

1689 May 16. Burgh of Dundee ordered to secure the ferryboats on the Tay

The Committee of Estates had put the boats at the East Ferry of Tay in charge of the Dundee magistrates and boats were brought to Dundee.

Charles Robertson ferryman, also innkeeper, horse-hirer and tacksman of excise sought restoration when Edinburgh castle had surrendered and enemy forces seemed "usually dispat"... and serving by the said act the petitioner hath suffered great dammage not only by the loss of the benefit of the said ferrie boats and the prejudice they sustained through being laid up at Dundie and by the loss he has sustained through the not consumptione of his wyne and other liquores and provisions laid up by him as the only change keeper in that place and through the not hejreing of his horses which he keepes of purpose to serve his Majesties liedges ..."

His Majesties High Commissioner and Lords of his Majesties Privy Council] having considered the above petitione, they grant warrand to and ordaines the magistrates of Dundie to deliver to the petitioner the passadge boattes above mentioned to the effect above specified, and ordaines the petitioner to take special] care to secure any suspect persones goeing or comeing at that ferrie and to give notice thereof to the nixt magistrate upon his perrill, as he will be answerable.