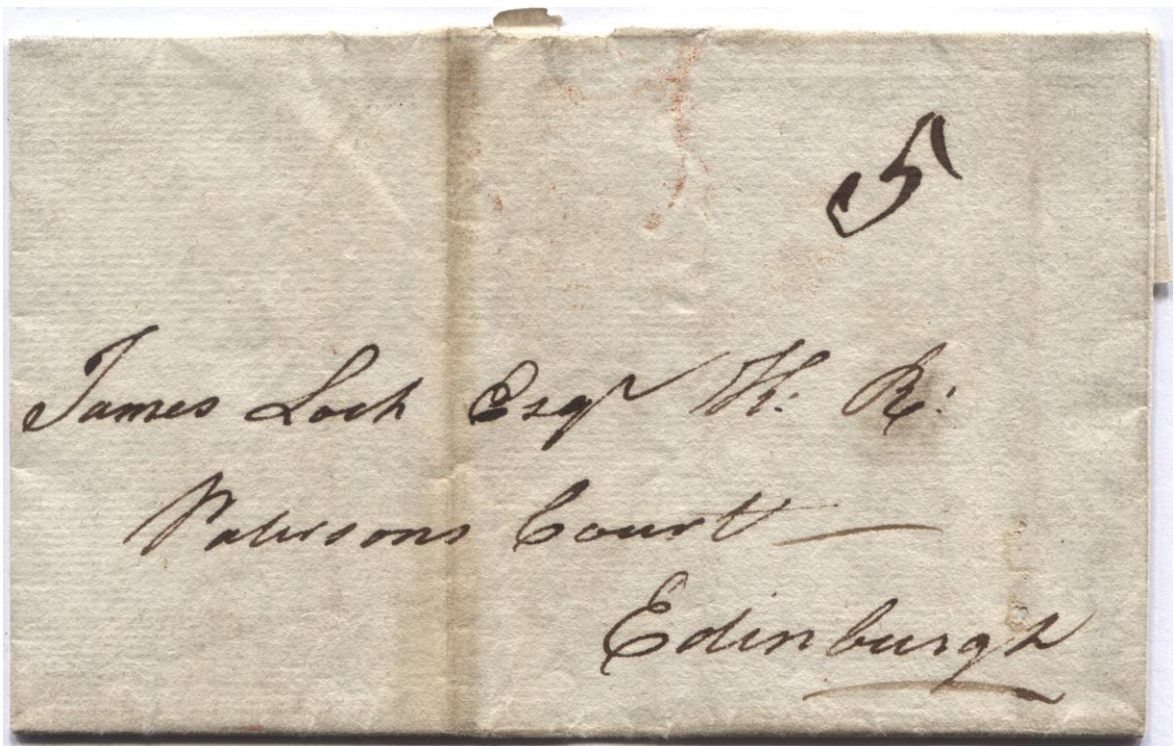


Gatehouse Postal History

1788 – 30th June

William Hannay, Kirkdale to James Lock, Edinburgh

Postal charge was 5d.

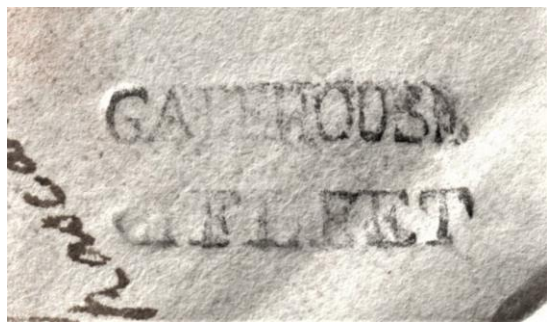




Hannay seal
 "per ardua ad alta"



Bishop marks



"Gatehouse of Fleet"
 receipt of letter for posting.
 Note 2 rows : Gatehouse / of Fleet

Wickdale 30th June 1700

My dear Sir

Being confounded in my recollection
by the interruption of some Gentlemen calling, who
dined with me, I totally forgot the most material
part of my letter, and now, tho' half drunk, can
recapitulated to give you such instructions as ought
to have been inserted in my former letter of this
date. The Farm of Kaseanell is advertised to
be sold on Thursday next, and as I have a wish
to purchase it on my own account, I beg as a
singular favor, that you will employ some
body, that you can confide in to bid for me.
The upset price is, 1790^{..2..6} but from particular
circumstances I presume ^{it} they will sell very
high, consequently I hereby authorise you to
go the length of £3600 or should you be further
pushed £150 more as the farm is of great extent
and very capable of improvement, besides the
most flattering appearance of Coal, of any farm
in this County; for 50 or ever a hundred pounds
more I give you liberty to exceed, as I have a great
propensity to be Proprietor—do your utmost
I shall full fill the engagement— I am ever
yours most sincerely—

William Hamney.