

Memorandum of
The Trustees of the Harbour
of Dundee

There are herewith such printed Copies of the Statutes for maintaining the Tay Ferries, of a Bill which has been introduced into Parliament for the purpose of Altering and Amending these Acts, and also copies of the Harbour Statutes and of a Report made by the Clerk to the Memorialists on the Bill proposed for Altering and Amending the Ferry Acts.

It will be seen from a perusal of the Bill under the pretext of altering and amending the existing Statutes it is proposed to renew these Statutes for another period of 21 years, to legalise the contraction of an amount of debt greatly beyond the Statutory limits; and to extend the powers of the Ferry Trustees in such a way as is likely in some respects to prove prejudicial to the Harbour and its privileges. But keeping in view the Statutory and acquired rights of the Memorialists, the limited endurance of the existing Ferry Acts which expire in June 1843, and passing over the objections which, under the rules of Parliament occur to the Bill in point of form, Counsel is requested to favor them with his opinion as to their legal rights and the different other points raised by the Report and in particular:

1. In regard to the extended powers claimed by the Ferry Trustees to levy rates not only at the passage between the Craig Pier and Newport, but also along the whole line of Coast on both sides of the River Tay over which the Rights of Ferries vested in the said Trustees extends for or on account of the Conveyance of the persons, beasts, carriages, goods and other Articles.

2. In regard to the power to Contract with any Railway Company of the Conveyancing of Railway trains and their goods and privileges.

3. In regard to the acquisition by the Ferry Trustees of the ground on the East side of the Ferry Harbour and to their power of disposal thereof proposed to be taken by the Ferry Trustees.

And, generally on the rights of the Memorialists as these would be affected by the Bill brought into Parliament were the same to pass into Law.