

Dundee the seventh December 1669

The Council, considering the great loss suffered by the great storm and that there is no possibility of getting any subsidy by assessment on property or any other way from Parliament for repairing the damage, it is necessary to continue the charge of one Mark on each Boll of Malt which the maltmen voluntarily offered until the town has repaired the damage and is free of debt.

Therefore they have asked John Kinloch Dean of Guild to convene the Guildry and the Maltmen (as part of the Guildry), and James Lowson Convener of all the Crafts and return with their opinions regarding this as soon as possible.

At Dundee the 8th December 1669

Today the Provost, Bailies and Council met and having earlier discussed not only the great debt they still have but also the extraordinary damage caused by the late storm which damaged the Piers, bulwarks and other buildings were partly demolished on the 13th October last.

Many ways have been suggested by which they and their successors could pay off their bonds and repair the bulwarks. Continuing the charge of two Merks Scots on every boll of Malt brewed in the burgh, in addition to the two marks paid by the brewers to the Crown (*excise duty*), which had earlier been agreed by the Guildry is necessary and expedient (*the easy and lazy way*).

According to custom they have asked the John Kinloch, Dean of Guild and James Lowson Convener of the Trades to meet and discuss this with their various bodies and give their opinion on continuing the payment of one Mark on the Boll referred to above.

This is the day on which they are to respond. John Kinloch, Dean of Guild appeared and said that at the request of the Council he had had a meeting of the Guildry who agreed that the Mark on every Boll, but no more, be continued and paid to the person or persons designated to collect it.

Convener James Lowson said that at the request of the Council he had convened all the Trades and told them of the request. They all agreed to continue the charge of one Mark on each Boll of Malt, and no more, brewed in the Burgh be continued and paid to the designated collector.

Therefore the Provost, Baillies and Council, Convener and Deacons of Crafts made an Act stating that the charge of one Mark on every boll of Malt brewed in the Burgh should continue for the use of the Burgh till the debts and repairs are paid. This is in addition to the two Marks due to the Crown.

They ordain that this Act will have the full force of Municipal Act in common with all other Municipal Acts.

In testimony of this it has been signed by the Provost, Bailies, council, Convener and Deacons of Crafts.

At Dundee the 10th January 1670, being the day of the full Council meeting and when the above Act was ratified.

At Dundee the 4th January 1670

The Council considered the problem of several unfreemen in the town
Selling Ale and Beer to the injustice of the free Maltmen.

Therefore the Council orders the Treasurer to gather the unfree sellers of Ale and Beer and have them produce their Burgess tickets. If they cannot then to stop them selling Ale and Beer with the penalty of a fine of £5 Scots each time they break the law.

Tuesday 21st October 1690

Today the draft of the contract between the Maltmen and the town was read and approved by the Council and Deacons of Crafts.

The council requires the Dean of Guild to call a Guild Court to have the Contract approved by the Guildry.

The Convener was required to call a Convener court to obtain a similar approval by the various trades and Incorporations.

When that is done, the Convener and all Deacons of Crafts are to join the Council tonight in order to sign the Contracts.