

Extracted from the Register of the Privy Council of Scotland

1690

"Anent a petitione given in to the Lords of his Majesties Privy Council be Robert Robertsons, litster in Dundie, shewing that wher the petitioner about fyve moneths agoe being incarcerat within the tolbooth of Dundie by ordor of the magistrats therof for alleadged being with the late Viscount of Dundie when it was supposed he wes about to assault the said toune, the treuth is the petitioner being in the hill of Dundie occasionally at that tyme about his imployment he took the opportunity to speak with his Lady anent the clearing of some accounts relateing to his trade, and she being debtor to him as she was to the said late Viscount who had his bond for a certaine soume of money, he judged it fitt to gett compts adjusted and his bond retired which he ingeniously declairs was all he hade to doe with the said Viscount or his Lady at that tyme or any other tyme; and having petitioned the saids magistrats severall tymes for his liberatione, he did offer to take the oath of alledgance to King William and Queen Mary to clear him of all suspitione of being disafected to their present Majesties (whom he prayes may long and happiely rigne), yet they still refuse to doe the same untill they gett the saids Lords warrand for that effect; and the petitioner being still detained in prisone therthrough haveing lost his imployment, the only means of his subsistance, his poor family is near brought to extream misery and himself to starving. And therefore humbly craveing the saids Lords to ordaine the saids magistrats of Dundie to sett the petitioner at liberty without paying any jaylor fee, and for his futur behavior he should do therin as the saids Lords should ordaine. The Lords of his Majesties Privy Council haveing considered the above petitione with ane other petitione given in be Alexander Doig, horss hyrer in Dundie, and a missive letter direct by James Fletcher, provost of the said burgh, with their former warrand to the magistrats of Dundie for examineing and trying if ther was any applicatione mad to them be the said Robert Robertsons and Alexander Doig for the benefite of his Majesties gracious indemnity before the tenth day of September last and lykwayes to examine the said Alexander Doig and Robert Robertsons from whom they had these letters which they caried out to the Viscount Dundie, declairing allwayes that any confessione made be them should not oporat against them in any actione whatsoever that may be intented against them; with power alsoe to the saids magistrats to examine the witnesses anent the applicatione made be the fornamed persones for the benefitt of the indemnity and to report. And they having alsoe considered the report of the saids magistrats and depositione of the witnesses taken before them in the said matter, they ordaine the magistrats of Dundie to sett the said Robert Robertsons at libertie, he swearing and signeing the oath of alledgance and granting bond and finding cautione to December live peacably (etc., in common form) under such ane penalty as the saids magistrats shall think fitt in the termes of his Majesties indemnity, off quhich they yet allow him the benefite, in respect of his former applicatione for the samen in due tyme. And also they ordaine the saids magistrats to sett at liberty the said Alexander Doig upon enacting himself to appear before the Council when called for under such penalties as they shall think fitt, and appoynts the saids magistrats to report the said bond of cautione and enactment to the clark of Council betwixt and the first day of March nixt to come."