

INVENTORY of WRITS

Source: Charters and Documents Relating to the Burgh of Dundee 1292-1884

Place: Reference Library, Wellgate Centre

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Writ by King James VI regarding the levying of shore dues and customs and others. Date 1580

Extract of Registered Commission to Provost & Baillies as Admirals Depute of Tay & Brochtie to Perth. Date 21 August 1641

Act of Privy Council in favour of the Masters & Seamen of Dundee, pp 111-113 for erecting Lights at the mouth of the Tay. Date 24 February 1687

2 June 1720 re petition by Shipmasters re Anchor smith (James Watt) and gratis Burgess Ticket.

9 August 1721 re petition by Shipmasters re Ship Builder (John Adamson) and gratis Burgess Ticket.

28 October 1728 Petition by John Brown, Box Master of the Fraternity of Seamen in Dundee re John Duncanson, Anchor Smith & craving the Council to grant his freedom and Burgess Ticket gratis.

Source: Historical description of the town of Dundee

... of all the incorporations in the Kingdom, Dundee contained the greatest number of religious establishments ... and as some of the public bodies existed here before the dissolution of popery, such as the weavers in 1530, the slaters in 1554, the Boatmen in the same year ...

A little to the westward of Union Street, on the south side of the Yeaman Shore stands the Sailor's Hall. It contains ... rooms for meetings ... a house on the ground story for their officer, who is always a respectable member of the fraternity, though perhaps not so fortunate in the world as his brethren.

... the Boxmaster is necessarily a member of all the public institutions. Indeed this is one of the most honourable and praiseworthy institutions of the town, and reflects great favour on that class of men who lead such a precarious life.

There follows reference to payment of the small tax imposed for the purpose of supporting their old and disabled brethren.

... in 1651 when Monk menaced the town ... the shipping of Dundee was totally ruined and every record destroyed.

In 1652 the year after the massacre, the record of the Seaman Fraternity begins, which has continued ever since.

