

Dundee Town Council Minutes

Index to 1777/1778

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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 1777

PROVOST	George Maxwell
DEAN OF GUILD	Thomas Crichton
TREASURER	Thomas Webster
MERCHANT COUNCILLOR	Patrick Maxwell, John Rollo, David Ford, John Jobson Jr., John Patrick
TRADE COUNCILLORS	James Ivory, George Willson, William Chalmers
BAILIES	William Maxwell, John Rollo, John Patrick, James Johnston, James Ivory, George Wilson, William Chalmers, John Dempster proxy for John Jobson Jr.
LATER BAILES	William Maxwell, James Thomson, John Guild,
BAILIES OF THE BARONY OF THE HILLTOWN	Andrew Ivory, Michael Ivory

ADAMSON, James, *mason in Dundee*

Husband of Agnes Strachan, daughter of Alexander Strachan, maltman in Dundee, signed into the Locked Book, 27 April 1778.

ADAMSON, Robert, *merchant in Dundee*

Signed into the Locked Book, 18 May 1778.

ALISON, William, *merchant*

To be paid 23 pounds and 9 pence sterling for accounts as a Shoremaster from 1773 to 1774, 5 January 1778.

Demanding to be paid 23 pounds sterling due to him. Council ordered that he should be paid. 27 April 1778.

Elected Stent Master for Merchants, 27 July 1778.

AMERICAN WAR OF INDEPENDENCE

Provost to convene the principal inhabitants to submit money for raising royal troops to fight with the 'rebellion' in America, 5 January 1778.

Provost reported that the inhabitants responded very well to the plan of raising royal troops to fight with the 'rebellion' in America and that it was agreed that every subscriber of 5 guineas would be entitled to vote in the application of the money and in the elections of the officers, 9 January 1778.

ANDERSON, George, *merchant*

Appointed Constable for Overgate, 6 October 1777.

ANGUS, Alexander

Elected Stent Master for Maltmen, 27 July 1778.

BELL, Samuel, *worker in Dundee*

see: CRICHTON'S JOHN HOUSE

BEGGING POOR,

Committee reported in terms of regulating the begging poor, 4 members were to be chosen by the town council and each by the society for the purpose of providing the begging poor in their homes. Council has chosen: provost Maxwell, bailie Maxwell, bailie Thomson, bailie Johnston, 23 October 1777.

Societies appointed their members in the Committee for providing BEGGING POOR: Guild: Dean of the Guild, Charles Jobson, Alexander Strachan, William Smith; The session: Dr James Blinshall, Patrick Maxwell, Alexander Thoms, William Gourlay; Nine Trades: William Bisset, David Smart, Abraham Hill, Francis Gibbon, 29 October 1777.

BISSET, William, *hammerman*

Chosen to the committee for providing BEGGING POOR by the Nine Trades, 29 October 1777.

BISSET, George, *merchant*

Given 5 shillings from charity, 27 July 1778.

BLAIR, Thomas

Petition of, son of Thomas Blair, shoemaker in Dundee, asking council to appoint him to a vacant bursary in Lowson's Mortification at the Collage of St. Andrews University as Peter Will's son has resigned from the bursary, 29 November 1777.

BLINSHALL, James, *Dr. merchant*

Chosen to the committee for providing BEGGING POOR by the Sessions, 29 October 1777.

BRIBERY

Act of Parliament against bribery and corruption was reads in the council before the election of the town council members, 23 September 1777.

BROWN, Kinnaird, *baker in Dundee*

Husband of Helen Lyon daughter of Patrick Lyon baker in Dundee, signed into the Locked Book, 24 December 1777.

BUDDO'S, James widow

Given 5 shilling from charity, 17 September 1778.

BUTCHART, David, *town officer*

Is to be paid half a year salary due to him, 27 April 1778.

BUTCHART, Robert, *mason in Dundee*

see: SAINT NICHOLAS ROCK

BUTCHART, William, *mason in Dundee*

see: SAINT NICHOLAS ROCK

BUTCHERS

Butcher who would drive cattle through the town at any time without it being tied head and foot is to be punished with a fine of five shillings sterling for each transportation, 5 January 1778.

Every butcher who would slaughter in the market place shall be fined 5 shillings sterling for every beast, 18 May 1788.

see also: NEW MARKET

CHALMERS, William

Appointed to have man repair and heighten the vent of the house in Nethergate belonging to the town, possessed by Miss Hunter and the others, 24 December 1777.

Accounts of William Chalmers formerly audited and approved by annual committee of the Council. Town is due to Chalmers 107 pounds, 6 shillings, 7 pence and ½ penny sterling with which balance as a factor for the town land, 18 May 1778.

Accounts of Chalmers approved, Town due to Chalmers 13 pounds, 8 shillings and 6 pence sterling, 18 May 1778.

Immediately after having is account audited had to lift the duty of two pennies on the pint and town rents to be in advance for the town in paying the interest of its debts. Council approved, 4 July 1778.

CLARK, James, *shoemaker*

Husband of Helen Simmers, daughter of Thomas Simmers, shoemaker in Dundee, signed into the Locked Book, 18 May 1778.

COLLECTOR OF FINES,
see: David FORD

CONSTABLES:

see: George ANDERSON, John CRAIG, James GUILD, George LOW, Benjamin NICOLL, James NICOLL, James ROUGH, Alexander WATT

CORN LAW

A letter from the Lord Provost of Edinburgh was read in the council about the general convention which was to deal with the bill regulating import and export of the corn to Scotland, 5 November 1777.

Council decided that David Maxwell representing Dundee should support City of Glasgow in its opposition to the Corn Law in the manner proposed by the former Bill, 5 November 1777.

Letter from David Maxwell was read in the council reporting from the last meeting of the committee dealing with the Corn Law. Proxies of Glasgow are determined to oppose the Corn Law. Provost of Edinburgh informed that the Harwich Harbour Bill was to be presented again. Committee opposed to both. Mr Dempster instructed to oppose if they were brought into Parliament, 29 November 1777

Letter from Provost Donald of Glasgow urging Provost of Dundee to come to Edinburgh on 13th for the session of the committee for the change of the Corn Law, 6 December 1777.

Provost reported that the committee for the change of the Corn Law was unable to reach the agreement with the “landed gentlemen” therefore agree to prevent by all means passing the Bill through the Parliament, 24 December 1777.

Provost paid 6 guineas for attending the committee, 24 December 1777.

A letter from the Dean of the Glasgow about the Bill proceeded in the House of Common for enlarging privileges of Trade to people of Ireland and calling to join the opposition to it. Decision in the matter is to be made by the general meeting of the merchants, which is to be called by the Dean as soon as possible, 27 April 1778.

COUNCIL OFFICER

see: James DUNCAN

COUNCILLOR TO THE GUILD

see: Alexander RIDDOCH

CRAIG, John, *baker*

Appointed Constable for Murraygate, 6 October 1777.

CRICHTON'S JOHN HOUSE

Bought by the council from Mr John Crichton of London to make place for the street which would join the High Street and the shore. The same matter was previously discussed on 1 October 1776. Price was to be fixed by Samuel Bell, wright in Dundee, on behalf of Dundee and John Peter, worker in Dundee, 6 October 1777.

Declaration by Samuel Bell and John saying that they visited the property of Mrs Crichton of London and John Crichton esquire, her son, fronting the High Street and declaring that it was worth not more than 200 pounds sterling. Mr Patrick Crichton writer in Dundee agent of Mrs Crichton of London and John Crichton declared the value should be intimated to him, 29 November 1777.

CRICHTON, Thomas, *merchant*

Chosen to the committee for providing BEGGING POOR by the Guild, 29 October 1777.

CRISTALL, John,

Elected Kirkmaster, 30 September 1777.

CROAL, Andrew

Rented for 21 pounds sterling yearly Petty customs of Town Three Fairs. Conjured bill with James Croal, 29 November 1777.

CROLE'S, Andrew widow

Given 2 shillings and 6 pence from charity, 31 August 1778

CROSS,

Council decided it should be removed because of new paving, 23 October 1777.

DAVID, Kathrin

Given 5 shillings from charity, 23 October 1777.

DIGHTY WATER,

Treasurer to examine if Town interests were not harmed by the exchange of land of former tenants on Dighty Water, 6 December 1777.

DON'S, James wife

Given 10 shillings sterling from charity, 13 August 1778.

DRUMMOND, Thomas,

Rented for 35 pounds sterling yearly Petty duties of mealmercat. Conjured bill with Patrick Coupar senior mealmaker in Dundee and John Eason maltman in Dundee, 29 November 1777.

DUNCAN, James

Elected Council Officer, 30 September 1777

DUNCAN, Robert, *white ironsmith*,
see: WELLS

FAIRWEATHER, Oliver, *merchant in Dundee*
Accounts with Hospital funds formally audited and approved by the council,
17 September 1778.

FALCONER, John, *merchant in Dundee*
Rented for 10 pounds sterling yearly duties from weight house. Conjured bill
with William Keith, shoemaker, 29 November 1777.

FINE
Six shillings for not attending city council meetings, 30 September 1777.

FLIGHT, John, *hammerman*
see: WELLS

FORD David
Elected Collector of Fines, 30 September 1777.

GEECKIE, *Mr*
Paid 25 pounds sterling as a part of unpaid price for the Lady Well, 29
November 1777.

GIBS, *widow*
Given 1 pound from charity, 24 December 1777.

GIBSON, Francis, *weaver*
Chosen to the committee for providing BEGGING POOR by the Nine Trades,
29 October 1777.

GIBSON, James, *merchant in Dundee*
Son of Francis Gibson, weaver in Dundee, signed into the Locked Book, 4
July 1778.

GORDON, Duke of
A letter from Duke of Gordon relating to rising the Body of Fencible Men for
the protection of the northern counties of Scotland, the same proposal being
made to ministry by Duke of Buccleuch for the protection of southern
counties and hoping for aid and support. Council take it into consideration
until it will be heard on the subject, 27 April 1778.

GOURLAY, Mary
Given 2 shillings and 6 pence from charity, 30 September 1777.
Given 5 shilling from charity, 27 April 1778.
Given 2 shillings and 6 pence from charity, 31 August 1778.

GOURLAY, William, *manufacturer*
Chosen to the committee for providing BEGGING POOR by the Sessions, 29
October 1777.

GUILD, James, *maltman*

Appointed Constable for Seagate, 6 October 1777.

Accounts as Hospitalmaster from 1773 to 1774 formally audited and accepted by the Council, 9 July 1778.

GUILD, John

Elected Stent Master, 31 August 1778.

GUTHRIE, Gershom

Petition of, son of James Guthrie, weaver in Dundee, asking council to appoint him a bursary in Dr Guilds Mortification at St. Andrews University for one year, 23 October 1777.

Master of the Collage of St. Andrews after the presentation given by James Guthrie in opinion that he should be appointed to four year bursary. Council agreed with it, 29 November 1777.

GUTHRIE, James, *weaver in Dundee*

Signed into the Locked Book, 23 September 1777

GUTHRIE, John

Elected Stent Master for Merchants, 27 July 1778.

GUTHRIE, *Mrs*

Mrs Guthrie of Parkhead intimidated the council that she would take 200 pounds sterling due to her. Council ordered bailie Chalmers to procure that sum, 27 April 1778.

HACKNEY, William, *merchant in Dundee,*

Rented for 310 pounds sterling yearly customs at Packhouse, Packhouse yard, The Tunnage, the Beaconage, Anchorage, Shore duties, Plack money and weighting the coal under the conditions mentioned in the articles of the Roup. Conjured bill with William Hogg merchant in Dundee, 29 November 1777.

Reported that several dealers refused to pay 2 pennies on the tone of wood claiming they were imposed by the Council without right. Also Francis Gibson & Son and David Sandeman & Ramsay refused to pay him for goods considered by them to be stolen out of the public warehouse. These cases were before the Court of Session. Council approved of the agreement with the wood dealers to pay $\frac{2}{3}$ of the sum and regularly pay the two pence a ton in future, 3 December 1777.

HALLYBURTON, James

Accounts as Kirkmaster formally audited and approved by the Council, 17 September 1778.

HAYS, James

Accounts examined and discharged by the Council, 13 August 1778.

HILL, Abraham, *glover*

Chosen to the committee for providing BEGGING POOR by the Nine Trades,
29 October 1777.

HOSPITALMASTER

see: John Jobson Jr.

HUNTER

see: William CHALMERS

JACK, William, *merchant in Dundee*

Son of William Jack, maltman in Dundee, signed into the Locked Book, 29
November 1777.

JOBSON, Charles, *merchant*

Chosen to the committee for providing BEGGING POOR by the Guild, 29
October 1777.

JOBSON, John Jr., *merchant*

Elected Hospitalmaster, 30 September 1777.

Son of Robert Black, carter in Dundee, husband of Margaret Petrie, daughter
of David Petrie, gardener in Dundee, signed into the Locked Book, 6
October 1777.

JOHNSTON, James,

Chosen to the committee for providing BEGGING POOR with provost
Maxwell, bailie Maxwell and bailie Thomson, 23 October 1777.

KING'S BIRTHDAY

Present and old magistrates, Dean of the Guild and Treasurer as a committee
to organise king's birthday celebration, 18 May 1778.

KIRKMASTER

see: John CRISTALL

LAWSONS, John

Given 2 shillings and 6 pence from charity, 30 September 1777.

LOCKED BOOK

see: James ADAMSON, Robert ADAMSON, Kinnaird BROWN, James
CLARK, James GIBSON, James GUTHRIE, William JACK, John JOBSON
Jr., David MUNDI, Peter MUNDI, John OGG, Alexander SIMMERS,
Robert SIMMERS, Charles STEWART, Alexander THAIN, George
THOM, John THOMS, Patrick WIGHTER

LOW, George, *plasterer*

Appointed Constable for Nethergate, 6 October 1777.

LOWSON'S, John widow

Given 2 shillings, 6 pence from charity, 5 January 1778.

LOWSON, *widow*

Given 2 shilling from charity, 27 April 1778.

Given 2 shilling, 6 pence from charity, 17 September 1778.

MAVER, Robert

Elected Stent Master for Shipmaster, 27 July 1778.

MAXWELL, David

Appointed to represent the town in the committee dealing with the Corn Law,
5 November 1777.

MAXWELL, Patrick, *merchant*

Chosen to the committee for providing BEGGING POOR by the Sessions, 29
October 1777.

MAXWELL, George, *provost of Dundee, Esquire of Balmyle*

Chosen to the committee for providing BEGGING POOR with bailie
Maxwell, bailie Thomson and bailie Johnston, 23 October 1777.

Accounts as Hospitalmaster from 1774 to 1775 formally audited and accepted
by the Council, 9 July 1778.

MAXWELL's George widow

Given 3 shillings from charity, 24 December 1777.

Given 5 shilling from charity, 27 April 1778.

Given 2 shillings and 6 pence from charity, 31 August 1778.

MAXWELL, William, *merchant in Dundee*

Chosen to the committee for providing BEGGING POOR with provost
Maxwell, bailie Thomson and bailie Johnston, 23 October 1777.

MEDISON'S Peter widow

Given 2 shillings, 6 pence from charity, 5 January 1778.

MEALL, *widow*

Given 2 shillings and 6 pence from charity, 30 September 1777.

Given 2 shillings, 6 pence from charity, 5 January 1778.

Given 2 shilling from charity, 27 April 1778.

MILITARY

General meeting of the county made an application to General Nighton for
military aid to support the county. The answer given: military is employed in
guarding against foreign enemies and therefore the civil powers should show
support in preserving internal peace. No single inhabitant should be
considered for defence of the internal peaces. Council decided magistrates,
Dean of the Guild and the Treasurer to consider the matter, 18 May 1778.

MILN'S, David wife

Given 10 shillings sterling from charity, 13 August 1778.

MITCHELL, Andrew

Elected Stent Master for Merchants, 27 July 1778.

MITCHELL, William, *town officer*,

Given 1 pound from charity, 5 January 1778.

MORE, Charles, *capmaker in Dundee*

Rented for 42 pounds sterling yearly Petty customs Overgate, Nethergate and Burial Wynd. Conjured bill with William Anderson mealmaker, 29 November 1777.

MUDIE, David, *weaver in Dundee*

Son of George Mundi, weaver in Dundee, signed into the Locked Book, 25 September 1777

MUDIE, Peter, *weaver in Dundee*

Son of John Mudie, weaver in Dundee, signed into the Locked Book, 23 September 1777

MURRAY, Mrs.

see: Mrs Clementine WATSON

MYLES, David, *shipmaster in Dundee*

Elected Shoremaster, 30 September 1777.

NEISH, *widow*

Given 2 shillings, 6 pence from charity, 5 January 1778.

NEW MARKET

Butchers were forbidden to slaughter any more on the New Market due to the erection of the new slaughter house in Craig, where they are moved to. They are to pay half more than they used to, 29 November 1777.

Members of the Flesher Trade recognised the decision of the council but ask that the iron ring should be fixed in the stone in each of apartment and a belt of wood round the wall back and uphold in the same manner as it used to be, 3 December 1777.

NICOLL, Benjamin

Appointed Constable for Overgate, 6 October 1777.

NICOLL, James, *mason*

Appointed Constable for Seagate, 6 October 1777.

OGG, John, *shoemaker in Dundee*

Husband of Elizabeth Steven, daughter of John Steven, goldsmith in Dundee, signed into the Locked Book, 27 April 1778.

OGILVIE, Alexander, *weaver in Hilltown*

Town and the Trades signed precept of *Clare Constat* for three roods of land in Dundee in favour of Alexander Ogilvie and his lawful heir William Ogilvie, shoemaker in Dundee, 5 January 1778.

Council and the Trades signed Charter of Confirmation in favour of Alexander Ogilvie to 3½ roods of land laying in Barony of Hilltown adjusted from Margaret, Ann and Isabel Robertson, children of Alexander Robertson senior, merchant and sometime Provost of Dundee, 18 May 1778.

OGILVY, James

Elected Stent Master for Merchants, 27 July 1778.

PALMERS, *widow*

Given 3 shillings from charity, 24 December 1777.

PAVEMENT

Provost to cause the new pavement to be immediately raised as to bring street to such a level as would preserve the step at the entry to the Town House, 5 November 1777.

Bailie Johnston represented town at the meeting of the join committee for pawing the streets. Narrow of the Nethergate to be paved and it is to be founded by Hospital which as property by this street.

Bailie Johnston proposed that while paving Nethergate Street it would be good to take down Hospital's garden wall, which was approved by the Council, 4 July 1778.

PETER, John, *worker in Dundee*

see: CRICHTON'S JOHN HOUSE

PEVISON'S John widow

Given 5 shillings from charity, 29 November 1777.

PIERSON, *widow*

Given 5 shilling from charity, 27 April 1778.

RAMSAY, Agnes

Given 1 pound and 1 shilling from charity, 23 October 1777.

Given 20 shilling from charity, 27 April 1778.

RAMSAY'S Gilbert widow

Given 5 shillings from charity, 29 November 1777.

Given 2 shilling from charity, 27 April 1778.

Given 2 shillings and 6 pence sterling from charity, 13 August 1778.

RAE, John

Previously appointed to half of the salary of quartermaster is now to be entitled to the whole, that is 4 pounds, 4 shillings yearly, 13 August 1778.

RIDDOCH, Alexander, *merchant in Dundee*

Elected councillor to the Guild, 30 September 1777.

Application of Alexander Riddoch to give his heir the pew or desk in the East Church no. 38 presently possessed by him at the rent of 78 shillings yearly. Bailie John Cristal the Kirkmaster to get in contact with Riddoch, 27 April 1778.

Elected Stent Master, 31 August 1778.

ROUGH, James, *hammerman*

Appointed Constable for Nethergate, 6 October 1777.

ROYAL BURGHS "BURROWS"

George Maxwell and Mr Archibald Neilson, merchant in Dundee appointed to appear at the next General Conventions of the Royal Burrows in Edinburgh. Bailie William Maxwell appointed to go with them and give them advice, 4 July 1778.

The provost reported that he had attended the Convention with Mr Archibald Neilson and William Maxwell. The exact expenses are yet unknown as he has not seen Mr Neilson since. They have great hopes about application to the Parliament for a continuation of the Bounty of the Linen Manufactures, which was referred to the annual Committee, 27 July 1778.

ST. NICHOLAS ROCK

Provost's proposal approved by the council to build 'an arch or a bridge' over a canal made through St. Nicholas rock. John Smart, William Butchart and Robert Butchart all masons in Dundee agreed to execute the work in turns for 52 pounds. Work should be finished by 1st December. For twelve months after that date they are to uphold and repair the bridge, 13 August 1778.

SHAND, Thomas, *gardener*

Petition of Thomas Shand gardener at West Chapelshade to have proper tradesman to immediately make the ditches of the garden sufficiency. Provost and magistrates to survey and report on the next session, 27 April 1778.

Petition of Thomas Shand that he would do all the necessary work needed to be conducted for 38 pounds sterling, which Council approved, 13 August 1778.

SHOREMASTER

see: David MYLES

SHORE WELL

Petition of the inhabitants of the Shore to allow a shorewell to be set down near the property of Ramsay's as existing shorewell is very far from them, 30 September 1777.

SIMMERS, Alexander, *shoemaker in Dundee*

Son of Robert Simmers, signed into the Locked Book, 17 September 1778.

SIMMERS, Robert, *shoemaker in Dundee*
 Son of Robert Simmers, shoemaker in Dundee, signed into the Locked Book,
 17 September 1778.

SMALL, John, *Mr., teacher of English.*
 Appointed to be the First Master of the Public School with salary of 15 pounds
 sterling yearly, 5 November 1777.

SMART, David, *baker in Dundee*
 Council decided treasurer was to take action against David Smart because of
 him building a house on the land he has not right to, 6 December 1777.

SMART, John, *mason in Dundee*
 see: SAINT NICHOLAS ROCK

SMART, John
 Given 5 shillings sterling from charity, 13 August 1778.

SMART, David, *baker*
 Chosen to the committee for providing BEGGING POOR by the Nine Trades,
 29 October 1777.

SMITH, William, *merchant*
 Chosen to the committee for providing BEGGING POOR by the Guild, 29
 October 1777.

SMITH, *widow*
 Given 5 shillings from charity, 29 November 1777.

SPALDING, James, *weaver*
 Given 5 shillings sterling from charity, 13 August 1778.

SPENCE, George, *ale seller in Dundee*
 Rented for 20 pounds sterling yearly Petty customs at Craig. Conjured bill
 with Thomas Morgan and Patrick Salter both Maltmen in Dundee, 29
 November 1777.
 Rented for 60 pounds, 10 shillings sterling yearly customs for Fish Stock.
 Conjured bill with Thomas Morgan and Patrick Salter, 29 November 1777.

STENT MASTERS:
 See: James AGIRY, William ALISON, Alexander ANGUS, John GUILD,
 John GUTHRIE, Andrew MITCHELL, Robert MAVER, Alexander
 RIDDOCH, Alexander THOMS, Thomas WEBSTER

STEWART, Charles, *hatter in Dundee,*
 Husband of Lillias Smith, daughter of Gilbert Smith, maltman in Dundee,
 signed into the Locked Book, 27 April 1778.

STRACHAN, Alexander, *merchant*

Chosen to the committee for providing BEGGING POOR by the Guild, 29 October 1777.

THAIN, Alexander, *maltman in Dundee*

Son of Andrew Thain, maltman in Dundee, signed into the Locked Book, 18 May 1778.

THRIFT, John,

Rented for 66 pounds sterling yearly Petty customs at Wellgate, Murraygate and Cowgate. Conjured bill with Andrew Sword, manufacture in Hilltown, and Patrick Salter both Maltmen in Dundee, 29 November 1777.

THOM, George, *weaver in Dundee*

Husband of Jean Will, daughter of John Will (Hammerman) signed into the Locked Book, 30 September 1777.

THOMS, Alexander, *merchant*

Chosen to the committee for providing BEGGING POOR by the Sessions, 29 October 1777.

Elected Stent Master for Merchants, 27 July 1778.

THOMS, John, *merchant*

Husband of Christine Dick, daughter of Mungo Dick, merchant in Dundee, signed into the Locked Book, 4 July 1778.

THOMSON James, *merchant*

Chosen to the committee for providing BEGGING POOR with provost Maxwell, bailie Maxwell and bailie Johnston, 23 October 1777.

Accounts as Hospitalmaster examined and approved by the council, 31 August 1778.

THOSON, *widow*

Given 2 shilling, 6 pence from charity, 24 December 1777.

THOMSON'S, Colin, *widow*

Given 2 shilling, 6 pence from charity, 17 September 1778.

TWO PENNIES ON THE PINT

See: William CHALMERS

VALENTINE, James

Given 5 shillings from charity, 29 November 1777.

WALLACE, James, *mason*

Bailie Chalmers reported accounts due by the town to James Wallace for the sum of 3 pounds, 19 shillings and 4 pence sterling for the chimney tops of the house belonging to town, previously property of Mr Guthrie of Parkhead. Treasurer told to pay the amount, 27 April 1778.

WATSON, Clementine, *Mrs*

A letter from Mrs Clementine Watson making an offer of selling the Kirk Fabric a Pew or a Desk in the Old or East Church of Dundee Clementine Mrs Watson, presently possessed by Mrs Murray. Kirkmaster is to enquire the value of the seat and report to the council, 4 July 1778.

The Kirkmaster examined the matter and it appears that it was to Mr Watson's of Turin ancestors. The rent is 1 pound, 1 shilling sterling. Council agreed to buy it for 100 pounds Scots, 31 August 1778.

WATT, *widow*

Given 5 shillings from charity, 29 November 1777.

Given 5 shilling from charity, 27 April 1778.

Given 7 shilling, 6 pence from charity, 17 September 1778.

WATT, Alexander, *dyer*

Appointed Constable for Murraygate, 6 October 1777.

WELLS

Robert Duncan white ironsmith appointed to take charge of public wells in place of John Flight with the salary of 20 shillings sterling yearly, 29 November 1777.

John Flight, hammerman, made an offer to keep public fountain pipes and wells in proper order for 3 pounds, 10 shillings yearly paid each 6 month which was approved by the Council, 27 July 1778.

WEBSTER, Thomas

Elected Stent Master, 31 August 1778.

WIGHTON, Patrick, *wright in Dundee*

Husband of Margaret Barry, daughter of David Barry, goldsmith in Dundee, signed into the Locked Book, 27 April 1778.

WILSON, George, *glover in Dundee*

Given nine year tack of commence of pew or desk in the Old or East Church in Dundee currently possessed by him, for 11 shillings sterling.