaint given in by Town Captains (26th Aug 1689) - see also fines

### **Convention of Royal Burghs**

- convention of Royal Burghs called by Privy Council (4th Oct 1688)
- sends letter to Baillie Man with magistrate appointments (25th Oct 1688)
- Baillie Grahame leaves convention (20th Nov 1688)
- Council enters a transcript of the Acts of the Convention into minutes (20th Nov 1688)
- see Baillie Man (17th Jan 1689)
- Council consider coming meeting in July (15th June 1689)
- Baillie Duncan chosen to attend meeting (10th August 1689)
- Baillie Duncan makes his report (3rd Sept 1689)

### **Council (Privy)**

- see Grahame, John
- produce an Act concerning militia (15th Nov 1688) - (see also militia)

**Council (Town)**

- allowed to continue in office (4th October 1688)
- acting against Sir Adam Blair (31st Oct 1688)
- discharge Thomas Webster from his tenant's office (17th Jan 1689)
- decide to appoint a collector of the miln duties (25th April 1689)

**Dragoons**

- see Hamilton, David (late Treasurer)

**Drum**

- town drum sent through the town (24th Feb 1689)

**Edinburgh Castle**

- Earl of Leven made Keeper of Edinburgh Castle (23rd Sept 1689)

**Fines**

- William Hallyburton fined (15th Nov 1688)
- absentees from militia call-out fined (15th Nov 1688)
- William Whyte fined for absenteeism at call-out (20th Nov 1688)
- John Park put out of Burgh for deserting militia (20th Nov 1688)
- 12 shillings fine for Council members missing church (20th April 1689)
- petition from the Constable of the Nethergate concerning a tollbooth prisoner's fine (26th Aug 1689) following a complaint given in by Town Captains, fines instituted for each Captain interfering in another's Company (26th Aug 1689)

**Fishing**

- salmon fishing rates set for three years (29th Nov 1688)
- Henry Smith banned from fishing and bringing boat ashore (16th July 1689)

**Forfar**

- sets militia quota at Shire meeting (31st Oct 1688)

**Gordon, Duke of**

- see Braemar, James

**Grahame, John (Baillie)**

- replies to Privy Council (4th Oct 1688)
- appointed as Commissioner to the Convention (31st Oct 1688)
- produces order from Privy Council concerning military (15th Nov 1688)
- produces another order concerning militia major (15th Nov 1688)
- leaves Convention of Burghs (20th Nov 1688)
- paid expenses for attendance at Convention (20th Nov 1688)
- ordered to pay to Captain Baxter £20 Sterling (4th June 1689)
- ordered to pay Treasurer £700 Scots (15th June 1689)

**Guard (Towns)**

- set at 30 men nightly (29th Nov 1688)
- suspended (17th Jan 1689)
- Council unanimously decide to mount near guard (20th April 1689)
- forty shillings fine for each guard who fails in his duties (29th June) 1689
- guard to be maintained from seven at night (13th July 1689)
- guards discharged with a week's pay (23rd Sep 1689)

**Hamilton, David (late Treasurer)**

- ordered to sell coin to upkeep Dragoon's horses (20th April 1689)

**Hospital (Hospital Master)**

- hospital land let to George Ogilvy for three years (2nd Feb 1689)

- accounts of hospital master audited 4th June 1689

#### **King James**

- transcript of King's letters to Convention of Burghs (20th Nov 1688)
- account of late Kirkmaster orderd to be audited by Baillies Balnovis and Duncan (3rd Sep 1689)

#### **Letter(s)**

- transcript of letter from King James to Convention on 8th Nov (20th Nov 1688)
- transcript of Convention's reply included in minutes (sent 9th Nov) (20th Nov 1688)

#### **Lyme Potts**

- Lyme potts and grafs sold for three pounds (2nd Feb 1689)

#### **Malt (Maltmen)**

- malt stipend set at 40 marks (2nd Feb 1689)
- maltmen hand in petition concerning late King's gift of 2 marks on each ball of malt (29th June 1689)

#### **Melfort, Earl of (King James Secretary)**

- draughts letter sent to the Convention on 8th Nov (20th Nov 1688)

#### **Melville, James (Town Cess Collector)**

- ordered to give year's report to the Treasurer (24th Feb 1689)

**Militia**

- Baillie Arbothnot attends shire meeting to call out Militia (31st Oct 1688) (see also Stirling, Forfar)
- Stirling Militia armed and sent to Forfar 31st Oct 1688
- Militia Major appointed (15th Nov 1688)
- absenters from Militia call-out fined and threatened with banishment (15th Nov 1688)
- wives of Militia men given meal (15th Nov 1688)
- Treasurer pays meal account (15th Nov) 1688)
- prisoner from Tollbooth becomes militiaman in place of James Cuthbert, Maltman (29th Nov 1688)
- ordered to parade before a magistrate and hand in their arms (13th Dec 1688)

**Miln Duties**

- Council decide to appoint a collector of the Milne duties (25th April 1689)
- John Rowan (Treasurer) appointed to above post (2nd May 1689)
- Ballie Stott to audit Miln accounts (21st May 1689)

**Murraygate**

- Quartermaster and Constable appointed for the Murraygate (22nd April 1689)

**Nethergate**

- Quartermaster and Constable appointed for the Nethergate (22nd April 1689)
- petition from Nethergate Constable concerning fines (26th Aug 1689)

**Oath of Allegiance**

- proclamation made concerning taking the Oath of Allegiance to King William and Queen Mary (5th Sept 1689)
- Oath taken (19th Sept 1689)

**Overgate**

- Constable and Quartermaster appointed for the Overgate (22nd April 1689)

**Petition**

- given by Council to Major General Grahame of Claverhouse (17th Jan 1689)
- by James Brigs, his son being captured by Privateers en route to Norway (23rd Sept 1689)

**Petty Customs**

- see Bond

**Quartermaster(s)**

- Quartermasters and Constables appointed for the Murraygate (20th April 1689)  
(see also Murraygate, Seagate)

**Seagate**

- Quartermaster and Constable appointed for the Seagate (22nd April 1689)

**Sepulchar Grafts (Graves)**

- sold for 15 pounds (2nd Feb 1689)

**Shoremaster (see Watt, Williamson)**

- new administration, including Shoremaster, appointed (3rd Sept 1688)

**Soldiers**

- 10 soldiers arrested (20th April 1689)
- 5 companies of English soldiers brought into the town (17th May 1689)

**Stirling**

- sets Militia quota at Shire meeting (31st Oct 1688)
- Stirling militia armed and sent to Forfar (31st Oct 1688)

**Baillie Stott**

- makes report from Edinburgh (23rd Sept 1789)

**Tollbooth**

- Barbara Milne released from 17th July 1689
- A petition for the release of a prisoner rejected (26th Aug 1689)  
(see also fined)

**Treasurer (late Treasurer see Hamilton, David)**

- appointed to collect fines (15th Nov 1688)
- appointed to give some meal to Militia men's wives (15th Nov 1688)
- ordered to make an account of money used to buy meal (15th Nov 1688)
- ordered to pay 377 pounds 10 shillings and 8 pence to George Croket (17th Jan 1688)
- pays Baillie Man's account from Burrows meeting (24th Feb 1689)
- new Treasurer appointed (James Rowan) (20th April 1689)
- collector of the cess pays Treasurer 500 marks (21st May 1689)
- late Treasurer ordered to present accounts (15th June 1689)
- auditors appointed (3rd Sept 1689)

**Watt, William (late Shoremaster)**

- ordered to pay his account (17th Jan 1689)
- ordered to pay £200 Scots to new Shoremaster for work done to the Bulwark (7th May 1689)
- late Shoremaster's accounts audited (3rd Sept 1689)

**Webster, Thomas (Shoremaster from April 1689)**

- ordered to do some work at the Bulwark (6th May 1689)
- made Captain in place of Captain Yeaman (23rd Sept 1689)