

**Att Dundie the Sixth Day of September One thousand Seven hundred and twenty seven years**

Which day the Maltmen of the said Burgh being convened within the west Church thereof, taking to their consideration that of late severall persons have come into this Burgh and entred themselves Servants to Maltmen within the same from whom they have earned wages from the time of their entrie. And yet thro Inadvertancy of the Boxmaster of the said fraternity such persons have procured themselves to be entred and booked free Apprentices of the said Maltmen Trade and thereby have enjoyed all the benefits of Apprentices for Remead whereof in time comeing As also that there may be a fixed and settled Method of entring such servants. The said Maltmen Trade Doe hereby Statute and enact that hereafter none shall be booked a free Apprentice to any Master of the said Trade but such as shall be truly bound apprentice for at least two years And whose Indenture shall be produced to the Boxmaster of the said Trade before he be booked. At which time he shall pay the ordinary Dues presently payable by free apprentices. And if any person not being booked free apprentice as above shall enter himself a Servant to any Master of the said Trade Such servant shall be obliged at his entrie or at least some little time thereafter to pay to the Boxmaster of the Trade for the time being four pound Scots whereof the one half for the Use of the Gildrie and the other for the poor of the Trade beside the Clerk and Officers payment for booking as the present Custom is. And thereupon he shall be booked a Servant or Journeyman of the said Trade. And in case any person shall continue to serve without being booked and having payed his Dues as aforesaid the Master of that servant shall be answerable to the Boxmaster for the said Dues. And when any servant booked as above shall Desire to be entres a free Master of the said Trade he shall pay to the Boxmaster sixteen pound Scots money whereof six pound for the use of the Gildrie and ten pound for the use of the Trade As also fourty shilling Scots to the Trades officer for keeping their Seat in the west Church.

*Signed by 45 Members of the Trade*