

Extract Act of the Gild Court anent the Maltmen

Dundie 26 March 1705

The Dean of Gild intimate to the court that ye Councill made ane act for making ane breuane or tuo to consume the multur malt And so craved the Courts consent Which being putt to a vote ye heall assessors and members at ye barr unanimously approved yrof.

Saturanday 13 of September 1707

The Dean of Gild represented to the Court that the Maltmen who are a branch of the gildrie Doe uplift ten pennies in ilk Stipen of Malt and exacts a certane soume from each prentice to a Maltman for which they were in use of Paying fiftie pound yearly of Stipend to the Stipendary Minister Which the said Maltmen Doe now refuse to pay And considering that ye are Seall acts of parliament Discharging the Maltmen of any burgh to meet as ane incorporation or to have ane box master or visitor or anything payed to them Therefore the Dean of gild Desired advice of the Court is they would petitione the toune Councill to rescind any acts in their favours Which being considered by the Court They after voting unanimously appoints the toune Councill to be addressed to repeal & rescind any acts in favours of the Maltmen And the Gildrie to meet & consider the said affair yrafter.

Munday 22 September 1707

Being convened & considering that ye toune Councill have Rescinded any Acts in favours of the Maltmen yrby fifty pound payed be them to ye Ministers will now fall short therfor ye Court after voting unanimously Statute & Ordaine That from and after this time ye tuo stipendary Ministers shall be payed by ye Dean of Gild and his Assessors of ye soume of fifty pounds Scots yearly in leiu and place of ye said fifty pound formerly payed by ye Maltmen And for that end appoints ye Collector of ye Gild to uplift & receive ten pennies of ilk stipend of malt from Maltmen As Also Ordaines each maltman prentice to pay fourty shilling scots at yr entry as a prentice and ye Collector to the Gild to collect ye same and charge himselfe yrfro in his Accompts.

Wednesday 3 March 1708

Appoynts ye English Gallan & Quarts of Winchester measure to be sent for from Edr by Express that the same may be heare agst Tuesday next for getting some Complaints of Brewers Ansrtd.

1723

At Dundee the Twenty First Day of September one Thousand seven Hundred and Twenty three years James Fairweather present Dean of gild of the said Burgh accompanied as follows viz: David Maxwell present Provost, Alexander Maxwell & Andrew Ferguson two of the present Baillies of the sd Burgh, John Grahame and Alexander Ferriar late Baillies, Patrick Maxwell, William Henderson, George Lyon, David Crichton, Patrick Yeaman, David Millar, John Gourlay yor., Merchants there and members of the Town Councill of the said Burgh, Thomas Wardroper, George Ramsay, William Morison & Andrew Cook later Baillies there, James Yeaman yor., David Kirkaldie and Archbald Doig, Merchants in the sd Burgh All Members & assessors of the Gild Court of the sd Burgh of Dundie. Being all mett and convened in ane Gild Court holden by them within the Tolbooth of Dundie counselling anent the common affairs of the Gildrie of the sd Burgh. And Anent the Petition given in to the Dean of Gild and Gild Court by the Maltmen of the sd Burgh as being under the Gildrie Humblie shewing that the Petitioners having under their consideration the Deplorable Condition of their poor who are now become very numerous and many of them by the increase of years and usuall infirmities attending such in their circumstances are rendred utterly incapable of providing any thing for themselves or their indigent families. And the Petitioners having no publick fund for supplying their necessities many of the petitioners are obliged to provide and furnish them with money from their private pockets. And therefore creaving to the effect after mentioned. Which Petition being considered by the sd Dean of Gild and Court together with the Clamanue of the Petitioners their poors case And for their Relief the said Dean of Gild and Gild Court after voteing did Statute and enact and hereby Statute and Enact That every Prentice at their entering as Prentice to any Maltman in this Burgh of Liberties yrof shall pay

four pound Scots money whereof two pound Scots for the use of the Gildrie as they presently pay and the other two pound Scots for the use of the poor of the said Maltmen.

And at their Setting up as masters shall pay eight pound money foresaid whereof four pound for the use of the Gildrie as they presently pay and the other four pound Scots for the use of the sd maltmens poor.

And that all strangers setting up as Maltmen in this Burgh or Liberties yrof shall at their upsetting pay Twelve pound Scots money whereof Six pound for the use of the Gildrie as they presently pay and the other six pound for the use of the said Maltmen's poor. And that none enter in either of the foresd capacities till such time as they pay the foresaid rexive sums payable by them.

And the said rexive sums to be payed for the use of thee Gildrie to be payed in to the collector to the Gildrie for the time and for the Gildrie's behove. And the said rexive sums to be payed for the use of the Maltmens poor to be payed in to one of the Maltmen to be chosen yearly by them at the sight of the Dean of Gild.

And the application of all the money for the said Maltmen's poor be at the sight and under the direction of the Dean of Gild and his successors in office Deans of Gild of the said Burgh for the time. And that none sett up as a Master amongs the Maltmen till such time as he has payed his Burgessship to the Town. And further the said Dean of Gild and court doe hereby Statute and enact that in time comeing during the Gildrie pleasur the Maltman that collects the money for the use of the said Maltmans poor shall likewise collect from the said Maltmen the ten pennies payable by them to the Gildrie for each stipend of Malt they make for the use of Noblemen, Gentlemen or Strangers. And for which the said Maltmen and Collector shall be obleiged to pay in to the Collector to the Gildrie yearly the sum of fifty pound Scots money for helping to defray and pay a part of the Ministers stipend in this Burgh and to collect the same for this year and to pay the said fyftie pound for the same to Archibald Doig collector to the Gildrie for this year.

And this act in so far as concerns the Maltmens poor and their collecting the said ten pennies and six shillings eight pence on the stipend to continue and be in force during the Dean of Gild and his successors in office and Gild Court of this Burgh their pleasure allendarlie and no longer.

Extracted by Robt. Speid Clk.