

PAPERS RELATING TO THE BUILDING OF SURGEONS' HALL, HIGH SCHOOL YARDS

1. 1696, September 3
Discharge by James Smith of Whithill, mason burgess of Edinburgh and Andrew Patterson of Kirktown, wright burgess of Edinburgh, to the Incorporation of Surgeons for the sum of 3000 marks Scots as the first moiety of 9000 marks as contained in the contract of July 18, 1696 between Smith and Paterson and Alexander Monteith, deacon, for building a house, and a further 100 marks of the second moiety.
2. 1696, November 10
Account and discharge by William Mitchell, wright burgess of Edinburgh, to the Incorporation for the sum of £18 as payment for furnishing presses to the Calling.
3. 1697, February 18
Act of the Incorporation for borrowing the sum of 2000 marks from Walter Porterfield, boxmaster, to meet the costs due to James Smith and Andrew Paterson for building their new house.
4. 1697, March 2
Discharge by James Smith of Whithill and Andrew Paterson of Kirktown to the Incorporation for the sum of 2000 marks Scots as part payment of 2900 marks as the second moiety agreed upon in the contract.
5. 1697, May 15
Discharge by James Smith and Andrew Paterson to the Surgeons for the sum of 900 marks Scots as the final portion of the second moiety of 3000 marks.
6. 1697, July 23
Petition by the deacon, Alexander Monteith, and boxmaster, Walter Porterfield, to the Dean of Guild requesting his intervention in the case of James Smith and Andrew Paterson who are alleged to have failed to fulfill their contract in which they had pledged themselves " to throu doun and demolish the whole old walls of the house belonging to the Incorporation and to build thereon ane house for the use of the said Incorporation and to sclate the samen with good bleu sclait". Notwithstanding this, Smith and Paterson "have laid down a considerable quantitie of gray sclait and resolves to sclait the said house therewith contrair to the said contract".
7. 1697, August 26
Account from Patrick Skirving to Alexander Monteith, convenor, for ten pieces of sheet lead weighing 26 stone.

8. 1697, August 27
- Account and discharge by Patrick Skirving, plumber, to the Calling for payment for lead supplied for three windows of their hall.
9. 1697, October 25
- Minutes of a meeting of the Committee for Building the House at which it is decided that the covering of the rigging of the house being built for the Incorporation be of lead rather than of stone and discharge by James Smith to David Fife, treasurer to the Surgeon Apothecaries, for the sum of £52 Scots.
10. 1697, November 26
- Discharge by James Smith and Andrew Paterson to the Incorporation for the sum of 2300 marks Scots in part payment of the final moiety.
11. 1699, February 4
- Instructions from James Smith and Andrew Paterson to Walter Porterfield, treasurer, to pay to Peter Simson, slater, the sum of two hundred and seven pounds, twelve shillings and six pennies, which together with the sum of two hundred and fifty-nine pounds and ten pennies formerly paid, constitutes the complete sum that Andrew Paterson and Mr James Smith require of the Calling in terms of the contract of July 18, 1696, and discharge by Simson for the above, February 6, 1699.
12. 1703, December 8
- Discharge by Alexander Monteith, surgeon apothecary in Edinburgh, to David Fife, treasurer to the Calling, for the sum of £136 Scots for the installation of furnaces in their laboratory.
13. 1703, December 17
- Discharge by Alexander Monteith to David Fife for the sum of £24 Scots for the installation of two furnaces not comprehended in their former act.

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1. 1701, November 13

Discharge by Patrick Skirving, plumber, to the Incorporation for a final payment of £42.6s which together with the £593.15s Scots formerly paid by Walter Porterfield, boxmaster, meets in full his charges for lead workmanship and for supplying and laying lead pipes, from the Fountain Well to the Surgeons' new house in the High School Yards. However, Skirving declares that "I am no gainer of the foresaid works but rather a looser by an great part of my workmanship. Therefore I refer my selfe to the foresaid Incorporation what they will be pleased to give unto me out off their owne free motive and will"
2. 1703, March 17

Contract between the Incorporation and John Valentine, "Venetian by Countury" for the latter to "finish and compleat workmanlyke the present little room in the new house belonging to the said Incorporation lying in the high schoole yards at Edinburgh designed for a bathing roome, within the new Royall Bagnio or bathing roome to be made twenty foot square without the walls to the eastward of the said house as shall be advised and as he best can both with furnaces and cupulas" and binding Valentine to service exclusively with the Calling until he obtain his discharge, paying him 15 shillings weekly and supplying him with the necessary materials and workmen. Provision is made for the payment of £100 by the defaulter to the injured party and the document is witnessed by James Hamiltone, mason; Thomas Mowbray; Alex Livingstone, servitor; David Fyfe, boxmaster; Andrew Reburn, gardner; James Hamilton, deacon, and James Stewart, notary public.
3. 1703, April 9

Account of James Lauder, gardner of the Canongate, to the Incorporation for levelling 324 square ells of the Surgeons; yard for the bagnio at the rate of 6s.6d per ell and discharge by him to the Calling for £105.6d Scots in full payment thereof.
4. 1703, April 22

Discharges to the Surgeons for payments for lime and sand, with the signatures or marks of Alexander Hanna ("AH") William Vetch, Gilbert Alexander, William Stalker ("WS") and John Grindlay, lime and sand men.
5. 1703, April 24

Account of the Edinburgh Surgeons for 104 carts of wall stones from Drumsheugh quarry and discharge by Michael Allan for payment of the above, October 1, 1703.
6. 1703, May 21

Statement of masons' days work and wages for labour on the "Roall Banon hiescool yeards" in March and April and receipt of payment.
7. 1703, June 3

Discharge by Peter Simson, slater in the Canongate, to David Fife, treasurer of the Calling, for the sum of £62 Scots, "and that as the pryice of sixtein hundeir and ane half of skyllye" (tiles).

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8. 1703, June 12
- Contract between the Surgeon Apothecaries of Edinburgh and John Forrest for the latter "to buy at Holland for the use of the said Incorporation their Bagnio the number of four hundred good and sufficient white marble stones and four hundred good and sufficient black marble stones all free of cracks and veins of the bigness and quantity of an Amsterdam foot square for pavement of the floor of the bagnio as also to buy the number of seven thousand white lyme tyles without any other painting on them about five inches square ... and to deliver them safe and sound at the Chirurgians Hall in Edinburgh betwixt the date hereof and the first day of June next."
9. 1703, June 15
- Statement of account and receipt of payment of £49.10s by the Surgeons to Robert Malloch for 134 carts draught of wall stones, two carts draught of flagstones and one of bricks.
10. 1703, June 17
- Account and receipt of payment of £138.16s.6d. Scots by the Surgeons to Peter Blair for "3600 scaillie [tiles] att 36 lib Scots per 1000 .. 1600 small scaillie at 14 lib 4s per 1000".
11. 1703, June 19
- Account and receipt of payment of £132.2s.8d Scots paid to James Hamilton for masons' work on the royal bagnio and dykes executed by himself and seven other masons between May 15 and June 19, 1703.
12. 1703, June 19
- Discharge by William Stalker to the Surgeons.
13. 1703, June 23
- Account to the Incorporation for slates and tiles.
14. 1703, July 2
- Note from James Syme to David Fife, treasurer to the Incorporation, intimating that five hundred grey slates at the price of £4 per hundred are ready for the use of the Calling.
15. 1703, July 6
- Discharge by Thomas Halliday to David Fife for the sum of £8 Scots for mending the pipes.
16. 1703, July 10
- Account of lead work done at Surgeons' Hall in Edinburgh at the cost of £2.5s.9d.
17. 1703, July 14
- Discharge by Joseph Forster, plumber, to David Fife, treasurer, for the sum of 45 shillings 9 pence in full payment for 15 stone 4lb of cake lead.

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18. 1703, July 21
Account for £26 due by the Incorporation to Thomas Warrander, painter, for work including "Gilding with English Gold and large copper Glob, and the Sun [crest of the Calling], which finishes the top of the Cuppilla of their Bathhouse - 23:00:00" and a further £3 for painting the pedestal of the globe, the doors and for paintwork with "reid lead and oyll". Discharge for payment of the above.
19. 1703, July 30
Account and receipt for payment of £61.5s for masons' work to the bagnio.
20. 1703, August 7
Statement of transactions between the Incorporation of Surgeon Apothecaries and James Clerk, cartwright, for transporting stones and discharge by Clerk to the Calling for payment of the same.
21. 1703, July 12; August 15
Account and receipt for payment of £900 by the Incorporation to James Syme for "sklaitorwork" to the bagnio and high roof.
22. James Win's account to the Surgeon Apothecaries for "skelly naills" and "sckleatt naills" and discharge by him to them for the sum of £16.
23. 1703, September 4
John Forrest's account to the Calling for the supply of black and white marble from Holland, for the cost of loading and unloading the ship, for the payment of customs in Holland and, at 4 percent, in Leith, for the cargo freight and for transport from Leith to Surgeons' Hall and discharge by John Forrest to the Calling for the sum of £884 Scots in full payment of the above, November 29, 1703.
24. 1703, September 9
Statement of lead work done on the bagnio including the making of five bath tubs and seventeen brass cocks and for lead pipes and repairing old and defective plumbing and discharge by Joseph Forster to David Fife for payment of same.
25. 1703, September 16
Account to the Calling for one cartload of oval stones and two cartloads of flags for the drain and discharge by James Clerk to David Fife for payment of the same.
26. 1703, May 7 - September 25
Discharges by John Grindlay, William Vetch, Gilbert Alexander and William Stalker, lime and sand men, to the Incorporation for payment of their accounts.
27. 1703, September 29
Statement of work performed by James Miller, coppersmith in the Canongate, for a new copper globe, for the Sun [crest of the Calling] for a bottom of copper to the bagnio and for "half a galone of aill which you ordered the lads" and discharge by Miller to the Surgeons for the sum of £85 Scots.

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28. 1703, September 30

Discharge by John Charters, merchant in Edinburgh, to David Fife, treasurer, for the sum of £6.10s as the price of a marble table.

29. 1703, October 11

Statement of masons' wages for work to the bagnio executed between August 2 and October 11, and discharge by James Hamilton to the Calling for payment of the same.

30. 1703, October 8

Account and discharge by D G Allen to the Incorporation for the sum of £4 Scots as payment for eight cartloads of pends stone.

31. 1703, November 8

Statement of account and receipt of payment for 14227 bricks delivered from Prestongrange to the Surgeons from March 31 to October 8, 1703, by the tenants of Mr Morrison for the "roff of the bannon".

32. 1703, June 9 - November 13

Discharges by Henry Laurie, lime man in Tod Hills, and by John Grindlay, lime man in Stratoun, to the Surgeons for payments for loads of lime.

33. 1703, November 17

Account for "18 gallons and 5 pynts of aill ... allowed be the deacon and treassurer to the meassons and work men " and discharge by Andrew Raeburn, gardner to the Surgeon Apothecaries, to David Fife, treasurer, for the sum of £14.18s Scots in payment of the above.

34. 1703, November 23

Account and discharge by Thomas Sheill to the Incorporation for £145.8s Scots for carrying by carts and horses stones, slate and brick from Malloch's quarry, Drumsheugh, Wrighthouses and Prestongrange.

35. 1703, November

Statement of masons' work and discharge by James Hamilton to the Calling for payment of the same.

36. 1703, November 25

Extract minutes of the meeting of the Surgeon Apothecaries at which James Hamilton, deacon, reports to them an inspection by the Committee of the bagnio had revealed that the Calling was short of money and had suggested the provision of 2000 marks for clearing several accounts respecting the bagnio. The Calling approves this and passes an act to that effect, signed by Patrick Mowbray, clerk.

37. 1703, December 7

Discharge by John Grinlay to the Surgeons for the sum of £5.6s.8d as payment for eight bags of lime.

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38. 1703, December 15
Letter to Mr John Marjoribanks from David Fife, treasurer, requesting that he supply Francis Colingwood, servant to Joseph Forster, plumber, with sixty stone of lead, and receipt for eleven bars of lead weighing 63 stone.
39. 1703, December 18
Joseph Forster's account to David Fife for four sheets of lead weighing 45 stone 6lbs.
40. 1704, January 6
Acknowledgement by Andrew Raeburn, College officer, of receipt of three bars of lead weighing 17 stone 10lbs from George Shirreff and discharge by John Marjoribanks to David Fife for £22 Scots as payment for the above, January 19, 1704.
41. 1704, January
Vouchers recording lead and copper delivered to the Calling. (7 items)
42. 1704, January 19
Acknowledgement by George Shirreff of receipt of payment for one bar of lead.
43. 1704, March 1
Statement of mason work at the "Roall Bagnon" performed between November, 1703 and March, 1704, including wages for day and night work and for gilding the copper, putting in several doors and polishing and squaring the marble table of the little bagnio and for two hewn stones for the chimneys to stand on, at a total cost of £52.11s.4d. Discharge by James Hamilton to David Fife for £51 Scots as payment of the above, March 4, 1704.
44. 1704, March 10
Balance sheet of the account of the Calling (with Joseph Forster, plumber) for wages, soldering, setting on two brass cocks and mending pipes at a charge of £12.11s.6d Sterling of which £6.7s.10d Sterling remains due to him.
45. 1704, June 12
Note to Mr James Marjoribanks from David Fife, treasurer, ordering seventy stone of lead. Record by James Marjoribanks of transactions and delivery of 12 bars of lead weighing 69 stone 13 lbs and discharge by Marjoribanks to the Calling for £87.5s.2d in full payment of the above, June 29, 1704.
46. 1704, June 28
Statement of building materials purchased by the Surgeons from Robert Bull, merchant, and discharge by Bull to the Calling for £263.18s Scots in full payment thereof.

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47. 1704, July

Account of lead work done at the bagnio by Joseph Forster, plumber, including "2 pound of my own sodar in setting on a brasse cock beneath the lead cistern ... for two dayes working myselfe in bringing home the water to the bagnio when stopt ... for three dayes to my man for work he being a day at them before I got from the countray .. for casting and making up the great lead cistern with mending the pipes that were very much broke in laying throuh the wall to the bagnio and also making three joynts in the kettle ... four stone eleven pounds of cake lead for the top of the cistern ... for wrapping the pipes in two places my selfe in St Mary's Wind and bringing home the water." Discharge by Forster to David Fife for £5 Sterling in full payment of all money due to him.

48. 1704, October 7

Discharge by James Hamilton to David Fife, treasurer, for the sum of £400 Scots for "the hewen work furnished be me to the Roall Bagnon".

49 1709, May 2

Contract between John Monro, surgeon apothecary and treasurer to the Incorporation, on behalf of the Incorporation, on the one hand and John Grinlaw, son of James Grinlaw, tenant in Straitoun, on the other hand, in which Grinlaw binds himself to provide the Royal Bagnio with coal for one year, for which he will be paid the sum of £17 Sterling, with the penalty of £40 to be paid by the defaulter. It is also specially provided that "in case the said John Grinlaw shall failzie in the promisses and if it shall happen the said Bagnio to want coalls for the space of one day or more at any time dureing the yearsspace above written that he is hereby bound and obliged to lay doun two good loads of sufficient coalls for ilk day of the above space and said bagnio shall want through his not carrying of coalls to the samen as saidis". Discharge by John Grinlaw to the Incorporation for full payment in terms of the above agreement, 1710, May 3.

50 1710, October 14

Statement of construction work executed by John Wardrop between January 1709 and August 1710, including two wainscot casements for the windows of the great bagnio and one for the little bagnio, for facing the doors between the bagnios and for cocks and floorings, for "plaister lyme and a plaisterer in helping all the cornish round pictures", and for enclosing a place for the eagle to stand, 12 feet by 9 feet with pailings and a door, at a total cost of £82 Scots. Discharge by John Wardrop to John Monro, treasurer, for fourscore two pounds Scots as complete payment.